

# Mason County News.

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## 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Aug. 4 1905—

E. H. Bogusch and wife arrived home Thursday from a 3 month's European trip.  
Mrs. H. F. Kothmann celebrated her birthday anniversary Tuesday.  
Mrs. M. A. Hamilton was called home Wednesday due to Mr. Hamilton's serious illness.  
Dr. Thompson left Tuesday for Coleman county to visit his parents and to join a family reunion.  
A. J. Koening and Miss Elsie Lefebvre were married Wednesday at Castell.  
The mother of A. N. Snearley died recently in Blanco county.  
Miss Nellie Gamel left Tuesday for San Antonio to visit relatives.

## 15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Aug. 9, 1895—

Frank Garner and Ben Hey have been to Ozona this week.  
Miss Bernice Doole entertained Monday night on the occasion of her birthday.  
The fine home of D. Doole was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.  
Mrs. J. W. P. urdy died last Monday night.  
Individual deposits of the First National Bank of this place were \$27,565.39 at the close of business on July 11.  
Born—A girl to Mr. and Mrs. W. cup. A Hall on the 6th; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith on the 6th.  
Miss Emma Gunther and Mr. Chas. Stark were married Tuesday afternoon, Justice of the Peace H. O. Brockman officiating.

This office is just in receipt of a letter from the Officer in Charge, Artificer School at Hampton Roads Va., with the information that Rudolph Doell graduated from the Artificer School on June 29, 1920, and now holds the rating of Blacksmith 2nd. class. Doell enlisted on August 12, 1919.

## TEACHER'S EXAMINATIONS

The teacher's examinations, usually held at the first of each month, and which had been scheduled to be held Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7, have been postponed and will be held Monday and Tuesday, August 23 and 24.

Willard K. Larrimore, who is employed in Dallas, arrived home Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Larrimore, and to attend the reunion.

Mrs. Belle Bridges left Sunday for a several week's visit to her girlhood home in Indiana.

Miss Cecile Skelton came in last week from Eden for a visit in Mason with relatives and friends.

Fred Wankel arrived in Mason Friday from Portsmouth, Va., for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wankel. Fred is employed as a ship builder.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget it starts at 8:15 o'clock.

Hugo Schmidt, of Abilene, came in Sunday for a visit with home folks, and to attend the reunion.

Ranck Loring returned from a visit in San Antonio Thursday. He is now spending a few days visiting at the John Geistweid ranch.

### YOUR DRINKING CUP

At the barbecue in Mason on the last day of the Confederate Reunion every one will be expected to furnish their own drinking cup. The committee is making this request for sanitary reasons.

## CARD OF THANKS

I take this means of thanking the voters of Mason county for the splendid vote given me at the polls at the recent primary election. I assure you my efforts will be to render the best service possible as Tax Assessor in return for the confidence which your vote evidences.

Willie O. Bode.

See me for garden hose and lawn sprinklers. F Lange.

## U. S. TO RETURN ENEMY PROPERTY

### Rules Are Formulated Under Law Passed by Congress.

## \$150,000,000 WORTH HELD

### Francis P. Garvan, Alien Property Custodian, Issues Statement Describing in Detail the Classes Now Entitled to Recover Their American Estates—American Creditors May Now Bring Claims Against Enemy Debtors.

New York.—Francis P. Garvan, alien property custodian, announced that \$150,000,000 of property seized as enemy owned during the war would be returned on formal application to owners who fill in qualifications entitling them to recover their holdings under the amendment to the trading with the enemy act passed by congress on June 5.

Among the classes who may obtain the release of their property are American women who married alien enemies, enemy diplomats, aliens who were interned, citizens of new nations created from enemy territory by the treaty of peace, women of allied or neutral countries who married enemy subjects, and Americans who were forced to remain in Germany during the war.

### Claims of Creditors.

The amendment also authorizes the return of property mistakenly seized and allows American creditors to bring claims against enemy debtors whose property was seized.

The statement of the alien property custodian describes in detail the following classes now entitled to recover their American estates:

"A woman who at the time of her marriage was a subject or citizen of a nation which has remained neutral in the war, or of a nation which was associated with the United States in the prosecution of said war, and who prior to April 6, 1917, intermarried with a subject or citizen of Germany or Austria-Hungary.

"A woman who at the time of her marriage was a citizen of the United States (said citizenship having been acquired by birth in the United States) and who prior to April 6, 1917, intermarried with a subject or citizen of Germany or Austria-Hungary.

### Property of Diplomats.

"A citizen or subject of Germany or Austria or Hungary or Austria-Hungary who was, at the time of the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and such nations, respectively, accredited to the United States.

"A partnership association, or other unincorporated body of individuals outside the United States, or a corporation incorporated within any country other than the United States, and was entirely owned at such time by subjects or citizens of nations, states, or free cities other than Germany or Austria or Hungary or Austria-Hungary, and is so owned at the time of the return of its money or other property hereunder."

The alien property custodian will continue as the supervisory officer and administrator with full authority concerning the return of property.

## 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.)  
4-6  
Mayhew Produce Co.

Fine Bond Papers—News Office.

Albert Metzger and family arrived in Mason Friday from San Antonio and are now living in the Mebus house with C. C. Wood. Mr. Metzger will again resume work at the Mason Ice & Power Co.

## A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall 2926 Olive Street St. Louis Mo.

## Mason Public Schools High-School Department

Mason - - Texas

### SCHOOL BOARD

E. J. Lemberg, President, Roscoe Runge, Secretary, D. F. Lehmburg, F. B. McCollum, C. D. McMillan, Dr. J. M. Thompson, E. W. Kothmann.

### HIGH-SCHOOL FACULTY

P. A. Bennett, B. A. University of Texas, superintendent of schools and teacher of mathematics.

L. W. Dumas, University of Texas and A. & M. College, principal of high school and teacher of science.

Grace Phillips, Simmons College and University of Texas, teacher of English and Spanish.

Alfreda Tipps, Southwest Texas State Normal College and University of Texas, teacher of history and Latin.

### CURRICULUM

The course of study has been carefully planned with the aim to accomplish the twofold purpose of preparing students for college and for the more important one of equipping for citizenship those who will never attend college.

While two separate courses are not necessary in order to accomplish this end, a few well selected electives save time and energy for students. For that reason this year the Mason High School will offer as elective a course in Vocational Agriculture and one in Spanish.

While the course in Agriculture is intended primarily for the purpose of giving practical training in farming and farm management it, nevertheless, meets the requirements for two units of affiliation, and will be counted as two units toward graduation. The entire course will be under the supervision of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, and the instructor, Mr. Dumas, has already been accepted by the Federal Board as being thoroughly competent to conduct this work.

Spanish will be given only to those who for some reason do not take Latin. Here again the practical side will be stressed. The acquiring of a practical speaking knowledge of the language will be the aim of the course. The direct method will be used, and after the first few days very little English will be spoken in class. Two years' work in Spanish will take the place of the required Latin, and will meet the requirements for two entrance units in foreign language for those who desire to enter college. The instructor in Spanish, Miss Phillips, has been thoroughly trained for this work.

All that we need say about the regular courses in history, English, science, and mathematics is that they will in no way be neglected. Strong, efficient teachers have been provided for them, and we expect them to be as good as will be found in any of our best high schools.

### ATHLETICS

Believing in the modern movement for more and better supervised play for children, we will this year give more attention than ever before to athletics. While we hope to have winning teams in the lead-

ing competitive sports, our chief aim will be to provide wholesome play for every pupil in school. We have several teachers who are especially trained for this duty, and our grounds need only a little work to make them rank first class.

Any pupil desiring to become a regular member of the teams to compete with other teams will be required to furnish a statement from his parents indicating their consent. Furthermore no pupil who is not making satisfactory grades in his class work will be allowed to play in competitive games with other teams.

### BUILDINGS

While Mason School has been suffering for several years because of inadequate buildings, we hope to see this difficulty removed within the next twelve months. Relying on this hope the Board will this year provide adequate temporary buildings. These meet the approval of the State Department of Education if they are to be used for only one year. For that reason we shall be able to carry out the work of affiliating our school even before we get the new building. Provided, of course, that the new building is constructed as promised or the classification to be lowered.

### THE AIM OF MASON HIGH SCHOOL

The aim of the Mason High School is to serve not only the boys and girls of the town of Mason, but the boys and girls of the entire county. Because of the size of the other schools of the county, it is not only impractical but wasteful for them to offer a full high-school course. Most parents are unwilling to send their children away to some city and out from under home influences, still those children are entitled to the advantages of at least a high-school education. Because of this and of the fact that we have an unusually strong faculty and ample equipment for the high school, it will be both economical and safe for pupils who have completed the first seven grades in a smaller school to complete their public school education here.

Such pupils will still be in telephone communication with their parents, and can visit home cheaply and easily. The expense of attending school in Mason when compared with attending elsewhere will be found unusually low. Especially is this true of those who are regularly transferred. These will be required to pay tuition only after the State apportionment is exhausted. Even then the tuition will be only \$4.00 per month. This in view of the fact that it costs the school at present a little more than \$8.00 per month for each pupil in the high-school department, is extremely low. The low rate of tuition is made possible only by the fact that as the number of pupils increases the cost per capita decreases.

All boarding students will be under the special care and direction of the teachers and those with whom they board.

Any one desiring further information about the school, credits from other schools, boarding places, or any matter relating to the school or to attending school here, address P. A. Bennett, Mason, Texas.

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SAN SABA, TEXAS

## EVAPORATION OF OIL HEAVY LOSS

\$27,000,000 a Year Lost in Mid-Continent Field Alone.

### IT ESCAPES AS GASOLINE

From Two-Thirds to Four-Fifths of the Loss Could Be Saved by Protecting the Oil From the Air, Says Petroleum Engineer in Report to the Government Bureau of Mines—Problem Taken Up at Experiment Stations.

In a report sent to the United States bureau of mines, J. H. Wiggins, assistant petroleum engineer, says that the evaporation of crude oil causes one of the largest single losses to which the oil is subjected after it is taken from the ground. The few days which crude oil is stored on the lease before being taken by the pipe line causes an aggregate loss per year from evaporation estimated at 122,100,000 gallons of gasoline in the mid-continent field alone. This has a value, at 22 cents per gallon, of \$26,880,000 and represents about 3 per cent of the total gasoline produced in the United States from all fields and all sources.

This problem is now being taken up at the Bartlesville experimental station and at the San Francisco office of the bureau of mines. Mr. Wiggins in preparing his report covered only the mid-continent field, whose output represents more than one-half the United States production. Some of the important features of his report are as follows:

#### Features of Report.

"The rate at which oil of given quality and under given temperature conditions will evaporate depends chiefly on the way it is handled. The ordinary method is to pump the oil from the well, force it through a pipeline gathering system, and then into a tank by means of overshot connections. In this tank, called a flow tank, any free water is separated by gravity, then the oil is led by another pipe to the lease storage tank. The latter is also filled by overshot connections which permit the oil to fall 8 to 16 feet and splash into the tank, causing spray. After standing in this tank perhaps two to ten days the oil is run by the pipeline company by means of pumps and pipe lines to the large steel storage tanks. These have bottom connections and nearly gas-tight roofs. The oil is run from here to large tank farms, or directly to the refinery by pipe lines or tank cars.

"Each of these steps constitutes a different class as regards rate of evaporation. These classes may be divided as follows: (1) Filling a tank by overshot connection; (2) filling a tank by bottom connections; (3) storage in small unprotected tanks on the lease; (4) storage in small tanks on the lease which have some protection such as shading or an airtight jacket, and (5) storage in 37,000 or 55,000 barrel steel tanks which have so-called gas-tight roofs.

"Filling the tank by overshot connections is the cause of the most rapid loss. The amount of this loss depends on several variables, such as the height from which the oil falls, the velocity and size of the stream, and the size of the tank as compared with the time required to fill it. Several tests were made which show that the loss in 24 hours from such conditions ranges from 1 to 2 1/2 per cent of the original volume in the summer time. Evaporation during the storage on the lease in unprotected tanks shows a high rate. Data obtained from some of the largest independent producing companies in the mid-continent field show that the average period of storage is five days. In that time oil stored in a 250-barrel steel tank, unprotected, will lose 2.8 to 3.1 per cent by volume; oil stored in 500-barrel steel unprotected tanks, about 2 per cent; a 1,000-barrel wooden tank, which is protected by a house that acts both as a shade and windbreak, will lose about 1.1 per cent. The above figures are for summer conditions, but tests covering this phase of the subject were run for summer, autumn and winter.

#### Conclusions Drawn.

"Data were kept on semi-monthly losses in eighty 55,000 and 37,000-barrel steel tanks from which the average evaporation loss was computed. Results show that oil stored in such a tank will in the first year lose 3 per cent of its original volume, and in the second year 2.1 per cent, giving a loss for the first two years of 5.1 per cent. In considering evaporation losses of crude oil, one must remember that the portion that escapes is gasoline, and moreover is the lighter, most valuable part of the gasoline. This light gaso-

line, if saved, would command the highest price. The value of the fraction lost is more than three times the value of an equal volume of crude. Some of the principle conclusions drawn from this work are:

"1. The major portion of the evaporation loss is on the lease, when the oil is still fresh and where the most valuable products escape.

"2. Even after leaving the lease oil is subjected to a large loss from this cause.

"3. It is possible to eliminate two-thirds to four-fifths of the evaporation loss by protecting oil from free contact with air.

### VICTORY MEDALS ARE READY

#### Distribution of Nearly Four Million Begun Among U. S. Army Men.

Distribution of the Victory medal for service in the United States army during the World war, from April 4, 1917, to November 11, 1918, has been begun, according to Secretary of War Baker.

The first of the 4,000,000 medals was given to President Wilson, as commander-in-chief of the army and navy. Applications for the medals are to be made to the nearest army post or a recruiting officer, the application stating to which of three classes of medal the applicant is entitled.

#### Dancer Seeks \$50,000 for Injured Knee

Tumbling into an open elevator shaft in a hotel at Baltimore, Md., Miss Nyma Seibert, a dancer, of Hinton, W. V., skinned her knee so severely that, she said, it interfered with her dancing. She has therefore launched suit for \$50,000 against the proprietors.

#### Italians to Lose War-Made Fortunes

War-made fortunes are to be confiscated in Italy, according to the announcement of a confiscatory decree prepared by Premier Giolitti, at Rome

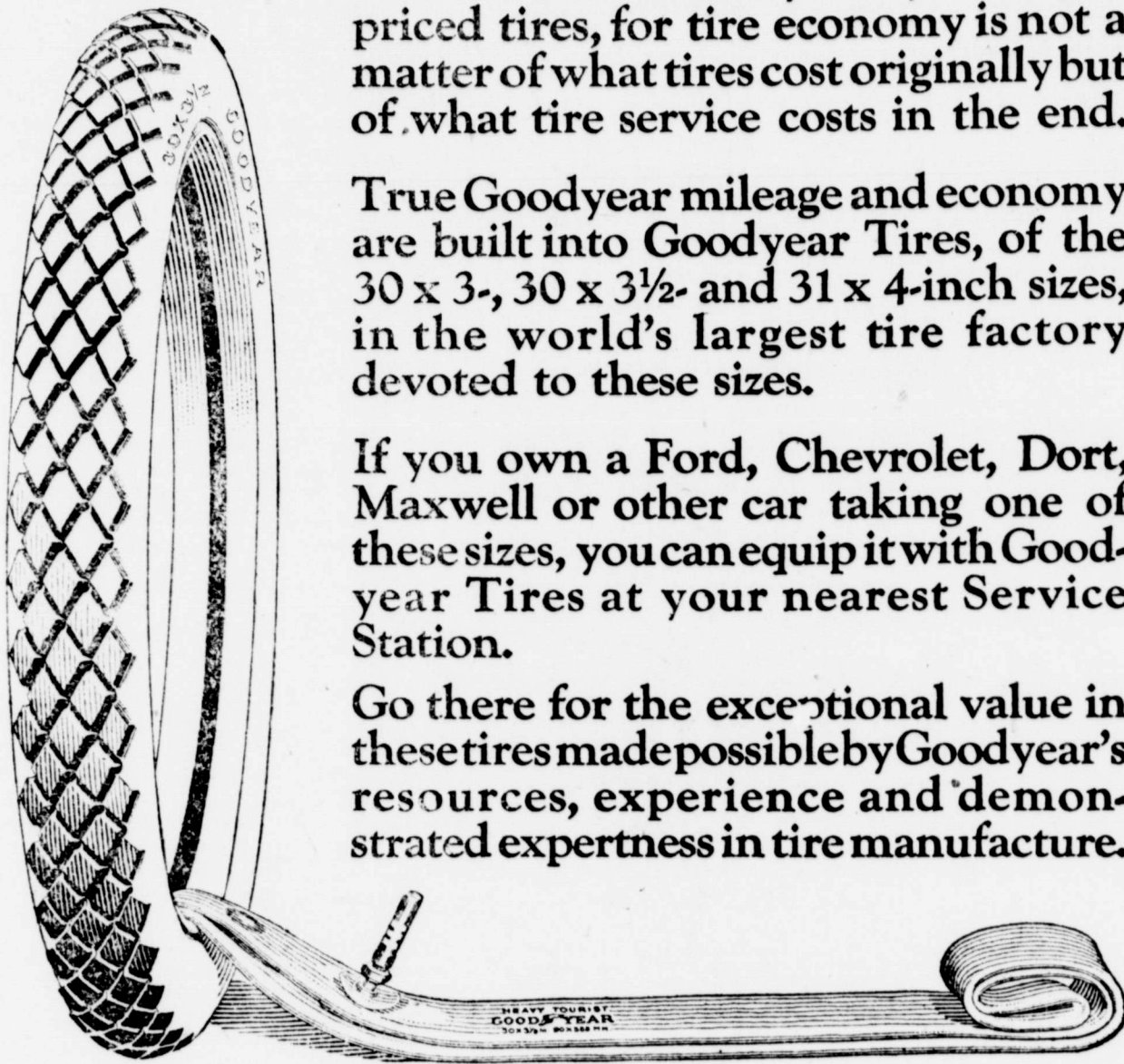
# Get Goodyear Value In Tires for Small Cars

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# GOODYEAR

### OUTLINE OF REUNION PROGRAM

First Day  
10 a. m.—Parade.  
11:15 a. m.—Welcome Address.  
Noon  
3 p. m.—Ball Game  
Mason vs. Fredericksburg  
9:15 to 10:15 p. m.—Band Concert  
Second Day  
Speaking in the morning.  
Noon  
2 p. m.—Goat Roping Contest  
3 p. m.—Ball Game  
Mason vs. Cherokee.  
Home Talent program by the Daughters of Confederacy at night  
Third Day  
Speaking in the morning.  
Noon  
11:30 a. m.—Free Barbecued Dinner will be served.  
3 p. m.—Ball Game  
Mason vs. Cherokee.  
9:15 to 10:15 p. m.—Band Concert

Mrs. J. W. Leslie and grandchildren, Harold Jesse and Frederick Lemburg are here from San Antonio for the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunch Honeycutt of Wilcox, Ariz., are here visiting his sister, Mrs. Gene Murray.

Pete Jordan has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the McCollum Auto Co.

Chas. Boston and wife and Mrs. Boston's father, Mr. DeWitt, came in last week from Rockport for a visit with relatives and friends.

Wm. Ellebracht of San Antonio, is here this week, combining business and pleasure.

Wm. Hofmann and Mrs. Loula C. Loring left Sunday for St. Louis and New York to buy new goods

The second primary or the runoff primary will be held on Saturday, August 23th.

The Mason Commercial Club met Monday night at the court house.

The Club voted unanimously in favor of inviting the delegates of the Puget Sound to Gulf Highway to hold the regional meeting here in September. The Club also decided it would offer a \$35 cash premium for the first bale of cotton to be ginned in Mason county this year.

Mrs. Sadie Garner has returned from a visit in Georgia.

Harry McCollum is here from Corsicana for a couple week's visit with home folks and friends.

Leonard Wood and Murray Kyger left a few days ago for College Station, where they will become members of the Club Boys' Special Train and will enjoy a trip through the leading agricultural and stock raising sections of the United States.

Mrs. J. K. Bracken and two children of Port Arthur, are here visiting friends.

### PARADE

On the morning of August 4th the first day of the Reunion, a street parade, headed by the band, will be held. The parade will be formed at the Southern Hotel at 9:30 o'clock and at 10 o'clock will start. Decorated cars, trucks and vehicles will come first and the undecorated vehicles will bring up the rear. There will be two cash prizes awarded; \$35 for the best decorated vehicle and \$15 for the second best decorated vehicle. The parade will make one complete trip around the public square and then go on to the grounds, where announcement of the winners and awards will be made. We urgently request that everybody who possibly can will decorate their car and enter the parade. Parade Committee.

How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?

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E. O. Kothmann, V. P.  
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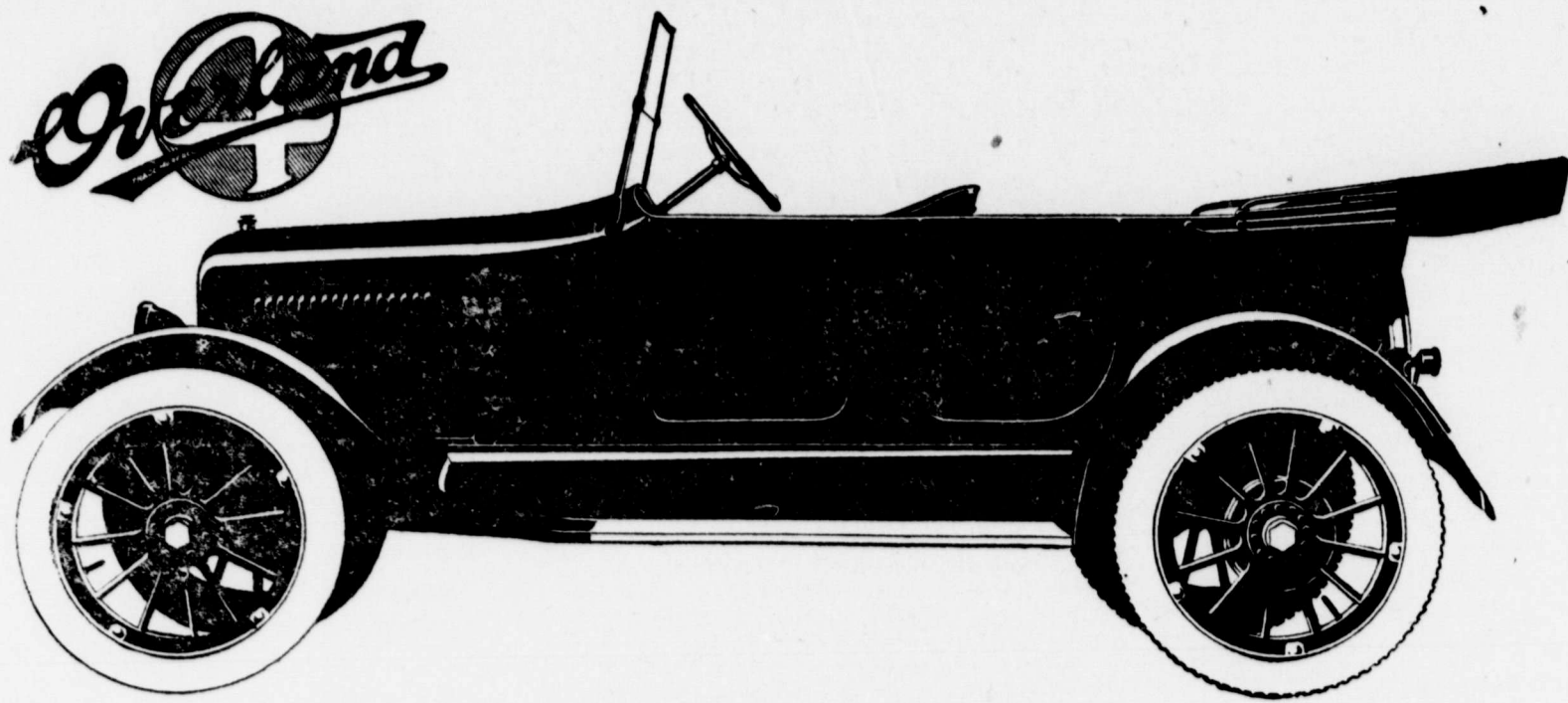
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## Remarkable Cross-Continent Record - 27.2 Miles Per gallon

Think of it! An Overland stock car, taking gas at 32 different public stations, driven by 25 different drivers who never saw the car before, smashed all transcontinental economy records in a day and night run from New York to San Francisco. 3,442 miles of incessant driving in 179 hours; the car punished by unfamiliar driving--reckless or conservative, according to the driver--yet the car's inherent economy is so certain that this Overland averaged 27.2 miles to the gallon. How was this remarkable cross-continental record made?

### Over Continent, Car Is Relayed From Driver To Driver

A few weeks ago an Overland dealer down in Arizona suggested an entirely new kind of a trip for a motor car. He said, "Let's have the distributors and dealers clear across the continent relay a stock Overland automobile from driver to driver on a continuous trip, and see what the car will do."

At first the idea was scoffed at, as every man who knows automobiles knows that under such handling no car can reasonably be expected to perform even up to its normal requirements. But on second thought, it was decided that a trip like this would be the best kind of a test that could possibly be given, as it would show not the best that a car could perform, but the best that could be expected under the most adverse conditions.

### Running at Times 40 Miles An Hour

So an Overland stock car started from New York at mid-night on July 18th. The roads were rough. Not a single driver had ever sat in the car before. In many cases the road was missed, and the distance had to be recovered back until the right road or the detour was found.

"Let's try to average 20 miles an hour clear across," was the suggestion of the Overland dealers. "But that means driving 35 to 40 miles

an hour part of the time," was the objection. "and you can't get gasoline economy at that speed." But 20 miles an hour was decided upon. A motor car trip across the United States in a week's time, in a car weighing less than 2000 lbs. That was the plan.

### 25 Different Men Sit at the Wheel

While after mile clipped off on schedule time. Distributors met the car at appointed locations. Change of the 25 drivers was made sometimes in less than two or three minutes. Once a windshield was broken which had to be fixed. Here and there a nut had to be tightened. But the car pounded on through rain and dust and heat, over mountains and plains.

At Kearney, Nebraska, the half-way mark, the average stood 25 miles per gallon over a distance of 1600 miles. And the car was running so perfectly that every driver expressed the utmost enthusiasm over its performance.

### As Standard As the Car You Buy

One of the remarkable things about the trip was the low oil consumption. And the car went across, not on cord tires such as are normally used for this kind of trip, but on standard Fisk fabric tires.

The standard Tillotson carburetor, and the standard AutoLite generator system and the U. S. L. batteries were used. The car was a standard car with absolutely no reinforcements throughout.

### Mayor Hylan of New York Indorses Economy Advantages

Finally, after covering the almost impassible roads across the Nevada desert, the wonderful little Overland, protected throughout by Triplic Springs, rolled gaily down the paved highways of California into San Francisco, delivering to Mayor Rolph a letter from Mayor Hylan of New York, which read

My Dear Mayor Rolph:

Again, Greeting to you. This time my letter is to be carried by an Overland Touring car, which is to cross the continent from this city to yours in the interest of an economy test in respect to gasoline consumption and tire wear. I have no doubt any experiment in

search of economy in these days will appeal as much to you as it does to me. I wish the car, its promoters and operators, every success, and I trust this will find you and Mrs. Rolph enjoying the best of health.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John F. Hylan,  
Mayor.

### 27.2 Miles to Gallon— That Is Economy!

The average gasoline mileage for the entire trip was 27.2 miles to the gallon. A record which under similar conditions has never before been equaled. No attempt was made at a speed record. But that record, too, stands as a remarkable achievement for a car of this size and weight.

This wonderful trip of the Overland again emphasizes in a truly dramatic and remarkable way the wonderful stamina and riding qualities, and the extraordinary economy of this great car.

If you don't know this car and its remarkable achievements come in and look it over. It will pay you to find out what a great automobile you can buy for a small sum of money.

# McCullum Auto Co.

Mason, Texas

AMENDMENT

RELATING TO THE MANNER OF COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

House Joint Resolution No. 7.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new Section, to be known as Section 60; providing for the compensation of public officials.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That there is hereby added to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, a new section to be known as Section 60 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which shall read as follows:

Section 60. Compensation of Public Officials: All State, district, county and precinct officers within this State shall receive as compensation for their services a salary, the amount of which, the terms and methods of payment and the fund out of which such payments shall be made, shall be ascertained, declared and fixed by the Legislature from time to time; provided that the Legislature may make such exceptions as it may deem advisable.

This section shall supersede all other provisions of this constitution fixing and declaring the compensation of officers by salary, fees or otherwise and all provisions for salaries or other compensation for public officials, executive, legislative or judicial.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to cause to be issued his necessary proclamation for an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election this amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection and shall make the publication required by the constitution and laws of the State. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the General Election Laws of the State, and the ballots for said election shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters, the following words:

"Official Ballot" "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation of public officials." "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation of public officials."

Those voters who favor such amendment shall erase by marking a line

through the words "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." Those who oppose such amendment shall erase by marking a line through them, the words "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." And the result of the election shall be published and declared according to the majority of the votes cast in such election.

Sec. 3. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of this amendment and the election to be held hereunder.

C. D. MIMS, Secretary of State.

(Attest—A True Copy.)

AMENDMENT

AUTHORIZING ONE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT AD VALOREM TAX BY CITIES AND TOWNS OF FIVE THOUSAND OR LESS POPULATION.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.

Proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less than one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent, and making appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed one and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and all taxes shall be collectible only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied, and all fines, forfeitures and penalties accruing to said cities and towns shall be collectible only in current money.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a

vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year." and all voters opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

C. D. MIMS, Secretary of State.

(Attest—A True Copy.)

AMENDMENT

RELATING TO TAXATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 17.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by exempting independent and common school districts from the limitation of a total tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for any one year, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows: (Creating a new Section 3.)

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every inhabitant of this State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart an-

nually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law," and all those opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots "Against the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation of said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

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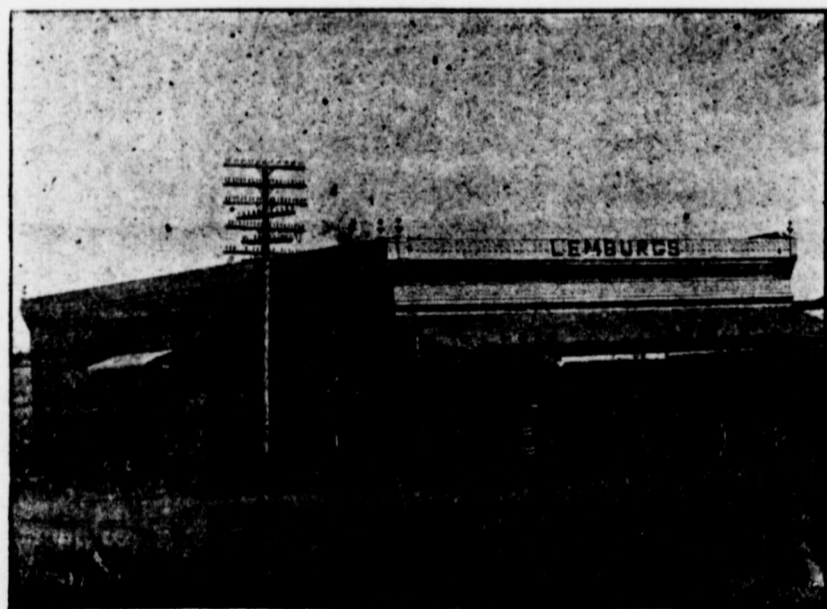
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A new book entitled "Care and Treatment of Stock and Poultry" has just been published by Dr. L. D. LeGear, notable Veterinary Surgeon, who graduated from the Toronto, Ontario, Veterinary College 27 years ago, and has since devoted his entire life to Veterinary Science and Poultry Husbandry. This book contains 128 pages of up-to-the-minute data on the care, symptoms and treatment of stock and poultry. It is divided into departments—horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry being taken up. It is very complete with charts and illustrations, and is a book that should be in the home of every live stock and poultry raiser in the country. The price is only 10 cents. Get it from your dealer or send a dime to Dr. L. D. LeGear, 1700 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo., stating that you are a subscriber to this paper, and he will send you a copy direct.

Max, Willie and Sammie Willmann and El McCollum are here from Eastland to visit the home folks and to enjoy the reunion.

## Announcing The New Studebaker Light Six

Before Studebaker engineers and executives approved the Light Six and released it for production, five sample models were built for extensive tests and experiments in the laboratories. Methods and Standards Department, as to steels and materials; in the Experimental department as to dynamometer tests of motors, transmissions, axles and chassis; and on the road as to the complete car.

Sample cars were driven 50,000 miles over roads of every description throughout the country. While the cars demonstrated satisfactorily under the strenuous tests in the East, one was given severer punishment in the Golden West. A

### GARB IN ROUMANIA IS LIKE PICTURE PUZZLE

People Have Had to Depend on American Red Cross for What Clothes They Got.

For close on six years new clothing has been an unknown commodity in the market places of Roumania. What clothing did reach the country came from American Red Cross warehouses and was distributed among the neediest of the needy—the men, women and children who went barebacked during the winter months, with no warm walls wherein to take refuge from the cold, with no fuel, and no heat-producing food to put in their stomachs.

In the villages, the average peasant's garb looks more like a picture puzzle than a suit of clothes. It is hard to determine where the patches end and the clothes begin. Burlap sacking has largely taken the place of the pre-war homespuns. People have resorted to makeshift garments in endless variety and color.

When the inhabitants of a country district gather for an American Red Cross distribution of food and clothing, the assemblage strikes the eye as would an outdoor carnival. All the colors of the rainbow are there, from the shrieking crimson that the peasant affects to the dizziest greens and yellows. Only the emaciated faces lack the carnival flush, and the eyes are war-tired.

To match cloth with the men's and women's garments at such a distribution would be out of the question. The top of a soldier's red cap covers the worn portion of a farm-hand's trousers. An army blanket has been pressed into service to patch a mother's white jacket. A fast-growing girl's light blue skirt has been brought to its proper length with a hunk of rude burlap.

The cloth manufacturers of Roumania have been devoting most of their time to equipping the army with Roumanian field gray, and as yet their establishments haven't been able to return to a peace basis. Wholesale tailoring plants have never been numerous or up-to-date in Roumania. Importing the necessary clothing from other countries has been found next to impossible owing to the collapse of railway transportation, which itself has to be built up before there can be any serious effort to clothe the people. The neighboring Balkan countries are themselves waiting for outside supplies of clothing.

WORKS 72 YEARS FOR UNCLE SAM; RETIRES



Thomas Harrison, Uncle Sam's oldest

est employee in both point of service and age, who will retire in August, after 72 years in government service. He has been connected with the United States naval observatory in Washington since 1848. He was born January 10, 1828, during the administration of John Quincy Adams, and is now in his ninety-third year. Mr. Harrison served for many years as chief clerk of his department. Last January he was given a leave of absence, which will continue until his retirement on a pension in August.

**Fined for Adulterating Grain.**  
A fine of \$1,000 has been paid by the Armour Grain company of Chicago for the alleged mixing of barley with a shipment of 35 cars of oats to increase the weight. The grain was for a foreign country.

**U. S. Army Now Down to 216,472 Men.**  
From more than 3,000,000 at the time the armistice was signed, the United States army now has dropped to 216,472 men, not including field clerks and nurses. Of this number 15,754 are officers.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Shalburne and daughter of West Point, spent a short time in Mason last week as guests of Mrs. Shalburne's brother, Dr. McCollum. They were en route home after a visit to New Mexico.

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Mrs. Glover is here from San Antonio visiting Mr. and Mrs. Neill.

Miss Pearl Land is at home after a month's vacation, which she spent in Itasca, Ft. Worth, Malone and Hubbard City.

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**SUFFERED AWFUL HARDSHIPS**

Dr. Shelton, Medical Missionary, Stationed for 17 Years in China, Is Captured by Chinese Bandits and Held for Ransom—Finally Escapes and for 40 Days Underwent Most Terrible Travels—Tortured by Tumor.

Dr. A. L. Shelton, a medical missionary stationed for seventeen years at Batang, China, on the Tibetan border, arrived in New York recently after undergoing surgical treatment at the Mayo hospital, Rochester, Minn., made necessary by his sufferings while held captive for ransom by the bandit, Yang Tien Fu.

"We left Batang in November, and I was bringing my wife and daughters to the coast on their way home," said Dr. Shelton, telling his story. "I was going back to the interior. We had been coming toward the coast for 47 days, when all of a sudden bandits began firing at us from a cliff. Soon they swooped down and took everything we had, including myself.

"They asked me to go up the road and see their chief. Supposing he merely wanted to talk to me, I went. They tried to take my wife and children, but soldiers came from the town and saved them.

"The bandits kept me seventy-one days. We are greatly indebted to Father Bailly, a French Catholic missionary, who has lived in Yunnan thirty years, and who took Mrs. Shelton and the girls to Yunnanfu while I was carried off through the country, constantly on the move, until I escaped.

**Ransom Demanded.**  
"The bandits wanted to get the governor of the province into trouble. There were grudges and political reasons. They knew I was coming through and waited for me. They demanded \$50,000 worth of arms and ammunition in exchange for me, but I talked the chief, Yang Tien Fu out of this, saying I would not be ransomed, because it would get every missionary in the district into danger. Then he demanded a blanket pardon for himself and 800 followers.

I was in favor of this, for in his hand were many good fellows who wanted to get back to civil life and honesty. Everything was ready to be signed up on this plan when the governor tried to surround them in the night to put them to death. This was in the first month of our wanderings.

"They escaped with me, and for forty days thereafter, I underwent the most terrible travels, with soldiers after us, sleeping out on the mountains, forced marches, and all the time undergoing torture from a tumor that began growing on my neck. At the

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end of the second month I was so weak that I rolled off my mule unless tied and held on. Then they carried me another five days on two poles; at the end of which I was so nearly dead they left me in an old hay barn with four guards and instructions that if I died my body was to be secreted. If I got better, they were to be notified and would come back after me.

"For five days I lay in a hole in the rice straw and rested. Then came a report that soldiers were coming, and the whole village fled except an old man who brought me rice.

**His Escape.**  
"The soldiers did not come, but a small official went through, and in the excitement I got out of the barn and made my way to the nearest Christian village, where I got a small pony, and the church elders held me on him for twenty hours until, the middle of the next afternoon, I reached a place where there was a magistrate and soldiers.

"Three days later, with an escort, I was met by Dr. E. P. Osgood of Chuchow, sent by our mission, and J. P. Thornton of the Standard Oil company, who had been appointed special representative of the United States to negotiate with the bandits for my release."

Dr. Shelton was operated on at the French hospital at Yunnanfu, united with his family and sent to America for surgical treatment here.

**MEMORIAL FOR OFFICERS**  
Three Million Dollar Service Clubhouse for New York City Planned

The Army and Navy club of America will establish in New York city a \$3,000,000 service clubhouse as a permanent memorial to the more than 3,000 American officers who died in the World war. The military record of every officer will be preserved in the building for future generations.

It is proposed not only to make the new building of national significance, on the order of Grant's tomb on the Hudson, but also to establish a great center for general patriotic activities, with meeting rooms for patriotic organizations and an auditorium for large public assemblages.

Chas. Worlie and wife, of Port Arthur, are expected by relatives to be in Mason for the reunion.

**BIND VICTIM TO RAILS**

Missouri Man Robbed and Tied to Track Loses Hand and Foot.

George Underwood, Carrollton, Mo., was forced by two men to enter a motorcar there, was taken to a spot near the Wabash tracks, half a mile from Excelsior Springs, robbed of \$70 and was gagged and bound to the rails with barbed wire. A Wabash train passing half an hour later cut off his left foot and hand.

According to Underwood, he had been in Kansas City Wednesday and had stopped at Excelsior Springs on his return to Carrollton. He was waiting at the Wabash station when two men approached him and, with pistols, commanded him to enter their motorcar, he declared.

After robbing him, he said, the robbers placed him directly in the middle of the railway track and bound him there. In struggling, however, he managed to free his right foot and right hand and to maneuver his body to the outside of the rails, leaving only his left foot and hand across the rails. Underwood was found by a farmer living near by, who took him to his home and notified the authorities.

**Wealthy Indians Buy U. S. Securities.**  
Twenty-eight Indians of Elbow Woods, N. D., have bought \$25,000 worth of treasury department savings certificates, according to the announcement made by E. C. Kibble, director of the ninth district government savings organization.

**Prisoner Release Fraud Being Worked.**  
The war department warns friends of United States military prisoners against advancing money to men who promise to effect the release of the prisoners through influence in congress.

**Train Killed Man Asleep on Track.**  
Lying with feet on one rail and head on the other, S. Capps, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., was run over by a Missouri Pacific train. Tired by a dance he had attended, Capps lay down and fell asleep.

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## MILITARY RULE IN BETHLEHEM

### Peace Has Not Yet Come to Birthplace of Christ.

### LONG DESERTED BY PILGRIMS

Two Big War-Time Projects Have Opened New Windows and Doorways Into Palestine and Made the Little Town of Bethlehem More Accessible—The Only Jew Resident of the Place Is a Doctor—Is a Christian Town.

Bethlehem is still occupied enemy territory. The white, limestone town in Palestine, which is holy to half a billion Christians, is passing its fifth consecutive war year without pilgrims.

Formerly the slopes of Kharrubeh, under the fortress wall of the Church of the Holy Nativity, glittered nightly with camp fires of hundreds of Russians. But Turkey's entry into the war in 1914 put such a sudden end to the pilgrimages of the Russians that a few of them are still stranded in Bethlehem. The Crescent and Star, with which Selim the Grim hewed his way into Palestine in 1518, was hauled down from the Turkish serai in Bethlehem when the British army occupied it in 1918. Pending the dictation of peace to Turkey, Bethlehem is administered by the British army, and no civilian is permitted to enter it without British military permission, Clara Price writes in Land and Water (London).

### Town More Accessible Now.

Before the war, Palestine was a noisome, sealed up Turkish place, off the trade routes, difficult to get at and more difficult to get about in after one got there. Two military secrets, however, were revealed when the armistice with Turkey was proclaimed, in 1918. One was the completion by the British army of the Palestine military railway. The other was the completion by the enemy of the stupendous Taurus tunnels in the Chemin de Fer Imperial Ottoman de Bagdad. Taken together, these two projects have opened new windows and doorways into Palestine, so that the winds of the world may blow through and anybody who has the railway fare may walk in and see for himself.

The first civilians to reach Bethlehem after the Turkish peace is signed will see a single line of old Turkish trench zigzagging like a white hair across the far side of the Rahib valley to the south. They will see plenty of British soldiers, whose prospect of demobilization is remote, and little groups of British officers on leave, guided by the same dragomans who three years ago were guiding German officers on leave at Bethlehem. And if they have not visited Bethlehem before, it may not occur to them how miraculously the place has been scrubbed and scoured and whitewashed.

### One Jew in Bethlehem.

The ancient rock hewn cistern known throughout the world as David's Well, and the small, domed Moslem burying place known as Rachel's tomb, appeared in 1919 exactly as they appeared when the last of the tourists fingered the last of the Baedekers before them in 1914. The Church of the Holy Nativity stands at the eastern end of the town as stark and whitish gray as it stood before it witnessed the most important event in its 1,500 years of life—the powerful impact of the west on the Ottoman empire. The sound of expiring empires comes dim with distance into the gold and jeweled silence inside the Church of the Holy Nativity.

Bethlehem is a Christian town. It is the most Christian town in southern Palestine. In a country inhabited by 512,000 Moslems, 66,000 Jews and 61,000 Christians, Bethlehem's population consists of 7,000 Christians and a remnant of Moslems, whose number does not exceed 500. Just now a third element has been added to its population. I climbed back and forth through its steep, narrow, slippery streets for an hour without seeing any of those meek, fur hatted figures one passes so continually in the Jaffa road at Jerusalem. Then I stopped a random British soldier.

"I see no Jews here," I said.

"No, sir."

"Are there any Jews in Bethlehem?"

"Yes, sir."

"How many?"

"One, sir."

"How long has he been here?"

"Three weeks, sir."

### Only Jew Is a Doctor.

He is a doctor, with the six pointed star of Zionism on his khaki sleeve, who was brought to Bethlehem by the deputy military governor. Bethlehem and Nazareth heretofore have not admitted Jews to their population.

I stood one morning recently in an upstairs window of the old Turkish serai, which overlooks the quiet, colorful hubbub of the market place. It was Sunday morning and the market place was vivid with the broad warmth, the white glare and the poppy colors of Palestine. Little groups squatted on the pavements, with their skins of sour milk, their sheets of native bread and their panniers of lambs' tails on the flagstones before them. Goats and fat tailed sheep, herded together by Bedouin shepherds, lay along the edges of the spacious scene. Far over to the left, in the shade cast by the lofty wall of the Church of the Holy Nativity, camels lay chewing their cud, their legs folded up beneath them like a jackknife, their bells breaking into a heavy tinkle as they gulped.

Through the squatting groups and the herds the unveiled women of Bethlehem moved about their morning's marketing; their embroidered waists and their tall, peaked headdresses of white and green—the same headdresses that the returning crusaders brought back to their ladies of the middle ages—make the women of Bethlehem instantly recognizable anywhere in Palestine. Bedouin women, with tattooed faces, walked noiselessly about on naked feet, holding their handkerchiefs to their mouths. Donkeys and milch goats pattered through the crowd. A Bedouin sheik, with a walking stick, dug his fingers thoughtfully into the haunches of a sheep and passed on with the flap of slippers.

All of them were speaking Arabic and trading in Egyptian piastres. In all the spacious, crowded market place the only sign of a western civilization was an originally field gray Benz car, waiting down in front of the serai, with layers of white limestone dust that almost obscured the black German eagle on its tonneau door, and with a chauffeur in British khaki smoking a cigarette in the driver's seat. The east and the west are still as far apart as Bethlehem, Palestine and Bethlehem, Pa.

### Chain of Caves.

Some 20 feet below the floor level of the Church of the Holy Nativity is a chain of caves, whose walls are the living limestone and whose connection is made by winding subterranean passageways hewn out of the living rock and barely big enough to stoop through. These caves include the abode and tomb of St. Jerome, the chapel of St. Catherine, the chapel of the innocents slaughtered by Herod, and Empress Helena's cave, now called the Chapel of the Nativity and revered as Bethlehem's holy of holies.

It is dimly lit with hanging lamps, whose smoke has blackened its low stone roof with the accumulated soot of centuries. Its floor is incased with worn marble and its walls are hung with unlit lamps, figures of saints and woven silk hangings of silver, blue and dark red—the gifts of penitent emperors. A glance reveals a statue standing dimly against the dark hangings; opposite, a gilded railing fronting the lace covered manger; nearer, the altar on which the wise men laid their frankincense and myrrh. Close at hand, two figures kneel silently before the star, where millions of Russian pilgrims have knelt with dropping tears.

A second glance, after one's eyes have adjusted themselves to the dimness, reveals the statue standing dimly against the dark hangings as a British soldier, standing where a Turkish soldier formerly stood, and the gleam against the hangings beside him is the gleam of a fixed bayonet. Of the two figures kneeling before the star, one is a British officer on leave, who at the moment is whispering to the dragoman beside him the amount of time exposure at which he proposes to set his camera. Before the two of them burn the six lamps of the Orthodox, the five lamps of the Ar-

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menians and the four lamps of the Romans, which have burned for centuries above the star. In the still light they shed, the star itself appears exactly as it appeared in 1847, when the proposal to add a second star, bearing the arms of France, brought about the Crimean war. It is a silver star, set into the marble pavement and partially encircled by the words "1717 He de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus natus est."

### FOUGHT TO AVOID BATHS

Italian Immigrants Battled Vainly Against Deputies.

To avoid taking the baths required under immigration laws, 2,000 Italians, brought to the United States on the White Star liner Canopic, engaged in a battle with United States deputies at Boston. No one was seriously hurt in the fight, and the immigrants finally lined up and took the required bath.

The Canopic failed to clear properly at her port of sailing and was tied up at quarantine in Boston. The Italians became wildly excited when informed that baths must be taken and United States Marshal Duane found it necessary to press a half dozen deputies into service.

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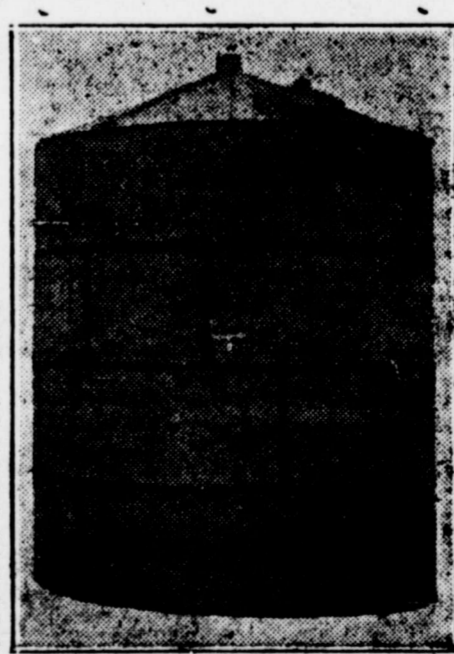
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