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15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, May 6, 1904:

The Llano stage was delayed about 17 hours by high water in Hickory creek Tuesday.

M. F. Carter is gathering his cattle this week, which he will sell for \$8 for yearlings and \$13 for twos.

Thomas Murray reports the stone work on his ranch residence nearly completed. He expects to move to the ranch about July 1st.

A heavy rain and hail fell yesterday afternoon north of town. The trees in the path of the storm were stripped of fruit, the cotton and the corn were considerably injured, but it is believed that the blades only of the corn were injured.

W. N. Morrow and sons, Frank and Robert, left this week for McCauley, going through in a wagon Mrs. Morrow and daughter, Annie, will remain here about a week longer. The News regrets to lose this estimable family from our midst.

Hon. A. N. Moursund and Will Graf were out fishing Saturday and landed a catfish weighing 67 pounds.

Mrs. S. A. McCollum left Monday for Austin on a visit.

A. A. Keller was in from his ranch Monday. He and Mrs. Keller visited Fredericksburg last week and brought home their daughter, Imogene, who has been attending school there.

Mrs. Gus Schuessler and children spent a few days last week at the home of Hon. R. H. Lowrey at Camp San Saba. Fine rains fell there during their visit. They were especially impressed with the fine stock on Mr. Lowrey's ranch and the beautiful Angora goats were an attractive feature to little Miss Ruoy.

Louis Schmidt received the information Wednesday that his brother, Theodore, was thought to be dying at Rocky Ford, Col. and he left at once for that place. Mr. Schmidt was paralyzed some months ago and never recovered.

Uto Kooch was here from Austin a few days this week in the interest of the hardware house of Walter Tips.

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, May 11, 1894:

Mrs. P. C. Baird chaperoned a crowd of young people to the Llano river Tuesday, where a pleasant day was spent.

Jake Geistweidt, of Beaver Creek, fell from a horse Tuesday and sustained a fracture of his right arm. Dr. Grandstaff attended him.

The Mason High School held its closing exercises last Thursday evening.

W. R. Capps and Miss Rosa Johnson were married on the evening of May 2 at the home of Mr. J. E. Arms.

Mathew Capps, who had three of his fingers amputated a short time ago has had to have the remaining one amputated.

The Mason Cornet Band played at the Catholic services at Brady last Sunday.

W. W. White is having an addition built to the office recently purchased of J. D. Bridges.

Corker Boyd and wife spent the past week at the ranch of Erv Hamilton.

V. Mick and family have moved from Plehweville to Koochville.

A. F. Glossermer spent Sunday with his family at Fredonia.

Messrs. Fulton, Gugenheim, Wm. Hofmann and E. H. Bogusch and families spent Sunday on the river.

Mr. Bauer, aged father of Jacob Bauer, died on the 7th near Castell, at the age of 81 years.

Glenn Smith was clerking for Sam Saunders a few days this week.

H. Zork, R. H. Garner, E. H. Bogusch and Frank Husoand spent a few days the past week on the San Saba river fishing.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schuessler, Jr., a girl on the first.

Sheriff Baird went to Fredericksburg Wednesday after Prof. R. B. Holland, colored, who has a serious charge against him.

Major Seth Maury was painfully injured last week at his ranch by his horse jumping from under him as he attempted to mount. He was laid up for several days.

A complete assortment of fishing tackle at

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COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS

Last Monday night the Mason Commercial Club held its regular meeting for the month of May. A good attendance was had and some interesting business was discussed.

The leading subject of the meeting was the question as to Mason's having a picnic and barbecue in July. After some discussion it was finally decided that a mass meeting be called for next Saturday afternoon, May 10, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the advisability of holding such a celebration and at the same time make arrangements as to the appointment of committees, etc.

The club also took up the matter relative to the erection of a suitable monument in honor of Mason County heroes in the recent world's war. The subject was lively discussed and quite a number of ways of procedure were suggested, but in conclusion it was finally decided that a committee consisting of O. A. Hensch, Alex. Grosse and Dor Brown be appointed and that Messdames Reynolds and Chas. Bierschwale be asked to serve with them on the committee.

This committee will be expected to get in communication with artists and sculptors, get their plans and suggestions and later decide upon what kind of a monument we should erect. Their report will then be received by the club and further procedure can be taken as to the raising of money for its erection, and as to its location on the square.

As usual the subject of "Good Roads" was brought up and resulted in some lengthy discussions. The club had with them Mr. Harber, our highway engineer, and he was called upon to offer suggestions along this line and he responded with some quite interesting remarks. Judge Smith, who is well informed as to the county's financing the building of roads and maintaining them also brought out some interesting facts. We learned that Mason county's road money is getting quite short and since the erection of the bridge across the Comanche creek and the contracting for the Mason-Gillespie county line highway has resulted in our county's having to issue something like \$38,000 worth of time warrants. When this money has been spent a problem will arise as to where the money is to come from to maintain our roads, and we will also want to build some other roads besides keeping up the ones now being constructed.

Engineer Harber told us that Mason county would find it impossible to get further State aid without sooner or later voting bonds, as the State Department prefers to put aid where counties have sufficient money to maintain roads as well as build them and it seems that the State Department recommends counties seeking aid to vote bonds. F. A. C. Lemburg, secretary was instructed to take up correspondence with the highway engineering department of the State University relative to the procuring of some illustrated good roads lectures which are to be released for distribution purposes over different parts of the State. These illustrations are made up of the use of a magic lantern and a number of slides are furnished. The service is free and it is the intention of the club to secure them and visit every school house in the county and in this way conduct a kind of good roads educational campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Erv Hamilton are planning on leaving Mason shortly for Shawnee, Oklahoma, to make that city their home. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have been residents of Mason for many years and their decision to leave Mason is received as a source of much regret by their numerous friends here. Mr. Hamilton stated to the Newsman that they were not leaving Mason with an intention to forget "the dear old place" altogether for they had acquired too many warm friends here and said he would always have a fond remembrance for Mason and its good people. He says that in so much as both of their children and their families reside there and that his interests there are as large as at Mason they have decided to go there where they could be with the children.

We have all colors of straw hat dye.—Mason Drug Co.

If you want feed phone 42.

MONDAY WAS BIG DAY

Last Monday was a big day for Mason and a good crowd of people was here. The airplane which was to have been here disappointing many by its failure to arrive. Just why the airplane did not show up is not known.

Mason held her rally for the Victory Liberty Loan Monday and a splendid crowd was on hand. A nice program was had and the day can be called a success, even though the airplanes which had been counted on as the special feature of the day did fail to come.

As was announced the Mason County Soldier and Sailor boys were on hand and they played the most important part in the program. The boys were assembled and marched about the square for some little bit just before noon.

At noon they were divided and taken to the hotels where they were served dinner at the expense of the Mason Chapter American Red Cross. Shortly after noon the veterans were again assembled and paraded the street in platoon division. Lieut. Edwin Lowgren commanded the company, which consisted of about fifty men and Lieut. O. A. Hensch and Sergeant Carl McCollum assisted him. After a short time spent in drilling the boys lead the procession which ended at the band stand on the court house lawn. Speeches were then made by several regarding the Victory Liberty Loan. Capt. Alfred P. C. Petsch, of Fredericksburg was the main speaker of the occasion. He made an eloquent and very impressive talk.

Following Captain Petsch's talk County Chairman, John T. Banks invited the crowd to gather close in and give in their subscriptions to the Victory Liberty Loan.

The subscriptions to the Loan fell far below the expectation of every one. Up until Monday night there were only \$14,250 worth of bonds subscribed for. Of course there may perhaps be a number of bonds that have been bought by people living out of town and they have not been reported, but it would be impossible for any great amount to be out. Mason county's quota is something better than \$30,000 and so far we have not raised but about half at the best estimate. There is no use to talk for Mason county can certainly beat what she is doing in this loan.

THRESHING NOTICE.

We will run two threshing machines this season. Parties having anything for us to thresh will please notify us at an early date, at 112 E. W. Winkle and Chas. Leslie.

J. W. White spent a few days the past week in San Antonio on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kooch and F. W. Lemburg left last Tuesday for San Antonio to be away several days on business matters.

Do you want any crockery ware, such as churns, milk pans, jugs or 5 gallon jars? We have a nice assortment.

City Grocery Co.

Miss Ruby Bruce left Tuesday morning for Mason City, Iowa, for a visit of several weeks with friends. Mrs. Barber of Llano, is in Mason for a visit with J. L. Bruce and children during Miss Ruby's absence.

Mrs. J. S. Crain and little daughter came in last Monday from El Paso for a visit with Mrs. Crain's grandmother, Mrs. Sadie Jones. Mrs. Crain says that this is her first visit to Mason since moving to El Paso when but a girl about fifteen years ago. Our readers will pleasantly remember her as Miss Sadie Blake. She states that her mother, Mrs. Blake, is enjoying good health and also resides in El Paso. (Mrs. Blake is spending several months this summer in California.

Jonnie Millairie, the little son of Mrs. J. P. Millairie, had his arm broken a few days ago, by falling from a delivery wagon.

F. R. Jordan, the Katemey Postmaster and merchant, and Audie Harkey were visitors in Mason last Monday. They report a good rain the night before in that section which assured the farmers a good oat and wheat crop. The rain amounted to something like an inch.

Miss Alice Lemburg has gone to Dallas and is taking a business course in school.

MASS MEETING

A mass meeting is to be held at the court house in Mason on next Saturday afternoon, May 10, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing and making arrangements for a picnic and barbecue celebration for Mason this summer. This meeting is being called by the Mason Commercial Club and it is urgently requested that the general public be present. Let's get together and have a grand celebration. Remember the date and the hour and be on hand.

NO HILDA POST OFFICE

The post office at Hilda has been discontinued. Rev. Bohmfalk, the post master, recently moved to Industries, and since his removal it has been impossible to get any one to take charge of the office, therefore the office will have to be discontinued. So far as the News can learn most of the people who got mail at Hilda now expect to have their mail sent to the Mason office.

Chas. Brite was here last Monday from the Streeter section and reported a nice rain in that section the night before. Mr. Brite took a new lease on the News while here.

BOND APPROVED

The Commissioners Court met in call session last Friday and approved the bond which was presented by the Alamo Construction Co. of San Antonio, which company is to build the highway from Mason to the Gillespie county line. It is said that the company is to begin actual work within two weeks from the day their bond was approved.



John Reichenau came in last week from San Antonio for a visit with relatives and friends. He is on crutches from the fall he received a few weeks ago. He returned to San Antonio this week.

J. J. Hightower came in last week from San Antonio, where he has been for the past several weeks undergoing treatment by Dr. Gurdin for his condition. He says that he has been helped somewhat he is undecided as to whether he will return for further treatment.

Henry W. Keller was here Monday from the Loyal Valley section and left a pleasant reminder with the News. Mr. Keller says that he is very much in favor of the Hero monument for Mason County and that he wants to do his part towards its erection. He asked us to put his name down as being willing to donate ten dollars towards it.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two months' treatment and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2938 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

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Width lower edge 1 1/2 yds. Size 36 requires 4 1/2 yds of 36 inch material

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34-50 Bust

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Dress 8140
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16-20 years

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25 cents
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A FINAL APPEAL

The time set aside for the Victory Loan Campaign has nearly expired, and yet Mason county has not subscribed one half of the quota assigned. Thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars, is our quota, the smallest quota by several thousand dollars that we have had assigned us, and yet we are further from reaching it than any since the first Liberty Loan.

There seems to be a general feeling on the part of our people that it is not necessary to continue to back up the Government in the purchase of securities now that the armistice has been signed and the final treaty of peace about concluded. Some think that it is no longer a test of our patriotism. But it is highly important and necessary that we purchase to the limit of our ability and subscribe our full quota of Victory Loan Notes; and it is in highest truth and fact the most patriotic thing that we could possibly do at this time. We must pay the debt that we have already incurred; we must pay the bill now accumulating. The debt already made was made by our government mainly in the purchase of the snaws of war—ships, guns, munitions, aircrafts, tanks food clothing, medicines, hospital supplies—without which we could not have won peace terms from the enemy so quickly, and thus saved the lives of thousands of our own soldier boys. Out of gratitude then to our wise and good Government, let us pay this bill and pay it cheerfully. There are still 1,500,000 American Soldiers in France, Belgium and Germany. Out of gratitude to these heroes whose valor and courage have written a new name upon the page of history, let us buy Victory Loan Notes to the limit of our ability, so that as soon

as conditions will warrant, the Government may bring them all safely back to our shores, and so that until the time comes when peace has been signed and conditions settled in Europe so that all of them may be returned, the Government may be abundantly able to provide for their comfort and well being. There are two score or more of our own Mason County boys yet on the western front keeping watch on the Rhine and Moselle or waiting in French ports for their turn to be brought back home. What must they think of us if we fail to pay the bill that the Government made to provide for them and to protect them as it is possible to give protection upon the field of battle—to give them superior equipment for battle, superior fitness for battle, superior care while in battle and after battle—if we now repudiate that debt that meant the saving of many of their lives, and the lives of thousands of their comrades. And what must they think of us if we leave them there stranded in Europe. Suppose that every county and community were to fail to come up to the help of the Government as we seem to be doing. When and how would our boys get back, and who would care for them until that time. It is a sacred and solemn duty that we owe, to pay this bill, and to provide further for these our own heroes. And if we do not do it, have we any right to expect any one else to do it for us I appeal to every man and woman in Mason County. I appeal to your high sense of duty and obligation, I appeal to your patriotism, let us on Saturday May the 10th, go to our banker or go to the salesman in our neighborhood and quit us like men and women and raise this quota that has been assigned us, Wednesday May the 7th, was designated by Governor Hobby as a holiday at which time we were appealed to to do this work, but in so far as notice could not be gotten

out in time for Wednesday, I am taking the liberty to designate Saturday May 10th, Victory Loan Day and I appeal to the entire citizenship of Mason County to observe it as such. I think we ought to close up everything and set ourselves in order to do this work and keep at it until the job is finished.

John T. Banks,
County Chairman.

LAUNDRY.

I represent the Texas Steam Laundry of San Antonio and solicit your business. All work first class. Basket leaves every Tuesday.

Hensch, The Tailor.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Ziehe and son and daughter, Marion and Hattie, are here from Maxwell, Texas. Rev. Ziehe is in attendance at the Lutheran Synod and his wife and children took advantage of the opportunity to visit their old home by accompanying him. Rev. Ziehe was pastor of the local Lutheran church for something like 13 years, before his removal to Maxwell only a year or so ago. Naturally he and his family feel that Mason is home and more especially does this feeling come over them upon meeting so many warm friends as has been their pleasure of doing since their arrival. It is a pleasure to have them with us again for a visit and our readers will be pleased to learn that they will be here for a couple of weeks. Rev. Ziehe says that he has the privilege of remaining away from Maxwell for two Sundays and they expect to spend as much time here as possible.

Dr. Le Gears Stock Powders, Buy it in Mason from Mason Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lemburg are having their home repainted and it is already looking very pretty.

MORE DRILLING CONTACTS

Mr. Dick Dyer, who has succeeded in securing the deep test well on the Brandenberger land, is here together with Mr. LeGrand rounding up two other drilling blocks in Mason County. The Brandenberger well will be drilled by some West Virginia oil men who are said to have a record of never having brought in a dry hole. Mason County land owners should get together with these parties and have their lands exploited for oil, rather than to sell the same for a cheap lease. If we could get a few good wells in the County it would mean millions for Mason.

Louis Schmidt is in receipt of word from his daughter, Miss Elsie, stating that she is quite sick at the home of her aunt in Dallas.

If you would like to have accident or health insurance, I have just the kind of a policy you need. No trouble to show and explain the different policies and quote premiums. Martin D. Loring, agent for the Maryland Assurance Corporation.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

Atlas and Attack.
"Dry" upper Michigan's stomach aches have been cured. The epidemic, which began several weeks ago, was immediately followed by an influx of hot-water bottles—but, alas, one bottle leaked, and the officials won't let 'em have any more.

Hen Letters Her Egg.
James Albert Pigg of Terre Haute has a hen. The rooster's name is Tom. Now Pigg says when he lifted the hen recently he found "she had laid an egg with a monogram initial 'T' in raised shell end."

ELECT DIRECTORS

Last Thursday afternoon a mass meeting was held at the court house and the Gooch Cemetery Association was reorganized and a board of Directors was elected to serve for the ensuing year. The directors elected are: Carl Runge, Mesdames J. W. White, A. W. Koock, Belle Bridges, C. S. Vedder. These directors have in charge all matters pertaining to the cemetery. On the first of May each year the Association will meet and elect a new board of directors.

The J. W. White addition to the Gooch Cemetery is laid off in blocks and lots and a map has been made of the same. Henry Hofmann has a plot of the grounds and he should be consulted before any graves are dug. There are no charges for the lots, but they will have to be picked in rotation.

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Notice of church entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news, will be charged at the regular advertising rates.

ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue Display rates made known on application.

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WHO'S NEXT

We, whose names appear below, believe that Mason County should erect a monument and dedicate it to the memory of the Mason county boys who served in the recent world's war, and will donate the amount set opposite our respective names towards its erection:

- August Kothmann\$25.00
- Mason Clean Town Club\$10.00
- Mason County News\$10.00
- Calvin Thaxton\$10.00
- Woman's Missionary Society.....\$10.00
- W. G. Keyser\$5.00
- German Ladies Aid Society\$8.00
- Henry W. Keller\$10.00

If you are willing to subscribe phone the News the amount you will give and your name will appear in this list the following issue.

The town of Mason is alive with Lutheran Ministers and delegates this week. They are here from all parts of the State to attend the Annual Synod, which convened Wednesday morning at the Lutheran Church in our city. There is something like 150 of the visitors all of whom will be with us until the close of the convention on the 12th. On Tuesday something like 15 cars went to Llano and Brady to meet the delegates and bring them to Mason. The local Lutheran members have been making preparation to entertain the visitors as royally as possible during their stay and indications are that the synod will be a success from every standpoint.

EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Commissioners Court of Mason County will sit as a Board of Equalization at the May term of court, which convenes on the second Monday of said month. a174 S. C. Brockman, Co. Clerk

MEN OF MANY NATIONS

IN GRAVES AT NISH

Germans Buried in Cemetery With French, Serbians and Russians.

There is a cemetery at Nish in which is epitomized the entire history of the great war in the Orient. In it the various groups of soldiers, prisoners and refugees have their separate plots.

Largest of all is that of the German soldiers and officers. Each grave is marked by a permanent, heavy, solid cement stone, roughly in the shape of an iron cross. A neighboring factory, formerly devoted to the manufacture of briquets for fuel, was diverted to the manufacture of these tombstones.

Next in size is the Bulgarian, each grave being marked by a heavy wooden cross. These timbers were requisitioned by the Bulgarians from the houses of people of Nish and each cross represents not only the grave of a Bulgarian but the partial demolition of the home of a citizen of Nish. These wooden crosses are so numerous as to almost give the effect of a forest.

The group of Austrian graves is considerably smaller. Separated from these are the plots for the allied soldiers. Here are to be found a much smaller number of graves of the French and the Italians. On the hillside was a large number of new graves, those of the Serbian soldiers who died in the final capture of Nish. The Germans made one of the last stands here and Nish was taken only after five assaults with the bayonet.

Here are three queer-looking plots. One includes the graves of the Russian prisoners of war who were brought here to work by the enemy. They are numerous. Another is that of the Roumanian prisoners of war, also numerous. Less numerous are those of the Italian prisoners of war.

Nearby are two newer groups of graves. One includes the grave of the Greek refugees who died, many of them from the influenza, as they passed through Nish on their way back to Macedonia. Another is that of Serbian refugees who met a similar fate in the course of their wanderings toward their homes either to the north or south.

TANK CORPS IN U. S. ARMY

Section Will Be Commanded by Brigadier General.

Recognition of the importance of armored tanks, "ordnance cavalry," in modern warfare has been indicated by the peacetime organization of this arm of the service, just approved by the war department. The United States will maintain in commission and ready for action a minimum of 1,050 tanks, 330 being of the heavy type, 720 of the light type and others that will be classed as "signal tanks."

A tank brigade, composed of one battalion of heavy tanks and two of light tanks, will be attached to each army corps. The typical heavy battalion includes 45 fighting tanks, with 24 in reserve, and the light battalion,

45 fighting machines, with 27 in reserve. Thus the army corps complement will total 135 battle craft, fully equipped, with 78 awaiting orders from the corps commander.

SAWYERS GET HARES

Men Found Seventeen of Them in One Large Hollow Log.

Tad Dumps of Dumps Mills, N. Y., went into his woods and hauled several large logs to his house for firewood. The next morning Mr. Dumps and his hired man started sawing the logs into stove wood.

They were working on a large log and discovered that although it was hollow it held a commotion. A few seconds later a large rabbit left the log and started to run. Mr. Dumps threw his ax at it and killed it.

According to Mr. Dumps he and his hired man were kept busy for several minutes killing rabbits as they emerged from the log. He says the log was alive with them, that they killed 17 and that three squirrels and a skunk got away.

Moved the Baby.

The police of Steubenville, O., are looking for a burglar experienced in the handling of babies. In order to search a cradle in which he evidently thought valuables were secreted, the intruder removed the infant from the cradle and placed it in the bed where the parents were sleeping without awakening them. The parents were amazed to find the baby lying between them when they awoke. The disorder in the room indicated what had happened.

Muscular Thief.

A Herculean burglar, who walked away with 600 pounds of rolled oats which he abstracted from a warehouse is being sought by the police of San Francisco.

One night Max Miller, night watchman for the company, missed 11 sacks of rolled oats, weighing 60 pounds each. The burglar must have carried the sacks some distance, the police say, as there was no wagon or automobile near the warehouse that night.

Has Trapped Some.

Thomas Polley of Duquoin, Ill., didn't hike to the Rhine, but he estimates he's tramped 150,000 miles for Uncle Sam in carrying mail for 19 years.

TAME CROW IN PERIL

Bird Brings Wild Mates to Owner's Cornfield.

Last August Simon Tixel of Platt Center, N. Y., while working in the woods, caught a young crow. He brought it home and it became very tame and a great pet, but its life is now in jeopardy, Tixel declares.

For the past few weeks, he says, his farm has been overrun with wild crows. His tame crow flies into the woods, perched itself upon a limb of a tree, caws a few times, and soon the tree is full of crows. Then the tame crow flies home, followed by the wild ones. Tixel says he has no objection to the crow bringing home its brothers, but when he coaxes them into his barn and they begin to banquet on his oats, corn and wheat, it is more than he can stand. He will give the crow one more chance, and if it does not stop its performance off goes its head.

Tixel says he has shot close to 100 crows in his barn, but it does not deplete the ranks. They have eaten at least ten bushels of grain, he declares.

FARMER COULDN'T MARRY

Couple Told by License Man That This Was Not Russia.

A Hungarian girl and a Russian applied for a marriage license in the Franklin county probate court at Columbus, Ohio, and everything went smooth until it came to filling in the name of the officiating minister.

"Who will marry you?" asked the marriage license clerk.

"Him," said the groom-to-be, pointing to another Russian who had accompanied the couple.

"Who's him?" asked the clerk.

"Him a Russian farmer," was the reply.

"This isn't Russia, and 'Him' won't do," said the clerk. "You will have to get a preacher or a justice of the peace to do the splicing in this country."

Got Old Wedding Fee.

Forty years ago Rev. J. A. Sutton of La Rue, O., performed a marriage and the bridegroom forgot to hand over the customary fee. Through the mail Rev. Sutton has received a \$10 bill and a note accompanying says it is from a "stricken conscience." As Reverend Sutton has performed 714 marriage ceremonies, he does not remember the man who "forgot."

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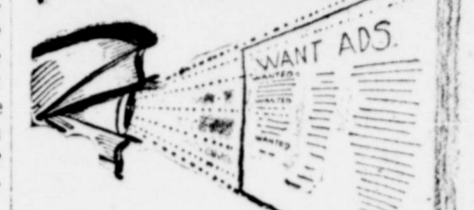
Those who have puny, ailing or run-down children or aged parents may prove this at our expense.

Besides the good it does children and the aged there is nothing like Vinol to restore strength and vitality to weak, nervous women and overworked, run-down men.

Try it. If you are not entirely satisfied, we will return your money without question; that proves our fairness and your protection. Millions of people have been convinced this way.

Mason Drug Co. and Druggists Everywhere.

THROUGH THE



WANT COLUMNS

FOR SALE—About 8 or 10 saddle and work horses. If interested phone 94. Moss & Dees. m87

As it is my intentions to leave Mason to reside elsewhere in the near future, I take this means of notifying all parties owing me that I will want to collect all notes as they become due.

Respectfully,
m8-4tp Ery Hamilton.

FOR SALE—McCormick Harvester (mower and binder). Apply to Calvin Thaxton, Mason, Tex.

LOST—A crank to a Chevrolet car. Finder will please notify this office.

FOR SALE—Truck-Ford. Almost new and in good condition. For further particulars apply to W. C. Lehmer, Castell, Texas.

FURNISHED ROOMS—For rent Apply to Mrs. McDougall. m27

BULLS—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale. Best of quality and splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see or ring me. f13tf Elgin O. Kothmann.

Messrs A. J. and John Lindsay spent several days last week in Bell county on business.

Get my prices on cement before buying elsewhere. f27tf Harry Bierschwale.

Ben Hasse writes from Fort Worth asking that the News present him. Ben is there attending school.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

Clerk Brockman issued marriage license to Vernon Kothmann and Miss Mertle Smith last Monday and shortly afterwards Judge Garrett united the young couple in marriage. The groom is a son of Wm. Kothmann, of the Pontotoc section. The bride resided in another county and has been visiting relatives at Pontotoc for some time. The News extends the young couple its best wishes.

BARBER NOTICE

I am now owner of the Holmes King barber shop and ask a liberal share of your patronage.

Give me a trial. m13 Harry Pluenneke.

Runge & Runge have recently added quite an expensiveatory to their already fine law equipment. They have recently purchased a mimeograph machine which they have found to be a paying investment and is quite a time saver in turning out abstract and produce papers.

REMOVAL NOTICE

I have moved my feed business to the C. C. Smith building and am with the City Grocery Co. Parties desiring feed will find me ready to fill their wants at all times. Phone No. 11 Wm. Donop. f11

ATTENTION! Sick Women

To do your duty during these trying times your health should be your first consideration. These two women tell how they found health.

Hellam, Pa.—"I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for female troubles and a displacement. I felt all rundown and was very weak. I had been treated by a physician without results, so decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial, and felt better right away. I am keeping house since last April and doing all my housework, where before I was unable to do any work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is certainly the best medicine a woman can take when in this condition. I give you permission to publish this letter."—Mrs. E. R. CRUMLING, R. No. 1, Hellam, Pa.

Lowell, Mich.—"I suffered from cramps and dragging down pains, was irregular and had female weakness and displacement. I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound which gave me relief at once and restored my health. I should like to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies to all suffering women who are troubled in a similar way."—Mrs. ELISE HEIM, R. No. 6, Box 83, Lowell, Mich.

Why Not Try

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. LYNN, MASS.



Letters From Our Soldier Boys

From Ed Doyal

A. E. F. - A. P. O. 796
Mr Eugene Murray,
Dear Sir:
I will try and write you a few lines to let you know that I got away from old Fritz all right; did not get hurt out sure was glad to know that it is over for I know now that I am entirely too big to

be on the front. I was up there only 21 days and that was 20 1-2 too long. I did not lose more than 25 pounds in the 21 days and I was much too large when I left the front. Believe me, when old Fritz would start those G. I. cans over I sure could get gully low. I did not go over the top as I was with the Supply Co. and they don't have to go over the top out I was on the front several times.

CHILD KNOWS OPERAS

Familiar With the Music in 200 of Them.

Octavius Roy Cohen, Jr., three-year-old son of Octavius Roy Cohen, author and playwright of Birmingham, Ala., proved before a jury of educators and musical critics that he knows 200 operas by heart. The baby in a formal test identified and lisped the names of opera after opera unerringly, as phonographic selections chosen by the jury were played.

Nicholas Bauer, acting superintendent of New Orleans public schools, headed the examining body and pronounced the exhibition the most phenomenal in his experience. The three-year-old child capped his operatic test by identifying a score of operatic selections, beginning with the "Peer Gynt" suite, when his father tapped the rhythm of the music with a coin on a table.

Only saw one man killed and he was a Frenchman, but I sure saw lots of them shortly after they were killed.

Well, there is not any use of trying to tell all that happened on the front. I did think for a while that we would be at home in time to tell some of the things that happened, but I know now that the news from over here will be too old to talk about when we get home. For they have stopped all drilling and put all of the boys to work on the French roads. They say when we get France in as good shape as we found it we will come home, and that can't be none. For Germany had it almost captured when we got here, and it will never be in that shaper any more. But there is some talk of us getting home by August. As I don't know anything else to write will close. As ever,
Yours truly,
Ed Doyal.

SEE US FOR AUTO SEAT COVERS.

McCOLLUM AUTO CO.

The Hilda section was well represented in Mason last Monday for the Liberty Loan rally.

Messrs Barrett, Fickling, Tommy Strong and W. H. Holloway were among the people in Mason last Monday from Pontotoc.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson.

OBJECTED TO ENGINE

Buffalo Did Not Like Locomotive and Stopped Train.

Denver and Rio Grande officials are wondering just what a certain huge buffalo thinks of its passenger trains. The beast recently tried to stop a train over La Veta pass at night, but found the locomotive stronger than his head. Undaunted, he came back and rammed the train again and a second time rolled off into the ditch.

The train was running slowly, otherwise it is believed the buffalo would have been killed.

Huge Death Toll Among Prussians.

Prussia's losses in officers and men during the war have been made public by a staff officer, who based his figures from the official casualty lists. The report shows that 32,454 officers and more than 4,330,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or missing.

Marble in an Egg.

Even hens play marbles in the spring, says Mrs. Rohles of Kenosha, Wis. While preparing a cake (not a marble cake, either) she cracked an egg and out rolled a hard marble.

Indians Took Ammunition to Mexico.

Yaqui Indians who crossed the boundary from Sonora, Mexico, have obtained a large amount of arms and ammunition in the United States.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon. J. J. Johnson.

Mr. August Kothmann was here last Saturday from the Castell section.

We have a nice line of crockery ware. City Grocery Co.

Frank Kiser was here last Saturday from McCulloch county. Frank is a tick inspector for the southern part of that county. He says that the stockmen are cleaning up right along and that they have adopted the every 18 day dipping schedule.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR THRIFT STAMP TODAY? SAVE AND SUCCEED!

FROM WILL ELLEBRACHT

Navasota, Texas

April 27, 1919.

To Mason News and Its Many Readers:

This is a very windy and dusty Sunday in this little burg, Navasota, and by this you will know, even in this land of rain, it is now top dry, and rain needed. In crossing the Brazos river yesterday I noticed it was up. This indicates it does rain some where, and my hope is rain for Mason. As in all of my running around I find Mason and London are not far from the worse places in the Lone Star State. I find the best wheat crops in Medina County. The best oat crop, a banner crop indeed, in Comal County. One man has in 90 acres and is counting on eight thousand bushels. Perhaps he may have to lower his sights, although I hope not. I find the best average corn in Washington County. At this writing it is about two feet high, and looking fine. And the best cotton crop in the Brazos bottom or in Williamson County. People are now beginning to chop it out. As Williamson County alone has 62 cotton gins we will give her the glory.

And in comical story we will give Castorville the honor of one of their natives producing the best prohibition argument: A shoemaker, Schuester, came in a barroom shop and in all honesty remarked to the carrier, "Adolph, I only work three hours a day now. Can get no more beer, and my wife has quit me. I have over a hundred dollars and can not spend it. Now what is the use to work. Three hours a day keeps me up, and the \$100.00 growing. Before prohibition I could not support my wife and she quit me. Now I have plenty of money, no beer and no wife." Yet the comical guy was cussing the bone dry state.

Now don't entertain the idea which once I had, that Castorville, because it is an old town, is a large town or city. It has only two small stores, one blacksmith shop, one small hotel. But it is a very thickly settled farming country and all good solid substantial farmers. Castorville only has two churches, a Catholic and a Lutheran, and they get along the finest in the world, because they have nothing to do with one another.

While I am penning these few lines in memory of my many friends who will read this, I am in Navasota. Quite a good deal of farming here is done with oxen. At first on my eastern trip this seemed odd and rather comical to me, and at times I would joke about it. But the more I see it and watch them work the better I like it. And if I were a farmer I am inclined to believe I would try to farm with oxen. With proper training they walk just as fast as horses, and do not tire like horses. You do not need expensive harness, only a wooden yoke and a chain. You can yoke up 4 steers before you can catch one horse. They draw a furrow much straighter than a horse, and don't flinch when the plow goes a little deeper. The entire hitching arrangement would not cost any more than one good horse collar. I offered, for a sham, to trade two mules to a darkey for his two steers. He said, "Noo-Sa, Boss. Cost too much to feed them. The steer will stay fat where the horse starves to death." When you stop in town the steer will lie down, where the horse flinches and fight flies. The oxen farming appeals to me. But in as much as I will likely never farm, you will also likely never see this fun.

The steers here are small. If they had steers here, large like my friends, Elgin Kothmann and the Martins used to raise, they would bring all kinds of good money. When you cross east of the Brazos river the good stock plays out and the mixed Jersey stuff comes in. I am inclined to believe that the good readers have read war stories and for a change of mind a letter like this, comical facts, will come in real nice.

All over the state in almost every county you can see oil well derricks drilling for oil. Some day when the oil is all out of the ground, then, where was Moses when the lights went out.

Will Ellebracht.

Don't forget the show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. The show starts promptly at 9:00 o'clock.

J. C. Surber of the Katemcy section was here last Saturday on business.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask the Mason Drug Company.

Dan Hasse was a pleasant caller at the News office last Saturday while here from Castell section.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have recently set their subscription figures ahead by paying the amount opposite their name, and we appreciate their remembering us very much. May many of our other readers follow their example:

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| Aug. Kothmann | \$1.50 |
| Walter Leifeste | 1.00 |
| Mike Jennings | 1.50 |
| Dan Hasse | 1.50 |
| Jim Behrens | 1.50 |
| Mrs. H. Puckey | 1.50 |
| D. H. Bird | 1.50 |
| Lee Smart | 1.50 |
| Walker & Walker | 1.50 |
| J. G. Farmer | .75 |
| A. W. Koock | 1.50 |
| J. F. Schaeg | 1.50 |
| E. W. Schroeder | 1.50 |
| E. S. Weissmann | 1.50 |
| Henry Keller | 1.50 |
| Chas. Britte | 3.00 |
| A. O. Schuessler | 1.50 |
| Ben Hasse | .50 |

A. F. Dannheim writes the News from Marlin, Texas, to send his paper there. He states that he has gone into the grocery business at that place in partnership with his brother-in-law, C. J. Pauling, and that they are doing a good business and so far likes it well there.

POULTRY WANTED

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry. 5-6
Mayhew Produce Co.

Mrs. Young McCollum returned to Mason a few days ago after a visit at Eden with relatives and friends. Her brother accompanied her here and remained a few days for a visit.

Why not dye that straw hat? We have a complete assortment of colors.—Mason Drug Co.

Rudolph Martin left last Monday morning for San Antonio, where he had been summoned to appear before the Federal Grand Jury, which is now in session in that city. Rudolph, while in the army, was on the Military Police force and was connected with quite a bit of secret service work during his enlistment.

OLD HATS MADE NEW

We are prepared to clean and re-block hats in a first class manner and prices are very reasonable. 4-5
Manuel Lopez

Last Saturday morning Road Superintendent Doell was struck over the head with a pick handle by John Cranford and was hurt pretty badly, it being necessary for the doctors to take several stitches in the scalp. Mr. Cranford had been working with the road crew under Mr. Doell and, according to our information, something turned up which caused Mr. Doell to give Mr. Cranford his time and this caused the trouble. As to any further particulars the News failed to learn anything.

STOCK LAW NOTICE

There is a law prohibiting stock running at large within bounds of Mason Independent School District and all persons having stock at large in same are notified to keep them up as this law has to be enforced.

G. H. Willis, Sheriff.

Alfred Dannheim, who recently returned from over-sea service and who now resides at Brenham, was visiting relatives and friends in Mason county last week. He and his sister, Miss Emma, who has just closed her school in this county, left Monday for their home.

BULLS—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale. Best of quality and in splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see or ring me. 113tf
Elgin O. Kothmann.

Judge Joe P. Plack and his son were in Mason last Saturday on business.

One of the best rains that has fallen for sometime fell in Mason last Tuesday night and Wednesday morning and indications point for still more. So far as we learn the rain was general.

CITY MEAT MARKET

Choicest and best meats possible to obtain. No delivery. Fine light bread also for sale. Pay highest cash price for dry or green hides. W. A. Zesch, Prop.

E. F. Leifeste was here Saturday from his farm north of town. He reports crops looking fine and says he has 26 acres of extra fine wheat.

MONEY TO LEND

We represent one of the best Loan Companies in the State and are in a position to make favorable loans on Mason County Stock Farms and Ranch Lands.

Runge & Runge, Agents

ATTENTION!

We are now prepared to do your half-soleing also your tire and tube vulcanizing. We guarantee our work and work at moderate prices. Phone us your wants.

WALKER & WALKER, Mason, Texas.

ICE!

Delivered Daily

Our ice truck makes regular rounds every morning. Let us have our driver leave a chunk at your place each day.

No truck on Sunday, but the factory is open until 10 a. m.

MASON ICE & POWER CO.

BANK ACCOUNT
THE GIBRALTAR OF YOUR HOME

A Bank Account Is the Gibraltar of the Home!

If you are a man of family you must have a bank account. A BANK ACCOUNT IS THE BULWARK, THE GIBRALTAR, OF YOUR HOME. It protects you in time of need. It gives you a feeling of independence. It strengthens you.

It Is a Consolation to Your Wife, to Your Children

THE COMMERCIAL BANK
(UNINCORPORATED) OF MASON
MASON COUNTY DEPOSITORY

MRS. ANNA MARTIN C. L. MARTIN MAX MARTIN
PRESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT CASHIER

ARMY CENSORSHIP BEYOND THE RHINE

Close Tab Kept on German Lines of Communication.

MUCH LATITUDE IS ALLOWED

Col. R. H. Williams, in Charge, Employs 51 Officers and 273 Clerks, and Expects to Need 200 More—Mail, Telephone and Telegraph Service Interfered With as Little as Possible—Watch Like Hawk to See That Nothing Against Interests of America or Allies Gets By.

By CYRIL BROWN.
(in New York World.)

That occupation isn't all play and living in Rhine castles, but involves plenty of hard work, is typically indicated by some statistics of our military censorship, which in turn is only one of the numerous activities of G-2 section of the Third Army, functioning unostentatiously but effectively under the direction of Col. R. H. Williams, chief of military intelligence of the army of occupation. This interesting department alone employs the services of 51 officers, 15 field clerks and 258 clerks, while Colonel Williams expects that at least 200 men more will be needed in order to achieve the ideal of thoroughness.

The work of our military censorship in keeping a prudent watch on the mail, telegraph and telephone when used by the German population has reached mammoth proportions only because of our broad-minded, liberal policy toward the Germans. Not motivated by altruism, but by common-sense economic reasoning, the American military policy has from the very start been, and continues to be, to grant the natives the utmost limit of liberty of communication consistent with our naturally supreme military interests.

Allowed Notable Freedom.

The basic idea of our military formulators of policy has been that the less the Germans are hampered in the free use of the mails, telegraph and telephone and, in consequence, the less they are economically shackled, the better will be the economic life of the American occupied area and the greater will be the chance for every German in it to earn an honest living. It is not in our best military interest to have the economic life of this American oasis in Germany throttled, nor to wake up some fine morning with a pauper population on our hands. The healthier the economic life of the area, the more smoothly will our occupation function.

The practical result of this general policy is that the Germans in our area of occupation enjoy a freedom in the use of the mails, telegraph and telephone to a degree not enjoyed by their fellow Teutons in either the French, British or Belgian areas.

Germans in our area may send letters, including registered mail and special delivery letters, also parcels post matter, to unoccupied Germany as well as to the French, British and Belgian occupied areas. Similarly Germans in our area may receive mail matter from unoccupied Germany and the other occupied areas. They may send telegrams to unoccupied Germany and the other occupied areas, and may likewise receive telegrams from unoccupied Germany and the other unoccupied areas.

Most liberal of all, Germans in the American area may communicate by telephone with unoccupied Germany and the other unoccupied areas.

The simple common-sense general rule of our military censorship merely bans everything detrimental to our interests or those of our allies. If they mind their own business and don't attempt to violate this simple, reasonable rule, Germans in the American area may go as far as they like in the use of the mails, telegraph and telephone.

Our military censorship is on the job twenty-four hours of the twenty-four, and "Military Intelligence," under the direction of Colonel Williams, watches like an unemotional hawk to see that no Teuton gets away with anything against the interests of America and the allies; but beyond this the square deal spirit of justice and tolerance which animates the American brand of occupation crops out in the military censorship in a very human way—paradoxically, too, since censors are not generally credited with being human. Our competent military authorities are proud not only of the fact that the censorship is effective in safeguarding our legitimate interests, but that it does so with the irreducible minimum of delay and hardship to the Germans if they don't attempt to abuse our square-deal policy.

Long Distance Phone.

Most interesting, perhaps, is the

long distance telephone proposition. Germans in Coblenz today can talk with Berlin—if the bolsheviki will let them. If the operator here can't get Berlin or Munich or Dresden it won't be the fault of the American army of occupation.

When our army first occupied Coblenz all long distance trunk telephone lines out of Coblenz, sixteen of them, were immediately cut as a self-understood military measure. Colonel Williams then let it be known that, subject to our censorship, a certain number of long distance telephone trunk lines would be permitted to resume

business for such legitimate Teuton conversations as might be required by the needs of the community. And he left it to the Germans themselves to decide which long distance telephone lines they wanted to use most, and put it up to the municipal authorities and the chamber of commerce and the German business community generally.

The Germans requested that five trunk lines be reopened for public use as being most essential to business; and this request was complied with. Later, as business increased, three more long distance telephone lines were reopened to the public, so that the Germans in our area of occupation now enjoy under military occupation 50 per cent of the long distance telephone service with unoccupied Germany and the other occupied areas which they had before occupation.

Censored 100 Per Cent.

German long distance telephone conversations are censored 100 per cent on all calls coming into or going out of our area. This involves no loss of time; the operator puts all such calls through our military telephone censorship office, where competent khaki-clad linguists umpire the flow of Teuton talk, and cut in if anything is said against our interests or those of our allies.

There is also a partial censorship of German telephone conversations confined within the limits of our area of occupation. These internal telephone talks are liable to be cut in on any time by our military telephone censors.

The Germans are also availing themselves of the generous freedom accorded them in the use of the telegraph. As in the case of local and long distance calls confined to the interior of our area of occupation, there is only a partial censorship of German telegrams within the American area. All telegrams coming or going out of the American area are, however, censored 100 per cent. No telegram is held up more than five minutes—if legitimate.

All German mail going out of our area is censored 100 per cent. German mail coming into our area is censored up to 20 per cent, which is considered the ideal of necessity supervision. Our mail censorship functions at Coblenz and at Trier—Coblenz, however, doing the bulk of the censorship work.

Every precaution is taken by Colonel Williams' section to see that no advantage is taken of our liberal policy regarding the German mails by attempted smuggling in or out in the mail cars.

WANTS HIS MONEY BACK

Wife Sues to Recover Husband's Pay Lost at Gambling.

Suit to recover her husband's alleged gambling losses, amounting to \$5,425, was entered in court at Youngstown, O., the other day by Mrs. Samuel Peacock against Fred Robertson, Tom Kelly, Jack Dollay and Elmer Lomason.

Mrs. Peacock's petition alleges that the money was lost between May 13 and June 3 in a game in a hotel there, and that under anti-gambling statutes a wife may sue to recover losses if her husband does not do so within six months.

\$80 for Dime's Worth of Candy.

Mrs. Frank Buster of Uniontown, Pa., missed \$80 from her purse while it lay on a dresser in her bedroom. Her four-year-old son John, in meek tones, explained he spent it for candy. An inquiry proved that the little fellow had taken four \$20 bills to a nearby confectionery to purchase a dime's worth of candy. The money was returned.

Uncle Sam to Aid Home Builders.

The United States Housing corporation plans for building homes in congested industrial centers during the war, will be made available for general public use. The department of labor has announced that types of homes would be given to committees promoting building activities in 40 cities.

Aviator Flew Over High Andes.

Lieutenant Cortines, in a British airplane, flew over the Andes from Santiago, Chile, to Argentina. The officer flew at an altitude of 18,000 feet.

There is a shortage throughout South Africa of corrugated iron, black and galvanized flat sheets, wire, tin plates and electrical accessories.

Velvet

THE SMOOTHEST SMOKING TOBACCO

Smoke over your problems. A little drawin' on a fren'y pipe often saves a heap of drawin' on a bank account.

Velvet Joe

Velvet is a friendly tobacco in the truest sense, because, like friendship, it has been allowed to ripen naturally—nothing forced or unnatural.

There are "hurry up" ways with tobacco but only patient ageing (two years in wooden hogsheads) can bring out the mellowness that sets Velvet apart.

You know what mellowness is—now think of a good friend who is never harsh to you.

There you have the big thing about Velvet—mellow friendliness.

You and Velvet—begin your friendship today.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

15¢

Roll a Velvet Cigarette
Velvet's nature-aged mildness and smoothness make it just right for cigarettes.



ELECTION PROCLAMATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Mason;

To each Presiding Judge of Election of each Precinct in Mason County, Texas:

You are hereby commanded that you open the polls for an election for or against prohibition; for or against the amendment to Section 2 Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters; for or against the amendment to Section 5, of Article IV, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas; for or against the amendment to Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes; at your place designated by law as the voting place of said precinct, ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MAY, 1913, and that you keep said polls open during the hours designated by law to-wit: From 8 o'clock A. M. to 7 o'clock P. M., and that you proceed, in conjunction with the judges and clerks of said election, and in accordance with law, to count the votes polled in said precinct at said election, and thereupon, after certifying correct returns thereof officially, in triplicate in connection with said judges and clerks, you seal up and deliver through one of the judges of the election, on or before the Monday next following the day of election, one copy thereof to the County

Judge of this county, one copy of said returns to the County Clerk of said county, to be kept by him in his office open to inspection by the public for twelve months from the day of the election, and the third copy of said returns to be retained by the presiding officer of the election for twelve months from the day of election. Said returns must show: First, the total number of votes polled at such box; second, the number polled for and against each amendment, accompanied with poll and tally lists.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and of this writ make due return, with your endorsement thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and official seal at Mason, Texas this first day of May A. D. 1913.

C. H. GARRETT, County Judge
Mason County Texas.

Tell the News the news.

The junior baseball team of the Mason High School played a game on the local diamond last Saturday with the junior team of the Brady High School. The game resulted in a 11 to 3 victory for the Mason team.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mr. Wm Spittiger Tuesday afternoon May 6, in their monthly meeting. The Scripture lesson and comment was on prayer and the leader, Mrs. Ben Jordan gave us some most helpful thoughts on this subject and emphasized that our prayers must be fervent and from the heart to be effective.

The subject topics were Brazil and Cuba, and a number of the members told of the women's work in these countries, the great need of these people for the gospel and what the Centenary proposes to do for them.

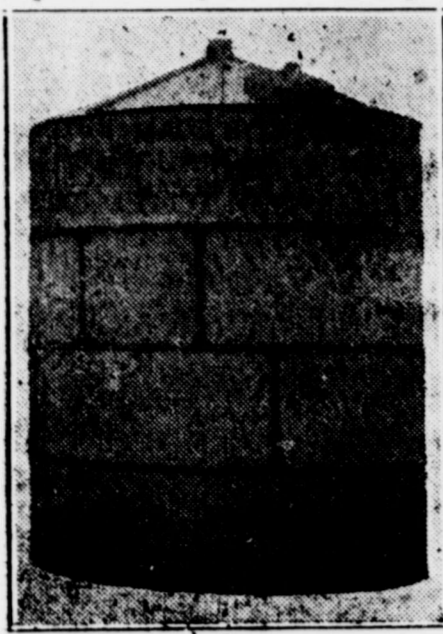
Misses Bertha and Pearl Jordan sang a duet which was much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Wm Spittiger gave a full and interesting report of the Annual meeting in Austin.

We are glad to report five new members added to our Society, namely: Mesdames Julius Spittiger, Eli Jordan, C. C. King and Misses Bertha and Pearl Jordan.

Mrs. Wm Spittiger assisted by Mesdames Baze and Dor Brown served delicious cake and punch to the following members and visitors: Mesdames Thaxton, Will Lemburg, James Lemburg, A. C. Lemburg, Zesch, Woods Otto Schmidt Murray, Allen Murray, Gene Murray, Will Land, Harvey Land George, Schroeder, Williams Carter, McCollum, Young McCollum Metzger, Starks, Donop C. C. King Eli Jordan, Ben Jordan, Dor Brown Brown, Spittiger, Hooper King Banks, Dan Lehmer, Grandstaff and Misses Bertha and Pearl Jordan and Susie Donop.

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tering, Gasolene Engines
Windmills, Pumps, Pip-
ing, Pump Cylinders,
Pipe Fitting, Bath Tubs,
Milk Coolers, Steel Ceil-
ing, Etc.

Repairing of all kinds done on short notice.

Miss Mayme Bickenbach returned home last Friday from a visit of a week in Fort Worth.

KELLY BOOTS

I carry a full stock of the famous hand-made Kelly boots. Take orders where I can't fit you from stock.

Herbert Hofmann

Lamar Thaxton

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John Sherwood was here last Saturday from his farm near Katemey. He reports his "crop" looking the finest kind.

Get your cement from Harry Bierschwale.

E. S. Weisemann was among the soldier boys who took part in the festivities of last Monday. Mr. Weisemann left the News a renewal and at the same time advised us to change his paper from Hilda post office to Mason.

Alf Reeves was here last Monday from his ranch near Capitola. He reports no rain in his section the day before, but he says that the people can look out for a big oil boom in his section in the near future, as a number of those ranchmen have gone together and given an acreage of about 16,000 acres to a big oil concern that will soon begin the drilling of a well. He stated that the machinery for the work was then in Brady and would be hauled out in a few days.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Capps were in town last Monday from their ranch north of town. They brought in their daughter, Miss Maggie, who is quite sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neill.

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F. Lange.

The Embroidery Club met with Mrs. J. M. Thompson on last Thursday afternoon and was very delightfully entertained. The club will meet the next time with Mrs. L. F. Eckert.

H. O. Brockman was a pleasant visitor at the News office last Thursday. He ordered the News sent to his daughter, Miss Clara, who is in Dallas attending a Business College.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wells, Miss Idel Wells and Miss Leola Hoyt were among the visitors in Mason last Monday from the Fredonia section.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. You'll enjoy it. The show starts promptly at 9:00 o'clock.

UNVEILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Fort Mason Camp No. 384 W. O. W. will unveil the monument of deceased Sovereign Herman Zesch on Sunday afternoon, May 11, at 4 o'clock. All sovereigns are urgently requested to meet at the lodge room by 3 o'clock.
C. H. Garrett, C. C.
Otto Schmidt, Clerk.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

Governor Pleasant of Louisiana has called a meeting of the subcommittee of the cotton interests to meet in New Orleans May 12 preparatory to the conference there May 14, 15 and 16, when plans for the organization of a cotton exports corporation will be worked out.

Six soldiers of the Eighth United States Mounted Engineers, are under arrest at Camp Newton D. Baker, Fort Bliss, Texas, charged with sending a telegram direct to the adjutant general of the army asking that the men in the regiment who enlisted for the war be discharged and sent home as soon as possible.

Roberto Gayon, secretary to General Aurelio Blanquet, who was killed recently in Mexico, was arrested Thursday in New York City by Agent Charles Scully of the department of justice, charged with conspiring to start a revolt in Mexico from within the United States.

Fire of unknown origin Thursday damaged the business district at Wilcox, Montgomery County, Texas, caused a property loss estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

During the 21 days onion shipments have been in progress out of Laredo, Texas, approximately 500 carloads have been sent out.

Seventeen miners were killed and seven seriously injured, as a result of a blast in No. 4 north right entry at the Majestic mines, 22 miles north of Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday.

Captured 15 miles below the border on the Pershing trail south of Columbus, N. M., by Villa followers, and held for a week for ransom, J. P. Robertson, an El Paso cattleman, reached the Texas border Wednesday after paying a ransom of \$5000.

Mrs. Maude P. Hardwick, wife of former United States Senator Thomas W. Hardwick, was painfully injured at Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, in the explosion of an infernal machine sent through the mails to the home of the former Georgia senator.

The quarterly statement of the state highway department for the period ending March 31, 1919, shows total receipts of \$1,041,379.18 and disbursements of \$251,354.08. There was a balance on hand Jan. 1 of \$910,782.86. The balance on March 31 was \$1,700,777.91. During the quarter \$139,433.38

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FOREIGN NEWS.

On May 1, which officially marked the end of the demobilization of the old German army and the functioning of the new army, or Reichswehr, Germany had 325,000 men of various classes under arms, according to estimates made by American intelligence officers.

Serbian troops are pushing close to Samara and Orenburg, East Russia. It is reported that the latter town is being evacuated by the bolsheviks and it is said a fortnight will see the capture of Samara by the Siberians. To the northward the Siberians have occupied Bugulma, Menselinsk and Glastov.

The constitutional committee of the national assembly at Weimar has adopted a resolution providing that the entire railway system of Germany be taken over by the government and held until April, 1921. The representatives of Bavaria were the only objectors to the measure.

The German fleet is not to be destroyed, but to be distributed. Final decision has just been reached on this point in the face of strong opposition to the plan by the American naval advisers, who formulated the policy adopted and outlined by the American peace delegation at Paris.

The UB-88, one of the surrendered German submarines, is to visit Galveston, Texas, following its cruise up the Mississippi to St. Louis. The boat is scheduled along the Atlantic and gulf coasts up to May 28, thence to the interior points along the Mississippi. At

ter the visit to Galveston the boat will go to San Diego via the Panama Canal.

Because of the differences of provisioning Switzerland with meat the federal council has decided to forbid the eating of meat from May 5 to May 9 throughout that nation. During this period the killing and sale of cattle is forbidden.

American flour and clothing are saving the lives of thousands of destitute people throughout Roumania. The United States food administration has already brought into the country nearly 20,000 tons of flour.

Germany was just about ready at the time the armistice was declared, to launch a tremendous arsenal offensive by means of a fleet of new airplanes which had been perfected after months of experiments and tests. These machines—which today stand nearly ready for service, in the former Zeppelin works at Staaken, near Berlin—would probably have caused a revolution in flying, for they are constructed from nose to tail and wing tip to wing tip almost entirely of aluminum, and therefore are immune to that greatest of aerial dangers, burning.

T. J. Horn and family and his aged father were here last Monday from the Fredonia section to take in the big day.

W. A. Baker and family were here Monday from the Fredonia section. Mr. Baker reports a heavy run in that section the night before. He says that some hail fell but not enough to hurt anything. The rain was heavy and did some field washing.

L. C. Looney was here last Monday from his farm near Streeter.

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