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MR. W. H. "BILL" POSEY WAS FOUND DEAD LAST SAT'DAY

About noon last Saturday, our little city was quite confused when the report was circulated on the streets that a dead man had been found by F. W. Winkle, in the Lebourg pasture, a short distance from Mr. Winkle's home. Many people, including the local officials, immediately departed for the scene and shortly afterwards the report concerning the dead man was confirmed and the announcement was made that the party was Mr. W. H. "Bill" Posey.

Mrs. Winkle, so it is said, noticed a wagon and team standing across the creek from her home early Saturday morning and at noon she noticed the team was still in the same spot and upon Mr. Winkle's arrival at home for noon she told him of it and asked him to go over and see what was the matter. Mr. Winkle went to investigate, with the result that he found Mr. Posey dead and in such a position as would indicate he had fallen from his wagon. He found also that a large oil barrel of trash had been dumped from the wagon by Mr. Posey and another barrel full was still on the wagon; the wagon and team at that time being about one hundred yards from the body and were lodged against some brush or trees and were so entangled that they were extricated with quite a bit of difficulty.

Mr. Winkle immediately notified the officials of his discovery and Justice of the Peace Thorne and County Attorney Runge shortly afterwards held an inquest over the body and gave out the verdict that death was the result of an accident which occurred some time Friday afternoon.

It is believed by quite a number who saw the body and conditions as they actually existed before anything was moved, that, in all probability, Mr. Posey fell from his wagon in attempting to unload one of the barrels and in the fall broke his neck, causing his death instantaneously, as no indications seem to show the least bit of struggling.

The body was brought to town and placed in Henry Hofmann's work shop and prepared for burial. His wife and children, who have been temporarily residing at Lawton, Oklahoma, were notified of the death, but a wire was received to go ahead and bury him, as it would be impossible for them to reach here in time for the funeral. He was laid away in the Crosby cemetery on Sunday afternoon, H. Hofmann & Bro., undertakers, having charge of the funeral, and Rev. Roy G. Rader, conducting the services. Pall bearers were members of the local W. O. W. lodge, of which deceased had been a member since 1908.

From the information furnished this paper, Mr. Posey was born June 23, 1866, thus making his attained age at death, 55 years, 6 months and 12 days.

Mrs. Posey and son, Berl and wife, arrived here Monday morning by auto from Lawton, Oklahoma, and it is stated Mrs. Posey plans on returning to Texas in the near future to make her home, and will possibly locate at Menard or in Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Opp Schroeder were here from Menard to attend the funeral of Mr. Posey, who was Mrs. Schroeder's father.

Having Residence Property Improved

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moneyhon are having quite a bit of work done on their home on Bridge Street, which they recently purchased from C. S. Vedder. A new well has been drilled and a windmill and tank erected; the house is being remodeled, both inside and out, and F. Lange, local plumber, has a contract for equipping the home with modern plumbing fixtures.

It is announced Mr. and Mrs. Moneyhon contemplate having one of the most modern and up-to-date little homes in the city when this work will have been completed.

Mr. Julius Kordzak, a pioneer citizen of Gillespie county, died recently at the advanced age of eighty-two years

Frank Geistweidt, a prominent stockman of the Hilda community, was in Mason Tuesday attending to business matters. He took a new lease on the News for another year while in town.

Waiting To See The Doctor



PLATE GLASS FOR NEW FRONT BROKEN IN UNLOADING HERE

The latter part of last week, something like nine hundred pounds of plate glass arrived in Mason which was consigned to Henry Hofmann, a local contractor, which was to be used in the new front of the Hofmann Dry Goods Co., but fate, hard luck, or what ever you call it, befell the glass before it had been unloaded and safely stored away, and it was all broken.

It is stated Mr. Louis Johnson brought the glass up from Llano on his truck and delivered it to Mr. Hofmann at his place of business on his truck, but the latter wanted to unload it at the Hofmann Dry Goods Company's warehouse and ordered the truck to drive there and back up to the high platform, preparatory for unloading. The truck backed up to the platform and the wheels were scotched. Then is when the crash came; four men, including Mr. Hofmann, who was superintending the work, undertook to unload the valuable glass, but the attempt was a failure when just as all hands were busy lifting and straining, the truck starting rolling and rolled away far enough to cause the glass to come down with a crash to the ground between the platform and the rear of the truck, with a result that approximately \$300 worth of glass went up like smoke, there being only two small pieces saved.

FORMER RESIDENT OF MASON DIED AT RANGER LAST WEEK

Mrs. Emma Wier, widow of the late J. D. Wier, died last week at Ranger, Texas. She had been confined to her bed for several months, having suffered a stroke of paralysis some seven months previous.

Deceased had attained the age of 78 year and 6 months, and was preceded in death by her husband some ten years. She is survived by eight children, a number of grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Wier, for many years, resided in the Pontotoc and Field Creek section, from which place they moved to Mason, remaining here for several years, then moving to San Antonio, where death overtook Mr. Wier. Since this time, Mrs. Wier has resided near her children at Richland Springs, and at Ranger, living at the latter place with her son, Dr. Kenneth Wier, and family, when she was stricken.

Mrs. Wier was the mother of A. M. Wier, of the Capps community, and a grandmother of Irl E. Larrimore, of this city.

Mrs. Wier is remembered by a number of friends and acquaintances in Mason County who will learn of her death with much regret.

URGES PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM AUTOS

Washington, Jan. 11.—The arousing of the Nation over the increasing death toll taken by the automobile is evident in the many proposals as to how fatalities shall be prevented. One municipality is subjecting all arrested for reckless driving to sanity tests; an oculist suggests that no person be given a license without an examination of the eyes, and if glasses be found necessary, requiring their use; traffic experts devise one way street systems; police chiefs urge more drastic laws, and so on.

Dr. Henry C. Lauden, of Chicago, suggests that mathematics be given a chance. "No one knows," said Dr. Lauden, "what causes accidents. We know of any individual accident that it was because of too great speed, slippery streets, brakes which didn't hold, neglect of signalling, etc., but not of accident statistics. If, for instance, we could say that of five thousand accidents in a given period of time, in a given section of a given city, three thousand were caused by poor brakes, we could immediately make it mandatory to have all brakes examined monthly. If we know that of five thousand accidents, four thousand came from failure to give, or observe, signals, we would make the law more severe on violations. If we proved that any larger percentage of accidents involved trucks, or taxicabs, than the percentage of such vehicles bore to the whole number of vehicles, we could insist on higher standards of operation by such drivers.

"Here is a great chance for some institution with the money and the time to gather and work out the results from such statistics. And as a very large proportion of accidents involve children, on which the state spends much money to turn them into good citizens, it seems reasonable to suggest it as a Federal or a State activity."

Last week all the county officials qualified and filed their bonds, which were approved and placed on record. Only two new officials took office, being Dan Jordan, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, and Morgan Butler, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3. All the other officers were re-elected and are termed "holdovers".

L. F. Eckert, local Ford dealer, and the Ford dealers of Menard, Kimble and Gillespie counties were in San Antonio several days this week, attending a district convention of the dealers for the universal car.

It is stated the Wood Auto Company is to have a new concrete walk in front of their place of business.

COLLEGE BEEF CATTLE AND SHEEP SPECIALIST RESIGNS

W. T. Magee, the past eight years connected with Animal Husbandry and Extension Departments of the A. and M. College, in the capacity of specialist in beef cattle and sheep, has purchased an interest in the Medina Hereford ranch at MacDona, Texas, and resigned effective December 1st. Mr. Magee has formed a partnership with Mr. W. T. Montgomery of San Antonio, owner of this ranch and will engage in the production of registered Hereford cattle, as well as pure bred sheep and hogs. This herd already enjoys a very creditable record in the show yards and the show rings of Texas the past season. Mr. Magee recently returned from Denver, where he purchased one of the best Hereford bulls available in that section, to add to the show and breeding herd. He took up active management of the herd on December 1st.

Mr. Magee was raised on a stock farm in Missouri and graduated in the Animal Husbandry Department of the Missouri University after serving on their International stock judging team in 1912. Practically all of his time since then has been spent in work connected with the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges of Oklahoma and Texas. Mr. Magee is well known throughout the ranching sections of Texas and in the Agricultural colleges of the United States.—A. & M. Bulletin.

VITAL STATISTICS RECORD HERE FALLS SHORT OF 1921

In many respects the year 1922 was a better year in Mason County than was the case in 1921, but such is not true regarding the vital statistics of Mason County, as shown by the records kept by County Clerk, R. E. Lee. In 1921 Mason County had more births than during the year 1922, and in 1921 the death record was slightly less than the record of 1922. There were also more marriages in 1921.

Mr. Lee's record shows the following totals for the two years:

	1921	1922
Total births	117	111
Total deaths	29	30
Marriage License	52	41

W. C. Lehmborg, one of Castell's prominent stockman, was a business visitor in Mason the first of the week. Mr. Lehmborg is suffering with a very bad foot, which he said became infected from a tack in his boot. The member has been troubling him since the holidays and he says he finds it a great inconvenience, since the nature of the injury will not permit the wearing of his shoe or boot.

LOCAL BANKS HAVE STOCKHOLDERS MEETINGS THIS WK

This week quite a gathering of Mason county's most progressive citizens were in the city and the reason is attributed to the fact that all three of the Mason banks held stockholders meetings.

Tuesday morning the shareholders of the Mason National Bank met and in the afternoon a meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial Bank was held and on Wednesday the First State Bank held a meeting of its shareholders.

It is announced but one change was made in the way of officers and directors and this change was the election of Mr. Adolph Eckert as a director in the Commercial Bank to take the place of Mr. Frank Brandenberger. Otherwise all officers and directors of the three respective banks will remain the same for 1923 as served during 1922.

The News is informed the First State Bank declared a 12 per cent dividend, which was added to the bank's surplus fund; the Mason National Bank declared its second semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent for the year 1922 and the Commercial declared a dividend amounting to 11 per cent, 5 per cent of which was added to the surplus fund.

GET CALL TO STAY HOME AFTER GETTING AS FAR AS AUSTIN

Last week, Messrs. Christian Vater, Walter Spaeth and Alvin Dammheim left for Memphis, Tennessee, where they had been summoned to attend Federal Court this week, but shortly after their departure from Mason, word was received here from authorities in Memphis advising them not to come. The word arrived too late and they reached Austin before word could be gotten to them, informing them of the telegram received here. We are told Mr. Wm. Hofmann phoned Mr. Hugo Koock at Austin and he delivered the message as they arrived in that city. It is said the telegram stated for these parties to wait here for further notices as to when their appearance in Memphis is wanted.

J. D. SCRUGGS, PIONEER JUDGE DIED AT MENARD MONDAY

Word was received here this morning of the death at 3:20 a. m., of Judge J. D. Scruggs, one of the pioneer and best known citizens of Menard. His passing away was not unexpected, he having suffered a stroke of paralysis and apoplexy Saturday morning just before his usual hour to go to town. Saturday night he regained consciousness for a brief interval only. W. K. Gay of Brady, brother of Mrs. Scruggs, was called to Menard, being accompanied by his daughter, Miss Jim. Miss Lula Gay went to Menard this morning, as did also Judge F. M. Newmon, to attend the funeral services this afternoon. The Rev. S. H. Jones of Brady was in charge of the funeral ceremonies.

Judge Scruggs was one of the outstanding great men of Menard with whose history he had been identified for the past half century or so. He had served as county judge over a period of thirty-two years. This service was at intervals, the last period of service being eight consecutive terms. At the time of his passing, Judge Scruggs was 72 years of age.

His death will be mourned far and wide over the State.

Surviving are the widow, one daughter, Mrs. Will Murchison, and two sons, Tom and Jim, the latter living in Fort Worth, while the others live at Menard.—Brady Standard.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie arrived in Mason Sunday from Eagle Pass, where they have been for some time and where Mr. Leslie has been engaged in the tick eradication work as an inspector in charge of two counties. Mr. Leslie announces he has returned to Mason to stay, having given up his work, and says Herbert Puckey, a former Mason boy, who has been doing similar work in Brooks County, has taken his place at Eagle Pass.

County Judge, John T. Banks, left Wednesday for San Antonio, where he took his aged mother for medical consultation.

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COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER PRICES AND METHODS
Farming Must Pay or the Nation Will Perish

Twentieth century civilization, with its boasted achievements, will perish from the face of the earth, unless agriculture is made profitable.

This is axiomatic and needs no demonstration.

Our lands are depreciating in production, because of erosion and loss of plant food.

Erosion cannot be stopped and plant food cannot be restored without profitable prices.

Money spent for good schools and good roads is a great investment when intelligently expended, but it raises the price of land and increases taxes, without increasing the productive capacity of the soil. In order to support good schools and build good roads, the farmer must receive better prices for his products.

Cotton is the greatest commercial crop of the United States, (brings more actual money) and is almost the sole dependence of the South. With depleted soil, ravages of the boll weevil and other pests, and the high cost of living, it is no longer possible to produce cotton as economically and as cheaply as it was formerly produced.

Estimates of cost of production filed in this department by thousands of practical farmers, show that the average cost of producing the cotton crop of 1921 was 25.8 cents per pound and the average cost for the 1922 crop was 22 cents per pound. The 1920 and 1921 crops were sold at a loss, and the 1922 crop sold for about cost, with a small profit to the most successful farmers.

Business conditions materially improved because of the small profit to some of the farmers. This ought to convince every intelligent man in Texas and the South that cotton cannot be profitably grown for less than 20 cents, as the minimum price.

The Remedy

1. Raise all the food and feed crops to supply the farm and the local town or city market and make the farm self-supporting.

2. Stop erosion or washing of the soil by terracing or other means, and plant enough peas, velvet beans or other legumes to replace the plant food taken from the soil.

3. Reduce the cotton acreage 25 per cent and improve the cultivation, control insects ravages, and produce more per acre at lower cost per pound. This plan will produce as much cotton, and bring more clear money to the farmer. Demand 20 cents per pound, or more, according to cost of production, supply and demand.

These suggestions, if put into execution, will materially benefit the South. The farmers, as a rule, are not properly organized and not financially able to carry out this plan, but are willing to do their part.

I appeal to all business interests to assist the farmers in a campaign for soil improvement, better methods in farming, and better prices, and this assistance requires both moral and financial support, and a campaign to apprise the cotton consuming world that cotton cannot, and will not, be produced hereafter for less than cost, and a reasonable profit. I appeal to the newspapers to assist in this campaign.

GEO. B. TERAELL,
 Commissioners.

It has been a good while since we have thanked some of our subscribers for a renewal payment on subscription.

ADVICE TO THE AGED
 Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys, torpid liver.
Tutt's Pills
 have a specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, giving natural action, and imparting vigor to the system.

NEWS IN BRIEF IN NEARBY TOWNS

T. E. DOBBS NEW MERCHANT TO ENTER CIRCLE HERE

An announcement of importance to Brady citizens is that of the leasing of the two Gibbons' store buildings, comprising the former quarters of both the Jones Barber shop and Mann Bros. & Holton, by T. E. Dobbs of Katemey, who will open a stock of general merchandise here about the 15th of the month. Mr. Dobbs was in Brady yesterday completing arrangements for opening his store, and stated that while he had both store rooms under lease, yet his present intention was to occupy only the former Mann Bros. & Holton quarters, stocking complete lines of both groceries and dry goods.

Mr. Dobbs has been the junior member of the firm of J. H. Dobbs & Son, well-known and long established mercantile concern of Katemey. Originally it was planned for the entire concern to move to Brady, occupying one building with dry goods and the other with groceries, but the elder Mr. Dobbs has now decided to continue the business at Katemey, leaving the Brady undertaking to the younger Mr. Dobbs.

The new firm expects to enjoy a profitable business here, and the popularity of Mr. Dobbs and the high esteem in which he is universally held is assurance that he will be certain to get his full share of the trade. In his endeavor, he has the best wishes of the citizenship, who are glad to welcome him and his estimable wife to Brady.—Brady Standard.

N. R. Skaggs was rather seriously burned on Christmas Eve, while playing Santa Claus at the Christmas tree at the J. A. Heyman residence. The

Santa Claus regalia caught fire from the only candle that was on the tree and before the fire could be extinguished, Mr. Skaggs had sustained painful burns on his breast, shoulder and left hand. He is still wearing a bandaged hand, but is able to do work in the office.—Junction Eagle.

FORMER BRADY BANKER MOVES JUNCTION

F. W. Henderson, long connected with the banking interests of this section of the State, came to Junction last Saturday and will make his home here.

Mr. Henderson has resided in Brown, Mason and McCulloch counties for many years, having been engaged in the banking business in the county seats of each of these counties. He organized what is now the Commercial Bank at Mason, the Brownwood National Bank, now the First National, and the Brady National Bank. Recently he purchased the Bevens-Spiller ranch of some 5,000 acres on the head waters of Bear Creek. Although past the three score and ten span of years, Mr. Henderson is in fine health and more active than many men twenty years younger.

He stated that he had heard so much favorable comment on Junction and the people of the community, that he decided to come here to live. He has rooms at the J. A. Heyman residence and is boarding at the Becker Hotel.

The people of this community are more than glad to have a man of the type of Mr. Henderson, among us, and the Eagle feels that he is a valuable asset to the citizenship of the town, and knows that he will greatly enjoy his residence with us.—Junction Eagle.

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ALL MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

ONE HUNDRED PAIR LADIES' OXFORDS AND PUMPS IN WHITE KID, BROWN KID AND PATENT LEATHER; VALUES UP TO \$10; YOUR CHOICE FOR \$2.50 THE PAIR.

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Uncle John's Josh
 LAUGH AND THE WORLD LAUGHS WITH YOU - NEVER LAUGH AND THE WORLD LAUGHS AT YOU -

The Exception
 Jones—"I didn't know you were married."
 Brown—"I'm not. I got that bump on my head as a child while playing."

Change the "C" to "P"
 Computing by the historians time is recorded "B. C."
 Nowadays it is "B. P."—Before Prohibition.

Unanimous
 "I second the motion," cried he, as she started to shimmy around the dance hall.

IZZY INQUISITIVE
 At the busiest hour he pauses to ask—
 How much does Marion O?
 What makes Chicago III?
 What city was wrecked in the San Francisco earthquake?
 What country makes Swiss cheese?
 Where was the battle of Gettysburg fought?
 How much fruit in a Topeka Kan?
 Have you an Izzy Inquisitive in your home? Tell us what he asks. We'll print it.

Ain't She Technical?
 Li'l Gee Gosh says she always gives these fresh mashers the geological survey—the stony stare.

Over the Border
 Tittle—"Well, I hear that you had bad weather all the time on your trip to Canada. The trip was a disappointment, I suppose?"
 Tattle—"Oh, not by a jugful."

Still Gassing
 Dumb Dan's granddaddy "blowed" out the gas. Now dan just steps on it.

Perpetual Calendar
 Thirsty days hath September, April, June and November. All the rest are thirsty, too. Unless you make your own home brew.

Overlooked
 Eph—"Here's a bad quarter some one passed on me. An' I can't rid of the blamed thing."
 Hiram—"Don't you ever go to church?"

Just As Easy
 Waiter (hinting for a tip): "And how did you find your steak, sir?"
 Diner: "Oh, I just moved that little piece of potato and there it was."

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CHEAPNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

Human life is too cheap. In fact, it is the cheapest thing in the world. You spend millions and hundreds of millions to protect your property. You spend millions to protect your cattle, and to save them from disease and the agencies that destroy their commercial worth.

You permit 300,000 babies to die in America every year because you make no provision to save them. You permit hundreds of thousands to be maimed and diseased and killed by carelessness, inefficiency, because of lack of protection and mechanical provision for their safety. You killed about 13,000 and maimed 53,000 people in America last year with the automobile. What are you going to do to remedy this horrible condition?

You should teach the people the sacredness of human life. You should demand the recognition of a man's right to live. You should enforce the law and make every store, factory, shop and institution, where men are employed install every safety device for the protection of human life.

You should enact by Congress a law that would guarantee to every newborn babe the sustenance, milk, medical attention, environment, and the protection necessary to save its little life. You should provide means for the mothers whereby they might have food and nourishment, education, protection and direction while they are passing through the sacred hours of motherhood.

Save the lives of the people. The birth rate has decreased; the death rate is rapidly increasing.

Let us blot out this carelessness—murderous carelessness, and create in the heart of everyone a love of life, and a willingness to protect the lives of others.

GO TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Going to church may be a habit. Even so, we must admit that it is a very good habit. Many men and women go to church who are not church members, and who never even expect to become members of any religious body, but simply because they appreciate the refining influence of the service.

We have excellent churches here in this town. We have eloquent ministers in the pulpits of all denominations. Our churches have well trained choirs. The music in our churches is exceedingly attractive to those who have adequate notion of the good things of life.

Suppose you decide to go to church next Sunday. It will do you good. You will be fully rewarded in going. Perhaps you have not been in years. Perhaps you may think that when you take your seat in the pew you will really feel like a stranger. But do not let that disturb you. Go! Forget yourself. Think of what the minister says. Consider well and carefully his message. Enjoy the music.

Regardless of what your religious views may be, and it is certainly true that in our America of freedom of thought every citizen has the right to worship his Creator according to the dictation of his own conscience, you must admit, if you think at all, that the church has a very important place in the social scheme of our world! Think about this! Think about your welfare! Go to church next Sunday!

EVANS ADKINS RECEIVES PAINFUL INJURY WHILE ON HUNT

Judge Evans J. Adkins returned Sunday from a holiday hunt in Mason County, carrying his left arm in a sling, the result of a very painful injury sustained in a hard fall. The elbow joint of his left arm was dislocated and the limb was in a bad condition when dressed by a Mason physician Saturday.

While the injury is very painful Judge Adkins is able to be about and is presiding over commissioners court this week. The injured arm will be several weeks in healing, according to the attending physician—Brady Sentinel.

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Wright's Ham Pickle.
Wright's Smoke Flavor.
 At Mason Drug Company. 36

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

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:15 o'clock.

Miss Marie Brockman, one of the teachers of the local school, was on the sick list last Friday and Miss Zella Wood taught in her place.

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From Our Early Files

From Mason News, Jan. 14, 1898:

The \$100 silver certificate has been recalled, which bears the date of 1891, with head of Monroe on it.

A pleasant hop was given Saturday night at Albert Metzger's home.

A pleasant social was held Friday evening at the home of Will Garner. Those present were Misses Ethel Adcock, Carrie Holden, Sarah, Cora and Laura Elders, Mrs. P. C. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garner; Messrs. Chas., Frank and George Leslie, Mike Adcock, Chas. Worlie, Frank Elders, Frank Garner, Ervino Mayo, Will Garner, Will Holland, Jim Kendrick, Walter Todd.

Mrs. Pluenneke, widow of the late Rev. Conrad Pluenneke, died Sunday morning. Five sons and three daughters survive.

Walt Smith is erecting a residence south of C. C. Smith's home.

A big ball will be given Friday night at the court house. The Fredericksburg band is to furnish the music.

Mr. Cornelius Brockman and Miss Cora Leslie were married last Wednesday evening. Rev. J. A. King officiated.

Miss Daisy Wheeler entertained a few friends Tuesday evening on the occasion of her birthday.

From Mason News, Jan. 10, 1908:

Henry Reugner and August Heinrich are in the Leon country working on a residence for Wm. Mogford.

The Forty-Two Club met Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Martin.

A pleasant hop was given Saturday night at the home of Chas. Worlie near Streeter.

Judge J. H. Jones entertained the fishing club Tuesday night. A good time was enjoyed playing forty-two.

Misses Ida Kammiah and Eda Neupke, of Fredericksburg, are guests of Mrs. Henry Hofmann.

Dick Arhelger and Peter Schmidt, of Fredericksburg, were here for a short time this week.

Bemo Schmidt has returned to his home in Waco, his wife remaining here for a time.

Sunday, last, Mr. and Mrs. John Reugner entertained about sixty guests in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Messrs. Reugner and Jim and Herman Schmidt. The C. L. Hofmann band was present and made excellent music for the occasion.

Think This Over

The codfish lays a million eggs. While the helpful hen lays one; But the codfish does not cackle To inform us what she's done. And so we scorn the codfish coy. While the helpful hen we prize; Which indicates to thoughtful minds That it pays to advertise."

Buy her a box of Norris Chocolate Brazil Nuts at Mason Drug Comp'y.

H. S. Wood returned home the latter part of last week from Dallas, bringing with him one of the newest improved models of the Little Overland 4 cars, which is being used in the sales-room of the Wood Auto Company for show and demonstration purposes.

Galvanized roofing at R. Grosse's.

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

Richard Lloyd Jones Says

America Needs Reminders

One hundred years after a group of wise and brave men meeting in Independence Hall created for the American boy the glorious holiday, the Fourth of July, we celebrated the birth of this nation in a great centennial exposition in Philadelphia. The good people of this city of brotherly love now propose with commendable patriotic enthusiasm that the nation build and hold another great American exposition in that same city in 1926 to record the progress, and glory in the triumphs, of this nation in its century and a half of matchless life.

It's a fine idea. We need reminders. We have too few holidays to remind us of the lofty ideals of the builders of this nation. And the too few we have are accepted as merely a release from labor. They lead too few of us to the patriotic shrine. In our individual quest for gain we too often lose sight of the common aim which is the common good. In our search for individual wealth we too often forget the COMMONWEALTH. That was a great word in 1776. It is a word shunned as socialistic by the avaricious today.

We need reminders that we may not lose out of America that which is America. We have been a generous and hospitable people. We have opened our doors and welcomed the European malcontent—he who was persecuted by foreign crowns. We have made welcome the covetous who came to get from us but not to give. We have made welcome the foreign-minded who had no idea of becoming American-minded, who took advantage of our hospitality and came to "do us" rather than to do with us.

We need reminders lest we forget and forgetting, go astray. Condemnation of the government is not left to the

"Reds" alone. Nor is it solely the socialist's obsession. Both major parties play checkers on the board of government in Congress. They maneuver for party advantage forgetting to plead for principle divorced from party consideration.

The farmer finds fault with the government. The laborer finds fault with the government. We find fault with ourselves. We are the government. The immigrant talks in the fatherland tongue, reads the fatherland press, thinks in fatherland loyalty and hopes to return with American money to live on fatherland soil. Irving Bacheiler recently reminded us that the big outstanding fact about America was that "to save from the domination of men whose god was in their bellies our fathers made bloody footprints in the snow."

We need reminders, lest we ourselves kill the very thing that was born on the Fourth of July in '76. How much we need it is eloquently told in a recent issue of "Life," a humorous magazine which treats this serious subject in a close to serious way when it editorially asks: "Who Killed the Last American?" and answers thus:

"I," said the Budget. "I did it with my financial wheedle. I killed the Last American."
 "I killed him," said Bolshevism. "I killed the last American. I permeated his social structure with my virus; I did it with my little Trotsky."
 "I was the one who killed the Last American," said Immigration. "With my hordes I overcame him; I overwhelmed him utterly and completely—I, with my steamship graft!"

And all the bells tolled for the Last American, who gasped to himself and groaned with his dying breath: "Twas I who did it! I let myself be killed. And all because I didn't know how to save myself!"

Poem by UNCLE JOHN

Of anything that comes my way, I've been inclined to taste. . . . It's been my privilege to see that nothin' goes to waste. . . . an' when a feller boasts me, from the bigness in his heart, I tell him that I'm "much obleeged." . . . I allers do my part.

TIPS
 If I get in a mud-hole—an' my neighbor pulls me out, I'm apt to do the same fer him—it's only turn about. . . . I never let a favor pass without a recompense, as any other man would do, that's got a lick of sense. . . .

But, when it comes to givin' "tips" there's a principle at stake. . . . Their blame extorted hand-out is a holdup an' a fake! I try to pay my hired help the wages that's their due, but as to furder dividends, I'm a tight-wad through an' through!

They bait me in the varnished kyars, an' places where I eat. . . . They flatter me from every hand—you never seen the beat! They even call me "Senator" when I am off the range,—and that's why I'm so devilish slow in partin' with my change!

NOTICE TO FRUIT GROWERS

On January 17th, we will give a pruning and spraying demonstration on the G. W. Herring and J. W. Woodward farms. This meeting will be held at 10 a. m. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, we will give another spraying and pruning demonstration on the Robt. Fischer farm near Mason.

Mr. Swallow, the Extension Service Horticulturist, will be with us and will be ready to answer questions in regard to pruning, spraying and insects affecting the fruit trees.

We will not be able to give this demonstration on all farms and therefore are asking all of those interested in the Double Knobbe or Mason communities to try to be present at one of these places.

W. I. MARSCHALL.

CARDBOARD-BLOTTERS

The News has a good stock of cardboard in assorted colors; also have the large white blotters.

Mrs. Seth Baze was quite sick for several days the past week, but is reported quite a bit improved.

Victrola Phonographs on easy terms at Mason Drug Company. 36

Make it a box of King's chocolates. Owl Drug Store. 28-1f

HOMER'S PHILOSOPHY for 1923

ONCE we saw a play called The Servant in the House. The servant was a crude but indisputable sufferer who was honest and who brought home to the other characters the spirit of the Redeemer. Once he said to one of the other men: "Did you ever 'ear of 'ell?" and the other man said "Yes." "Then go there," retorted the man of mystery. And thus the skilled writer put over a thought that if he had been honest he would have been forced to suppress. It would never have done in this best of literature, to allow a man to tell another man to go to hell. "Shocking? The holier than thous would have been in arms, and the censors would have got busy, those men who would regulate our lives and teach us that hypocrisy and not plain dealing is the chiefest aim in life. Heigho.



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AN ORGANIZED MUSIC CLUB

Why should there be an organized music club in our city? Because it is the greatest of importance for every child to have a great big heart-felt feeling tucked away in their mind and body for music.

Where could they obtain any musical feeling, if not at a music club? Why then, should not our town have the best club to be found anywhere under the sun? It should and it has. What more can you wish for? Every parent considers their child's education, true enough, but did you know that music refines and elevates the mind? Music is harmony and melody combined. Harmony and melody can elevate and refine any mind. If music does this, then surely music should form a part of a liberal education. Let your child have the best of musical advantages, right in your home town. Send your children to the Presto Music Club.

The Presto Music Club is being held every Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 o'clock at Mason, Texas. This Club has one of the best and most efficient teachers in your town. The members of this Club met January 6, 1923, at the Mason High School Building for the purpose of organizing. It now has a "combined force" club that will get every possible instruction in History, Harmony, and Theory. The next meet-

ing will be held January 12th.

Following are the officers elected at the last meeting, also class colors, motto, name and flower:

President, Esther Christilles; vice-president, Marie Heinrich; secretary, Olga Fae Wood; treasurer, Etta Marie Hofmann; refreshment committee, Olga Fae Wood, Ruby Pluenneke, Anna Marie Koock.

Dec. Committee—Etta Marie Hofmann, Marie Heinrich, Ethyl Lehmburg, Virginia Eckert, Violet Vedder, Ruby Grote.

Program Committee—Lydia Heinrich, Virgil Banks, Opal Garrett.

Committee to visit or send flowers to sick—Daisy Deane Sequist, Dorothy Zesch, Maggie Metzger, Ella Mae Hofmann.

Helpers—Velma Vedder, Margaret Martin, Myrtle Hoerster, Maybelle Grote, Marie Schmidt, Juanita Lenzburg.

Motto—"Alive! Awake, and Doing!"

Colors—Pink and Green.

Flower—Chrysanthemum.

Because of the small class room the number of members must be limited, so if you want your child to have the advantage to be had from such an organization, decide and have her enroll today.

The News has just learned of a marriage performed by Rev. Roy G. Rader at the Methodist parsonage on December 31st. The contracting parties were Mr. C. A. Woodford, of Rochelle, Texas and Miss Oma Holloway, of the Voca community.

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LADY GOT SO WEAK COULD SCARCELY STAND

After Suffering From Many Female Troubles This Lady Heard of Cardui and Took It, She Says, "Until I Was Well."

"SOME TIME AGO," says Mrs. Buena McFarland, of R. F. D. 2, Bostic, N. C., "I suffered a great deal with weakness common to women. I had bearing-down pains, my sides and back hurt, and my limbs drew. I would get so weak in my knees I could scarcely stand.

"I was very nervous, and could not rest. I didn't feel like eating. I grew thin, and did not have ambition for anything.

"I had been trying other remedies . . . but did not get any better.

"Some one told us of Cardui, and what it was recommended for. I also

took a Ladies Birthday Almanac and read of a case something like mine. I told my husband to get it and I would try it.

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Cardui has stood the test of extensive use, for more than forty years, in the treatment of troubles common to women. Try it.

Woman's Literary Club

The Woman's Literary Club met Thursday, January 4th, at the home of Mrs. Belle W. Bridges.

The Life and Works of Alan Seeger were discussed on this occasion.

The next meeting will be at the same place on January 11th.

The subject is to be Life and Works of Walt Whitman.

Woman's Missionary Society

The first social meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society for the year 1923, was held at the pretty country home of Mrs. Tom White on Tuesday afternoon, January 9th. Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. M. F. Carter, very delightfully helped her entertain.

Rev. Roy G. Rader took charge of the program for the afternoon. He gave a beautiful and inspiring talk on the lesson and offered a prayer in behalf of the year's work.

Mrs. Jim Brown read such an impressive little story entitled, "Pearls". The "Society Creed" was read by Mrs. Otto Schmidt.

A reading, "The New Year", was given by Mrs. Wm. Splitzgerber.

An outline of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society for the year 1922 was read by Mrs. Robt. Lee. From this report it was learned that the Society had really accomplished much that was worth while the past year; yet each member seemed determined that the coming year should be even better.

The following officers for the New Year were installed:

Mrs. Ed Smith, president; Mrs. Wm. Splitzgerber, Ass. to 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Lamar Thaxton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Carl Runge, recording secretary; Mrs. Otto Schmidt, conference treasurer; Mrs. Ben Jordan, local treasurer; Mrs. Robt. Lee, superintendent of study and publicity; Mrs. Will Land, superintendent of supplies; Mrs. Jim Brown, superintendent of social service; Mrs. John Starks, agent for Voice. The newly elected 1st vice-president, Mrs. Albert Lee, and 2nd vice-president, Mrs. John Banks, were not present.

After a short business session, a social hour was enjoyed during which time, refreshments consisting of sandwiches, salted pecans, stuffed dates, cakes and chocolate were served to eighteen members and the following invited guests: Mmes. Henry Saunders, C. Thaxton, R. C. Doell, Winnie Morrow, F. W. Jenkins, J. W. Gamel, John Lindsay, Presley, of Gainesville, and Miss Mamie Doell.

Baptist Ladies' Auxillary

Will meet at the home of Mrs. Henry Saunders, Thursday, January 18 at 3 o'clock, at which time the following program will be carried out:

Subject—Prayer and the Uttermost Parts.

Hymn—Number 51.

Bible Study—The Challenge of the Gospel, Mrs. P. A. Bennett.

Hymn—Number 60.

Prayer.

The Meaning of Prayer, Mrs. W. W. Beach.

God Is Able, Mrs. T. A. Saunders.

The Gift of the Knees, Mrs. F. W. Jenkins.

Planting the Apple Tree, Mrs. C. S. Vedder.

Closing Prayer.

Entertained Little Friends

Last Saturday afternoon, J. W. Boston, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boston, celebrated his 8th birthday anniversary with a party from 2 to 5 o'clock. Several games were played and then the guests were called in and were served with cake and chocolate which they enjoyed very much. Those present were Margaret Wartenbach, Jewel Hubbard, Mildred Heinrich, Daisy Dean Manning, Dorothy McWilliams, Ruby and Mary Fay Banks, Inez Brown, Beatrice and R. L. Tart, Pauline and Ruben Heinrich, Norman and Anna Marie Durst, Tommie and Johnnie Garner, Velma Boston, Henry Garner, Henry Leifeste, Hilton Moneyhon, and the host.

Birthday Party

Last Friday afternoon, Benellen Land entertained a number of her friends, the occasion being her 13th birthday.

The afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock, was spent in playing various games and an enjoyable time was had by all present.

During the afternoon, a dainty salad course was served to the following friends: Ruby Grote, Norma McWilliams, Ida Mae Pryor, Virgil and Margaret Banks, Violet Vedder, Inez Land, Ethyl Boston, Kathleen Keller, Rita King, Lena Simon, Eulela Barber, Mabelle Heinrich, Dorothy Zesch, Ethyl Lehmburg, Grace Baxter, Daisy Dean Sequist, Ruth Saunders, Pernecia

Farm Bureau's New President



Another "dirt" farmer is the choice of the American Farm Bureau Federation for its second president. Oscar E. Bradfute, of Ohio, talks up the work where the Federation's first president, "Jim" Howard, of Iowa, leaves off. He will have as his vice-president, Dr. W. H. Walker, of California. Mr. Bradfute is a stockman and farmer, living on the old homeplace his grandfather settled on near Xenia, Ohio. He specializes in pure bred stock. He is also one of the trustees of the Ohio State University.

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Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Elgin Wood.

Eckert delightfully entertained the members of the Bridge Club at her pretty country home.

After eight games of bridge were played, a dainty salad course was served to Mmes. Joe Gresham, Kinney Eckert, Walter Lindsay, W. I. Marshall, Arch Metzger, M. D. Loring and Misses Julia Bierschwale and Zella

CHURCH NOTICES

SPECIAL SERVICES

In Mason at M. E. Church, South, Sunday, January 14th, at 7 p. m.—Several speakers—interesting topics. Music, a special feature. Everybody cordially invited. Preaching at Loyal Valley at 11 a. m. Church Conference at 2:30 p. m. Quarterly Conference at Mason, Saturday, January 20th, at 2:30 p. m. Centenary Campaign is now on. B. P. Jordan is treasurer. Please call and settle with him.
ROY G. RADER, P. C.

PREACHING AT LONG MOUNTAIN

Rev. D. G. Hardt will fill his regular appointment at Long Mountain on Sunday, January 14th. Preaching at 11 a. m., and at night. Everybody cordially invited.

Services at Art, Sunday, January 14. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. by Rev. H. Jordan.

Preaching at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Willmann.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Following is the program to be rendered by the Epworth League of the German M. E. Church on Sunday night, January 21st:

Opening Song—Hymn No. 46, Crowns Prayer.
Scripture Reading—St. Matthews 20: 1-17.

Subject—India.
(a) The Country—Lucile Lange.
(b) The People—Mrs. P. A. Baze.
(c) Special Song.
(d) The Mission Field of India, Rev. Witt.

(e) Reading—Hedwig Ellebracht.
(f) Song—No. 645, Hymnal.

Program for Parent-Teachers' Club

The local Parent-Teachers' Association will meet at the High School Building on Monday afternoon of next week at 3 o'clock. It is very urgent that a good attendance be had, as some business matters which are quite important are to be disposed of. The program to be given will consist of the following numbers:

Reading—Mrs. Ben Jordan.
Recitation—Billie Hofmann.
Piano Solo—Mrs. Albert Lee.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Plueneke, Supt.

Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. (except 4th Sunday at 11 a. m.)

Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 7 p. m.

English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.

REV. J. W. A. WITT, Pastor.

H. Dan Kothmann was a business visitor in Mason on Tuesday of this week from the Castell community.

The Sale of Sales!

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<p>Men's Shoes</p> <p>One lot of Endicott work shoes at only \$1.75</p> <p>Men's Dress Shoes, black and brown, all styles and lasts, values to \$7 \$3.75</p>	<p>Women's Shoes</p> <p>One lot of Women's Comfort Shoes, felt top winter shoes, heavy work shoes, special at \$1.98</p> <p>Women's high top dress shoes, black or mahogany brown, medium low or Louis heel, \$2.98</p>	<p>Women's Oxfords</p> <p>Dress Oxfords and satin pumps, newest styles, one lot at only..... \$2.95</p> <p>Women's high grade Oxfords, black or brown, all styles, best quality stock, special, at \$4.45</p>
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Pepperized 9-4 bleached sheeting, per yard.....	48c
Wool and Crepe Dress Ratine, per yard.....	49c
Best Silk Messalines, Taffetas, Crepe de Chine, per yard.....	\$1.49
Outing, light or dark patterns, good quality, per yard.....	15c
Yard wide wool serge, \$1 quality, per yard.....	69c

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This hat and scarf of plain brushed camel's hair is appropriate for all kind of winter and spring sport wear. It is the new year showing of the Style Service designers in New York. The hat and scarf are soft and warm and are obtainable in varying shades from burned desert sand to tropical blues. They are comfortable—and flattering—as you can see.

Geo. Keyser and son, Amsy, were business visitors in the county capitol Tuesday from the Keyserville section.

S. V. Wood was here a few days this week from Placid, visiting with the family of his son, H. S. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton arrived home Monday from Oklahoma, where they spent Christmas and the holidays with the families of their daughters, Mmes. F. W. Askew and C. R. Wallace.

Hon. Calvin Thaxton and Attorney Lamar Thaxton returned home the first of the week from San Antonio where they remained for several days on business.

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

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Whereas, an all-wise Father has removed from us, Sovereign Wm. H. Posey, be it

RESOLVED, That while we mourn his loss we know he has passed from labor to reward, and that we will renew our fidelity to the order he loved.

RESOLVED, That our order teaches us the hope of immortality and leads us to dwell on the beautiful traits in human nature; that it assures us that the chain that binds us in life cannot be severed in death.

RESOLVED, That our hearts go out in tender sympathy to the widowed mother and children, and while we fondly cherish the memory of our departed brother, we will not forget those he loved.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Posey, to the Mason County News for publication, also that same be spread on the records of our lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
A. M. METZGER,
W. H. SCHUESSLER,
G. W. HERRING,
Committee.

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

The little daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Roscoe Runge, is reported much improved from a recent illness.

W. T. Morrow arrived in Mason this week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Winnie Morrow, and among other relatives and friends of the city. W. T. is in the employ of a banking concern in Houston.

Arnold, little son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Bennett, is reported on the sick list.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to all those who befriended us with acts of kindness at the death of our husband and father. Especially do we thank the W. O. W. Lodge.

MRS. W. H. POSEY AND CHILDREN

Elmer Lay, one of the leading farmers of the Fredonia section, was a business visitor in the county capitol Tuesday.



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DOULTRY NOTES

Stale water is not good for any animal, much less for a laying hen.

Eggs kept in a cool place will retain their fine qualities for several days.

Gather the eggs at ten in the morning to prevent tramping through the day.

It doesn't pay to let the chicks get sunburned. Provide plenty of shade for them.

Have a good litter of straw on the floor. Hens wipe their feet if they have a "door-mat" to scratch in.

A pile of fine sand serves as an excellent bath which the hens relish these hot summer days. Sand is better than dust.

Whence of "Baby Bunting."

The old nursery rhyme "Baby, Baby, Bunting," takes us back in imagination to the days when our ancestors clothed themselves in the skins of the animals they killed for food.

No baby-linen shops in those days! No baby-linen, either! Armed with bow and arrow, or stone hatchet, the "proud father" of the new arrival must needs sally forth, chase and slay some small fur-bearing animal, skin it and return with the spoil ere baby could be clothed.

The rhyme, then, in some form or other, must date back to the Stone Age. At all events, it is as old as the Norman Conquest. How do we know? Because "Bunting" is merely a shortened English version of "Bon-ton," an old Norman-French expression of endearment, meaning "good little one."

Music's Restful Charms.

Science appears to have proved that there is a great deal of truth in the old saying that "Music bath, charms to soothe the savage breast." Music is made up of vibrations, and these, it has been found, act with considerable force upon the nervous system.

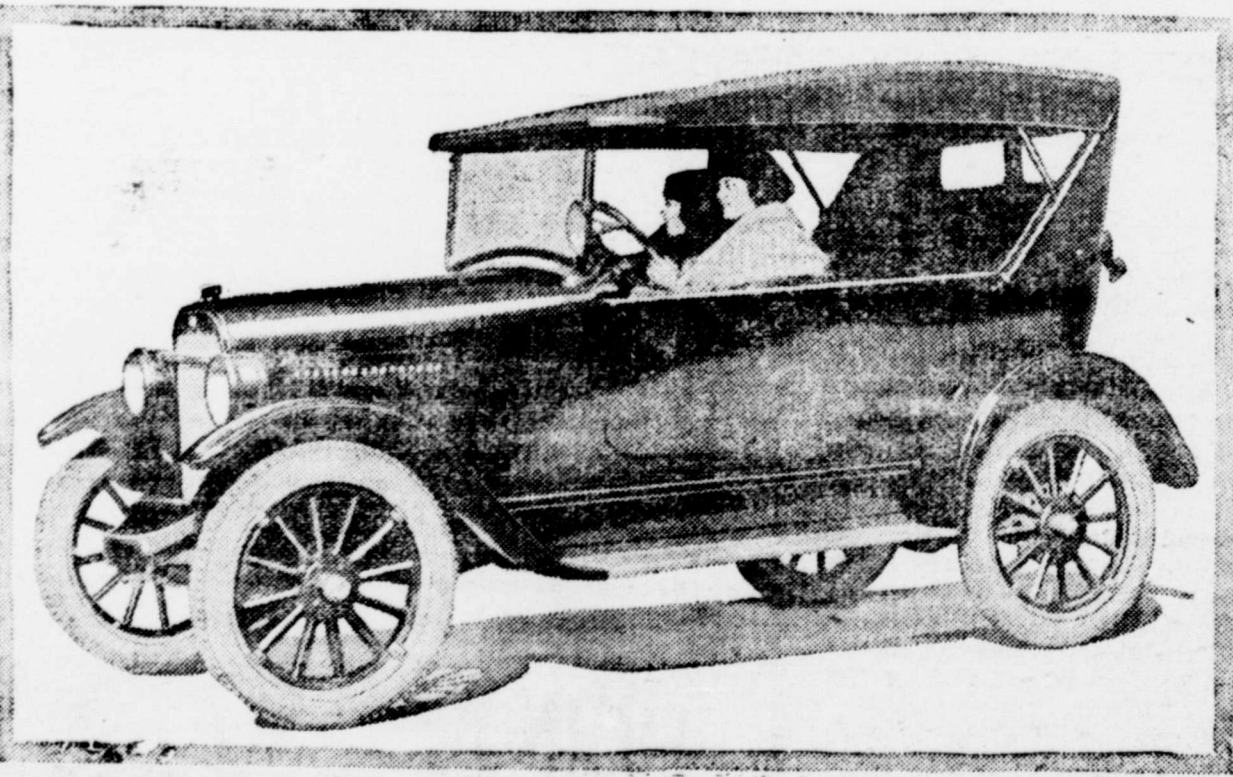
One investigator has been observing the influence of music upon human beings and the lower animals. By the use of a machine that measures the activity of the fingers, he finds that if the fingers are completely fatigued, either by voluntary efforts or by electric excitation, to the point of being incapable of making any mark except a straight line on the registering cylinder of the machine, music of a pleasing kind has the power to cause the disappearance of the fatigue.

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Oldest Medical Fraternity.

The University of Montpellier, France, has a medical school tracing back to the Tenth century; in the coming celebration of the seven hundredth centennial of its official recognition a monument to Rabelais, one of its brilliant alumni, will be unveiled.—Scientific American.

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FEEDING METHODS FOR EGGS

Methods Adopted by California Community Result in Better Health of Laying Flock.

A mortality of less than 10 per cent for the year among hens entered in the egg-laying contest of Sonoma county, California, last year is reported to the United States Department of Agriculture by local extension workers, who worked out the feeding formula used in the contest. The health record of the hens entered and their laying average of 176 eggs per hen for the 364 days have led many poultrymen to adopt the management and feeding methods used in the contest. It is estimated that 50 per cent of the poultrymen of the county have changed their method of feeding during the last five years, due to extension work influence.

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Special Attention Given to Fitting Glasses, and Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat
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J. W. Hasse's Market

CHOICE MEATS ALWAYS ON HAND—BEEF, PORK, SAUSAGE HANDLE PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. ONE DOOR WEST MASON NATIONAL BANK

Alfred Hibdon Meat Market

One door north Larimore & Grote's Store. Will appreciate a portion of your trade.
CHOICE MEATS, PORK, SAUSAGE, PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS, BREAD, ETC.

The City Meat Market & Bakery

W. A. ZESCH & SON Props.
Located in the Bridges Building, one door east of Louis Schmidt's Store

Kaiser and Bride



It is with pride that this newspaper publishes this first picture of the former Kaiser and his new bride. Through the Publishers Autocaster Service of New York, which serves this newspaper, this picture was obtained from a tireless photographer in Holland, who after four weeks snapped this picture from the top of a tree without being caught.

No. 1203
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the
First State Bank

at Mason, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of December, 1922, published in the Mason County News, a newspaper printed and published at Mason, State of Texas, on the 11th day of January, 1923.

Resources	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$109,381.23
Loans, real estate.....	4,000.00
Overdrafts.....	6,331.78
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,400.00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand	65,703.46
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	750.00
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	3,036.61
TOTAL.....	\$193,603.08

Liabilities	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	5,000.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	3,569.95
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	159,503.21
Cashier's Checks.....	457.84
Other liabilities.....	72.08
TOTAL.....	\$193,603.08

State of Texas, County of Mason, We, J. D. Eckert, as president, and W. E. Jordan, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. D. ECKERT, President.
W. E. JORDAN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January, A. D., 1923.
(Seal) ROSCOE RUNGE,
Notary Public, Mason County, Texas.
Corroborate: OSCAR SEAQUIST, E. W. KOTHMANN, PETER JORDAN, Directors.

They Eat Too Much.
Station Master—"I think some one will get into trouble on account of that train starting three minutes late." Assistant—"Why? Any of the passengers kicking?" Station master—"No, but the restaurant man swears he'll make it hot for whoever is responsible."—Railway Age.

Norris Exquisite Box Candy at Mason Drug Company.

Birds That Are Weather-Wise.
Some birds are good weather prophets. The green woodpecker is known in some parts of this country as the "rain-bird," because you hear his laughing cry so often before a deluge. The missel-thrush, again, has gained the name of "storm cock," because he sings before wind or rain.

Designed for Contemplation.
The pleasing tranquility of groves hath ever been in high repute among the innocent and refined part of mankind.—Gilpin.

The Commercial Bank
(Unincorporated)

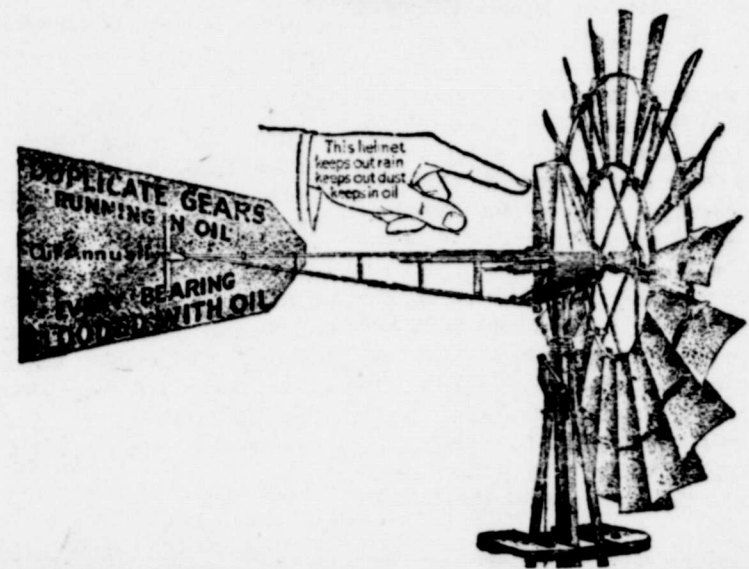
CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00
RESPONSIBILITY OVER \$3,000,000.00

Directors
MRS. ANNA MARTIN, Pres. C. L. MARTIN, Vice-Pres.
MAX MARTIN, Vice-Pres. HOWARD SMITH
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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.

It is announced Mrs. Elva Runyon, of San Angelo, is being expected to arrive in Mason this week for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runge, and among other friends of the city.

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

W. G. Keyser, a prominent citizen of Llano, was in Mason Monday, and took a renewal on the News.

NORRIS BOX CANDY
Chocolate Nuts and Fruits.
Chocolate Covered Cherries.
Chocolate Cream Brazil Nuts.
Norris Gold Boxes.
Dates with Pecans.
MASON DRUG COMPY.

Let your next tire be a Gate's Super-Tread. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13tf

Former sheriff, Geo. Willis, and a rancher of the Pontotoc section, was a business visitor in the county capital Monday.

Subscribe for the News today

Eagle Brand Typewriter Ribbons. 50c

More Winter From the Whole Flock

WE know some folks who look upon it as a regular event for their hens to stop laying during the winter. Just when eggs are worth the most, their flocks aren't producing enough to pay the feed bill.

GET MORE EGGS NOW

You can get eggs right through the winter if you feed right. You must give a hen all the elements that make eggs. Use Purina Hen Chow and Chicken Chowder on the positive guarantee of

More Eggs or Money Back Ask for the Checkerboard Bag



MAYHEW PRODUCE COMPANY
Mason, Texas

POSTED
There is to be no hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind in our pastures.
HENRY JORDAN
ARTHUR JORDAN
36-4mp JAMES STENDEL

POSTED
I hereby warn the public against hunting, with dog, gun or traps, in any of the pastures owned or controlled by me.
35-3m D. A. JORDAN.

POSTED
All lands owned or controlled by the undersigned are posted and parties trespassing therein with dog, gun or traps will be prosecuted.
S. B. CAPPS, J. S. CAPPS, J. W. BROOKS, A. O. DRAPER, O. C. WISEMANN, H. R. EAKER, ROBT. PRIESS, W. R. CAPPS. 37-2mp

Which.
Dickie, the six-year-old in a certain Washington family, had become somewhat perplexed through hearing discussions of current events and of school topics. "Dad," he asked one evening, "which is longer, the alimentary canal or the Panama canal?"

She'll be delighted with a box of King's delicious candy, Owl Drug Store.

Juvenile Reasoning.
Roland was carrying in wood from a pile his father had just split, and instead of taking it from the side nearest the house he went around on the other side every time, thus decreasing the size of the pile from the back. His father asked why he didn't take it from the side nearest and he replied: "Well, after a while I'll be tired, and then I won't have so far to go for it."

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.
After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists. 7c.

**DEATH FOLLOWS IN WAKE
AUTO ACCIDENT AT LAMPASAS—RELATIVES IN BRADY**

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Harrod returned Sunday from Lampasas where they had been called last Wednesday by a message stating that Mr. Harrod's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woods, had been seriously injured in an auto accident. Both of the victims were taken to Temple for treatment at the sanitarium, but Mr. Woods died before reaching there and Mrs. Woods passed away Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods and their 14-year old daughter, Gladys, were returning from a visit with her mother. While crossing a high bridge in the suburbs of Lampasas, they met another car, the lights of which blinded them, and caused them to strike an unseen hole in the bridge. This caused the car to jump off the bridge and fall 15 feet to the creek bed below. Mr. Woods was struck by the steering wheel, which crushed in his ribs, while Mrs. Woods' shoulder and back and both lower limbs were broken and a gash was cut in the back of her head. Despite their terrible injuries, both retained consciousness until the last. The daughter escaped with only a snag stuck in one cheek. The car was completely wrecked. The unfortunate victims of the terrible tragedy were buried in the same grave in Lampasas last Saturday.—Brady Standard.

**LLANO NATIONAL BANK CLOSED
ITS DOORS DEC. 23**

On Saturday morning, December 23 the Llano National Bank failed to open for business, and notices were posted on the doors, stating that the bank had been closed by order of the Board of Directors to await the arrival of a national bank examiner.

National Bank Examiner A. B. McCans is now in charge of the bank and has been here for several days. Strong efforts are being made on the part of the officers, directors and others interested in the institution to perfect a reorganization or to take other steps looking to the opening of the bank at an early date.

No definite information has been given out, but the feeling concerning the re-opening of the bank is quite optimistic at the present time.

The Llano National Bank has for more than twenty years been a strong factor in the financial world of this section and has added much to the prosperity and development of the Llano country.

Those interested in the activities and welfare of this institution are working constantly with the hopes that it will soon open, and that not only will the depositors be saved, but the bank will move forward for the ultimate good of Central Texas in the future as it has in the past.—Llano News.

PROPOSE MODIFICATION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS

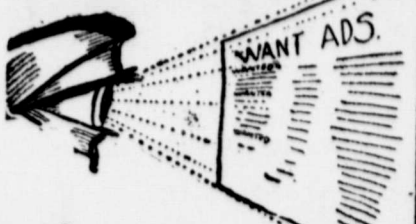
Washington, Jan. 11.—Results of a two years' study of the immigration question made by the National Association of Manufacturers, have been made public, showing a basis, from the viewpoint of employers of large numbers of laborers, for a demand for a change in the present quota law.

The present employment situation, so different from what it was a year ago, when more than two million men were without jobs, is used as an argument, it being stated that industry and expansion, good times, and "the full dinner pail" must suffer if more unskilled labor is not made available through a change in the immigration laws. One of these changes, as outlined by the Association, calls for a fixing of immigration quota in terms of net numbers, rather than quotas. In support of this idea, figures are quoted to show that during the past year forty thousand Italians came to these shores, but that fifty-three thousand left. It is proposed to reject altogether the present literacy test, on the grounds that a good workman may be illiterate and a bad revolutionary immigrant perfectly literate. No proposals are included in the figures worked out which would change naturalization processes or exclude literacy from the qualifications of those applying for citizenship papers.

Many members of Congress are studying the report, but it is more generally regarded as the plea of a special interest (manufacturing) than a contribution to the American viewpoint on immigration and naturalization.

Mrs. W. T. Lake and daughter, Miss Lucille, left recently for their home in Bisbee, Arizona, following a protracted visit in the home of Mrs. Carl Frenzel, of this place.

THROUGH THE



WANT COLUMNS

FOR SALE—Good second-hand incubator. Phone Mrs. Carl Frenzel, 442c

HIGH BRED JACKS FOR SALE—Have four yearlings of extra high breeding. See me at the Wagon Yard next Saturday. Terms if desired. Geo. Banta. 44-1tp

WANTED TO BUY—About a ton of maize heads. J. W. White. 44-1f

FOR SALE—Mammoth Jack, weighs about 750 lbs. Will consider livestock in trade; also one span of mule colts and a horse colt to sell. W. F. Wootton.

LOST—A cole black bitch with white streak in breast and a little white on a fore foot where she was caught in trap. Been missing since Jan. 3rd, answers to name of Kate. \$25 for recovery. J. N. Andrews, or notify J. A. Brewer, London, Texas. 44-4tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A modern six-room stucco bungalow with every improvement on one of the best residential streets of Abilene, including double stucco garage with driveway. Beautiful lawn and shade trees. Will sell or trade for unimproved West Texas farm lands. Box 127, Abilene, Texas. 44-2tc

HOGS—Lost or strayed, 11 head, 9 of which are marked swallow fork and overbit and underbit on right and under slope and overbit the left; 2 unmarked. Last seen about Dec. 10. Please notify H. L. Braly on the Thaxton ranch, and receive suitable reward.

FOR SALE—Used Car Bargains: One Ford sedan, two Ford Touring cars, one Ford Truck with stake body. All in good condition. Granite City Motor Co., Llano, Texas. 43-1fc

FOR SALE—Two bay mares, 2 and 3 years old. Apply to Aug. Willmann, Art. Texas. 43-2tp

PIANO and HARMONY—Miss Agnes Witt will give lessons in piano and harmony. If interested, inquire at parsonage of J. W. A. Witt. 43-4tp

LOST—A black leather hand bag on Brady road, about 11 miles from Brady has name of Floyd Hassell on it. Liberal reward for return to J. D. Hassell, San Angelo, Texas. 43-2tc

MULES FOR SALE—Several head. If interested, apply to Marvin Grote. 37-1fc

BIG DOUBLE Disc Plow for sale, also a rowbinder. Both in fine condition. If interested, see Aug. Willmann or inquire of E. F. Willmann. 39-4tp

TOWN PROPERTY For Sale—Undivided 1-2 interest in lots 8, 9 and 10 on N. W. cor. square. Fronts 112 feet and 110 feet deep. Also undivided 1-2 interest in lot 150x150 feet just north of above lots. Apply to F. A. Gerdes, Mason, Texas. 34-1fc

FRAME BUILDINGS FOR SALE—Three 20x24 practically new buildings for sale. Located at old school house. Apply to C. S. Vedder. 33-1f

Infant Seriously Ill

It is stated the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Brandenberger, of the Capitola section, is seriously ill and Mrs. Brandenberger sent for her mother, Mrs. G. W. F. Schreiber, of Industry. Mrs. Schreiber is expected here today, Andrew having gone to San Antonio to meet her.

The News is equipped to do any and all kinds of commercial, legal or social printing. Let us figure with you on all problems concerning printing.

J. A. Schuessler was here from his farm in the Fly Gap settlement on Tuesday. Mr. Schuessler states he is still able to plow with his disc in spite of the dry weather, and contemplates having all land ready for planting by the time a good rain is received.

While you are reading someone else's ad, let someone be reading yours.

S. H. Bratton and wife were in Mason last Tuesday from the Katemcy section doing some shopping

**LET US FIGURE WITH YOU ON A
WESTINGHOUSE or MONROE
RADIO SET**

WE ARE PREPARED TO KEEP YOUR RADIO BATTERIES IN GOOD SHAPE, AND FURNISH YOUR SET ACCORDING TO YOUR WANTS

'PHONE US AND ARRANGE FOR A RADIO DEMONSTRATION

**L. F. ECKERT, Garage
RADIO DEALER**

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

Since our last report the following have made subscription payments to the News, for which we extend them our thanks:

- C. A. Martin 3.00
- Mrs. R. E. Crawford 1.50
- E. O. Lowgreff 1.50
- E. F. Willmann 1.50
- Henry Geistweidt 1.50
- Mrs. J. C. Harper 1.50
- Ed Garner 3.00
- W. G. Keyser 1.50
- Frank Geistweidt 1.50
- Elmer Lay 1.50
- J. A. Schuessler 1.50
- S. H. Bratton 3.00
- Mrs. Mathilda Leifeste 1.50
- W. H. Cavanaugh 1.50
- Geo. Kasper 1.50
- H. Bierschwale 1.50
- Miss Mollie Bierschwale 1.00

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pluenneke, a girl, January 6, 1923.

PRESBYTERIAN MEETING CLOSED

The religious revival at the local Presbyterian Church closed last Sunday evening after having been in progress for the entire week previous. Rev. L. M. Wood, of Brady, and acting pastor of the local congregation, had the very able assistance of Rev. T. W. Davidson, of Santa Anna, in the meeting. Rev. Mr. Davidson occupied the pulpit during the meeting and delivered some excellent sermons. The sermon of last Sunday night is said to have been extraordinary and those attending regularly proclaim the sermon delivered on this occasion as being wonderful.

Rev. Wood will be in Mason to fill his regular engagements on the fourth Sunday, morning and night.

Geo. Banta, who for a number of years resided in Mason, but who is now a resident of Eden, arrived in Mason this week with several fine yearling jacks for sale. He is showing them at the local wagon yard.

Mrs. H. F. Kothmann and son, Elgin O, were in from their ranch home below Hedwigs Hill on Wednesday of this week.

SECOND HAND



**From \$60 up
With and without
Starters
Best Second Hand
Values we ever had**

**L. F. ECKERT'S
GARAGE**

Charter No. 7098 Reserve District No. 11
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
MASON NATIONAL BANK**

at Mason, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 29, 1922

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c).....	\$143,128.60
2. Overdrafts, unsecured.....	1,526.61
3. U. S. Government securities owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value).....	\$ 25,000.00
b All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any).....	12,650.00
Total.....	37,650.00
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.:.....	3,550.00
6. Banking House, 814,275; Furniture and fixtures.....	2,600.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house.....	39,844.81
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	17,658.42
9. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	121,775.12
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10).....	306.10
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.....	\$122,081.22
14. a Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank.....	\$ 157.57
b Miscellaneous cash items.....	42.50
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,250.00
16. Other assets, if any.....	892.00
TOTAL.....	\$384,657.21
LIABILITIES	
17. Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
18. Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
19. Undivided profits.....	\$11,660.52
c Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	5,064.86
20. Circulating notes outstanding.....	25,000.00
22. Amount due to national banks.....	1,026.37
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.....	\$ 1,026.37
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
26. Individual deposits subject to check.....	239,691.54
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.....	\$239,691.54
44. Liabilities other than those above stated.....	12,943.64
TOTAL.....	\$384,657.21

State of Texas, County of Mason, ss:
I, D. F. Lehmburg, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. F. LEHMBERG, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1923.
(Seal) ROSCOE RUNGE, Notary Public, Mason County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:—J. W. White, C. S. Vedder, E. A. Loeffler, Directors.

Will Geistweidt, one of the county's most prominent ranchmen, was a business visitor in Mason Tuesday from the southeastern portion of the county. E. C. Leifeste took on a renewal of the News for Mrs. Mathilda Leifeste while in Mason from Castell on Tuesday.

STAR OPERA HOUSE

**FRIDAY NIGHT
"HANDLE WITH CARE"
Featuring Grace Dormond**

**SATURDAY NIGHT
"RIDING WITH DEATH"
Featuring Buck Jones**

SHOW STARTS AT 7:15 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents