

Mason County

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MASON, TEXAS, THURSDAY MAY 17 1923.

ESTEEMED CITIZEN DIED OF HEART FAILURE ON TUESDAY

The news of the sudden death of Mr. A. B. Awalt which occurred at his home in the Katemcy section on Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock, was received as a severe shock. Mr. Awalt was one of the county's most beloved citizens and the fact that he was a business visitor in Mason on Monday, made the announcement be received by some with doubt. Mr. Awalt was in apparent good health and at the time of his death was working in his yard. The cause of his death is said to have been heart failure. He and his wife were at home alone and Mrs. Awalt was a short distance away from him when she noticed him fall. She rushed to him to find he was dead and immediately called to neighbors for assistance and a physician was summoned, who upon arrival pronounced his death as having been instant and due to heart failure.

Mr. Awalt would have been 74 years of age in August and was a resident of this section for more than fifty years. He had resided in Mason county for a period of more than thirty years, but prior to that had resided just across the line in McCulloch county, near Camp San Saba. He was considered one of the most successful farmers of Mason County and up until a few years ago was very actively engaged in the profession, but retired because of advanced years.

Besides his wife he is survived by ten children, namely, G. B. Awalt, of Brady; Sam Awalt, of Mason County; Mrs. T. E. Harris, of Mason County; Mrs. Rebecca Evans, of McCulloch County; Mrs. J. D. Lowrey, of Sonora; Mrs. L. B. Anderson, of Palestine; Mrs. Wes Owens, of New Mexico; Mrs. A. C. Hurley, Mrs. Flavius Simms and Mrs. Lella Hurley, of Oklahoma; surviving also, are one brother, Mr. Sam Awalt, of Bastrop, and a sister, Mrs. W. H. Banks, of Katemcy.

Deceased had been a member of the Methodist Church for many years and was considered a very dutiful and obedient servant of his Master. It is announced funeral services are to be held this afternoon at the family residence at 4 o'clock and interment will follow at the Bethel cemetery. Rev. Roy G. Rader, pastor of the local M. E. Church, will have charge of the services.

An obituary on the life of this good and long time citizen of Mason county has been promised the News for next week's issue.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES MONDAY NIGHT; PLAY TONITE

The Commencement exercises of the Mason High School will be held on Monday night, at which time, eighteen students, nine boys and nine girls, will receive diplomas from the local institution of learning. This is one of the largest classes ever having graduated from the Mason schools, and the fact that it is the first class to graduate from Mason's new school building, makes the occasion doubly distinctive.

The exercises will be held in the auditorium of the new building. Claris Sanders is valedictorian of the class and Miss Ethel Gipson has won the distinction of salutatorian. These two students win the scholarship honors which the State Institutions of Texas have extended. Claris gets a choice of accepting any of eleven scholarships offered him and Miss Ethel has a choice of nine scholarships.

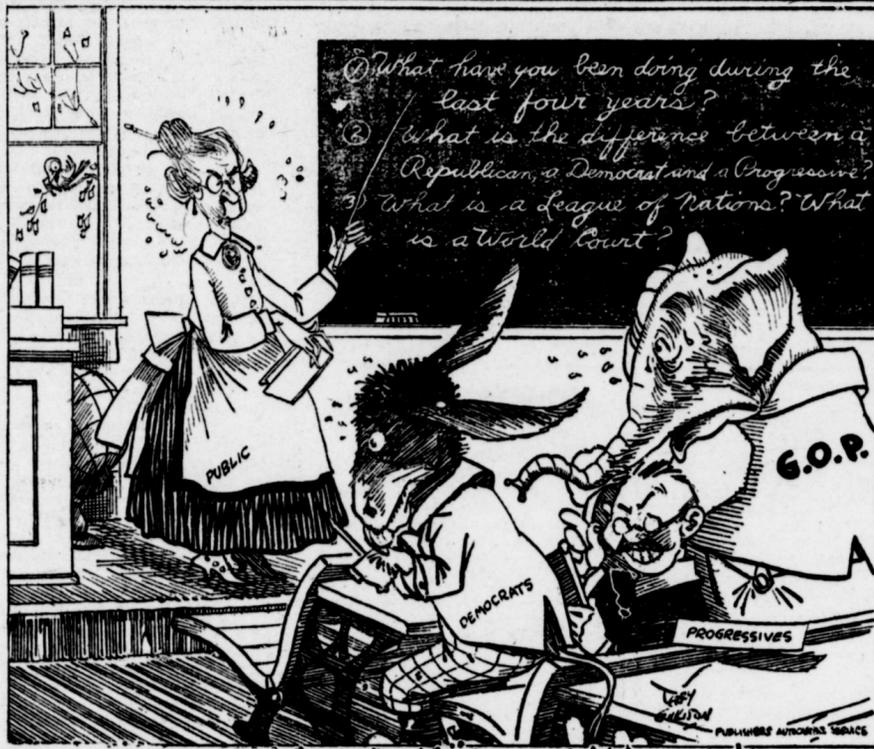
Other members of the class are Roy Bratton, Willie Mae Doell, Lorena Draper, Jessie Farmer, Sam Hasse, Gertrude Metzger, Etta Marie Hofmann Vera Koger, Murray Kyger, Milton Loeffler, Sam Leifeste, Allie Mae Lee, Carrell Herring, Thelma Wood, Alvin Zesch, Walter Willmann. The class motto is, "Build for Character, Not for Fame".

The senior play will be presented tonight at the auditorium and tomorrow night the seventh grade will present their play.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. J. Ray, pastor of the local Christian church, on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. This will also be held in the auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerster, of the Castell section, were in Mason Monday.

Examination Day is Here



HIGHWAY OFFICIALS WILL BE IN MASON ONE DAY NEXT WK.

The News has been handed a letter which was addressed to the Mason Chamber of Commerce, in which it is stated, that the State Highway Commission will leave San Antonio about May 23rd, and will make an inspection trip of the Glacier to Gulf Highway.

The party will travel in two or three automobiles, and will stop in Mason for a brief time on their trip. It is not definitely known what day the party will arrive in Mason, but as soon as a definite time is determined for their arrival, Mason will make a great effort to see that the members of the party are royally entertained while in our city. We reproduce the letter below:

"We expect to leave San Antonio about May 23rd, with the State Highway Commission on an inspection trip of the Glacier to Gulf Highway. We are not going to make our schedule very fast, as we want the citizens of every county seat town to have the opportunity of meeting the Commission and assuring them that they are interested in the completion of this road and make the Commission feel that they are behind the proposition solid. It will be through such organized work as this that we will be enabled to get this highway completed much quicker than otherwise.

If you want to have a little meeting with your Board of Directors or Chamber of Commerce or a Mass Meeting, and will kindly advise us at once, we will try to arrange our schedule so as to give you whatever time is really necessary to carry out the program you decide to put on. It will be necessary for us to have this information before we can make up our itinerary.

There will be two, and probably three cars in the party, including the Highway Commission and their wives, newspaper reporters and officials of the Glacier to Gulf Highway.

Yours very truly,
D. E. COLE,
Manager.

Mrs. Chas. Kettner, Mary and Henry Kettner spent last week-end in Eden where they were joined by Miss Ruby Kettner who has been visiting there since her school closed. Miss Ruby accompanied them home to spend her vacation here.

Carl Bourland, aged about nine years was operated on at the local sanitarium Wednesday morning. The News is pleased to learn the little fellow is pronounced as getting along very nicely.

BRADY-MASON BALL GAME CALLED IN 7TH INNING

The baseball game between the Mason Tigers and the Brady team which was played in Brady Tuesday afternoon was called at the end of the 7th inning because of an injury to the Brady catcher, Buck Bailey, when he attempted a slide into home plate and broke a bone in his leg. It was announced the injury is of a serious nature and will likely keep Bailey out of the game for the balance of the present season.

Dannheim, the Tiger receiver was also knocked out of the game for a short time in the 4th inning, but revived after about fifteen minutes and continued in the game.

The game was a good exhibition up until the time of Dannheim's injury when the score stood 4 to 3 in Brady's favor. Robert Zesch started on the mound for Mason but because of a bad arm retired in favor of Polk in the second inning after having been touched for 5 hits and four scores. Polk held them down until the 5th, when he hit a batter, issued a pass and was touched for 3 hits, letting them get across two runs. In the sixth Brady got across 2 more runs on a pass and two hits coupled with a bad peg by Shearer to 2nd base to catch Jones stealing. Brady got across 2 more in the seventh on a hit batter, a single and two errors.

The Tigers scored one run each in the 2nd, 3 and 5th innings. The Tigers have not yet hit a batting stride but we believe their time is coming. Tuesday was a very poor day for the Tigers at bat. They touched Bunger, the Brady twirler, for only four safeties. On several occasions Mason got men on bases only to be left stranded because of inability of local batters to deliver at the proper time.

The Tigers will meet the Brady team on the local diamond tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Regular admission prices will be charged. Let's have a good crowd with lots of pep and a determination for a Tiger victory.

Rev. and Mrs. Karcher and baby were in Mason Wednesday, visiting in the W. H. Larimore home.

M. H. S. BALL TEAM PLAYS F. H. S. HERE SATURDAY; 3 P. M.

Superintendent, P. A. Bennett announced yesterday the local High School base ball team would meet the Fredericksburg High School team in a game on the local diamond Saturday afternoon. The game has been announced for 3 o'clock and it is said the admission price will be 15 and 25 cents. This will be the locals second game

COMMISSIONERS' COURT IN REGULAR QUARTERLY SESSION

The Honorable Commissioners' Court of Mason County met this week in regular quarterly session and the docket shows the following business transacted:

The following quarterly reports of county officials were approved: John T. Banks, Chas. Leslie, R. E. Lee, Roscoe Runge, H. Doell, T. M. Butler, G. W. Herring, D. A. Jordan, S. J. Thorne, F. C. Wartenbach.

A petition of Oscar Seaquist, et. al., asking a change in the Menard-Junction road to north of Kooeksville, was continued until next regular term. A petition of E. A. Hofmann, et. al., opposing the proposed road change was also continued.

Accounts Allowed

Chas. Leslie, \$0.75; Chas. Leslie, \$15.75; T. M. Butler, road supervisor, \$12; G. W. Herring, road supervisor, \$20; D. A. Jordan, road supervisor, \$8; Martin Stationery Co., \$24.95; County Board of School Trustees, each allowed \$3; Austin Bros. Bridge Co., \$29.16; J. D. Adams & Co., \$38.45; Henry Leach \$25; J. H. Jones, \$15; Louis Probst, \$26.40; Louis Probst, \$1.50; Geo. D. Bernard, \$5.88; Emil Keller, \$45; Emil Keller, \$17.50; Hofmann Dry Goods Co., \$79.00; R. N. Sanders, \$33.13; Arthur Leifeste, \$6; E. F. Kothmann, \$20; H. C. Doyal, \$17.50; Max Metzger, \$20; J. L. Virdell, \$12.50; Chas. Durst, \$12.50; Will Land, \$12.19; J. W. Leifeste, \$8; E. B. Garner, \$15.62; A. L. Smart, \$25; Emil Keller, \$22.50; E. L. Splittgerber, 76; G. W. White, \$3.33; Louis Johnson \$1.48; Sw. B. T. Co., \$5; Wood Auto Co., \$12.92; J. D. Adams & Co., \$39.42; J. H. King, \$5; Aug. Metzger, et. al., \$141.50; Max Reichmann, \$16; McMurray Lumber Co., \$60; T. A. Baker, \$18; A. F. Metzger, \$5; ordered all managers of the April 7th trustee election be paid \$1 each; R. E. Lee, \$5.10; Fred P. Holt, estimate approved in amount of \$12-154.04; Joe Gresham, \$255.20; Bams Sorrells, \$100; J. H. King, \$87; H. Sell, \$58.50; Wood Auto Co., \$28; Jno. D. Miller Blue Print Co., \$5.65; C. E. Eckert, \$25; Mason National Bank, \$101.25.

with Fredericksburg of the season and is a return game from one played at Fredericksburg several weeks ago, in which M. H. S. was defeated. The locals are eager for revenge and "little" Zesch says he will be right in there on the mound for the locals.

The 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sanders, was operated upon Tuesday afternoon at the local sanitarium for appendicitis.

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Mr. Donop was born June 22, 1858 in Mason County in the Pishweville community and has always been a resident of this county. While still in his boyhood he was confirmed by Rev. Conrad Plueneke and became a member of the German M. E. Church. At the age of 16 years his father died and he being the oldest child, assumed the responsibility of caring for the farm and looking after the welfare of the mother and younger brothers and sisters. He was married to Miss Susannah Meckel September 4, 1881 and to them were born seven children, a son and a daughter having died in infancy, there being five living children and the widowed mother to mourn his death. The children are Messrs. Edwin and Chas. Donop, Mrs. E. F. Willmann, Mrs. L. F. Jordan, Mrs. H. Y. Neu, all of whom reside in this county with the exception of the latter who resides near Corpus Christi. He is survived by twelve grand children; also three brothers and a sister, namely, Willie, August, Alvin and Mrs. Peter Jordan, all residents of Mason County. His aged mother preceeded him in death about two years ago.

Deceased was one of Mason County's most splendid characters, always law abiding and a faithful religious worker. Up to the time of his death he was quite active in church work and served his church as a steward and trustee and was instructor of the Woman's Bible Class in the Sunday School. He was a man whose place will be hard to fill, although he was not a doer of acts for fame he led a highly Christian and noble life.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the local German M. E. Church, preceded by a short service at the family residence. Rev. G. W. A. Witt, local pastor, assisted by Rev. G. Schulze, Rev. John Kleinkecht, Rev. Henry Jordan, Rev. Roy G. Rader and Rev. J. J. Ray, had charge of the services. The body was laid to rest in the Gooch cemetery and was witnessed by one of the largest concourse of friends in the history of our town. The grave was a mass of flowers and represented a true attest of the high esteem in which deceased was held.

CORNER CAFE MAKES CHANGES IN ARRANGEMENTS OF BLDG.

The Corner Cafe is taking the appearance of one of the nicest and most convenient places of business in Mason. The management has recently had the entire building which they have been occupying, thrown into one large room and have made a number of other changes which adds more convenience and comfort to patrons of the cafe, as well as enabling the establishment to render better service to the eating public.

A. I. Roberts, of Brady, has recently been employed as chief cook for this popular cafe, and according to announcement this young man is demonstrating his ability as a first class chef in a manner which is quite pleasing to the management as well as to patrons.

W. M. Martin, cashier of the Commercial Bank, and D. F. Lehnberg, cashier of the Mason National Bank, left Monday evening for Dallas to be in attendance at the annual convention of the Texas Bankers' Association.

Edward Lloyd Jones Says

RADIATE SUNSHINE.



Light is the symbol of life. If, when the world is in darkness, a man wishes to signal the existence of his life, he holds up a light.

The sun throws ahead of it a stream of light which heralds the coming of a great, throbbing day.

Life is the most wonderful of all visible things it makes all things visible.

Light is the great painter. Red, green, blue and yellow are one in darkness; they are different things in light. Light beautifies. "There is no object," says Emerson, "so foul that in the light will not make it beautiful."

Light is the symbol of life, so also is darkness the symbol of death. We choose the day through which to live; the night through which we will sleep.

Fill your life with light: don't be a dead one. Get away from your window the shutters of hatred, envy, jealousy and fancied wrongs. Live in the sunshine. The world wastes little time upon the fellow who stands in the shadow of pessimism and gloom. Go into the sunshine business. Radiate happiness; it pays.

The fact that is full of the sunshine spirit not only helps itself but helps all who encounter it, just as the flower of the field is brightened by

the morning sun. Be like the sun. Spread your happiness everywhere; give it to everybody. It is the most wholesome and helpful of all contagions.

The sun is always at work. It molds the flower into fruit. You cannot be filled with sunshine and be idle. The sunny spirit is always busy at some unselfish service. It goes through life building a chain, each link of which represents a day of helpful endeavor.

To make ourselves sunny we must make ourselves worthy. Our worth is measured not by ourselves but by others.

The sun would be of little use to this world were it shut up within curtains, its warmth and light kept to itself. So with you, you can do no good when you do only for yourself. He who thinks only of and works only for himself dies unloved. He has spread no sunshine about him. He has given no heart warmth to the world.

Real cheerfulness is not merely a matter of inheritance; it is more than a passive virtue. The most sunny are the most strenuous; they who do most, give most, help most.

Throw sunshine on all the paths you walk and cross in life. The world is always better for being bright and warm.

Clarice's Plot to Gain Love

By HAROLD CARTER

To Clarice it seemed the most amazing thing in the world. Only three weeks before marriage had been the farthest thing from her thoughts. Of course, she had hoped to be married some day, as every girl does. But "some day" seems any day when one is only twenty-three.

And now she was engaged. And to Richard Littlefield, the famous editor of the most famous, though not the most widely circulated magazine in America. Littlefield was only thirty-four, but when old Granger died, during the previous year, he had at once been selected for his position, and had filled it uncommonly well.

The wife of Richard Littlefield! Why, Clarice's father had taken the magazine for years and sworn by it. As Littlefield's wife she would meet everybody who was of the least—and most—consequence in every field of art.

It had happened very simply. Richard had come to stay at the little summer hotel next door, and he had met Clarice, and they had loved each other. That was all she knew about it. Clarice would explain to her inquiring friends.

And when Richard went away he bent down and whispered that he was coming back for her soon—as soon as he could make arrangements. This was September, and they hoped to be married within three months.

Nevertheless, Clarice's happiness had not been untinted with distress. Though Richard talked like any ordinary man, she knew that his mind was one of the most brilliant in America. And she, with her poor education—a mere high school one—how could she make a fit wife for Richard?

Clarice had, indeed, surreptitiously endeavored to improve her education from the first day she met Richard, but she gave it up in despair. The task was too big a one to be completed within three months. She had also, because her widowed mother was not well off, tried to improve her culinary knowledge, so that they could dispense with "help"; but after meeting and loving Richard the cook book went into the attic, and Clarice brooded.

She was miserable. She feared every minute that she would say something foolish. Oh, if he should discover the profundity of her ignorance!

Then it was that an idea came into her head so staggering that it took complete possession of her. She would write a story anonymously and have it accepted for Richard's magazine!

"How do people get stories accepted?" she had asked him once.

"Why, they try and try, and never say die," he answered.

When he was gone Clarice set herself laboriously to work upon her plot. It was a love story, of course, and the heroine was very much like Clarice, just as the hero was like Richard. With trembling fingers Clarice dropped the precious missive in the letter-box, and then she waited.

On the fifth morning a long envelope came to her. Clarice's heart beat high. She opened it. Out tumbled her story, and, inside the folded pages was a printed notice as follows:

"The editors of the *Leviathan* regret that, after careful consideration, they are unable to use the MS which you have so kindly submitted."

There was not even a name signed to it.

Clarice spent that afternoon in her room crying. She did not care about the story, but she knew that she would never make a wife for Richard.

Later that day hope revived. The next morning the village stationer got a fresh order of foolscap. Two days afterward a second story was posted. This time the hero was still more like Richard, but the heroine was not in the least like Clarice. Clarice was blonde and petite, and the heroine, Ada Maltravers, was tall, brunette, and statuesque.

Evidently this sort of heroine also failed to meet the approbation of the story-hearted editor, for in four days' time Ada Maltravers was back on Clarice's hands.

Poor, desperate Clarice resolved to learn her fate from Richard. She would write him a letter, under the name she had adopted—George Black—and post it from Hazelton, the next village. She wrote a pitiful inquiry as to the cause for the rejection of her two stories. "Tell me frankly," she wrote, "whether I have the ability to write stories that the *Leviathan* will like."

The appeal touched Richard's heart; and because, with all his wisdom, he still suffered from the folly known as youth he wrote back to the author. Delicately, tactfully, mercilessly he



FISK TIRES

WOOD AUTO CO., Mason, Texas.

pointed out the deficiencies in his work. The immaturity, the ignorance of life, the inexperience of the themes with which he dealt, Richard expounded. And in the final sentence he advised him to wait a while before offering stories, and then not to offer them to the *Leviathan*.

Three days after writing this letter, which Littlefield had expected would gently, decisively and kindly turn his correspondent's thoughts from the literary road, the editor received a letter which made him tear his hair and then thrust on his hat and rush from the office to the railway station.

It was a ten-page letter, but it might all have been contained in a couple of lines. Clarice had written that she could not marry him.

Eight hours later a wild-eyed, disheveled figure, which nobody on earth could have mistaken for a famous editor, was hammering on the front door of Clarice's house. Clarice's mother opened and recoiled in amazement.

"Clarice!" muttered the great editor.

"Is it you, Richard! She's in bed, with a sick headache."

"I must see her at once," he blurted out.

Clarice's mother had gone through the experiences of youth herself. So, instead of thrusting him out into the night, she led him in and put him upon a lounge, and, ten minutes later, Clarice appeared, red-eyed, but tantalizingly pretty as ever.

"What does this mean!" exclaimed Richard Littlefield, holding out the letter.

"It means," sobbed Clarice, "that—that I am George Black."

"George Black!" echoed the editor.

"Ye-es," wept Clarice. "You told me that my st-stories weren't any good, and that from the im-im-maturity of them you gu-guessed I was a wo-woman, and that I couldn't write for the *Le-viathan*."

A light burst in on Littlefield's anguished soul.

"Good heavens!" he muttered. "But why did you want to write stories?"

"Because I knew you thought me ignorant and foolish," murmured Clarice, "and I knew I wasn't a fit wife for you, and I wanted to sh-show you that I was capable of becoming a literary person."

"Dearest," murmured her fiance, drawing her upon his knee, "if you knew how I detest literary persons! That's my business, Clarice, not my life. I loved you just for yourself. I should hate to have you writing stories. And now I've got to catch the night train back. Our engagement's still flourishing, isn't it?"

And Clarice's happy smile and kiss answered his question.

That was how the cook book came to be restored to the post of honor upon the bookshelf again.

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Poem by UNCLE JOHN



About the saddest task of mine, when autumn comes around, is beddin' down the rose-bush that we leave out, in the ground—the house-plants don't impress me, in their shelter, nice an' warm, but I'm sorry for the rose-bush, that must stand the winter's storm.

The OUT-DOOR ROSEBUSH
I gather up the litter an' the leaves about the lawn, sorter strugglin' with my feelin's, now that autumn's nearly gone,—an' I place 'em mighty tender, whar they'll keep the rose-roots warm, fer I love the little rose-bush, that must stand the winter's storm.

Then, I ketch myself reflectin' that there's many a human soul, that is left out in the winter by the things they can't control, when the little things that's wasted could be used to keep 'em warm, till they bloom again, in springtime, with the passin' of the storm.

HOMEY PHILOSOPHY for 1923

WHY be an imaginary millionaire when you can be a real one? We'll all agree it's foolish, of course, and then we'll all jump into the scramble again. A few years ago a chap with 33,000 German marks was quite a boy. Now he's worth a dollar. In ten minutes he may be worth fifty cents or nothing. We're all proud of the dollar. It's standing up. The British folk are proud of the pound, but when you figure it out it's all worth what the people say it's worth, something or nothing, so maybe the best chance of becoming a millionaire is to be sure the people think straight and being one of the people, think straight ourselves. There isn't much doubt about the worth of work.

CITY MARKET BUYS HEAVY COW FROM MAX MARTIN
Last week the City Market killed, what Mr. Zesch claims to be the heaviest grass fed cow he has ever butchered during the number of years he has been engaged in the market business. The animal killed dressed 742 pounds and was raised by Max Martin.

Mr. Zesch stated Mr. Sam Camps had heretofore held the reputation of raising the heaviest grass fed cow he ever butchered when he raised an animal that dressed 700 pounds of meat.

Subscribe to the News today.

OWL DRUG STORE MAKES APPLICATION FOR STATE CHARTER
It is announced the Owl Drug Store, of this city, has recently filed an application with the State for a charter and it is announced the firm contemplates incorporating for a sum in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Get your fishing tackle at the Owl Drug Store. 51-tf

Irvin Ellebracht and Elgin Leifeste took a truck load of wool to Fredericksburg this week to market. J. E. Barber hauled the wool for them.

HENRY FORD NOW CONCEDED WORLD'S WEALTHIEST MAN
New York, May 5.—"The Street" generally agreed today that Henry Ford is the richest man in the world, following publication of the Ford Company's statement of its financial condition showing assets of \$536,000,000. Its actual cash on hand is \$159,006,000.

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

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



HOME HABITS

A.D. H. SENT THIS ONE - "MY LITTLE BOY INSISTS UPON STANDING ON HIS HANDS AND HEAD WHEN VISITORS COME TO OUR HOUSE YOU SEND US ONE!"

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The Woman Is Right

Wife: "George, where have you been?"
George: "Gunning, m' dear, gunning."
Wife: "Gunning for what?"
George: "Shooting crap—yep—shooting crap."
Wife: "George, you must stop shooting craps. The poor little things have as much right as you to live."

Action in Eight Words

Little boy—Swimming Hole—
Water deep—Funeral toll.

SUMMER SPORTS

—And Summer Not

Rowing a boat on a hot day.
Touring to fix blowouts.
Keeping ants out of the cake at a picnic.

Part of the Job

Gossip: "I hear she accepted a ring from a man she didn't even know."
Killjoy: "Sure—she is a telephone operator."

Don't Fumble This

She dropped her gloves.
He raised his lid:
He picked them up
With "Oh, you kid!"
He smiled at her.
"How dare you, sir?"
Excuse me, miss.
"It's just like this—
I meant the glove."

Accurate

"Ah, so your son is in college.
How's he making it?"
"He ain't. I'm making it—he's spending it."

Great Idea!

We are not by any means an efficiency expert but quite often without effort, our minds do nothing also and we think of great schemes. Now we have one that will more than double the work of fat male employees. We suggest a rule be established making fat ones wear suspenders—then they will be able to work with both hands.

Lucky Yeggs

Two yeggs held up and tried to rob a Scotchman. It was a hard fight but after the lanky Scotchman had licked them both, he gave one of them a shove with his foot and said, between breaths—"Well—it's a good thing that I only had a nickel with me. If I had had a dime I would have killed you."

Cooking the Cook's Goose

Ma (hiring cook): "Well, why did you leave your last place?"
Cook Applicant: "Cause the husband quarreled so with his wife."
Ma: "What did they quarrel about?"
Cook: "About the way the meals was cooked."

Edison Phonographs (all kinds) on easy terms at Mason Drug Comp'y. .35

OUR ANNUAL FAIR

A most important question concerning the progress of our town and county, has been the subject of discussion during the past several weeks—"A Fair Grounds for Mason." This subject, no doubt, will receive much discussion, both pro and con. There is no doubt in our minds that every man, woman and child in Mason County will agree with us that we should have an Annual Live Stock, Poultry and Agricultural Exhibit, but the foremost question now is, grounds and buildings to accommodate such event.

Four years ago marked the beginning of this annual event for Mason County, when a one day's exhibit was held. It should be the pride of every citizen of this grand old county to realize that the exhibit has grown in such proportion in this brief period, until it can no longer be accommodated by the same facilities and same length of time as heretofore. There are no vacant buildings in our town in which to shelter the many different exhibits that are usually brought to our Fair, and all indications point toward a greater increase in these this year than ever before.

In the beginning, we had only a few cattle, hogs, and chickens at our exhibit but the great interest of the entire citizenship of the county has aided materially in making our Fair the best in this section of the State. Each year has seen great progress, and everyone who attended the Mason County Live Stock, Poultry and Agricultural Exhibit in Mason last Fall were loud in their favorable comments.

Our contention is that our Fair should not be given up because of the lack of facilities with which to hold same, but to be more determined to make it more permanent by securing a suitable site, convenient for the public, and erect necessary buildings and other equipment for the accommodation of the annual event.

A committee that has been at work ascertaining the approximate cost of such grounds and equipment states the least sum of money for the promotion of such an enterprise is estimated at four thousand dollars. This would purchase grounds and erect buildings for the purpose of a permanent Fair Grounds for Mason County.

Now, should this proposition be financed by a few individuals, or is it a matter that concerns the entire citizenry of Mason County, especially those interested in the growth and prosperity of our county. There is no question that our Annual Fair has tended to create a great desire to raise better stock, poultry, vegetation, etc., which eventually will mean a higher standard for Mason County.

Therefore, we believe that the most logical means by which to promote this proposition is for the entire citizenship of Mason County to unite in one effort to raise money to secure a Fair Grounds for Mason County.

The annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which is to be held at San Angelo on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of this month, is drawing close to hand. Mason should have a good representation at this convention. We notice where the people of Brady are making big preparations to attend the convention in body and one of the Brady papers went so far as to intimate their citizenship "would observe one day of the convention as a holiday, that it will be more convenient for them to attend. Brownwood is also making big plans for this convention. It is to be hoped Mason County will have a good crowd of boosters there in attendance.

We notice where our friend Schwenker, of the Brady Standard, recently gave a splendid write-up on his city in his editorial column and we scanned the article with care to notice he did not mention anything about the good roads of the county. Did you just neglect the paragraph, Harry, or have you not yet realized that good roads should be at the top when it comes to boosting the assets of a community.

MAW CREEK SAYS: "Pa has always pouted a lot. When we was first married I could make him happy with kisses, but now it takes fried chicken."

You well may grin at the speeder who throws dust in your face. They'll soon be throwing dirt in his.

In the old days a ford was the place where you crossed the river. Now it's every place you try to cross the street.

Someone has discovered that it takes 140 nuts to hold a Ford together and only one to hold it in the road.



From Our Early Files

From Mason News, May 20, 1898:

Prof. Templeton, expert accountant and shorthand writer will open a summer commercial school in Mason next week.

Dee Gibbs and Orb Stapleton left Tuesday for Colorado City to seek employment.

Wm. Kruse, Mrs. H. Otte and Mrs. B. Ischar were called to Fredericksburg last week by the death of their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kooek have been attending court in Lampasas this week.

A big picnic will be held at Pontoree on Saturday, the 21st.

Someone attempted to steal goods from Lemburg's store Saturday night by cutting a glass from the show window.

C. Holmberg has sold his racket goods to H. Albersson.

A thief entered the stable of Prof. Bigham a few nights ago and stole three bridles, two the property of Mr. Bigham and the other belonging to W. L. Jones.

Bud Garner returned home last week with his horses which he found in San Angelo, with a \$15 livery bill against them.

Dr. Grandstaff was called to Menard Sunday to attend Col. Gray, who is very sick.

From Mason News, May 15, 1908:

Wednesday night the Junction post

It would not have escaped Ben Franklin that "dough" begins with do.—Boston Herald.

It is only a question of time until every pedestrian will have a car or wings.—Indianapolis Star.

So far no paragrapher has had the nerve to suggest that a Ford campaign for President would "rattle" the opposition.—Tampa Tribune.

office was robbed of \$500. The robber was caught and the money recovered.

Will Ellebracht's buggy horse ran away Wednesday, going over two fences and across the gallery of John Lemburg. The animal was badly cut up.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gugenheim celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rogers are the parents of a son, which was born on the 3rd.

Alf Keller has closed his meat market and given up the wagon yard.

Paul Doole arrived here Tuesday from Louisville where he has been attending medical college. He will become a full fledged M. D. about the first of June, and has been appointed assistant surgeon in the Marine Hospital.

The little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bogusch, died Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. Henry Wilson and Miss Nancy Kiser were married Sunday night.

Claude Joy, a 15 year old boy, was jailed a few days ago on a charge of carrying a pistol.

Max Loeffler and P. W. Ebel have purchased the drug business of Payne & Payne.

A stock company has been formed and a cotton gin will soon be put up a few miles west of T. R. Rolston's farm, but in Menard County.

J. W. White is preparing to add two rooms to his residence on the east and it is said work will begin next Monday.

Most of us still prefer the telegraph. They don't send bedtime stories over that.—Wall Street Journal.

France contends that her recovery from war depends on her recovery from Germany.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

There will never be a war between the United States and Canada. The bootleggers would never allow it.—New York American.

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Henry Ford has \$200,000.00 in cash. Henry's not a counterfeiter, but he certainly knows how to make dollars out of tin.—Nashville Tennessean.

What Europe needs is more miles of progress to the gallon of excitement.—Detroit Free Press.

The only bar that seems nationally popular these days is that against immigration.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Americans spent a half billion dollars for candy and ice-cream during the past year. Dyspepsia tablets manufacturers have not yet reported.—New York American.

It seems impossible to frame an immigration law that will keep out the Scotch.—New York Tribune.

Higher wages. Higher prices. Higher cost of plain living. Added cost of high living. Everybody having a high old time. Nobody satisfied.—Boston Transcript.

Joke's on You, Ma

"Well Ma," said Hiram, "I got two good harvest hands hired already."
"Well, well," said Ma, much surprised, "What's their names?"
"Right and left," answered Hiram laughing.

Editorial

A Town is No Greater Than the Faith of Its Staunchest Citizens

This Woman Started Something

The Virginia woman who pinned a note to a potato she had raised, reading: "I got 24 cents a bushel. What did you give?" started something, because the man who noticed the potato paid \$1.20 a bushel, and the facts leaked out. Trust a woman to find an ingenious way to bring oppression to public notice. Also happily, trust the American man to change conditions when they assail the welfare of our womanhood.

One of these days we will bring into being a real commission of inquiry, one with vision, one with practical business sense, one with sound economic knowledge and finally one without self-interest and free from pull. An impossible combination? No, some day it will be found, and then a happier condition will arise as rapidly as the blood-suckers who live on the labor of their fellows fall by the wayside. Middlemen are necessary, of course, due to the great complexities of our modern civilization, but in the last twenty years the consumer has been removed so far from the producer that they have nothing in common.

Every day the strain is getting harder and harder to bear, and it will get worse before it gets better. Nature brings about man's advance by the lash. There seems to be no other way. One day, however, we will implant in the minds of our high-school boys and girls a love for economics—perhaps under a more attractive name—the Science of Human Freedom, for example. Then will arrive a generation that will not be fooled by the exploiters of mankind.

Let Down Bars; Let Labor In

Unless the government takes some action to ease up restrictions on immigration the American people will soon be digging into their bank accounts to meet the rising cost of living. Shortage of labor is growing more acute every day. This provides a temporary boom for the workingman. But prosperity based on present labor condition has the qualities of the boomerang. The workman is a buyer of commodities as well as the seller of his labor.

When the immigration laws were framed "to the protection of the American workingman," the people generally believed that at last we had found a means of establishing prosperity on a firmer basis. The statisticians figured that the excess of government employees thrown into the labor market would more than take care of the demands of growing domestic trade, and that we could get along very well without the foreigner. The situation, however, has not worked out that way. When the armistice was signed the government had on its pay roll 917,760 civilian employees. This list has been cut to 542,513. Within the four-year period the reduction has been approximately 40%, but the shortage of labor is acute. It is next to impossible to hire skilled workmen. Domestic servants are dictators of the household, and even with the stupendous wages it is next to impossible to get an honest day's work. Everyone, of course, is in sympathy with the American workingman, but the employer cannot be crushed between the nether millstones. The net result, of course, is rising prices, and the only solution lies in letting down of the immigration restriction bars.

Punchettes



DRIFTING HOMES

How about your home, Mr. Husband and Mrs. Wife? The average husband is a coward and the average wife a bully. Are you? Many have either yielded to the spirit of the day and have permitted their wives to dominate the domestic circles to its disgrace, or they have practically abandoned their homes.

Consequently, they occupy one section of the city, namely, the business and the club sections, the saloon or the pool hall, while the wives take a similar direction in another part of the city; the home stands between these two factors in a neglected condition.

Women have been thrown out into the world and seem to care more for the activities, excitements, gaieties and outside glances, than they do for the domestic industry, seduction, responsibilities and glories of home.

Women ought to be forced to go home. But their husbands are too cowardly to force them, or they are too indifferent to their responsibility, or they would rather glide or travel the road of least resistance, and let the home drift.

The home is drifting; children are roaming; wives are gadding. Their husbands are practicing fraud and dishonesty on their families. They are cowardly.

The time has come to re-establish the home with the sovereignty of the federal head, the sacredness of domestic seduction, and the proper adjustment of domestic duties.

The dark spot in the present civilization is the neglected home. Cowardly husbands are responsible for every phase of domestic decline.

Let the men awake, reassert themselves, re-establish their homes and build again the domestic—the national fortification—namely, a well-organized domestic circle.

Society

Entertains Seniors

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runge entertained the Seniors on Tuesday night with a party. The evening was spent in playing progressive hearts. The room was beautifully decorated with sweet peas and ferns, the sweet pea being the class flower. A bouquet of sweet peas was given to Willie Mae Doell for winning the most games and Sam Leifeste was given a candy heart for booby prize.

Delicious ice cream and cake were served to the following seniors: Misses Willie Mae Doell, Thelma Wood, Jessie Farmer, Lorena Draper, Gertrude Metzger, Ethel Gipson, Etta Marie Hoffmann; Messrs. Roy Bratton, Walter Willmann, Milton Loeffler, Murray Kyger, Sam Leifeste, Sam Hasso, Chris Sanders, Carrell Herring, Alvin Zesch, and the following invited guests: Misses Mamie Doell, Betty Tribble, Maybelle Loring, Genevieve King, Ethel Dees; Messrs. Crawford Lemburg, Clint Breazale and Henry McDougall.

B Music Club

The B Music Club met Tuesday at the home of Miss Wheeler. The color scheme was gold and white, the room being decorated in daisies. The room was dark, and yellow candles burned during the program.

The program consisted of duets, solos and songs.

Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Brockman, was represented by a bride and groom.

Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" was represented by Evelyn Willmann dressed as Spring.

A contest on the life of Mendelssohn was given in which Lella Brooks and Dorothy Gamel were the prize winners, also an interesting study was made of a chapter in Harmony.

Ice cream and white and yellow cakes were served.

The members of the club are Lella Brooks, Mary Capps, Lucille Lange, Ruby Jordan, Maggie Clark, Marie Brockman, Stella Zesch, Vera Dannehelm, Anna Kenning, Evelyn Willmann, Eunice Green, Gladys Behrens, Beatrice Jordan and Dorothy Gamel.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid of the Christian Church met at the home of Mrs. R. H. Kidd with Mrs. Julius Splittgerber and Mrs. Harry Behrens assistant hostesses.

After a very interesting lesson, led by Mrs. Bierschwale, ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames W. I. Marschall, Roscoe Runge, Walter Lindsay, Elgin Eckert, John Lemburg, Chas. Bierschwale, Duncan, H. Puckey, Arch Metzger, Ben Pluenneke, Senquist, S. C. Brockman; Misses Duncan and Zella Wood.

PREACHER FRAMES MARRIAGE DON'TS

Boston—"Who, when and how to marry," was the title of a sermon delivered to his congregation recently by Rev. Arthur T. Brooks, Dudley Street Baptist Church, Roxbury. In the sermon Dr. Brooks expounded five don'ts for men and a like number for women. Those for the men were:

- "Don't marry a pretty face—sweetness and character are preferable.
- "Don't marry for fun—marriage is a God-given, serious contract.
- "Don't think you are marrying an angel—your girl is a human as you are.
- "Don't marry merely a pair of winged feet—they do not usually harmonize with the kitchen floor.
- "Don't have long engagements, they are wearing on the poetry of life."

Following are his don'ts for women:

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"Don't marry a man to reform him, better women than you have failed on that job.

"Don't marry a dashing-good-time, sort of chap and expect happiness. A steady-going temperate man wears better in double harness.

"Don't marry a 'meal-ticket' unless you have to. God meant you for better things. Keep your self-respect.

"Don't marry except on a 50-50 basis—remember in the twentieth century you are as important as your man.

"Don't marry for money—love is always the best."

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ellebracht left yesterday for Christoval where Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay expect to remain a few weeks for the benefit of his health. Mr. and Mrs. Ellebracht will return to Mason Friday.

Simonsville Beats Hilda

The baseball game between Simonsville and Hilda which was played last Saturday at the Hilda picnic, resulted in a victory for the former team by a 7 to 1 score.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ellis, of Menard, came down the first of the week for a visit among relatives and friends of this city.

Victrola Phonographs on easy terms at Mason Drug Company.

MAN AND SON ARRESTED YESTERDAY NEAR TOWN

(Junction Eagle)
Word came here Thursday that two men were wanted at Llano in connection with theft of some money from a hotel at that place and that the men were headed this way.

By the description furnished the local officers, Deputies Allen Taylor and T. T. Randle were able to identify the men when they crossed the South Llano bridge near town.

Messrs. Taylor and Randle were waiting for them and picked them up about 5 o'clock.

The men gave their names as Anderson, and their home as Oklahoma.

The young man appeared to be about twenty-two and his father about fifty. Sheriff Gibbs and Deputy Randle took the men to Mason and turned them over to the Llano officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes King are receiving congratulations from friends upon being the parents of a new son, which was born Monday morning.

The only way to save daylight is to use it.

CHICKENS

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

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Pluenneke, Supt.
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. (except 4th Sunday at 11 a. m.)

Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 p. m.

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

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

REVIVAL MEETING

We will begin a Revival Meeting at Streeter next Sunday. The opening service will be held at 8 p. m., May 20th. Services will be daily at 8 p. m. over the following Sunday, May 27th.

Everybody cordially invited to attend. There will not be any services at our church in Mason next Sunday.

ROY G. RADER, P. C.

COMMENCEMENT AT TEXAS U. WILL BE HELD ON JUNE SIXTH

Austin, Texas, May 17.—Commencement ceremonies on June 6, 1923, the fortieth year of the University of Texas, will see the distribution of about 475 diplomas. The probability is that next year the number will pass the 500 mark. The Graduate School this year will award 56 diplomas, 49 Master of Arts, six Master of Business Administration degrees, and one Master of Journalism degree.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, there are about 300 applicants for degrees, including 250 candidates for the bachelor of arts, 14 for bachelor of science in home economics, and five for the bachelor of journalism degree. Teacher's diplomas will be awarded to 27. In the School of Business Administration there are 63 candidates for the B. B. A. degree. There are 4 candidates for the bachelor of laws degree, and 79 for degrees in the College of Engineering.

In Chemical engineering there are two candidates for master of science degree and six for the bachelor of science. In Civil engineering, there are two candidates for the M. S. and 20 for the B. S. In Mechanical engineering, there is one applicant for the M. S. degree, and there are ten candidates for the B. S. In the department of architecture there are seven candidates for the B. S., and in the department of Electrical engineering, 27 candidates for the B. S.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that E. B. Kothmann, C. H. Breazale and J. O. Schmidt, sole owners of the Owl Drug Store, a firm doing business in the town of Mason, County of Mason, State of Texas, will apply to the Secretary of State for a charter to become incorporated under the Laws of the State of Texas and that the name of such corporation will be Owl Drug Store, Inc., and that its place of business will be Mason, Texas.

(Signed.)

E. B. KOTHMANN,

C. H. BREAZALE,

10-11c J. O. SCHMIDT

If you have a friend or a neighbor that is borrowing your News to read, ask him to subscribe. It only costs \$1.50 a year and if it is worth borrowing occasionally, it is worth that measly figure.

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"Larry Ho" Hodgson, twice mayor of St. Paul, Minn., is back in the newspaper game with a bang, picking up his famous blue pencil to assume the editorship of the Minneapolis News. Mr. Hodgson is known throughout the middle west as a genial philosopher in prose and verse and is a gifted public speaker.



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The Lesson in the Sand

By AUGUSTUS SHERWIN

A fair young girl was strolling along the beach just beyond the city walls of Ayihl. The sun was hot, as was it ever at this, the sultriest town in the dominions of the Rajah Afendi, yet she had her sunshade closed. Ever and anon she would pause, venture in chase of a receding wave, use the end of the dainty parasol as a stylus, and then, tripping back lightly, would laugh at the grim pursuing element she had cheated.

A young man followed her at a worshipful distance, and she all unaware of it. He urged or retarded progress according to the chances of discovery. At last he came to one of the spots where the girl had written in the sand, and where the waves had not washed out the clearness of the letters.

"E-L-O-I-S-E."

That was the name of the graceful young lady—Miss Eloise Wharton. Ralph Evans knew that. Yet he gazed with fondness and interest at the fading letters reminding him of her. He followed a dozen of these fanciful traceries, some clear, others one-half obliterated. Then there was a final one—and two names this time. But the Eloise was blurred. The E was missing, the I and S merged into a sort of a V, so that what remained read "L-O-V-E," and added to it were the letters, "R-A-L-P-H."

Presidential Dark Horses—No. 1



Presidential dark horses must always be considered when the political pot starts to boil.

Among publishers and farmers many leaders see in Dr. Albert Shaw, editor and publisher of "Review of Reviews," a strong independent Republican candidate. Dr. Shaw is internationally known, and aside from his dominate literary position he is a practical and successful farmer, owning and operating two big farms, one in New York and one in Virginia. In Democratic ranks, John W. Davis of West Virginia, former Ambassador to England, is looked upon with favor as a dark horse candidate. Mr. Davis is now attorney for the Associated Press and N. Y. Times.

Was it fancy on her part that a demure yet expressive inclination of the golden head of the beautiful girl indicated that she had espied him, that in wayward mischief she had set a lesson in the sand for him to construe?

He hoped it and the sentiment fed his longing heart. He quickened his step. The girl had entered a street

a doorway the ribbon of safety used by the natives to indicate a sanctuary. "My friend, because you are her friend and of her blood—go."

"You mean—"

"To Bengay. The sword is dangling from a mere thread. It may fall at any moment. You are in peril. The lady has been placed under my strict charge. She is safe, she is hidden."

APPETITE OF PLANTS

We are assured by scientists of the Department of Agriculture that the mineral food consumed by plants is of two kinds. Some minerals, such as phosphoric acid, potash, lime and magnesia, are essential to the nourishment of the plant. But plants have also a general appetite for mineral substances, eating freely in addition to the quantity necessary to their proper nutrition. It is said that plants seem to thrive best where their appetite for non-essential mineral food is gratified. Soda is included in this kind of plant food.

JUST NEW

Philip was talking to some grown-ups and was being asked all sorts of questions. He gave out the information that he had a new brother.

Whereupon he was asked how old it was.

"Nothing, he just came yesterday," said Philip.

THE METROPOLITAN URGE

"Why do you insist on going to the legislature? Do you expect to reform anything?"

"No," said Farmer Corntoom. "What I'm after is a good excuse for getting to town a while and looking at the movin' pictures."

Plastic Wood is Better Than Wood.

An English company, allied to the Nobel interests, has put on the market a product, known as plastic wood. This substance can be molded into any shape or form and is easily worked. All that is necessary to repair broken furniture or the like is to form a mold around the break and fill it with plastic wood. After a few hours, the plastic wood is thoroughly dry. The product is then very hard and possesses all the characteristics of wood, except the disadvantageous one of absorbing moisture. This hard mass can be sawn, drilled, planed, chiseled; in fact all sorts of tools can be used on it, and furthermore nails, screws, etc., can be driven into it without any danger of the wood cracking.

Support Room in Hospital.

The activities of Girl Scouts are varied. In Moundsville, W. Va., which has a population of 10,000, a local council has been formed. The scouts, with the assistance of the Rotary club, support a room in the local hospital. They make and contribute all the things for this room, marking each piece with the initials, "G. S." One of the duties of the scouts is to keep the room occupied. They canvass the town looking for eligible patients and see that they are properly cared for. They make a monthly report to the Rotary club of their good turns, and receive from the club its monthly subscription to the hospital room. The town has 200

On the Second Every Second

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"If I Could Speak to Her."

of shops. They proceeded less than half a hundred yards, she disappeared within the broad open doorway of a curio shop.

Young Evans came to a halt, scanned the place so he would remember it and reflected. His environment was a peculiar one. He had been sent to the province as a silk buyer for a Boston house. There were a few English-speaking people in Ayihl. He had met most of these a few evenings since at a social function, Miss Wharton and her brother, Harold, among them. Once having met Eloise, he could never forget her. She had told him that she and her brother planned to leave for Bengay and then the country at once.

There was a warning token of disquiet in the air the days following. Ralph was a comparative stranger in Ayihl and did not entirely understand what it all meant. He noticed, however, very few English-speaking people on the streets and had been told that most of them had gone to Bengay. He inferred that rumors of an uprising of natives in the neighborhood was the cause of this—but this was a permanent cause of unrest in the community, and he did not attach any unusual importance to the rumor.

Now he had seen Miss Wharton, whom he supposed had left Ayihl days previous. To his further wonderment she had disappeared in a native shop. She did not come out for an hour or two. Ralph started and then he became anxious. He entered the place.

A Parsee trader sat on his cushions behind the counter conversing with a dignified visitor, some close friend. He regarded Ralph keenly, but not with any anxiety.

"A friend," the lady, entered your establishment two hours ago," began Ralph.

"It is true," bowed the trader. "If I could speak with her—"

"It is not allowed," spoke the trader gravely. "See," and he showed across

After 134 Years



The 134th anniversary of the inauguration of our first president was marked by a stirring scene as New York School children on April 30th trod the ground upon which Washington stood to make his inaugural address and take oath of office. The statue is located in New York at Broad and Wall Streets, in front of the U. S. Sub-Treasury Building.

WEST TEXAS GIRLS LEADERS IN C. I. A. STUDENT AFFAIRS

In a recent Sunday issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram appeared a photo of the West Texas Club of College of Industrial Arts at Denton, of which Miss Sadie Lindsay, of this city, is a member. The following article appeared alongside of the photo:

Denton, April 28.—West Texas scores heavily at the College of Industrial Arts. Not only are many of its girls numbered among student leaders at the institution, but their club is one of the largest organizations at the college.

Occasional social gatherings, picture shows, dinners and picnics foster the spirit of West Texas here and serve to draw students from there more closely to fellowship. Girls from "out where the West begins" take a particular pride in the section of the State which gave them to the College of Industrial Arts, and anyone of them will confide confidentially to a questioner that she is a committee of one who is striving to bring added credit to the "best part of Texas."

There can be no doubt that West Texas girls are represented in every form of school activity. Miss Sadie Lindsay of Mason, a junior, holds a high office in the Girl Scout organization and has taken a prominent part in other college affairs.

Miss Lydia Eubank of Byrds will appear shortly in a senior reading recital, and is doing especially good work in expression.

Miss Agnes Wyatt of Gorman, a junior, has won honors as a basketball player, and her sister club member, Miss Mary Romans, played on the freshman team last winter. Miss Gladys Keeling of Ovalo is president of the Baptist Students' Union, and besides her leadership in church activities, has starred in athletics.

West Texas girls are thoroughly in favor of the new technological college to be established shortly in their section. It will fill a great need, in their verdict, but as far as taking them from the College of Industrial Arts is concerned, that is—well, that is a different matter.

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CHICKENS

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

BANK COMMITTEE IS STILL WAITING ON BOND MATTER

(Llano News)

Nothing of any material worth has taken place in the banking situation since the last issue of the News. At the present time, as is generally known, the matter of making bond for the state and county money, is practically the only thing in the way, and the committee, as well as others in possession of the facts, feel that if this proposition can be adjusted, then the banks may be opened, provided of course no other obstacle comes up.

It is generally known by the public that the Home National Bank was the designated County Depository. Since its doors have closed, the bond, which all depositaries must make, has expired and now a new bond will have to be made before this matter of reopening can go farther.

Members of the committee have never stopped working, and each day efforts are being put forth along the proper lines, looking to the reopening of the closed banks.

This surely has been a long drawn out proposition, and the patience of everyone concerned has been taxed to the limit.

There is no definite news to be given out on the proposition at this time, but as stated last week, whenever anything has been accomplished that will insure the opening of the closed banks, the News will give the happy greetings to its readers with the first mail going out after such work has been completed.

Try our "merchant's lunch" at 40 cents. Corner Cafe. 7-1fc

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 131f

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

K. M. Eckert, assistant cashier of the First State Bank, of this city, and his sister, Miss Lillie Eckert left Saturday for a visit in Dallas. Mr. Eckert will take advantage of the opportunity while in Dallas to attend the State Bankers' Convention, which opened on Tuesday.

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SCORE OF MASON COUNTY BOYS MADE AT BROWNWOOD MEET

The News announced last week that the Mason County Club Boys stock and grain judging teams won first place at the District Meet held at Brownwood week before last, but was unable to secure the score made by the team and individuals. We give below the score which was handed us by County Agent, W. L. Marschall, coming from District Agent, Arthur L. Smith:

The subjects for judging included Jersey cows, Holstein cows, Shorthorn heifers, Shorthorn cows, Mutton sheep, Ewes, Duroc sows.

Stock Judging Teams—C. Herring, R. Schmidt, R. Weisemann, total number of points 1624 1-2.

Individual score—C. Herring, 1st, 527 points.

R. Schmidt, 494 1-2 points.

R. Weisemann, 543 points.

Grain Judging Team—M. Jordan, H. Schmidt, total score 498.

Individual score—M. Jordan, 247; H. Schmidt, 251.

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Before and After
When she's a sweet young thing with orange blossoms and a long, sweeping, white veil, in everything, the organ strikes up the tune:
"Here Comes the Bride"
About ten or twelve years of marital mending, and the organ might well strike up:
"Here Comes the Brood"

CHICKEN DINNER at the Corner Cafe next Sunday.

J. C. Doyal was here a few days last week from the Mill Creek Ranch to be with his wife, who has been quite sick.

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LADY WAS IN A BAD FIX FROM NERVOUS INDIGESTION

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"Every night, and night after night, I had to take something for a laxative, and it had to be kept up nightly. My side would pain. I looked awful. My skin was sallow and seemed spotted. I would look at my hands and arms, and the flesh looked lifeless.

"I happened to get a Birthday Almanac, so I told my husband I would try the Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few big doses. I felt much better. My liver acted well. I made a good, warm tea and drank it that way. Soon I found

that nervous, tight feeling was going, as was the pain in my side. I found I did not have to take it every night. Soon, after a few weeks, I could leave it off for a week or so, and I did not suffer with constipation. . . I gained flesh. I have a good color, and believe it was a stubborn liver, and that Black-Draught did the work.

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Dr. W. W. Bench attended the State Medical Convention at Fort Worth last week and reports having enjoyed the convention immensely. He said several of the lecturers and speakers on the program at the meeting were extraordinary good.

Louisville Slugger bats and the famous D. & M. baseball goods at the Owl Drug Store. 51-1f

Miss Ruby Norwood, of Fort Worth, was in Mason the past week, visiting with relatives and friends.

Local friends will be interested in learning that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin, of Menard County, are the proud parents of a baby girl, born last Saturday.

ADVICE TO THE AGED
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Mr. and Mrs. Moody Smart, of Pasche, were here a short time last week for a visit with the family of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindsay and among other relatives and friends.

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We desire to express through the News our heartfelt thanks to our many neighbors and friends for their kind assistance and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement and death of our husband and father. Especially do we desire to thank the ministers for their comforting words and the choir for the beautiful songs. We also appreciate the many beautiful floral offerings. May our heavenly father bless each and every one of you. MRS OTTO DONOP AND CHILDREN

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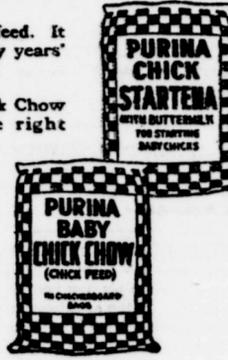
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Sunday's San Antonio Express carried a photo of the graduating class of the West Texas Military Academy, of that city, and among the class is Harold Lemburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Lemburg, and a grandson of Mrs. J. W. Leslie, of this city.

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The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Keith was painfully injured a few days ago while playing ball. The little fellow was serving as catcher in a game of ball without a mask and was struck in the eye with a foul tipped ball. It was stated the injury might be serious and is possible that the eyesight be lost.

RAINES, THE BLACKSMITH

will do your plow work this season for one-third off, for cash. Try my work one time. If my work pleases you, tell others; if not, tell me. 8-1tc

Louis Leifeste was here from his home near Art Wednesday. He stated the need of rain on the farm is now being felt.

We carry a good stock of fine 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.

Dr. Wm. Thaxton who has been stationed in Fort Worth the past couple years, serving the State Sanitary Commission as assistant veterinarian, arrived in Mason recently for a vacation. Dr. Thaxton announces he will practice his profession while in our midst and has been assisting some of the local stock raisers in doctoring sick stock since his recent arrival.

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.

The Specialist in Peaches

By RUBY DOUGLAS

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Tom Craft of the famous Craft Orchard Farm sat back in his chair and pulled at his pipe. "Yes, mother," he said to his wife who sat opposite him, "I have asked Frank Hazen, my old school friend, to come out and spend the summer. He is a government fruit expert, a specialist in peaches, and I'd like to know what ails that new orchard out there. He has not been so well and the knock-off and rest will do him good."

This was such a long speech for her husband to make all at one time that Mrs. Craft looked at him over the rim of her glasses to see if he were quite right.

"Where'll we put him?" she asked, after a minute.

The old house was small and the Crafts had invited a niece to use the front parlor and little adjoining room for a tea room for motorists.

Tom pulled at his pipe. "Why couldn't Julie move upstairs and let Frank have her back room?" he asked.

"I—well, I wouldn't like to ask her to do that after the way she has fixed it all up for herself."

"Tut—tut—Julie'd understand. I'll ask her myself."

And sulking action to words, he called Julie in from her own little quarters where she was arranging a menu for a luncheon party of motorists on the following day.

In her cretonne apron, Julie Henderson probably came nearer to being pretty than she ever did in anything



"Oh—Not the Tea Room, Child."

else. She was essentially plain and a simple little domestic country girl with a knack of putting dishes together and serving them in a homelike fashion

that had won her a reputation among motorists.

"What now, uncle?" she asked.

"Sit down."

Julie sat down reluctantly. She wanted to finish her plans.

"Your uncle is going to ask you to give up your little room to a big hulk of a man, Julie," began Mrs. Craft.

Julie looked from one to the other. "But—of course," she said, lamely. She was beginning to make expenses and was more than interested in her business venture.

"Oh, not the tea room, child," said Craft, hastily. "No—no—the little room off."

Julie breathed freely again. "But I'd give them both up, gladly, uncle. You and Aunt Jennie have been good to let me have them as long as you have."

Mrs. Craft's eyes filled with tears. Julie was always so unselfish. She would have hidden her deepest desires from either of them if she thought an expression would worry them.

"This Mr. Hazen is an expert in peaches and one of the orchards is worrying me a lot this year. He used to go to school with me and has worked in fruit for the government for years. Now he's a little run down and I thought if he'd come out here for a spell he could give me some good advice and have a rest at the same time."

"I think it is perfectly lovely, Uncle Tom, and I'll fix up the room to suit a man. Now it would give him nightmare—it is so feminine."

They talked it all over and Julie insisted on rearranging the room and decorations so as to make it homelike for a man.

"You'd make a home out of a hydroplane," said her uncle when he was called to inspect the room his guest was to occupy. "Why—even an ash tray on a table right at his hand when he lies in bed to read. You do beat the Dutch when it comes to being handy, Julie," he said, pinching her pale cheek.

Frank Hazen arrived and was duly welcomed. He was a quiet, rawboned fellow not much interested in anything but his work.

The four had a country supper prepared by Julie and her aunt and afterward they sat on the porch and talked until the moon came up.

Julie had hoped he would be more attractive since he was to spend so long a time at the orchard.

As the days went on, she learned to see beneath the weary veneer that years of tripping about from farm to farm and from problem to problem in fruit blights had painted over Frank Hazen's personality. She began to watch him warm to the influence of home.

Night after night he sat with her on the porch, the honeysuckle vines just letting the moon peep through when it chose.

Julie's tea house business flourished and Hazen had found the trouble in the new orchard. The summer waned.

As it grew time for motorists not to need a country tea house Julie spoke of going back to the city, where she earned a meager living doing odds and ends for a woman's exchange.

Hazen knew that he had rested. He knew that his usefulness as a peach expert was over for the season.

But neither one wanted to leave the homelike atmosphere of the old Craft orchard.

"It's too bad we can't all stay here," remarked Tom Craft one night when they had been discussing the separation.

STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT

"LOVE'S MASQUERADE"
Featuring Conway Tearle

SATURDAY NIGHT

A MIXED PROGRAM

Two reels Western, "Here's Your Men", two reels of comedy, "Hook, Line and Sinker", one reel, Aesop's fable, "The Farmer and the Ostrich" one reel Pathe Review.

SHOW STARTS AT 8:15 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

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In the twilight, Frank Hazen looked across at Julie. He saw her sigh. It gave him hope of a dream coming true.

"Perhaps—if you, and your wife would slip off to bed early Julie and I might—might find a way out of having to be separated," he said, boldly.

"Why—" gasped Julie.

Mrs. Craft arose. "Come, Tom," she said, "I sort of felt that we were not needed. Good-night, dear."

When they were alone Frank stepped over to Julie's chair. "Was that a very crude way, dear? I am not very fancy, but—I love you. Could we not make this little family permanent? I can see that I am needed here on this big fruit prospect and—you could run your tea house—and me, as well, couldn't you?"

Julie said a great many things that did not have to do with the running of a tea house and at breakfast time there was no talk of a separation but of a rearrangement of the old house after the wedding.

"I told you the peaches out here needed attention," laughed Tom Craft. "And—witness the blush on it now," replied Frank, squeezing Julie's hand beneath the cloth.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

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

- Mrs. B. F. Fellmore 1.50
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The News is thankful to Messrs. Ben Evans and Young McCollum, of the Brady Valley High School, for a nice order of printing for the graduates of that school this term, in connection with commencement exercises which are to be held Friday evening, May 25th. There are five in the graduating class.

Curious Form of Door.

One of the oddest forms of human inventions is the door swinging on hinges at one side. Some weaving insects, such as trap-door spiders, employ a similar device. But nothing is too old or too good to escape the efforts at improvement. A Belgian, Joseph Henri Dierick, invented a door of a new type, consisting of two triangular parts which close together on a diagonal line, running from one lower corner of the door opening to the opposite upper corner. The two parts, or leaves, are pivoted in such a manner that when opened they swing into partitions in the ceiling, leaving an entirely unobstructed passage.

O. M. SMITH FAMILY MOVING TO SAN MARCOS THIS WEEK

The many Mason County friends of the O. M. Smith family will regret to learn that these good people are moving their place of residence to San Marcos. Mr. Smith and family have resided in our midst many years and until recently he was one of the county's most active and successful farmers, having retired a few years ago.

Mr. Smith sold his residence in west end to Mr. Helmet Lang, of the Doss section, and gave the purchaser possession this week.

Mr. Ben Mayo left Tuesday with a truck load of the Smith household furniture for San Marcos and the family will make the trip through by auto.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jackson, a boy, May 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Albert and two children, Viola and Robert Lee, of Gonzales, were guests for several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Larimore this week.

CARDBOARD—BLOTTERS

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

Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Loring acknowledge receipt of a commencement invitation to the exercises of the San Marcos High School to be held Monday evening, May 21st. The favor is from Granville C. McCollum, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. McCollum, and a member of the graduating class from that institution.

The Art Junior base ball team played their last game April 27th, against the Grossville juniors. They have played seven games this year: two with Long Mountain juniors, and Art won both games, 11 to 9 and 23 to 13; two with Mason 7th grade and won both, 14 to 8 and 9 to 0 (forfeit); two with a mixed team from Mason and Art lost one, 15 to 13 and won one, 4 to 3. The last game was won by Art, 3 to 1.—Art Base Ball Team.

Norris Exquisite Box Candy at Mason Drug Company.

Ed Willmann arrived in Mason the first of the week from Eatland for a visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Willmann.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schmidt and children arrived in Mason Sunday from Dallas for a week's visit in the home of Mrs. Schmidt's father, Mr. J. L. Bruce, and among other local relatives and friends.

In speaking of vacation time recently, Superintendent Bennett, stated indications are that practically all of the faculty members of the Mason High School would attend summer school at least a portion of the time.

Spring Time, Auto Driving Time

With the big season of motor driving just ahead every auto owner should have his car put in shape. Let our mechanics give your car the "once over". We'll tell you what you need and treat you right.

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