

Mason County News.

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MASON, TEXAS, THURSDAY MAY 22 1919.

ESTAB 1877

Two Days Celebration at Mason

July 3rd and 4th—Famous Reunion Grounds

Big, Free Barbecue on Second Day

THE CITIZENS OF MASON EXTEND A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL. COME!

WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, May 23, 1894:

Mr J. G. Adcock has announced for the office of Tax Assessor. W. Purdy brought in the first beans of the season on the 9th, but garden truck is still scarce. Mrs. Gowing, mother of Mrs. W. C. Gowing, died Sunday at 12 o'clock. She was 68 years old.

Anna, the little daughter of M. A. Hamilton, was taken sick at Taylor last week and the contemplated trip of Mrs. Hamilton and the children to Kansas was postponed. Chas. Holmann is clerking for Sam Sanders.

Mrs. J. F. Schaeff has been quite sick the past week.

Ph. Pfifer has gone to Fritz Kothmann's to do some stone work.

Mrs. Jess Leslie and children spent the past week visiting friends in Menardville.

J. W. White and Franz Bernhard made a business trip to Junction City this week.

Mrs. Stilwell and Miss Lydia Garner have opened an ice cream parlor on the east side of the square.

W. F. Beamer and wife left Wednesday for their home at Belton. Chas. Gowing went with them as far as Llano.

Dr. Beck has just returned from a 6 weeks stay in New Orleans

where he has been attending medical lectures. He visited his parents in Mississippi while absent.

The bridge question has occasioned considerable discussion regarding the advisability of bridging the Llano at Hedwigs Hill and Castell and the Comanche creek on the Mason and Llano road.

Mrs. Ellen Hill was absent from her school this week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Dona Franklin returned Saturday from a visit to Austin and Llano.

Get your cement from Harry Bierschwale.

W. C. Eckert was here last Saturday from his ranch west of town and said the hail of last week did but little damage to him.

We can save you money on Tires. McCollum Auto Co.

Cleaning, pressing and dyeing. Hats cleaned and reblocked. Hensch, The Tailor.

J. W. Purdy returned last Friday from a visit of about three months in California and Arizona. Mr. Purdy has a son residing in Arizona and two residing in California and he spent about a month with each of them. He says that they are all doing well and that he saw a good deal while away but that nothing looked better to him than does old Mason.

SURPRISE PARTY

Last Friday marked the 18th birthday anniversary of Alford and Miss Marguerite Lange. The members of the Lutheran Junior League of which they are both members, and a number of other friends, sprang a surprise party on them Friday night. The young people gathered at the Denver Hotel at an early hour and after stating the purpose of their unexpected visit asked themselves into the parlor where congratulations were extended and quite a number of gifts were presented to the honorees. The remainder of the evening was spent in enjoying music and in social conversation.

The evening was one that will long be remembered by all who were there.

Those present were: Mr and Mrs. Walter Durst, Messrs. Bessie Kensing, Estella Hofmann, Lillie Wartenbach, Margaret Peters, Elsie Zinjax, Meta Gross, Hedwig Ellebracht, Eda Marie Hoffmann, Mabel Lechar, Pauline Milliarie; Messrs. Roman Lechar, Walter Probst, August Vater, Martin Ziehe, Martin Peters, Edo Selauit, Ralph Johnson, William Kooek.

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

City Grocery Co.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News May 20, 1904:

Mesdames Herman Ochs and Chas. Schwarz of Fredericksburg were here Monday to attend the funeral of their brother, Theo. Schmidt. A. W. Kooek, Miss Kruse and Mrs. Gus Reichenau were poisoned Saturday night from eating canned meat.

Harry Bogusch is quite sick, threatened with typhoid fever.

Jim Schmidt and family were over a few days this week from Brady.

Gilbs and Leslie drilled a well for Fritz Durst, near Fly Gap, last week, and at a depth of 44 feet secured artesian water.

Tom White is the happy possessor of a paint pony that was sent him by his uncle from Austin.

John Owens returned Friday from Wisconsin, where he purchased a fine steam merry go round for \$2250.

Miss Anna Loring, who has been at the Sealy hospital in Galveston for several months, returned home Monday.

Clerk Ben Hey is happy over the arrival of a girl at his home last Friday.

Mrs. F. E. Husband and children were here Monday from Noxville to attend the funeral of her father, Mr. Theo. Schmidt.

Mrs. Dona Blake and daughter came in last week from Roswell. N. M. to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Sadie Jones.

Several members of the family of A. A. Keller are down with the measles.

Walter Sands left this week for El Paso, where it is said he has a position awaiting him.

Dr. McCollum is the happy father of a new boy that arrived last week.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kooek last Thursday, but lived only a short time. The infant took place at the Crosby cemetery on Friday.

Two thoughts on a Spring day. 1st. Let's go fishing. 2nd. Let's buy our fishing tackle in Mason from

Mason Drug Co.

KIMBLE COUNTY

ROAD BOOSTERS

VISIT MASON

STEPS ARE TAKEN TO SECURE CONNECTING LINK FOR DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS

Last Monday afternoon a representative crowd of Good Road Boosters from Junction and London visited Mason. The Kimble county people were here to interest Mason county in petitioning the State Highway Commission to designate a highway from Mason to Junction by way of London which is to serve as a connecting link connecting the Colorado to Gulf Highway at Mason with the Texarkana Highway at Junction.

A meeting was held at the court house at 3 o'clock that afternoon. The first thing done at the meeting was the election of Judge Garrett as Chairman of the meeting and afterwards E. A. Loeffler, one of the five wires of Junction, was elected as Secretary. The meeting was opened in regular order and Mr. I. W. McDonald of Junction was called upon to state the purpose of their visit, which he did in comparatively few words.

The State Highway map was referred to and it took but a very short time for our people to see that the proposition that the Kimble county delegation had brought up was a good one and that it should receive the support of Mason County. The Kimble delegation explained that they had learned from previous experience with the State Highway Commission that it would be useless for them to try to secure such a road without the counties included in the proposed designated road are unanimously in favor of such a highway designation.

The local business houses were well represented at this meeting and a resolution was adopted to elect a committee to represent this county, which would accompany the Kimble county delegates to Austin at any time the latter delegation sees fit and to present the proposition to the Highway Commission. The committee as elected is composed of Messrs. Chas. Bierschwale, Henry Hoerster, R. W. Hofmann, E. J. Lemburg, N. Z. Bethel, J. T. Banks, C. L. Martin.

The Kimble county delegates who were in Mason Monday were: Ernest, Ell and L. H. Amon, Geo. T. May, F. M. Adams, E. H. Kothmann and sons Howard and Rankin, French Cummins, H. H. Winn all of London, and I. W. McDonald, E. A. Loeffler, H. H. Carmick, Jim Wright, R. H. Jarvis, and possibly others whose names we failed to get. The latter two gentlemen named are members of the Kimble County Commissioners Court.

A Mexican girl, who resides on the place of Frank Geistweid, near Hilda, shot herself with a high-powered 22 rifle last Monday. The bullet entered the body just above the heart and came out near the shoulder blade. Dr. Huff, of Castell was summoned and dressed the wound and it is said that the girl has a chance of recovery. From what the News can learn the girl shot herself with suicidal intent.

BANK CLOSED

Customers of The Commercial Bank are hereby notified that the bank will be closed on Friday, May 30, Memorial Day, the same being a legal holiday.

W. M. Martin

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS,

SAILORS AND MARINES

CAN VOTE WITHOUT

POLL TAX

At a call session of the Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Texas a couple weeks ago, that body enacted a law by which all discharged Soldiers, Sailors and Marines can vote in all elections held during the years 1919 and 1920 without the payment of a poll tax. The substance of the Act as passed by the Legislature is in part as follows:

Declaring that the war with the Imperial Government of Germany within the provisions of Section 10, Article 5 of the Constitution of this State, a great public calamity, in all counties, cities and towns of the State, and declaring that, because of said calamity and by reason of the inadequate provisions of the laws of this State, the discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of this State were prevented from paying their poll taxes, under the provisions of Section 2, Article 6 of the Constitution, and that, by reason of these facts, and by reason of the fact that Section 9, Article 16 of the Constitution of the State declares that absence on business of the United States shall not forfeit a residence once obtained, so as to deprive anyone of the right of suffrage; and, therefore, declaring that said soldiers, sailors and marines should not and ought not to be compelled to pay their poll taxes due or assessed against them for the years A. D. 1918 and A. D. 1919; declaring that by authority of Section 10, Article 5 of the Constitution, said soldiers, sailors and marines are hereby released from the payment of the poll taxes which may have been or may be levied against them for the years A. D. 1918, and A. D. 1919; providing that it shall not be necessary for said discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, in order to exercise the privilege of suffrage and vote at all elections held within the State of Texas during the year 1919 and 1920, to hold a poll tax receipt, showing any poll tax paid before the first day of February, next preceding such election, or paid at any time thereafter or thereafter; and providing certain duties for election officers and conferring certain authority upon them with reference thereto; regulating the manner and method of counting the ballots of discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines; declaring this law cumulative of all other election laws of this State except where in conflict therewith; making this Act apply to all elections in this State, general, special and primary, and providing that the invalidity of any one section of the Act shall not affect the other sections thereof; defining the words "soldiers," "sailors" and "marines," as used in this Act; conferring jurisdiction on the various district courts of this State to hear original suits of mandamus brought by anyone within the terms of this Act against any election officer or officers who declare that they will decline, or who may decline, to permit any soldier, sailor or marine to vote hereunder; defining and creating offenses in violation of this Act, and prescribing venue, jurisdiction and punishment therefor; providing for the printing and distributing of 10,000 copies of this Act among election officers of the State and making an appropriation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

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Tell the News the news

CHAS. BIERSCHWALE

REAL ESTATE

ABSTRACTOR AND NOTARY

IN BUSINESS SINCE 1885

MASON : : : TEXAS



We fit fat men,
slim men, all men

Different builds of men require a different pattern of fabric, if they are to have that quiet, refined, nicely dressed appearance. All our garments are made by expert tailors who know how to needle the style and fit into the clothes

CLEANING PRESSING ALTERING
ALL WORK CASH. NO CREDIT.
HENSCH, THE TAILOR
WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER

Letters From Our Soldier Boys

From Wesley Brandenberger

Aixles Baines, France

Mr. John Brandenberger,

Dear Parents, Sisters and families:
God's grace as greeting:

You may wonder what your boy and brother is doing in France again.

Well, I'll tell you why that is. I was one of the lucky ones to get a seven day pass or leave, traveling time not included. Seven full days in Aixles Baines. Nine of our battery got to go, and I was one of them. By getting this pass we got out of one great inspection which our regiment had yesterday morning. Sure was glad to get this pass. We traveled 2 days and nights coming down or up here. So you see we are quite a good ways from N. edersheim, Germany. We will have traveled nearly a week making both ways. So we will be away from the battery nearly two weeks.

This is a great rest and vacation for us. Could I only spend it at home with my dear homefolks. Aixles Baines was opened as a Soldier Duty Status Leave area or center a few months ago. It is down in the southern part of France near the Swiss border. It is a town about the size of Llano and Mason together and is a very pretty town. It is a summer resort for the rich people, so you see the Sammites get the best Europe can offer.

About 3,000 soldiers are here each day. They are coming and going all the time. The soldiers are billeted in the hotels here, and very

swell and modern ones too. Every possible convenience is ours while here. Each man has a very fine and clean white bed. Meals are fairly good but nothing extra.

Traveling expenses and hotel fees are all free. Believe me, Uncle Sam is spending some enormous sum of money on the A. E. F. leave areas.

Have to go to bed as it is nearly 12 o'clock.

Good-night to all of you.
Wesley.

Saturday Morning.

Well, here I am again. Had a splendid night's sleep. Got up at 8 o'clock this morning, so you see I'm making life easy while here. The Queen of Roumania was here at the Y. M. C. A. Headquarters this morning. About 3,000 soldiers passed in review. She was standing on a porch, and we marched 2 & 2 by her about 3 yards away from her. Had to salute her, too. She was some dressed up woman, believe me. She just now walked through the waiting room here so we had to jump up to attention again. Well, such is army life.

Will take a trip out to the mountains this afternoon and take a look at Switzerland. Wish you could be with me to enjoy these scenes. Tomorrow is Sunday, and I will get a good chance to attend church once more. The first time for a long time.

Under separate cover I'll send a souvenir for every one of you. The scarf is for mama, a silver spoon for Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weidemann, and one also for Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kothmann, a sofa pillow for Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Eckert, a handkerchief for Virlin, Esther and Evylin.

No. 7098

Report of condition of the MASON NATIONAL BANK

AT MASON, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MAY 12, 1919.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$195,674.71	\$195,674.71
Overdrafts unsecured		1,643.97
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	25,000.00	
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	1,000.00	26,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3%, 4 and 4 1/2 percent, unpledged		10,400.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		1,500.00
Value of banking house, owned and unencumbered		14,819.01
Furniture and fixtures		1,874.92
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		11,047.74
Cash in vault and net amount due from national banks		31,023.27
Net amounts due from banks and bankers, and trust companies other than included in Items 13, 14 and 15		3,396.37
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than in Item 17)		151.30
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18	34,570.94	
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		71.43
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		1,250.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due		415.75
Total		299,268.47

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	25,000.00	25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00	25,000.00
Undivided profits	\$9,382.64	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	4,673.37	4,709.27
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)		3,115.58
Circulating notes outstanding		24,100.00
Net amounts due to National Banks		7,363.06
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding		563.50
Total of Items 32, 33, 34, 34 and 35	7,926.56	
Individual deposits subject to check		186,917.06
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41	186,917.06	
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts		20,000.00
Liabilities other than those above stated		2,500.00
Total		299,268.47

Of the total loans and discounts shown above, the amount on which interest and discount was charged at rates in excess of those permitted by law (Sec. 5197, Rev Stat.), exclusive of notes upon which total charge not to exceed 50 cents was made, was \$2582.00. The number of such loans was 26. State of Texas, County of Mason, ss.

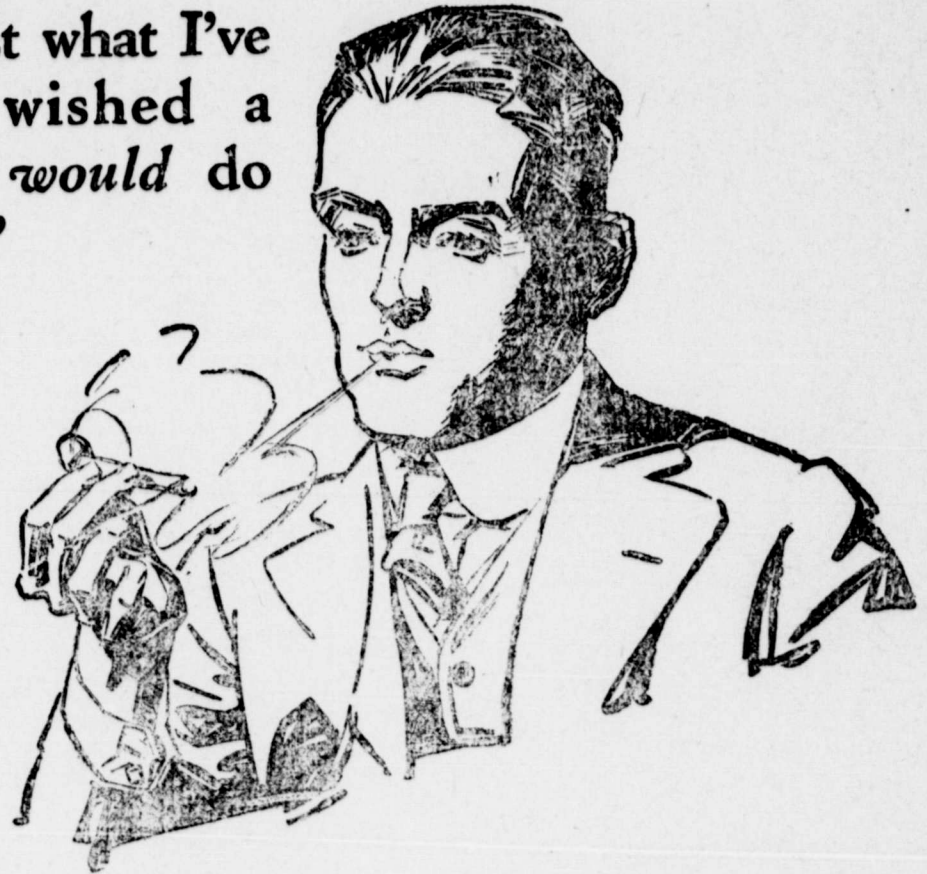
I, F. W. Lemburg, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of May, 1919.
Carl Runge, Notary Public.
Mason Co, Texas

Correct—Attest:

John H. Geistweidt,
S. B. Capps,
E. A. Loeffler
Directors.

"That's just what I've always wished a cigarette would do — satisfy"



The feature of Chesterfields is that they begin where other cigarettes leave off.

In other words, besides pleasing the taste, Chesterfields go 'em all one better—they satisfy! Just like a long drink of cold water satisfies when you're downright thirsty.

No other cigarette can give you this new thing in cigarette enjoyment because none can copy Chesterfield's blend.

It's a blend of the finest TURKISH tobaccos from Xanthi, Cavalla, Smyrna and Samsoun and several varieties of the choicest DOMESTIC. And the blend itself—the skill with which these tobaccos have been proportioned — is a real discovery in cigarette making.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

Chesterfield CIGARETTES

—of Turkish and Domestic tobaccos—blended

They SATISFY!

And a pocket knife for Ryland, Quincy, Elmer and Andreio.

I put Clarence's souvenirs in Bro. Will's package, as he is in Houston yet, no doubt. Now please excuse the poor quality of the souvenirs as I had to buy them to suit my money purse, and not my longings, and such articles are awful high.

Wishing you well, and hoping to come home soon, I am with love and kind regards to you all, your son and brother,

Wesley Brandenberger

From Alf Polk

A. E. F. April 26, 1919

Mr S. W. Polk, Mason, Texas.

Dear Grandpa:
I am going to write you again. I haven't had but one letter from you and I have written several. I am well and hope you are the same. How is your health now? I hope your cough is better. It is healthier to travel like you do, that is true, for I am in good health and I guess that is the reason. What kind of a horse and buggy have you now?

Say, when I get home I want to take you in my car and we will travel some and see some of the country, and make money, too. I will pull off some army stunts and you can sell quirts. That will pay for our gasoline.

They have bum chickens here, but good horses and cattle and fine dogs. I would bring one home but can't.

These French sure get around slow, I don't see how they lasted

as long as they did, as they are so slow. Most of them plow their milk cows and some don't use any plow; they use a spade. I sure would like to visit all of the ancient cities while I am here, but can't get off.

I want to be where I can hear a rooster crow, a cow bawl and ride a little and hear the birds sing. But in the army you don't hear anything but bark, curse drink and gamble. That is what most of the boys do. I can make and curse. I don't do either one I figure how I can make a dollar honest, and if I get a hundred dollars I get it honest. I was raised up a kid to be honest and you never forget your raising, do you? I have set around and watched you make quirts, when I

ADLER-I-KA DID IT

"I had a pain in the pit of my stomach, no appetite, sour stomach and very much gas. Doctors could not help me. The FIRST dose of Adler-i-ka helped me." (Signed) Henry Welp, Lake View, Iowa.

One dose Adler-i-ka relieves sour stomach, gas and constipation INSTANTLY. Empties BOTH upper and lower bowel, flushing ENTIRE alimentary canal. Removes ALL foul matter which poisons system. Often CURES constipation. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs. Mason Drug Co.

was a small lad and you always taught your grandchildren to be honest and truthful, and I took heed to those words. From then until now any of the Polks could get help any way, and get any amount of money. Why can they? Because they are honest and work every day. You take a man that will not work, he will not pay his debts and 's not honest.

If there ever was a man that has worked, 't is you. You ought to quit working so hard. You don't have to work and you could get the last nickle any of your people had. So you take care of yourself and maybe I will get home and we will talk of this great war. Lots of people don't realize this great war. Just so they get by one day they never look for tomorrow.

Well, I must close. Answer soon. From your loving grandson, Alf Polk.

After adopting various resolutions and electing officers the seventh annual convention of the League of Texas Municipalities adjourned Thursday at Sweetwater, Texas, to meet next year at this time at some city to be chosen later by the executive committee. The newly elected officers are: President, Mayor Frank W. Wozencraft, Dallas; vice presidents, Mayor W. J. Nichols, Texarkana; E. L. Wells, Jr., city manager, San Antonio; J. B. Rector, city attorney, Austin.

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V. M. Loring, Owner
M. D. Loring, Editor and Publisher

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

Entered at Mason Post Office as second-class mail matter, Absorbed Mason County Star and Fredonia Kicker Nov. 21 1910. Absorbed Mason Herald Sept. 27, 1912.

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.
Subscription (always in advance) one year.....\$1.50

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.

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. Many of our other readers follow their example:

Geo. Anstatt	\$1.50
E. L. Keith40
Mrs. L. B. Morris	1.50
D. A. Jordan	1.50
Ernest Willmann	1.50
Chas. Leske	1.50
E. H. Kothmann	2.00

W. R. Carter and family were here last Saturday from their home on Bluff Creek. Ralph says that the hail, wind and rain of last Thursday did much damage to crops in his section. He said that the hail stones were not very large but it fell so thick and such high wind accompanied it that what the hail missed the wind blew down. He said that Bluff Creek was high-

Weekly Health Talks

The Many Mysteries of Nature

BY L. W. BOWER, M. D.

You can take an onion seed and a pansy seed, and plant them side by side in the same spot of ground. In one case, you get an onion, with its peculiarly strong odor, and in the other you get a flower of rare beauty. You can plant a poppy seed and get opium (a dangerous, habit-forming drug), or you can plant a rhubarb seed and get something that helps constipation. No scientist, living or dead, can explain these mysteries of Nature. Behind the invisible life germ in each seed is hidden the deep secret that nobody understands. Everything growing out of the ground seems intended for some use in establishing natural conditions. Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., long since found out what is naturally best for women's diseases. He learned it all through treating thousands of cases. The result of his studies was a medicine called Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This medicine is made of vegetable growths that nature surely intended for backache, headache, weakening drains, bearing-down pains, periodical irregularities, pelvic inflammations, and for the many disorders common to women in all ages of life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is made of lady's slipper root, black cohosh root, unicorn root, blue cohosh root and Oregon grape root. Women who take this standard remedy know that in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription they are getting a safe woman's tonic so good that druggists everywhere sell it.

Favorite Prescription should have the full confidence of every woman in America because it contains no alcohol and no narcotic. Dr. Pierce knew, when he first made this standard medicine, that whiskey and morphine are injurious, and so he has always kept them out of his remedies. Send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. for trial pkg. Tablets.

SIMON--CLICK

Last Saturday afternoon about 6:30 o'clock a quiet home wedding was solemnized when Rev. C. H. Garrett united in marriage Mr. Albert Simon, of this county, and Miss Velma Click, of Austin. The wedding took place at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Simon, who reside in the Simonville section.

The groom is well known in the county and his acquaintance is too wide for us to attempt to introduce him. He is a young man of sterling worth and is thought a great deal of by all. The bride is stranger in our midst, but is a lady of many charms and refinement. She is a trained nurse, having received her training at Austin. She is well known in Llano county where she has nursed on several occasions.

The nappy couple will make their home for the present with the groom's parents.

This paper extends heartiest congratulations.

OLD HATS MADE NEW

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

The Brady Sentinel has recently installed a new model 14 Linotype, and Editor Sellers says that he is now prepared to meet every condition arising in the printing business. We congratulate our friend Sellers upon his new possession.

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

MARRIED AT HOUSTON

Mrs. Lester H. Swink, nee Alta Smith, came in last Tuesday from Houston for a visit with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Glenn W. Smith. Mrs. Swink will visit in Mason for a few weeks and later will be joined by Mr. Swink and they will go to Sunny Side Wash. to reside which city is the home of Mr. Swink. The young couple were married at Houston on the 14th of this month at the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Swink has a large acquaintance and a wide circle of friends in our midst who will join the News in extending to her and her husband congratulations and best wishes.

JUNIOR MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock
Leader, Coralea Tinsley.
Subject, "Brazil and Cuba."
Song, "Tidings"
Bible Lesson, "Daniel Interceding for the People," Dan. 9.
Prayer.
Open Discussion on Cuba, by Society.
"How Iracema Got on the Honor Roll" by Lucile Lange.
Duet, "Cista Gamel and Sarah Beatrice Lemberg."
"The Cuban Boy Scouts" by Hodges Schroeder.
Quiz on the Bible and Missions: What is the greatest book of Missions? Why is the Bible the greatest book of Missions? Minutes and Roll Call. Report of Officers. Report of Committees. New Business. All please come prepared to pay dues.

er than he has seen it for some time as the water lacked but a few feet of getting to his house

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lemberg have the thanks of the Newsman and wife for a gallon of nice fresh potatoes, which they raised in their garden.

John Brandenberger and wife and daughter, Mrs. Ben Eckert, were here last Friday from their homes below town doing some shopping. Mr. B. paid the News a pleasant call and left us an order for some printed stationery.

Chas. Leifeste came in last week with his discharge from the army which he received at Camp Travis on the 13th. Chas. was a member of Co. C. 14th Infantry and saw six months service in France, but fortunately his company was not in a single engagement.

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

Miss McCullough took the pupils of her school room on a picnic to Grit Rocks last Saturday.

Sam Hoerster is meeting with quite a number of inquiries regarding a fishing expedition he took on Wednesday of last week.

Frank Brandenberger was here Friday from his ranch in the Hilda section and paid the News a pleasant call. Mr. Brandenberger asked us to put his name down as being willing to donate \$25 towards the erection of a suitable monument in memory of our heroes in the war just closed.

NOTICE

I am now assessing taxes for Mason Independent School District. And those who find it convenient to call at my place of business when in town will do me a favor by giving me their rendition.
J. S. King.

Tax Assessor Mason Independent School District.

Wallace Boston has recently completed painting the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Moneyhon.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap.
a10 J. J. Johnson.

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

Thanks to PERUNA

Mrs. Kate Marquis, Middleburg, Logan Co., Ohio, writes as follows:

I Am Completely Cured



"I have used Peruna with success. It has cured me of catarrh of the head and throat. It is the best medicine for catarrh that I have ever used. I am completely cured. Thanks to Peruna."

Mrs. Marquis is but one of many thousands who know the value of Peruna for that catarrhal condition of the membranes responsible for many of the human ills.

If you object to liquid remedies ask for Peruna in tablet form.

TIRES REDUCED

It is our policy to give our customers every advantage of lower prices and we are pleased to announce a reduction from 10% to 15% on Tires and Tubes.

Our stock is fresh and is Guaranteed First Quality.

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PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke



Tippy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—and that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidor with sponge moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition.

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PUT it flush up to Prince Albert to produce more smoke happiness than you ever before collected! P. A.'s built to fit your smokeappetite like kids fit your hands! It has the jimmidiest flavor and coolness and fragrance you ever ran against!

Just what a whale of joy Prince Albert really is you want to find out the double-quickest thing you do next. And, puff it down how you could smoke P. A. for hours without tongue bite or parching. Our exclusive patented process cuts out bite and parch.

Realize what it would mean to get set with a joy'us jimmy pipe or the papers every once and a while. And, puff to beat the cards! Without a comeback! Why, P. A. is so good you feel like you'd just have to eat that fragrant smoke! R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.

ALL EYES ARE ON SOMERSET

Do You Mason County People Want to Make Money in Oil?
Here is a Conservative Investment Offering Wonderful Opportunities.

Our Valuable Holdings Comprise 616 Acres in the Somerset Oil Fields. Our Company is Capitalized for \$100,000, Is Chartered Under the Laws of the State of Texas and Is Under the Management of Well Known, Reliable and Successful San Antonio Business Men. Eighty Producing Wells Around Our Holdings—

Still more wells are being drilled, and others have been contracted for. Well No. 1 is on the tract adjoining three of our leases. No. 2 drilling. Texas Company well in. Carnahan-Whitaker well in. Gulf Production Company well is in and is producing 40 barrels daily. The deep test Kerr well is in and may develop a gusher any day. In which event, our property would advance in value immediately many times.

Geologist's report: Harold Evans Elliott, geologist and petroleum technologist, of Spokane, Washington, in his report in our properties, says: "The lease occupies a splendid, and I am safe in saying, practically a **PROVEN FIELD**. I strongly recommend the development of this property, as I consider it as one of the most valuable undeveloped properties upon this structure and can see nothing but success and profit by the development thereof. If desired, we will send a complete copy of this report to those interested.

Expert geologists have repeatedly cited the likeness of the Somerset field to the best paying shallow fields of Oklahoma, fields that have produced for years with a steadiness that produced a fortune. Shallow production alone would make this field pay. The bigger tests for deep production being made close to our holdings make our offer the best, we believe, on the market.

We Offer Only Five Hundred Shares For Sale at This Time.

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San Antonio, Texas.

O. C. Cannon, President
Judge J. F. Carl, Vice-Pres.
J. R. Prochnow, Secretary

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GULF STATE OIL COMPANY

Home Office Suite 301-303 Gunter Bldg.
San Antonio, Texas

City.....

Date.....

Gentlemen: I hand you herewith my check for \$.....
for which enter my application for and issue to me.....
..... Shares of stock in the GULF STATE OIL COMPANY, at \$10.00 par value, fully paid and non-assessable. Send my stock by registered mail to

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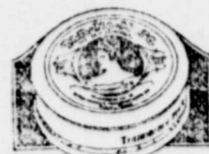
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Protects
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Beauty, even skin deep, should be protected and improved. Tan-No-More, the ideal face preparation, does both. It is a sure protection against the beaming sun or blistering wind, and at the same time helps rebuild tissues. It brings to the skin that velvety softness of youth.

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You can have a clear, smooth, attractive skin by using this guaranteed beautifier. Sample for the asking. At toilet counters, 35c, 50c and \$1. Tints, white and flesh.

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DALLAS, TEXAS

THE PICNIC

The 3rd and 4th of July Picnic and Barbecue which Mason is to stage this year is being predicted as surpassing anything Mason has ever held in the way of a celebration. The committee has already gotten to work and so far has met with a great deal of encouragement from practically every one they have approached and asked for donations.

Mr. White, who is always anxious to do his part in pulling off these celebrations, has been exceptionally liberal on this occasion, as he has donated the use of the grounds free of charge. Heretofore the leasing of the grounds has been a big item and has always cost as much as a hundred dollars. The News feels that an expression of appreciation is due Mr. White and we believe we express the people's sentiments in making this statement.

Everyone knows that in order for the picnic and free barbecue to be the great success that is predicted for it, we are going to have to put our shoulders to the wheel and push, and push harder than we have done on previous occasions. Go down in our pockets and dig up more than we have done on previous occasions, as things are much higher than they ever have been when we pulled off such celebrations in the past. Mason has always been noted for her successful celebrations and we want to have a DANDY this year in view of the fact that our returning soldier boys deserve something out of the ordinary.

Messrs C. S. Vedder and R. W. Hofmann are on the soliciting committee for funds and if they have not seen YOU it is up to YOU to see them and do the best you can to help put the BIG CELEBRATION OVER AS A SUCCESS.

TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that on Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, Teacher's Examinations will be held in the examination room at the court house. All parties desiring to take the examinations will keep in mind the above date.

C. H. Garrett, County Judge and Ex-Officio School Supt
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Ed Smith, who recently purchased the town lot west of the Mason National Bank building, is having a small business house erected to occupy the space between the bank and J. S. King. The house is to be occupied by Lee Smart's meat market.

Miss Lucile Moseley came up last week from Llano for a visit with Mrs. Brazeale and family.

The Llano river has been on a rise nearly every day for the past week. The rains have been frequent and the river hardly run down before another rise came on. It is said that on Monday the water was several feet over the Hedwigs Hill bridge.

The Embroidery Club was very delightfully entertained last Thursday by Mrs. L. F. Eckert. The Club is to meet next Thursday a week with Mrs. Alex Grosse.

D. A. Jordan, one of our young and prosperous stockmen of the Pleshville section, was in Mason last Saturday. Dan says that farmers in his section are anxious to get in their fields and work crops but the rains have kept them out and the weeds are getting ahead of crops.

Parties who appreciate fine stationery and good Bond Papers should call around at the News Office and see our line.

Messrs Roscoe Runge, Jim Brown and F. B. McCollum, three members of the local school board, went to Austin the first of the week on business matters pertaining to the Mason High School.

All manufacturers of automobile casings have reduced prices 15 per cent. We have a well assorted line of the best casings. Get our prices.
m22:1 Star Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wooton and pretty daughter, Miss Iva, were here Monday from their home near Hay Stack. Mr. Wooton says that the recent hail and wind did considerable damage to his crops but that it was comparatively light with them considering the damage to others in his section. He says that Messrs Kenmann, Krueger and John Martin lost heavily through the great damage to their small grain.

I have a nice line of guaranteed rubber garden hose and they will not kink. If you want hose call on me.
F. Lange.

Caleb Hoerster came in last Monday after having received his discharge from the Hospital Corps of the U. S. Army a few days previous. Caleb landed in the States only a week or so ago and was turned loose immediately. He saw about six months over sea service with a few days to spare. He was an ambulance driver.

Relatives received a telegram Tuesday from Fritz Grote, Jr., saying he had landed in Virginia. Fritz has been with the A. E. F. for several months.

CATTLEMEN AND FARMERS

Why let your horses and cattle die when Salvat or Dr. LeGears Stock Powders might save them? Buy it in Mason from Mason Drug Company.

County Demonstrator Brown is quite busy now helping the farmers in various parts of the county terrace their farm lands.

5 to 20 gallon stone jars, with lids, at reduced prices,
m22 Louis Q. Probst,

Mrs. O. H. Mebus has been enjoying a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mike J. Jennings, near Fredonia the past week.

Chas. Leslie informs us that he and Mr. Winkle are preparing to start the operating of their grain threshers in a very short time.

S. F. Bethel and son were here Saturday from their farm in the Double Knobs section and he says that the recent hail caused him to have to replant all of his cotton but he has hopes of his corn coming out again.

T. A. Saunders brought in the first ripe peaches of the season last week. Mr. Saunders also has ripe blackberries.

Mr and Mrs. A. W. Kooek spent a couple days in Brady last week, where Mrs. Kooek had some dental work done.

Miss Helena Ross left last Thursday for her home in Itasca, after having spent several weeks visiting friends in Mason.

The young folks enjoyed a hop last Thursday night at the C. C. Smith hall. Faulkner, of Kingsland played. Quite a number of Llano boys were up to enjoy the occasion.

TAILORED CLOTHES

For men and young men



Young Man Wanted

Made to order
and at prices
you can afford
to pay

First class tailoring and all manner of altering and repairing. All work Guaranteed.

M. LOPEZ

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, T. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. _____ had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

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GERMANS PLAN OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS SUBMITTED

Paris.—The German plan for a league of nations, submitted by the German delegation at Versailles and now in the hands of the peace conference committee on the league of nations, to which it was referred, contains 66 articles, together with a supplement setting forth the charter for an international labor league. The special aims of the league of nations devised by the Germans are set forth as follows:

- (a) Prevention of international disputes.
- (b) Disarmament.
- (c) Securing freedom of traffic and general economic equality of rights.
- (d) Protection of national minorities.
- (e) Creation of an international workers' charter.
- (f) Regulation of colonial questions.
- (g) Unity of existing and future international institutions.
- (h) The creation of a parliament.

Another provision of the draft reads: "The league of nations shall comprise (a) all belligerent states taking part in the present war; (b) all neutral states included in The Hague arbitration league; (c) all others to be admitted by vote of two-thirds of the existing members. Entrance is reserved to the holy see."

Rainbow Division Given Welcome.

Houston, Tex.—Amid the booming of cannon and the applause of thousands who assembled at the railway station, lined the streets and crowded the city auditorium, the Houston and Texas troops of the 117th Supply train, Rainbow Division, arrived Tuesday and were given a royal welcome.

Move from Beaumont.

New Orleans.—According to an announcement by members of the executive committee of the Rice Millers' Association of America, New Orleans has been selected as permanent headquarters of the association. The headquarters formerly were in Beaumont, Texas.

Shippers' representatives from the states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas were unanimous in their pledges of support of the statewide campaign being waged for adequate tonnage for Texas ports, according to E. H. Thornton, traffic manager for the Galveston Commercial Association, who returned to Galveston from a convention of the Southwest Industrial Traffic League in Dallas. "The shippers from these states who were represented at the Dallas convention also unqualifiedly supported the claim of Texas for its right to be made a separate shipping district for the allocation of ships," said Mr. Thornton.

David Tod, aged 42, multi-millionaire manufacturer, banker, politician and sportsman, died at his home at Youngstown, Ohio, Wednesday.

Henry J. Heinz, president of the H. J. Heinz Company, a pickling and preserving corporation of international prominence, died at his home in Pittsburgh, Pa., Wednesday, following a short illness.

Adoption of a universal minimum wage of \$7 per eight-hour day for carpenters in Texas is indicated as the result of recommendations made at the annual convention of the Texas State Council of Carpenters Wednesday at Dallas, Texas.

Representative John L. Burnett of the Seventh Alabama District, for several years one of the leading members of the house and chairman of the committee on immigration in the last house, died Tuesday at his home in Gadsden, Alabama.

The commissioners court of Webb County, in session Tuesday at Laredo, Texas, acted favorably upon the petition presented by taxpayers of the county requesting the commissioners to order a special election to vote bonds in the sum of \$300,000 for good roads in the county.

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

Cal Cope was here Saturday from his farm near Streeter and says that his crop prospects were given quite a back set by the hail of a few days previous.

CLEARANCE SALE ON CASINGS AND TUBES

PRICES EFFECTIVE FROM MAY 15 TO JUNE 1, 1919

Racine Tires and Tubes

SIZE	PLAIN	NON-SKID	TUBES
30X3	\$14.10	\$16.85	\$3.30
30X3½	17.90	20.80	3.70
32X3½	21.40	24.45	4.05
31X4	27.45	31.85	5.25
32X4	29.00	33.75	5.35
33X4	32.05	33.90	5.50
34X4	30.20	35.00	5.60

Good Year Tires and Tubes

30X3	10.95		2.25
30X3½	13.85	15.10	2.75
32X3½	14.75	17.95	2.85
31X4	17.10	19.80	3.35
32X4	19.60	23.60	3.45
33X4	20.70	25.20	3.60

Defiance Tires

30X3	10.35		
30X3½		14.15	

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Complete line of the best Groceries

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WE WANT TO SERVE YOU DURING

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CRYING NEED For PAINT

There is a crying need for paint on thousands of houses throughout Texas—GOOD paint thaa will beautify and satisfy. If you want the best use MASURY.

Reasonable in price, and wholly dependable in quality.

R. GROSSE - MASON

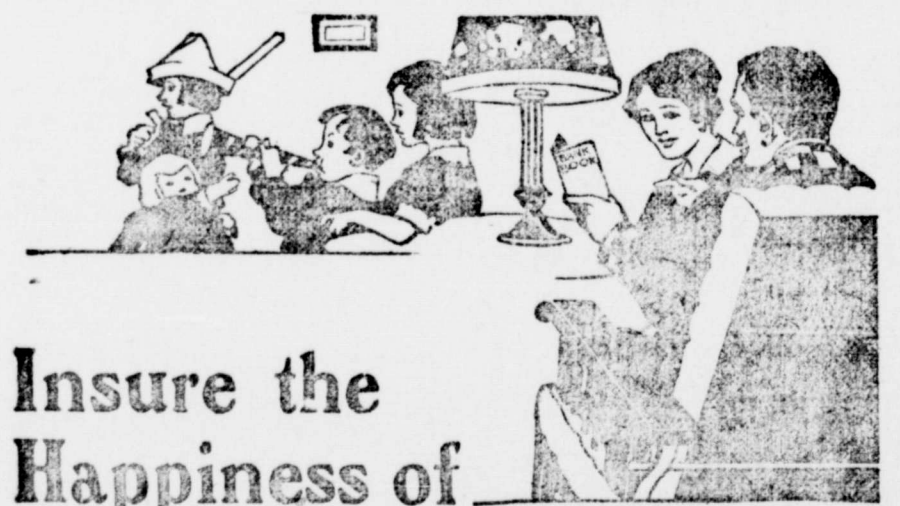
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are still in great demand at Washington. Unprecedented commercial prosperity is predicted for the United States, which means high office salaries. We train for these extraordinary opportunities.
SAN ANGELO BUSINESS COLLEGE

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.

Fritz Nickles, a farmer living near Boerne, has a most prolific herd of sheep. A few days ago four ewes gave birth to nine lambs. This is an average of two a piece for three of the ewes and triplets for the fourth one. All of which are alive and doing well. With the presentation of a few more such additions to his flock, it will be necessary for Mr. Nickles to use an adding machine.—Ex.
We have all colors of straw hat dye.—Mason Drug Co.
Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson.

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.



Insure the Happiness of Your Little Ones!
Any parent charged with neglect of his children naturally will become indignant. Still there are some parents who, through carelessness, neglect to provide for their welfare.
The little ones must be protected. There is no better protection than a bank account.

If You Haven't an Account Open One Today For the Children's Sake

THE COMMERCIAL BANK
(UNINCORPORATED) OF MASON
MASON COUNTY DEPOSITORY
MRS. ANNA MARTIN PRESIDENT C. L. MARTIN VICE-PRESIDENT MAX MARTIN CASHIER

BIRTHS

Since our last report the following births have been recorded by County Clerk, S. C. Brockman: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sorrells, a boy, May 16.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fikes, a girl, May 17.

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

Carl M. Wolf and wife passed through Mason Tuesday from Junction en route for Burnet to visit relatives. Mrs. Wolf is a sister to Mrs. Ben Hey, formerly of Mason.

SEE US FOR AUTO SEAT COVERS.
McCOLLUM AUTO CO.

SEVENTH GRADE PLAY

The pupils of the 7th grade of the Mason High School will, under the supervision of Miss Hanie Carter, stage a play entitled, "Happy School Days" at the Star Opera House on Friday night, May 23. Besides the play a drill, "The Star of Liberty," will be presented. Admission 20 cents. Reserved seats 25 cents. Seats on Sale at Mason Drug Co. Show starts at 9 o'clock.

The News man was pleased to see Mr. Ery Hamilton able to be on the street a few days since, after a spell of sickness which confined him to his bed for about ten days.

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

Mrs. E. L. Horton, who has been quite sick for several weeks is reported as much improved.

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.

Miss Lee Smith is at home from Brady where she has been teaching in the Brady High School during the past session.

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

Miss Mackie Leslie informs the News that Miss Loola Holt of the Fredonia section, who recently took the examinations for a 6 years state teacher's certificate, has received notice of having passed the examination with an average of 85. Miss Mackie says that this is the best average made by an applicant in this county for some time.

I have all kinds of genuine repairs for McCormick and Deering mowers.
Louis Schmidt.

We have a nice line of crockery ware.

Mr. Cone, the Insurance man of Llano, and Chas. Wallace came up Wednesday for a short business stay among we good Mason people.

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.

The local Methodist church was given a quota of \$3,132 dollars to raise for the Centenary movement and we are told that over \$2,400 had been subscribed by last Sunday night. The total now raised is close to \$3,000.

WILL YOU FAVOR US?

The News always considers it a favor when we receive news items over the phone. We want all the news we can get, and appreciate it for YOU to phone 57 when you know a personal item or any other item of local interest.
Phone 57

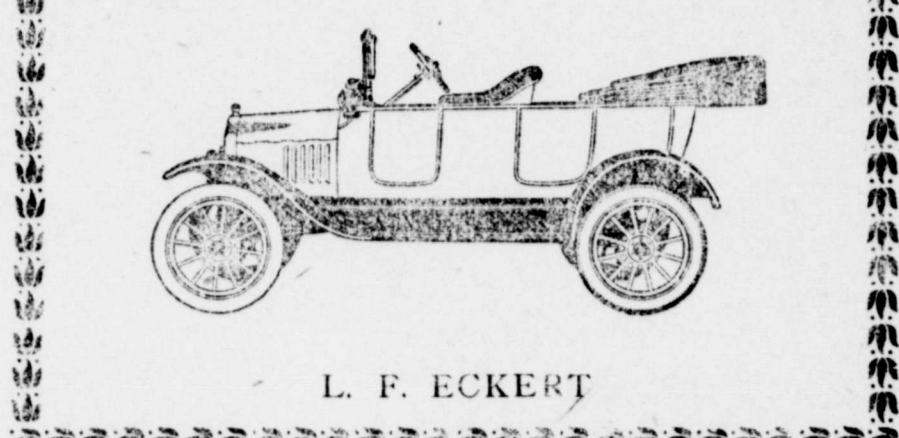
A. J. Lindsay and son John and Arthur Landers went over to the George Gray ranch last Sunday where Mr. Lindsay went to look at some steers that Mr. Gray has for sale. We are told that Mr. Lindsay did not buy.

Dr. Le Gears Stock Powders. Buy it in Mason from Mason Drug Company a17

Our want ads are result bringers



We are experienced, and know how to give service to the owners of Ford cars. We have the same methods, machinery and skill that they have in the Ford Factory, and we use the same PARTS made by the Ford Motor Company. Ford owners are doubly guaranteed by us as to the reliability of our service on Ford cars. Don't try to do it yourself, bring your car here. Incidentally we are getting a few Ford cars and are able to make fairly good deliveries.



L. F. ECKERT

SENIOR PLAY

The Seniors of the Mason High School will present "Standing By" at the Star Opera House on Saturday night, May 24. A play in 4 acts and will last about 2 hours. "Standing By" is by the same author as "The Claim Allowed" which play was enjoyed so much in Mason last year when staged for the benefit of the Red Cross. "Standing By" is a thrill from start to finish. The play represents a rich girl who stands by her poor soldier boy who is with the Expeditionary Forces and stays with him to the last in spite of her wealthy admirer's pleadings and treacherous attempts to win her hand. You can't afford to miss it. Admission 25 cents. Show starts at 9 o'clock. Reserved Seats 35 cents. Seats on Sale at Vedder Drug Co.

Tell the News the news

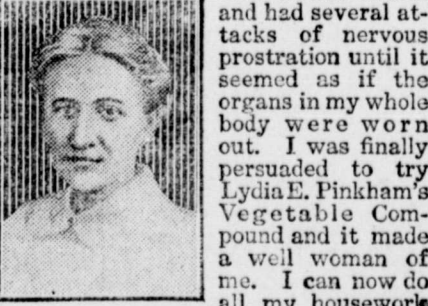
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Saturday Night: The Senior Play "Standing By" at the Star Opera House, 9 o'clock.
Sunday Night: The Commencement Sermon at the M. E. Church by Rev. I. E. Wood 9 o'clock.
Monday Night: Commencement Night. Annual address and presentation of diplomas by Dr. E. D. Shuter, Director of the Extension Department of the State University, 9 o'clock.

NERVOUS PROSTRATION

May be Overcome by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound — This Letter Proves It.

West Philadelphia, Pa. — "During the thirty years I have been married, I have been in bad health and had several attacks of nervous prostration until it seemed as if the organs in my whole body were worn out. I was finally persuaded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it made a well woman of me. I can now do all my housework and advise all ailing women to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I will guarantee they will derive great benefit from it." — Mrs. FRANK FITZGERALD, 25 N. 41st Street, West Philadelphia, Pa.



There are thousands of women everywhere in Mrs. Fitzgerald's condition, suffering from nervousness, backache, headaches, and other symptoms of a functional derangement. It was a grateful spirit for health restored which led her to write this letter so that other women may benefit from her experience and find health as she has done.
For suggestions in regard to your condition write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of their 40 years experience is at your service.

THROUGH THE



GOOD FULL BLOODED — Poland China Service Boar For Sale Cheap m22 Wm. Willmann.

GOING CHEAP — I still have for sale some household furniture, such as: cook stove, side board, kitchen cabinet, wardrobe, wooden beds and set of dining room chairs and a few other things. If interested see or phone Mrs. Jim Lemburg. It

FOR SALE — Second-hand J. I. Case threshing machine, 28 inch cylinder 50 inch rear, with 12 horse power. Complete in good condition. Write or phone C. W. Bergmann, Junction, Texas.

A BARGAIN — On a full blooded Poland China Boar. m15-2tp Wm. Willmann

FOR SALE — A pair of heavy leather riding leggins. m15tf Lamar Thaxton.

FOR SALE — About 8 or 10 saddle and work horses. If interested phone 94. Moss & Dees. m8tf

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,
m9-4tp Ery Hamilton.

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

FOR SALE — Truck-Ford. All most new and in good condition. For further particulars apply to W. C. Lehmburg, a17 Castell, Texas.

MARRIED

Justice Thorne united Richard Buckner, colored, and Miss Irene Peters, colored, in marriage last Sunday afternoon. The groom is from Menard, to which place the newly weds have gone to reside.

POULTRY WANTED

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

Indications are that almost every Mason county soldier boy who is with the A. E. F. will be home in time to enjoy the big 3rd and 4th of July celebration.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

Three giant seaplanes of the American navy, the NC-3, NC-4 and NC-1, rose Friday from the waters of Trepassy Bay, N. F., and headed for the Azores. Commanded by Commander John H. Towers, Lieutenant Commander C. A. Reed and Lieutenant Commander P. N. L. Bellinger, the planes left their moorings at the head of Trepassy Harbor and taxied toward the narrows. Then, rushing in a westerly wind, they took the air. The NC-3, the "flagship," rose at 7:32, the NC-4 two minutes later, and the NC-1 at 7:41, Newfoundland time, which is 1 hour and 30 minutes ahead of New York time. Within a few minutes they were lost to sight beyond the eastern horizon.

Prevention of cotton growing for one year to eradicate the boll weevil, which causes \$100,000,000 damage annually, is proposed by Representative Eli Futch, who Friday introduced a concurrent resolution in the Florida house of representatives. The resolution provides that the federal secretary of agriculture be requested to recommend to congress and legislature of cotton growing states the enactment of legislation to carry out the plans for a sabbatical year for the cotton growing industry.

Two big oil wells were brought in at West Columbia, Texas, Friday, of 2000 and 3000 barrels.

Houston was an easy winner at the closing session at Waco, Texas, Friday of the Texas State Medical Association as the convention city for 1920.

The forty-third annual convention of the State Firemen's Association completed its sessions at Cuero, Texas, Thursday and adjourned to meet in Hillsboro in 1920. Many delegates were especially attracted to Cuero by the turkey for which that city is famous.

A hailstorm and cloudburst visited the farming section north of Big Springs, Texas, Thursday. All field crops and fruits were damaged and much poultry was lost.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Southwestern Electrical and Gas Association closed Wednesday at Galveston, Texas, following the annual election of officers. The following officers were elected: Burr Martin, Dallas, president; A. Hardgrave, Dallas, first vice president; C. E. Calder, Dallas, second vice president; Alba H. Warren, El Paso, third vice president; H. S. Cooper, secretary, and P. B. Walker, Dallas, treasurer. The selection of the next annual meeting place was left in the hands of the executive committee.

THREE ELECTROCUTED

Clothes Line Causes Fatal Accident to Woman, Child and Servant.

Mrs. James S. Nott, her six-year-old baby boy, and a Chinese servant, were electrocuted while hanging out clothes in the rear yard of her home in Honolulu, Hawaii.

An electric light extension, leading from a back porch to a fernery, had been strung across the galvanized wire clothes line. In some manner the insulation became broken and the clothes line was charged with electricity.

The Chinese servant was the first to die. Mrs. Nott, in going to his aid, was electrocuted. It is believed that the little boy attempted to help his mother and, in so doing, was killed.

Allies Cost Huns Huge Monthly Sum.

The imperial treasury of Germany will pay an average of \$21,000,000 monthly for the maintenance of the allied armies of occupation, according to an announcement made in Berlin.

Bottle Causes Undoing.

A bottle of whisky alleged to have been dropped from the overcoat pocket of Henry Parry of Philadelphia, an elevator adjuster employed at the Hotel Adelphi as he was leaving, led to the discovery that he had a false pocket in the overcoat. Steaks, pork chops, ketchup and sausage, which he was alleged to have confessed he stole from the kitchen, were found in the pocket. Parry was arrested and was held under \$800 bail in the city hall police court for a further hearing. He said he had been employed two years in the hotel.

All Oil Regulations Removed.

Washington.—All rules and regulations governing the production, manufacture, distribution or transportation of oil in its various forms, including gasoline and of natural gas, were removed Thursday by an order of Fuel Administrator Garfield.

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

COST OF LIVING IS DROPPING SLOWLY

National Industrial Conference Board Issues a Preliminary Statement.

The cost of living for American wage-earners declined less than 3 per cent during the period from signing of the armistice to the first week of March, 1919, according to a preliminary statement issued by the national industrial conference board. In March, 1919, the cost of living was still approximately 60 per cent to 65 per cent above the pre-war level, as contrasted with an increase of 65 per cent to 70 per cent in November, 1918, and of 50 per cent to 55 per cent in June, 1918, as brought out by the board's two previous studies of the subject.

Changes since November, 1918, in the average cost of the different items entering into the budget were:

	Per cent.
All items	2.8 decrease
Food	1.4 decrease
Shelter	1.7 increase
Clothing	3.2 decrease
Fuel, heat and light	1.3 decrease
Sundries	No change

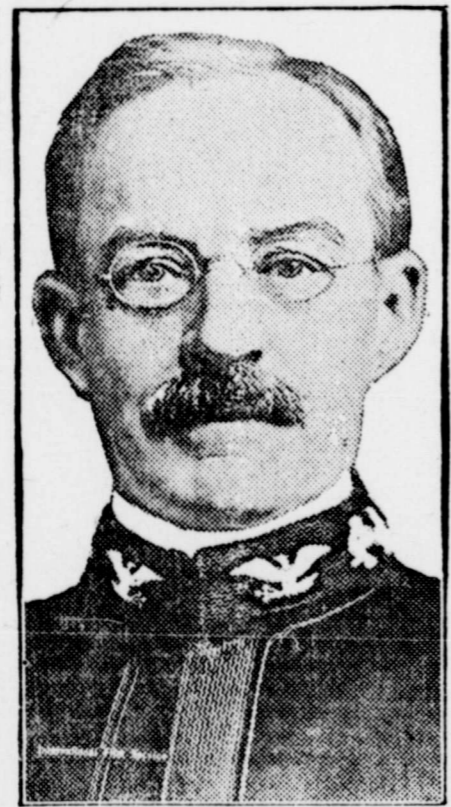
For the entire period July, 1914, to March, 1919, the increases in the respective items were:

	Per cent.
All items	61.3
Food	75
Shelter	22
Clothing	81
Fuel, heat and light	57
Sundries	55

In estimating the change in the budget as a whole the constituent items have been given the following relative importance: Food, 43 per cent of the total; shelter, 18 per cent; clothing, 13 per cent; fuel, heat and light, 6 per cent; sundries, 20 per cent. These percentages are averages of the actual expenditures of several thousand families, based on the results of investigations by authoritative agencies. While families differ in the apportionment of their incomes among the separate budget items, the distribution for normal families does not vary widely from these averages.

Hence, with any reasonable allocation of items in the budget, changes in the total cost of living are fairly uniform, and an estimate of 60 per cent to 65 per cent as the increase between July, 1914, and March, 1919, is broadly representative.

LEADS NAVAL FORCES IN FOREIGN WATERS



Admiral Harry S. Knapp, who succeeded Admiral William S. Sims as commander of our naval forces in foreign waters.

COFFIN LEFT AS WARNING

"Black Handers" Threaten Death to Wesley Dumm of Cheyenne.

"Black Handers" are hot on the trail of Wesley L. Dumm, cashier of the Citizens' National bank of Cheyenne, Wyo. Several days ago they left a note instructing him to place \$50,000 at the foot of the elevator in the bank building. If he failed to comply with the demand the "black hand" note declared the bank would be dynamited, his home wrecked and Dumm would be killed. Dumm placed a dummy package which was stolen while detectives were away from the bank for breakfast.

Later Dumm received a telephone call in which a man made the same demand and threat contained in the letter. He disregarded it and when he went home found a child's glass coffin on his porch. Police are guarding the bank and the home.

If you want read phone 42.

Velvet THE FRIENDLY TOBACCO

Horse Sense About Tobacco

Good tobacco ought to be like a well-bred hoss—all th' kick taken out but all th' sperit left in.

You see, half the secret of makin' a good hoss is in the breedin' an' half in the breakin'. Selectin' tobacco that's grown right is only half of makin' Velvet. The agein' is the other half.

Thar's only one kind of agein' that gets th' right results—*Nature's own*. Nature's no clock watcher. She does a job *right* whether it takes two years or two thousand.

So when she gets through with the fine Kentucky Burley that we put away in wooden hogsheads for two years, it's just *right*.

It ain't been hurried none, or short-cutted. It's a Nature-done job.

All kinds of things are packed in tobacco tins, but your good neighbor will tell you "Velvet is the real pipe tobacco." Prove it for yourself.



Velvet Joe

Roll a VELVET Cigarette

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, 1919, 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. 1919.

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

Chinese Cabinet Resigns.

Paris.—The Chinese cabinet has resigned. The peace conference at Shanghai between representatives of Northern and Southern China, has broken up.

Tornado Hits West Texas Town.

Amarillo, Tex.—Several barns and outbuildings were destroyed by a tornado which struck Tuesday in a sparsely settled region nine miles southeast of Amarillo.

Strawberries Damaged.

Pasadena, Tex.—The recent heavy rains have damaged the strawberry crop to a large extent.

Polish Request Refused.

Paris.—The council of foreign ministers Friday refused the Polish request for part of the German navy. The Poles claimed that warships were necessary for the defense of their country.

HAIL AND WIND STORM

Last Thursday a severe wind and hail storm visited the western portion of the county and did quite a bit of damage to crops and other property. It is said that the wind blew down a windmill on the ranch of Wes Smith and that it took the top off a goat shed at Howard Smith's ranch. Crops in that section were beaten up and fields badly washed from the heavy rain that accompanied it. In the Long Mountain section crops were also badly damaged. The storm took in a strip reaching from Streeter almost to London and back east as far as the Mill Creek ranch. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. August Lange, who reside in the Katelym section, will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Lange has recovered sufficiently to be removed from the hospital to her home last Saturday.

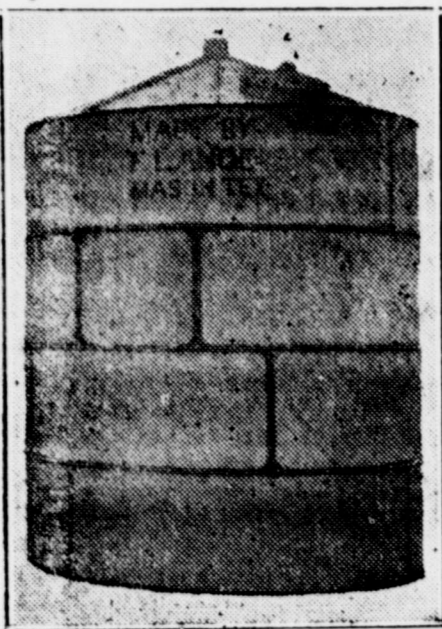
LAUNDRY.

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

Hensch, The Tailor.

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.



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Repairing of all kinds done on short notice.

Miss Marie Brockman is making a very efficient assistant to her father in the clerk's office.

KELLY BOOTS

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

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Diseases of women and children a specialty
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Schools Attended: Memphis Hospital, Medical College, South Bend Optical College, Chicago Post Graduate, Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Col.

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DEALER IN
COFFINS AND CASKETS
Lumber, Doors & Window Blinds

Wilbur E. Treadwell

Optometrist and Optician
Specialist in the fitting of glasses. Eyes examined without the use of drugs. Lenses ground on the premises. Mail me your broken glasses, lenses duplicated and returned same day as received.
LLANO -- TEXAS.

SUGGESTIONS TO THE FARMERS

The drouth is over and let us all look forward to better times, and in doing this realize that we have one of the best if not the best counties in West Texas.

The best stock county with more good grazing land, and more good farms than any stock county in Texas.

So many things needing attention in the county that it is impossible to mention all of them but a few of them would be:

Preserving the soil and preventing it being washed away, and conserving the moisture, also the building up of the fertility of the soil, push the peas and rotate the crops and terrace and ditch the fields.

Practice sane farming, do not depend on one crop for all things.

Can the vegetables and the fruit, save the peas and the beans, pick some good pullets out of those chicks for another year, save feed for that milk cow, rustle some pigs that will make the meat for another year. Put up several gallons of sorghum, prepare to live at home and then the low price on what you have to sell if that low price should come, will not pinch so hard.

Too little attention is given to the selection of the seed for another year, all seed for the next year should be selected in the field. Small bunches of sheep should be placed on every farm.

Better stock, hogs, dairying cattle, beef cattle, work horses more and better poultry, all these things should be given more attention.

More attention should be given to better bulls in the smaller pastures. Raise a \$10 yearling in the place of a \$19 one, raise a \$150 Jersey cow in the place of a \$70 one.

A longer and a better staple of cotton should be raised and the right grade be given to that and then you will get the right price for it.

Orchards all over the county need working over, nearly all of them have too much top for the roots and nothing is remaining to produce the fruit.

To secure some of these ends the county must be organized. We must have a sheep and goat raisers association for the county, and by working together we can get better prices for the wool and mohair, any of our buyers will give more if we put all together and give them a chance at it in a larger bulk because he gets more for it.

Again a state trapper can be

J. W. White, President. John Lemburg, Sr., Vice President. F. W. Lemburg, Cashier.
E. A. Loeffler, Assistant Cashier.

The Mason National Bank

CAPITAL \$25,000.00
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secured and this must be done in some of the sections, or the wolves will get all the profit and then some.

More fruit trees are needed and buying co-operatively for the county each organization for each community making an order for that community we will get these fruit trees at half they are now costing.

Specialists are coming to this county and we must be organized to get the benefits to be derived from these men, and let us all be ready to meet and organize in every community. Not only can we study and better ourselves but we can sell together and get better prices.

Think over some of the suggestions on sane farming and watch the paper for other articles of interest to us all.

Yours truly,
Dor W. Brown,
Emergency Demonstration Agent.

Auto casings have dropped 15 per cent in price.
m221f Star Garage.

TO AUTO OWNERS

Notice is hereby given all owners and drivers of automobiles and other motor vehicles that the laws relative to speeding, lights, running with cut-outs open or without mufflers on and parties leaving motors running with no one in car is going to be enforced and we hereby warn parties to take notice of this for we intend to treat everybody alike. We ask that the people in general give us their support in enforcing the automobile law.

G. H. Willis, Sheriff
F. C. Wartenbach, Const.

The Messrs Smith, better known as Howard and Wes, spent last Friday in Llano on business matters

A CURIOSITY

Miss Carrie Schuessler was a pleasant caller at the News office last Monday and brought us a curiosity in the way of a hen's egg. There is nothing peculiar about the shape or size of the egg for it is just like all hen eggs in those respects, but it is out of the ordinary in so much that there are several letters on the shell which have the appearance of having been written or scratched there. Miss Carrie says that the egg was laid by a hen she had cooped up. On the shell are to be found the letters K, which is seen in two places. A capital G and P are also plainly inscribed, and by examining and looking at it from different angles one can find quite a number of figures and characters.

The egg will be on exhibit for several days at this office and any one interested may have the pleasure of examining it by calling around.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Finlay and two children came in last Saturday afternoon from Elfo, Texas and remained until Monday morning visiting with Mrs. Finlay's parents, Major and Mrs. D. Doole

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, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

BETTER PIGS FOR THE PIG CLUB MEMBERS

All members of the pig club of Mason County, wanting to purchase registered sow pigs will please notify me at once as both myself and the committee are trying to find the best pigs that can be had. As soon as we can find a breeder who can furnish the grade of pigs desired, the order will be made, but only for those who notify me that they want them. Some will secure pigs here in the county and others want the best and the best is the only ones that the banks here are going to loan the boys money to buy.

Most of the boys want the big Type Poland China, some want the Durocs, and efforts will be made to get the stock desired by the boys.

It will be some 30 days yet before we can get the pigs into your hands but an effort will be made to get them sooner if possible. The feeding contest among the boys will not begin until near the 8th of July as some feed, will be raised in the county by that time.

With the right encouragement and the right feeding and pushing no estimate can be placed on the good to be derived from this work, and with a good foundation for good stock, we hope to be not only a help to the members but to the entire county.

Those wanting pigs please notify me, if you have not already done so and state whether you desire to pay yourself or want to borrow the money with which to buy the pig.

Yours truly,
Dor W. Brown,
Emergency Demonstration Agent.

ECZEMA!
Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that itchy, burning, and itching skin disease. It is compounded for that purpose and your money will be promptly refunded without question if Hunt's Salve fails to cure you. Eczema, Tetter, Ring Worm, or any other skin disease. See the box.
For sale locally by
VEDDER DRUG CO.

Chas. J. Schuessler, Jr., of Eagle Pass, is in Mason visiting at the home of his grandfather, Mr. Jacob Schuessler and with other relatives

A complete assortment of fishing tackle at
Mason Drug Co.

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.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Ziehe and son and daughter, Martin and Miss Hatta, went to Hedwigs Hill Monday afternoon and after spending the night with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin, left Tuesday for their home at Maxwell. Rev. and Mrs. Ziehe spent about three weeks visiting with old friends in Mason and over the county and they stated that they had enjoyed a most pleasant visit here.

Use MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER. It kills worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds, 6 oz. bottle 35 cents. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask
Mason Drug Company.

Mrs. Ed Smith, who has spent the past few months in San Antonio, returned home a few days ago. Miss Lucille, who has been attending school there is also at home for the vacation months.

If you want feed phone 42.



Spring and Music

NATURE chose the most alluring time of the year for the mating of birds, the bursting of buds and the re-awakening of the brooks. A season full to overflowing of promise for plenty.

Spring manifests its presence by the song notes of birds, and the music of rippling brooks. How wonderful and inspiring is this period. The pity of it is its transitory happiness, its melodies that are all too short lived.

Mendelssohn's Spring Song revives in our mind the beauties of spring. And does this throughout the year irrespective of seasons. In like manner countless other songs will conjure up thoughts of this enchanted time if you own

The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

Why not make the entire year a spring time of song? You have at your command the means, all that remains is possession of an Edison.

MASON DRUG CO.