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ONLY THIRTEEN HUNDRED POLL TAXES PAID TO WED. MORNING

According to the records of the Tax Collector of Mason County there were 1,318 qualified voters in this county up to Wednesday morning. Mason is the largest box in the county, Pontotoc coming a second with 102, Katemey third, with 99, and Streeter and Hilda breaking even for fourth place with 92 each.

Following are the figures as tabulated and furnished the News by Sheriff and Tax Collector, Chas. Leslie:

Mason	422
Wagram	43
Katemey	99
Grit	75
Streeter	92
Grossville	33
Hilda	92
Loyal Valley	31
Art	48
Capps	45
Fredola	72
Pontotoc	102
Eaton	43
Ranch Brach	38
Bauer	42
Exemptions	41

Total 1318

The collector states that taxes are coming in very slowly, and that there are only seven more days in which to attend to this matter. He states there should be approximately two thousand poll taxes paid this year. Parties still owing their taxes should bear in mind this is election year and if you want to vote, you'd better hurry and get that tax receipt.

"DISEASES OF HORSES"

The above caption is the title of a bulletin which Congressman, C. B. Hudspeth, of this district, has for distribution, free, to those who will apply to him for same. Mr. Hudspeth states he will be very glad to send copies of the bulletin to parties who will write, until his allotment is exhausted, and in order received.

CLEAN TOWN CLUB WILL MEET INTEND TO CLEAN UP TOWN

A News reporter was informed Wednesday morning that the Clean Town Club of Mason will meet at the court house on the first Monday in February at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of re-organization and the formulating of plans for the present year's work.

The Clean Town Club is one of Mason's foremost organizations, and in its functioning during the past several years has had a great deal to do with the keeping of the town clean and in a good sanitary condition. It is an organization which the town could well afford to co-operate with, for these enterprising ladies have the interest of the entire community at heart in their efforts to keep the town clean and in a sanitary condition.

It is very noticeable at this time that the town needs a general clean up, and with the approach of the tourist season, each citizen should be particularly interested in cleaning up and beautifying the town. Everyone who is interested in the work of the Clean Town Club is urged to be present at the meeting announced above.

RAIN FELL HERE WEDNESDAY

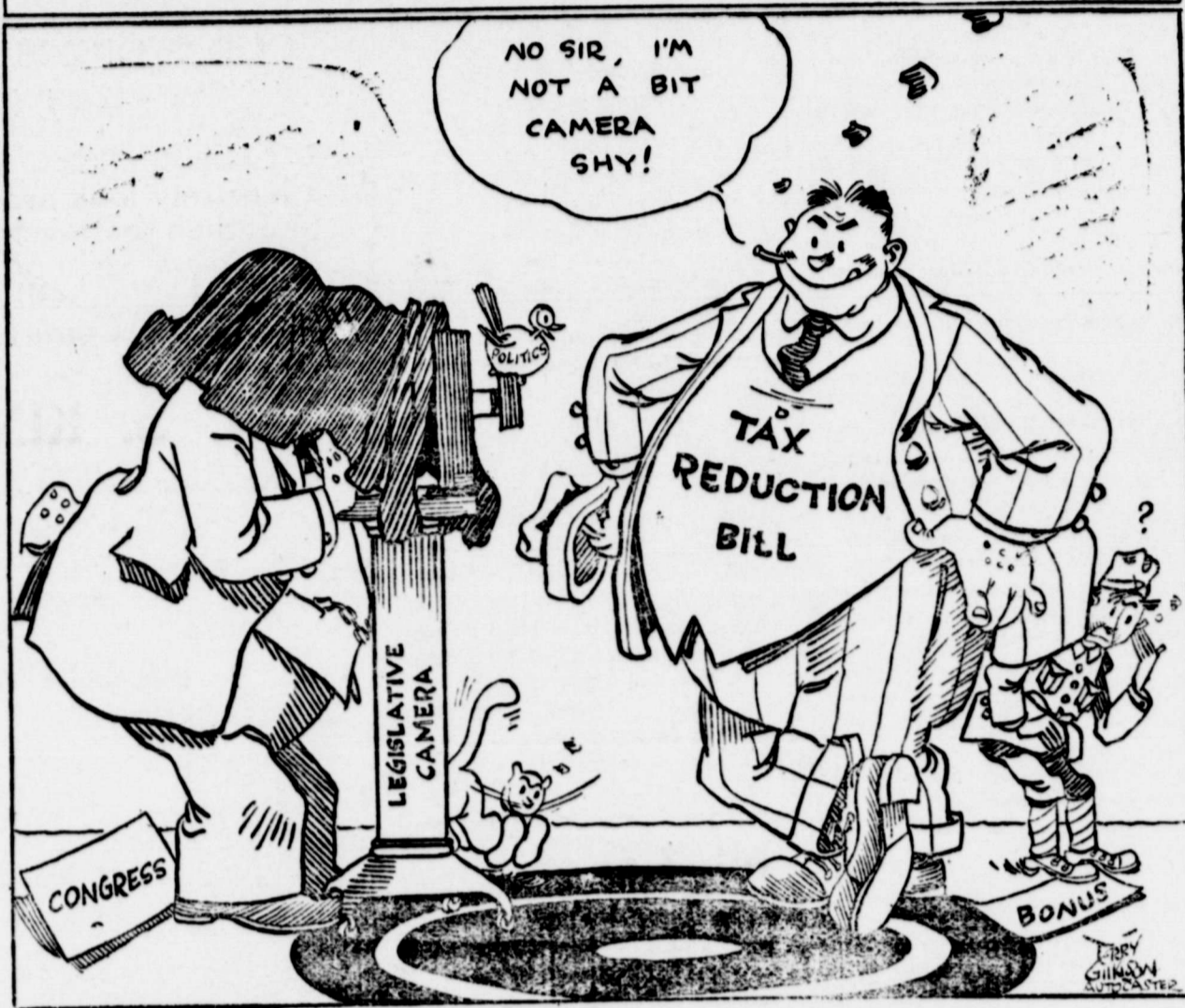
Rain, falling slowly throughout Wednesday morning, interrupted the cold weather that has been continual for more than three weeks. The precipitation amounted to approximately one half an inch, and appears to have been pretty general over the county.

The rain was not exactly needed at this time, but will prove very beneficial to range conditions, small grain and land that has been broken. Many farmers have been busy the past few weeks turning the sod in preparation for this year's crop, and the rain of Wednesday will not interrupt the work, but for a very short time. However, in some sections, fields were still boggy from the heavy rains of last month.

Harold Schmidt, who was reported critically ill a couple weeks ago, is said to be improving.

Mrs. J. L. Jones, of Junction, spent a few days here this week visiting in the homes of Mmes. Wes Smith and Walter Lindsay.

A DIFFICULT FOCUS



ANNUAL MEETING OF MASON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

The annual meeting of the Mason County Farm Bureau was held at Mason on December 12th.

A good percentage of members were present in spite of the cold weather and all were very enthusiastic. The Cotton Association members report satisfactory returns on their cotton and all see a bright future for the organization.

After warming by the large stove the meeting was called to order and officers were elected for the coming year. Much interest was manifested and the races for various offices were rather close. We suppose voting and running for offices is becoming popular and Farm Bureau members got in some good practice at this time. The following officers were elected: W. E. Wheeler, Mason, president; Geo. Leslie, vice-president; W. E. Jordan, Mason, secretary-treasurer.

The directors elected for each precinct were, No. 1, J. W. Lee; No. 2, Lee Webster; No. 3, Rex Lovelle; No. 4, J. H. Wiedemann. After the officers were elected the report of the secretary-treasurer was heard which showed the county organization to be in good condition.

Motion was made and carried that four delegates from the county be elected and sent to the state convention at Dallas. This convention is to be held on Jan. 15th and 16th. The following men were elected and left Monday for Dallas: A. T. Murry, Lee Webster, Rex Lovelle, and J. H. Wiedemann.

No doubt these gentlemen will have a good report to make upon the proceedings of the convention upon their return.

A group of Farm Bureau members from McCollough County were also present and Mr. Rochett Hall explained the plan of the Heart of Texas Poultry Producers Association, which is to be organized. This is to be a co-operative marketing association like the cotton association and has for its aim the proper and systematic marketing of the farmer's chickens and turkeys.

Many farmers, who were not members of the Farm Bureau, just to get information on this subject and many of the men present expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the plan.

The following men were named as an organization committee for this county: T. O. Reardon, Lee Webster, Chas. Kettner, Frank Jordan, Frank Loeffler, Geo. Sowell and W. S. Gates.

There is no question that the turkey growers will need some remedy for the systematic marketing of their products in the future and the marketing agreement should have the consideration of all poultry growers.

TWO BOYS AND CAR ARE TAKEN BY SHERIFF

On last Saturday morning, Sheriff Leslie was called over the phone by W. Bush of the Pontotoc section, and Mr. Bush informed Mr. Leslie that two young men were at his place trying to sell him a Ford touring car, and he wanted to know if it was a straight car. The sheriff got busy and after investigating found that the car had been stolen in Fort Worth.

Sheriff Leslie and deputy Louis Johnson went to Mr. Bush's place and arrested the young men and took the car into possession and brought them to Mason, placing the boys in jail and notifying the proper authorities at Ft. Worth, and on Sunday the owner of the car came after it and took the boys back to Fort Worth with him.

PLATFORM OF H. W. KELLER CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF



I advocate strict enforcement of law without fear or favor.

If elected, I will be sheriff of the people in town as well as in the country.

I will have only high-class men with clean moral records for my deputies.

I will give special attention to investigation of crime, and securing evidence to assist the county and district attorney in their efforts to secure convictions.

(Political Advertisement)

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Pluenneke, a boy Jan. 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogert Zesch, a boy, Jan. 8th.

"GRANDMA" DIES AS A RESULT OF BURNS SUSTAINED

Mrs. S. B. Brown, and known to many as "Grandma" Brown, of the Fly Gap Community, died at her home Monday afternoon about 1 o'clock, as a result of injuries sustained early Monday morning when her clothes caught fire.

Mrs. Brown arose about 4 o'clock Monday morning when her clothes the fireplace, and as it was very cold it is supposed that she was standing very close to the fire, and presumably had her back to the fire, and the flames caught her clothing afire, and before they could be extinguished, such painful injuries were sustained that death resulted.

It is stated that Mrs. Brown was the only one up at this time and that she had arisen unusually early because of the bright moonshine which led her to believe it was the break of day. When she noticed her clothes afire she screamed for help.

Deceased is survived by five sons and one daughter, one son having preceded her in death, some two years. She is also survived by fifty-two grandchildren, and number of great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

At the time of death, Mrs. Brown, had reached the ripe old age of eighty-seven years, but had enjoyed good health, and was active enough that she carried on her household duties.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon and interment was made beside her husband who passed away some twenty years previous. The services were conducted by Rev. Anford, Christian minister, of which church she was a devoted member.

MRS. WILLIE REICHENAU DIED SUNDAY MORNING IN MASON

A gloom was cast over the county last Sunday morning when it became known that Mrs. Willie Reichenau died at the local sanitarium following an operation the previous Friday.

Deceased had attained the age of 30 years, one month, and 25 days. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Itz, of the Doss section.

Funeral services were held Monday and were conducted by Rev. M. Heinrich, pastor of the Lutheran church, of which she was a member. Interment was made in the Simonville cemetery.

She was a faithful member of the church. She was not only faithful to her church, but just as faithful in believing that it was her duty as a Christian to do the will of her Master at all times. She was always ready to lend a helping hand in time of

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO BRING CHATAQUA TO MASON

The Parent-Teachers Association received a proposition from Miss Madison Kliek, who appeared in person at the meeting Monday afternoon, in regard to the bringing to Mason of a Chataqua program, to be carried out under the auspices of the P. T. A.

Miss Kliek stated that the program included seven performances and that three of them would be staged afternoon and four would appear at night. She also stated that the company demanded a \$570 guarantee. A campaign is being conducted by Miss Kliek with the co-operation of the P. T. A. and the school children in an effort to raise sufficient funds to insure the company of sufficient funds to justify their appearance in Mason. Season tickets are being sold at \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children including reserve seats if bought at this time, but after this campaign is closed, reserve seats will be charged for extra at each performance, but the tickets will remain at above stated prices. A prize is being offered to the boy and girl who will sell the most tickets.

The Chataqua numbers will appear under a large canvass tent, and included in the numbers will be entertainers, musicians and lectures. It is stated that one of the features of the program is a lecture to be delivered by Hon. J. N. Norton, president of the Federated Farm Bureau.

A desire to have the co-operation of the public in putting over this proposition is earnestly desired.

BILLIE MARTIN HURT

Last Thursday afternoon going from school at Capitoia to his home at Block House Ranch Billie Martin's saddle turned and the little fellow fell to the ground.

He was unconscious for a short while.

His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Martin brought him to town where he was examined and found no bones broken only a few very painful bruises. He returned to his home Sunday very much improved.

TREES WILL BE PLANTED ON THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

At the regular meeting of the local Parent-Teachers Association held at the High School building Monday afternoon a question of vital importance was discussed by that organization which concerned the beautifying of the campus and it was decided that trees would be planted on the campus.

A plan for carrying on this work was formulated, and according to information given a News reporter, it is the plan of the Association to solicit donations of trees for this purpose. It was stated that several parties had expressed a desire to donate a tree to be planted in memory of some relative or friend, and in this way relieve the Club of a heavy expense which would be incurred should they have to buy the trees.

Mason takes pride in the new school building, and justly so, as our school building is the most attractive to be found in this section of the State, and after the trees will have grown and the grass will have covered the grounds and cement walks will have been built, we may enjoy even a greater feeling of pride.

The Parent-Teachers Association should have the co-operation of the entire community in carrying out the work of beautifying the campus, and parties who are interested in the matter and wish to donate one or more trees to be planted on the campus, should refer to Mrs. Ben Pluenneke, and should do so at once, as the trees must be planted at an early date.

Miss Dewey Brown and brother, Erford, of Junction, were in attendance, at the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. S. B. Brown, on Tuesday.

Miss Myrtle Ridgeway, of Menard, and George Gillespie, of Nashville, Tenn, spent Tuesday in Mason and were guests of Miss Elizageth White.

need—both in acts of kindness and in words.

The News extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.



The great exposition of road building material, methods, and machinery which now is in progress in Chicago emphasizes as never before the position which highway construction and use is to take in this country. Here, under one roof are gathered together such an educational exhibit of all that pertains to highway making as the world has never seen. Road builders from all over the country are attending; road buyers have sent their representatives to see what progress has been made in the art; road users come to see whether or not their own roads are up to the best standard, and the money their communities are spending is being wisely spent.

Attracting a major amount of the attention of the visitors are the two exhibits which have nothing to sell; nothing to gain except the spread of an idea. The Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture, has a highly educational exhibit, showing the work of the bureau, the administration of the Federal aid road acts, and the right way to build roads. The National Highway Association, occupying a great space across the end of the gallery, shows very large and elaborate maps, illustrating the idea back of the association. It shows, with literature and other exhibits, its educational work looking to the creation of national sentiment for the theory that the National Government should build, own, control, and forever maintain a system of National Highways to which States would build feeder roads, which in turn would be served by county and township roads.

The great throngs of people coming to the Coliseum are but an indication of the interest we, as a people, take in the highway transportation problem and the absolute necessity of this Government taking the next step in its solution, which is, of course, the creation of a National Highway Commission to locate and build the first of the truly national roads.

WHAT THE BLIND BOY SAW IN A VISION.

In a Christmas story entitled "Ask And It Shall Be Given," in the American Magazine, Tom, a blind boy, prays for sight and an angel from heaven grants him the greatest gift of all—the gift to see even into the hearts of men. The author goes on: "But this is what Tom saw in his father's heart: a little bowed, wrinkled old man, bending almost double with the weight of an enormous number of bags upon his back. The bags were of all sizes, large and small. He was putting hand to the struggle to carry them; yet, as Tom looked at him, he turned his face to the child and smiled. There was something so brave, so valiant, so superhuman in his smile that lump came into Tom's throat.

"Then ghost-voices passed between Tom and the shriveled old man; and they bore this conversation which human ears could not hear:

"Are you really my father?"
 "Yes."
 "What makes you carry all those sacks?"
 "Because I want to."
 "What's in them?"

"Sacrifices."
 "What do you mean?"
 "Oh, responsibilities, duties, obligations."

"Did you always carry them?"
 "No. First when the angels gave me your mother. Then when the angels gave me you."

"They are heavy, and they weigh you down. They make you old, and shriveled, and bent before your time. They make your work hundreds of times as hard. Yet you smile as you carry those sacks. Why?"

"Because they are sacrifices for the ones I love."

"And with his wonderful smile the bowed man kept gazing longingly at Tom until Tom's eyes filled with tears and he turned away. He dared not look longer upon that burden of sacks for fear he should begin sobbing, and burst out and reveal something of his secret. He knew not what the Angel of Christmas had given him; and it made him exceedingly sad.

"Then Tom turned towards his mother.

"Another strange picture he saw. He saw a young woman standing halfway the slope of a steep hill. In each of her hands she had a heavy weight, but she would not drop these. About each ankle was strapped a heavy weight. On her back were all the sacks she could possibly bear. She seemed so weary that Tom did not see how she would be able to continue; yet when he looked at her, she turned her face toward him and smiled. It was a smile as inscrutable as the one he had seen on the face of the angel.

"Then the ghost-voices passed between Tom and his mother.

"Are you really my mother?"
 "Yes, dear."

"What are those weights in your hands and on your ankles?"

"They are drudgeries."

"Why don't you drop them?"

"Because of you and your father."

"Look at the millions of tiny sacks upon your back! What are they? Father didn't have nearly so many."

"But his were just as heavy"—she smiled. "These are the numberless little sacrifices that only a woman knows about."

"Did you always have them?"

"They came when love came. They are sacrifices for the ones I love. For you, Tom, and your father."

GENERAL WEATHER FORECAST FOR 1924, BY HERB BROWNE

The following is a short excerpt from an article written by Herbert Jordan Brown which appeared in the January 5th, issue of "The Country Gentleman." While all predictions are considered by the general public as shots in the dark, at the same time, since Mr. Browne's forecast 1923 was so nearly correct and since a magazine like The Country Gentleman values the article highly enough to give a full front page to its publication, this forecast is entitled to some consideration and should at least strengthen the hopes and be of some comfort to this big section of country that has felt so severely the effects of drought for the past several years and lead strength and backbone to the bullish feeling already manifest in the holder of live stock. A reading of the whole article is well worth while, but the following paragraphs are quoted because they deal exclusively with this section of country.

"The South Atlantic Seaboard and East Gulf States will have from enough to too much rain and thereby reason for complaint. The West Gulf will be one section with small cause

NEW TALKING FILM IS BEING PERFECTED FOR SHOWING ON THE SCREEN

Arrangement for Synchronization of Picture and Voice Has Been Discovered

Cleveland, Ohio.—The phone film, a combination of radio and motion pictures, the invention of Dr. Lee De Forest, has been demonstrated successfully a number of times to those who have heard a film, used the talking pictures.

By application of the phone film it is the object of the inventor to produce motion pictures in which the characters speak.

Dr. DeForest gave the figure explanation of the process:

"In the studio a motion picture is taken in the usual manner but in addition to the camera lens which registers action, a microphone registers every sound made by the actor. A wire from the microphone passes through a loudspeaker to a gas filled tube called the photom, located in the camera. The light from this tube fluctuates in exact synchronism with the amplified telephonic currents which originated from the actor's lips

for anxiety. There the little gods of rain and sunshine are going to do their best. So, too, the great range belt, from Havre Montana, to Amarillo, Texas and Roswell, New Mexico; yes even the Big Bend country, the Rio Grande Valley and across the border to Arizona are going to see the best grass and water in twenty years, and it will carry on for several years to come.

Night coughing—

exhausts you so that you are more tired in the morning than when you went to bed. Dr. King's New Discovery stops coughing by gently stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off clogging secretions. It has an agreeable taste. All druggists.



A very fine slit is located near the negative through which these fluctuating light rays are registered on the sensitive emulsion of the negative as fine blue which are actual photographic sound waves and being on the same film as the picture, insure perfect synchronization at all times."

Aln't It

Flapper—"Write me from every country you visit, will you, dear?"
 Shek—"Yes, darling, I'll write to you regularly."
 Flapper—"Oh, thanks—I'll have the best stamp collection in town."

Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lumber Yard.

CUT GLASS JEWELRY SILVERWARE

OUR STORE IS A GOOD PLACE TO GET GIFT IDEAS

Look for ideas rather than gifts. Take a leisurely look around, note the things you like, then gather them together and look them over again. It is just like having them at home. You will decide against some and add others. Come in while there's time.

J. S. KING, Jeweler

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30x3 B B C Fabric.....	\$8.50	\$1.75
30x3 1/2 Suburban Fabric.....	\$8.75	\$2.00
30x3 1/2 Oversize Cord.....	\$14.25	\$3.10
32x3 1/2 Truck Cord.....	\$35.35	\$4.25

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TAX EXEMPTION FARCE MUST END

Will Congress adopt Secretary Mellon's program for tax reduction which includes a reduction in income tax and the doing away with future issues of tax-exemption bonds?

The President and the people are in favor of tax reduction. The politicians through their blocs and parties in Congress, are pulling and hauling to try to gain personal prestige through delays and log rolling in the tax reduction program.

A constitutional amendment to do away with tax-exempt securities passed House of Representatives last winter but died at expiration of Congress. It is now necessary to pass it again. This takes valuable time and shows waste and expense resulting where public officials play instead of expediting the business of the nation.

At the present time it is estimated that the income from approximately \$30,000,000,000 in capital invested in government tax-exempt securities, escapes all forms of taxation. The fact that cities, counties, states and nation can issue tax-exempt bonds drawing a low rate of interest has caused a reckless increase in public debt and has furnished the loop-hole for billions of dollars to escape taxation.

After an amendment to the United States constitution is passed permitting the taxation of income from future issues of public bonds, it will be necessary for legislatures of the various states to ratify the measure. For this reason, quick action in Congress is essential in order that state legislatures which are in session or which will be in session in the near future may be able to act on the measure and put an end to the present obsolete system which is an invitation for the reckless piling up of debt on one hand and lawful tax dodging on the other hand.

It would seem as if Republicans, Democrats and Progressives would be on common ground when it comes to a measure of this kind which would assure in the future that every person would pay his share of income tax. Is it not possible for Congress to cut out politics and get down to business on this measure.

NATIONAL DEBT IS \$301 PER PERSON.

Washington.—The public debt of the entire country aggregated \$32,786,715,000 at the close of 1922, and was more than four and three quarter times what it was in 1912. Announcement of this figure was made by the Census Bureau in preliminary summary of the decennial census on wealth, debt and taxation.

The gross public debt is equivalent to \$301.56 for each person of the country's population, while in 1912 it was \$70.20. As an offset to the gross debt there are sinking funds and other assets held for the retirement of the debt, making the net debt \$30,851,816,000, or \$284.76 per capita. The National Government, the State governments of countries, cities and all civil divisions having power to incur debt are included.

Annual interest charges on this huge sum representing the outstanding gross debt amounted to \$1,311,368,600, computed at 4 per cent or \$12.06 per capita.

The national Government's gross debt showed the largest increase of the 10 years, largely on account of the war. Its total at the end of 1922 was \$25,825,773,000 an increase of 672 per cent over 1912. The indebtedness of other countries to the United States on November 15, 1923 was \$11,800,010,245, of which \$4,660,000,000 repre-

sents the debt against Great Britain, which has been fully paid.

The indebtedness of State governments totaled \$1,162,648,000, an increase of 175 per cent over 1912.

The countries of the country had a total indebtedness of \$1,366,636,000, an increase of 268 per cent over 1912.

Cities and all other civil divisions had a gross debt of \$7,731,658,000, an increase of 149 per cent over 1912.

The gross debt reported represents all public indebtedness, including funded debts.

Of the total public debt the National Government represented 68.7 per cent of the State government 3.5 per cent, the counties 4.2 per cent, the cities and all other civil division 23.6 per cent.

FERTILIZERS BUYERS—WATCH OUT

Users of standard fertilizers formulas recommended by the Texas Experiment Station should be on their guard against using lower grades of fertilizers that are claimed to be these standard fertilizers, according to advices from Dr. G. S. Fraps Chief of the Division of Chemistry, Texas Experiment Station, and State Chemist, who is charged with the administration of the fertilizer laws of Texas. Doctor Fraps points out that the second figure in the formulas recommended represents nitrogen and not ammonia. A 12-4-4 fertilizer, for example, should contain 12 per cent phosphoric acid, 4 per cent nitrogen and 4 per cent potash. In some states the second figure of the formula is used to denote ammonia content which is only about 83 per cent of the value of nitrogen content and some manufacturers name certain brands by number and for reasons of their own, use a number whose component figures not separated by dashes correspond with the numbers usually used to represent the formulas. For example, a 12-3, 3-4 fertilizer in Texas would be a 12-4-4 fertilizer in Georgia, and the designation, "No. 1244" would be closely connected with the formula; but when it is considered that the formula would have to be stated as 1213, 3-4 in Texas, the designation "No. 1244" could be used to mislead the Texas purchaser. Doctor Fraps states that these numbers are going to be changed on fertilizers sold in Texas so as not to be misleading. He mentions also that information has come to him that one or two fertilizer manufacturers are offering some of these fertilizers which contain lower percentages of nitrogen than required in the standard formulas and that their salesmen claim them to be standard fertilizers. They are selling these at a lower price, but it ought to be known that the formulas are not the standard formulas recommended for use in Texas. Purchasers of the standard formulas and other fertilizers should always read the guaranteed analysis and go by this and not by any other representation.

The following are the eleven standard formulas recommended: 12-3-6 containing 12 per cent of available phosphoric acid and 2 per cent nitrogen; 10-4-0 containing 10 per cent of available phosphoric acid and 4 per cent nitrogen; 8-4-4 containing 8 per cent of available phosphoric acid and 4 per cent nitrogen and 4 per cent potash; and 7-5-5, 8-7-0, 12-2-2, 12-3-3, 12-4-4, 10-1-2, 8-4-6, 12-0-4, of corresponding composition. Fertilizers containing the same percentages of phosphoric acid and potash, but lower percentages of nitrogen are not recommended by the Texas Experiment Station.

JUDGE GRAVES APPOINTED AS SUCCESSOR OF JUDGE TOWNES

Austin, Texas, Jan. 24.—Judge Ireland Graves, of Austin, has been appointed as the successor of the late Judge John C. Townes to teach classes in law for the remainder of the current session. Judge Graves was graduated from the University with the L. L. B. degree in 1908. Since his graduation, he has been United States Commissioner, district judge for four years, and an active member of the bar with the firm of White, Wilcox & Graves. His professional duties made it impossible for him to accept a full time appointment at present.

Mrs. Will Lemburg, of McAllen, passed thru Mason Friday. Mrs. Lemburg was called to Menard to the bed side of her father Mr. J. W. Leslie, who has been sick several weeks.

Miss Georgia King, of Eldorado, spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lindsay the past week.

L. F. Eckert and R. Grosse made a business trip to Brady Friday.

CENTRAL WEST TEXAS PECAN GROWERS START BIG BUDDING CAMPAIGN

Plans were formulated for one of the most comprehensive campaigns of pecan budding ever attempted in Texas at a meeting of the County Agents of several Central West Texas Counties in conference at San Saba Tuesday.

The campaign will be under the direction of the County Agents of San Saba, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Mills and Brown Counties and with co-operation of the A. & M. Extension Service.

A. P. Swallow, horticulturist of the A. & M. Extension Service was the principal speaker and outlined the plans for the campaign and assured the group of County Agents of the willingness of his department to assist in the work.

Plans as adopted include.

The selection of Community leaders in each County in every community where pecan trees are to be budded.

Enrollment of the names of farmers or owners of pecan timber who will bud their trees during the campaign.

The operation of a Budding School, to be under the supervision of Mr. Swallow of the Extension Service.

Community Budding Demonstrations, to be conducted by the County Agents and Community Leaders in each of the communities where the work of budding is to be performed.

Following this work teams are to be made up consisting of the District Agent, the County Agent and Community Leaders in each county who are skilled in pecan budding, such team to work one day in each County. An effort is to be made to have enough members in the teams for one budder to visit each community in the county on a given day, and on that day every grower who has enrolled will be expected to devote the entire day to the work of budding.

In preparation for the campaign, the farmers who desire to have their trees budded must select the trees and clear away all brush and undergrowth in his pecan timber so that the trees may be accessible. This work should be started immediately in order that the trees may have the advantage of this cultivation and put on better growth.

It is planned to hold the budding school in April, the exact date to be announced later and the other features of the budding campaign will follow immediately thereafter.

Among other details discussed at the conference was the selection of the variety of pecan to be used in budding, and while most of the representatives were of the opinion that the Texas Prolific is the best suited to this section, on account of the fact that the Texas Prolific has a thin bark and is hard to propagate, it was thought best to recommend the adoption of the Burkett and the Habert to be used in this campaign.

The Jones Patch Budder was decided upon as the proper budding knife to be used and paraffin cloth will be used instead of budding wax. Budding wood for the campaign will be taken in February and placed in cold storage until the campaign begins and then it will be distributed to the communities according to their requirements. It is the intention of the committees in charge of the work to pool the orders for budding knives and other supplies needed in order to secure the best possible price. Requests for all supplies necessary should be placed with the community leaders as soon as their names are announced in order that ample time may be given to order them. Ten Community leaders in Brown County have already accepted their appointment and are at work helping line up the campaign. The others will be appointed in the near future and the entire list published soon.

W. J. Millean, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Moore, all of Bend, Texas, the famous pecan section of San Saba County, also Frank Willman of Mason County, a pioneer pecan grower and one of the first to do budding work in this part of Texas, spoke during the deliberations and all most heartily endorsed the campaign. The County Agents taking part in the conference were: F. R. Brison, San Saba County; A. J. Cotton, Llano County; Geo. Ehligger, McCulloch County; W. I. Marshall, Mason County; W. P. Weaver, Mills County, and O. P. Griffin, Brown County. Other similar campaigns will be conducted in other districts in the State in the early spring.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay spent two days in Brady last week.

ALLEN HOSPITAL OPENED ON JANUARY FIRST

The Allen Hospital opened on Tuesday, January 1, with Mrs. Gertrude Smith of New York City as superintendent. She will be assisted by Miss A. B. Gibson, graduate of Scott and White Hospital of Temple, Texas, who will be surgical nurse for the season; Miss Lydia Simmons of Mason, Texas, who was with the local hospital during the past year; and by a corps of experienced nurses selected from some of the leading institutions of the country. Mrs. Smith has been with the hospital in the capacity of superintendent for the past three years.

The hospital was closed during the months of November and December on account of the absence of Dr. G. W.

Allen, Jr., who was on his annual tour of leading clinics in the northern and eastern cities.

The Allen Hospital was built in 1917 and is accredited with being one of the best institutions of its kind in Texas. The building is ideal, and is furnished with modern medical equipment, excellent rooms and large sunporches. Last year an X-ray laboratory of the latest type was installed.

Few cities in Texas can claim better hospital facilities than may be had in Yorktown, and none a more dependable and competent corps of physicians and surgeons. Patients from many parts of southwest and central Texas have taken advantage of the superior facilities which the Allen Hospital affords.



Groceries

THAT ARE FRESH AND PROVIDE THE WHOLESOME NOURISHMENT EVERY HOUSEWIFE WANTS IN THE FOODS SHE PREPARES.

WE CARRY THE MOST COMPLETE LINE OF VEGETABLES AND FRUITS TO BE FOUND IN MASON. ALSO A WELL SELECTED LINE OF PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. WE SLICE YOUR MEAT ACCORDING TO YOUR DESIRES WITH OUR NEW SLICING MACHINE AT NO EXTRA CHARGE PER POUND.

'PHONE 80

J. J. JOHNSON

READY FOR BUSINESS

We wish to announce we have opened a tinning and plumbing business on the west side of the public square and are now ready for business in our line.

We do all kinds of sheet metal work and windmill repair and plumbing work. Will appreciate an opportunity to serve you when in need of anything in our line.

DOELL BROS.

CHAS. DOELL HENDERSON DOELL

Ask Your Dealer For

HOME GROUND CORN MEAL

We grind meal any day of the week. You don't have to wait until Saturday to have your corn ground.

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A BUSINESS ASSET

The proper cleaning of your fall and winter clothing gives you that feeling of dignity and self-respect which induces efficiency in business.

Cleaning of: Men's Suits \$1.50
Overcoats \$1.50 up Ladies' Suits \$1.50 up

ROY E. DOELL

WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER



GLADYS E. LORING FOR TREASURER

In this issue of the News I present my name as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Mason County. In submitting my name to the voters of Mason County for consideration, I do so with all confidence that I can ably execute the duties of the office. I need the remuneration that would be derived from the office, which would materially aid me in maintaining my home and supporting and educating my three little girls; however, I do not ask for the office through a sense of charity, but realizing it becomes necessary for me to take my place in the business world, I assure the voters of this county that should I be their choice for the office to which I aspire, I will bend every effort to fill the office efficiently, and words would not express my appreciation for the chance to prove my earnestness in making you a good officer and at the same time assisting me in my efforts to support my home.

It is my earnest desire to meet every voter in Mason County and solicit their support; however, should I miss you, I beg that you not feel that I do not want your support.

I was born and reared in Mason County, and feel that I am justly entitled to your consideration. If you agree with me and lend your support and influence, I will be very grateful; should you not, I will deeply regret it.

GLADYS E. LORING.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the many kind acts and words of consolation during our recent bereavement in the tragical death of our dear mother.

May Gods richest blessings attend you all in the sincere wish of:

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Brown
Mrs. R. L. Brown
Bolton, Texas
Jan. 17th, 1924

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and words of condolence, for their flower offerings. In the death of our beloved wife child and sister, we want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoffmann, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Zepax, and all others for their assistance and sympathy. We thank Mrs. Meinhold for the kind and advising words he pronounced at the funeral.

Willie Reichenau and Relatives.

"THE CALL OF THE NORTH"

One of the greatest monopolies in history was the Hudson's Bay Company which maintained its hold for more than 200 years over the greater part of what is now Canada. Its factors held the power of life or death over those who lived within the radius of its trading posts. This monopoly came to an end in 1870 when the com-

pany surrendered its charter in exchange for certain properties.

This dramatic state of affairs forms a basis for "The Call of the North," Jack Holt's first Paramount starring vehicle, which will be shown at the Star Theatre, Friday night.

There were, it seems, certain factors who did not give up their autocratic powers—a state of affairs not condoned by the Hudson's Bay House, in London, but which went on because of the remote location of such posts. It was with this material that Stewart Edw. and White built his novel "Conjuror's House," from which the picture was adapted by Jack Cunningham. There was also a stage play by George Broadhurst which had wide success. A fine cast includes Madge Bellamy as the heroine, playing opposite the star, Noah Beery, Francis McDonald, Edward Martindel, Helen Ferguson and Jack Herbert, Joseph Henabery, directed.

H. W. KELLER ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF

With this issue of the News appears the announcement of H. W. Keller for the office of Sheriff and Tax-Collector. Every man of Mr. Keller's acquaintance admits his educational qualifications are ample to fill the office. He has served as deputy sheriff of this county for a number of years. His platform speaks for itself, and he is willing to let any man or woman who knows him tell the people whether, in case of his election, that platform will be carried out. He is running purely on his own merits, and will appreciate your support and influence.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jordan enjoyed a good time on last Thursday, January 17th, when they celebrated with a turkey dinner in observing the 72nd birthday of their father.

CHURCH NOTICES

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH
Sunday, January 27th.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Senior League at 4:30 p. m.
Preaching at 7:30 p. m.
Chas. Grote, S. S. Supt.
Prof. Doble, pres., Epworth League.
G. N. GIBBONS, P. C.

CATHOLIC

Services every first Sunday.
Mass at 10 a. m.
Sunday School from 2 to 3 p. m.
Rosary, Sermon, Benediction from 3 to 4 p. m.
Any question concerning Catholic Church or its teachings will be courteously answered at the afternoon services.
Everybody welcome.
JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Pluenacke, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The News is requested to announce there will be services at the local Presbyterian Church next Sunday, both morning and evening, and that the services will be conducted by Rev. Wood of Brady. Everybody is invited to attend these services.

EDUCATION ON GOODYEAR TIRES

See us for tire bargains. Wood Auto Company. 30-tfc

Intermediate League

The Intermediate League of the Southern Methodist Church was delightfully entertained last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons. Miss Bessie Grote assisted the hostess.

During the evening, parlor games were enjoyed by those present.

Delicious cakes and hot chocolate were served to the following guests: Mary Hallet, Ruby Grote, Evelyn Willmann, Virgil Banks, Dorothy Gaudel, Daisy Dean Sequist, Kermit Gibbons, Wilbur Gibbons, Garner Sequist, Minnie Schweers, Roy Schweers, Eulla Barber, Ida Mae Pryor, Benellen Land, Christiana Gipson, Lindsay Brown, Charlie Bratton, Garland Bratton, Ruby Dannehelm, Norman Bickenbach, Otha Kirkpatrick, Louise Breazeale, Beatrice Jordan, Paul Hallet, Roy Schweers, Smith Lewis Walker, Jordan, Rubin Dannehelm, Ophelia Gilmore, Wilburn Lemburg, Ethyl Lehmburg, Marvin Hunter.

Birthday Dinner

On last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Passmore of Voca entertained a few friends and relatives with a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Oran Tinsley and Mrs. Claude Passmore.

Those present to accept their hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spiller and son Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Meredith and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Liverman and sons, Miss Edna Bratton; Messrs. Gus and Will Liverman, Wilbur Hardin and Frank Leddy.

You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday nights. Show starts at 7:15 o'clock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congressional \$15.00
District \$10.00
County \$ 7.50
Precinct \$ 5.00

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

For County Judge:

J. H. JONES

For Tax Assessor:

M. L. WEBSTER
T. O. REARDON
W. O. BODE (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

ALLEN MURRAY.
CHAS. LESLIE (Re-election)
R. W. WHITE
H. W. KELLER

For County Treasurer:

S. J. THORNE.
ALVA TINSLEY
L. F. JORDAN
GLADYS E. LORING

New hats and caps just received at the Frank Clark Tailor Shop. Call to see our line. 31-tfc

LET US FILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Your physician has complete confidence in our drugs, due to the fact, that we use only the highest quality drugs possible of manufacture. Your prescription is filled exactly as your doctor writes it. We do not substitute. Give us a trial and convince yourself.

A complete line of drug sundries, toilet articles, stationery, school supplies and confectations. Everything a drug store should be. You will find us eager to please you, earnest to serve you, and thankful for your business.

SUNSHINE DRUG CO.

MASON NATIONAL BANK

That SAVING leads to WEALTH is an immutable—unchangeable law. The man who thinks a penny will live by dollars in the years to come.



Will Sell at Public Auction at 1:30 at

AUCTION SALE

MASON SATURDAY JAN. 26

The following goods, consisting of Harness, Saddles, Work Bridles, Riding Bridles, Whips, Collars, Halters, Halter Leads, Halter Chains and all parts of harness, Army Blankets, Rain Coats, Slickers, Horse Covers, Horse Blankets, and all horse equipment used by the War Department.

This material is government material which assures that it is of the best grade. Here is a chance to buy what you want at your own price. We have the goods and will offer them to the highest bidder. Be at the sale on time and name your price. The goods are of the best and the assortment is large.

The largest sale of its kind and probably the last chance you will ever have to buy army goods at auction.

Col. Claude Ervin

600 Bred Ewes For Sale

350 are located near Hext; balance near Menard; 2's to 5's, all high grade Delaine & Rambouettes with 12 months wool on, in good flesh. Price \$11 around. Bred to extra good bucks.

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W. F. BICKENBACH, Prop.
Choice Meats, Packing House Products,
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SURGEON
OFFICE OVER OWL DRUG STORE

Lamar Thaxton

LAWYER
Upstairs in Ranck Bldg.
MASON TEXAS

Ernest Jordan Meat Market

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

The City Meat Market & Bakery

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

SCHLAUDT & CO' MARKET

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

High grade silk hose for ladies, at
Frank Clark's Tailor Shop. 37

Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lum-
ber Yard. 32

CHICKENS

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

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested
Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 134

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

One Way or Another

By A. W. PEACH

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The lights of his car swept a golden pathway through the night. Beneath them the powerful motor hummed softly. Richard Wharton's heart was throbbing with more than usual excitement. He could feel against his shoulder the pressure of Merle's small dark head; and more than once on a straight bit of road he glanced down to catch the curve of her cheek.

They were eloping—rushing away to the great city, where plans had been made already for the marriage, rushing away from her irascible father, who had promptly and almost profanely refused them permission to marry—as promptly refused to give any reason for his refusal.

They had been patient and considerate of him, but when he tried to drive Merle into an agreement that meant never seeing her lover again, she rebelled, and she it was who suggested flight.

And now they were together, winging their way through the dusk to freedom.

Many miles down the twilight road, however, something was happening that would have given them food for thought and fear if they had known about it.

Old Mr. Benton, reading his paper while his wife sewed, went to the telephone, and when he returned he said grimly to Mrs. Benton:

"A call from Taylor. He says his daughter is eloping with young Wharton, and that they are coming down this road; an' he wants me to stop 'em."

Mrs. Benton watched him with keen, alert eyes as he drew on his coat.

"You look out, Will. He will be coming fast, and if you think he will stop just because you holler at him, you are mistaken; an' besides, Wharton—"

"Now, look here, mother, this ain't none of your business—an' I can stop 'em!"

As he went out he was a bit puzzled just how he would do it, but suddenly it dawned upon him that in his shed was an old sign put up by the bridge boss at the time they were repairing the bridge just beyond the farm.

Mr. Benton drew the sign out, set it in the middle of the road and hung a lantern on each end, so the big letters of the sign, "Bridge Down," could be seen. Then he stepped aside into the shadows and waited.

"I guess that will hold 'em up, all right; and there's no way round. I'll get 'em into the house and wait till ol' Taylor comes bumpin' up. Kinda hate to do it for the ol' skintint, but I have to borrow money at his bank each year, an' it'll get me in right with him!" he reasoned with himself.

The minutes passed in the way that minutes usually do, and he kept watch down the road. He had about made up his mind that Taylor was on the wrong track when faint and far down the valley he saw the lifting radiance of coming lights. Then he heard the low murmur of a many-cylinder engine.

"Here they come—though it's going to be a kind of joke on me if it is somebody else!" he muttered to himself.

Shooting over the crest of the hill, then leveling out into two great, glowing, blinding eyes, the headlights of the car swept away the night down the road.

"When! He is comin' all right—must be 'em!" Benton said in some excitement to himself.

Suddenly the lights picked up the sign, and the car slid to a stop with squealing brakes, while words of sharp dismay came from the car.

Benton waited until the man in the car started to step out, then he went up to him.

"Sorry, young people, but this is as far as you go on this road—"

Merle's sweet voice broke in: "Oh, Mr. Benton, isn't there some way we can go around?"

"Nary a way, miss," he answered briefly.

The young man sank back into the car seat with a groan. "Here's where a dream goes to smash, honey. Guess we better turn around and go back. I won't make you keep your promise. I've got you into enough trouble as it is."

"No, Dick, I have a scheme. Mr. Benton, won't you take us in and hide us till we can start again—we're eloping! Father will come out this road and go back, and then we can get away. Will you help us? Will you and Mother Benton take us in?"

Benton cleared his throat. The girl's wild scheme put them in his power without a struggle. "Sure, we will, lass. Come right up to the house. Run your car in there, Mr. Wharton."

When Benton and Wharton reached the house Merle was crying softly in Mother Benton's arms. Mother Benton turned to her husband. "Will, this child is all worn out with excitement; go down cellar and get a glass of cold milk—that'll brighten her up."

Benton secured the milk and returned as far as the cellar door. It was locked. He heard the sounds of confusion above him. He was startled. "Mother!" he yelled. Scourrying sounds followed. He was puzzled. Then he heard the hum of a motor, and he sat down on the cellar stairs, the glass of milk still in his hands. His wife had locked him in. What crazy stuff was she doing?

The hum of the motor died away. The cellar door opened, and he looked into his wife's twinkling face. "Will Benton, you ain't as smart as you think you be!"

"But, mother—I!"

"You come out here!" she pulled him to the porch. The lights of the car were fading far down the road. "Will Benton, your memory is mighty short. Have you forgot that fifty years ago I eloped with you when your old dad wouldn't give in?"

He drew a long breath, and with a rush the memories of a forgotten half century came back. A faint thrill of that far, forgotten twilight touched him. He slipped an arm around her waist, and together they watched the radiance of the lights die among the hills.

Scientific Triumph.

In perfecting a machine for testing the psychology of color, a University of Pennsylvania professor has solved a problem which defied the efforts of scientists for many years.

London in the Lead.

London's population of 7,476,168 puts it well at the head of European cities. Next comes Berlin, 4,000,000; Paris, 3,000,000; Vienna, 2,000,000, and Constantinople, 1,000,000.

In Sunday School 73 Years.

Mrs. Nancy J. Dummire of Waynesboro, Tenn., boasts of having been a member of a Sunday school for the last seventy-three years, having first begun at the age of three years.

Daily Dialogue.

Holly—A man ought to say something bright and startling when he speaks.
Tolly—There would be some mighty long spells of silence.

Olympic Favorite



Helen Condon of Omaha, Nebr., holder of every Mid-Western A. A. U. record from 48 to 220 yard swims in various strokes is a prime favorite of American girl swimmers for Olympic games this year.

While you are reading someone else's news, remember to read your own.

THE HOME GUARDS

Livergard and Lungardia.

LIVERGARD is the New Laxative we can not improve except all others. When a Laxative is needed, make laughing babies of your soles, keep old folks young.

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



Watch Well Your Bank Books

Whether one believes the rich should bear the governmental burdens of the poor through the medium of excessive taxation on large fortunes or feels that every man should contribute a pro rata share of his income for the support of the country, the fact remains that men of great wealth have clearly demonstrated their power to block the wheels of industry by removing capital from business enterprises and placing it in non-taxable securities. Also it now appears that in the Mellon plan of taxation, which spells reduction there appears to be a readiness on the part of the men of millions to change front, put more money into industry, and aid in restoring a greater prosperity to the country. These are facts, not opinions.

Every indication for the new year is bright. There has been an unprecedented spending power displayed during the holiday buying season which reflects confidence in the future. Merchants, of course, are ordering with great caution, but this bespeaks rather a sound foundation of the business structure, healthier than would be the wholesale ordering of merchandise.

Most impressive of the signs of better times, however, is the universal cheerfulness of the utterances of big business men and financiers, the latter unquestionably enthused over the thought of a possible reduction in their enhanced payments to the government. They all look for sound improvement, and every indication is that their belief will be justified unless the congress by some unfortunate stroke "spills the beans."

The Secretary of Agriculture, after reviewing the distressing conditions under which the farmers have labored, states that the general agricultural situation is most gratifying. Secretary Hoover sees the bright light ahead. Great merchants are optimistic and Wall Street smiles in hopefulness possibly with the thought that the time is growing nearer when easier money will lead the next batch of lambs to the slaughter. There has not been a Wall Street "clean up" in a long time, and the wolves are getting hungry. With prosperity staring us in the face it behooves those who have saved a few dollars to beware. Possibly some fortunes may be made before long by the lucky and the daring, but history tells only one reliable financial story—that of the tortoise and the hare.

A prison sentence for contempt of court seems rather absurd, since no prison sentence can change a mental attitude, though it may compel a man to lie about his sentiments.

There are only two ways of paying a debt—greater industry—more thrift.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

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

Mrs. Emile L. Deckert	1.50
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R. W. WHITE FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR.

Mr. R. W. White, of the Grit community, announces for sheriff and tax collector of Mason County in this issue of the News. It will be remembered that Mr. White was a candidate for this office two years ago.

Mr. White says, "I expect to make this race on my own merits, and if elected will stand for law enforcement. Your support and advice will be appreciated." (Political Advertisement.)

FOURTH SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. D. G. Hart will fill his regular appointment on the fourth Sunday, and on the same night will preach at Streeter, and L. E. Jordan will preach at Long Mountain Sunday night.

W. A. Brandenberger, a prominent quarry stockman of the Hilda community, was in Mason Saturday, and advised his subscription to the News for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Biedfeldt is reported quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzab Garner are the proud parents of a fine 10-pound boy which arrived at their home Wednesday.

W. A. Zesch is able to be back at his place of business after a three weeks absence on account of illness.



STUMBLING BLOCKS

We feeble, unsophisticated Christians are falling over stumbling blocks that should be removed.

The first is the stone of inactivity, inertia. There are more dead people sitting in pews unburied than at any period in the last hundred years. Oh, for a good live undertaker to gather up the corpses in the pews of the churches and bury them—get them out of the way. Poor, struggling Christians are falling over the inactive, the dead.

The stone of insincerity, or perfunctoriousness, should be removed; people who speak in the mechanical, perfunctory, insincere manner. The very choice is mechanical, the whole effort disgusting. We want people who are on fire, who believe and are sincere, who would die for their belief.

The stone of selfishness. Men who care for themselves, self-centered, self-interested, self-opinionated, cursed with selfishness, make a great big stone in the way of struggling Christians.

The stone of worldliness. Two men who claim to be Christians sit down at the lunch-counter and shake dice with two unaved men. They gamble for their lunch, they gamble for cigars, they are inconsistent, cursed with worldliness. The poor, struggling Christian wants to know why he has to fall over such in order to make progress.

The stone of unbelief. There is too much doubt, too much questioning, too much hesitating. The world needs positive Christians, powerful men and women, not only to teach the gospel to the world, but to clear the road for struggling Christians who are wending their way toward the eternal city of happiness and reward. Remove such stumbling blocks.

You Can Accumulate DEBTS,

The Same As You Do WEALTH

If You Owe Us Anything

PAY UP

Look at the figures after name on your copy of the
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1-24-24

If it reads less than "24" you are getting behind and you will accumulate a debt that is less than 3 cents per week, but amounts to \$1.50 in a year's time.

Keep your home paper paid up, it is the best friend you have. Do it now while you have the money.

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College Station, Texas, January 24.—In the opinion of livestock producers "Ton Litter Contest" conducted by the A. & M. College Extension Service in cooperation with the Texas Swine Breeders' Association the past year, has returned profitable hog production to Texas. All those farmers who entered the contest and followed the directions of their county agents made an excellent profit from the enterprise, notwithstanding the fact that the opportunity for making a profit under customary methods was less than in most years. Feed was higher than in many years and pork cheaper. The Points of success were, the selection of pure-bred animals for breeding, feeding of balance rations and proper management or care. Of this number 28 finished litters in the six months' period weighing over a ton. Nine weighed between 1800 and 1999 pounds. The prize winning litter weighed 3898 pounds, the second prize 3542 and third 382.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gillespie County, State of Texas, on a judgment rendered by said court on the 24th day of February 1923 in favor of Emil Knopp and against Chas. H. Keyser as maker and Bank of Fredericksburg, unincorporated, as endorser for four thousand nine hundred and thirty-five 30-100 dollars, interest, costs of suit and foreclosure against defendants Chas. H. Keyser, Aurena Keyser and Bank of Fredericksburg, unincorporated, of mortgage lien of date Aug. 26th, 1919, and to me as sheriff of Mason County, State of Texas, directed and delivered, I did, on the 21st day of January A. D. 1924, levy upon and seize the land and premises situated in the Eastern part of Mason County, State of Texas, known and described thus: All that 251-1-2 acre tract of land out of and part of league and labor sur. No. six, abstract No. 195, granted and patented to James Dever by Patent No. 110, Vol. 3, which is bounded as follows. Beginning at point in the West boundary line of said sur. No. 6, grantee James Dever, situated 949-3-4 vrs. North of its S. W. cor. the N. W. cor. of 200 acre homestead of defendants Chas. H. Keyser and Aurena Keyser and the S. W. cor. of this tract; Thence N. 89 1-2 E. 1308 1-2 to point in East line of that 451 1-2 acre tract out of said sur. No. 6, grantee James Dever and held by defendants Chas. H. Keyser and Aurena Keyser on Aug. 26th 1919 for N. E. cor. of said 200 acre homestead tract; Thence with E line of said 451 1-2 acre tract N. 14 1-4 E. 1021 1-2 vrs. to its N. E. cor. a stone at intersection of three fences from which a L. O. hrs. S. 14 1-2 W. 75 9-10 vrs, another bars S. 14 3-4 W. 75 9-10 vrs.; Thence S 89 1-2 W. 1558 7-10 vrs. to st. md. in West line of said sur. No. 6 for N. W. cor. of said 451 1-2 acre tract and of this tract Thence with said W. line 900 1-4 vrs.

to place of beginning. It being the North part of that 451 1-2 acre tract known as Chas. H. Keyser place, and will on the first Tuesday in March A. D. 1924, it being the 4th day of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at the Court house door of Mason County, Texas, in the town of Mason, Texas, sell said land at public auction, for cash to the highest and best bidder, for satisfaction of the aforesaid judgment.

CHAS. LESLIE
 Sheriff of Mason County, Texas

BIOLOGY BUILDING IS BEING ERECTED AT TEXAS UNIVERSITY

Austin, Jan. —Actual construction work on the new \$300,000 biology building of the University of Texas has just been started, and the excavation work has been practically completed. The preliminary work on the building has been going on for several months. The gravel from the excavations has been used to level one side of the campus.

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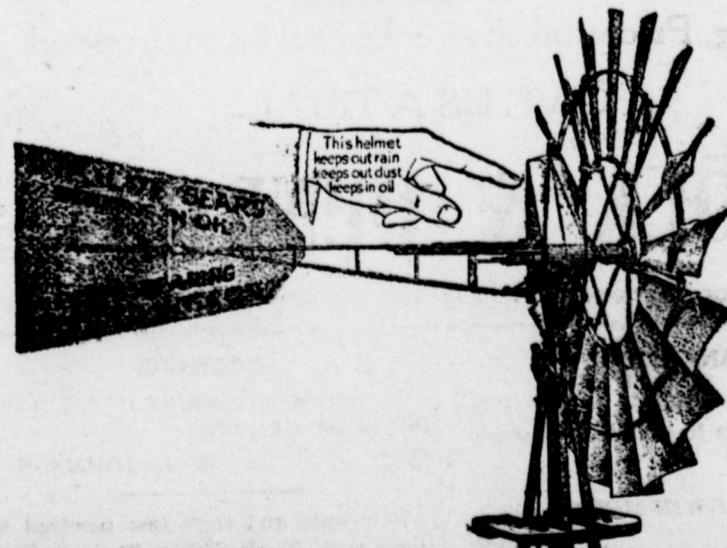
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CALEB WINS

By DOROTHY DONAHUE

CALEB started the car and stepped back to regard the quivering, choking, consumptive but useful little animal—with dubious eyes.

Caleb's son, Lonnie, came to the door of the little cottage with a frown, always inevitable when he heard the smooth, steady hum of the motor.

There were three things upon which the elder and younger Evans failed most disturbingly to agree. The first was Lonnie's name. Mrs. Evans had most decidedly wanted a girl and planned carefully the name of Lorna. But the desired girl had turned out to be decidedly a boy, and Mrs. Evans had substituted an "e" for the "a" and achieved Lorne. Later, with the compliments of the village youngsters, he became Lonnie.

Caleb always addressed his son as Lonnie, but he always thought of him as John or Bill.

The second cause of many a discussion was the car. Lonnie wanted a better car.

Lonnie had a girl. The girl was another innocent subject for deep thought on the part of both—father and son. She was pretty, blonde, round-eyed and giggling. She had confided to Caleb that she adored cundy and Lonnie. Caleb had decided right then that she could keep the candy, but not Lonnie. He needed Lonnie. He knew, too, that Lonnie was too young for marriage. Lonnie was nineteen. The fair Gwendolyn, at any rate, would never do.

Lonnie had bought the new machine. It hadn't cost so very much more than the other car, but it was a brighter color and as yet unscratched. The motor in it did not hum so pleasantly as the one in Caleb's, but Lonnie didn't notice that. Gwendolyn liked it and he was going to take her for a ride—out in the country. He told Caleb about it as he stood in the doorway looking at the battered machine and wondering why on earth his father didn't sell it—or give it away.

After Lonnie had gone in Caleb planned.

Out in the country, after miles of struggle in deep, soft mud ruts, the brand-new car of Lonnie's gave it up. Weary, from the top of its cheap black top to the mud-caked tires, and delicate in constitution to boot, it wheezed painfully—and stalled. Lonnie smiled at Gwendolyn. A car that wouldn't go meant not a thing to Lonnie—with the girl of his heart so near. But Gwendolyn surprised him. She didn't smile back. She frowned—a little.

Gwendolyn twisted in her seat and flushed angrily but did nothing useful. She finally could stand the monotony of waiting no longer.

"Lonnie Evans! Don't you know anything 'bout a car? Anything!"

Lonnie looked up at her. She had shrieked that last "Anything!" It might have been the unharmonious voice of a sleep-provoking cat. Under ordinary circumstances Lonnie would have spoken softly and consolingly.

"I'm in no hurry," he said evenly, his eyes unwavering in their boldly direct gaze into hers.

"Really!" Gwendolyn offered, her head high. Blue, furious blue eyes, swept the car and the soiled Lonnie—scathingly. Gwendolyn had not been to the movies for nothing. Her expression was faultless.

Lonnie glanced at her again, secretly, and wondered why his father hadn't told him that Gwendolyn was sugar-coated only. Pills are sugar-coated; but, even in his anger Lonnie could not refer to Gwen as such. He was sure, though, that Caleb had seen through the candy coating to the bitter and distasteful substance beneath. Caleb had a way of finding out things like that, but usually he waited until Lonnie had seen it before they talked it over.

"Go ahead and walk," Lonnie said, ungallantly and abruptly.

Then Gwendolyn flamed—unbecomingly. She stood up in her seat and delivered a lecture concerning the conduct of Lonnie and the car. Then, probably because of Lonnie's lack of response, she slumped down into her seat and beat her fists on the leather cushion. Gwendolyn was an only child. So was Lonnie. He told her to stop before she wore the finish completely off.

Then Caleb came along. His car was tilting merrily over every rut in existence and didn't care. Caleb had fixed Lonnie's car so that it wouldn't go very far. He looked at Gwendolyn's flushed and disagreeable countenance and at Lonnie's sober, disillusioned one, and decided that the car would be sold the next day and he and Lonnie would begin search for a dark-haired girl with sweet, wise eyes and a similar disposition.

Lonnie got in front with his father. Gwendolyn climbed in back, unas-

From Our Early Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 27, 1899:
 Hon. C. A. Culberson was elected Tuesday to the U. S. Senate to succeed Mills.

Chas. Bierschwale returned Friday from his Galveston trip.

Last Friday, F. A. Gerdes received the sad intelligence of the recent death of his mother in Germany. Her age was about 60 years.

G. W. Stewart was bitten on the ear by a young colt last Friday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDougall, a boy on the 23rd.

J. I. Spiller and little son, of Voca, were here this week visiting R. H. Spiller and Mrs. McKnight.

Harry Bierschwale and wife returned Saturday from a visit to Galveston.

Theo. Christians and family have moved to the Schaeg property two miles south of town.

M. L. Bouldin was in from Brownwood Monday and took in the Woodmen's ball.

Jess Burnam, of Menard county, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Willie Todd, the past week.

C. H. Wilcox, of Austin, was in the city Friday.

Frank Brown, the jolly San Antonian who makes all that good beer, was in town Wednesday setting them up to the boys.

Little Misses Eva and Lelia Broad of Brownwood, celebrated their birthday at the home of their grandfather, Jacob Schuessler, Wednesday afternoon. Among the little guests were Maggie, Nettie, Lena and Walter Hey, Aelle, Giles and Martin Loring, Bertha, Annie, Otto and Leo Hofmann, Carrie, Lee and Mamie Smith, Maida, Francis and Lawrence Schuessler.

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 22, 1900:
 Miss Nell Traweck is very sick and Streeter.

Miss Carrie Holden was married Sunday in Brady to Mr. Jesse Ballou.

R. C. Bogusch and family are preparing to move to San Antonio, where Mr. Bogusch will work in a jewelry store.

Benno Schmidt, wife and child, of Waco, are here visiting T. M. Payne and family.

Mrs. Anna Martin was here Monday from her pleasant home at Hedwigs Hill.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ragland, aged 31 years, and a sister of J. F. Schweg, died yesterday morning at San Antonio.

Mr. Garrett Baze and Miss Minnie Hey were united in marriage Sunday morning.

Mrs. W. W. Wotton and family have moved back to their ranch from Koocheville.

Mrs. Herbert Zork of this place is first in the San Antonio Express subscription contest for Dist. No. 7 and Mrs. Ben Hoerster of Llano is second. The prize is a fine home in San Antonio.

J. J. Dotson and son, of Brown county, are in this county looking after some mineral deposits.

Max Willmann is just up from a sick spell of several days.

August Simon, of Kimble county, was here Saturday, en route to Gillespie County, after his family, who have been there on a visit.

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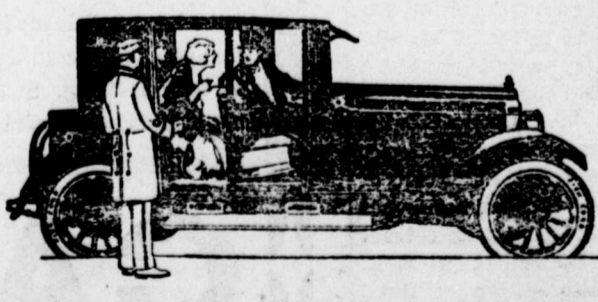
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