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## CLOSING EXERCISES OF MASON SCHOOLS HELD MONDAY NIGHT

Never before in the history of the Mason school was such great interest taken in the school closing as marked the commencement exercises of the class of 1924, and never before has the attendance been equaled. The auditorium was filled at the exercises Monday night, and on the Sunday morning previous a large and appreciative audience heard J. J. Ray, pastor of the local Christian Church, deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the nineteen boys and girls who received diplomas this year.

At the exercises Monday night, Rev. M. Heinrich made the invocation, Atorsey Roscoe Runge acted as master of ceremonies, and first on program was the salutatory given by Miss Coralea Tinsley, followed by L. D. Fostel giving the class history, and after this Miss Emily Jordan gave the valedictory.

Attorney Runge made a few, but impressive remarks in introducing Supt. P. A. Bennett who delivered the commencement address which breathed patriotism, love of home, state and nation, and of the duty owed by every individual to the community in which he lives and has his being. After finishing his address, Mr. Bennett delivered the diplomas to members of the graduating class as follows:

Lucile Lange, Coralea Tinsley, Leni Passmore, Calvin Sanders, Willie Mae Bickenbach, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Stella Leslie, Dossie Hoerster, Benellen Hey, Stanley Sanders, Milton Zesch, Ruby Jordan, Emily Jordan, Louise Vater, Louise Durst, Lillie Mae Robertson, Lois White, L. D. Fostel, Ella Mae Metzger.

## GAME WITH MENARD FORFEITED TO MASON IN SEVENTH FRAME

The ball game between the Mason High School and the Menard High team which was played on the local diamond last Saturday, resulted in an argument over a ball knocked down third base line. The umpire saw it to be a fair hit ball and so called it, and the visitors claimed it to be a foul. The batter went around for a clean home run. The umpire failed to change his decision and Menard left the field, the umpire then forfeited the game to Mason nine to nothing. The squabble came in the seventh inning and at the time the score was five to two in favor of the locals.

Zesch, on the mound for the locals, was given airtight support, and the boys hit the ball to all corners of the field.

## KATEMCEY SCHOOL WILL CLOSE

The graduation exercises of the Katemcey school will be held on the school campus at that place Saturday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, at which time quite an entertaining program will be rendered as follows:

- 1 Song—By school.
- 2 Salutatory—Allie Teague, honor student 10th grade.
- 3 Class History—Faye Ivy-Jordan.
- 4 Salutatory to Seventh Grade—Leonata Teague, honor student 8th grade.
- 5 Presentation of Key—Lola B. Coats, honor student 7th grade.
- 6 Presentation of Diplomas, 7th grade—Miss Mamie Lou Campbell.
- 7 Farewell to Tenth Grade—Pearl Kidd, honor student.
- 8 Class Essay—Lola Mae Davenport.
- 9 Reading—Miss Lois Williams.
- 10 Address—Roscoe Runge.
- 11 Valedictory—Esther Teague, honor student, 10th grade.

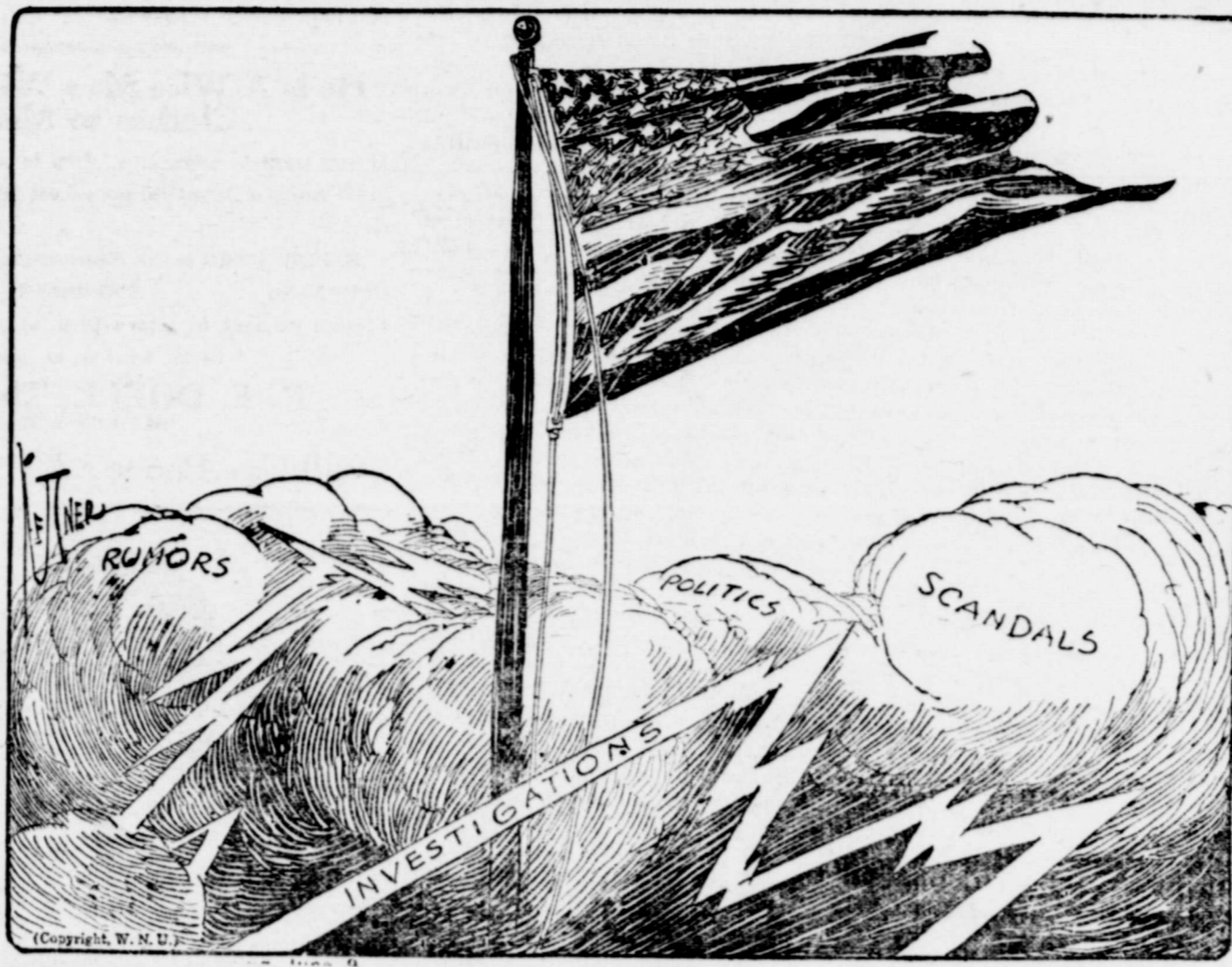
Several people from Mason will probably attend these exercises.

## Ivy Baby Died

The few-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ivy died last Wednesday night near Fredericksburg while Mr. and Mrs. Ivy, accompanied by Hans Sell were en route to San Antonio to take the child to a specialist. Mr. and Mrs. Ivy reside in the Katemcey community, and it is stated that the baby picked up a gravel and swallowed it. The child was taken to Brady where an X-ray picture was taken which showed the gravel to have lodged in the child's lungs. The parents immediately started to San Antonio, but the baby died while they were en route.

The News joins a host of friends in extending sympathy to the grief-stricken parents in their bereavement.

## Unsullied



## MASON CONCERT BAND WILL GIVE PROGRAM JUNE 2ND

The local band which was organized a few months ago, and which is being instructed by Prof. Calloway, of Brady, will make its first appearance before the public, on Monday night, June 2nd. The band has a large membership, and according to Prof. Calloway, has been making splendid progress. That Prof. Calloway is a most competent instructor is evidenced by the fact that the Brady Municipal Band which he has had charge of for the past couple years, won second place at the convention last week at Brownwood where some thirty-five bands were competing.

The program will be given at the Star Theater building and will be composed of selections by the band, and several special numbers by individuals of the band. It is stated the program will be furnished the News for its next issue, and no doubt will draw a large attendance. It is announced that the program will be free, and that the reason of giving the entertainment at the Theater, is that access to a piano might be had.

## ANNUAL TEXAS PECAN GROWERS MEETING, FREDERICKSBURG JUNE 9, 10, 11

The program committee has worked out a very interesting and elaborate program for the coming meeting of the Texas Pecan Growers to be held during June at Fredericksburg. Special attention is being given to choice of varieties and to top working native pecan trees to make them bear large, thin shelled nuts.

The people of Fredericksburg, under the leadership of County Judge Herman Usener and J. E. Bell, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce are laying themselves out in order that the program committee, a practical pecan grower for over thirty years, states that the program will cover all phases of pecan growing, pecan culture, pecan grafting and budding, etc.

Preparations are being made for an attendance of several hundred people visitors may have a pleasant and profitable stay.

Mr. Frank Moore, Chairman of the Automatic pecan grading and cracking machines will be demonstrated throughout the meeting.

This will be an exceptional opportunity for all local pecan growers to get some valuable information on the pecan industry and we especially urge that all men who have budded pecans during the spring campaign to try to attend.

Lets try to have the next convention in Mason. Go and carry your neighbor.

## PONTOTOC DOWNS MASON IN GAME LAST SUNDAY 19 TO 8

The ball team of Mason journeyed over to Ponty last Sunday and played the team of that place. Ponty tightened up and got that sweet revenge for the defeat the local team handed them on the home grounds on the previous Sunday.

Yoe pitched for Ponty and showed good form, while a number of twirlers were used by the Mason team to stop the onslaught of the batters of their opponents. Polk, Taylor, Dannheim and Saunders did mound duty for Mason during the game. Polk started and Saunders was used last.

These teams always play games which result in close scores, and in this instance the final score was ten to eight. Contests between these teams are always marked by clean sportsmanship.

## EDUCATIONAL FILMS, ON LIVE STOCK TO BE SHOWN IN MASON

County Agent, W. I. Marshall has just received a letter stating that the Live Stock Sanitary Board will have its free moving picture show at the following places in Mason county:

- Katemcey June 2nd, 8 p. m.
- Fredonia, June 3rd, 8 p. m.
- Mason, June 4th, 8 p. m.

These pictures will be shown free and are educational and will prove interesting and value to all live stock growers of the county. The effect, prevention etc., of the different live stock diseases will be shown and it will certainly be time well spent in attending the show.

This is primarily a live stock county and Mason is fortunate in getting these pictures. Remember the dates and be present at one of the meetings.

## LARGE BOILER ARRIVED

A big steam boiler recently purchased by the Mason Ice & Power Company was hauled into Mason last week and delivered on the grounds of the company. The boiler weighs twenty-one thousand pounds and was shipped to Fredericksburg on the railroad where it was loaded on special built conveyance and pulled over the highway to Mason with a truck, and the large steel supports and smoke stack were pulled by a Fordson tractor. It is stated it will require several weeks to install the boiler.

L. R. Sanders and wife, J. G. Nix and wife and Miss Johnie Patterson, of Winters, and Mrs. T. C. Clary, of Rochelle, were in Mason Monday to attend commencement exercises, being relatives and friends of Stanley and Calvin Sanders who were members of the graduating class.

## AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATION WILL BE BIGGEST EVER HELD

The American Legion Celebration which is to be held in Mason on July 3rd and 4th will be bigger and better than ever before, according to those in charge of promotion of same. It is announced that on the 4th, a barbecue dinner will be served.

At a meeting of the Legion on Tuesday night, various committees were appointed to carry out plans for holding the big celebration. It is announced that one of the main features of the first day will be a parade which will have in it some handsomely decorated floats. Three prizes will be awarded in order for best decorated cars. First prize will be \$35, second, \$25, and third, \$15. The legion is anxious for the business men of Mason to take an active part in seeing that there are a large number of entrants in this contest.

The program committee is not prepared to give out the many features of entertainment that they are arranging for, but at an early date will have the main features arranged, and will have circulars printed for distribution in neighboring towns.

## VARIETY STORE FOR MASON

W. A. Oliver, Jr., and wife, of Rivera, Clayburg county, were in Mason a few days this week, and while here, Mr. Oliver rented the Hofmann building, better known as the Zork building, and he informed the News man that it is his intention to establish an up-to-date variety store in Mason. Mr. Oliver stated he would probably open for business about the middle of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are congenial young people and Mason will greet them with a hearty welcome.

## YOUTH BITTEN BY RATTLER

Earl, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jordan who reside in the west end of town, was bitten on the left foot by a rattlesnake Tuesday morning. It is said the snake struck the boy twice on the bare foot. He was chopping weeds near a fence and when the snake struck him he told his father who was near, that a snake had bitten him, and his father investigated and found it to be a rattler. Medical attention was received in a few minutes, and according to last reports the youth was doing nicely.

Walter Tinsley and family arrived in Mason the latter part of last week for a visit to his father, A. Tinsley and brothers and sisters, and to attend commencement exercises of the graduating class of which his sister was a member.

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## DELEGATES BRAVE RAIN TO ATTEND CONVENTION AT BROWNWOOD

The delegation from Mason arose early on Wednesday morning of last week and in spite of the rain that had fallen an hour or two before, left for Brady to take the special train from there to Brownwood, but on arriving at Brady they were detained some four hours because of a wreck near Brooksmith which held up the special and caused it to be late. This, however, did not dampen the spirits of our delegation, for they waited patiently and at about 12:15 they rolled into Brownwood wearing badges with "Mason, Largest Inland Town in Texas" printed on them.

The delegates all report a great time, and even though they did not arrive in Mason until Thursday morning at four o'clock, they were up town early in the day telling about the big convention. They arrived in Brownwood too late to witness the main feature of the day, that of the parade of the queens and it was necessary for those riding the special train to leave Wednesday night before the program had been completed.

Miss Betsy White who represented Mason as duchess, and her maid of honor, Miss Mary Jane Puckey, arrived home Thursday afternoon and these young ladies report a most enjoyable time.

Mineral Wells has been selected as the meeting place of the 1925 convention. In another part of the News is an account of the parade held at the convention on Wednesday morning.

A man by the name of Simon, living on the farm of Chas. Leslie, near Katemcey, was painfully injured Tuesday when his team ran away and threw him from his wagon. One of his ears was bruised so badly that it was necessary to amputate it.

## FACULTY FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS COMPLETED; THREE ELECTED

The faculty of the local schools has been completed by the recent election of three new members. The vacancies filled were those made by the resignation of Prof. Garrett, Dumas, Bennett, and Prof. Dobbie being elected Superintendent to succeed Prof. P. A. Bennett. Misses Traylor and Deaver have been elected to the High School faculty.

Prof. Kirkpatrick, of Groesbeck has been selected by the local board to succeed Prof. L. W. Dumas as Agricultural instructor. It is also stated that Prof. Kirkpatrick is quite an experienced football man, having been on the A. & M. squad a couple years ago.

## HEAVY RAINS IN PORTIONS OF COUNTY ON TUESDAY

Late Tuesday afternoon heavy rains fell over a large portion of Mason county. The cloud came up from the west, but it is reported that the rain was light in the western portion of the county, and this section is badly in need of moisture. Hail is reported to have fallen in many sections, but not enough to do material damage. The precipitation in Mason amounted to one-half inch, according to the gauge at the Mason National Bank.

Crops in general are reported to be doing fine, owing to the warm weather which has prevailed during this week.

## FIELD TOUR OF MASON FARMS

On Monday, June 2nd, at 1 p. m. sharp all interested parties will please meet at the court house from where a field trip will begin, to inspect and visit several farm near Mason and see the Peters Prairie, Katemcey section, where the commercial fertilizers have been applied this season. Come and lets us see what the results are. The trip will end at Mason on June 2nd at 7 p. m.

## MRS. SID STAPP

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Sid Stapp reached us last Thursday. Deceased had been in ill health for several months.

Funeral services were held Friday and interment was made in the cemetery at Grit.

She is survived by a husband and baby besides many other relatives and friends who mourn her loss.

The News joins in extending condolence to the bereaved in this sad hour.

**OVER THOUSAND MUSICIANS WITH BANDS IN MARCH**

**Estimated Thirteen Thousand Marchers With Equal Number Lining Sidewalks.**

Forming a procession that was unquestionably the greatest demonstration that Brownwood has been permitted to witness, and one that in point of numbers participating and the enthusiasm shown, would do credit to any of the largest cities of the state or nation, the delegates to the sixth annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce staged their annual parade Wednesday morning.

Led by Governor Pat M. Neff, Alvin Wesley, past national commander of the American Legion, and A. B. Spencer, president of the West Texas Chamber, the parade took an hour and five minutes to pass a given point.

There was music galore, thirty-five bands, by actual count, vying with each other as which could play the loudest and snappiest music. A conservative estimate places the number of musicians participating at 1,650.

Men experienced in judging the size of a crowd place the number of participants in the parade at between 13,000 and 14,000 and then insist that their figures are conservative. The parade was more than four miles long. In fact, the procession was so long that some of the marchers in the first part of the parade had time to walk across Brownwood and get into the latter part of the procession for a second showing.

**Attendance Increase**

Carrying the estimate still further, though the population is estimated at approximately 11,000 inhabitants, the spectators greatly outnumbered the marchers. Nor were the spectators confined to the residents of the city because thousands of the onlookers were labeled as visitors which will indicate that the attendance at the convention is far in excess of the San Angelo best day.

The parade passed the Southern hotel the official reviewing stand, at promptly 9:30, and the last band and group of people waved their wands and hats at the same spectators at 10:25 o'clock. Photographers, movie men and news writers were in evidence.

With the passing of Captain Robert E. Hostetler, parade marshal, astride a beautiful charger, the parade was under way.

Then came an automobile bearing Governor Neff, Colonel Alvin M. Owsley, President Spencer and other dignitaries. The famous Gray Mare band was next and right upon their trail was the Weatherford band. Then came three companies of cavalry with the commanding corps in the lead. The cavalrymen marched with heads up and sabers at attention.

Lamesa labeled by a banner saying that "Miss Lamesa Weds Prosperity," was next. Several beautiful young women in semi-evening dress led the delegation.

Stephenville with the band from John Tarleton college was next. This delegation also included a company of Tarleton cadets.

Comanche delegates, garbed in flaming Indian costumes and with war paint complexions, made their presence known by a series of loud whoops. Their band was uniformed in Indian dress, and played Indian music.

Waco advertising the Waco Cotton Palace, was next. The Baylor University band in uniforms of green and yellow, the school colors, gave the music.

Then one of the prettiest sights in the parade was offered by a large company of young women from Daniel Baker college. The students were uniformed in dresses of white trimmed in blue, with hats of blue. Taboka, followed closely by O'Donnell, was next.

The San Saba delegation advertised the San Saba county pecans by means of a large pean upon a truck. San Antonio with 451 delegates followed San Saba. The men were dressed in white trousers and dark coats with hats of green and white and make a striking effect. Their band came from the Boy Scouts of San Antonio.

Vernon, Southland and Coleman, each with a band came next in order.

But it fell to the Blue Devil band of Howard Payne college to arouse the greatest applause. Midland followed.

Then Big Springs and Post, each with a band came, followed by several cars from Coleman. Each of the automobiles was liberally splashed with mud, indicating the struggle that this delegation had made to reach the convention.

**Speckled Sheep Mascot**

Plainview with two bands and 250

delegates was next. San Angelo, led by a speckled sheep and the Shrine club drum corps, followed. The eleven members of the riding club made a hit as did the San Angelo Boy Scout band. There were 340 Angeloites including a novelty orchestra also.

Rotan with a band, and Mineral Wells with the famous Junior Rotary club band and a Boy Scout bugle corps was next. Red hats and ties distinguished this group.

Winters with a fire truck, a bucking tin lizzie and a band made a hit Haskel county delegates followed closely.

Ballinger with its booster band and 210 delegates made a good showing Crosbyton, the home of President Spencer was next. Then came Sweetwater delegation. Lawn made itself known by scores of cowbells.

Eastland county with a band and delegation was represented. Amarillo brought the West Texas State Teachers' College band to furnish its music. The Amarillo goat, which has been successfully defended from the onslaughts of the Mineral Wells delegates, was proudly lead along the line of march. Memphis and Stamford, each with a delegation and band, were next.

The Dallas delegation with the Southern Methodist University band in flashing uniforms of blue and crimson was next. Brownfield with a band followed.

El Paso, a bidder for the 1925 convention, brought much feminine pulchritude along to entice the delegates to vote for it, and the young women parade. Stanton had a band, and the Fort Worth delegation, with the high school band, was next. One hundred and fifty panther representatives marched.

Brady and Abilene, each with a band the latter with the famous Simmons College Cowboy band, were next. Moran was representative with a miniature oil well in operation upon a truck. The Dublin delegation garbed in costumes of flashing Irish green was next. De Leon was represented by a mammoth peanut upon a truck, and with the passing of representation from Bangs, more Coleman county automobiles and Rockwood, the mammoth record breaking parade was over.

**BRIDGE SPAN FALLS WITH FATAL RESULTS TO BOY AND 9 HEAD CATTLE**

A tragedy occurred near Regency, Mills county, Friday in which Raymond Jernigan and his horse and nine head of cattle were killed.

The first span of the long and high bridge across the Colorado river on the main San Saba road collapsed and fell as the last of a herd of cattle driven by Luther Jernigan, his two sons, Raymond and Malcolm, and some helpers were driven across it, and precipitated about 25 head of cattle, Luther Jernigan and his two sons to the rocks below, a distance of about forty feet. Raymond Jernigan and the horse he was riding were killed instantly. Luther Jernigan was badly hurt and nine head of cattle out of the twenty-five head that were on the span at the time of the collapse were killed. Malcolm Jernigan, the other son, was not injured, his horse landing on his feet as he fell, and was ridden out by the young man.

Raymond Jernigan was a boy about 10 or 11 years old.

Jernigan was driving the cattle from San Saba side of the river about 85 in number, and on reaching the bridge drove the cattle over in sections. He had placed 67 head across and was in the act of coming across with the remainder when the tragedy happened. The cattle had been bought by Ben Stone of Brownwood and were being driven to the Coggin ranch. Jernigan lives on the Murphey place at Ridge, Mills county. The ground under the span that collapsed is strewn with large boulders and this served to render the drop still more destructive.—Brownwood Banner-Bulletin.

**Child Lost in the Woods.**

A call for help was phoned in Saturday morning from the W. T. Anderson ranch, 25 miles east of here, to assist in finding the little 2-year-old son of Mrs. Lois Pledger, who lives in San Antonio and is visiting at the Anderson ranch. The little boy wandered away and was lost in the woods.

A large number of people from town went out to look for the baby boy. Finally in the afternoon, after the little fellow had been gone for several hours he was found about two and a half miles from the ranch house. When found he was crying and carrying one of his shoes.—Rock Springs Ledger.

**A. & M. SPECIALIST URGES SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGNS FOR CONTROL, GRASSHOPPER**

College Station, May 20—Active efforts to combat the grasshopper menace which was a most formidable pest to farmers in 75 counties of the state last year have been begun by R. R. Reppert, extension entomologist of the A. & M. College of Texas. He has just returned to the College after two weeks in western Texas visiting the infested counties and making plans for a systematic campaign for control.


On test of soil taken promiscuously from fields in the western part of the state he has found that earth is full of the insects. The samples after soaked in tepid water and left exposed in a dry place for a short time emitted great numbers of the small insects.

The campaign of riddance recommended by Mr. Reppert is a method of poisoning. His formula is a moist mash composed of 25 pounds of wheat bran, one pound white arsenic or Paris Green, 6 lemons or oranges, two quarts cheap cane or sorghum molasses and two gallons of water. To prepare the mixture properly bran and poison should be mixed thoroughly while dry. Molasses should be diluted squeezed in, then rhines chopped fine should then be poured into the dry ingredients and mixed thoroughly. More mash is made that when a quantity of it mashed in the hands and released it falls apart readily.

It should be sowed over the fields as seed are scattered. As the grasshoppers feed in the morning and the bait loses its attractiveness when dry it should be applied early in the morning, preferably before daylight. The quantity specified is enough for about five acres.

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**THE "DUCHESS" OF SAN SABA MADE "HER" DEBUT**

George Horton, Secretary of the San Saba Chamber of Commerce and Bog Norris as official chauffeur accompanied the Nut to Brownwood where it entered the parade. We are told that Ab Walters, Jr., acted as the Duchess of San Saba, with Clyde Smith in the capacity of escort. We were a little uneasy, that perhaps they would try to crown him the Queen of West Texas, and that on close inspection, the deception might become known. We did not have time to get a Duchess ready—and

Ab is always handy in an emergency, he is petite, has the poise and good manner of a well trained debutante and took the responsibility upon himself to put this Duchess stuff over. If you happened to flirt and dance with a winning brunette lassie among the duchesses at the ball—that was "Ab" the duchess of San Saba.—San Saba Star.

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My community supplies me with law and order, trade, education, friends, morals, recreation and the rights of a freeborn American. I should believe in my community, work for it; and I will.

## IMPORTED WOOL

During the month of March, wool imports received at Boston alone totalled over 6,000,000 pounds, coming from all parts of the world. Argentine and Australia sent about 2,000,000 pounds each. From New Zealand came 1,160,000 pounds; from Chile, 34,870; South Africa, 400,000; China, 280,000; Falkland Islands, 15,900; East India, 6,750; Iceland, 20,565; England, 149,000; Scotland, 56,154; Turkey, 11,769; and Canada, 27,110 pounds.

It would seem from this that the American manufacturer of woolsens is compelled to meet the world's competition regardless of transportation charges on raw materials. Yet it is a continuous struggle to save to the manufacturer a differential in the form of duties imposed on competing manufactured products from foreign countries where raw materials can be obtained at less cost and labor is paid less than in America.

## THE TAXATION IMPASSE

In a recent Senate debate, purely political in character and intent chiefly on scoring partisan advantage, Senator Borah interjected a more serious note by warning that no nation so young as the United States ever assumed so vast a burden of debt and taxation.

Reviewing the monumental figures, with a prospective federal and local total debt threatening to reach 36 billions at the end of 1924, he declared that public economy has become "the most vital question in American politics." And it is a national problem, not a party question.

He said: "We shall pass a tax bill, so it is said, reducing taxes some \$250,000,000 or \$300,000,000, increase our obligations some \$4,000,000,000, and go home to report to our constituencies that we have lightened their burdens."

Truly the President terms it "a burden and a menace" and the Senator declares that "extravagance and corruption are both plants from the same putrid soil."

## ONE WAY TO HELP THE FARMER

Soil fertility lies at the very basis of human life. As soil grows poor the human race dies out. America is consuming and wasting its soil fertility at a rapid rate.

We have come to the point where our land must be fed if it would feed us. The question asks itself: Can soil be kept indefinitely fertile? The answer is found in land that has been cropped for 2,000 years and more, and is yet very fertile. But such land is not found except in stable civilizations.

Within the memory of men now living, commercial fertilizers in America

were hardly known. America now consumes over 6,000,000 tons of these every year. Of this, 80 per cent is from raw materials found in our own country, but the 20 per cent we buy from abroad costs us more than \$35,000,000 every year.

This money goes mostly to Germany for potash and to Chile for nitrates. Potassium nitrogen and phosphorous are the three elements most needed for soil sustenance, and these are what we seek in commercial fertilizers. Raw phosphorous we have in abundance. Indeed, the world comes to us for it, because our deposits now open, are very rich and easily worked.

One way to help the farmer besides lending money and marketing his products, is to ensure him cheap fertilizers as a national policy.

Looks as if the party that can get the hobbled-hair vote will sweep the country.—Brooklyn Eagle.

This 2.75 idea that the amendment was meant merely to abolish the brass rail and the apron.—Dallas News.

The stout lady who is trying to reduce isn't having a bit harder time than the American taxpayer.—American Lumberman.

## HOUSE-TO-HOUSE HOSIERY SALESMEN EMPLOY UNFAIR METHODS TO MAKE SALES

Women of Coleman who are called to their doors and asked to buy hosiery from a door-to-door salesman, should not be misled by "nail file tests" and the like.

Such canvassers will refer to the unusual wearing quality of the hose they are selling. A nail file will be inserted inside the hose and, with a quick motion, drawn up the entire length of the silk leg. Astonishment ensues when it is discovered that the hose does not rip or run.

This fraud trick is perpetrated frequently by unscrupulous agents, when, as a matter of fact, the feat can be performed on any pair of silk hosiery by one who knows how to manipulate the file.

In other instances the house-to-house salesmen represent their goods as either full-fashioned or semifashioned, which are really seamless hose with a mock seam.

In most instances it will be found that hosiery of better quality and workmanship can be purchased more cheaply in the established retail stores of Coleman, and in buying merchandise from local merchants the public is assured of double protection—first, the reliability and standing of your local merchant, and second, the fact that he has uppermost in his mind the desire to serve the public well not once or twice, but to serve you that he has your complete confidence and your business.

The reason your local merchant has been in business in Coleman for many years is because he has earned the confidence of the public. This confidence is founded on honest service, courteous treatment, and reliable merchandise backed by his guarantee.

When you are called to your door and asked to buy hosiery or other articles of merchandise from a door-to-door salesman, don't be misled by nail-file tests and the like.

## UNIQUE METHOD OF KILLING HOPPERS IN BROWN COUNTY

A plan of destroying the grasshopper and adopted in other parts of this and adjoining counties with marked success. The plan is to mix a gallon of cheap lubricating oil with 50 cents worth of rosin, boiling the combination until thoroughly dissolved, then procure a large piece of tin on which place pieces of newspaper covered with the oil-rosin solution, which should be spread evenly with a brush.

Attach rope or string to either end of the tin so it can be pulled easily and evenly over the ground infested with the hoppers. Turn the front edge of the tin up so it will slide easily. The effect is the same as fly-paper in that are killed as soon as they strike the solution. When the paper becomes covered with the insects remove it and put on fresh paper treated as the first with solution.

The gallon of oil will make enough of the solution to keep one drag going all day and millions of the hoppers will thereby be destroyed. Where the arrangement has been tried the users are enthusiastic and as the cost is so small it can do no hurt to try it. The ingredients for the solution as well as the tin can be vought anywhere and in most cases the dealers make a very low price, because of the purpose to which it is to be put.—Brownwood News.

## MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874



That the Nation needs good roads is admitted by all.

That the Government should build and maintain national highways, to which the States can and will build State trunk roads, they in turn to be fed by county and township roads, is agreed to by most students of the problem.

That they can not accord additional road taxes is contended by many farmers, already overburdened with expense and with prices of farm products below their proper levels.

What is not generally understood is that any campaign of national highway building must inevitably be paid for by the richest section of the country, by the most populous section of the country, by the localities where the greatest amount of tax money can be raised.

It is a fact that when national highways are built they will be paid for, very largely by the northeast of the United States and the large cities. Yet 90 per cent of all the road traffic in the country will go over them. The farmer will pay about 10 per cent and industry and cities will pay the rest.

The most ardent advocates of national highways in the northeast sections of the land know this. It does not frighten them. They already pay the larger part of the Nation's bills. Why shouldn't they? If 100 people live in a small town and wish to build a quarter of mile of road to a nearby lake, on the shore of which lives one man, do the hundred people stop because the one man will benefit 100 per cent and pay but 1 per cent? They do not. They build the road. The northeastern section of the country, the thickly populated, filled-with-factories localities, will benefit immeasurably from national highways. They will benefit, because the farmer will benefit, and they are happy that he will benefit.

The farmer can not accord not to have national highways when they get 90 per cent of the good and pay but 10 per cent of the cost.

The consensus of opinion at this time is that some of our flapper specimens are being shingled on the wrong end.—Detroit News.

A boy has made a radio set from a peanut. It no doubt reproduces political speeches in pitiless accuracy.—San Diego Union.

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## IF?

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IF you were your wife and she were you—if you were your little girl and she were you—if you were your little boy and he were you—would you be perfectly satisfied that everything would be taken care of WHEN YOU DIE?

There is an organization in the world that is almost unknown to some people, it is an organization named the "HAVE NOTS," it is composed of women and children whose husbands and fathers have died and left them unprotected, it has no capital it has no assets, it has no credit rating, it's a hopeless organization, and the only thing in it's possession is the immortal souls of it's members, striving to make ends meet, against adverse circumstances.

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O. A. HENSCH,  
District Manager, Mason, Texas

Governor McCray's case ought to remind office-holders that you can not serve two masters. Either you serve the people or you serve time.—Philadelphia North American.

Nervous Republican leaders may now be examining the last census lists and estimating the Smith vote.—Brooklyn

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## Society

### Miss Loring's Pupils in Recital

Miss Maybelle Loring presented her pupils in a recital at the M. E. Church, South, last Saturday evening. A large and appreciative audience was in attendance and were well rewarded for their auge, and were well rewarded for their going. Not only did every pupil acquit themselves with credit but in doing so reflected credit upon the efforts and ability of Miss Loring as an instructor.

### Bridge Club

Thursday afternoon, Miss Julia Bierschwale was hostess to the members of the Bridge Club. Mrs. W. I. Marshall and Mrs. W. W. Lindsay spent the afternoon at head table and carried off high score honors. A very dainty salad course was served the following members: Mesdames Seth L. Baze, Tom White, K. M. Eckert, W. I. Marshall, P. A. Bennett, Elgin Eckert, Arch Metzger, Roy E. Doehl, Walter Lindsay; Misses Pearl Land, Myrtle Broadnax. Next meeting of the Club will be with Miss Betsy White.

### Ladies Aid Society

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church held a pleasant meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wes Smith, with Mrs. Walter Lindsey assistant hostess.

Mrs. W. I. Marshall as leader for the afternoon conducted the Bible study and questions.

A beautiful solo by Mrs. Banta was enjoyed by all, also a piano solo by little Miss Velma Smith met with much applause.

At conclusion of business hour dainty refreshments of potato chips and witches and tea were passed in baskets to the following members and guests: Mesdames J. C. Leuburg, Kinney M. Eckert, P. A. Baze, Ben Plunnecke, Carl Frenzler, J. Splittgerber, W. I. Marshall, Seth Baze, Chas. Biersch-

wale, J. J. Ray, H. S. Wood, Allison, J. S. King. Guests: John L. Jones, John Gamel, Howard Smith, Banta, and hostesses, Mesdames W. Smith and Lindsay.

### Witt-Willman

A pretty wedding took place at the M. E. Church, Thursday May 8, at eight o'clock when Miss Agnes Witt and Perry Willmann were united in marriage. Rev. J. W. A. Witt officiating.

The church was beautiful decorated in pink and white roses and sweetpeas, and the altar was banked with pot plants and ferns.

Miss Esther Witt played the processional at the entrance of the bridal party. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Willie Witt met the groom and his best man, Anton Willman, Jr., at the altar. The ushers were Oswald Willman, of New Braunfels, and E. J. Schuessler. The attendants were Misses Erna Witt and Walter Willmann and the maid of honor, Miss Willie Mae Grosse. The little flower girls were Jewel Grosse and La Belle Schuessler.

The bride was gowned in a beautiful brown beaded caftan crepe with accessories to match. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and lilies of the valley.

An elegant wedding banquet was served before the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Willmann left for their future home at Llano.

Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton, of Mason Texas, arrived in Palacios Thursday to be present at the wedding of Miss Nora May Boyd to Mr. Drose Cleveland DuBoise on Sunday and remained over a few days to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Boyd. Mrs. Hamilton is a sister of Mrs. H. C. Boyd.—Palacios Beacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Banta entertained at dinner last Sunday for Mrs. Belle Liverman, Wilson Liverman, Mrs. Ed Spiller and children, of Voen; and F. P. Banta of Bonito, Arizona.

### Popular Palacious Young Lady Bride of Houston Man

Last Sunday morning at nine o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boyd, Miss Nora May Boyd and Mr. Drose Cleveland DuBoise were united in marriage, in the presence of only a few immediate friends and relatives.

Promptly at nine o'clock Mr. Kirchendahl sang "At Dawning," which was very beautiful and appropriate. Following immediately Miss Kate Brewer sounded the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March and the bride and groom descending the stairway were met by Rev. Gillespie, who read the impressive ring ceremony.

Miss Boyd was beautiful in her "going away" suit of Airdale Twill with accessories to match. She carried a bouquet of pink American Beauty roses.

Mrs. John D. Bowden had charge of the bride's book and after the guests had registered they were ushered into the dining room, where the lovely three-tier wedding cake with the emblems attached to white satin ribbons and mounted with real orange blossoms was cut, first by the bride. The punch bowl, surrounded by Cape Jasmine and ferns, was charmingly presided over by Mrs. Ery H. Boyd.

Friends of the bride had taken possession of the home and made the rooms beautiful by the use of many sweet peas roses and ferns.

The happy pair, amid a shower of rice, best wishes and congratulations departed in their car for Houston, where they will be at home to their friends in the new home the groom is having prepared for the bride.

Miss Nora May is one of our own girls, having grown to womanhood in our midst. She is a sweet and lovable girl, and lucky is the man in whom she has placed her trust.

Mr. DuBoise is a prosperous and successful architect and contractor in Houston, and we do not feel that he is a stranger to us, as he is a brother of Mrs. Millard Hawkins who resided here several years ago.

Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton, of Mason, and Mrs. Millard Hawkins and little daughter, La Nell, of Houston.—Palacios Beacon

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### American Legion Auxiliary

The Fort Mason Post of the American Legion is planning to organize an American Legion Auxiliary, and requests that the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of all ex-service men meet at the court house on Tuesday evening, May 27th, to discuss plans for organization of the auxiliary. It is necessary that these ladies be in attendance at the meeting, and it is expected that a large number will respond to this request. All members of the local Post of the Legion are urged to be in attendance.

The local Post of the Legion has taken on new life during the past few weeks and a membership campaign is

being carried on by which many new members have been enlisted.

Calvin and Stanley Sanders entertained the senior class and several others at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidt last Wednesday evening. Refreshments of cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Churchwell visited relatives in Brownwood and Regency several days this and last week.

Mr. M. E. Churchwell and daughter, Miss Gladys, accompanied by Mrs. Dan Martin, left Wednesday for Austin to spend a few days.

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You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 8:15 o'clock.

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THE HOME GUARDS

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Miss Mamie Smith who has been teaching at Gilmer the past term, has returned to her home in Mason.

Herbert Gamel was in town Wednesday from his ranch near Harper. Herbert reports his section in fine condition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Table with 2 columns: Announcement type and amount. Includes 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 Judge, 33rd Judicial District: J. H. McLEAN, N. T. STUBBS. For County Judge: J. H. JONES, JOHN T. BANKS (Re-election), BEN HEY, GLENN W. SMITH.

For Tax Assessor: M. L. WEBSTER, T. O. REARDON, W. O. BODE (Re-election), ALFRED KUHLMANN, BEN E. HASSE, ALSON BEHRENS.

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, C. H. GARRETT, O. H. ROBBINS, A. M. WIER.

For District and County Clerk: R. E. LEE, (Re-Election).

For Commissioner, Pre. No. 2: T. M. BUTLER (Re-election).

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: G. W. HERRING.

For Commissioner, Prec't. No. 4: D. A. JORDAN.

For Public Weigher, Prec't. No. 1: CHAS. BECK, H. PUCKEY, (Re-election).

SALE OF CONCESSIONS

The sale of the concessions for the celebration to be held at Mason on July 3rd and 4th, will be made on Saturday, June 14th, at 2 o'clock at the picnic grounds in Mason. 11-3tc

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale and daughter, Miss Julia, are in San Antonio for a few days this week.

Mrs. O. H. Richardson arrived in Mason Tuesday from Austin for an extended visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carter, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Ella Bold and Miss Ella Schlaudt of Austin, and Mr. Schlaudt's mother, and sister, Miss Meta, of Fredericksburg, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Schlaudt this week.

Auto Enamel at— R. GROOSE'S LUMBER YARD

CHURCH NOTICES

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—E. A. Loeffler, Supt. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8-90 p. 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 Services by Rev. Wood every 2nd and 4th Sundays. A cordial invitation extended to everyone to attend.

BAPTIST REVIVAL The Baptist revival meeting will begin in Mason on the 13th day of June and will be conducted under canvas. Rev. Richardson of Brownwood will do the preaching, and it is stated that a special song leader will be secured to take care of this feature of the meeting.

B. Y. P. U. Program Sunday, May 25th, at 3 p. m. Song, Prayer, Song, Drill on Daily Bible Reading—Mrs. Eugene Banta. Introduction and Topic 2—L. D. Foster. Topic 3—Opal Garrett. Topic—Willie Bickenbach. Topic 5—Alva Beach. Song. Prayer. ft

CATHOLIC CHURCH From the first Sunday in June to the second Sunday, a mission will be conducted by the Rev. Louis C. S. R., of San Antonio. Services every morning during the week, at 10 a. m. Services in the evening at 8 o'clock. Services for children at 3 p. m. Everybody cordially invited. JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor

Epworth League, Art The Junior Epworth League of the Art Methodist Church, South, will render the following program Friday night, May 23, 7:45 p. m. There will be a social after the program. Everybody cordially invited. Song. Prayer. Scripture Reading. Opening Address—Earl Hardt. Song. Reading—Dinna Chide—Clarence Jordan. Music—Anna Mae Hardt. Reading—My Mother's Bible—Ester Leifeste. Duet. Reading—His Mother's Song—Ester Jordan. League Benediction. MRS. D. G. HARDT, Superintendent

CARD OF THANKS I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for the donations made for me because of the loss of my barn and contents by fire last Saturday. MRS. C. D. STARKS

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From Our Early Files

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, May 27, 1900: B. McNairy died at his home quite suddenly Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Tull Reeves died last Saturday. Miss Anna Mogford has closed her school at Ranch Branch.

Ed Henrich and Miss Bertha went to Dallas last week for a stay of a few weeks.

H. S. Wood and two daughters were here Saturday from Streeter.

Mr. R. L. Lavelle and Miss Myrtle Skelton were married last Thursday night at the Presbyterian parsonage.

The little 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smart died Saturday morning.

Marriage License—Mr. Wm. Knurich and Miss Annie Lucke; Mr. E. L. Lavelle and Miss Myrtle Skelton.

A number of young folks enjoyed a pleasant social gathering Friday evening at the home of W.B. Schuessler.

Henry Thode came in Friday evening from Dallas and left Monday for San Antonio.

Mrs. Ed Hoey and son Frank of Gillespie county visited her two brothers, Harry and Chas. Bierschwale, a short time last week.

Walter Martin returned Saturday from attending the bankers convention at Houston.

J. D. Wier is able to be up after a severe tussle with pneumonia.

Jim Crosby returned last week to his home in Pecos county after a visit of a few weeks to his family.

C. F. Hoerster, traveling salesman for a Kansas City house, with headquarters at Austin, spent a few days here the past week with his parents.

Dr. Thompson and wife returned Monday from Galveston where they attended the medical convention.

Little Irvin Bellows fell from a swing Sunday and was painfully injured about the head.

Will Pape and wife of Gillespie county have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Keller of Hedwigs Hill, parents of Mrs. Pape.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, May 26, 1899: Prof. J. J. Allen and wife, Attorney Walter Anderson and family, Misses Gertie Hopper and Pearl Collins have been spending a few days on the river this week.

Misses Bessie Smith and Ruth Hamilton went to Brownwood last week to visit friends.

Mrs. Moody and daughter, of Chicago are here visiting the family of A. Tinsley.

Henry McGhee and wife were over from Brownwood Saturday to attend the funeral of H. F. Keyser, father of Mrs. McGhee.

Last Friday while working in the well of Harry Bierschwale, Emil Weymeyer was overcome by the fumes of dynamite. He asked to be hauled out and had come up only about seven feet when he fell back. Anton Starks went down and tied a rope around him and he was drawn out and soon got all right.

James M. Taylor died Monday morning at 3:30 of perforation of the bowels. He had been sick several days.

Judge S. V. Wood left Thursday for a visit to his mother in Comanche county.

J. W. White and Louis Schmidt were in Menard county last Friday and Saturday, the former receiving cattle.

A sash dance was given at Kooch Hall last Thursday evening. Each young man wore a sash. Ben Hey was the belle of the ball.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simon, Sr., a girl, on the 19th.

Mr. Knox of Buriet county, is here visiting his son, Elder Walter Knox of the Christian Church.

Mrs. J. W. Gamel and children left Wednesday for Fredericksburg to visit relatives.

H. F. Keyser died Wednesday, May 17th, in the hospital of Dr. Wooten at Austin.

Mrs. Mogford, of Fredericksburg, is up visiting her daughter, Mrs. Calvin Thaxton.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage License Mr. Archie Kelso and Miss Minnie Baines, May 15th.

Births Mr. and Mrs. Laine Doyal, a girl, May 12th.

Christian Endeavor will meet at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members urged to be present. CEMENT \$1.25 per sack delivered anywhere in town. 10 cents back for good sacks. Special prices on large amounts. 6-tfc WM. SPLEUNBERGER

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## Flag as Reminder at Little Mounds

Wind - Whipped Standard Tells Story of Strife for Peace of Today.

THE richest memory of May is our great Memorial Day, writes Samuel S. Drury, in Youth's Companion. Though a holiday not yet threescore years old, it has won its way into every state in the Union and carries its message of hope and resolution to the heart of every true American. Hark! Can you not hear the bands clashing through our leafy streets all the way across the continent? Can you not see the veterans in their faded uniforms marching or being reverently drawn to the solemn observances? Can you not picture great bouquets of lilies and daisies generously provided from nature's greenhouse for every soldier's grave?

Now what is this all about? If only we could have a quiet time to consider, if only we might take a day off to think things out! Such a day we have. On the holiday the community takes a day off. One purpose of a holiday is by rest and refreshment to put first things first. What then shall good Americans think and do and resolve on Memorial Day?

The reflective patriot first of all on this day will grow in gratitude. A moment's quiet thought convinces us that we are inheritors of valorous sacrifice. That single wind-whipped flag by a single soldier's grave is ample reminder to a sensitive patriot that our peaceful today springs from stressful and sacrificial yesterdays. In 1861 young men loved life as intensely as we do now. Homes meant quite as much then as they do today. To enlist, to fight, to die—those steps in the patriot's pilgrimage involved the dedication of self to greater than personal causes. War ever means love of a cause. Every boy and girl who knows a soldier of the Civil War (how swiftly these venerable men are passing from us!) may develop this sense of

thoughts of home or thoughts from home have dominated. Let not loving survivors mourn at the spatial separation from the young veteran's grave. With martial tokens are they surrounded, and with gentle hands are their crosses tended. Over it all the spirit of America, our great home, infolds them as completely there as here.

The meaning of this national day of memory and grateful praise a true American interprets in personal resolutions. What shall ours be? No flag will mark the commonplace activities of our trivial round, no music may accompany our humdrum routine; but even so Memorial Day should rouse in us the resolution to be patriots of peace. We must believe that peace hath her victories no less renowned than war. To be a good patriot in May, 1924, is harder but no less necessary than in April, 1917. A country that is worth dying for is worth living for. Today and always we are bound to participate in the battles of peace—battles that mean courage and patience and chivalry on our part if we are going to leave this good world better than we found it. Every Christian American must be marching as to war. We do wrong to denature our routine life of this necessary martial element. At many points, without as well as within, no matter how obscure our lot, we have to fight. We must be "good

naters," plain-speaking denouncers, not neatly-mouthed agreeers with every second-rate project or person. With charity for all persons, let us be declared foes of all those evils that menace personality.

The world is ever calling for heroes and heroines. Today promises you a battle for some cause or person worthy of your mettle. On Memorial Day every eye should be bright with brave resolution. With flags and flowers and music we honor all the brave youth of yesterday, who loved great causes and ideals more than life.

It is the duty of the youth of today and tomorrow to serve the country those heroes loved and to make it a land whose mountains speak peace, whose hills proclaim righteousness and whose breezes are clean with equal opportunity and vital with fair play.

gratitude on Memorial Day by talking with such a veteran. On a national day like this we realize that the good event never just happens, that all our developments, be they personal, domestic or national, cost in human energy and sacrifice. The first emotion on Memorial Day is this pulsating sense of gratitude, which memory, that blessed moral power, can awaken in the heart of every patriot. As we think of what our plenty and prosperity have cost, we love our country more.

Vital patriots, moreover, desire to do as well as to think. Thus our holiday must be in part a holy day. We thoughtful Americans may devote some time to the active commemoration of our valiant dead. Surely for many years the American people have been honoring the Unknown Soldier. They have not limited their praise or their floral offerings to men they knew. No one need scan the name beneath the flag before bestowing a grateful benediction.

Patriotism is a living thing. The waves of history reach to our very shores. In our own time how multitudinous are the causes for this reflective gratitude! Since the Civil War and the Spanish-American war our sons and brothers and very companions have joined that Choir Invisible, that Sacrificial Throng which loved unto the death. The countries where they fell are not alien lands; the soil wherein they lie is not foreign soil.

To stand in an American cemetery in France is to feel yourself intensely an American; yes, that hallowed place seems peculiarly a part of America. That spot is home where loving


### Memories, Gratitude

MEMORIAL Day should not only awaken memories of the past, but also gratitude to those whose devotion and sacrifice to ideals and principles made possible the present in all its blessings to citizens individually and collectively.

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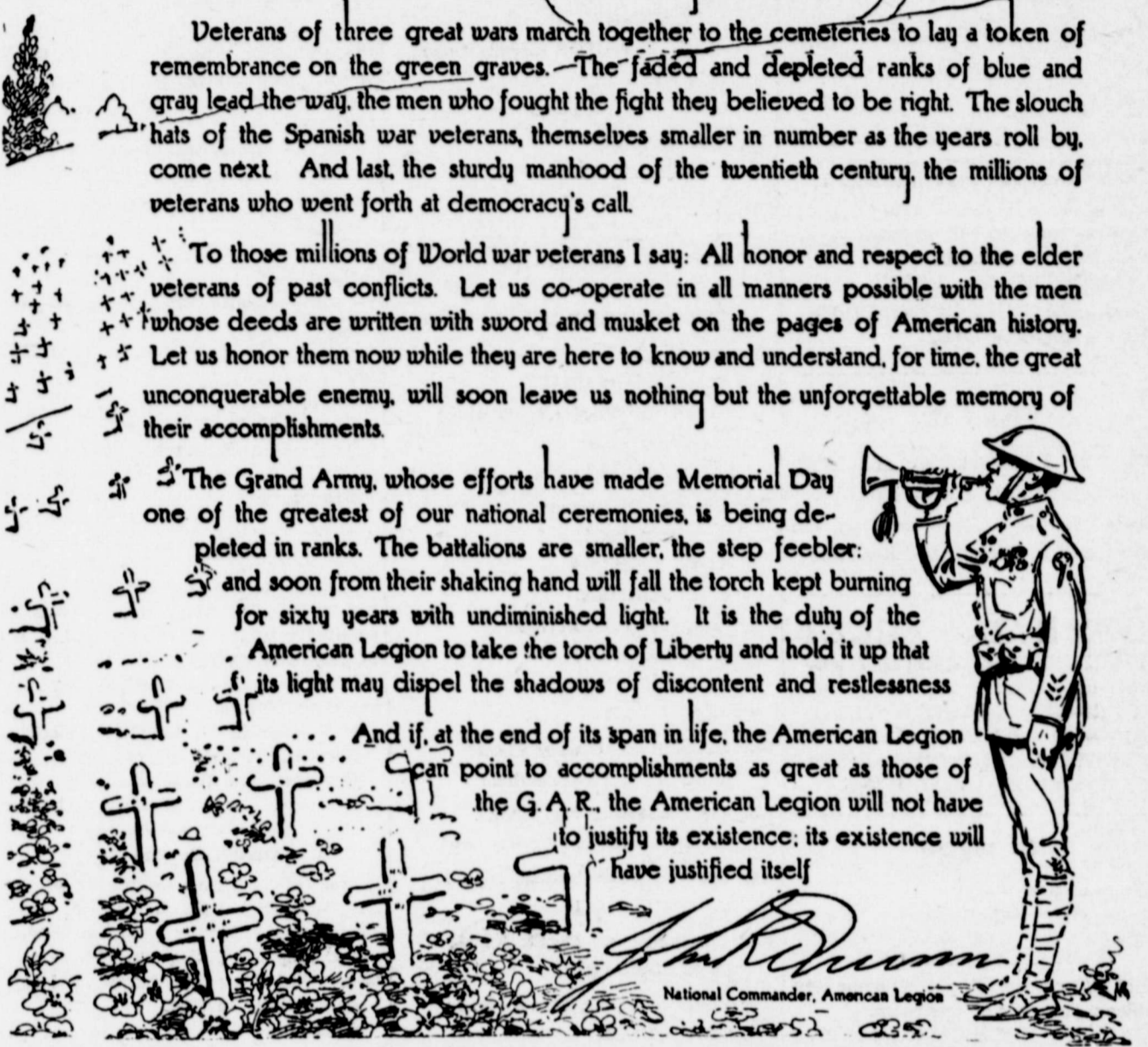
It is Memorial Day, consecrated to the memory of the thousands of young manhood who answered their country's call and died; men whose blood is mixed in the mortar that cements the foundation of our great country.

Veterans of three great wars march together to the cemeteries to lay a token of remembrance on the green graves. The faded and depleted ranks of blue and gray lead the way, the men who fought the fight they believed to be right. The slouch hats of the Spanish war veterans, themselves smaller in number as the years roll by, come next. And last, the sturdy manhood of the twentieth century, the millions of veterans who went forth at democracy's call.

To those millions of World War veterans I say: All honor and respect to the elder veterans of past conflicts. Let us co-operate in all manners possible with the men whose deeds are written with sword and musket on the pages of American history. Let us honor them now while they are here to know and understand, for time, the great unconquerable enemy, will soon leave us nothing but the unforgettable memory of their accomplishments.

The Grand Army, whose efforts have made Memorial Day one of the greatest of our national ceremonies, is being depleted in ranks. The battalions are smaller, the step feebler; and soon from their shaking hand will fall the torch kept burning for sixty years with undiminished light. It is the duty of the American Legion to take the torch of Liberty and hold it up that its light may dispel the shadows of discontent and restlessness.

And if, at the end of its span in life, the American Legion can point to accomplishments as great as those of the G. A. R., the American Legion will not have to justify its existence; its existence will have justified itself.



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**EVERYDAY STORY**  
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THIS is the story of Dulcie and Dan. There is always a Dulcie and Dan, or a Jack and a Jill, to every love story, no matter how uneventful is a simple tale. For true love has ever its great joy and its tragedy. The joy may be of one perfect day; the tragedy of misunderstanding.

Dulcie could not know all this as she stood before the clouded mirror of the city boarding house. She was doubtful that love would come her way.

Across the dingy hall of the boarding house Dan Gordon was arranging before a like clouded mirror his necktie. Dan thought he would go to the "movies."

Dulcie's hat becomingly adjusted, and Dan's tie correct, both, as with one motion, threw open the corresponding doors of their boarding house rooms and stepped outside. Dulcie, turning the key in the lock, stared. She was unconscious of this rudeness and was thinking pleasantly what a fine, strong face this unknown young neighbor had, while he stood hesitant, admiring.

They smiled as they passed on the stair and then, naturally it seemed, fell to discussing the possibilities of the weather. Dulcie did hope that it would not rain after the Temple street church sociable was dismissed. Then, with a parting smile or two each went their way. But it did rain and here began Dulcie's great adventure. As she waited undecided in the Temple street church doorway, came toward her in purposeful manner the upper hall neighbor of the "fine, strong face."

"I remembered what you said," he greeted her, "so I came after you with an umbrella. Mrs. Finch sent her rubbers."

After that evening of exchanged confidences, beneath the dripping rim of Dan's umbrella, there was no need of further introduction.

Dulcie's bright eyes took on an added light, and Dan whistled cheerily as he went about his work.

It was wonderful, Dulcie thought, to find one's manly ideal in the dingiest hour in one's dingy boarding house. And it was marvelous, Dan thought, to find the jolliest little home-maker, just when a home-maker was longingly needed.

So they became engaged.

Mrs. Finch, sympathetic in their joy, invited them to Sunday night tea in her own part of the big house.

It was when the happy pair were planning ways and means of marriage that the tragedy of a quarrel upset all plans and like any storm banished the sunshine completely. It is not certain what the bitter quarrel was about—it may have been that Dan failed to tell Dulcie that his employer had requested him to escort his fair young daughter to the theater, or it may have been that Dulcie allowed a Temple church usher to walk home with her after service—the quarrel came, and cause does not alter fact.

Dan glared at her with all a lover's hatred. And Dulcie defied and dismissed him. If she was regretful of the note later slipped beneath his door, declaring that all was over between them, Dulcie's forbidding manner gave no clue. And if Dan's merry whistle sounding down the drab corridor was but a mockery of mirth, Dulcie in heart sickness could not know. So the breach grew. It had become unbearable, when, secret tears washing away Dulcie's pride, she decided to humble herself and to ask forgiveness.

The hall was dark when Dulcie turned the key in the lock of her door. There was no answering light beneath the opposite door. Mrs. Finch climbed the stair, after an interminable time, to report that Mr. Gordon had returned unexpectedly to Boston. "The firm sent him back there," she explained. "He hurried off to catch the

evening train. No, he left no word."

No word of good-by. Gone forever, Dulcie's tragedy! She could not stay in the hall room; she did not look into the mirror as she adjusted the little hat; she just went on miserably down the desolate street. She entered the "movie" theater because its glinting sign flashed the title, "Loved and Lost." Dulcie wanted to know how another might bear this terrible emptiness of living. She found the familiar seat in the darkness, and got her handkerchief out of her cloak pocket. Tears were forcing their way down her cold cheeks.

A hand touched hers, touched softly, then fiercely held it, and the handkerchief, together. There was but one hand like that—gentle in its strength. "Dulcie!" breathed a voice in her ear.

There was but one voice like that—tender, thrilling.

"I thought," she whispered, trembling, joyous, "that you had gone, Dan."

"Train doesn't leave until midnight," he answered her. The clasp tightened. "I am going to telegraph them." Dan went on decisively, "that I'll stay over, and then bring my wife along."

Dulcie folded the handkerchief back into her pocket.

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