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MASON SCHOOLS OPEN MON; ENROLLMENT 390

Monday marked the re-opening of the Mason schools for the 1923-24 term of school when several hundred patrons and high school students assembled in the auditorium at the High School Building, where appropriate exercises were held. The grammar school pupils did not assemble at the new building for the exercises, but went to the old building and were immediately assigned to their respective rooms.

The program at the auditorium was opened with a song by the assembly, which was followed by an impressive talk by Dr. Maddox.

Dr. Maddox throughout his address emphasized the importance and advantages of an education and pointed out the necessity of an education in order to keep step with the present generation. He stated that the essentials to success are energy, self-respect, faith and determination, and his advice at the close of his talk was to be loyal to your school, to your town, to yourself for your best interests.

Brief talk was made by E. J. Lumburg, president of the local school board, outlining the efforts that the board is putting forth to make the school a great success. Mr. Lumburg also praised the local Parent-Teachers' Association for the work they have accomplished in connection with the school.

A few remarks by Mrs. Anna Martin were received with hearty applause.

Superintendent P. A. Bennett explained why a general gathering of the grammar school and high school was not held.

Mr. Bennett stated he regretted there were not more parents present for the opening of the school to demonstrate their interest, and to hear what he believed was the duty of parents toward pupils when out of the school room.

After several other remarks in regard to the present year's work, students retired to their respective rooms and selected the courses they will carry this term, and had lessons assigned for Tuesday classes.

The enrollment for the opening day was 390, the high school having 170 and grades 220. However, Mr. Bennett stated he expected the enrollment to reach the four hundred mark by the end of the week, and that within a short time the total enrollment would be between four hundred and fifty and five hundred. Quite a number of pupils have been transferred from different schools over the county to the local schools, and in some instances several students have come from adjoining counties to attend high school here.

The members of the faculty for the present term, are as follows:

Miss Jessie Roark, primary; Miss Ruby Roark, 2nd grade; Miss Otilla Hoerster, 3rd; Miss Willie Mae Brannum, 4th; Miss Willie Wheat, 5th; Miss Winnie Walker, 6th.

High School: L. W. Dumas, S. N. Doble, Misses Theresa Klapproth, Lois Reeves, Floy Brannum, Opal Robertson. Miss Roberson substituting until the arrival of her sister who has been delayed by an attack of influenza.

ECLIPSE OF SUN MONDAY OBSERVED BY MASON PEOPLE

The eclipse of the sun took place (as advertised) on Monday afternoon between 2:30 and 4:00 o'clock. Numbers of Mason people observed the phenomenon by means of smoked glasses, and will vouch for the fact that the astronomers knew their onions when they predicted the event. The eclipse which was caused by the moon passing between the earth and the sun, was not total in Texas, and at its height the sun appeared like a crescent moon, although considerably brighter. Nevertheless, the eclipse caused a perceptible darkening of the daylight, altho the effect was somewhat spoiled by cloudy weather.

The fact that astronomers can make their calculations with such nicety as to predict to the second when the eclipse will occur, how long it will last, and when the next eclipse will take place, is something that causes common mortals to marvel.

One of the Present Day Wonders



10 YEAR COTTON PRODUCTION; MASON CO.

The News was asked a few days ago by a reader regarding the amount of cotton ginned in Mason County in the year 1918. News readers will recall the year 1918 was about the worst year this county has ever seen so far as raising cotton is concerned, and upon looking up the records as compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Cotton Census, we will admit we were surprised to find the production for that particular year was only 930 bales.

For the benefit of News readers who desire to refresh their memories on the cotton production in Mason county for the past ten years, we give below the records as computed by the U. S. Bureau of Cotton Census:

Year	Am't Ginned
1913	4,974
1914	5,008
1915	2,728
1916	3,076
1917	1,552
1918	930
1919	4,800
1920	3,945
1921	1,538
1922	4,328
Total for the ten years	32,888

From the above figures it will be seen the yearly average of cotton produced in this county amounts to 3,288.8 bales when the ten years' production records are summed up. Let's hope the production in the county this year will at least amount to an average crop.

SNAKE BITE CAUSES LOSS OF FINGER TO GAMEL BOY

Last week, R. J. Gamel, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gamel, of the Harper community, and grandson of Mrs. J. W. Gamel, of this city, had Dr. Baze amputate the third finger on one of his hands. The operation was necessitated because of a bite by a rattle snake several weeks ago while at his ranch home.

It is said the young man recovered from the effects of the bite and little was thought of the matter until recently when the finger appeared to be dead. Dr. Baze stated he is of the opinion the finger was bound so tight to prevent a spread of poison when the snake bit him that the tissues of flesh were killed and thereby caused the member to have to be removed.

J. S. King was a business visitor in Dallas the first of the week, buying fall goods for his jewelry store.

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Mr. Tom Ache In A Critical Condition

On Wednesday of this week former Commissioner, M. L. Webster and a number of other Pontotoc citizens came to Mason, bringing Mr. Tom Ache an old citizen of that community, who it is said, has become quite feeble of mind lately, and appeared before the County Commissioners in hopes of gaining information as to what would be proper to do in his behalf.

It is said Mr. Ache is past eighty-nine years of age and for a number of years has been receiving a small allowance from the County towards his support. We are informed Mr. Ache has no relatives in this section and his recent affliction renders him a public charge to his community and it is believed it will be necessary to make some sort of arrangements for his being taken care of.

The Court had taken no action in the matter up to Wednesday noon and none of the members indicated just what course would likely be taken in the matter.

Motor Cop Has Breakdown

T. O. Owens, the motor cop recently employed by this county, stated Wednesday he was compelled to take a couple days layoff this week because of a breakdown to his motorcycle. Repairs were ordered out of San Antonio and in due time Mr. Owens will again be patrolling the highway in the performance of his duties. He stated Wednesday he had made two arrests in the capacity of his office since assuming his duties last week.

49 BALES OF COTTON GINNED HERE UP TO WEDNESDAY NOON

It is announced the number of bales of cotton ginned by the local gins for this season totaled only 49 bales up to Wednesday at noon. The News is informed, of this number, the Mason Ice & Power Company has turned out 28 and the Planters' Gin Company is credited with the remaining 21 bales.

Of the total of 49 bales ginned it is said only 45 have been marketed to local buyers; the remaining three bales are being held by the producer. The staple was bringing 27 cents per pound on the local market Wednesday.

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COMING
 "SMILING THROUGH"
 and
 "JUST TONY"
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COUNTY FATHERS WERE IN SESSION THIS WEEK

The County Commissioners' Court met in regular session last Monday, September 10th, with all members present.

The docket shows the following business disposed of:

A tax of and at the rate of 32 cents on the \$100 valuation of all taxable property located in Mason county was levied to provide for current interest for the sinking fund for the school house bonds recently voted in the Pontotoc Common County Line School District No. 31 of Mason, Llano and San Saba counties.

Accounts were allowed as follows:
 H. Sell, \$142; F. H. Loeffler, \$57.50;
 R. Grosse, \$1.25; Donop Bros., \$1.35;
 Emil Keller, \$25; Mason County News, \$21.05; Donop Bros., \$12.50; Emil Keller, 148.75; C. W. McLane, 12.50;
 H. L. Thames, \$22.50; B. D. Willmann, \$15; Sw. B. T. Co., \$5; R. E. Lee, \$1.50;
 Am. Stationery Co., \$4.25; Chas. Leslie, \$14.20; J. D. Adams & Co., \$1.25;
 R. Grosse, \$19.72; R. E. Lee, \$80; H. J. Hoffmann, \$3.10; Thos. H. Strong, \$4
 H. J. Hoffmann, \$19.98; L. F. Eckert, \$2; Mason Drug Co., \$114.25; Geo. D. Barnard Co., \$1.38; Will Land, \$4.50;
 E. B. Garner, \$3.95; Joe Gresham, \$251.91; J. H. Harkey, \$10; Sam Awalt \$25; Marvin Leifeste, \$25; S. A. Hoerster, \$100; McMurray Lumber Co. \$196.40; Edwin Donop, \$10; Chas. Durst, \$12.50; Frank Jordan, \$31.25; Alvin Donop, \$7.50; Andrew Donop, \$7.50; Henry Hoerster, \$2.50; Aug. Metzger, \$32.35; Aug. Metzger, \$59.40; The Texas Co., \$6.95; T. A. Baker, \$86.35; Aug. Metzger, et al., \$45; Max Metzger, \$2; Aug. Metzger, et al., \$6.85; Edward Ross, \$35.

Special Traffic Officer Employed

The court ordered that T. O. Owens be and is hereby appointed County Traffic officer for a term of two months, and to be allowed as compensation, \$100 per month, payable out of the Highway Fund. Said Owens to be required to furnish his own motorcycle.

Workmen are busy making some repairs to the old Mason House this week. It is announced the front porch will be replaced with a concrete floor and similar improvements will be made to the porches on the rear of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wood and daughter, Miss Mary, spent a short time in Mason a few days ago. Mr. Wood is now in charge of the James River ranch belonging to Max Martin.

MASON CO. WOLF CLUB ACTIVE ORGANIZATION

The directors of the Mason County Wolf Club met in the offices of the Mason National Bank last Saturday and transacted the regular business of this board. Five wolves were paid for, two of which were pups. One of the parties claiming the bounty on the two pups had killed three pups, but as the third pup was killed in Kimble county, out of the jurisdiction of this club, the party did not ask for the bounty, the scalp was turned in to this club. Thus three wolves were destroyed, the only two were paid for by the club.

Since the organization of the Club two years ago there are several new bunches of sheep and goats grazing without herders, on pastures where it would have been folly to place sheep without a herder. There are plenty of men in Mason county who will tell you that they seldom pen their sheep or goats now, while if they had been out a night or more two years ago there would have been at least two or three sheep or goats killed. The financial condition of the Club is good though some have not paid their dues and the directors would be glad to have these men come in and make settlement of their dues now, so that the Club will be on a sound basis before the next annual meeting which will be some time in October.

The prospects are, now, that the Club will be able to run next year on an assessment of one-half cent per acre which will be just as was expected by those in touch with this movement.

Less wolves have been paid for this year than there were the first year; more money has been paid per scalp and the assessment was lower from that of last year, and more new members have been taken in this year. These facts all go towards showing that the club is on a sound basis, that wolves and cats are being eradicated and that the sheep and goat industry in this county is prospering as a direct result of the wolf club.

If you are the owner of a small or large tract of land in Mason County, you should belong to the Club. You may not raise sheep or goats at this time, but the time may come when you will. If the wolves had not been killed out and held down in numbers through the wolf club, it is doubtful if turkeys or other poultry could be raised in this county at this time.

Announcement of the regular annual meeting will appear in this paper in the next few weeks and we ask that you consider joining the wolf club seriously and be in Mason prepared to give in your ranch or farm at the annual meeting in October.

FRANK WILLMANN APPOINTED ASSISTANT PECAN SPECIALIST

Frank J. Willmann, of this city, has recently been commissioned Assistant Pecan Specialist by Hon. Geo. B. Torrell, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Texas. Frank is one of the best authorities on pecan culture in the entire State and Senator Burkett under whose recommendation Mr. Willmann was appointed, could not have made a more wise selection in having a man commissioned for this section of the State.

Mr. Willmann will carry on the work under direction of Mr. Burkett. He states his headquarters will be Mason for the present, although he has been assigned the counties of Mason, Meppard, Kerr, Kimble, Llano and Burnet as territory to work in. Frank states he will begin immediately to inspect the pecan crop of his territory and to investigate relative diseases and insects, in conformity to instructions received from Senator Burkett a few days ago.

Alvin Zesch, son of Mrs. Herman Zesch and a graduate of the Mason High School last spring, expects to leave within a short time for College Station to enter A. & M. for a course in Animal Husbandry.

Mr. J. P. Moneyhon is here from Houston for a few weeks' visit in the home of his son, George.

RICHARD LLOYD JONES SAYS

Hike and Learn



No man can KNOW the earth who has not walked upon it. The boy who drove a tow-mule along the Erie Canal knew New York as no boy can who today rides from Albany to Buffalo on the Empire State Express.

Indians reckoned time by nights (as we do by days), a place was so many nights away. The night measured their march. Walk from night to night across the plains and lay your day's experience upon the map of Africa and you will just begin to sense the lonely vastness of the Sahara's sands.

Life's goldmine is found by tired feet. Get next to earth if you would know it. The youth who is carried reaches manhood handicapped. He has to learn how to march while the battle of life is on.

Kuskin said that the children of the rich often get the worst education of protection, whereas the poor often get the best education for nothing, because they get into the common school of hard knocks.

A tired leg makes the whole world real. It will make a sunset glorious. It is a kind school that sets a boy down in the middle of a wild wood and tells him to walk out.

Privately we commend the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls. Many parents who approve of the "hike" would be the first to protest against its adoption as part of the school curriculum.

Privately conducted they call the "hike" wholesome and a helpful recreation. Publicly conducted they would call it imposition and unwarranted hardship.

Our private impulses are generally right. Our greatest difficulty is what we have not yet learned to do our best things together. The campfire cements the hearts and enriches the memories of comrades as no well-regulated steam radiator will ever do.

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Etiquette

What & When to do it

By A. Leda
Any questions on etiquette will be gladly answered in this column if addressed to Aleda, care of this newspaper.

Some readers from Geneva, Mont., have written me a letter asking for the answers to certain questions. Therefore I shall devote this article to their interests, and it may interest others also.

Dear A. Leda:—
"What is the proper way to refuse a man a dance when you have not yet the next taken and do not wish to be rude?" Simply say this, "Thank you, but I do not think I'll dance this number. I feel a bit tired." That is all that is necessary."

Dear A. Leda:—
"What is the correct way to entertain a young man when he makes an afternoon call?" This all depends on the ability of the hostess. You have often heard the phrase, "over the tea-cups." Well that means five o'clock tea. When that hour arrives, serve your friend with some light drink such as tea or lemonade. A few small cakes or crackers should go with the drink. This gives a delightful chance to talk and get acquainted, but if this becomes tiresome, try a little card game that both know. If your caller prefers to go out, have a croquet game, tennis, or take a long country walk. Afterwards bring him in to have a "little tea." A very pleasant afternoon may be passed this way.

Dear A. Leda:—
"Should one unfold their napkin immediately they are seated at a table, or wait until served?" A guest may put their napkin in their lap as soon as the hostess has taken hers from the table. This is usually immediately. The "unfolding" consists in opening the napkin just once and laying lengthwise across the lap. Never unfold a napkin entirely."

Dear A. Leda:—
"If you are a guest at dinner and spill your glass of water, what should be done or said?" An apology to the hostess is all required. "I am very sorry to have been so very clumsy," or words to that effect is sufficient. If there is no maid, take your partly folded napkin, lay across the wet spot and leave it there. If there is a maid, let her

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Poem by Uncle John

Some folks may think a bride in June is sweeter'n any other bride—while others claim the harvest moon hold virtues not to be denied. . . . Still others, that become engaged from courtship in the regular way, would like to have their weddin' staged along about Thanksgiving Day! If nuptials on an April morn endows the bride with smiles an' tears, December's bride might dwell forlorn—with frosted heart, fer fifty years. . . . And so—with every mouth—we hear some hoodoo in its call or threat—and that's the reason now—I fear—that some of us ain't married yet!

Facts is, there ain't no certain law that governs Cupid in his game; most married folks that I have saw, were tied up, pretty much the same way. . . . And, while the scientific mind explores the matrimonial pulse, we mighty nearly always find that dates don't figure in results. . . . If fellers fail to grab their peach till rosy June has flitted by, I'd stick around in easy reach, an' try to land her in July. . . . There's bliss enough in married life fer lads and lassies, one and all—and, even a plain or common wife is

MR. FORD ANNOUNCES HIGHER RADIATORS FOR HIS 1924 MODEL

Introduction of a higher radiator, bringing new and improved body lines to all types of Ford Cars, is announced by the Ford Motor Company. The changes have just gone into effect and the various types are now in production.

While the large radiator has been made standard on all types and while it has no possible other betterments in body design, there is no radical departure in construction, but rather a

general improvement which has resulted in more graceful lines.

The new radiator sets an inch and a half higher than the former and has an apron at the bottom which joins a similar apron effect of the fender on either side, giving a highly finished appearance to the front of the car. The larger radiator also increases cooling efficiency.

Most conspicuous among the new types is the Ford Coupe which is of entirely new body design and construction, resulting in a more trim exterior appearance, more comfortable seating

arrangement and a greater luggage carrying capacity.

From the dash there is a graceful sweep in the cowl to the radiator bringing a pleasing effect to the front. The doors are wide and open forward making access and exit easy. They are heavily framed for rigidity and strength. The compartment at the rear has been enlarged to afford increased carrying capacity. The gasoline tank is under the seat, with divided cushions to afford easy filling of the tank from the right side making it unnecessary for the driver to leave his seat. Ventilation and a greater luggage carrying capacity.

lator in the cowl and a visor over the windshield add much to the attractiveness of the car. A new rear fender of more sturdy character also is a feature.

Interior fittings are of choice material and the arrangement of the deeply cushioned seat has been effected so that at the rear there is a small recess shelf for carrying parcels. The rear vision window is much larger and oblong in shape. Door windows have been equipped with revolving type window regulators and door locks are provided. Side windows are equipped with the lever type window lifters.

Marked, too, is the improvement in the Four Door Sedan. Highly popular since its introduction a year ago, because of its low, graceful lines, the car now presents even much better lines and a sturdier appearance.

This has been brought about by the installation of an entirely new cowl with a graceful sweep from the dash blending into the larger hood and radiator. The change also affords an increase in leg room for occupants of the front seat.

In the open types, the touring car and runabout, the cowl has been enlarged and flows in a graceful curve to the higher hood.

The result brings a most pleasing effect to the exterior appearance of both types. The improvement in the Touring Car which came when the one man top and slanting windshield were introduced, is greatly enhanced by the larger radiator, the car appearing lower and more attractive than ever. The effect on the roadster is likewise most appealing, giving it a more rugged and sturdy appearance.

CHICKENS

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

Among the Sunday popular amusements we heartily are in favor of seeing suppress are the Sunday automobile accidents.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Medical man says it is entirely possible for one to live to be a hundred and fifty. Ah, yes; but the fly in that ointment is that one has to grow old to do it.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Uncle John's Josh

THERE'S ALWAYS GOT TO BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CO-OPERATION WHEN A WOMAN'S MAKING A FOOL OUT OF A MAN!



An Educator at Home

Smithson: "The Universal language, now spoken in twenty-three different tongues, has been accepted and has registered its astonishing growth since April 7, 1917—or thereabouts. It is known as 'hopping anguish,' 'leaping disaster,' 'spotted caramels,' 'freckled ivory,' or 'rolling bankruptcy.' It comes in sets, and if presented jointly to utter strangers, will have them so well acquainted in fifteen minutes they will be fighting like old friends. It—"

Mrs. S.: "Man, what are you talking about?"

Smithson: "I'm talking about the great American game, 'craps,' that wharf ping-pong which started in Alabama, and has now spread to all parts of the world."

Never Noticed Before

Judge: "Aren't you ashamed to be seen in this court room—a man of your seeming ability to appreciate the better things?"

Prisoner: "Now that you ask me, judge, I believe this blooming place does need a little paint and fixing up."

Another Viewpoint

A vacationist in Arkansas was attracted to a native who kept driving a lank, lean pig up one lane and down another. Unable to control his curiosity longer, he walked to the fence. "Say, neighbor, I know it is none of my business, but why are you driving that pig up and down these lanes—it seems such a waste of time?"

"Huh—a pig's time ain't worth nothing. Gitep."

Figure This Out

Customer: "Have you that piece, 'Yes, We Have No Bananas'?"

Music Clerk: "No, we have no, yes, we have no bananas."

Important Point

Office Boy: "Your wife phoned she wanted to see you about five"

Boss: "Yes. Dollars or o'clock."

Confessing

Mother: "Tommy, why don't you go out and play with that new little boy next door?"

Tommy: "I don't think he is well enough to be out yet. I played with him yesterday."

Modern—Yea, Modern

Mame: "What kind of eyes do you like in man? Do you like brown, blue, black or gray eyes?"

Sade: "I don't care what color eyes they have—so long as they have 'green backs.'"

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

It is to be hoped that cheaper gasoline will not mean more numerous funerals.—Rochester Herald.

BUY AT HOME

I've bought goods at Glasgow, Belfast and Cork, London and Liverpool, and then in New York; I've purchased in Paris, yes, even in Rome, but I can say truly, there's no place like home. I've sent to Chicago, I'm sorry to say. I got what I ordered, but first had to pay. When the boxes were opened I stood there alone and said to myself, goods are better at home. The stove that I sent for had only 3 legs. What's the use of a stove if it hasn't its pegs. When I looked in the oven it was cracked in the dome, then I wished to old Mike I had bought it at home. I'm now all filled up on this buying away; I now buy where I sell my butter and hay. If the Lord will forgive me no more will I roam; hereafter I'll spend all my dollars at home.—Exchange.

Jimmy Writes

Jimmy Green wrote to his mother who was visiting friends in the next county. "Dear Mom: I'm well and hop you are the same. You know Archie metgar's neck, well we was fishing in the pond Saturday and he fell in up to it. I hurte my hand Thursday because the teeth billie Jones unto have was aful sharpe. I saw a man in a automobile turn turtle the other day right near the aquarium. The gas was leaking in the kitchen the other day but it's alright now. I put a pan under it, jimmy."

Eat where the eats are eatable. Corner Cafe. 7-1fc

BEFORE COLLEGE—WHAT?

A vast amount of the chatter about a college education is hallyhoo. Parents with youngsters in kindergarten are already talking about the wonders the college is going to accomplish for their progeny. Folks with children in primary, intermediate, and high schools spend more time prognosticating about B. A. degrees than they devote to ascertaining the deportment of Jack and Mary and Hiram in their respective grades. Arithmetic, geography and writin'—to them—are a mere soap of the finger, while chemistry and geology and higher mathematics are the only big explosions in the educational melodrama.

In matters of education it is only the present that matters; the future can take care of itself. And education is education wherever it is found. The A. B. C.'s are even more useful in the college course than they are in the first grade, although they are ordinarily taken for granted. So it is from A to Izzard. Strong, thorough training in the public schools will mean strong, thorough mastery of the college subjects. And if, perchance, fate orders the boy to work before he reaches the freshman year of an institution of higher learning, he will be equipped with a firm foundation. In other words, he will know what he knows.

It is said the American people are spending \$22,000,000,000 annually on luxuries. And yet they whimper when it is suggested that they spend more than \$1,000,000,000 a year on schools. These same American people—so many of them—like to play the game of checkers in which they jump their youth from kindergarten to college, and then expect that youth to sweep the board.—Texas Farm & Ranch.

TWPEWRITER RIBBONS

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Nice screen doors and galvanized screen wire. R. Grosse. 7

My community is the place where my home is founded, where my children are educated, where my income is earned, where my friends dwell and where my life is chiefly lived. I have chosen it after due consideration, from among all the places on the earth. It is the home spot for me. Here let me live until death claims me. Then let my neighbors say I was a friend to man.—Farm Bureau News.

Perhaps the best definition of a "profiteer" is a business man who made \$3,000,000 during the war and lost \$10,000,000 during the post-war liquidation period.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

"COLD IN THE HEAD"

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It's the dollar banked from your wages that will make you successful—not the dollar spent from the wages. Just bear that in mind.

MASON NATIONAL BANK



From Mason News, Sept. 16, 1898: Young, who is now wiring local houses preparatory for electric lights.

John Wartenbach returned Saturday from Oklahoma where he has been working for M. Fulton.

The high school enrollment the first week was 227.

J. F. Schaeg has sold his saddlery business to Schuessler & Kothmann.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hoerster will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday.

Little Geo. Grandstaff was bitten on the heel last Sunday by a rattle snake.

Will Bridges is here from Chickasha, I. T., to spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. R. J. Baze, and to attend the local school.

Gratton Crosby goes to Brownwood this week to meet his mother who has been visiting in Indian Territory.

Wm. Schwirth, of San Antonio, came in Monday with electrician

From Mason News, Sept. 11, 1908: Miss Josie Bickenbach has accepted a position with the firm of E. Lemburg & Bro.

Sterling King returned Wednesday from a trip to El Paso.

Miss Alice Lee left Monday for San Marcos to attend the normal.

The Mason Public School opened Monday with an enrollment of 226.

Tuesday evening last, Mr. Cas Brown and Miss Olga Schmidt were united in marriage.

Marriage License—Mr. Lee Crutsinger and Miss Bertha Mayo; Mr. R. Miers and Mrs. L. C. Cunningham.

Arthur Hazel and family left this week for their home in Oklahoma, after a visit in Mason.

Editorial
The Community That is Eager to be Better is Destined to be Bigger

Path to Public Good Will

Progressive American railroads have come to realize that the best way to cultivate the good will of the public and to take insurance against misunderstanding of railroad problems is to talk directly to the public through the advertising columns of the press and especially through the weekly newspapers, which directly reach travellers and shippers along the railroad line.

They have come to sense the fact that statements made in authoritatively signed advertising must be truthful, because the public can so easily check up anything that may be misleading. Following the progressive lead of the Long Island Railroad, this policy has now been adopted by the largest railroad system in the south, the Southern Railway System.

"The Southern serves the south" is the well-known slogan of this great railroad, with 8,300 miles of lines extending into every southern state. The Southern recognizes that its own prosperity is inseparably bound up with that of the south, and its published announcements in the advertising columns of the newspapers, it is expected, will bring the Southern and the communities it serves closely together.

Unquestionably, other systems should follow this general plan of talking frankly to the public, though there are evidences that some roads still cling to the hope of putting special messages across by means of free publicity. As a fact, there is nothing so beneficial, nothing so honest, as frankly signed, paid advertising, when the good will of the public is sought.

The Long Island and the Southern are to be congratulated for their forward vision.

\$1,000,000 A Week for Chewing Gum

The people of the United States spend upwards of one million dollars a week for their chewing gum, and the habit is still growing.

The value of the product turned out of the factories of America is a little more than double that of the pre-war year 1914, which was the first year the Government condescended to notice the chewing gum industry.

The girls of this and other towns, when they sat in the movies and chewed their gum while their favorite star made love in alluring twilight, little dreamed the effect they were having on the prosperity of their country. Dignified England laughed at her, and her "deplorable chewing habit," but while the sedate Briton was consciously in the mood of derision he was unconsciously falling by the wayside. The year 1920 saw the British flapper, really the original of the species, consuming American gum to the tune of \$1,120,000 wholesale value. And so the story runs. France in the same year took \$383,000 worth, and other European countries consumed proportionate quantities. Only the consumption of Germany was small, the total figure being \$260. The amount of the capital invested shows beyond doubt that the habit has come to stay. Perhaps no industry has shown a more remarkable growth. Certainly no industry presents a more potent argument to prove the telling effect of advertising.

CRIMINAL COURT DOCKET

TAKEN UP WEDNESDAY

(Junction Eagle)

At the opening of District Court Wednesday morning, the Judge announced that the criminal docket would be taken up. The case of the State vs. E. A. Loeffler was set for Monday, and the case of W. T. Bishop set for Thursday.

On motion of the District Attorney, a special venire of 72 men was ordered, returnable Friday of this week, in the Loeffler case, and a special venire of the same number for the Bishop case, returnable the same day.

The case of the State vs. K. D. Richardson was the first called. The jury was selected and trial begun about 10 a. m.

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 131-17

Try our "Fruit" Ice Cream. Mascoe Drug Company. 122

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. I. Johnson. 31-12

Mr. and Mrs. Draper Green and children have moved here from Mason and are living in the L. T. Cave house in southeast Eden. Mr. Green is a brother of Arthur and Dee Green, the City barbers. He came here to accept a position with the J. F. Day dry goods store, and to get benefit of our good school. We are glad to welcome them to our city as they are the kind of people that we most desire.—Eden Echo.

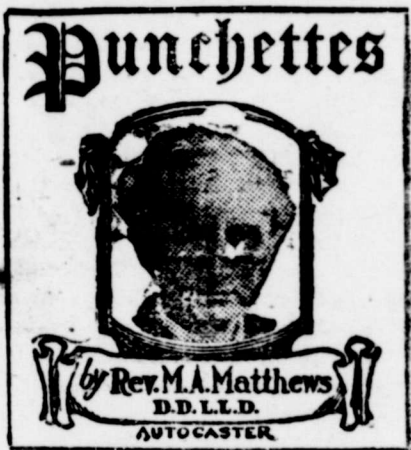
When renewing your subscription to your daily or semi-weekly paper or for farm papers and magazines; hand the business to the News. We will appreciate the favor.

SOMETHING NEW

Whitman's Pink Package at MASON DRUG COMPANY. 45

Mrs. M. A. Hamilton is here from Chickasha to visit her mother, Mrs. B. Todd.

A. Tinsley was in from the King farm with cotton Wednesday and says he expects to make 30 bales.



YOUR BELEIF

You are constantly confronted with the question, What is the matter with political parties, churches and individuals?

It matters little how many answers you give to the question, you will be compelled to recognize this fundamental answer, namely: The serious defect today is the lack of a deep, abiding, controlling, dynamic belief, "as a man thinks, as a man believes, so is he."

You haven't any political parties today, because the only politics we have in America is the politics of the "ins" and the politics of the "outs."

Where is the man who believes more in the constitution than he believes in anything else? Where is the man who will fight and die to establish the principle of representative government?

The same is true with the average church. Men ought to be willing to fight for their creed, fight for their belief, teach and practice their doctrines of orthodoxy and of personal righteousness.

The same defect is manifested in the individual.

Why are so many young men drifting? Because they are not anchored to a belief. No man has ever risen to power and position who hated dogma, who spurned doctrine, or who disbelieved. There is no permanency nor power in unbelief; there is no greatness, or prestige, or influence in disbelief.

America needs men who believe in something, who will never yield to expediency, who will never surrender to compromise, and who will never fall a victim to the blinding smiles of Mr. Adjustment.

Things are right or wrong. They cannot be both. No one will ever amount to the snap of a finger until their life is controlled by a great belief. The greatest of all is belief in God, belief in Christ, belief in the Holy Ghost, belief in the infallible Bible. Let these four great beliefs constitute your creed. You will become impregnable.

Bring Your Car To Us

THIS IS TO INFORM OUR PATRONS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT WE HAVE SECURED THE SERVICES OF MR. LEON MAYO AS A MECHANIC AND, WITH MR. CONALLY, ARE PREPARED TO GIVE YOU QUICKER SERVICE. WE HAVE INSTALLED AN ACETYLENE WELDING OUTFIT, AND ARE PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF WELDING.

Wood Auto Co.

Society

Miss Martin Honored

The handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin was the scene of one of the prettiest parties of the season, when Mrs. Kurt Martin entertained last Wednesday in honor of Miss Ruth Martin, a bride-of-the-week.

The color scheme of pink and white was effectively carried out. The large reception hall, dining room and parlor were thrown en suite, and lovely vases and handkerchiefs filled with flowers and pot plants added to the beauty of the home.

Seven tables were arranged for bridge and forty-two and a number of interesting and jolly games were played, at the conclusion of which, Mrs. Walter Lindsay held high score in bridge and received a beautiful Madeira center piece, while Mrs. K. M. Eckert received a deck of cards as a trophy prize.

Miss Anna Martin was the lucky lady at forty-two and received a pretty floor knocker. Mrs. Oscar Hensch held low score and was consoled with card game numbers. Mrs. Will Ellebracht won consolation prize which was two Madeira handkerchiefs.

As honor guest, Miss Martin received a set of hand painted window shades and ornaments.

Those present to enjoy the dainty salad and ice course served by Mrs. Martin were Meses, Anna Martin, Max Martin, Oscar Hensch, C. D. McMillan, Tom Pluenecke, Walter Martin, K. M. Eckert, W. I. Marschall, Walter Lindsay, Elgin Eckert, Roscoe Runge, Irvin Ellebracht, Mike Jennings, Arch Metzger, John Lindsay, Leo Gugenheim of Dallas, Will Ellebracht of San Antonio, and M. D. Loring; Misses Ruth Martin, honoree, Sadie Lindsay, Margaret Bierschwale, Julia Bierschwale, Marie Brockman, Mary Lemburg, Hilda Lemburg, Russell Knolle, Pearl Land and Esther Martin.

Bride of Week Honored

Mrs. Walter Lindsay entertained with a charmingly appointed miscellaneous shower and bridge party Thursday afternoon in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Wes Smith, complimenting Miss Ruth Martin.

Bridge was played in the sun parlor, decorated with cut flowers and pot plants.

A dainty salad course was served the following ladies; members, Meses, S. L. Baze, K. M. Eckert, W. I. Marschall, Tom White, Elgin Eckert, P. A. Bennett, John Lindsay, M. D. Loring; Misses Ruth Martin, honoree, Mary Lemburg, Elizabeth White; guests, Misses Margaret Bierschwale, Sadie Lindsay, Russell Knolle, Edith Bellows, Meses, Irvin Ellebracht, Kurt Martin, Sterling Schmide, Neal Coleman of San Antonio, D. G. Brillhart of Cameron, Mo., Ky Walker.

Next meeting of Club will be with Mrs. W. I. Marschall.

Mrs. Will Ellebracht, who has been in this city the past month visiting her daughter, Mrs. Martin D. Loring, returned to her home in San Antonio this week.

Little Folks Entertained

Quite a crowd of little people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Metzger on Thursday afternoon of last week to celebrate little Miss Maggie's eleventh birthday anniversary.

After playing various games, delicious ice cream and cake were served to Mary Cecile Lawson, Margaret Martin, Louise Breazale, Daisy Dean Souquist, Dorothy Gamel, Lucille Probst, Dorothy Zesch, Evelyn Willmann, R. C. Doell, R. J. Gamel, Zenada Beach, Olivia Donon, Lillian Beach, Juanita Lemburg, Virginia Eckert, Ruben Daumheim, John Keller, Frances Lange, Percy Metzger, Lindsay Brown, Henry Pluenecke, John Millaire, Ruth Heinrich, Margaret Wartenbach, Ruby Daumheim, Berty Land, Lucille Womack of Brady, and the little hostess.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION WILL MEET NEXT MONDAY

The Parent-Teachers' Association will meet Monday afternoon, September 17th, at 3 o'clock, at the High School building. All old members are expected to be present and a special invitation is extended to all "mothers of the school", who are not members.

Meet with us Monday; get acquainted with your teachers and help make this a banner school year!

Many Mason people received quite a pleasant surprise one day last week when one of Mason's boys showed up in the person of Tom Payne. Tom was accompanied by his bride and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. Tom and Miss Hattie Greenway, of Abilene were married on Sunday, Aug. 2nd, and when passing through Mason last week were en route to their home in Abilene after having spent a few days' honeymoon in San Antonio.

Bridal Party Entertained

The members of the Martin-Ziegler bridal party were quite delightfully entertained with a buffet supper last Friday evening, following the rehearsal with Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin host and hostess.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office

THE HOME GUARDS

Livergard and Lungardia

LIVERGARD is the New Laxative we can not improve; excels all others. When a Laxative is needed, makes laughing babies of puny ones, keeps old folks young.

LUNGARDIA has no equal for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat; unsurpassed in removing deep Coughs of long standing. One trial convinces. Lungardia Co. Dallas, Texas. For sale by Mason Drug Company.—Adv.

MISS MAYBELLE LORING

Instructor of

PIANO, VIOLIN, VOICE, EXPRESSION, ETC.

Wishes to announce to the public and to her former patrons that she will begin giving lessons Monday morning, September 17th, and that her studio will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Metzger.

MARTIN-ZIEGLER WEDDING SOLEMNIZED SAT. EVENING

The marriage of Miss Ruth Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin, of this city, and Mr. Thad C. Ziegler, of San Antonio, was solemnized Saturday evening, September 8th, at seven o'clock at the Lutheran church, of Mason. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with potted plants and ferns. A very artistically arranged arrangement representing a rainbow canopy covering the altar and tall wicker baskets filled with beautiful flowers ornamented it on either side. With Miss Edith Burton at the organ, the bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's march, led by the ushers, Messrs. Allan Doell, Arch Carter, Harold Zesch and C. C. Smith. The groomsmen, Messrs. Conliffe Simpson, Graham Peck, Carroll Palmer and Kurt Martin approached the altar from a side entrance and were joined by the bridesmaids, Misses Bernice Ziegler, Grace James, Marjorie Russell, and Julia Bierschwale, who preceded the matrons of honor, Mrs. Kurt Martin and Mrs. Roy B. Inks. Following the matrons of honor and immediately preceding the bride, were the flower girls, little Misses Emily Ruth Martin and Billie Bell Loring, who wore delicate pink chiffon frocks. The bride entered on the arm of her father and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Barto Arnold.

Miss Ziegler wore a pretty gown of apricot chiffon; Miss James' gown was of coral chiffon; Miss Bierschwale's was of pink chiffon and Miss Russell was attired in pale green chiffon and the matrons of honor, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Inks were respectively gowned in orchid and salmon chiffon. All of the bride's attendants wore wreaths of silver in their hair and silver slippers, and each carried bouquets of pink roses. Master Billie Martin, train bearer wore a white linen suit.

Preceding the ceremony, with Miss Burton at the organ, Mrs. W. W. Russell, sang from the balcony, "At Dawning," as a nuptial solo.

The ceremony was very impressively read by Rev. M. Heinrich, the ring ceremony being used.

The bride was luxuriously gowned in real heavy embroidered white satin, beaded with pearls, and the bridal veil was of beaded marquisette gathered with orange blossoms. She wore silver slippers and carried a huge bouquet of bride's roses.

The church decorations were arranged by Mr. Carroll Palmer, interior decorator, of San Antonio, and a member of the bridal party.

Following the ceremony the bridal party, accompanied by relatives and friends, repaired to the recently completed and spacious new home of the bride's parents, where congratulations were profusely offered and an inspection made of the beautiful and magnificent array of wedding gifts.

A reception followed, with Meses, W. W. Lindsay and Martin D. Loring presiding at the punch bowl. The bride cut the cake and the ring went to Miss Brown, of San Antonio, Mrs. Walter Lindsay received the heart and Mrs. Irving Cutter, of San Antonio cut the button.

The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Marjorie Russell. Each of the guests were served a salad course.

Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler left shortly after eight o'clock for Brady, where they took the train for a two weeks' absence during which they will visit the principal cities of the State, spending the major portion in Galveston, after which they will go to San Antonio to make their home. The bride's going away gown was a navy blue pique tulle with gray embroidery and gray accessories.

Included in the out-of-town guests were Mrs. E. Green Ziegler, Mr. Con Taylor, Mr. Earle Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arnold, Miss Clara Arnold, Mrs. Max Krueger, Mr. Carl Krueger, Mrs. Irving Cutter, Mr. Roy Inks, Miss Allie Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bihl and two daughters, Miss Clyde Brown, and Mrs. Leo Gugenheim.

In a ball game played on the Simonville diamond last Sunday between the Simonville team and Kott's Garage, of Fredericksburg, the Simonville team was winner by a score of 8 to 7. Quite a crowd from Mason went down to see the game which was a splendid exhibition.

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

DR. W. M. THAXTON
Veterinarian
MASON - - BRADY

General Rally Held at School House Wed'day

The opening of school was not the only thing that took place at the school house auditorium this week. For on Wednesday morning there was held a general rally in the auditorium under the direction of Miss Lois Reeves. This meeting was called for the purpose of stimulating interest in the school as well as the athletics for the school. From the way the pupils and others participating in this rally demonstrated their enthusiasm, it appeared all the interest was there, and must be curbed rather than stimulated, but we can't have too much interest.

The program consisted of several short talks from teachers, from pupils and from citizens of the town. The subject of football and foot ball discussion brought many loud and vehement cheers. The spirit manifested at the rally was to the effect that all hands are on deck, ready to do their part, not only the players, but rooters and general supporters. This is all that Mason needs to attract Statewide attention in this popular college sport. We have the material that will make the best foot ball team in the State if the citizens and the school will stay behind the team. In a later issue some mention of the prospective team men will be made.

At the rally above referred to Miss Olga Fae Wood was elected yell leader of the girls' section of rooters and Clayton Schmidt was elected as yell leader for the boys' section.

Messrs. Dumas and Doble will act as coaches of the team, and we have all confidence in their ability, and look forward to a team that will do its best, and that is all we want.

There is one thing more that we do want, and that is lots more meetings like the one above mentioned, and we want the patrons of the school and citizens of the town to take interest in them so that we will not only stimulate interest in athletics, but in every matter that concerns the school.

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.

The News handles cardboard in assorted colors, carbon paper, blotting paper, shipping tags, typewriter ribbons Steko-O Paste Powder, and bond paper is our "long suit".

MASON'S GREATEST NEED—A MODERN HOTEL.

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100 pounds of Ammonium Sulphate is equal to 4000 pounds of Barnyard fertilizer—Just received shipment and can supply you for your fall needs.

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NEW FALL AND WINTER Dry Goods

We invite the people of Mason and surrounding community to visit our store and inspect our splendid and complete stock of FALL and WINTER merchandise.

In purchasing our goods we have kept the needs of the buying public ever in mind and we feel that no store can better supply your needs.



We call your special attention to our line of ALL LEATHER SHOES and CLOTHING for school wear.

E. Lemburg & Bro.
DRY GOODS GROCERIES

Betty Was Partly to Blame

By RUBY DOUGLAS

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"Oh, Miss Betty, de dog have done killed one of the white folks' chickens nex' door." Black Martha stood making a miff of her checked apron as she spoke to her young mistress.

"Another? Oh, dear, Martha, what shall I do with him?" Betty was in despair.

Sandy was her pet colle, and, since the advent of neighbors with chickens, he had been guilty of thieving and killing; two inherited traits, Betty had no doubt.

She went outside to find the sand-colored pup wagging his tail in great pride and calling attention to the feathered animal he had placed on the steps for approval.

"Sandy, Sandy, Sandy!" cried Betty. The dog's tail stopped as suddenly as if it had had an emergency brake upon it. He knew the meaning of his mistress's tone of voice, and he gathered at once that he had done something deplorable, rather than something commendable as he had supposed.

"Bring me the leash, Martha," said Betty. "I'll go at once and apologize."

She snapped the strap to the dog's collar and started across the field toward the neighbor's garden. An old-fashioned stile separated the two places, and Betty, speaking never the usual friendly word to her pet, climbed over it and sought the side door of the neighbor's house.

"Are you—that is, do you own the chickens?" she asked somewhat abruptly of a man who was coming toward her.

The man removed his cap, and Betty observed that his closely cropped curls were nearly the color of Sandy's coat. She would have named him Sandy, too, had he been hers to name.

"I do not own them, but I care for them and have an interest in them," he said, smiling. "Hello, boy," he added to Sandy, who was meekly standing by his mistress.

"You won't 'hello, boy' him when I tell you why I've come over," Betty went on. "He has just killed one of your chickens."

"Bad dog, isn't he?" replied the young man, petting the animal's crest-fallen head.

"Of course, I am partly to blame," apologized Betty. "He killed one once before and I did not use the drastic punishment I was told was the only cure for chicken-killing dogs."

"What is it, may I ask?"

"Oh, it is dreadful. They told me to tie the dead chicken about his neck as closely as I could and to confine him, thus, in a warm place for three days, not giving him anything to eat. The chicken would, of course, get uncomfortably—odorific—even worse, you know, and he would learn to hate the sight of a chicken, so that he would never again try to kill one. Did you ever hear of that?"

"I have—and it works. Shall we—do you want me to help you to punish the dog?" the man asked.

Betty looked serious for a moment. "Is it the only way, you think?"

The man nodded. "It is. He's a fine chap and worth breaking of the habit. I am here only temporarily, on sort of a vacation and taking care of the place for my friends, the Jacksons. If I like chicken raising I may go in for it. My name is Maxfield—Donald Maxfield."

Betty bowed prettily. "I'm sorry you're having such a troublesome beginning to your vacation," she said.

"I'll soon put a stop to that sort of trouble if you'll leave the dog with me for three days. What's his name?"

"Sandy. Sandy, shake hands with Mr. Maxfield." The dog, a little cheered by his mistress' friendly tone, did as he was bidden.

"He and I'll be great friends—after the punishment's over. I know all about dogs, you know."

When Betty left her pet in the hands of the stranger her eyes were filled with tears. "Don't be too hard on him—you know I'm partly to blame," she said, a lump in her throat.

At the end of the third day Martha came to Betty's room to say that the young man next door had brought back the dog and that he would like to see Miss Betty.

Betty, having somehow or other put on her prettiest frock and arranged her hair in its most fetching fashion, descended the broad colonial stairway slowly.

Sandy fairly leaped at her. She bent down to hug and pet him and led the way into the big room, where a fire was crackling. "He's so thin," was all she could say.

"Yes—but I think he is cured. If you could have seen him while I set him free from the awful burden around his neck and if you could have witnessed his gratitude when I gave him a good old-fashioned Saturday night

bath you would not be sorry for his loss of flesh," laughed Donald.

"Oh—it is so good of you," Betty began. She was recalling her manners after all.

They sat by the fire and laughed and talked while Sandy was given the best meal of his career.

"I like this part of the country," Donald was saying.

"Couldn't you—stay, perhaps?" Betty asked.

"If I do—you'll be partly to blame, Miss Betty, for I had no intention of remaining here for more than two weeks."

"I seem to be partly to blame for most everything," sighed Betty.

"I don't doubt you're to blame for much, even though I know you very slightly," said Don, meaningly.

Betty mended the fire for something to do. Her mother and father would be home from the post office soon in the family car and she wanted to be in a properly casual state of mind to introduce them to their new neighbor. She had told them of Sandy and the punishment.

"Wouldn't you like to stay and have dinner with us? Father will be able to tell you much about farming out this way. He's always lived here."

Donald remained to dinner. He remained far into the evening and when he left Sandy escorted him to the stile but would go no farther.

"Thereafter he came frequently, and always the dog would go as far as the dividing hedge and refuse to budge. It was the dead line.

"But—suppose I should be able to buy this place from my friends—they're not so keen on the country as they thought they would be—why, what about Sandy?" asked Donald one moonlight night when Betty had gone as far as the stile with him.

"What of it?" she asked innocently.

"Why, you know what of it, Betty." He tipped her chin up and held it until she looked at him. "You know very well that I shall never buy this place unless you and Sandy come over to live in it with me. I love you—I love you."

Betty sat down on the steps of the stile. "Why, Don, I—"

"Yes—you are, you are to blame for this whole business. Will you take your punishment by having me forever?"

"I can't be less of a sport than—Sandy," she said.

CANDLES RECORDED THE TIME

Alfred the Great Insured Equal Division of the Day by Definite Quantity of Wax.

It is recorded of Alfred the Great, who lived in the Ninth century, A. D., that he was very methodical in his employment of time, and in order to insure a careful attention to his religious duties as well as his kingly duties, he divided the day into three parts, giving one part to religious duties, one to the affairs of his kingdom, and the remainder to bodily rest.

To secure an equal division of the day he procured a definite quantity of wax, which he had made into six candles of twelve inches in length and all of uniform weight, for he found that each inch of candle would burn for twenty minutes—one candle for each four hours.

This was an approach toward accuracy, and it was effective for night use as well as for the daytime.—Pearson's Weekly.

Therefore, Nothing Doing.

A certain Scottish minister in a West Highland parish had never been known to allow a stranger to occupy his pulpit.

On one occasion, however, an Edinburgh divinity student, who happened to be spending a few days in the parish, called at the manse on the Saturday and asked the minister if he might be allowed to preach the following day.

"My dear young man," said the minister, laying a hand on his shoulder, "gin I let ye preach the morn and ye gie a better sermon than me, my folk wad never again be satisfied w' my preaching; and gin ye're nae a better preacher than me, ye're no' worth listening tae."

Settled Germ Theory.

A healthy baby was seated in a pool on the beach. Now and then he would grab some of the sand, and put it in to his mouth. The mother was sitting by reading. A nervous gentleman contemplated the urchin with no little perturbation.

"Do you allow him to do that?"

"Oh, yes," responded the mother brightly. "He did it all last season. Sometimes he even swallows a little. It doesn't seem to hurt him."

"Thank you, madam. You have done me a real favor. I won't worry so much about germs after this."

Curious London Trades.

The London Blue Book is a ponderous tome, but contains some curious information. London has a solitary fisherman, who lives in a suburb at

Wadsworth; it has one woman blacksmith, who works in Shoreditch; and there is one woman bricklayer, who resides at Deptford. There are two London women who are gasfitters' laborers. While the county of London has but one fisherywoman, the city of London (proper) has but one fisherman. Among the queer trades are "beeklers," "jacquard punchers," "plunkers," "teasers," "slushers," "scratch-brushers."—Scientific American.

His Point.
Economic Hub—Why spend money for bacon? It curls up almost to nothing, and provides little nourishment anyhow.

Wife—Oh, I love the odor of it. Our neighbors have it every morning and I can smell it cooking.
Economic Hub—Exactly. Then why buy it?—Boston Transcript.

Falite.
Dilapidated Dodge—Pardon me, sir, but have you seen a policeman round here?

Polite Pedestrian—No, I am sorry.
Dilapidated Dodge—Thank you. Now, will you kindly hand over your watch and purse?—Exchange.

BATTLE OF SIDNEY STREET

Story of Fight in the Toughest Quarter of the London White-chapel.

Greve Street and Sidney Street in Whitechapel, a quarter of London in England, is about the toughest quarter in the world. In its dilapidated houses, with forbidding fronts, are the meeting places of scores of radical societies, anarchists and communists, as well as gangs of thieves and criminals of all kinds and character.

Few persons remember about the "Battle of Sidney Street," which took place several years ago. Police had planned to raid a house in which were a number of violent anarchists, led by a Russian character, called "Peter the Painter."

The anarchists barred the doors and windows and opened fire on the police. Soldiers were mustered for the fight. They swarmed into the houses on the other side of the street, built defenses on the pavement, and from every vantage point poured a steady fire into the anarchist stronghold, every window of which was shattered.

The besieged replied with their rifles and automatics until their ammunition gave out. Then the attackers saw a haze of smoke pour lazily out of the windows. In a short time volumes of black smoke issued from the windows, through the crevices of the roof and sidings. Soon the place was a furnace from top to bottom.

When the house was a heap of ruins, the police and soldiers found the charred bones of the anarchists. They had lighted their own funeral pyre.

Such was the famous "Battle of Sidney Street," which took place in the heart of London.

TROWBRIDGE AND QUILL PEN

Author of "Darius Green and His Flying Machine" Once a School Master.

J. T. Trowbridge, author of "Darius Green and His Flying Machine," was in his early life once a "school master" in Lockport, N. Y. In those days quill pens were in use, and during the half hour given to the writing lesson the prevailing silence was broken by the scratching of nibs, and the frequent appeal, "Mend my pen, Master? Please mend my pen?" Mr. Trowbridge says in a book on his own life, entitled "My Own Story":

"Skill in pen-mending was one of the teacher's indispensable accomplishments; he was likewise required to write the learner's copy. Mere drudgery much of this was, and it would have been intolerable to my youth and inexperience and sensitive nervous-sanguine temperament, but for the double necessity of doing my duty to those under my charge, and of earning my humble salary—sixteen dollars a month that season. Yet the pleasure in some of my work atoned for much of the annoyance attending the rest."

Important Question.
A man was arrested on the charge of robbing another of his watch and chain. It was said that he had thrown a bag over his victim's head, strangled and robbed him. There was so little evidence, however, that the judge quickly said:

"Discharged!"
The prisoner stood still in the dock, amazed at being given his freedom so soon.

"You're discharged," repeated the judge. "You can go. You are free."

Still no word from the prisoner, who stood staring at the judge.

"Don't you understand? You have been acquitted. Get out!" shouted the judge.

"Well," stammered the man, "do I have to give him back his watch and

RANCH WANTED

I want to lease four to six thousand acre sheep ranch near Mason, Menard, Sonora, Rock Springs or North of Hondo. C. W. Fenstermaker, Tr. 6060-302-03 Hicks Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

NEWS FROM CASTELL

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Leifeste and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, left Friday for Bartlett and other points to spend several days with relatives.

Misses Ruby and Alice Leifeste left Sunday morning for Austin to attend the Teachers' Institute this week.

Mrs. Mathilda Leifeste and children went to Mason Monday to visit their father and grandfather, Mr. Fritz Grote, and celebrate his birthday anniversary.

Miss Della Hoting is visiting in our community, and has nursed a few patients during the week.

Prof. R. L. Gibson went to Austin Sunday to attend the Teachers' Institute, being a teacher in the Castell school.

Mr. Raymond Grote and Miss Pearl Moerner, both of this community, left Wednesday for Dallas to attend school. The Fredericksburg League of the Southern Methodist Church rendered a very nice and interesting program last Sunday morning at Loyal Valley and in the evening at Castell. A very large crowd was present at Castell to enjoy the program.

The citizens of this little city and community are rejoicing over a very fine rain that fell Friday morning. It was about a three inch rain and did no damage at all to the cotton fields.

this interview with the family mutton.—London Tit-Bits.

Gentle Hearts.
Great minds—male and female—have gentle hearts. Izaak Walton handled a frog as if he loved him. Cowper would not unnecessarily hurt a worm. Lincoln upset his White House cabinet to rescue a mother pig from a mire. Webster neglected the Supreme court to replace a baby robin that had fallen from its nest. . . . Walton, the father of fishers and fishing, angled for the habits of fishes more than for their hides. The capture of a fish was insignificantly incidental to the main notion of his hours abroad—his divine love of the waters, the fields, the meadows, the skies, the trees and God's beautiful things that inhabit these. 'Tis the soul we seek to replenish, not the creel.—From "The Persistent Angler and Brook Trout."

Had Its Use.
Bluebelle had just been introduced to a newcomer in the rosebud garden of girls and, as girls will, started in to impress her.

"We have a big town house."
"How nice," said the newcomer.
"We winter in Florida," went on the other.
"Yes."
"And we summer in Maine."
"Then," asked the stranger, "what is the use of that big town house?"
"Oh, we have to have some place to keep away from."

LAMB OR NOTHING FOR HIM
Offended Suitor Certainly Not There for Lengthy Interview With the "Family Mutton."

Usually it is the father of the girl whom the trembling young man has to see when he wishes to propose, but sometimes it is the mother.

One such unfortunate called upon his prospective mother-in-law, and was met with absolute frigidity.

When his mission was announced, the mother had a fit.

"No, sir!" she exclaimed. "I have not encouraged your visits. On the contrary, I have opposed them. I feel you have taken a mean advantage of our hospitality—that you intend to steal our one ewe lamb."

Then the young man became angry, for he had received every possible encouragement.

"Madam," he said to the astonished woman, who expected and hoped he would go down on his knees to beg for the honor of an alliance with the family, "if I cannot have the family lamb, you will excuse me from continuing

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Governors in Horseshoe Pitching Tourney



Gov. "Charlie" Moore, Idaho's "dirt farmer" governor, shown here, hails with delight the return of horseshoe pitching as a popular sport because he once was a champion. He is going to try again and is to pitch against Gov. Pierce of Oregon at Nampa, Idaho, Sept. 18-19, where the Idaho-Oregon tournament for the Western championship is scheduled. "Horseshoe pitching is to my liking," says Gov. Moore. "It is a good sport and I am glad to see it returning to popularity. Horseshoe pitching takes people into the open and trains their eyes and muscles."

Bobbed Her Hair



Capt. Mildred Olson of Chicago defied censor within Salvation Army ranks and bobbed her hair. Now she must report to Commander Booth, who will rule on "breach of discipline."

BOLL WEEVIL CONTROL MEASURES PRACTICABLE IN FALL

(By R. R. Reppert, Entomologist, Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas.)

Boll weevil feed and rear young after cotton is picked until the weather begins to get cool, when they seek winter quarters in trash along ditches, fence-rows and in brush land bordering cotton fields. The date of migration varies, being earlier in north Texas. In the Rio Grande Valley a few may feed all winter.

In sections subject to occasional freezes, only a small percentage live until spring. Practically all the weevils hatching in early fall and most of those appearing even just before cold weather perish during the winter. Thus it appears that the most sensible measures of control are those that reduce the numbers in late fall or during the winter.

Pasturing will reduce the fall weevil to an extent, but not enough to give efficient control. Enough green food will remain in some form to furnish breeding places. Only when such green food is very valuable, should this be depended upon alone, and then plowing after the first frosts should supplement grazing.

FALL PLOWING: Where the cotton can be picked sufficiently early, this is a good practice, even disregarding the boll weevil. The soil is put in condition to store winter moisture, the vegetable matter turned under will have partially decayed by spring, soil nitrification is increased and less work is necessitated in planting the crop in early spring. The busy season is on. In general plowing out, the centers will not be as efficient in these respects in controlling weevil as flat plowing. The whole field should be flat plowed to a depth exceeding a little that of last year, and so each succeeding year until, on most of our soils except deep sands, a depth of seven inches is reached. On fields liable to wash, judgment must be exercised in plowing, but even here, it may be profitable to sow a late cover crop of rye, oats or barley, which may be pastured in winter and turned under in the early spring to add vegetable matter to the soil.

For the control of weevil, plowing should not be delayed until the first frosts, else many weevil will have moved from the field. Plowing covers many weevil so they cannot escape, and subsequent discing until well after frosts destroys their food and starves most of those remaining. A cover crop of the grains mentioned planted as soon as all cotton growth is destroyed, will not affect the results in weevil control, as this insect does not feed on these plants.

BURNING COTTON STALKS ON THE FIELD: Burning crop residues is never good practice, especially on the light sandy soils of East Texas, and it is never recommended by good authorities except in special instances. Some farmers, however, may wish to do so, and on some soils the growth of the plant is so heavy as to make its removal otherwise a serious problem. When burning is contemplated, this office advises that it be done rather early well before migration to winter quarters has begun and as follows: Cut the cotton stalks close to the ground, so as to leave no green sprouts on which the weevils may continue to feed. Leave about every tenth row. Within about two weeks any larvae in the squares or bolls will have emerged, and these, with adults previously present, will have moved to the rows of standing plants to feed. By this time also, the cut stalks will have become sufficiently dry and should be raked against the standing rows and burned, thus destroying practically all weevils.

WINTER BURNING OF HIBER-

NATING PLACES: Whether grazing, plowing, or fall burning as suggested, is practiced, best results will not be obtained and considerable infestation may be expected next year if control measures stop with these. Regardless of care exercised, some weevil will escape and find winter quarters in grass, along ditches, hedgerows and in brush land bordering cotton fields. These places should be burned. Allow a sufficient time for all to get settled. In case dry weather lasts burning may be delayed until late in the winter, at least the middle of December and later than this in the southern portion of the State. Burn the trash in such places as good judgment directs.

These measures should reduce the numbers of weevil to a minimum next spring and next year's yield should be increased accordingly. **CO-OPERATION** should be practiced in all control measures. Entire communities should be organized and no man should be willing to hold back and give lodging on his farm over winter to weevil that will infest his farm and that of his neighbors another season.

CHICKENS

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

NEWS FROM CASTELL

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mrs. Don Miles and daughters, Misses Mathilda and Donna Louise, after spending a few weeks here with relatives, left Monday morning for their home at Palestine.

Mr. Willie Moerner and family, after a week's visit with his parents, left on Monday for Houston to visit Mrs. Moerner's father, Rev. A. C. Lehmburg, and from there they will return to their home in San Antonio.

Mr. Stephen Kleinknecht came home Saturday from San Antonio where he holds a position in a bank. He spent a few days with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. John Kleinknecht.

Miss Nell Kothmann and Mr. Harry P. C. Wissemann, both of Hilda, left last Sunday for San Antonio to attend the teachers' institute.

Mr. Henry Roegner and Herman Roegner and wife left last week for Rose Bud, Texas. Henry and Herman purchased a garage there and will make their home there.

Dan P. Hasse is the proud owner of a new Chevrolet car.

Paul Toppet went to Llano last week and purchased a new Ford Truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clench who have been fishing here for several days, left last week for their home in San Antonio.

Mrs. Fritz Grote, of Mason, is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Moerner. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schonefeld and family have moved to Castell. Mr. Schonefeld has a job in the Castell Garage and Gin.

Rev. and Mrs. Robt. Moerner and C. H. Grote went to Art Tuesday to Mr. Henry Jordan's to attend the monthly meeting of both M. E. churches.

We are glad to report Mr. Chas. Pluenecke recovering nicely from his recent serious illness.

Paris Green and Arsenic; good feed for grasshoppers. Mason Drug Co. 12

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Miss Hilda Lemburg returned to San Antonio last Sunday, following a visit of several weeks in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lemburg.

Walter Schmidt and King Charles Smith, "Boss" Kensing and "Red" Bourland were up from Elgin to spend the past week-end with friends and relatives.

M. C. BINGHAM AND SON STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Little home is held out for the recovery of M. C. Bingham, Calif Creek farmer, who with his son, Tom, was struck by lightning at the Reuben Bradshaw home near Calif Creek on Monday shortly after 12 o'clock. Then son, who was also struck, but not so badly injured, is reported as doing nicely and will fully recover.

It is stated that Mr. Bingham, his sons, Tom and Calvin, with Reuben Bradshaw and others were standing in the yard at the Bradshaw home, after returning from a baptizing service in which the elder Bingham was baptized into the church, watching a cloud when a bolt of lightning shot down, striking in the top of tree, tearing down the tree it leaned to a wire fence and followed it along to near where Mr. Bingham and his son were standing and it is said looked to have struck the elder Bingham in the top of the head felling him to the ground. The rest of the party were also knocked down. The fiery stroke felled Mr. Bingham's body, bursting his shoes from his feet and so intense was the heat that his collar button, which was exhibited here Tuesday, was practically melted. A physician was summoned from Brady and treatment given the men immediately after they were hurt. The young man was reported yesterday as all right but the elder gentleman is still in a very critical condition with a slight chance of recovery.

A coincidence of the case is the fact that a farmer by the name of Deland was struck and killed by lightning in the same community a few years ago, and not a very great ways from the place where the Bingham's were struck.—Brady Sentinel.

Fresh cement and reinforcing steel, always on hand at Harry Bierschwaile's. 4-13tc

KEEPING THE TAXES DOWN

Recently there appeared a statement that at the end of the fiscal year a surplus existed in the treasury.

When it was suggested that a reduction of taxes might follow, Senator Reed Smoot of Utah warned the public that taxes could not be reduced. The Utah Senator is more frank than some other Senators and does not hesitate to speak very plainly.

Senator Curtis of Kansas, says there must be found new sources of taxation.

He has found one, the billboards, as legitimate subjects for Federal taxation.

Instead of cutting down taxes these Senators, and perhaps others, are planning to increase taxes.

They want more money to spend. That is what they consider to be their mission to spend money, not to save it.

The man in Congress who advocates saving money is not considered to be a good politician.

But the people's attitude on this question is not the same as that of these distinguished men.

Progress has been made in putting business into the government, eliminating the duplication of work, reducing the number of useless employes and practicing economy.

If the good work is continued as it has commenced, in a little time a reduction in taxes could take place.

The majority of the people think they are paying high enough taxes now.

They think they are getting too much government and that it is costing them too much. They want to see some plan carried out which will consider their pocketbooks a little and enable them to enjoy just as good government as they have today and pay less for it.

These are old fashioned notions but they exist and must be reckoned with.—Portland, Me., Press-Herald.



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Pinchot's Stand Against Strike



Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania told miners and operators: "I recognize the rights of mine workers to organize * * * I recognize the rights of mine operators to just returns on investments * * * I am here to tell you that the public rights are to be recognized and protected also. * * * The people of the United States are justly impatient * * * This controversy is not a private quarrel * * * These are the people's rights."



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it for me and I took three bottles before I stopped—then off and on for the last three years just as a tonic. I saw a decided improvement after my first bottle. I used the three, and was able to do my work with ease, and now I sew for my family and for others. I am feeling fine, and strong and well."

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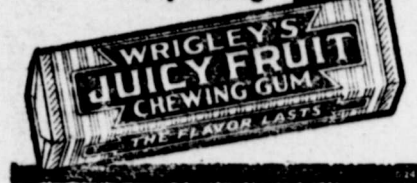
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Editorials in fifty newspapers and the speeches of 10,000 politicians indicate that there are 10,050 ways to salvation for the farmer.—Buffalo Express.

MASON'S GREATEST NEED—A MODERN HOTEL.

Here is a chance for the World Court to justify itself. It has fined Germany \$7,812. Now, let's see it collect.—New York Morning Telegraph.

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LITTLE RECLUSE

By JANE GORDON

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ON, ON, up the shadowy trail went Richard Landon. It was humiliating to realize that he was actually lost in the mountain. Yet each new path that he had tried perplexed him more.

Below, somewhere, among these rolling hills, was the pretty house which Morrow, his friend, had insisted upon turning over to his undisturbed occupancy.

The book was coming along nicely in the healthful solitude, and regularly Landon's other writings went to the syndicate. He had thought that he was now familiar with every twisting mountain path—perhaps lost in study he had passed from the familiar; at any rate there was no sign of habitation where he might inquire his homeward way.

Larry, the dog, who was his only companion in the mountain abode, appeared to be as confused of direction as himself. Twice Richard had hopefully given Larry the lead, with a curt command: "Home, boy, home." After futile running about Larry returned each time to rest on the ground before his master.

"It wouldn't be so bad," Richard was meditating, "to sleep on these warm pine needles for a night, if going back is out of the question."

Then he looked up to see the light of a far campfire. Promptly he started in that direction. Directly before the illuminating fire, the white covering of a tent for background, sat a girl, like a figure from a fanciful painting. The young woman was wrapped in a crimson bathrobe.

Richard spoke to the girl in reassurance. "I have lost my way in this lonely hill. When I saw your fire I came to ask direction. I am stopping at Pine Crest lodge, the summer home of Mr. Morrow."

The girl stood up in the firelight, and he saw she was small and slender.

"That," she said, "is quite far down—near the village. Perhaps you will rest a while by the fire, then I will find my little electric torch for you and try to explain the way. I have heard of you, Mr. Richard Landon—and that you are writing here."

Richard accepted the invitation to rest. Larry had already made loving acquaintance, his great head brushing the girl's arm. "How I wish," she said impulsively, "that I might keep such a pet up here for company and protection."

"Protection?" Richard sharply asked the question—"surely you do not live alone in solitude?"

"I do live here, alone," the young woman answered, briefly. "I will get the torch for you, Mr. Landon."

He watched as she opened the flap of the tent and passed inside. A lantern in its center showed a cot bed, a hot-plate, and a table strewn with papers and magazines. Beside him on the grass lay a tin of malted milk which the girl had evidently been heating. When she came out again the crimson bathrobe was covered with a long cloak and the gleaming braids wrapped about her shapely head.

"Now," said the girl in her musical voice, "I will go with you to the bend, Mr. Landon, and show you the way."

"I hoped to find material for romance in your beautiful mountain," Landon said. "You will pardon me, Miss—?" Questioningly, Richard paused.

"Miss Mary Dory," the young woman gave her name.

"—Miss Dory. But since I came upon you so adventurously, in your lonely corner of the wood, you seem to be a very spirit of romance—and mystery. And I cannot help but ask—Why here? Why alone?"

The girl drew back in the path; she was coughing wearily, helplessly.

Presently she turned to smile at him; tears trembling through the smile. "That," she said, "is why."

She was gone back down the dark way before Richard could detain her. He ordered the dog: "Go with her, Larry! Stay! Watch!"

Richard stopped at the "White" boarding house on his way down; he was possessed with tormenting curiosity regarding the isolated girl.

Mrs. Palmer of the White house knew all the news of the settlement. Making a pretense of asking for a glass of milk, Richard mentioned having passed a lonely tent on the high hill. Mrs. Palmer was at once sympathetic.

"That would be Mary Dory's tent," she said. "Mary came here a frail little thing, sent by the doctors for mountain air. She'd been left alone in the world and was working too hard in a crowded city office. I was glad to give her my best. But when her small savings were nearly gone Mary determined that she'd just take her tent up to Pine clearing and live in it altogether. 'I'll live so economically,' she says to me, 'that my money will last a while longer.'"

Early next morning when Richard

William Koock left the first of the week for Seguin, where he will enter the Lutheran College. He expects to take a commercial course. Max Heinrich who attended that school last year, has also returned to resume his studies and was accompanied by his sister, Miss Marie, who will become a student of the college. It is stated Walter Probst, of this place, and two of the Geistweidt boys, of the Hilda section, will also attend school there this term.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd and children, of Llano, spent last Sunday in Mason visiting among relatives and friends.

The price of gasoline dropt soon after Coolidge took office. Now if he can only do something about golf balls.—Associated Editors.

MASON'S GREATEST NEED—A MODERN HOTEL.

Try our "Fruit" Ice Cream. Mason Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moneyhon and little daughter were up from Llano last Sunday for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Moneyhon, of this city.

It is announced Mr. O. A. Hensch has rented an office over the store of Hofmann Dry Goods Company, which he will equip for his use in conducting the district agency for a popular insurance company.

CARDBOARD—BLOTTERS

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

Margaret, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin, was hostess to a large number of little friends and playmates at a party last Monday afternoon. The occasion was in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Leo Gugenheim, of Dallas, arrived in Mason last week for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin and to be in attendance at the Martin-Ziegler wedding.

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

Miss Margaret Bierschwale left this week for New York, where she will be a student of Columbia College the coming term.

sought the tent in the wood Mary Dory was making fragrant coffee over the hot-plate.

"You have come for your dog?" she questioned. "He has been a comforting protector. And have you found your story-romance in our hills, Mr. Landon?"

Richard's eyes were tenderly earnest as they met hers.

"I have found my own," he said. Then he paused. "Larry shall stay to be your protector, Mary Dory, until I can persuade you that this is true."

And Richard was able to persuade her—love is convincing.

David's Famous Sling.

The sling in use in the time of David, and which with small modifications is still used by shepherds in Palestine, is made of plaited thongs or of one strip of leather, perhaps not over twelve or fourteen inches in length. The leather is broad at the middle to form a pocket for the stone. Both ends are held firmly in the hand while the sling is whirled rapidly round and round the head, one end being finally released in order that the stone may take its flight.

Putting it Up to Mother.

George is in the habit of excusing all his faults by putting up a good argument to mother. But he is not quite so lucky with dad, who has to be away from home much of the time.

Dad sentenced him to an afternoon in the house for some misdemeanor.

After he had gone, George put his arms around mother's neck and said: "Mother, won't you explain to daddy that boys like me need a lot of fresh air?"

Protective Coloring.

Black—Was Miss Scollops embarrassed when you made that faux pas at the dance last night?

Blue—That's rather hard to say. She had so much paint on her face that I couldn't tell whether she was blushing or not.

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Mr. Frank Geistweidt, of the Hilda section, is reported as being quite a cotton picker. According to information given a News reporter a few days ago, Mr. Geistweidt volunteered to go over and assist his brother, Chas., in gathering his cotton. The price being paid for cotton-picking in that section is \$1 per hundred, but according to the information Mr. Geistweidt did not earn but 13 cents for his day's labor as he played out by the time he had picked 13 pounds of the fleecy staple.

Hugh Green returned home recently from the wheat fields in northern Kansas, where he has been for several months. Hugh stated he did not care for that country and as soon as work in the wheat harvest played out he was ready to return home.

Try our "Fruit" Ice Cream. Mason Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shearer were here from Whiteland to spend the past Sunday with relatives and friends. Oscar is in charge of the Planters Gin at that place and states the cotton crop has been coming in slowly because of the recent rains. He reported having ginned but 13 bales up to last Saturday night.

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.

Miss Mollie Bierschwale left the first of the week for Austin to attend a week's institute for teachers. Miss Bierschwale will again teach in the Lockhart school. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hensch accompanied her as far as Llano.

News Want Ads bring results.

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WANT TO BUY—A young work horse. See E. B. Kothmann. 1tc

PERSON—I would like to get in touch with some out-of-town party desiring to move to town to send children to school. I will make them a money-saving proposition. J. L. Bruce. 1

FOR SALE—Wagon, a 12x26 sheet iron building used by Owl Drug Store. If interested inquire of J. O. Schmidt. 27-1tc

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FOR SALE—Cockerels, Single Comb R. I. Reds, Brown Leghorns and Cornish Games. See Frank J. Willmann. 27-3tc

WANTED—Large, clean cotton rags at News Office. Will pay 5 cents per pound.

HAULING WANTED—Am making tri-weekly trips between Mason and San Antonio with my truck and softest freight both ways. Can also make special trips when notified a few days ahead. Handle any kind of freight, including livestock. Phone No. 7. John Reichenau. 26-2tp

FOR SALE—Hibdon place opposite Southern Hotel for \$2000; easy terms if sold this month. Write Mrs. Tom Hibdon, San Saba, Texas. 26-2tp

ROOM AND BOARD—Can accommodate several children during the school term. Good rates. Apply to Mrs. Alfred Otte. 24-1tc

BOTTLED SODA WATER—Orange Lime Crush, Ginger Ale, etc., from San Antonio; retailed in Mason by the case. J. J. Johnson. 22-1tc

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

News Want Ads bring results.

Try our "Fruit" Ice Cream. Mason Drug Company. 12

Nice screen doors and galvanized screen wire. R. Grosse. 7

Spalding Base Ball goods at Mason Drug Co. 12

Whitman's Sampler Box Candy at Mason Drug Company. 45

Celeste Beyer was operated upon Tuesday for hernia. Reports are that she is doing nicely.

ROBS CALOMEL OF NAUSEA AND DANGER

Medicinal Virtues Retained and Improved—Dangerous and Sickening Qualities Removed. Perfected Tablet Called "Calotabs"

The latest triumph of modern science is a "de-nauseated" calomel tablet known to the drug trade as "Calotabs." Calomel, the most generally useful of all medicines thus enters upon a wider field of popularity—purified and refined from those objectionable qualities which have heretofore limited its use.

In biliousness, constipation, headaches and indigestion, and in a great variety of liver, stomach and kidney troubles calomel was the most successful remedy, but its use was often neglected on account of its sickening qualities. Now it is the easiest and most pleasant of medicines to take. One Calotab at bedtime with a swallow of water,—that's all. No taste, no griping, no nausea, no salts, a good night's sleep and the next morning you are feeling fine, with a clean liver, a purified system and a big appetite. Eat what you please. No danger.

Calotabs are sold only in original, sealed packages, price thirty-five cents for the large, family package, ten cents for the small trial size. Your druggist is authorized to refund the price as a guarantee that you will be thoroughly delighted with Calotabs.—(Adv.) 16-13c

In tearing up the porch floor of the old Mason House this week, workmen found a yellow lead pencil on which were carved the following letters: J. L. W. M. H. S. Since the Mason House is one of the oldest buildings of our city, some are wondering just how long ago it has been since this pencil was lost. It is possible the pencil has been there only a short time and probabilities are it has been there quite a while. Mr. C. H. Garrett has the pencil and no doubt, he would be interested in learning who lost it. About the only clue one has to go by are the first three initials as the last three undoubtedly stand for Mason High School.

GIVE US YOUR ORDERS

If you intend to subscribe for any magazine or newspaper, we will appreciate receiving the subscription. It will cost you no more to let us send it in and we will receive a small commission from the publishing company. We will be glad to handle your order whether it be large or small.

MASON COUNTY NEWS.

Loyal Valley School Will Open

Mr. Henry Keller, of the Loyal Valley community informs the News that the Loyal Valley school will open next Monday, Sept. 17th, with Miss Myrtle Broadnax as teacher. Patrons of the school are urged to keep this date in mind.

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.



MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874

A small dog, barking loudly, chased madly after a passing express train up a country railroad station platform. "What makes him run after it?" asked a traveler of the station agent, owner of the dog.

"I dunno," answered the agent, thoughtfully. "But that never bothered me so much as what will he do with it if he ever catches it!"

There are many communities which talk loudly about the need of good roads, the value of good roads, the use of good roads. They talk themselves into a bond issue, or a road tax, and build, one, two, ten miles of good roads. Too often those miles neither begin anywhere, nor end anywhere; do not connect with any good road at either end. Travelers wonder what they will do with their good roads now they have caught them?

There is no magic in a few miles of paved highways. The farmer who must haul produce through mud to get to a paved highway, and over ruts and stones after leaving it to get to market, experiences no real economy. The economy and benefit of improved highways comes when they are improved for all their length. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. A regiment is no faster than its slowest soldier. A road, for economy of horse flesh or motor capacity is no more economical than its worst mile.

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.

A baby girl was born last Sunday night to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Jurezowski. The mother and babe are at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. Heinrich, and are reported as getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith and Miss Mildred left Tuesday for San Antonio, where Miss Mildred will enter Bon Avon College to resume her studies after having spent the vacation months in this city.

MASON'S GREATEST NEED—A MODERN HOTEL.

Henry Keller was here Monday from the Loyal Valley section, bringing in his son who will attend the local school this term.

Misses Dixie Fae and Ruth Hey arrived last week from Junction where they have been spending the summer with relatives and friends.

Mrs. D. G. Brillhart and little daughter and Mrs. Neal Coleman left last week for their respective homes in Cameron Mo., and San Antonio, after a visit of several days in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith. They had intended to stay for a longer visit, but a message received by Mrs. Brillhart from her husband, stating he was ill, caused them to leave immediately. Mr. Smith took them to San Antonio in his car, where Mrs. Brillhart and little daughter took the train immediately for her home in Cameron, Mo.

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Joint Good Roads Meeting Has Been Postponed

Fredericksburg, Tex., Sept. 7.—The joint good roads meeting of the Glacier to Gulf Motorway Association, the Puget Sound to Gulf, and the Southwest Trail, to have been held at Fredericksburg, Sept. 14 and 15, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the continued rains which have interfered with the harvesting of Texas' greatest cotton crop and have otherwise disorganized plans generally.

Fredericksburg had gone to considerable effort in arranging the meeting, which was to have been one of the largest attended good roads meetings in Texas, and it was only postponed after the good roads committee of the chamber of commerce, in conference with D. E. Colp, manager of the Glacier to Gulf Motorway, President McFarridge, representative of the Southwest Trail, and F. R. Senor, secretary-treasurer of the Puget Sound to Gulf, and secretary of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce, decided these conditions would tend to cut the attendance to a considerable degree at this time.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loeffler, a girl, September 7th.

Marriage License

Mr. Thad C. Ziegler and Miss Ruth Martin, September 7th.

Pay Day has rolled around for many News subscribers. Take a glance at the date on the label of your paper, it tells

MASON'S GREATEST NEED—A MODERN HOTEL.

J. A. BEACH'S FEED STORE

OLD O. K. WAGON YARD STAND

Dealer in FEED STUFFS AND FIELD SEEDS OF ALL KINDS. See us now for any of the following seed for planting: Rye, Barley, Millet, Maize, Wheat, Oats.

Let Us Gin Your Cotton—Grind Your Corn

We are prepared to gin your cotton, and on each Saturday, will grind your corn. We have one of the best mills in the country and turn out a splendid grade of corn meal.

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MASON, TEXAS

ELSIE FERGUSON WEARS THIRTY-NINE GOWNS IN "FOOTLIGHTS"

No fewer than thirty-nine gowns are worn by Miss Elsie Ferguson, who takes the part of an American girl, impersonating a Russian actress in "Footlights," a Paramount picture which comes to the Star Theatre next Friday night. Dainty morning dresses, luxuriant gowns for afternoon and evening, filmy negligees and daring sport costumes constitute her wardrobe in this splendid production.

Miss Ferguson, who has been termed the most beautifully dressed woman on the screen, considers this one of the most delightful roles of her career. "The gowns have helped me in my interpretation," Miss Ferguson said, "just as they helped Lizzie Parsons to lose her identity in Lisa Parsinova. My only regret is that the audiences will not have an opportunity to see the exquisite coloring of the gowns."

As Lisa Parsinova, Miss Ferguson wears the creations of the most prominent modistes of Paris and America. Beside being the last word in fashion, they have the added interest of having a Russian note. Everyone of the thirty-nine changes from the silver cloth and pearl evening dress, to the velvet bathing suit, are original in design and unique in treatment.

With one of these gowns, Miss Ferguson wears a necklace of rare quality, which was a gift of the Rajah of India to Queen Victoria of England at the time of her coronation.

Whitman's Celebrated Box Candies at Mason Drug Company. 45

CHURCH NOTICES

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Plueneke, 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.
English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.
REV. J. W. A. WITT, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH
Sunday, Sept. 16th.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Prayering in Mason at 11 a. m.
Quarterly Conference at Loyal Valley at 7:45 p. m.
Everybody invited.
ROY G. RADER.

Mrs. Carrie Banks and children and little Miss Martha Louise Jordan, of the Katemey community, were past week-end guests in the home of Judge and Mrs. John T. Banks.