

# Mason County News.

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## ARMOUR & CO. OFFER PRIZES TO CO. INTRODUCING GREATEST NO PURE BRED SIRES COMING YR.

The County Agent, W. I. Marshall, is in receipt of a letter from the Extension Department stating that Armour & Co. will likely offer prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 during the coming year to the County replacing the greatest number of scrub sires with pure bred. In order to receive this money definite entries must be made by the Community Live Stock Association, etc.

Mason County is already known for its pure bred live stock, but there is still room for improvement along this line. County Agent, Marshall, would like to know your sentiment in regard to this matter some time in the near future. Give him your ideas on this subject.

The awards will be made on the following basis:

(a) Award on the basis on the number of scrub bulls replaced by registered bulls.

(a-b) A scrub shall be defined as a bull that is not registered.

(b) Any County which at any time during the year completes its work with 100 per cent pure bred registered bulls will be entitled to first prize. Should more than one County have 100 per cent registered bulls they will be entitled to first second, and third prizes by order in which they complete their work regardless of the number of the number of scrubs replaced.

(c) No less than twenty counties must compete in this contest before prize money is available and no county is eligible to a prize unless at least twenty-five scrubs are replaced.

All entries will have to be made in this contest by March 15, so that enough may enter. Please get in touch with your County Agent.

## COUNTY SOLONS IN SESSION; ROAD SUPT. RE-APPOINTED

The Commissioners Court of Mason County has been in session this week, and the following business of importance has been transacted up to Wednesday at noon:

Accounts were allowed, Road Superintendent, Will Land, was re-appointed, and a justice of the peace for precinct No. 4, Pontotoc, was appointed. Burl C. Joplin received the appointment to this office, and will be in a position to hold justice court at Pontotoc hereafter.

It is stated the court refused to grant the petition submitted by citizens for the opening of a new road from the Brady-Mason road to the Junction road. This action was taken in view of the fact that it is likely the Junction road will probably be designated as a highway, and if it is, it is not known whether or not the Highway Department would accept the new route. Proper authorities will go to Austin next week to meet with the Highway Commission in regard to the designation of the Junction road as a highway.

## An Egg Within An Egg

B. F. Buntyn, of the Fredonia section was in Mason Wednesday, and showed the News man quite a curiosity in the way of a hen egg. In fact was two hen eggs in one. The outer shell measured nearly seven inches in circumference and the egg inside was of ordinary size.

Mr. Buntyn stated the "two in one" egg was laid by a Rhode Island Red chicken.

This cove'em all in the way of curious looking eggs.

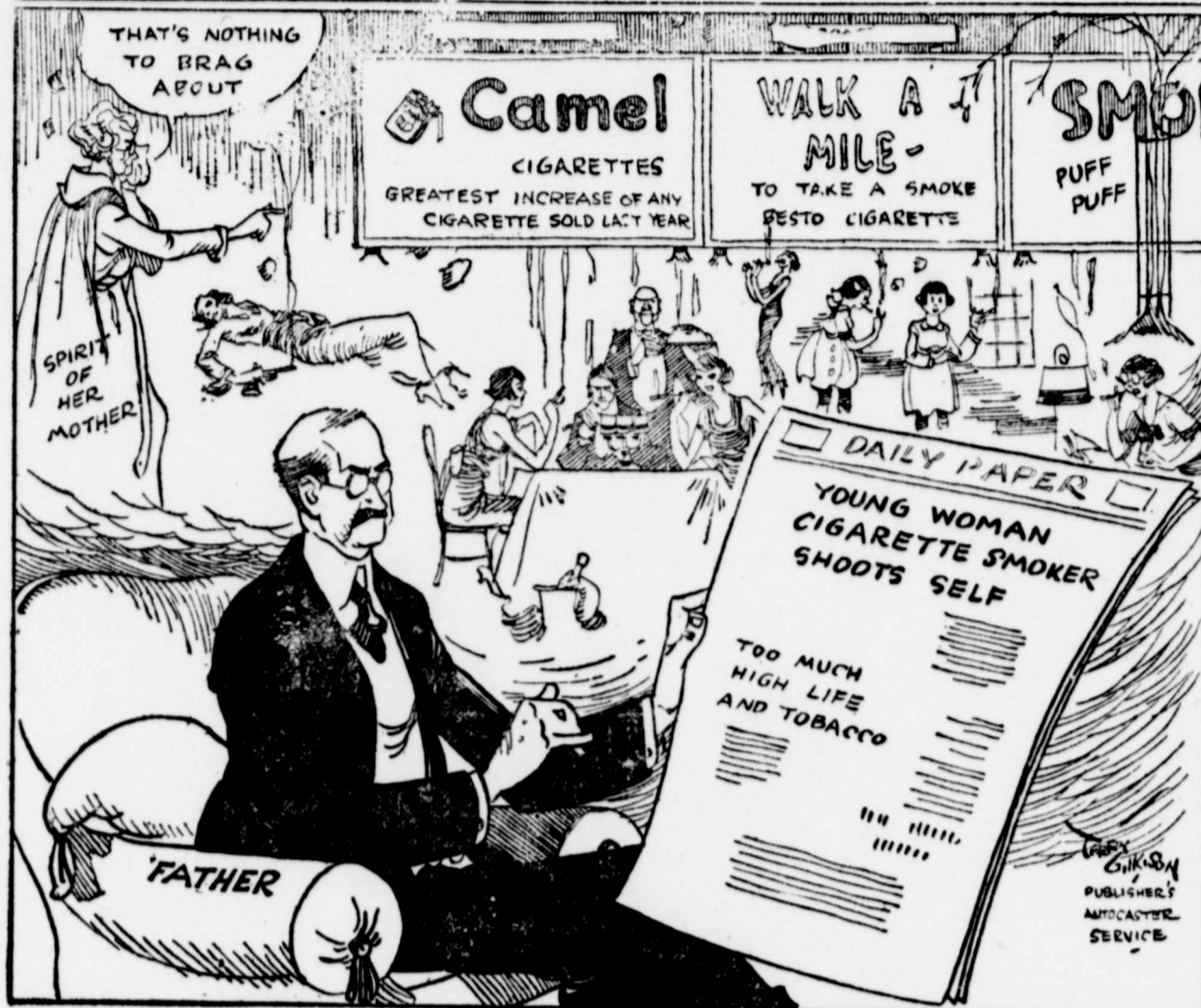
Mrs. J. D. Eckert, who has been in a sanitarium in Dallas for the past three weeks, returned home last Saturday, somewhat improved in health.

Mr. Tom Rolston, of the Long Mountain community, is reported quite sick, and is at present in the local sanitarium.

Mr. J. W. Evans, of Streeter, was in town Wednesday and called at the News office to take a new lease on the News for another year.

Miss Eddie Garner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garner who now reside near Big Springs, Texas, is in Mason for an extended visit to relatives and friends.

## HAVE YOU A DAUGHTER TO GIVE?



"Will MY Wife, Daughter or Sister Come to This?"

## FT. MASON POST, AMERICAN LEGION HOLD MEETING MON.

Some twenty members of the Fort Mason Post of the American Legion met in the offices of the First State Bank building on Monday night, and the annual election of officers was held, and a program of work to be carried out for the year, was arranged. All of the old officers were re-elected for another year and several committees were appointed.

The local Post intends to adopt a program of civic welfare and one of the propositions discussed at the meeting Monday night, was that of erecting a lighted turn post on the main street. A committee composed of Carl Runge, Chas. Doell and Ed Griffith was appointed to go before the Commissioners Court to ask if they would keep the post lighted, and also to secure permission to erect same. The turn post will bear the emblem of the local Post and it is hoped, will prove of benefit to all the people of the town and country.

The above mentioned committee was also asked to investigate the cost, etc. of lighting the grounds surrounding the High School Building.

A new meeting place has been arranged for and the room will likely be in readiness before the next meeting which will be held on the second Monday night in March.

It is urged that all members be present at the next meeting, and that they make an effort to bring a new member.

## RAIN ON MONDAY BENEFICIAL

Rain fell at intervals through Monday, and it is reported the precipitation was quite general over the county.

The rain is considered to be of material benefit to small grain, land that is already broken, range conditions, and in many other ways.

Farmers state it will not be many weeks until corn-planting time, and that the ground has a splendid season. With the good season now existing and with heavy showers in the spring and early summer, prospects are very promising, that is, should the showers materialize, which we sincerely hope they will.

E. N. E. Ellebracht and son, of the Doss community were in Mason Tuesday. Mr. Ellebracht states that his section is in fine condition, and that a nice rain was received Monday.

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## LIST OF JURYMEN FOR SPRING TERM OF DISTRICT COURT HERE

Below is given a list of jurymen to serve at the Spring term of District court for Mason County, to be convened in Mason on the first Monday in March.

**Grand Jury**  
 John Lumburg, Ed Jordan, Max Ellebracht, J. D. Eckert, Sam Harper, Ben Tatch, W. H. Kothmann, F. T. Hahn, Ben Kidd, Cecil Sanders, W. R. Capps, Elgin Eckert, Henry Eppler, Walter Spaeth, Louis Fleming, R. O. Green.

**Petit Jury—First Week**  
 Frank Vandever, Albert Metzger, H. P. Gartrell, Ed Cavaness, Marvin Grote D. P. Hasse, Ben Brandenberfer, Arthur Prater, Arthur Schulze, John Hubbard, Alvin Donop, John Martin, R. J. Durst, W. S. Hey, Beck Gipson, J. W. Sudberry, J. R. Beach, W. H. Schneider, Geo. Moneyhon, Gus Eckert, Fred Durst, Ben Eckert, Hilton Leifeste, Chas. Guentert, C. A. Brite, Albert Keyser, John W. Underwood, L. C. Klett, F. W. Winkle, Lee Smart, Ben Honig, W. W. Boston, Dan Starks, Ben Willmann, Alex Kothmann, F. R. Dobbs.

**Petit Jury—Second Week**  
 W. H. Dodd, J. B. Allen, Herbert Zesch, Arch Reichenau, P. A. Bynum, T. O. Reardon, A. T. Gray, John Rogers Ernest Willmann, Otto Bogusch, Sam Awalt, Ed Loeffler, George Willis, Arthur Baxter, C. C. Sherwood, Kurt Martin, Emil Ischar, A. O. Draper, Chas. Evers, E. G. Gross, W. S. Gates, Hugh Evans, S. G. Williams, W. C. Lehmburg, C. N. Murrah, Otto Hofmann, W. E. Stracklein, Otto Wissemann, Tom Baker, W. A. Cunningham, C. C. Cooper, Otto Probst, A. Tinsley, Max Plueneke, Marvin McMillan, John W. Cranford.

## PLAY STAGED AT OPERA HOUSE TUES. NIGHT WELL ATTENDED

The play which was staged at the Star Opera House Tuesday night under the auspices of the Grammar School faculty, was well attended, and a report regarding the financial outcome, is that approximately one hundred dollars was cleared, which will be used in buying books and other equipment to be used at the Grammar School building.

The Parent-Teachers Association sold candy at the play, and it is reported that about fifteen dollars was netted which sum will be credited to their fund for improvement purposes on the campus at the High School Building.

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## GRASSHOPPER EGGS IN EVIDENCE ON FARMS NEAR MASON

Mr. C. H. Gable, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology, who is stationed at San Antonio, was in Mason on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and made observations and investigations in regard to the grasshopper situation in this county.

Five farms where grasshoppers seriously damaged crops during the past season, were visited, and eggs and other observations were made in regard to the probable re-occurrence of this pest.

Mr. Gable found that the eggs of hoppers are in very good condition and more than likely will hatch. However, he stated, he found fewer egg masses than he expected, believing that the young of other insects, the beetle, etc., have destroyed quite a number of these eggs.

Briefly, he reports that serious outbreaks are not very likely to occur, and farmers need not be unnecessarily alarmed. He will return here some time in the next two months to make further observations, and assures the farmers that every effort will be made, both by the Extension Department and by the Bureau of Entomology that he is connected with, in keeping close watch on the grasshopper situation in Mason county.

Mr. Gable urges the farmers of this county to notify the County Agent upon the first occurrence of hoppers in any numbers this Spring.

Letters on the grasshopper will probably be sent out through the Extension Department during the season and farmers are asked to watch for, and read them.

Sources from which poison may be obtained and formulas to be used in combating the grasshopper most successfully, can be gotten through the County Agent.

## MASON HIGH CAGERS OVERCOME FREDERICKSBURG HIGH 11 TO 7

On Wednesday night of last week, the Mason High School basketball team journeyed down to Fredericksburg and defeated the team of that school by a margin of four points.

This was the first time the local team had ever played at night, and of course, were somewhat handicapped, or probably the margin might have been broader. The locals have only played two games this season, and have copped both of them. It is likely not more than one more game will be played this season, as the warm weather is arousing that feeling of desire to toss the "pill" around, and baseball will soon be the chief topic.

## DIRECTORS OF MASON COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

According to L. W. Dumas, director of the Mason County Interscholastic League, the meet which will be held in Mason March 21st and 22nd, will be much bigger and better than ever before. Much interest is being manifested among the rural schools, and we are informed that there promises to be warmer competition than ever.

It is stated the finance committee has an attractive list of prizes to be offered in various departments of the meet.

Entries for the various departments are being received regularly by the different directors, and it is stated that all entries must be made at least ten days before the dates, March 21 and 22.

A list of directors of the Interscholastic league, as furnished the News, is as follows:

Essay Writing—Floy Branum.  
 Athletics—H. T. Richardson.  
 Spelling—Martha Hoerster.  
 Debate—Lee Loeffler.  
 Declamation—P. A. Bennett.  
 Music—Sadie Westbrook.  
 Girls Athletics—Annie Mogford.

## MRS. DRUCILLA McWILLIAMS

Mrs. Drucilla McWilliams died Sunday morning at the home of her son, Ace Emanuel, near Streeter, aged 84 years.

Death is attributed to complications of advanced age.

Deceased was preceded in death by her husband, some five years.

Mrs. McWilliams was born in 1840 in Alabama, and came to Texas when a small child where she was reared to womanhood and has since made her home, having resided in Mason county for many years.

Deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Frances Scott, of Spaulding, Oklahoma, and one son, Ace Emanuel, of Mason county. She also is survived by five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Garrett, and interment was made in Coffey cemetery near Streeter.

After a long, busy and useful life she died as she had lived—honored, trusted and loved. She reared her own monument while she lived in the hearts of all who knew her.

## W. M. Morrow

Word was received here this week, of the death of Mr. W. M. Morrow, February 1st, at his home in Stamford.

Deceased is survived by his widow and three children.

Mr. Morrow lived here for many years and was in the drug business.

He has many friends here who will join the News in extending sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

## Death Claims Little Daughter

Died at her home in our city, Monday afternoon, little Anna Marie Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, aged two years and seven months.

"And Oh, when away, may we be so blest,

And sink like the innocent child to rest  
 And feel ourselves clasped to the Infinite breast.

This beautiful baby life was so precious, so fraught with blessing to her parents that she seemed a flower of paradise permitted to bloom for a brief season by their side, then recalled to its nature skies, leaving the earth road for thm daerk and lonely indeed.

Funeral services were held at the family residence Tuesday afternoon, and were conducted by Rev. C. H. Garrett, and the little body was laid to rest in the Gooch cemetery.

## Leifeste Baby Died Tuesday

The 7-months-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Leifeste, died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spaeth, Tuesday morning. Death was the result of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning and were conducted by Rev. M. Heinrich, of the Lutheran church. Interment was made in the Gooch cemetery.

Thus over a happy home the shadow of a little grave has fallen: and, as another has said, it is wonderful how long a shadow a little grave can throw.

## This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

Can you imagine what Theodore Roosevelt would be doing about now if what Teapot Dome scandal were uncovered in his administration? He would have all the liberal givers of cash before him, he, personally, inspecting their satchels.

He would have a battleship on its way to France to bring back Sinclair, if the law would let him, and whether it would or not. His teeth would be snapping and his hair bristling. There would be real fireworks, and how he would enjoy it.

And Mr. Fall, Secretary of the Interior, who leased away valuable oil lands that had been reserved for the navy, testified that he got \$100,000 from Mr. Ned McLean, of the Washington Post. Then, on second thoughts, he testified, as did Mr. McLean, that the latter gave him a check for \$100,000, but he didn't cash it.

Now comes Mr. Doheny, one of the ablest business men of the country, who testified that he lent his old friend Mr. Fall \$100,000 which he gave him in cash in a suit case, and Sinclair lent, or gave, Mr. Fall \$140,000, some in bonds. "Easy money?" Yes, very.

Mr. Fall says, "I am a sick man." That isn't because he couldn't hire a doctor, apparently.

One hundred thousand dollars in cash in a satchel that Mr. Doheny lent to Mr. Fall without taking his note or receipt had nothing whatever to do with the fact that a few weeks later Mr. Fall, as Secretary of the Interior, member of President Harding's Cabinet, leased 28,000 acres of oil lands in California to Mr. Doheny.

Mr. Doheny says he believes the company will make one hundred million dollars of profit out of that lease, which shows that he is a good business man. The next time the United States needs a Secretary of the Interior it might hire Mr. Doheny. He knows how to make a good bargain; more than can be said for some of our Secretaries of the Interior.

North Carolina forbids teaching in public schools "any form of evolution which makes it appear that man descended from any of the lower order of animals, monkeys or anything else."

The North Carolina authorities should also forbid study of embryology. It is discouraging to find, in embryonic conditions, that human beings in the period before birth, pass through various animal stages, duplicating practically all of them, from the single cell up to the fully developed "primate."

At one stage of his development before birth every man has two feet like a gorilla. Sometimes one of the feet does not develop, and the man is born with one gorilla foot, which we call a "club foot."

That can easily be arranged by forbidding the teachers to say anything about embryology. If you don't like facts, why, smother them.

Doctor Semashko announces that Lenin's brain weighed 1,340 grams; not an unusual weight. The brain of Turgenieff weighed 2,000 grams. That of the great naturalist Cuvier was even heavier. But the convolutions in Lenin's brain were extraordinarily deep. That is what counts.

Surprising to Americans that do not know the English is the fact that Englishmen of high rank and most conservative traditions consent to join the Labor Government.

You could not imagine any of our powerful reactionaries joining a cabinet with a union labor man at its head. Britain has statesmen, used to changes, asking only, "How can I render service to the Empire?"

It is announced that President Coolidge will veto any tax bill carrying a higher surtax than 25 per cent.

In time of war any tax is just. When Government says to the poor man, "I will take your life for a dollar a day," and takes it, it may well say to the rich man, "I will take half or three-quarters of your income."

But the war is over. Excessive taxation discourages new enterprises that employ new labor and develop new wealth.

If this country knew as much about collecting taxes as they know in England, a twenty-five per cent surtax on the biggest incomes would produce an amount of money that even our excellent spenders couldn't spend.

### NEED GLASSES?

Dr. Jones, the eye man, in Dr. McCullum's office, Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted, Headache and Eye Strain relieved. 49-2tc

### TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORK ON THE JUNCTION ROAD.

I take this means of expressing my appreciation for the donations and co-operation of the citizens of the town of Mason, and the citizens along the Junction-Mason road, towards the work on said Junction-Mason road. There was donated approximately \$1050 for this work, which amount enabled us to re-grade the entire road in Mason County, save and except a distance of only about 1 1/2 miles. I also wish to express my appreciation for the help and co-operation of Messrs. Cal Cope and John Pike, in the new work which has just been done on the Streeter-Brady road. Without the above mentioned co-operation and donations, it would have been impossible for us to have done this work, for some time yet.

G. W. HERRING,  
Com. Pro. No. 3, Mason County, Texas.

### HILDA AGRICULTURAL CLUB

On January 25, the boys and girls of the Hilda Agricultural Club re-organized their club as a Standard Club, after a short talk by County Agent Marschall.

The following officials were elected: President, Elmer Wiedemann; vice-president, Nora Meyer; secretary-treasurer, Nellie Geisweidt; reporter, Andrew Wiedemann; teacher in charge and adult leader, Mr. Lee W. Loeffler.

Record and program committee—Lolita Loeffler, Erwin Kleinknecht and Sam Eckert.

Finance and membership committee—Zelma Kuykendall, Quincy Kothmann and Edward Eckert.

It was decided to have the regular meetings the last Friday of each month. REPORTER.

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

### GRAVELING OF MASON ROAD IS PROGRESSING

(Brady Standard)

Commissioner Chas. Samuelson reports the work of graveling the stretch of Mason road extending from the top of the hill towards the stock pens as having progressed exceptionally well. Work of graveling was started Monday evening, the gravel being secured from the Y on the Frisco right-of-way, and is expected to be completed by Saturday night, when something like 1,000 yards of gravel will have been placed on this particular half mile stretch. The gravel will average about nine inches in depth, and is expected to make a splendid road bed. Spreading of the gravel will be commenced next week.

Following the graveling of this stretch, Mr. Samuelson will next undertake the graveling of the half-mile or more of road at the Jas. T. Mann place on the Mason road. This roadway was shouldered up the end of last year, but the continued rains prevented completion of the work of graveling. With the completion of this stretch, two of the worst mud holes on the Mason road will have been converted into hard-surfaced highway, and the work is certain to win commendation of all who travel this road.

H. E. McBride, road supervisor for the State Highway department in McCulloch county, reports graveling of the Mason road on this end of what is known as the Mitchell contract, as having progressed to where it now appears the work will be completed by Friday. Following this, there will be some more to be done in the way of patching work. The gravel used in completing this work is hauled from Kately creek, and is said to be the best road-building material in this county. Once the gravel gets packed and worn down, Mr. McBride is of the opinion that it will produce the finest and best-wearing road surface in this county.

If possible, Mr. McBride will continue the road work on the Mason highway, bringing it on from the job now being completed, past the Otto place, which will convert the last stretch of bad road into good road.

Chas. Martin and Adolph Loeffler, prominent stockmen of Mason County, were here this week. Mr. Loeffler was visiting his son, Walter, who recently became connected with the First National Bank.—Junction Eagle.

Latest Novels at Mason Drug Co.

## SHOP MADE BOOTS

at our boot and shoe shop, one door north of Larimore & Grote's store. Our shop is equipped with up-to-date machinery, insuring prompt and satisfactory service.

It will pay you to look our boots over, and to have us do your shoe and boot repairing.

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Touring \$495

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Each successive month this winter has witnessed a growth in sales far surpassing that of any previous winter season. This increase will be even greater during the spring months, always the heaviest buying period.

These facts suggest that you place your order early to avoid disappointment in delivery at the time desired.

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

### ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 7 1/2 cents per line per issue. Display rates made known on application. SUBSCRIPTION (always in advance one year) \$1.50

All ads placed in this paper, will be run until ordered out.

Advertising Representative THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Among our list of exchange this week we received a copy of the Rising Star X-Ray, in Eastland County. In this issue of the X-Ray we note that Mr. M. S. Sellers, for seventeen years, editor of the Brady Sentinel, has purchased the X-Ray. Mr. Sellers recently sold his paper at Brady and has been enjoying a vacation for a few months. Mr. Sellers is a competent and deserving newspaper man, and the News is hopeful of great success for him in his new location.

### BALLOT COLLECTOR SAYS ELECTION LAWS IN TEXAS VIOLATED

San Antonio—An assertion that there were so many irregularities and flagrant violations of the Texas election laws in the last general election, the United States Senate will be compelled to declare the election void, was made in San Antonio Saturday morning by Hume Graves, deputy sergeant at arms of the United States Senate, who is supervising the collection of the ballots.

Among the irregularities that Mr. Graves said he found were ballot boxes which have been opened, other with the seals broken and the keys left in the locks, some missing altogether and other boxes not even marked to show in what election they were used. Mr. Graves also declared he has signed statements of election officers who admit that they wrote the name of Mayfield on the ballots and passed them out to voters.

"There has been so many irregularities and so many flagrant violations of the Terrell election law," Mr. Graves declared, "that the only thing the Senate can do, in my opinion, is to declare the election void. With the shape in which I have found the ballots, it will be utterly impossible to make an intelligent investigation into the senatorial contest."

### LEAVING THE SCHOOL TO THE TEACHERS

(Supt. B. H. Hill, in The Center Point News.)

Too many people seem to believe that schools can succeed on money alone. Many appear to believe that the school has all the support needed when it has been voted a sufficient tax on which to operate; many never enter a school room door; some seem to accept report cards as complete evidence of the child's progress and the child's report of the general progress and condition of the school as a satisfactory account on which to judge the school. Yet, no other business institution is looked upon with such indifference by its stockholders or judged by a child's estimate of the business.

Teachers appreciate the confidence of parents, but there can be no real appreciation of any work shop without a knowledge of what is being done in that shop, nor can there be effective co-operation in improving the productions of any shop without knowing the plans and an intimate acquaintance with what is going on there, which can be obtained only by actual investigation and close inspection.

The school needs the personal touch, the association, the sympathetic voice, the kindly smile of every parent, just as the children in the home need them, for the school is a collection of children in another place than home. What kind of a parent is that who simply feed, clothe and shelter his children—who simply finance the home? What is a home without the moral support of the father or the fine personal touches of the mother, without the presence of both at least occasionally? No, money will not pay the entire debt of the parent to the school.

Through the ages mothers have been the unfaltering friends of the school and all praise to the mothers as a

group but fathers too, need to give personal attention to schools, especially at this time when so many attractions call the children away from school duties, this time when morals seem lax and the crowd rushes on in search for thrills of excitement. The father is needed more today than at any time in American history, needed in the home, and in the school, with the boy and with the girl.

A rich banker recently gave his twelve-year-old son a deed to one hour of his time each day for the next eight years. Most boys would prize this gift far more highly than anything money can buy.

And more, the schools, if given a deed to not one hour a day, but one hour a week, of the time and thought of the capable, energetic, plan making and plan executing fathers and business men, would receive benefits strikingly like those a boy receives from the companionship of his own father. It is more gifts of time the schools need from fathers; personal presence at the schools themselves, and moral support—a living interest in everything that goes to make child life—an appreciation of the child's view point and that of the school. Such an interest as will check up the work being done by the children as well as the general conduct in and out of school.

No, it is not best to trust children entirely to teachers, however good the teacher may be, nor can mothers and teachers working together do the father's part. It takes all working together to make a school, and this leads me to refer to a much needed and possible improvement in our home school Parent-Teacher Association which solicits the membership of fathers as well as mothers, the routine meetings of which are usually held in the afternoons by mothers and teachers, but it's more pretentious programs are held in the evening when fathers and children attend. In many respects the Parent-Teachers Association is the modern prototype of many of the old-time social gatherings that existed in pioneer times, such as the spelling bee, the literary society, the debating club. The association, however, has one purpose only, the constant study of the child and the betterment of the school and home conditions under which the child exists. Surely we need more community meetings and a better understanding between parent and parent, and between teacher and parent, as well as a general all pull together for better schools and better citizenship. Can you think of a better place than the school auditorium for such a meeting, or of a more needful organization?

We have the very best Mothers' Club, on that has done and is doing a great work, but we need the fathers, their advice, moral support and personal touch in our schools. Who will take the subject up and pass it on till we feel the fathers' touch as well as his financial support?

### UNSIGNED LETTERS CONTAIN THREATS; REWARD OFFERED

Menard—A reward of \$1,000 is being offered by business men of Menard and ranchmen of Fort McKavitt, twenty-two miles west of here, in Menard county, for the conviction of the writer of threatening letters recently received by Menard county ranchmen.

This was determined at a meeting of citizens held at Fort McKavitt Saturday morning. One hundred dollars a month was subscribed to pay the salary of a special Deputy Sheriff for Fort McKavitt.

Letters were received about two weeks ago by ranchmen near Fort McKavitt, advising them "to get rid of their Mexicans by February 1st or suffer harm."

The text of one letter is as follows: "Last Notice—Get shut of Mexicans or your loss will be greater. XXXX." Some of the letters contained other demands. Some of them hinted that the dwelling of a resident two weeks ago, while the family was absent, was burned by the writers of the letters, and that other fires would follow unless all Mexicans employed on the ranches were discharged. It had heretofore been presumed that the ranch-house in question caught fire from the open fireplace.

Threatening letters were received by the following ranch owners, most of whom live near Fort McKavitt: Mrs. D. C. Ogden, H. H. Mears, L. L. Ball, Leslie Jones, A. B. Sherwood, H. B. Opp, T. W. Talbot, W. P. Bevans and N. B. Landers. Other ranchmen report similar notices posted on their gates.

J. W. White left Tuesday for Dallas, to be absent several days attending to business.

### MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874



Seventy-six hundred and seven newspapers of the United States, out of a total of 13,388, are now Newspaper Association Members of the National Highways Association. These members receive from the association road news every week. The majority of these papers publish part or all of this news every week.

Why? Only because progressive papers, realizing the intense interest taken by everyone everywhere, in roads, desire to serve their readers with the sort of information and news stories they want to read.

That more than half the papers of this great country are so interested in highways, highway building, highway maintenance, and highway use, is a sufficient indication of the importance of the subject to the body politic. On roads depend, in an increasing degree every year, our transportation. It is not so long ago that the railroads represented the largest industry in the United States. Recently the automobile industry passed the railroads in size, it is now the country's largest industry (exclusive of farming). But the automobile industry in turn is destined soon to be passed by road building, which will be the greatest single industry in this Nation.

Transportation is rails plus cars, rivers plus boats, highways plus motors. Cars, boats, and motors are helpless without their highways. It is because we have more cars than roads, more vehicles than places to use them, and because we need, must have more highways, good highways, national highways, and good roads everywhere, that 7,607 newspapers have enrolled themselves in a campaign of highway education which will inevitably result in "a paved United States in our day."

### \$150 PRIZE OFFERED FOR BEST ESSAY ON LOCAL HISTORY

Austin, Feb. 14.—Students of Mason County schools are given the opportunity to compete for \$150 in prizes offered by C. M. Caldwell, regent of the University of Texas, and by the Dallas News, for the best essays written on local history. Mr. Caldwell has contributed \$100 of the fund, and the Dallas News, \$50. The most notable local history essay written in the statewide local history contest will be awarded \$40, and a large number of smaller monetary prizes will be made to other successful contestants. All manuscripts must be submitted before May 1, according to Prof. W. P. Webb, of the University of Texas history department, who is in charge of the contest. Further details will be furnished by him to all who request them.

"Every community of Texas, it matters not how small or how large it may be, has a local, a unique, and absorbing history most interesting," said Professor Webb, who is the originator of the local history prize offer. "Every high school student of the state should take pride in recording the history of his own community. Careful and intensive investigation will bring to light unpublished bits of history, so interesting and delightful, that the research student will feel more than repaid for his efforts. For each competitor, there is also the possibility of winning one of the prizes and the honor of having his article published."

Professor Webb's idea of local history follows: "Local history is the history which may be found in your community. It is the history of your church your town, your court house, or some interesting person. The story of an Indian fight that occurred near your home is local history, as is the account of a drought, of a flood, or a fire. Local history is not the story of important men or of great events. It is likely to be the story of the unimportant. In detail, it may be extremely interesting in the aggregate, it is of great importance. From both points of view, it will be worth having. All essays, then, should treat of local subjects, that are not too widely known."

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for the kindness and sympathy extended us during the recent death of our darling baby, Ruth Alice. We also wish to express our sincere thanks for the beautiful floral offering.

JOHN SCHUESSLER AND FAMILY.

### 16-OUNCE BABY WINS 68-HOUR FIGHT FOR LIFE

Fort Worth's "three-quarters of a pound baby" has passed the difficult stage and is entering an easier stretch in its race for life.

A gain of four ounces in weight making a total of one pound for the baby was reported by hospital attendants Thursday morning.

At 2 p. m. Thursday the baby had won a battle of 63 hours for its life.

The baby is one of twin girls, together weighing two pounds, born to Mrs. Edna Watson, 715 West Seventh Street, Monday at 5 p. m. The one and one-fourth pound twin died ten hours later.

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

### AN UNUSUAL MUSICAL TREAT

In store for music lovers—on Wednesday night, February 20th, Axel Skovgaard, the great Danish Violinist, will be at Klaerner's Opera House in Fredericksburg, Texas, with a great repertoire of classical and popular music. His wife, Mrs. Alice McClung Skovgaard, a talented and accomplished pianiste will be his accompanist and is also on the programme with many exquisite numbers. Write or phone Klaerner Opera House for reserved seats. Itc

### "Diseases of Cattle"

The News is in receipt of a copy of "Diseases of Cattle" from Hon. C. B. Hudspeth, representative in Congress from this district. He states he has a number of these books which will be mailed to parties writing for them.

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J. J. JOHNSON

# Society

## Bridge Club

Mrs. Elgin Eckert was hostess Thursday afternoon to the members of the Bridge Club and a few invited guests.

Her home was pretty in Valentine decorations and this was also carried out in score cards and plate favors. A very dainty salad course was served the following ladies: Misses, Walter Lindsay, P. A. Bennett, K. M. Eckert, W. I. Marschall, Seth L. Baze, Roy E. Doell, Arch Metzger, Pete Schmidt; Misses Julia Bierschwale, Pearl Land and Elizabeth White.

The next meeting of the Club will be with Mrs. John Lindsay, and the hour has been changed to 2 o'clock. All members are requested to be present at that time.

## Rev. Ray and Family Welcomed

Monday evening the members of the Christian Church and the Ladies Aid met at the church with much welcome in their hearts. This feeling was expressed through a shower of groceries. After all had assembled, and the gifts were piled on the parson, the Rays were summoned by the ring of the old church bell.

Impromptu songs, piano solos and speeches made the evening pass by hurriedly.

The sandwiches and cocoa which were served and enjoyed, helped us to say with all sincerity we are glad the Rays are here.

—Contributed.

## Intermediate League

The Intermediate League of the M. Church, South, will render the following program Sunday, February 17, at 3 o'clock.

- Song
- Lesson, Ps. XXXIX 7-12.
- Song.
- Prayer.
- Reading—"I Cannot Get Away from God", Garland Bratton.
- Piano Solo—"Daisy Dean Sequist.
- Reading—"Daily Strangers", Ophelia Gilgore.
- Poem—"Dorothy Gamel.
- Reading—"Getting the Right Kind of Charm," Wilburn Lemberg.
- Song.
- League Benediction.

## White Hughes

A wedding of interest to the many Brady friends of the bride was celebrated in Dallas on Sunday, February 3rd, when Miss Vivian White became the bride of Mr. Frank E. Hughes. The bride is the charming and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White, and made her home in Brady for about a year and a half, during which time she was employed as stenographer with the McCulloch County Cotton Oil Mill. For the past two years she has been accepted in Houston, being employed in the office of the West Texas Lumber Co. The groom is a civil engineer, and it was while he was engaged in laying out a new golf course in Houston, that he met, wooed and won her for his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes will make their home in Colorado Springs, Colo.—Brady Standard.

## Bok Prize Winner



Charles H. Levermore, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Secretary of the N. Y. Peace Society and former President of Adelphi College is the winner of the Bok Peace prize. He was presented with the \$50,000 check at announcement and will receive the other \$50,000 if his plan is accepted through the national referendum vote now in progress.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the sheriff or any constable of Mason County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Mason, State of Texas, and you shall cause and notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS—ESTATES OF DECEASED.

The state of Texas.  
To all persons interested in the estate of A. B. Awalt, deceased, Mrs. M. A. E. Awalt has filed in the County Court of Mason County, an application for probate of the last will and testament of said A. B. Awalt, deceased, for letters testamentary upon said estate, and for such other and further orders as to the court may be deemed necessary in the premises which will be heard at the next term of said Court commencing on the fourth Monday in February, A. D. 1924, the same being the 25th day of February, A. D. 1924, at the court house thereof, in Mason, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Mason, Texas, this 12th day of February, A. D. 1924.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,  
Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas. 49-2tc

No. 404.

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of Jacob Durst, deceased:

On the 13th day of February, 1924, Mrs. Sookie Durst filed an application in the County Court of Mason County, Texas for the probate of the last will and testament of Jacob Durst, deceased which application will be heard by said Court on the 25th day of February, 1924, at the court house of said county, in Mason, Texas, at which time all persons who are interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at office in Mason, Texas, this 13th day of

## From Our Early Files

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 17, 1899:  
Mae Stuber, who recently moved from here to Centre Point, has engaged a nurse which is being.

Miss Hermelia Mebus came over from Brady Friday to spend a day with her parents.

Wm. Ellbracht was in from Fredericks Monday.

J. M. Stewart was in Monday from the Littlefield & White Mill Creek ranch, and reports cattle standing the cold weather well.

The cold of Sunday was the worst during the year, and it is said for many years. The thermometer registered zero and some say below. It is certainly the coldest since Jan. 15, 1888 when it was 10 below zero.

Mrs. Annie Edwards, who has been here visiting relatives the past few weeks, will leave Saturday for her home in Argentine, Kas.

Mrs. Jackson, aged 35 years, died Wednesday near Long Mountain of pneumonia. Her husband died Feb. 18, one year ago.

Will Sands and Chas. Stapleton left this week for New Mexico. They take with them, horses sent by J. W. White, to his brother there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mebus celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last Saturday.

Chas. Bierschwale and wife and little Miss Margaret were in Austin several days the past week.

February, 1924.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,  
Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas. 49-2tc

No. 405.

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of C. Y. Vandaveer, deceased:

On the 13th day of February, 1924, Mrs. Rachel Vandaveer filed an application in the County Court of Mason County, Texas, for the probate of the last will and testament of C. Y. Vandaveer, deceased, which application will be heard by said court on the 25th day of February, 1924, at the court house of said county, in Mason, Texas, at which time all persons who are interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at office in Mason, Texas, this 13th day of February, 1924.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,  
Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas. 49-2tc

No. 406.

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Brooks, deceased:

On the 13th day of February, 1924, W. J. Griffith filed an application in the County Court of Mason County, Texas for the probate of the last will and testament of Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Brooks, deceased, and for letters testamentary, which application will be heard by said Court on the 25th day of February, 1924, at the court house of said county, in Mason, Texas, at which time all persons who are interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at office in Mason, Texas, this 13th day of February, 1924.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,  
Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas. 49-2tc

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

31-1f J. J. JOHNSON

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

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

## CHURCH NOTICES

### M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Next Sunday, February 17th.  
Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

### 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. 8924.

Prof. Doble, 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, Bermon, 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 Pluemcke, 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.

F. B. McCollum, of San Antonio, is in Mason, this week, meeting and shaking hands with his many friends here.

Mrs. Robert Lee returned home Friday, from a few months' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, of Italy.

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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. REARDON

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. Robert Green, a girl, Feb. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Eckert, a boy, Jan. 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harper, a boy, Feb. 4th.

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.

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<b>R. GROSSE</b> BUILDING MATERIAL 'PHONE 41 East Side Square	THIS SPACE FOR SALE	<b>FREDE E. KEY</b> BLACKSMITH & WOODWORKER Nice Line of Bolts 'PHONE 12 Northwest of Square	<b>BEN HEY</b> NOTARY PUBLIC Farms and Ranches for Sale MASON, TEXAS.	For WATKINS QUALITY PRODUCTS See L. F. Jordan 'PHONE 193 MASON, TEXAS

## ONLY STANDARD FORMULAS OF FERTILIZERS FAVORED BY A & M

College Station, Feb. 14.—Anticipating the use of thirty per cent more fertilizer in Texas this year than in any previous year, Dr. G. S. Fraps, chief of the Division of Chemistry of the Experiment Station of the A. & M. College and State chemist, has issued a recommendation to farmers that they buy only the standard fertilizer formulas. While there are 167 different kinds of fertilizer mixtures registered for sale in Texas, Dr. Fraps recommends only the eleven standard formulas. "This great number is not at all necessary," he said, "and their use merely causes fertilizers to cost more. The use of the standard formulas will result in reducing the cost of plant food, simplify recommendations for use of fertilizer and reduce the purchasing and handling of unnecessary weight found in the lower grade fertilizers. Fertilizer mean plant food, phosphoric acid, nitrogen and potash in such forms that the plants can take them up readily. It is not possible to buy these elements pure but it must be bought along with other materials which are necessary as carriers of the plant food. There are various combinations but for simplification and economy they have been standardized for Texas conditions on a basis of the soil, crop and other conditions. The names of these are expressed in figures which show the proportionate amounts of the three plant foods and thus are easy remembered and understood. Of the three figures in each fertilizer designation, the first indicates the amount of phosphoric acid, second nitrogen and third potash. For instance a 12-4-4 fertilizer is one containing 12 per cent available phosphoric acid, 4 per cent nitrogen and 4 per cent potash. The analysis printed on the bag or tag should correspond to one of these figures if the goods are standard formulas. Information for selection of the proper formulas may be obtained by writing the College."

### Portable Stove for Skaters.

For coasting or skating parties an excellent stove can be made from an old metal bucket and a discarded kettle, says Popular Science Monthly. The kettle is inverted and riveted to the bucket, bottom to bottom. Holes are punched about the base of the bucket to aid combustion. A charcoal of wood fire built in the bucket will be sufficient to warm chilled hands, but will not be so hot that the stove cannot be carried from place to place by the handle.

### Good Advice, Anyway.

A famous bishop had the trick of pronouncing "o" like "u" thus: "I am fund of hut coffee." Once he was giving advice to a working girls' club and impressed on the members the necessity for arranging full occupation of their spare time. "Above all, girls," he said earnestly, "try by all means available to cultivate a hubby!"

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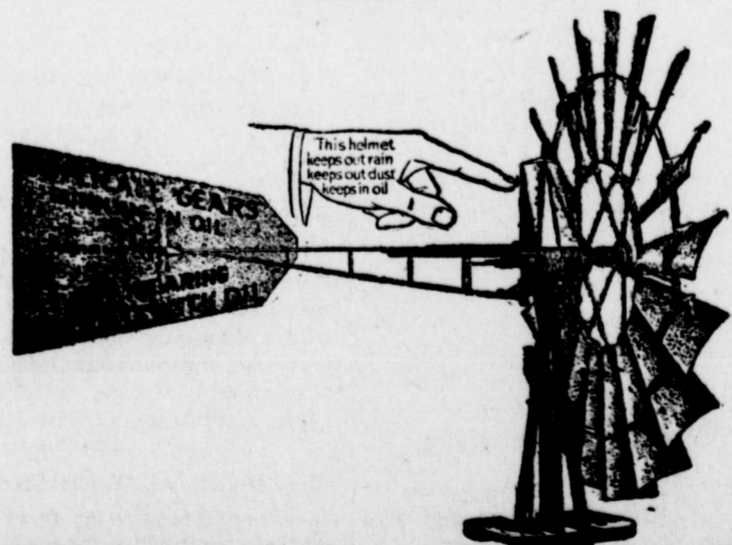
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EGGS—White Leghorn, English Strain, \$1 per setting. See J. W. White. 47tf

FOR SALE—Dark Barred Rocks. Pure bred and fine layers. Pullets \$1.50 eggs \$1.50 for 15. Satisfaction guaranteed. D. G. Harbit. Art. Tex. 47-3tp

FOR SALE—Two Rhode Island white cockrels, (Alphonsons and Caldwell Strain) and a few settings of eggs in season. Mrs. J. W. Willmann, Art Texas 47-tf

FOR RENT—Two rooms for light house-keeping. Apply to W. I. Marschall. 47-tfc

EGGS—Rhode Island Reds \$1.00 per setting. E. J. Schuessler. 48-3t

STRAYED—One Herford bull about 5 years old, branded circle "O" on left hip, marked 2 under bits in left ear. Finder Albert and Alvin, Eckert, Katemey, Texas. 4tp

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

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

Will have for sale a few eggs from my pen of Standard Bred White Leghorn chickens, \$1.50 per setting. T. O. Reardon. 45-tfc

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two milk cows with young calves. Apply to W. A. Zesch. 48-1tfc

FOR RENT—Two rooms. Apply to Mrs. Antone Starks. 49-1f

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

### EFFORTS BEING MADE TO SECURE CAR CALCIUM ARSENATE FOR MASON COUNTY FARMERS

About one-half car of Calcium Arsenate was used in Mason County during the past season in fighting grasshoppers and cotton leaf worm. Quite a saving may be effected now by placing order ahead of time and being prepared to fight these pests upon their first appearance. With these pests in view and the probability of a re-occurrence of these pests, efforts are being made to find out the probable amount of poison that will be used next season. The County Agent is endeavoring to get in touch with the Department of Entomology in an effort to find out what the probable extent of infestation will be.

Calcium Arsenate can be bought in car lots at 15 cents per pound, delivered in Mason.

This is a cheap form of crop insurance against these pests even if not used in case the hopper and leaf worm did not appear. Calcium Arsenate can be used in controlling the boll weevil.

### DEFINITE STEPS TOWARDS ORGANIZING POULTRY GROWERS OF MASON CO. BEING TAKEN

Five members of the organizing committee of the Heart of Texas Poultry Growers Association met in the County Agent's office last week, at which time steps were taken towards perfecting the organization. Two new members were added to the committee which is now composed of the following Mason County citizens: Chas. Kettner, T. O. Reardon, M. L. Webster, Frank Jordan, F. H. Loeffler, George Sorrells, A. T. Murray and W. S. Gates.

These men have read the marketing agreement which is identical with the agreement used by the Cotton Association and covers the poultry instead of the cotton. The pronouncement themselves as in favor of the contract and are willing to go into such an organization.

When men of that calibre have thoroughly investigated a proposition we think that poultry growers can safely sign what they might recommend.

A committee of two men with the County Agent were appointed to meet with the Brady representatives to see about final organization of the association. Equal representation and a receiving station at Mason for the Mason County growers will be two of the main things decided at this meeting. The dues to this organization will likely be \$2.50 per year, same to be taken out of the products sold by the men through this association. This matter will also be decided upon at the joint meeting. The organizing committee will meet again on Saturday, February 16, at 2 p. m. in the County Agent's office to further perfect the organization.

Committeemen will please take notice and try to talk to the producers in their community before that time so that we can get your ideas upon forming this association.

W. I. MARSCHALL.

The farmers of this County who might be interested in placing order for Calcium Arsenate at this time can give their name and the amount of Calcium Arsenate needed, either to the County Agent or Mr. W. M. Martin, at the Commercial Bank.

Consider this matter seriously, as immediate action will have to be taken in order to take advantage of this low price. W. I. MARSCHALL.

### CARD OF THANKS

To the kind friends and neighbors who so willingly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved little babe, and to Miss Cora Durst, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks, also to those sending flowers.

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS JOHNSON.

LAYMORE BABY CHICKS—Strong vigorous and bred to lay from trap-nest single comb white leghorns, 100 per cent live arrival guaranteed. Hatching eggs, early hatched pullets and cockerels. For prices write MAYHEW'S LAYMORE'S POULTRY FARM, Eden, Texas. 49-1fc

### MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT M. E. CHURCH FRI.

It has been announced the churches of Mason will unite in holding Wilson Memorial services at the Southern Methodist Church Friday night, February 15th.

Following is the program to be carried out at the services.

Song—"Star Spangled Banner".  
 Prayer—Rev. J. W. A. Witt.  
 Song—How Firm a Foundation.  
 Woodrow Wilson—The Man of Letters—P. A. Bennett.

Woodrow Wilson—The constructive Statesman—Attorney Roscoe Runge.  
 Song—The Day Is Dying in the West  
 Woodrow Wilson—The Commander in Chief—Attorney Carl Runge.

Woodrow Wilson—The Champion of World Peace—County Judge John T. Banks.

Woodrow Wilson—His Place in History—Attorney Lamar Thaxton.

Song—The Son of God Goes Forth to War.

Woodrow Wilson—The Christian Statesman—Rev. J. J. Ray.

Closing prayer—Rev. M. Heinrich.

Rev. D. G. Harbit will conduct the services.

G. T. Gibbons, Pastor in Charge.

### MAKE BAKING-POWDER BISCUIT WITH MILK

Government Recipe Gives Plan for Substituting Milk.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)

In many recipes for hot breads and cake, sour milk or buttermilk and baking soda may be substituted for sweet milk or water and baking powder, or vice versa. To guard against an excess of soda, which causes a yellow color in the bread and a less agreeable flavor, use a scant one-half level teaspoonful of soda to every cupful of sour milk. The soda may be sifted with the other dry ingredients, as is recommended when using baking powder, insuring thorough mixing.

In using either baking powder or sour milk and soda, all materials should be cool, especially the liquid, and in case of pastry and biscuits it is well also to keep the shortening cold, although it is not always necessary.

The mixing should be done as quickly as possible, especially after the baking powder is moistened, to minimize the loss of leavening gas. Biscuits should be rolled, cut, and placed in the pans as soon as possible after mixing. If necessary, they may stand in the pans before baking with comparative safety if kept cold.

The United States Department of Agriculture gives the recipe below for plain baking-powder biscuit which can be made with either sweet or sour milk.

#### Plain Baking-Powder Biscuit.

3 cupfuls sifted 2 tablespoonfuls flour  
 1/2 teaspoonful salt 1/4 to 1/2 cupful 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder liquid (milk, water or equal parts of each)

Sift together the flour, salt, and baking powder. Cut or chop the shortening into the flour with one knife or two, until well distributed. Finally, if necessary, rub the mixture



Plain Baking-Powder Biscuits.

between the tips of the fingers until it is like a meal. Add just enough cold liquid to make a soft dough that can be handled on the board, mixing with a knife if possible. Mix quickly and handle the dough very lightly. Place it on a floured board, roll to the thickness of one-half inch, and cut into desired shape. Place the biscuits on a baking sheet or in shallow tins and bake in a rather hot oven ten to fifteen minutes or until thoroughly baked.

#### Not So Painful.

"Young man," began the boss, "you told me yesterday afternoon you had an engagement with your dentist."  
 "Yes, sir, I did," replied the other.  
 "Well, I saw you at a football match."  
 "Yes, sir. The tall man sitting next to me was my dentist."

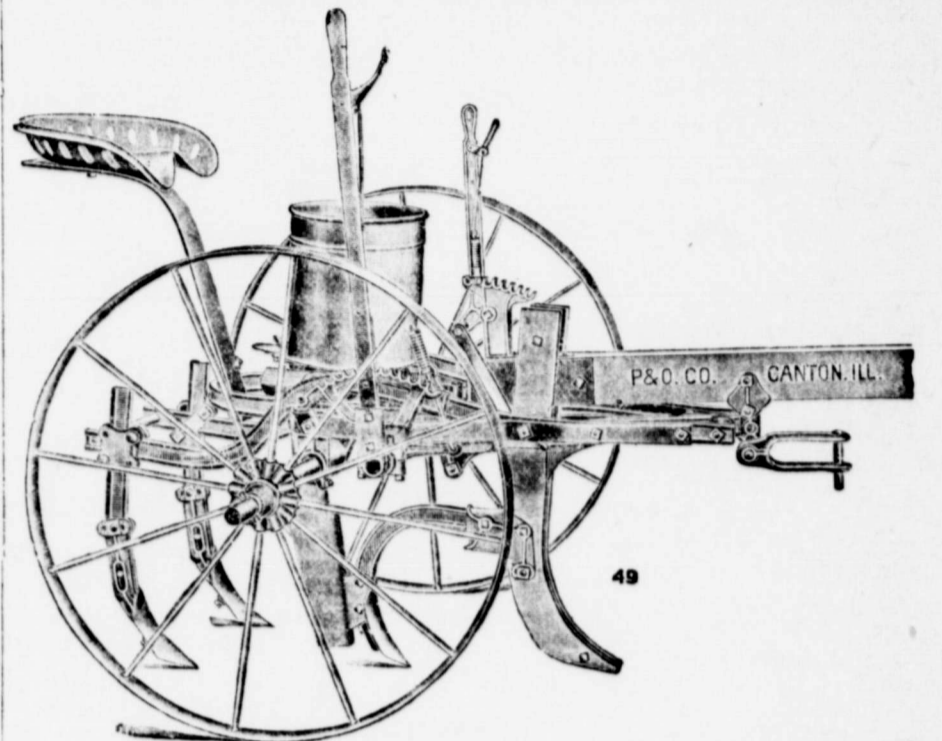
### RAILROAD CREW USED IN PHOTO PLAY

For one scene in "Steelheart," the William Duncan production which will be shown at the Star Theater on Saturday, the star director filmed a scene showing a group of laborers ballasting a roadbed of a railroad. The men used formed a crew of the Canadian Pacific Railroad employees. They were finishing a spur recently made by the road.

The story of "Steelheart" is one of

action and life in the open. It takes place in the Northwest and shows William Duncan as an author, living in the open to get color for his stories. He is a woman-hater, but falls for the charming smile of the heroine, a role assumed by co-star, Edith Johnson. There are many big scenes, including the blowing up of a hill, several real fights and a combat between the hero and a bear.

The story is one that is sure to win popularity owing to its uniqueness.



### McCORMICK-DEERING P. & O. CORN AND COTTON PLANTER

At present cotton prices you cannot afford to take chances with an old planter of doubtful accuracy. A new P. & O. one-seed-drop should easily pay for itself in saving of seed and increased yield.

The McCormick-Deering two horse single row corn and cotton planter is built extra strong and rigid so it will stand up under the most severe conditions. High grade carbon steel is used throughout.

DOUBLE DRIVE—The seeding mechanism is driven from both wheels, giving a positive drive under all conditions, and preventing all side draft. Both wheels engage axle by means of a dog and ratchets which are so enclosed that dirt and sand cannot get into them. Large spur gears are used for driving seed mechanism, and are thrown in and out of gear automatically with main raising lever.

The covering shovels float on springs and a foot lever is used to raise them out of ground and to free them from trash.

Neck yoke, and extra heavy all steel double tree and single trees included. PRICE \$65.

Larimore & Grote

## ATTENTION!

This is to inform the public that I have sold one third interest in my tailoring and gent's furnishing business to Von White, of Brady, and we are prepared to handle anything in the tailoring line. Mr. White has had five years experience in this line.

Ladies clothes given special attention. Bring us your cleaning, pressing, altering, etc.

LOOK OUR STOCK OF FURNISHINGS OVER

CLARK and WHITE