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BOUNTY ON MOTHER WOLVES RAISED BY MASON CO. WOLF C.

At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Mason County Wolf Club which was held last Saturday, it was decided to raise the bounty on mother wolves from \$25 to \$50 during the months of February and March.

It is announced by the Club that should a party claim such a bounty he must have in his possession an affidavit from the pasture owner that it was a mother wolf.

Dorman McMillan states that in making this raise it will be an inducement to trappers to make every effort to catch as many of these wolves as possible during these two months. He states the wolves are becoming more scarce each month.

During the month of January, the Club paid for thirteen wolves and twenty-four wildcats. The bounty on wolves was twenty-five dollars, and on cats, \$4. The Mason County Wolf Club has been in operation for more than two years, and have accomplished a great deal towards the exterminating of these depravatory animals.

Minstrel Netted \$65.15

The negro minstrel given at the High School auditorium last Wednesday night by the Mason High School football team, proved quite enjoyable as well as being a big success from a financial standpoint.

It is stated the neat little sum of \$65.15 was realized from the performance, and we are informed this was just enough to bring the boys out of the hole on their sweaters.

THIRTY DAYS OF MOURNING PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, Feb. 3.—By the President of the United States: The death of Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States from March 4, 1913, to March 4, 1921, which occurred at 11:15 o'clock today at his home at Washington, District of Columbia, deprives the country of a most distinguished citizen, and is an event which causes universal and genuine sorrow. To many of us, it brings a sense of profound personal bereavement.

His early profession as a lawyer was abandoned to enter academic life. From the presidency of Princeton university he was called by his fellow citizens to be the chief executive of the state of New Jersey. The duties of this high office he so conducted as to win the confidence of the people of the United States, who twice elected him to the chief magistracy of the republic.

As President of the United States he was moved by an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the country as he conceived them. His acts were prompted by high motives and his sincerity of purpose cannot be questioned.

He led the nation through the terrible struggle of the World War with a lofty idealism which never failed him. He gave utterance to the aspiration of humanity with an eloquence which held the attention of all the earth and made America a new and enlarged influence in the destiny of mankind.

In testimony of the respect in which his memory is held by the government and the people of the United States, I do hereby direct that the flags of the White House and of the several departmental buildings be displayed at half-mast for a period of 30 days, and that suitable military and naval honors under orders of the secretary of war and of the secretary of the navy may be rendered on the day of the funeral.

Done at the city of Washington, this third day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-eighth.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

By the President,
Charles Evans Hughes,
Secretary of State.

Dave Kinsey, one of Mason County's leading farmers, was in town Saturday and told the News man that he had over a hundred acres of land broken, and was getting ready to prepare for planting season.

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FEBRUARY 22ND SET FOR CLEAN UP DAY IN MASON BY C. T. C.

At the meeting of the Clean Town Club of Mason held at the court house Monday afternoon, the Club designated Friday, February 22nd as general clean up day for Mason.

This will be a holiday for the schools and it is hoped all the school children, business men and everybody will join in on the clean up.

It is reported a good attendance was had at the meeting Monday, and much enthusiasm was exercised over the future plans of the Club.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HELD EN- THUSIASTIC MEETING MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Mason Commercial Club was held Monday night at the court house.

In the absence of Sam Hoerster, president of the Club, Robt. E. Lee presided and W. I. Marshall acted as secretary for Geo. W. Moneyhon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed several months ago to solicit donations for work on the Junction road, was held in office for further action as they might see fit.

Bonus for Co. Agent

A report by Walter M. Martin, a member of the committee appointed at the January meeting, to raise a bonus for County Agent, W. I. Marshall, was to the effect that more than four hundred dollars had been raised and that an effort was being made to bring the amount up to six hundred dollars. The committee was held in tact for further action.

John T. Banks, County Superintendent of schools, made a brief talk regarding the interscholastic meet to be held in Mason in March. He stated that every school he had visited is preparing to enter the meet.

A report of the committee appointed to collect dues was received and the committee discharged. It was reported that every member approached paid his dues and that thirteen new members were received.

A committee was appointed to see that "jitney tramps" did not stop in the local tourist park. The committee is composed of L. F. Eckert and Chas. Leslie.

A committee of five was appointed to formulate plans for operating the local tourist park during the coming year. The personnel of the committee is H. S. Wopf, W. M. Martin, John Lemburg, W. I. Marshall and Lee Smart.

Henry Doell volunteered to plant six trees on the square and the Club voted to pay the expense of building a protection around these trees.

TEXAS TO CAST 20 ELECTORAL VOTES FOR NEXT PRESIDENT

Washington, Jan. 28.—Texas will again cast 20 electoral votes for the next President of the United States, instead of 21, as it would have if congress had passed the bill giving it the additional member of congress to which it is entitled if the house had merely retained its present membership. Congress has never re-apportioned since the census of 1920. There is no indication that congress at this session will undertake reapportionment. Representatives Black, Jones and Blanton of Texas, all have re-apportionment bills pending.

BAND FOR MASON HAS BEEN RE-ORGANIZED; INSTRUCTOR

The News is glad to chronicle an account of the re-organization of the Mason Band at a meeting held by a number of the old members on last Monday night.

The new band has secured the services of Mr. Calloway, director of the band at Brady, and it is stated that Mr. Calloway will come to Mason two nights each week for six months and give the local band instructions.

The band will be made up of practically the same personnel as the old band with several new members being enrolled.

A good band is a valuable asset to a progressive town, and Mason expects to boast of one of the best organizations of this kind in the section after a few months.

One half of the salary of the new instructor will be paid by the band members and the other half will be paid by the Commercial Club, or any one else who feels that he might want to "chip in a little".

JOHNNY REICHENAU NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH FRIDAY NIGHT

Johnny Reichenau, who drives a big freight truck between Mason and San Antonio, narrowly escaped death last Friday night when he was returning from San Antonio with a load of freight and in attempting to pass a wagon in the middle of the road, got too far to one side and ran into a ditch, the truck turning over.

The accident occurred a few miles south of Fredericksburg, and as a result Johnny received painful injuries about the head. The News is glad to report that he is able to be out on the streets again.

San Saba County, according to the San Saba News, shipped more than one million pounds of pecans the past season. This should place San Saba county in the lead as the biggest pecan market in the world.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR WILL BE IN MASON FEB. 13TH AND 14TH

A letter from the Internal Revenue Department requests the News to announce that a deputy collector will be in Mason on February 13th and 14th, at the court house, and parties desiring information regarding the filing of their income tax returns, are urged to call on him. This service will be furnished for your convenience, and there will be no charges for same.

FORMER PRESIDENT, WOODROW WILSON, DIED SUNDAY MORN

Woodrow Wilson, former president of the United States for eight years, and known to us as our "War President" died Sunday morning at 11:15 in Washington, D. C.

A news dispatch stated that the real cause of his death was a stroke of paralysis which followed his collapse in the late summer of 1919. Like Warren G. Harding, he was stricken while on a speaking trip in the West.

TERRACING PROVING OF VALUE IN MASON COUNTY

That terracing pays is being well demonstrated in Mason county, and is giving satisfactory results on the farms of those who have some or all of their land terraced. County Agent Marshall reports having staked terraces upon twelve different farms during the month of January and in addition has run ditch lines on these farms that will put in terraces later. He has fourteen men on the list now who want land terraced and will give much time to this work during this month.

There were over two hundred and fifty acres of land that are protected by these terraces and as a result these farms will produce a much better yield than before and the value of the terraced land increases with time if properly kept up.

The one argument against terracing is that it causes crooked and point rows and in reply to this argument will say that it takes a better farmer to cultivate a terraced row than a straight row.

The benefits are many tho the main ones might be cited here and are. It stops erosion and washing of ditches; it holds the humus or weeds etc. that are plowed in and thus increases the moisture holding capacity of the land; the water flows off so slowly that most of it sinks into the ground for the crop to use later and lastly, it makes the rows easier for the horse to travel up and down, as it goes up hill gradually, and this saves horse flesh and feed.

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THESE SHOULD NOT BE IN- CLUDED IN INCOME RETURN

Not infrequently taxpayers include in their income tax returns items that are specifically exempt from taxation. Among these are the following:

Proceeds of life insurance policies paid upon the death of the insured.

The value of property acquired by gift, bequest, devise or descent. The income from such property, however, is taxable.

Returns of premiums on life insurance, endowment, or annuity contracts. Amounts received through accident or health insurance, or under workmen's compensation acts for personal injuries or sickness, plus the amount of damages received, whether by suit or agreement, on account of such injuries or sickness.

Amounts received as compensation, family allotments and allowances under the provisions of the war risk insurance and the vocational rehabilitation acts.

Pensions from the United States for the services of the beneficiary or another in the military or naval service in time of war.

A bonus paid by a State to its residents who served in the military or naval services during the war with Germany.

Allowances, whether paid by the Government or a person to one who performed no duties, as, for example, to a widow in recognition of the services rendered by her husband, are considered gratuities, or gifts, and are not taxable. The rental value of a dwelling and appurtenances thereof furnished a minister of the gospel as part of his compensation is exempt from taxation.

Dividends or interest, not in excess of \$500 received by individuals during the years 1922 to 1925, inclusive, from domestic building and loan associations operated exclusively for the purpose of making loans to its members, are exempt from tax.

Salaries paid by a State to its officers or employees.

Tax free income need not be included in gross income, nor need it be mentioned in an income tax return.

Taxpayers who prepare and file their income tax returns for the year 1923 early have a decided advantage over procrastinators. A little time and thought now in the preparation of a return is excellent insurance against errors, which result to the detriment of taxpayer and government. The filing period ends at midnight, March 15, 1924.

MASON GIRL WELL KNOWN AT COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Denton, Texas, Feb. 7.—Miss Sadie Lindsay, daughter of A. J. Lindsay of Mason County, and a senior at the College of Industrial Arts, is one of the student leaders in girl scout work at the State college for women. Miss Lindsay is lieutenant of troop one. Three classes in connection with scout work were instituted at the beginning of the present college quarter. One of these, a class in story telling, is being conducted by Miss Lindsay. Miss Lindsay is pursuing a literary course. She is one of the best known students on the C. I. A. Campus.

Chas. Rose Called at Death of Father

Chas. A. Rose, who has been in the employ of the News for the past two weeks, and who came here from Belton, Wednesday morning received a message carrying the sad news of the death of his father at Livingston.

Mr. Rose left Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral which was held today.

Mr. Rose has made many friends during the short period he has been here, and they will join the News in extending sympathy to Mr. Rose in this sad hour of bereavement.

* AT THE STAR *
* Feb. 21 and 23 *
* "THE SHEIK" *

Messrs. Walter Martin and Albert Bierschwale spent Sunday in San Antonio. Mrs. Harry Bierschwale returned home with them, after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Martin.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

It is suggested that the United States admit "picked immigrants." How will you pick them? A picking system would have rejected Steinmetz, crippled hunchback, who came here as a boy, became head electrician of the General Electric Company, and created work for many thousands.

The picking system would have rejected Napoleon, had he come to the United States when he went down to Italy and beat the Austrians. He was undersized, pallid, thin and suffering from the itch.

The picking system would have turned away Pope, who wrote the "Essay

on Man" and some other things worth while. He was such a sickly little creature that he had to be sewed up in a canvas jacket each morning, that he might sit up straight and write.

The safest "picking system" is to allow immigrants in the future as in the past, to be selected by their own ambition and energy.

Money in the stock market was cheap last week. You could borrow it at 4 per cent if you wanted to speculate in stocks. It cost a little more if you wanted it for some slower, duller business. The stock market went up and down like the pulse of a nervous lady expecting a proposal. Gentlemen that are gambling (or as they would prefer to put it, "investing") don't quite know what is going to happen with General Dawes in Paris and the Labor Party in the House of Parliament.

There was some comfort for the farmers, corn and oats going to new high prices for the season. Of course, the new high prices come, as usual, after nearly all the farmers have sold their corn and oats.

The fourth anniversary of the eighteenth amendment was celebrated in Washington last week. How do you think prohibition has worked thus far?

Its enemies tell you, truly, that bootleg liquor born of prohibition is the worst ever drunk—it blinds, poisons and kills.

Friends of prohibition tell you, also truly, that fewer people go to jail, the poorhouse and the insane asylum, and many more millions are deposited in saving banks than in the old days.

I. C. Herman, manufacturer of handkerchiefs, gives his business to employees, saying, "I am rich enough," and that surprises us.

We should all be rich enough, ten times too rich, as regards what we really need if the earth were properly developed and competition were replaced by emulation.

The earth would produce more than enough of everything for all the people on it, and for ten times as many people if it were intelligently developed, as it will be some day.

It happens once in a while, as Senator Tapper tells you. Swindlers persuaded Dave Tapper, of Iowa, to buy some land in a Texas town "to be built immediately." Tapper paid \$50 and got a deed. When he tired of paying

taxes his sister, Mrs. Hoster Egbert, took the land and went on paying. Now after twenty-three years, an oil company has paid Mrs. Egbert \$10,000 for her land and one-eighth of all the oil. That "eighth" pays her \$1,000 a month. The swindlers swindled themselves out of a fortune.

But observe that Mrs. Egbert did not buy stock—she bought land, and Texas land, at that. There is nothing like owning part of the earth.

Dinosaurs used to lay eggs. You knew that. Did you know, also, that they had gizzards and that scientists find in skeletons of dinosaurs large, finely polished pebbles with which in the dinosaurs gizzard ground up food, as the hen now grinds her food with gravel in her gizzard?

And did you know that the hen of today is the direct descendant of the dinosaur seventy feet long? The hen would probably object to that statement, while Mr. Bryan objects to Darwin's theory. But in both cases the facts are overwhelming.

A big dinosaur would weigh 200,000 pounds. What Burbank will reverse evolution's process and give us a chicken of that size?

New York is quite a city. The 1924 telephone book contains more than 750,000 listings. That one city has more telephones than all England, Scotland and Wales put together. Only a while ago when men lived in the fifties were starting out in life, you could have bought the original telephone stock at your own price.

It was called "an interesting toy."

THIRTY YEARS WITH PECANS

Thirty years ago I planted my first pecans, on Alarm Creek in Erath county. They were planted in February, 1898. The pecans were the Hollis from the native at Bend, Texas. To my surprise at that time, out of the 140 trees I did not get any Hollis pecans. These trees have been bearing about twenty years and have never born a Hollis. They never will unless they are budded or grafted with Hollis buds. Every one knows this to be a fact who has planted long enough to see them bear.

In my opinion the kind to plant is the most difficult, and means success or failure under any and all conditions. Because one variety has been a success in one locality is no sign that it will succeed everywhere. Some of our experts on pecan perfection say meat per cent, cracking quality and thinness of shell, color, flavor, size bearing quality, vitality of the trees are the most important points. My experience and you will say, by all means, to plant the tree that grows well, bears well and sells well.

Size is a larger factor in harvesting and will sell for more money than a small pecan that exceeds it several points in quality.

Some nursery men will tell you their trees are the only ones that will live and grow. If the nursery man digs his trees carefully, and they get to you in good condition, he has little to do with their living and growing from then on.

I have set trees with lots of roots that died. I have set trees with nothing but tap root that lived. I have even got cuttings to live; they are the finest root system of all but are slow growth for two years. Nearly every pecan tree you get in good condition will live, if you set it right.

If you are going to set as many as a dozen trees, get someone who has had some experience in setting trees. If you have not had any, all the difference in setting a pecan and any

other tree is having deeper and wider holes. Don't buy trees that are budded from young trees, that are not bearing. Get from the man who gets his buds from trees that are bearing every year. If you just want shade trees, buds from young trees are best; they grow better.

We have bought trees from beautiful pictures, and eloquent descriptions of salesmen, long enough. Millions of dollars have been wasted by this plan. Find out what is best for your soil and climate and demand that. Take nothing else. Don't expect to find out what you need by asking the salesman, for he is sure to tell that some of the kind he sells is good for your locality. A few salesmen don't know a pecan tree from a cotton stalk. They know how to sell only.

There is every reason to believe that can business for the money there is in it, so I believe I can tell you what native tree has brought more money in one season than any other tree in Texas, probably anywhere else: the Hollis at Bend, Texas. This tree bore 1,035 pounds in one season and retails at \$1 per pound. This fact can be proven by affidavit. I have been knowing this tree for fifty years and there were pecans on the Hollis if there were pecans in this section. However, don't get it down that the Hollis will do that anywhere. Under the same condition that the old tree has got might to beat it; under different conditions it might be a failure. The reason I love to talk about this old tree is, I think it is a record breaker for bearing and selling, and shows the great possibilities of the pecan industry in the South.

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MORE TAX-FREE PEOPLE— LESS TAX-FREE BONDS

Nothing is more constructive than the recommendation to Congress by President Coolidge that taxes be scaled down and that the issuance of tax-free bonds be stopped.

The people demand relief from taxes and they are not concerned whose plan is accepted whether it be that of the republicans or that of the democrats just so that the plan adopted shall accomplish the most in tax reduction.

The people realize that a heavy surtax on large incomes not only diverts to the public treasury large sums which might better be turned into the channels of commerce and industry but that in the ultimate end this finally falls on the shoulders of the consumer.

The people are just as insistent on the discontinuance of tax-free bonds the purchase of which affords investors an opportunity to escape tax burdens entirely while others less fortunate must bear this burden in addition to their own, a condition so devoid of justice and fairness as to effect its own condemnation.

Both these reforms have been before Congress in a way that permits of no evasion of responsibility. It is up to Congress to act. Failure to act, for whatever reason, will precipitate such a revulsion in the public mind that those responsible, whether they be the "bores" or other "round robins," many will prepare for condign retribution at the hands of a betrayed electorate.

President Coolidge has recommended nothing more than tax-distressed people are entitled to. Nothing less will be satisfactory. The people endured war burdens patiently and patriotically. With each succeeding year they now not only ask but rightly demand that these burdens be lifted from their shoulders to the extent that an economical administration of public affairs makes possible.

Let us have more tax-free people and less tax-free bonds.

SHIRT SLEEVE DIPLOMACY

A recent cartoon in the Portland Oregonian shows General Dawes sitting on a high stool in his shirt sleeves at the Reparation Commission table which is surrounded by a group of European diplomats garbed in full dress with gold braid and all the trappings that went with officialdom of the past. Under the table of each of these diplomats has a keg of power, a revolver, bowie knife or some other instrument of warfare with which he hopes to gain an advantage over his neighbor.

General Dawes silently watching from his stool, says: "Gentlemen, while I am here, we will play all the cards on the table." Consternation appears on the faces of the diplomats as Dawes makes this statement. For five years jealousy, intrigue, personal ambition and greed have dominated in places of an honest desire to settle the reparations tangle.

The only aim of the American members on the Reparations Commission is to secure an early and peaceful settlement of the financial troubles of Germany which are upsetting the industrial rehabilitation of all of Europe today.

"Diplomat poker players" in Europe are not going to put over any slight-of-hand tricks on "Hell and Maria" Dawes or O. D. Young while these gentlemen act as representatives for the United States on the Reparations Commission.

The American members of the Commission are paying their expenses and are living illustration of "shirt sleeve diplomacy" which will appeal to every red blooded American and give new

hope to millions of befogged and befuddled European citizens.

FULL SPEED AHEAD

The best reason to believe that business generally will prosper in 1921, particularly in the states of the Middle West, according to William A. Baehr, of Chicago, vice president and general manager of the Illinois Power and Light Corporation.

"In spite of this being presidential year, I believe it will be a good one for the public utility companies and industry in general.

"The banking situation is sound and prospects now appear exceptionally bright.

"I look for a great year in building and improvement in the public utility business, which means not only steady employment for wage earners, but also earning power for the savings of the thrifty communities invested in the properties that are serving the territory."

BUSINESS ON THE FARM

The Illinois Grange recommends that farmers advertise their products as one method of solving "farm problems."

The telephone and the classified advertising pages of newspapers used with discretion and same faith and understanding which business men display in advertising their products, could be of inestimable value to farmers who had courage to use them.

Why should a farmer not utilize modern selling methods in disposing of his products direct to consumers? The automobile makes delivery or farm gate sales profitable and rapid. Business methods will do more than political methods to solve the farmer's problems and the Illinois Grange is to be commended for its progressive action.

That one-cent the gallon on gasoline, it develops after six months' trial, is netting the State \$3,000,000 the year. Naturally, it will grow with the purchase of every car, truck or tractor. Three-fourths of the three million will go to the State Highway Department and the remainder to the public schools. There never was, and there probably will never be, better or fairer tax than that on gasoline. It puts the slender burden right where it belongs. And if there are two better purposes than roads and schools for devoting any tax they are so far unknown. Some States have higher gasoline taxes. It may be that Texas will increase her rate to two cents the gallon, employing the same methods as now—if no better ones are devised. The oil companies kicked, at first, but their contention that they would pay the tax was not even sensible camouflage. The fellow who sits at the wheel is the "man behind the gun" in this case, just as old man Ultimate Consumer pays every tax.—San Antonio Express.

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Few communities would wait an instant to repair the bridge, or remove the boulder or tree; the idea that the hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in the good road should lie idle, and a whole section be cut off from the benefits of transport, until the bridge mended itself, the boulder rolled off, or the tree rotted away, is abhorrent. But many communities regard a heavy fall of snow as a visitation of Providence, with which man need not interfere, because in time the same Providence will melt the snow and open the road!

In regions where snow blocks the roads, modern engineers are using rotary snow ploughs, attached to trucks, and opening the road as soon as it closes, exactly as the railroad right of way men keep the tracks open for trains regardless of the state of the weather.

Rotary ploughs to be applied to trucks are not expensive; push and scraper ploughs for lesser snowfalls are still less costly. Opening the road for traffic after a snowfall is as essential as mending bridges and maintaining the surface. Communities in the snow belt which do not have the benefits of their good roads all the year 'round, "save at the spigot to lose at the bung hole," since the monetary value of one day's lost traffic is more than sufficient to buy the equipment and keep the snow bound road open all winter.

CEMENT APPROACHES BEING BUILT AT CASTELL BRIDGE

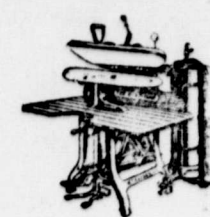
Road Supervisor B. T. Marshall has a force at work this week, putting in concrete approaches at either end of the Castell low water bridge over the Llano river. Here-to-fore these approaches have been dirt hauled there, and each rise in the river completely destroy such approaches.

The first of the week, a representative of the Highway department was in Llano, and when Judge Moore presented the situation to him, the representative told Judge Moore to have work done and that the Highway Commission would stand the expense, consequently the work which has been needed since the bridge was erected is going in.—Llano News.

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THEY ARE FRESH AND PROVIDE THE WHOLESOME NOURISHMENT EVERY HOUSEWIFE WANTS IN THE FOODS SHE PREPARES.

WE CARRY THE MOST COMPLETE LINE OF VEGETABLES AND FRUITS TO BE FOUND IN MASON. ALSO A WELL SELECTED LINE OF PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. WE SLICE YOUR MEAT ACCORDING TO YOUR DESIRES WITH OUR NEW SLICING MACHINE AT NO EXTRA CHARGE PER POUND.

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J. J. JOHNSON

Society

MASON HI ORGANIZES LITERARY SOCIETIES

The student body of the Mason High School met Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1924, for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society. The society was divided into two groups; the "Woodrow Wilson Society" and the "Lone Star Society." The officers of the Woodrow Wilson Society were elected as follows: president, Stanley Sanders; vice president, Arthur Geistweidt; secretary, Dessie Hoerster; sergeant-at-arms, Henry Keller; reporter, Genevieve King; basketball and foot ball coach, Mr. Dumas; yell leader, Olga Fay Wood. The officers of the Lone Star Society were elected as follows: president, Milton Zesch; vice president, Emily Jordan;

secretary, L. D. Fostel; sergeant-at-arms, Guy McLerran; reporter, Coralea Linsley; yell leaders Esther Christlitts and Clayton Schmidt; song leader, Reuben Wissemann.

Throughout the remainder of the school term there will be a contest between the societies. This contest will consist of ball games, debates, oratorical contests and programs. A program will be rendered each Wednesday morning at the usual chapel period.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Robt. Hofmann and Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber, at the home of the former Tuesday afternoon, February 5th.

The subject "Our Superannate," was interestingly discussed in a dialogue by Mesdames Jim Brown, S. C. Brockman, Will Land, Dan Lehmborg, H. B. Gibbons, John Starks, and Wm. Splittgerber. When hear about how these old heroes, namely our worn-out

preachers, are neglected; how their widows and orphans are hungry and in need, we are astonished that we have neglected them so, and why we hadn't thought seriously over the matter before now.

The preachers' salaries were always so small, and often not paid till they couldn't save anything for their future.

"A Mid-Winter Morning's Experience" by Mrs. Eli Jordan gave us more insight to the trials of "The Forgotten Man."

"A Soliloquy" by Mrs. Ben Jordan was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Jim Brown acted as leader. Dainty refreshments of cake, Bavarian cream, coffee and tea were served to:

Mesdames S. C. Brockmann, N. A. King, John Banks, Will Land, E. W. Schroeder, Ben Grote, Chas. Grote, Ben Jordan, Eli Jordan, Dan Lehmborg, Ed Smith, Gus Rau, Al Lindsay, John Starks, Willie Bode, E. J. Schuessler, P. A. Boze, Wm. Donop, Jim Brown, H. B. Gibbons, Rev. Gibbons; Misses Lois Reeves, Theresa Klapproth, Nannie Schuessler, Edna Kettner and Mrs. Hohn from San Angelo and hostesses. Reporter.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Song.
Prayer.
Bible Study—Miss Lois Reeves.
Introduction—Stanley Sanders.
The Book of Nature and of Scripture—Lucille Baker.
Converting the Soul and Growing in Wisdom—Ella Mae Metzger.
Song—Jack Garrett, Stanley Sanders.
Gods Book a Guide Book—Ella Doell.
Reading My Bible—Willie Mae Bickenbach.
Conquering Secret and Insidious Sin—Dina Herring.
Song.
Prayer.

Junior Senior Party

Last Friday evening, the seniors were delightfully entertained by the juniors at the home of Mrs. R. C. Doell.

The evening was spent at playing "Hearts", first prize being awarded to Miss Willie Mae Bickenbach. A delicious salad course was served to the following guests: Misses Floy Bramm, Lois Reeves, Theresa Klapproth, Willie Mae Bickenbach, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Ella Mae Metzger, Lucille Lang, Ruby Jordan, Louise Durst, Dixie Fae Hey, Dessie Hoerster, Benellen Hey, Alma Passmore, Leah Passmore, Coralea Tinsley, Lillie Mae Robertson, Thelma Wood, Opal Garrett, Genevieve King, Margaret Clark, Nell Curlee Bierschwald, Ella Mae Probst, Ruth Hey, Ella Doell; Messrs. L. W. Dumas, Stanley Sanders, L. D. Fostel, Perry Donop, Guy McLerran, Alton Clark, Jack Garrett, Clayton Schmidt, Clarence Ray, Arthur Geistweidt, Roy Lefeste, Gordon Ray, Roy Mogford, Leonard Wood, Crawford Lemburg, Henry Keller, and Allen oDell.

Poultry Remedies at Mason Drug Co.

B ond papers at the News Office.

A Fairy Story

Once upon a time a beautiful lady answered the telephone at her home. "Hello, dear," came her husband's voice over the wire. "I'm so sorry—but I can't get home to dinner this evening. I have work that must be done."

The beautiful lady turned from the phone, a deep fire of jealousy burning in her eyes. Quickly she pulled a new spring sportswear hat over her golden locks, drew a new \$250 coat around her shoulders, and rushing from the house she hailed a passing taxi.

"Drive to — Main Street," she ordered, with the command of a Foch.

The taxi drew up at the curb of the office building a few moments later. Darting swiftly up the stairs, she threw open the door of her husband's office.

He was working.

THE END

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

Since our last report the following have made subscription payments to the News, for which we extend them our thanks:

C. B. Shafer	1.50
M. A. Long	1.50
Wm. A. Willmann	1.50
Mrs. J. D. Miller	1.50
Joe Gates	1.50
W. W. Wartenbach	1.50
Henry Custer	.75
Fred Key	1.50
Otis Robbins	1.50
Chas. Coffey	1.50
Miss Nora Camp	1.50
B. P. Kidd	1.50
Mrs. M. J. Kidd	1.50
Carl Ham	1.50
Otto Gierseh	3.00
C. C. Cooper	1.50
Marvin Grote	1.50
Dick Arhelger	1.50
C. H. Garrett	1.50
E. W. Kothmann	1.50
Alf Polk	1.50

Dr. Oscar Huff, of San Marcos, spent several days in Mason this week on business and visiting with Dr. C. L. McCollum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congressional	\$15.00
District	\$10.00
County	\$ 7.50
Precinct	\$ 5.00

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The News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

For County Judge:

J. H. JONES

For Tax Assessor:

M. L. WEBSTER

T. O. BEARDON

W. O. BODE (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

ALLEN MURRAY.

CHAS. LESLIE (Re-election)

R. W. WHITE

H. W. KELLER

For County Treasurer:

S. J. THORNE

ALVA TINSLEY

L. F. JORDAN

GLADYS E. LORING

C. H. GARRETT

For District and County Clerk:

R. E. LEE, (Re-Election)

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shearwood, a girl, Jan. 31.
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Eckert, a boy, Jan. 19th.
Mr. and Mrs. Kalep Hoerster, a boy, Jan. 19th.

New hats and caps just received at the Frank Clark Tailor Shop. Call to see our line. 31-tfc

HOME TALENT PLAY

AT STAR OPERA HOUSE, TUESDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 12TH AT 7:45

The faculty of the Grammar school, assisted by members of the High School faculty, will stage the play, "AN OLD FASHIONED MOTHER", at the Star Opera House, Feb. 12 at 7:45 p. m., in behalf of the Grammar school ADMISSION—Children 20c; adults, 35c; all reserved seats, 50 cents.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

DEBORAH UNDERHILL	JESSIE ROARK
WIDDER BILL PINDLE	OTILLA HOERSTER
MISS LOWIZY LOVINY CUSTARD	WILLIE MAE BRANUM
ISABEL SIMPSCOTT	RUBY ROARK
GLORIANA PERKINS	WILLIE ANN WHEAT
SUKEY PINDLE	MARY CECILE LAWSON
JOHN UNDERHILL	MR. DOBIE
CHARLEY UNDERHILL	FRITZ SCHMIDT
BROTHER JONAH QUACKENBUSH	MR. GARRETT
JEREMIAH GOSLING, "JERRY"	L. D. FOSTEL
ENOCH BONE	MR. DUMAS
QUINTUS TODD	A. E. GROSSE

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A complete line of drug sundries, toilet articles, stationery, school supplies and confections. Everything a drug store should be. You will find us eager to please you, earnest to serve you, and thankful for your business.

SUNSHINE DRUG CO.

Will Close Feb. 12 AND 22

FEBRUARY 12TH—LINCOLNS BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY 22, WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

This is to inform our patrons that our places of business will be closed on the above dates. To avoid inconvenience, it will be well for you to attend to your banking business on the day before each closing date.

FIRST STATE BANK
MASON NATIONAL BANK
COMMERCIAL BANK
(Unincorporated)

KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE CO.
THE SUCCESSFUL WESTERN COMPANY
O. A. HENSCH
District Manager

DR. J. W. YANCEY
Dentist
Fredericksburg, Texas

BILL'S MARKET
W. F. BICKENBACH, Prop.
Choice Meats, Packing House Products, Etc.
One Door west of Johnson with Home Bakery

DR. C. L. MCCOLLUM
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
OFFICE OVER OWL DRUG STORE

Lamar Thaxton
LAWYER
Upstairs in Ranck Bldg.
MASON TEXAS

Ernest Jordan Meat Market
One door north Larimore & Grote's Store. Will appreciate a portion of your trade.
CHOICE MEATS, PORK, SAUSAGE, PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS, BREAD, ETC.

The City Meat Market & Bakery
W. A. ZESCH & SON Props.
Located in the Bridges Building, one door east of Louis Schmidt's Store

SCHLAUDT & CO' MARKET
CHOICE MEATS ALWAYS ON HAND—BEEF, PORK, SAUSAGE HANDLE PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. ONE DOOR WEST MASON NATIONAL BANK

High grade silk hose for ladies, at Frank Clark's Tailor Shop. 37

Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lumber Yard. 32

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
31-4 J. J. JOHNSON.

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13tf

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.

THE HOME GUARDS

Livergard and Lungardia
LIVERGARD is the New Laxative we can not improve; excels all others. When a Laxative is needed, makes laughing babies of puny ones, keeps old folks young.

LUNGARDIA has no equal for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat; unsurpassed in removing deep Coughs of long standing. One trial convinces. Lungardia Co. Dallas, Texas. For sale by Mason Drug Company.—Adv.

Whitman's Box Candy at—Mason Drug Co.

REDUCTION ON GOODYEAR TIRES
See us for tire bargains. Wood Auto Company. 30-tfc

New hats and caps just received at the Frank Clark Tailor Shop. Call to see our line. 31-tfc

Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lumber Yard. 32

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Services morning and evening. "Christian Race" will be the subject of morning sermon. At night I will preach "Why Christ Came." The Bible School is showing a healthy increase and are confidently expecting greater numbers next Sunday. Let every one be in his place.
J. J. RAY, Pastor

AT M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH
Next Sunday Feb. 10.
Pittsburgian... ETAINSHIR
Preaching service at Loyal Valley at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. and at Mason at 7:30 p. m.
G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Services next Sunday, both morning and night, by Rev. Z. E. Parker, of Brownwood.
Everybody cordially invited to attend these services.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH
Sunday, January 27th.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Senior League at 4:30 p. m.
Preaching at 7:30 p. m.
Chas. Grote, S. S. Supt.
Prof. Dobie, pres., Epworth League.
G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

CATHOLIC
Services every first Sunday.
Mass at 10 a. m.
Sunday School from 2 to 3 p. m.
Rosary, Sermon, Benediction from 3 to 4 p. m.
Any question concerning Catholic Church or its teachings will be courteously answered at the afternoon services.
Everybody welcome.
JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH
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.

Valentines (to arrive) at—Mason Drug Co.

PRACTICE CLEAN-CULTURE MEASURES TO CONTROL INSECTS
The continued wet weather this winter has prevented carrying out the work of a winter clean-up for the control of the boll weevil. There is still time, however, to accomplish something in the control of this insect, if several weeks of favorable weather prevail, by burning the grass and trash along fences, ditches, etc., as early as possible. This will prove effective against many other kinds of insects as well. Special attention should be paid from this time on until planting time, to see that all grass and weeds growing in the field are killed and kept killed. This is important in the control of the cut-worm, which does damage nearly every year in Texas, and which at this time is partly grown and feeding upon any plant growing in the field. At the time cotton appears above ground, it furnished food for them for two weeks or more until they come to full maturity. Absolutely clean fields from this time until cotton is planted will starve them.
The "careless" worms that attack cotton at the time it appears above ground are bred on land that is weedy just previous to planting. These measures of clean-culture suggested above for the control of the cut worm will also be effective against the "careless" worm if continued up to cotton planting the period of early growth of cotton.

C. H. GARRETT FOR TREASURER

The announcement column of the News this week carries the announcement of C. H. Garrett as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Mason county.
Mr. Garrett was county judge of Mason county a few years ago, and in submitting his name to the voters for their consideration, states that he feels absolutely confident as being capable to fill the office of county treasurer in a satisfactory manner, and solicits their support and influence of his friends.

DR. C. L. MCCOLLUM and Roy Bratto spent several days in San Marcos, returning home Tuesday.

The Judge's Josh.

WORRY IS THE INTEREST PAID ON TROUBLE BEFORE IT COMES DUE



Blonde Bess Opines
Hereditly is something that most men believe in up to the time their sons and daughters begin to act like durned fools.

How It Happened
A pretty young actress, a stammerer, Kuew acting in theatres would "ham" her. A Producer (film genius) Engaged her as Venus. The rest of the story's "in camera."

Good Old Days
"The old gray mare had her faults. But you didn't have to jack her high forefoot and whirl it around about seventeen times, to get her started on a cold February morning."—Wahoo, (Nebr.) News.

Good Guesser
Doctor: "Perhaps you would prefer to pay \$50 down and the balance \$5 a month."
Patient (just recovering from operation): "Sounds like buying a car."
Doctor: "I am."

Calamity Averted
Absent-minded Man: "Mary, have you seen my hat?"
Mary: "Why, Henry! It's on your head."
A. M. M.: "Gracious! So it is. I nearly went out without it."

Purdy's Philos
"The automobile always beats the train to the crossing,—barrin' an accident."
He stood in the street at midnight. As the autos homeward sped. He was very much struck by the moonlight—
But that isn't why he is dead.

Information Bureau
The ship was lying in the harbor of a Southern town, when one of the natives went on board and addressed the cook, who was Irish:
"Are you the mate?" he asked.
"No," said the cook; "but O'im the man as boils the mate."

Safety First
Doctor: "But, surely, my good man, you weren't so simple as to look for an escape of gas with a match?"
Patient (between gasps): "Well, doctor, it was a safety match."

Mere Piffle
Father (looking over school report): "Ahem, well, son, I see you had seven bad marks."
Modern Son: "Well, that doesn't amount to much at the present rate of exchange."

For Cloven Hoofs
A sign in the window of a Dubuque (Ia.) shoe shop reads: "Ladies let us cover your satan heels."
Fast Thinkin', Boy
She: "Dearie, will you love me as much in February as in August?"
He: "No, Dumpling."
She: "Boho-oo-oo—I knew it."
He: "But, Precious, I can't. Even with leap year there are only twenty-nine days in February, while August has thirty-one."

You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday nights. Show starts at 7:30 o'clock.

CHICKENS
If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
31-4 J. J. JOHNSON.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Martin and children will leave today for San Antonio to be away a few days, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ellebracht spent Tuesday in Brady.

When you think of bond papers, think of the News.
Type-writer ribbons, 50c. News Office.

From Our Early Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 10, 1899:
Mrs. S. A. McCollum was called to Winchester last week by the death of her father.

P. C. Baird was down from his Menard County ranch this week.

F. E. Husband was in from his ranch Tuesday, and is preparing to garden on a big scale this year.

H. C. Boyd has been on a business trip to Llano this week.

Mrs. H. Mebus and Mrs. J. P. Lyle spent a couple days last week in the country, guests of Mrs. J. W. Collier.

Chas. Schaeg, of Llano, was visiting his brother, J. F. Schaeg, this week.

Judge M. B. McKnight and family have moved to their ranch near Fredonia.

Mrs. Kate Schroeder returned this week from a visit to her sister in Fredericksburg.

Chas. Bierschwale was called to Austin on business this week.

O. H. Mebus and Geo. Todd engaged in a scrap last week. Geo. plead guilty and paid up. Otto was tried twice by juries and finally acquitted.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 5, 1900:
Miss Elsie Bogusch left last Saturday for Austin, where she will attend school.

Marriage License—Mr. Ben Brandenberger and Miss Emma Geistweidt; Mr. Richard Arhelger and Miss Mathilda Schmidt.

Walter Schreiner has been here the past week contracting steers for spring delivery.

Mrs. R. S. Ross and family left last week for their new home at Itasca.

Reuben, the little 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jordan, died Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Otte celebrated their wooden wedding, their fifth anniversary, last Sunday.

Mrs. Gus W. Schuessler and children returned to Dallas last week after visiting in Mason. Her mother, Mrs. H. C. Fellmore, accompanied them home.

Mrs. Loula Loring has gone to St. Louis to buy millinery for Hofmann Dry Goods Co.

Dr. P. A. Baze's horse ran off Tuesday, throwing him out of the buggy, but fortunately not injuring him.

A. W. Kooek leaves next week for Brewster county on a prospecting trip.

Won His Point.

Lawyer, playwright and poet, Judge E. A. Parry is an admirable raconteur. One of his best stories concerns the great Lord Mansfield, who paid little attention to religious holidays. He once even suggested that the court might sit on Good Friday. The members of the bar were horrified. Sergeant Davy, who was in the case, bowed in acceptance of the proposition: "If your lordship pleases, but your lordship will be the first judge that has done so since Pontius Pilate!" The court adjourned until Saturday.

Ins and Outs.

A taxi driver recently got the worst of a wordy bout.
An old man with a wheelbarrow wouldn't get out of the way, and the taxi man shouted: "You ought to be wheeling a pram!"
"And you ought to be in it," replied the old man.—Brisbane Mail.

Typewriter ribbons, 50c. News Office.

Austin. It has mighty near busted the State; and it has busted a lot of tax-bearing animals. Too many men have gone to Austin merely to lay out a congressional campaign or gather in a judgeship, or others elbow up to the political pie counter. Too many of them have thought more of re-election, or of political advancement, than they have of the primary interest of their constituents. We need now men who will go down there and call a halt, throwing to the winds the question of re-election or future political advancement. The people will take care of the honest, faithful, efficient public servant. They did that with Hogg and Reagan and Culbertson. Let's try to get back to the ideals of these worthies in our dealing of public servants.—Troup Banner.

BINGO

AT CHAS. HOFMANN'S CAFE BLDG.

in Mason for three weeks, beginning Friday night.

BINGO is the most interesting and fascinating game ever played. The following prizes will be given in connection:

**BASKETS AND PAILS OF GROCERIES
24-POUND BAGS OF FLOUR, 3-POUND CANS OF COFFEE, ALUMINUM WARE, AND HAND PAINTED ORIENTAL BASKETS.**

You Can Accumulate DEBTS,

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If You Owe Us Anything

PAY UP

Look at the figures after name on your copy of the
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2-7-24

If it reads less than "24" you are getting behind and you will accumulate a debt that is less than 3 cents per week, but amounts to \$1.50 in a year's time.

Keep your home paper paid up, it is the best friend you have. Do it now while you have the money.

SOME BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OF MASON

W. C. HENRICH DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS Cotton has advanced, but my prices are the same. Give me a call. EAST SIDE SQUARE	MASON GROCERY CO. STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES Your Patronage Appreciated PHONE 143 North Side of Square	E. HENRICH & BRO. SADDLERY AND HARNESS Repair Work A Specialty EAST SIDE SQUARE	THE DENVER HOTEL Northeast Corner of Square TOURIST TRAVEL SOLICITED MRS. M. E. CHURCHWELL Prop.	F. H. SCHUESSLER BLACKSMITH & WOODWORK Repair Work of All Kinds Northwest of Square
Go to E. F. STENGEL FOR FANCY GROCERIES Candies, Fruits and Cakes of all Kinds. Phone 43.	OTTO SCHMIDT GATES TIRES & TUBES Tire and Tube Repairing NORTH SIDE SQUARE	MANHATTEN CAFE LEE SMART, Prop. SHORT ORDERS North Side Square	H. P. GARTRELL Headquarters for MERCHANDISE WEST SIDE SQUARE	HENRY J. HOFMANN Contractor and Builder BUILDING MATERIAL Paints and Varnishes Phone 166 South Side Square
CORNER CAFE W. H. SANDS, Prop. SHORT ORDER HOUSE Northwest Cor. Square	OSCAR SEAQUIST Custom Boot & Shoe Maker Fine Line of Ladies' and Men's Shoes NORTH SIDE SQUARE	LOUIS SCHMIDT Implements, Hardware, Stoves, Wire, Staples and Nails PHONE 101 North Side Square	THIS SPACE FOR SALE	C. C. HUCKABAY'S GARAGE Tires and Auto Accessories PHONE 58 East Side Square
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GREEN BUGS AND GRASSHOPPERS

By R. R. ROPPERT, Entomologist.

Mr. Charles H. Gable, specialist in charge of the investigation in Texas of Cereal and Forage Crop Insects, reports late investigations this winter reveal only very slight infestation of small grain by green-bug, and unless very abnormal conditions prevail during the months of February and March no anxiety need be felt on this account.

The grasshopper situation, however, is different. While various parasitic and predaceous enemies of these pests were numerous in late summer and fall, they did not reduce their numbers below the danger stage. Observations by Mr. Gable and his assistants in the field this winter show that at present there are about 90 per cent of the grasshopper eggs in such condition at present as to hatch in early spring unless unforeseen conditions intervene. This will mean that a fight may have to be put up this year again to control the insects. An infestation as severe as last year is hardly expected.

The Entomological forces of the state will continue to make close observations during the next few months in order to watch the situation, and if need arises, will be in position to offer proper advice and extend aid as is physically possible. Reports on the situation from all sections will be welcomed either by the Extension Entomologist at College Station or by Mr. Gable of the Government Entomological Laboratory at San Antonio.

PRUNE TREES NOW

College Station, Texas, Feb. 7.—In order to secure the best results in the home orchard it is frequently necessary to prune and trim the trees. This should be done the winter months while the trees are dormant and before sap begins to rise. Unless one has had previous experience it is advisable to talk to the county fruit extension agent about shaping so as to receive the best results.

Latest Novels at Mason Drug Co.

CARDBOARD—BLOTTERS

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

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gillespie County, State of Texas, on a judgment rendered by said court on the 24th day of February 1923 in favor of Emil Knopp and against Chas. H. Keyser as maker and Bank of Fredericksburg, unincorporated, as endorser for four thousand nine hundred and thirty-five 30-100 dollars, interest, costs of suit and foreclosure against defendants Chas. H. Keyser, Aurena Keyser and Bank of Fredericksburg, unincorporated, of mortgage lien of date Aug. 26th, 1919, and to me as sheriff of Mason County, State of Texas, directed and delivered, I did, on the 21st day of January A. D. 1924, levy upon and seize the land and premises situated in the Eastern part of Mason County, State of Texas, known and described thus: All that 251-1-2 acre tract of land out of and part of league and labor sur. No. six, abstract No. 195, granted and patented to James Dever by Patent No. 110, Vol. 3, which is bounded as follows. Beginning at point in the West boundary line of said sur. No. 6, grantee James Dever, situated 949-3-4 vrs. North of its S. W. cor. the N. W. cor. of 200 acre home-

stead of defendants Chas. H. Keyser and Aurena Keyser and the S. W. cor. of this tract; Thence N. 89 1-2° E. 1308 1-2 to point in East line of that 451 1-2 acre tract out of said sur. No. 6, grantee James Dever and held by defendants Chas. H. Keyser and Aurena Keyser on Aug. 26th 1919 for N. E. cor. of said 200 acre homestead tract; Thence with E line of said 451 1-2 acre tract N. 14 1-4° E. 1021 1-2 vrs. to its N. E. cor. a stone at intersection of three fences from which a L. O. brs. S. 14 1-2 W. 75 9-10 vrs, another bars S. 14 3-4 W. 75 9-10 vrs.; Thence S 89 1-2° W. 1558 7-10 vrs. to st. md. in West line of said sur. No. 6 for N. W. cor. of said 451 1-2 acre tract and of this tract Thence with said W. line 990 1-4 vrs. to place of beginning. It being the North part of that 451 1-2 acre tract known as Chas. H. Keyser place, and will on the first Tuesday in March A. D. 1924, it being the 4th day of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at the Court house door of Mason County, Texas, in the town of Mason, Texas, sell said land at public auction for cash to the highest and best bidder, for satisfaction of the aforesaid judgment.

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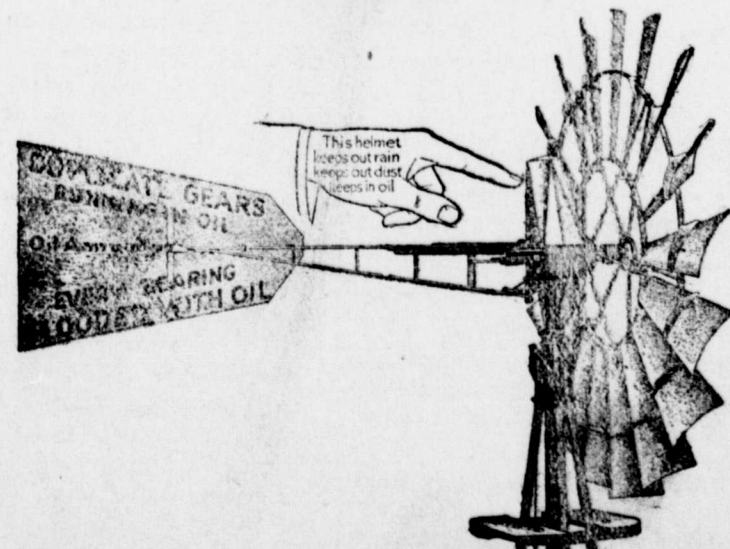
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FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red eggs, \$1 per setting. Mrs. W. H. Larimore. 48-tf

FOR SALE—A few coming two-year-old registered Hereford bulls. See or phone E. W. Kothmann. 48-4c

J. W. WHITE GETS \$30,000 TO \$35,000 FOR 600 HEREFORD STEERS

Six hundred-three and four-year-old Hereford steers have been sold by J. W. White of Mason to Ernest Bauer of Broughton, Kan., for around \$30,000 to \$35,000, it was reported in San Angelo Tuesday by J. Walter Mann of the Mann Commission Company, of this city, who made the deal.

The cattle will be delivered at Brady in the spring for shipment to Kansas. Live stock in Mason, Menard and adjoining counties are wintering well, with weeds and grass further advanced than in most sections of West Texas, Mr. Mann reported.—San Angelo Standard.

IMPORTANT ORDER OF POSTAL DEPARTMENT

As a result of several months of investigation and study by experts of the Postoffice Department, Postmaster General New today issued the first definite concise and complete program that has ever been put out by the Department for the mailing transmission and delivery of newspapers.

This order is important. It is far reaching. It gives the same expedition to newspapers as is accorded to first class mail.

The order is the result of painstaking effort on the part of the Postoffice inspectors, under the direction of First Assistant Postmaster General Bartlett. Carefully worded and minute instructions have been issued to all employees engaged in handling the mails, so that there will be no possibility of misunderstanding the importance of getting newspapers to the reader with a minimum of delay.

The essence of the order is that newspapers shall not be mixed with parcels post at any point in their dispatch from the publishers' offices until their delivery to the addressees. Papers shall be handled by themselves, and kept in constant transit, not being sent to railway terminals to be reworked. In other words they are to be handled in the same manner as first class mail.

An important feature of the order is that no publication shall be given any less efficient or less expeditious treatment than at present. That means that publication other than newspapers will not suffer one iota from this progressive innovation, made by the Postoffice Department.

Another striking feature of the order is the elimination of sacks of mail, which are known to the business world as "mixed mail." Sacks of mixed mail sometimes contain letters, papers, and parcels post, and often times the entire contents were treated as parcels post. The order will prevent a recurrence of that condition.

Another important feature of the order is that postmasters are required to notify publishers in each instance when they do not hit the dispatch which they advertise to hit; also, to notify publishers when they are sending to wrong addresses and to the addresses of deceased persons. Publishers will also be notified when they are putting up their mail in an incorrect manner.

Under the new system, newspapers will be made up in separate sacks plainly labeled with the words "newspapers." If there are only a few copies of newspapers at the point of dispatch they will be placed in pouches with first class mail or in separate sacks, even through the sacks are only partially filled.

This order means much to the American public. It is one of the most important and far reaching steps in post-office history. It is for the benefit of those who desire to have their newspapers placed before them at as early a moment as possible. This should keep both the city and rural population in closer and quicker touch with their several fields of activities.

GROUND HOG SAW SHADOW

Last Saturday was Ground Hog day, and there could be no doubt about the ground hog seeing his shadow, for the day was clear and sunny throughout. As a result, and according to the best tradition, the ground hog retired to his hole to sleep through another six weeks of cold weather. As if to verify the ground hog's prediction, the weather man Sunday morning started a blustery west wind, which continued blowing in disagreeable fashion throughout Sunday and Monday, gradually veering to the northwest and growing colder with the change. On Monday and Tuesday nights freezing temperatures were recorded. On Wednesday the wind had drifted to the southwest and moderate temperature registered.

Let your next tire be a Gate's Super Tread. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13tf

SOME FACTS THE FARMERS OUGHT TO KNOW

In service to the farmers no industry stands ahead of the implement industry. For nearly a hundred years the builders of farm machines have been providing the means whereby men have conquered the soil.

The implement trade has gone hand in hand with the farmer as he has established agriculture on which all life is founded, yet this fact has never been appreciated.

This necessary industry suffers today because of a misunderstanding on the part of those who should be its best friend.

The price of any commodity is high or low by comparison. It is but natural for us to complain about the price of implements which we need in the operation of our farm, rather than about the many other commodities and luxuries we purchase WITH THE MONEY EARNED BY OUR FARM MACHINES. We do not realize, if the International P. & O. Planter which plants your crop, was figured on the basis of the cheapest car on the market it would cost one hundred and twenty dollars, and the International cultivator figured on the same basis would cost one hundred and fifty dollars.

A few generations ago practically 90 per cent of our population worked the farms to feed themselves and the ten percent in the cities; today 30 per cent raise food enough for themselves and the 70 per cent in the cities.

Yes, farm machines which have made all this possible, and which have brought to the farm all the good things of life can be charged with only 4 per cent of the total yearly farm expense.

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