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COMMERCIAL CLUB HELD REGULAR MEETING MONDAY NITE

Last Monday night the Mason Commercial Club held its regular monthly meeting at the court house. It being election night, officers for the ensuing year were elected, but all the old officers of the organization were re-elected by acclamation. The officers are as follows: S. A. Hoerster, president; A. E. Grosse, vice-president; G. W. Moneyhon, secretary; W. M. Martin, treasurer.

Reports of several outstanding and special committees were heard and approved and in all instances but one the committees were discharged. The committee retained was that on the fair grounds proposition. The fair grounds committee made a report and stated they were ready for some action to be taken in the way of selecting suitable grounds and purchasing same.

W. J. Marshall, chairman of the committee gave out some data relative to the available tracts they have looked at and stated the price the sites can be bought for. He also gave out a report on the people his committees have been able to get to sign up for the purchase of shares in a fair association and this report was quite gratifying, as the report indicated the matter of raising the necessary funds can be arranged for.

It was stated Monday night this fair grounds committee expects to issue a call for a mass meeting at an early date, at which all parties who have signed up to buy stock in the association will be urged to attend, that preliminary steps towards perfecting a permanent organization can be taken and the matter of selecting the site can be satisfactorily arranged.

MISS MOLLIE BIERCHWALE IS REPORTED INJURED BY FALL

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hensch left Tuesday for Lockhart in response to a message stating Miss Mollie Bierchwale was severely injured a few days previously and is in a critical condition in a sanitarium in that city.

From reports received here Miss Bierchwale received a fall and a glass she was carrying was broken and a severe gash cut in her arm, near the elbow, and the wound bled so profusely that fear of her life was for a time entertained. This young lady's many Mason friends will learn of her misfortune with much regret and will hope for her an early recovery.

MOTHER DIES

Mrs. F. Lange was called to Brenham Sunday at the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Catherina Struwe. Mr. Lange received a message from his wife Monday stating her mother died that day and would be buried Tuesday. The lady is said to have been 83 years of age and her death was due to infirmities of advanced years.

Miss Lucille and Master Daris Leslie and little Miss Clara Mae Leslie left Tuesday for their home in McAllen, following a week's visit in Mason among relatives and friends.

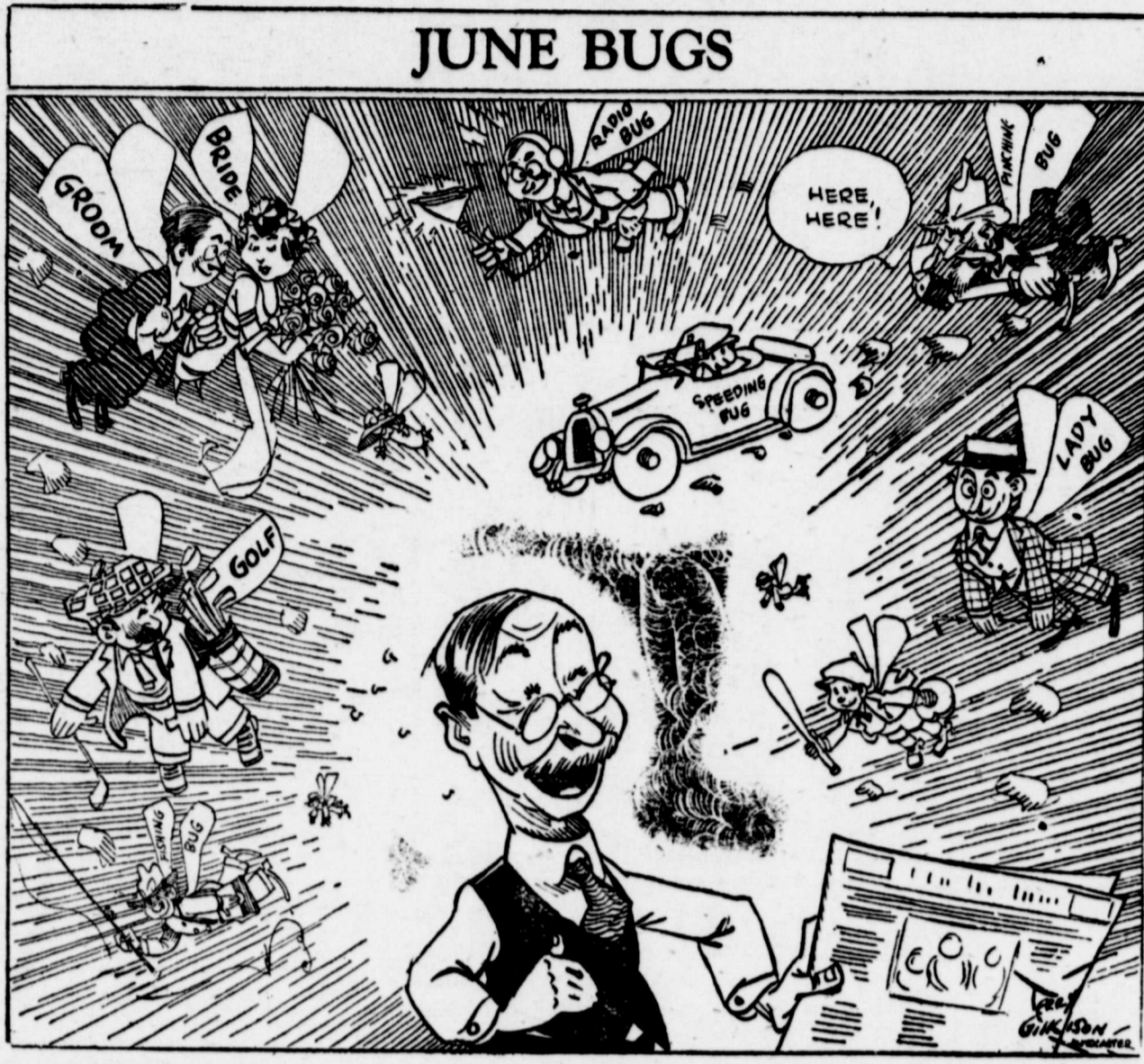
The local fire department responded to a fire alarm Tuesday afternoon, going to the scene of the fire to find that it was a Ford car that had been on fire, but the flames had been extinguished before the department got there.

Miss Cordelia Marshall, of Llano, is here visiting in the homes of Mrs. Theresa Runge and W. I. Marshall.

Mrs. W. W. Beach and children returned home Monday afternoon from Hamilton, after a visit with relatives in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Green and daughter, and Miss Jewel Green left Monday for Austin where they will visit with their son, Guy who is attending the State University. Guy intends to remain for the summer term and consequently did not have time to come home, so they went down to see him. Miss Jewel Green will go from Austin to San Marcos where she will attend school this summer.

Walter Hey came in Sunday from Blanchard, Oklahoma, for a visit with relatives and friends at this place.



HUG CAUSES CAR TO HIT BRICK WALL

One little touch which adds a laugh to "The Ladder Jinx," which will be shown at the Star Theater on Saturday night, came in the picture quite by accident. The action required that Margaret Landis should throw her arms around Edward Horton's neck and kiss him enthusiastically, while he was driving a high powered car at a thirty-mile-an-hour clip. It was expected that the car would go swerving in a serpentine zigzag up the street. When the scene was actually made, there was plenty of "swerve"—perhaps Miss Landis's hug was a little bit too vehement. At any rate, the car, after making several extraordinary curves, finally jumped up on the sidewalk and went smashing into a high stone wall. "That's going a little bit too strong in the way of realism," said Edward Horton, as he surveyed the smashed hood of his roadster. "If we try this again, let's have the wall made of paper mache."

TO MEMEBERS OF EASTERN STAR

All members of the order of the Eastern Star of Mason, Texas, are requested to be present at a meeting Monday, June 11th, at 4 p. m.

ALMA GROSSE,
Worthy Matron.

T. R. McDowell, deputy sheriff, of Menard, passed through Mason Tuesday en route to Austin with Ferdinand Schaugre to place him in the State Insane Asylum. The young man's father also accompanied Mr. McDowell.

Mrs. F. W. Askew and baby, of Claremont, Okla., and little Misses Virginia and Dorothy Wallace, of Shawnee, Okla., arrived in Mason Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Erv Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay went to Christoval this week after Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindsay to bring them home, following a three weeks' stay there for the benefit of Mr. Lindsay's health.

Mrs. H. F. Comer and Walker White arrived here this week from Chapel Hill, N. C. Mrs. Comer will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White. Walker, who attended school the past session, will spend his vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Jordan and son, Grote, left Wednesday for San Antonio for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Joe Gresham and baby left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Lockhart.

BROWN CO. RANCHMAN TELLS OF WAR ON GRASSHOPPERS IN MILLERSVIEW SECTION

Mr. Dick Alexander, of Brown County, who has a ranch in Concho county, returned this week from a visit to that county.

He reports that the grasshoppers are in the Millersview country by the millions and the farmers and ranchmen of that country are making a concerted fight against them. Two weeks ago the farmers of Melvin community met and formulated plans for fighting grasshoppers. The next day they built ten miles of fence, using tin several inches high along the ground beneath the fence.

The grasshoppers crawl up to this tin fence and pile up by the thousands and then the men take their pear burners and go along the fence, burn them up. In other places some of the people are building a sort of trap-guard by placing a two-by-four piece of timber on the ground along the fence, and then nailing another two-by-four slantwise atop the first one, projecting in the direction the grasshoppers are coming from.—Brady Standard.

Miss Gertrude Clark is at home from San Antonio and will assist her father, Frank Clark, in getting his new business in operation.

Mrs. Loula C. Loring is spending a few days' outing with relatives in the Fredonia section this week.

Miss Margaret Peters left the first of the week for Seguin where she will be joined by her sister, Miss Martha, and the two will go to spend the summer with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Peters, who now reside in North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brockman left Tuesday for San Antonio to visit his daughter, Miss Marie, who is in that city recuperating from a recent operation.

Walter Jordan returned to San Antonio Sunday to resume his studies in a Chiropractor school, following a week's visit in Mason.

Mrs. Roscoe Runge and baby, Mrs. Elgin Eckert and baby, Crawford and Homer Lemburg left Monday for Austin, where Crawford will enter school for the summer.

George R. Tait, district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone System and resident of Fredericksburg, was here Tuesday on business with the local telephone exchange.

MASON TIGERS VICTIMS OF GIANTS FOR SECOND TIME

For the second time this season, the Mason Tigers dropped a ball game to the Fredericksburg Giants, on the Fredericksburg diamond Wednesday afternoon, the Giants starving the tigers by not allowing them a score, and piling up eight for themselves.

The Giants had the game in hand almost from the very beginning, the Tigers being unable to connect with the ball, while the Giants hit more freely.

The batteries for Mason were Green and Dannheim. Green is one of the try-out here from San Antonio, and he pitched good ball, allowing only eight hits during the game.

Henke and Henke worked for the Giants and Henke let the Tigers down with two hits.

E. Henke hit a home run during the game, but fortunately no one was on bases.

LEGION MEMBERS, NOTICE

All members of the Fort Mason Post of American Legion are hereby ordered to attend a meeting to be held on Tuesday night, June 12th, at 8 o'clock at the Legion Hall. Several important matters are to be discussed and a representative attendance must be had.

ARCH REICHENAU,
Adjutant, Ft. Mason Post Am. Legion.

Mason County was well represented in Fredericksburg at the big Trades Day event on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierchwale returned Saturday from Stephenville, accompanied by Miss Margaret, who has been teaching school in the John Tarrington College the past session. Miss Margaret will return to teach in the summer session of the school following a visit in Mason.

Cal Wright, employed on the ranch of Howard Smith, was operated upon at the home of Dr. W. W. Beach, on Tuesday morning for appendicitis.

Vernon Smith underwent a successful operation last week at the local sanitarium, for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Schmidt moved to the Shearer residence on Monday. They had been occupying an apartment in the home of Mrs. Bertha Todd.

Mrs. A. W. Koock left a few days ago for her home in Austin, following a visit of ten days in this city with her mother, Mrs. Bertha Todd, and among other relatives and friends.

TIGERS HAVE THREE MEN HERE ON TRYOUT THIS WEEK

The Mason Tigers have been strengthened considerably since their last game and the management has three players here on tryout this week and in addition has secured the services of Joe Kyzar, hard hitting second baseman, who played with Llano last season. The men here trying out for regular pay checks are Louis Green, pitcher, first baseman and outfielder; Bob Davenport, pitcher-outfielder, and Ace Farrer, pitcher-infielder. All three of the men are from San Antonio and are recommended as first rate amateur players, but it is not the intention of the management to keep more than two of the three men, and probabilities are only one of these men will be maintained at the present. The management has secured sufficient subscription money to pay two salaried men for 3 months. It is intended to use care in selecting the men to fill the positions and guard against using up the pay roll until there are no likelihood of signing a man that can fill certain positions when conditions might later prove a man suitable for other positions, would have been more desirable.

Green, Davenport and Farrer are right twirlers and it is planned for each of them to get opportunities at mound duty at early dates.

The game at Fredericksburg yesterday had been matched previously to reorganizing the team last week, and as all fans realize, the Fredericksburg team is one of the very strongest the Tigers have to contend with and the results of that game are a little more than a fair test at the Tigers' ability, especially since the lineup in Wednesday's game had but one workout together previous to this contest. The team will have another practice together Thursday afternoon and the management is now endeavoring to match a game on the local diamond for Friday and Monday.

By Monday the Tiger managers should be able to ascertain the merits of the three men here on tryout and will by that time know what to do with them: sign or drop them from the list.

Joe Kyzar who reported here this week to take a place on the local baseball team, was called to McCulloch County Tuesday because of the critical illness of his brother. It is hoped Joe will be able to report back to Mason real soon, as local fans are anxious to see him in a Tiger uniform. Unfortunately Joe was not with our team at Fredericksburg Wednesday.

COMMISSIONERS COURT COMPLETES WORK ON TAX ROLLS

The Mason County Commissioners' Court adjourned Wednesday at noon, after sitting as a board of equalization for some ten days.

The court has cited some forty persons to appear before the court in regard to their renditions.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hey and family are owners of a new Chevrolet sport model touring car which was purchased last week.

OUR ADVERTISING ALPHABET

B is for BUSINESS
Better 'twill be
Through newspaper ads.
Try it and see!



BANK COMMITTEE DISBANDED AFTER SATURDAY'S MEETING
(From Llano News)

The bank committee, composed of 23 members, selected from various portions of the county, met for the last time on last Saturday afternoon immediately after the adjournment of the mass meeting in the district court room.

As had been previously announced a general mass meeting was held at the court house Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of seeing whether or not the bonds to cover the public money could be made. Very little encouragement was offered to this proposition, and the meeting voted to turn the mat-

ter back to the committee, for that body to dispose of the work as best it could.

It was necessary to make three bonds for the County Depository, before the banks could open and keep the public money now on deposit in the Home National Bank. The committee assumed that the American Surety Company would make one of these bonds, as that Company is already on it. That left two to be made locally. In this matter F. M. Cassaday offered to make one and C. H. Beasley the other, provided an indemnity bond would be put up to protect them. It was at this point that the proposition lost out, as it was necessary to make these bonds to the

amount of some \$135,000 and only about \$40,000 was secured.

Since the Saturday meeting a wire has been received from the American Surety Company, stating that it would make the one bond, but evidently this message has come too late, as the committee has disbanded and left the bank situation entirely in the hands of Receiver Sam D. Young.

Whether the proposition has come to a complete halt or not, the News is in no position to state. There may be other plans worked out in the future, but just at the present time, it looks as though the final step has been taken in this situation, especially by the committee which was empowered by the

FIVE HOMERUNS

Pete Schneider, of the Vero Beach Coast League team set a new record when he slugged out five home runs in six times at bat last week. The former record was made by Bobby Lowe, of Boston, who registered four.

Time to Re-tire?
FISK TIRES
WOOD AUTO CO.,
Mason, Texas.

people to handle the situation.

There are numerous street rumors to the effect that the Home National may yet reopen, as outside parties are interested in the matter, and Mr. Vander Stucken, the president of this institution, will be able to reopen it and pay the depositors one hundred cents on the dollar.

The News is giving this information to its readers for just what it is worth, and will further state that it is not authentic, but simply information coming from some who feel that they are in a position to know just what the future plans concerning this bank are.

There is no doubt but that Mr. Vander Stucken is trying hard to bring about conditions that will insure the opening of his bank, but just what the results will be, only the future can tell.

With this article, the News will let the banking situation drop from its news columns, unless of course, something worth while should be forthcoming, at which time this paper will gladly give the information to its readers and offer what little assistance it can in the work of saving this situation.

The News has endeavored to give its readers the most accurate information possible on this proposition from week to week. It has made mistakes in so doing, but they were not made intentionally, but simply given out as the paper had received them from different members of the committee from time to time, and this committee was constantly endeavoring to give out only what it thought to be the actual facts in the case.

At the time the Home National closed it was the concerted opinion of those in charge of the situation, that the two closed banks would be consolidated and re-opened within a very few days. In this matter the News so informed

its readers, but now in the light of future developments, we see our mistake and of which could not have been avoided, when the matter was first taken up.

One of the happiest men in Brady these days is Paul Calvert and the cause of his joy is a dainty little Miss, weight 8 1-2 pounds, who arrived Wednesday, May 30th, bringing lots of sunshine and gladness to Mr. and Mrs. Calvert, as well as to their many friends. Mother and babe are reported doing nicely.—Brady Standard.

Try our "Fruit" Ice Cream. Mason Drug Company. 12

Get your fishing tackle at the Owl Drug Store. 51-1f

B. J. Harrison, popular dispatcher at the local postoffice the past year or more, has resigned his position effective June 1st and will leave for Waco, where he will visit home folks for a short while before going to Dallas, where he expects to take up work in the auto business. Mr. Harrison has been very popular with Brady folks, and all his many friends will regret his departure. Willie Willmann, of Mason, who has been substitute clerk here, succeeds to the position of mail dispatcher.—Brady Standard.

Mrs. John Lindsay and children left Sunday for San Antonio for a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Lauderdale.

Mrs. Mike Jennings, of Fredonia, entertained a number of ladies on Wednesday of last week with a most delightful dinner.

Richard Lloyd Jones Says - UMPIRE YOUR OWN GAME

Boys have the greatest respect for the fellows who play square. The boy who cheats, who breaks the rules of the game, may seem to be successful; he may claim the fruits of temporary victories, but once he is discovered in wrong-doing, he has lost more than in all the hollow victories he seems to have gained. His playfellows view him with suspicion; he has lost the priceless possessions of confidence and trust.

The world is ever ready to cheer for the fellow who will honestly lose and find victory in losing. The world has nothing but contempt for him who seeks victory by a conduct that short-circuits character.

When the New England baseball league brought its season to an end a few years ago excitement ran high among the fans. The two teams that played off for the pennant had each won two games in the final contest. The bleachers were packed to witness the one last struggle that should decide.

In the last half of the ninth inning, the score stood 2 to 1 against the team at bat. There were two out; two men on bases; the batter up had twice fanned the air; the grandstand was tense.

The pitcher delivered; the batter swung; the grandstand sprang to its feet—a phenomenal hit. The ball shot upward and outward as if started on a journey to Mars. The fielder raced to the corner of the grounds; it was a desperate race.

The keeper of the grounds had not calculated that any ball would ever be driven so far. Along the fence there was a margin of tall grass. Into this the fielder raced. He sprang for it, and with it fell into the grass. The crowd stood breathless. Then from

the grass the fielder rose and held high the ball in his hand, an evidence that he had made the catch, that he had made an out, completed the inning, won the game, gained the pennant for his team.

The moment was his. The fans of his city spent their wild enthusiasm in maddening cheers. Then all changed. The hand that held the ball high was lowered and the head that had risen defiantly out of the tall grass sank and was shaken negatively. The cheering ceased; funeral silence lay over the bleachers like a cloudy blanket.

The fielder had won a victory that was above the pale of pennants. He who hung his head in humiliation was lifted into the glory of heroism by men who admired a man who dared umpire himself honestly, who could be as fair by his opposing team as by his own team, who could put the Golden Rule upon a baseball diamond and make it a thing of matchless glory.

Every man is instinctively honest. Every man wants to be honest. But the hunger for success, the ear that aches to hear his fellow men cheer, oftentimes dulls the conscience to compromise with self to shade the truth with shallow falsehood. But each such compromise makes more blunt and bending that conscience which is the prop of character. And victory, real victory, comes only to those who have made character the Gibraltar of their lives.

The boy who learns to play the game squarely will become the man who plays the game of life squarely, who will take no mean advantage, who knows that no game is ever won unless it is rightly won.

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Poem
by UNCLE JOHN

The world is full of pitfalls that a feller should avoid, and the sucker that detects 'em has to keep his wits employed.—Then it's right to lend a warnin' to our unsuspectin' young, which ort to come impressive, from a feller that's been stung. . . .

WARNINGS If you run acrost a sniper with a bunch of oily stock,—refer him to yer enemy, that's jest around the block,—for he has no objection to the way a fortune's made, and you wouldn't want to do a thing that's in restraint of trade!

In general, I would advocate remainin' home of nights, for there's many a fool distraction, when you're out a-seein' sights,—I wouldn't want to stray away—a mile or so from camp,—it's mighty nigh a Waterloo, to run acrost a vamp!

HOMEY PHILOSOPHY
for 1923

Once there was a wise boy. He was wise, not foolish, because he bought a car, and wiser still because he used it. Whenever he got into a jam he'd go into the garage and take a long look at that feller. And his eyes would fix themselves on the shock absorbers. He'd paid about \$20 for them. When he first drove the car he found out he'd better dodge the bumps and soften those he couldn't dodge.

Nowadays he sees that life is just a village roadway calling for improvements, and not a very long roadway either. A little cautious driving and we can reach the end without much shaking up. Then we can go into neutral without worry, lag.

U. S. Sea Queen Ready for Service

The giant Leviathan sailing its first peace time voyage will leave New York in early June mistress of the seas and queen of American boats. Photo shows the great liner entering Boston harbor, where reconditioning work was completed.

Watch Repairing Engraving

J. S. KING, Jeweler
"GIFTS THAT LAST"

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

Coffee Spoons	Casseroles
Ice Tea Spoons	Clocks
Tea Spoons	Serving Trays
Orange Spoons	Candle Sticks
Table Spoons	Ice Tea Glasses
Berry Spoons	Vases

GLASSES FITTED

Clocks Silverware

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Where 76 Perished in School Fire



First and exclusive picture of the scene at Cleveland, South Carolina, where 76 perished when a kerosene lamp exploded at a school house amateur play. Whole families lost their lives and every family in the community suffered loss of life. Outside wooden stairs collapsed when the rush for safety was made.

CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMP AGE LIMITS REDUCED

Orders have just been received from the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., permitting Corps Area Commanders to accept applicants for the Citizens' Military Training Camps who are 16 years of age, but who will be 17 at some time during the calendar year, 1923. Thus a young man who is only 16 years old when the camps open July 28th, but will be 17 on or before December 31st, 1923, may be accepted.

The order granting this authority reads as follows:
"Several applications from young men below 17 years of age have been forwarded to this office, recommended by Commanding Generals of corps areas for acceptance.

The minimum age limit for entrance to the C. M. T. Camps was determined by the War Department after considering recommendations from all corps area commanders and from other sources in the country at large. The Secretary of War considers that candidates for the camps should have attained the physical, mental and moral characteristics typical of a well developed young man of 17 and directs that 17 be the normal minimum age limit for the camps.

However, corps area commanders are authorized to accept applicants for the Basic Red Course who will attain the age of 17 during the calendar year in which the camp is conducted, when they are convinced that the young men in question are of exceptional physique that they possess the required attributes of character and have sufficient mental and moral stamina to attend a C. M. T. Camp.

This authority will not be used to lower, in any manner, the standards that have heretofore been expected in C. M. T. Camps."

This order will have a pronounced effect upon the recruiting of C. M. T. C. students in the Eighth Corps Area which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Heretofore, a large number of applicants who were perfectly qualified physically had to be rejected because they were a few months, and in some cases only a few days, under the age limit.

Any young men who may be effected by this change, even though they have been previously rejected, should make application at once. There is a Citizens' Military Training Camp Representative in practically every town in the Corps Area. Application may be made to these representatives or by writing direct to C. M. T. C. Officer, Eighth Corps Area, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Try our "Fruit" Ice Cream. Mason Drug Company. 12

A recent news item informs us that a certain rich man left fifty million dollars when he died. They all leave it when they die. No man has ever taken any gold into the grave, or any money beyond mortality. We cannot have both worlds. One or the other must be given up. "There are no pockets in shrouds," the old adage says. Only the jewel of character will find its way through the pearly gates. It is the glitter of the crown, and not the coin, that is of lasting value. And it is mercy, not money, that men and women of today need most of all.—Selected.

Germany appears to be under the impression that inasmuch as she lost the war it no longer concerns her.—Boston Transcript.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

European nations must either trust or bust.—Wall Street Journal.

Looks as if the piggy wiggly has not cornered the squeal.—Wall Street Journal.

If your motor is missing, keep cheerful. So many people find their entire cars missing.—Buffalo News.

The only thing that works twenty-four hours on a stretch in these soft times is a rubber band.—Binghamton Sun.

Face powder keeps husbands loyal, says advertiser. Some women consider gunpowder more reliable.—Wall Street Journal.

A Council Bluffs baby was born in a woodshed. If he is taken back to his birthplace once in a while he may become president some day.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

See that Cecil B. DeMille is to film the Ten Commandments. Fair enough. Some record of them should be preserved for our children.—Toronto Star Weekly.



From Our Early Files

From Mason News, June 12, 1898:

Invitations have been received announcing the approaching marriage on June 16th, at Gonzales, of Mr. Hiram Augustus Wroe, of Austin, to Miss Pearl White of that city. The bride-elect is a sister of Mr. J. W. White, of this place.

Misses Daisy Wheeler and Louie Hunter visited Brady this week as delegates to the League.

The 12-year-old son of Fritz Leifeste was hurt Sunday by a horse falling with him.

Marriage License—Mr. A. F. Brown and Miss Lonnie Flemming.

The Mason Summer Normal will begin June 27th, with Prof. Joseph Bickles as conductor.

T. A. Rolston is back from a visit to Rockdale on account of the illness of his mother.

Rev. G. W. F. Schreiber and wife, of Denton, are here visiting Henry Dannheim, father of Mrs. Schreiber.

A big basket picnic will be held at Hicks Springs Thursday, June 16th.

Miss Mary Leslie entertained with a party Friday night, complimentary to

her guest, Miss Fay Lewis. Miss Clara Sands spent last week visiting Llano friends.

From Mason News, June 5, 1908:

Marriage License—Mr. R. R. Evans and Miss Lizzie Sudbury; Mr. G. B. Parker and Miss Eliza Bishop; Mr. Louis Ellis and Miss Mary Leslie.

Dr. McCollum left Thursday for Snyder. His family will follow Monday. Miss Adie Blake, formerly of Mason, was recently married to Mr. James Crain in El Paso.

Mrs. Grandstaff and son, George, leave this week for Hardy, Okla., to visit Mrs. Walter Russell.

Mrs. H. J. Lowrey and children have returned to Fredericksburg after a visit with relatives here.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. C. King, a girl May 29th.

Miss Mary Leslie entertained a number of friends Tuesday night at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Leuberg. Geo. Stengel is at home from Breunham, where he attended school.

Miss Clarice Thode entertained quite a number of young folks Friday evening.

The trouble seems to be that Mexico can't get along without American capital and can't get along with it.—Pasadena News.

Olive branch will no longer serve as an emblem of peace; there's oil in it.—Wall Street Journal.

What a backward country China is! Its bandits haven't yet begun to use taxicabs.—Brooklyn Eagle.

According to the railroads, what is needed for their going ahead is more backing up.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Correspondent suggests that one way to send sugar prices down might be to send profiteers up.—Pittsburgh Sun.

A tricky man may smile on you. Yet wish you with the devil: But when a good dog wags his tail, You know he's on the level.

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. I. Johnson. 31-11.

Opp Schroeder had the misfortune to lose a span of mules Tuesday by drowning. We understand he drove his team into deep water and that they became entangled in the harness and drowned before he could get them loose.—Menard Messenger.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 8:15 o'clock.

Editorial

Truth is Never Idle. Truth is Growth; It is Progress.

Florida Saved by The Press

Florida's decision to abolish the convict lash comes as a result of newspaper publicity which compelled state officials to wince before the anger of decent thinking people. Men and boys tortured and whipped to death in convict camps presented a picture at once revolting and outrageous.

Of course, the situation never could have existed had the people of Florida realized what was going on. Unfortunately, they did not realize, and the sleek officials, paid whippers and convict judges, thinking possibly of their own jobs, took pains to keep disgraceful details from public notice.

Prisoners were lashed and tortured not only as punishment, but as a means of terrifying the rest of the gang and to "maintain discipline." Secrecy was the safeguard, and it needed courage to turn on the spotlight. Only the vision and public spirit of a newspaper publisher made possible the ending of this horrifying practice.

It takes brave men to tell the truth; but once the truth became known, the people's anger grew. When the temper of the people began to be felt, the politicians stepped in line, and so we find marked up another worthy achievement in journalism.

It is pleasing to note that the reform was brought about by a few of the home newspapers of Florida and not by pressure from an alien press. The Jacksonville Journal led manfully in the fight, remorselessly dragging into the sunlight the brutality that put such a blot upon the state. Most of the country newspapers did their part valiantly. Obviously, it was not a pleasing task for the newspapers to expose a condition so disgraceful in their own state, but sometimes "we must be cruel only to be kind."

We have no room for Congo atrocities in America.

Now We're in the Trillions

A few years ago the American people were shocked when they had to think in terms of billions. Now we seem to be out of date. The trillion nations are with us. Indeed, unless there is a check to currency inflation it will not be long until we consider finance in the quadrillions.

Russia, Germany, Austria and Poland are now measuring their currency far up in the trillions, and the printing presses are still working. The enormous totals have been reached mainly in the last year. Russia's currency stood at 450 trillion rubles at the end of 1922, having increased forty times in one year. German currency at 5 1/2 trillion, an increase of forty times. Austria increased her currency to 4 trillion crowns, and Poland, quadrupling her currency, is in excess of one trillion marks.

National currency is puzzling to the average mind, but the effect of inflation may be judged by considering the prices of commodities in Russia. According to the Department of Commerce the article which in pre-war days sold for \$1, now sells for \$15,000,000. To go to the movies there, one must be in the millionaire class at least.

Punchettes



FROM THE SHOULDER

The world is constantly hurling accusations at the church, but it does not point you to the real robbers. Would a man rob God? No. But a Bolshevik, hypocrite, and heretic would. They are robbing the church every day.

They are sending their agents, their rationalistic and Bolshevik heretics into the church. Of course, they have to perjure themselves and sing their own souls in order to get in. Then when they enter the church their obligations begin not to the church but to the conspirators against the church. There isn't a heretic in the church today who isn't the conscious or unconscious agent of the conspirators who are trying to rob the church of her influence and power.

Heresy is not an intellectual evolution; it is absolute proof of the total depravity of mankind. These agents preach their false doctrines because they are part of a conspiracy to destroy the world's confidence in the church.

There is another group of conspirators and robbers who are both in and out of the church. Their method is to take from the church for circular use every dollar that they can possibly extract from the members. They are constantly devising schemes and plans and organizations and methods by which the church member is relieved of his money and is made to contribute to organizations, methods, plans, and programs, which are antagonistic to the spiritual work of the church.

Nearly seventy per cent of all the moneys contributed to these outside competing antagonistic and destructive agencies is contributed by the members of the Christian Church. They are robbing the church member, the church organization, and God in order that they may fill the coffers of the devil and build up the institutions of hell. They are all co-conspirators with the infamous heretics that are today making their attacks upon the church, upon the Bible, and upon Christ.

Uncle John's Josh

SOME FOLKS THINK A PHOTOGRAPH DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEM UNLESS IT FLATTERS THEM.



Start the Music, Prof.
Punish: "Hey, Bill, why is kissing like a puppy on ice?"
Dumbster: "Search me. Why is it?"
Punish: "It's dog-on-ice."

Alas—We Know Him Well
Penter: "I heard a good story last night. Let's see, what was it? Oh, yes. Did you hear that one about the newspaper; black and white and red all over?"
Doda: "No—go ahead."

Night Attack
Farmer (pounding on door of city dude, out to work his way back to health): "Hey, come on. Pile out. It's time to get up."
City Dude: "What's matter—what time is it?"
Farmer: "It's 3 a. m.—Time to get up and milk the cows."
City Dude: "Heavens! have you got to sneak up on 'em in the dark?"

It Was Like This
Hubby: "Ha, ha, ha, ha, HA!"
Wife: "What's so funny?"
Hubby: "This story in the paper—ha!—says, a burglar entered the office and commanded the safe be opened. Miss Smythe, the stenographer, who was alone in the place, was so frightened she showed him her combination!"
HA!"
Wife: "GEORGE!"

Lines to Our Tailor
Press on! If fortune play thee false
Today tomorrow she'll be true;
A smooth dime forgotten in those old
Duds you make like new.
Press on—Press on.

Not That Kind A'Tall
"Rastus, that dog of yours is a mongrel."
"No—sub. No, indeed. Jest common dog, sub—common dawg."

Oh, Truth, Truth
While leaving the church, Bobby's mother was criticising the sermon. Bobby finally turned and said:
"Gee, mom, what do you expect for a dime?"

Blonde Bess Opines
"Smile if it kills you and you'll... die with a grin on your face."

Quick Verdict
Daughter: "Father, I've got to have a new riding habit."
Dad: "Sorry, Sis, but I'm afraid you'll have to get THE walking habit."

Paris Green and Arsenic; good feed for grasshoppers. Mason Drug Co. 12

Eat where the eats are eatable. Corner Cafe. 7-11c

It has been a good while since we have thanked some of our subscribers for a renewal payment on subscription.

Society

Junior Missionary Society

The Junior Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber Friday, June 1st, at 4 o'clock.

Meeting was called to order by the president.

After a short business meeting, a very interesting program was rendered, after which delicious ice cream and cake was served to the following persons:

Ruby Grote, Violet Vedder, Virgil Banks, Bennellen Land, Mildred Alexander, Thelma and Birtie Land, Mary Fay and Ruby Jennie Banks, Daisy Dean Sequist, Olivia Donop, Maggie Metzger and Velma Lucy Vedder and the hostess, Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber.

REPORTER.

Woman's Missionary Society

A delightful social meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Dan Lehmborg on Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 until 6:00 o'clock.

Mrs. E. Barber assisted Mrs. Lehmborg in entertaining.

The following program was carried out:

Song—"What A Friend We Have in Jesus".

Bible lesson read and discussed by the leader, Mrs. Otto Schmidt.

Prayer—Miss Margaret Merritt.

Papers on the work that has been done and that can be done by women to bring about better physical, social and moral conditions in the home, school, field, factory, country, village and city, were read and discussed by Mrs. Ben Jordan, Mrs. Will Land and Mrs. Robert Lee.

Miss Ethel Lehmborg gave a piano solo that was very beautiful. A closing song was sung.

During the social hour, delicious ice cream and cake were served. Plate favors were beautiful Zinnias.

The following members and guests were present to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Lehmborg and Barber.

Mmes. Jim Brown, Otto Schmidt, Ben Jordan, E. W. Schroeder, Will Land, A. Tinsley, Lyon King, Ben King, Wm. Splittgerber, R. W. Hofmann, Robt. Lee, Carl Runge, Allan Murray; guests, Mmes. Eli Jordan, Will Jordan, E. W. Kothmann, Sam Hoester, E. A. Loeffler, A. W. Metzger, A. L. L. Strickland, Misses Lillie Eckert, Margaret Merritt.

Bridge Party

Tuesday afternoon, Miss Ruth Martin delightfully entertained a few friends at her home. The afternoon was spent in playing bridge, after which score was counted. Mrs. Sterling Schmidt received a pair of pins for high score, and Mrs. K. M. Eckert was given a bottle of perfume for second high score, and Miss Pearl Land, a bottle of mints for third score.

A delicious salad course was served to the following guests: Mmes. W. I. Marschall, J. L. Fuller, Walter Lindsay, K. M. Eckert, Irvin Ellebracht, P. A. Bennett, Kurt Martin, Sterling Schmidt, Ben Plueneke, M. D. Loring, Max Martin; Misses Pearl Land, Mary Lemburg, Zella Wood, Cordelia Marschall and Esther Martin.

Bridge Club

Miss Zella Wood was hostess last Saturday afternoon to the members of the Bridge Club from three until six o'clock.

Those enjoying the afternoon and dainty refreshments of brick ice cream and cake with Miss Wood, were Mmes. Walter Lindsay, K. M. Eckert, W. I. Marschall, P. A. Bennett, Arch Metzger, Seth L. Baze, Joe Gresham, John Lindsay, Elgin Eckert, M. D. Loring, Tommie Jenkins; Misses Ruth Martin, Edith Bellows, Elizabeth White and Thelma Wood.

Next meeting of the Club will be with Mrs. S. L. Baze.

Martin-Waddell

Mr. Clarence Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Martin, of the Streeter section, and Miss Fannie Waddell, of the Double Knobs community, were quietly married at the court house in this city last Saturday afternoon, Judge Banks officiating.

DR. W. M. THAXTON
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HE KNEW BETTER

A titled English woman, who lives in a block of flats, wanted a day without visitors. She went down in the elevator and told both the porter and the microscopic elevator boy that she was "not at home."

In spite of her instructions, during the afternoon the elevator boy took up some visitors, who caught her, when the maid opened the door, helping to clean the hall. Trouble ensued for both the porter and the boy.

"Young varmint that you are," said the porter to his subordinate, "takin' visitors up an' them catchin' 'er ladyship, when you 'eard 'er say she wasn't at 'ome."

"Yes," said the unrepentant elevator boy, "but what 'er ladyship says an' what I knows is two different things."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

PAPA'S ENTRANCE

Mother was entertaining a few friends, and young hopeful was being duly shown off, and resented it, as all young hopefuls do.

"Who do you like best?" asked one friend.

"Mother," was the reply.

"Who next?" asked another.

"Little sister."

"Who next?"

"Aunt."

Father, who was seated at the back, opened his mouth and said:

"And when do I come in?"

"At two o'clock in the morning!"

was the reply.

WISCONSIN'S PEAT BOGS

An examination of the peat bogs of Wisconsin has recently been made by engineers of the bureau of mines with the object of discovering their relation to coal formation.

The big tent meeting of the local Baptist congregation opened Sunday, and has been drawing large audiences each night. It is stated the meeting is to last two weeks.

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CHURCH NOTICES

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Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Pluenneke, Supt.
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. (except 4th Sunday at 11 a. m.)
Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 p. m.
English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.
REV. J. W. A. WITT, Pastor.

CHURCH AT LONG MOUNTAIN

I will preach at Long Mountain next Sunday morning and night. And on Monday morning at 9:30 a. m. I will begin a school of Religious Instruction at the English Methodist Church at Mason. I will have two classes, the seniors and the juniors. All children above 8 years of age, are welcome, regardless of church affiliation. No tuition will be charged.

Those completing the course will receive a certificate.

D. G. HARDT, Pastor.

Miss Ruth Hey arrived home Sunday from Dallas where she has been attending school.

MEETING AT STREETER

A meeting will begin at Streeter on Saturday night of this week, and will be conducted by Rev. Clem Hoover, of The Church of Christ, from Pontotoc. It is stated the meeting will be in progress for about ten days.

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In That Respect, as in Some Others, Most Remarkable of All Birds is Unique.

Emperor penguins, standing erect and five feet tall, are the largest birds of this strange group living in Antarctic regions.

Powerful swimmers in water, almost helpless on land, unable to use their wings for flight, they have had very great interest for explorers.

Dr. S. E. Jones, who was with Sir Douglas Mawson, describing a great mass of the birds covering several acres of floe ice, says the sound of their cries reminded one of the noise from a distant sports' ground in a well-contested game.

The emperor makes no nests. The eggs are incubated while the long night is still on, when the temperature may be 15 to 20 degrees below zero, with the wind blowing a gale. The female must deposit the eggs on the ice, in absence of a nest.

The single egg is placed above the feet, between the feet and breast feathers. In this way the egg is held from contact with the chilling ice. This habit has prevailed so long the birds are accustomed to standing on heels rather than flat feet, in striking contrast to other birds.

Males and females take turn in the process of incubation. The young are reared by the mothers, who literally climb on top of them. This strange and seemingly unnecessary habit frequently results in the death of the young. Food is brought from the sea in the mother's mouth and gullet, and is eagerly seized and devoured by the young.

CARDBOARD—BLOTTERS

The News has a good stock of cardboard in assorted colors; also have the large white blotters.

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MASON COUNTY NEWS.

If you know of some news items that would interest News readers, phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do our best to get the particulars.

On the Second Every Second

Human wants are constant and continuous. Food, clothing, shelter, and their infinite subdivisions are daily needs.

There is not a clock tick that does not register a million human desires.

The newspaper is the closest thing in the world to the people's daily wants. It is an expression of the ever-present desire for news.

The advertiser who uses the weekly newspaper reaches people with his message at exactly the right moment.

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Claims Stillman Cast Her Aside



Mrs. Florence Leeds, the woman in the case, in the sensational Stillman divorce suit now claims she has been "cut off" by the millionaire and former president of the National City Bank, N. Y. She has no money to support Jay Leeds, shown here with his mother, the son of Stillman. Mrs. Stillman now offers to assist the little boy.

H. J. REISNER SELLS INTEREST IN HIS CASTELL BUSINESS

A deal was closed during the past month whereby Alfred Dalchau becomes the owner of the Castell Garage and gin, he having purchased the interests of his partner, H. J. Reisner. Mr. Dalchau will continue to operate the business in the future as in the past.

These young men had built up a splendid business at Castell, and Mr. Dalchau expects to see that it continues to grow, especially if service will make it so. Mr. Reisner, has not stated just what his future plans will be, but the News hopes that he will remain in our county, where such enterprising

men are always needed.—Llano News.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom White and Mrs. J. W. White left Sunday afternoon for San Antonio, where Mrs. White went to be with Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bazo when Seth underwent an operation for appendicitis.

When you think of bond papers, think of the News.

Chas. Doell made a trip to San Antonio Sunday morning, returning home that night.

Leonard Wood arrived home last week from San Antonio, where he has been attending business college.

DRAWS CHARACTERS FROM REAL LIFE FOR FILM PURPOSES

Scott McKee, who has the role of "Silent" McKay in "The Angel of Crooked Street," which will be shown at the Star Theater on Friday night, has been in the theatrical business since he was thirteen years of age. He was chief pantomimist in English pantomimes before he was fourteen, playing such parts as Friday in Robinson Crusoe and Old Man of the Sea in Sindbad the Sailor. Later he became a trick cyclist and traveled through Europe in variety houses and music halls. He made a hit by falling from a 56 inch bicycle into the orchestra pit, and as a result of this adventure he carries seventeen scars on his head and body. This act was too strenuous, so he became a traveling musician and has appeared in vaudeville as a second sight expert, handclapping king and in dramatic and comedy sketches. He was with William Farnum one season in the "Prince of India."

His portrayals are studies from life. The gestures, mannerisms, character actions, etc., that are used in portraying a dope fiend or crook characters are some that he learned while hobnobbing with a real dope fiend or real crook. Those he used as "Silent" McKay in "The Angel of Crooked Street," are the same mannerisms used by an expert safe cracker he met in London in 1905. This man, whose name was Burns, was called "Listener" by his pals because he could open a safe by listening to the fall in the lock.

His one regret was that he had never met a real witch when the late Sir Herbert Tree engaged him to play Witch in his Macbeth. This picture cost him a suit of clothes and an overcoat. It was cold weather when they were making Macbeth, and he wore his clothes and overcoat over his very scanty costume while going on location. The scene showed him on top of a gigantic rock where, as the Witch, he was cursing the world and its people. For a smoky effect someone started a fire in the brush surrounding the base of the rock. The fire spread and to prevent it getting beyond control they used his suit and overcoat to beat the fire out. Needless to say, Mr. McKee switched his curses from the world in general to his director in particular.

"The Angel of Crooked Street" furnishes Alice Calhoun with a role in which she has opportunity to display her exceptional talent, and dramatic expression. Miss Calhoun is given opportunity to wear some stunning costumes which appeal to the women. An excellent cast supports the star.

CHICKENS.

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. J. J. JOHNSON. 31-1f

KODAKERS ATTENTION

Llano Photo Studio under new management. Kodak finishing at city prices. Films developed free. Prints 3, 4 and 5 cents each. Twenty-four hour service. BOX 13—LLANO PHOTO STUDIO. 51-1fc.

Mrs. Dan Martin returned a few days from a visit with relatives in the Streeter section. She reported the storm of Tuesday a week ago quite severe at the home of her son. Mrs. Martin said the roof was blown from his barn and the high winds greatly damaged crops in that section. It was the most severe storm Mrs. Martin has witnessed since being a resident of Mason County, according to a statement by her.

Try our "merchant's lunch" at 40 cents. Corner Cafe. 7-1fc

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 131f

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Ben Grote and Byron Brown visited in San Antonio Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. Grote visited his wife, who in company with Mrs. Geo. Stengel and children, of Menard, are there for medical treatment.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

For State road and bridge construction.

Sealed proposals addressed to John T. Banks, County Judge, Mason, Texas for the improvement of certain highways in Mason County, will be received at the office of County Judge, at Mason Texas, until 10 o'clock, a. m., June 12, 1923, and then publicly opened and read.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE.

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A certified, or cashier's check for one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) made payable without recourse to the order of John T. Banks, County Judge of Mason County, must accompany each proposal, as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into contract and make bond in accordance with requirements of the specifications. The right is reserved by the party of the first part to reject any and all proposals or to waive all technicalities.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked, "Bids for the Reconstruction of two miles of Fredericksburg Road in Mason County."

All bids received will be retained by the Department and will not be returned to the bidders. 12-2c

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that E. B. Kothmann, C. H. Breazeale and J. O. Schmidt, sole owners of the Owl Drug Store, a firm doing business in the town of Mason, County of Mason, State of Texas, will apply to the Secretary of State for a charter to become incorporated under the Laws of the State of Texas and that the name of such corporation will be Owl Drug Store, Inc., and that its place of business will be Mason, Texas. (Signed.) E. B. KOTHMANN, C. H. BREAZEALE, J. O. SCHMIDT 10-4c

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Louis Storch who resides at Fredericksburg, received a painful injury to one of his eyes recently while at work in a repair shop of that city.

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and the good medicine it was, I had been having a tired feeling when I'd get up in the morning. I would be stiff and sore, and had a slimy, bad taste in my mouth, but didn't think so much of it till I began to feel stupid and didn't feel like eating—then I knew I needed medicine. It was then I began Black-Draught, and I felt all made over, ready for any kind of work, ready to eat and sleep. So, for any return of this trouble, I take Black-Draught, and for 25 years it has been my medicine, and I wouldn't be without it at all. My work is constant. I am on my feet a lot. I am out of doors, and fresh air and Black-Draught are all the medicines I need. I recommend it to others for I know it is good."

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Cas Brown arrived in Mason last week from Eldorado, Ark., to join his wife and son who have been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt.

Try our "Fruit" Ice Cream. Mason Drug Company. 12

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shearer left a few days ago for Whiteland, where they are to make their home. Mr. Shearer is to take charge of the Planters Gin Company's gin at that place the coming season. These young people have numerous well wishing friends who regret to lose them from our midst

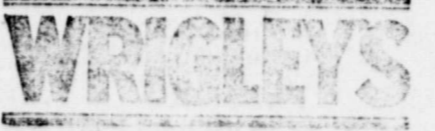
Murray Kyger left a few days ago for Austin, where he expects to enter business college.

PERFECT HEALTH
Tutt's Pills keep the system in perfect order. Regulate the bowels and produce
A VIGOROUS BODY
A sovereign remedy for sick headache, constipation,
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For Sale by
51-8tp MASON DRUG CO.

After Every Meal



Chew your food well, then use Wrigley's to aid digestion. It also keeps the teeth clean, keeps breath, appetite keen.
The Great American Dentist



Save the Wrappers
D.D. DOUBLE DEVELOPMENT

PROMINENT LONDON CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY

News was received at Junction about noon Wednesday that Sam Hampton Weaver, prominent ranchman of London, had died suddenly at his farm near London that morning, about 9 o'clock, of paralysis of the heart. He was born in Sevier County Arkansas, February 20, 1860, and came to Texas with his parents, who located in Kerr County, in 1862. Later he lived near Austin and at Bandera, coming to Kimble County in 1877. He has been very active in local and county affairs, and was one of the best known men in the county. Funeral services were held at London Thursday, Elder John S. Darst conducting the services. His wife, a daughter, Miss Jessie, and three sons, S. H. Jr., C. G. and Bobbie, survive him. In the death of S. H. Weaver, London has lost one of its best citizens, and the Eagle, with the many friends extend sympathy to the bereaved family.—Junction Eagle.

SOMETHING NEW

Whitman's Pink Package at MASON DRUG COMPY. 45

If you want printing, we can do it for you and we take pains in turning out neat and attractive work. Get our prices on letter heads, note heads, statements, bill heads, envelopes, wedding and society stationery. THE NEWS OFFICE.

While cleaning out the chicken house at her home last Thursday morning, Mrs. J. S. King was bitten on the ankle by a chicken snake. The snake was a small one and its ability to bite was not sufficient to be very painful, although that fact did not prevent Mrs. King from getting quite a fright.

Spalding Base Ball goods at Mason Drug Co. 12

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JUDGE McLEAN WILL TRY CASES IN AUSTIN DISTRICT

Owing to the fact that Judge Cooper Sansam of the 20th Judicial District is disqualified in the trial of several cases coming up in Austin in June, Governor Neff has requested Judge McLean of this district to come to Austin and try these cases.

Judge McLean will go to the Capitol City some time next month and will take Judge Sansam's place on the bench while these particular cases are being given consideration.

Owing to the character of these cases in question, it was necessary to select a trial judge well versed in all points of law, consequently, Governor Neff, appointed our District Judge. Judge McLean ranks high as a trial judge, and his ability is recognized by lawyers and courts throughout our State.—Llano News.

While you are reading someone else's ad, let someone be reading yours.

Misses Willie Mae Grosse and Ida Mae Lemburg returned home the latter part of last week from San Marcos, after having attended the normal college there the past session.

Mrs. J. W. Gamel left last week for San Antonio for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Lauderdale. It is said Mrs. Gamel expects to visit Mrs. W. H. Francis, of Seymour before returning to Mason.

Look at the difference in the size of a Purina fed chick and the little under weight chick raised on ordinary grain feed. This is not just a picture—it is a fact that has been proved time and time again by poultry raisers everywhere.

Double Development Guaranteed

The double development guarantee absolutely protects you when you buy Purina Chows. Your money will be refunded if your chicks do not grow twice as fast the first six weeks on Purina Chows as when fed grains alone. See us today.



PURINA BABY CHICKEN CHOW
PURINA CHICKEN CHOWDER

Mayhew Produce Company

Louisville Slugger bats and the famous D. & M. baseball goods at the Owl Drug Store. 51-17f

Fresh cement and re-inforcing steel always on hand at Harry Biersch-Drug Store. 4-13tc

CHICKENS
If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. 41-1f
J. J. JOHNSON

KILL SCREW WORMS
Heal wounds and keep off flies with Martin's Screw Worm Killer. For Horn Paint and Fly Repellent, use Martin's Screw Worm Ointment. Guaranteed by 10-13tc
MASON DRUG CO.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Baze went to San Antonio the first of the week for a visit, but en route there Seth suffered an attack of appendicitis and was advised by physicians to be operated upon. Reports are he underwent the operation Monday morning and is said to be getting along first rate.

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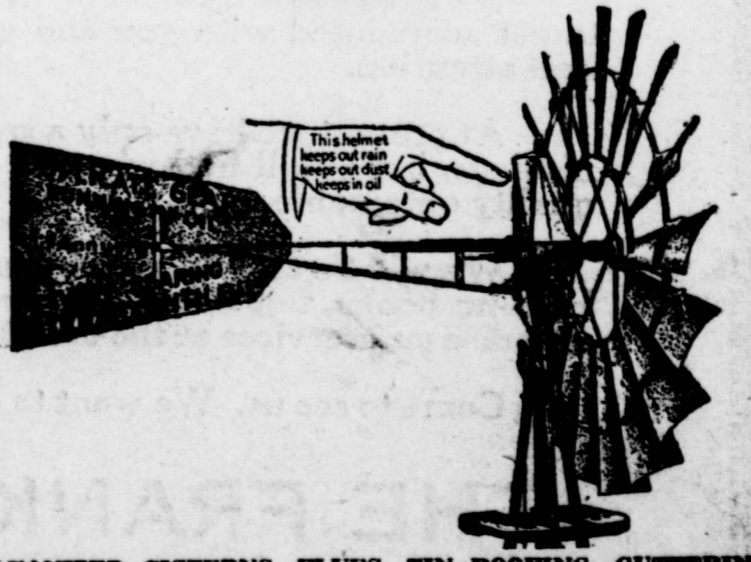
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SPENDITIS

BY MARTHA E. WARNER

ONCE there was a MAN who at times FELT conscience stricken BECAUSE he was working FOR a firm whose METHODS he did not APPROVE of. But it PAID him a good SALARY, and so he WORKED on and on, UNTIL one day the MAN'S wife, being a BIT TROUBLED about THE spiritual welfare OF HER husband, sent THE minister to HAVE a serious talk WITH the man, and IF POSSIBLE persuade HIM to be a CHRISTIAN.

THE man quietly LISTENED until the MINISTER had finished TALKING, and then WITH a bitter laugh SAID, "My wife must HAVE had a change OF HEART since I LEFT home this A. M. FOR it is because OF HER, I am WHAT I am. You SEE, for years she HAS been afflicted WITH SPENDITIS, and IF I were to cut LOOSE from this FIRM, I could not FURNISH her with THE money she MUST HAVE to SPEND. She MAY want me to BE A CHRISTIAN, but NOT had enough to HAVE her allowance CURTAILED a single PENNY." And the minister

FOUND that the man HAD stated the case EXACTLY as it was. AND so this man CONTINUES in the SAME old rut, while HIS wife fritters time AND money and her HUSBAND'S SOUL away.

SAD to relate, isn't IT? And yet as I LOOK around me, I CAN in a way REALIZE what it MUST mean to a YOUNG man, in these DAYS, to set up a HOME and rear a FAMILY, for the SAME old disease SPENDITIS has caught EVEN the working girl IN ITS CLUTCHES. One DAY because I was INTERESTED to know, I ASKED a young GIRL just how much HER personal expenses HAD been so far THIS year, and as I HAVE permission TO SHARE her answer WITH you, follow me CLOSELY and see just WHAT a working girl THINKS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY to be DECENTLY DRESSED. ONE winter coat \$35.00. ONE black suit \$35.00. ONE serge dress \$25.00. ONE cafton crepe \$35.00. FIVE silk waists \$25.00. ONE wrappy coat \$40.00. ONE polo coat \$15.00. FIVE hats TOTAL \$25.00; ONE pair each of

BLACK, brown, gray, AND white pumps, TOTAL only \$40; AND BLACK silk hose AND BROWN silk hose AND GRAY silk hose AND BLUE silk hose AND WHITE hose. SHE would not tell HOW many pairs she HAD bought this year, BUT they ONLY cost \$3.00 or perhaps a TRIFLE more a pair. THEN there were a NEW kimono, silk UNDERTHINGS, and VEILS and gloves GALORE, and several GINGHAM dresses for THE SHOP, a gold CHAIN for her neck. THEN once in a WHILE, she simply HAD TO HAVE her HANDS MANICURED, HER face MASSAGED, HER hair SHAMPOOED, AND MARCELLED. EVERY day she must HAVE candy and ice CREAM. Occasionally, SOMETIMES oftener, she WENT to the theater. HER vacation was SPENT in the White MOUNTAINS. Of course SHE earns a good SALARY. But if the SALARY stopped, and if SHE married a man WHOSE salary did not QUITE equal her own, WHAT THEN? Would she BE willing to make THE sum she spends FOR her silk stockings NOW, cover her entire

WARDROBE for a year? OR TWO? Or THREE? THE TIME has been WHEN it caused no SURPRISE for a wife TO APPEAR in public IN THE SAME GOWN, OR COAT, or hat, YEAR after year; for PEOPLE knew she was HELPING pay for the HOME, or sending a BOY or girl to school. BUT IN THESE days, WHEN girls require so MUCH, it must take SOME courage on the PART of the working MAN to enter wedlock.

MANY, many, years AGO, the Lord said TO A MAN, "Cain, WHERE is Abel thy BROTHER?" And I am WONDERING if the time IS NOT NEAR when THE LORD will say, "WOMAN, where is THY HUSBAND?" Shall THE ANSWER have to BE, "LORD, I'M sorry, BUT HE has been SO BUSY earning MONEY for ME to SPEND, he did not HAVE time to get READY." NO TIME to GET READY! Think of IT, YOU SPENDITIS AFFLICTED women. Will YOU shut yourselves OUT of the Kingdom OF GOD, and HINDER YOUR HUSBANDS from ENTERING THEREIN ALSO?

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TAKE HOME A QUART

Pure, Rich Cream, juice of fresh fruit flavors, with just the proper balance of fresh golden eggs

The test of a fountain service is in the drinking. Take a trip to ice-land by visiting our fountain.

Come Along with the Throng And Quench That Thirst

Owl Drug Store

WANT COLUMN

BOAT LOST—Went down Llano river Tuesday night, branded "down the river". Finder, please notify Fritz Martin. 13-2tp

FOR SALE—Two work horses, or will trade for cattle. Apply to Lamar Thaxton. 12-2tp

FOR RENT—Furnished house. Telephone 193. L. F. Jordan. 11-tfc

NOTICE, WATKINS CUSTOMERS, I am now living with Mrs. Otto Donop. Phone 193. L. F. Jordan, Dealer. 11-tfc

FENCE CONTRACTORS WANTED. Apply to W. D. Green. 11-tfc

WATKINS DIP in bulk. Bring your cans to be filled by L. F. Jordan. 10-tfc

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage License
Mr. Clarence Martin and Miss Fannie Waddell.

Births
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Airhart, a boy, May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kinsey, a girl, June 3.

Nice screen doors and galvanized screen wire. R. Grosse. 7

STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT

"THE ANGEL OF CROOKED STREET"

Featuring Alice Calhoun

SATURDAY NIGHT

"THE LADDER JINX"

Featuring Edward Horton

SHOW STARTS AT 8:15 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

READY FOR BUSINESS

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

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

DOELL BROS.

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RAINES, THE BLACKSMITH

will do your plow work this season for one-third off, for cash. Try my work one time. If my work pleases you, tell others: if not, tell me. 8-tf

W. F. Elliot, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kidd, of the Loyal Valley section, has recently moved to Grit, and will reside with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks.

The News is headquarters for good bond papers; quality being our motto. We make a specialty of handling bond paper in bulk and sell it in large or small lots cut to any size desired.

Mrs. D. T. Brieger returned last week from a visit with relatives and friends at Orange Grove.

Miss Mildred Smith, daughter of Mr. Howard Smith, arrived home a few days ago from San Antonio, where she has been attending college, to spend the vacation months.

If you have a friend or a neighbor that is borrowing your News to read, ask him to subscribe. It only costs \$1.50 a year and if it is worth borrowing occasionally, it is worth that measly figure.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barber received a commencement invitation for graduating exercises at A. & M. College which were held June 3rd, 4th and 5th. The favor was from Alfred C. Mogford who finished this year in a course of Animal Husbandry.

The News learns from Mr. Erv Hamilton of the recent marriage of Erv Boyd, a former Mason boy, who now resides at Palacious, to Miss Emily Ehlers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Ehlers, of Palacious. The marriage took place on the 28th of May. His many Mason friends will join the News in wishing for him and his bride every happiness through life.

Miss Perl Land is enjoying a vacation from her duties with the Sw. Bell Tele. Company.

California's Gold "Rush."

Gold was first discovered in the Transvaal, South Africa, in 1854 and Johannesburg, the principal center of the gold activities, was founded in 1888, but it was not until 1890 that anything like a spectacular gold fever developed. The South African gold fever of 1890 equaled to a considerable extent the Australian gold rush of 1851. The abundance of the gold taken from the metamorphic reef, coupled with the fact that vestiges of ancient mining existed in the Transvaal, led to the well-based opinion that South Africa was the site of Ophir, frequently mentioned in the Jewish chronicle as a source of gold supply. The location of Ophir never has been determined. Josephus thought it was in India and Niebuhr believed it was in Arabia.

It has been a good while since we have thanked some of our subscribers for a renewal payment on subscription.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce to the public that our tailor shop opened this week and we invite you to call and get acquainted with us and our methods of doing business.

We have a first class tailor employed who will be glad to get acquainted with you and will give your wants his best attention.

At present we have only a small stock of Gent's Furnishings, but you'll find what we have is of the very best quality obtainable.

We will do strictly a cash business and will therefore keep no books, but our endeavor will be to sell our merchandise and services at the lowest possible prices.

Come to see us. We want to show you our new store.

THE FRANK CLARK TAILOR SHOP