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## KATEMEY IS PLANNING TO HOLD COMMUNITY FAIR

The Katemey people believe in the old saying: "The early bird gets the worm." They have decided to have a fair in their town during the later days of August.

At a meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association and interested farmers and merchants on last Friday, March 15th, the plans were made and committees were appointed to take charge of this event. The following citizens were appointed on these committees: F. R. Jordan, chairman of the board, C. M. Fikes, E. W. Jordan, Alvin Eckert, C. C. Sherwood and Mrs. George T. Kidd and Miss Bernice Jordan.

The Katemey section of this County may rightly boast of some of the best dairy cattle, registered sheep and goats in Mason county. Their farm and truck crops are among the best and most varied in the county or State.

The coops for the poultry and the pens for the livestock will be furnished by the Mason Commercial Club.

A premium list with prizes, contests etc., will be arranged in the near future and will likely appear in the columns of this paper.

This is the forward step that the people of this community are taking and it is the duty of all people of this section of the county to plant something to take to this fair and help make it a success.

If you go to plant your field and garden, set off a few rows for something new and plant to exhibit the same at the Katemey fair this fall.

## DUNNING & REAGAN SHOWS COMING HERE NEXT WEEK

Dunning & Reagans Shows will open a week's engagement at the Star Theater next Monday night, presenting "Bought and Paid For", a society comedy drama in three acts. A play that everyone should see; a beautiful story with plenty of comedy running through out the play.

This show comes highly recommended by the people of nearby towns that they have played. They carry several feature vaudeville acts also a real jazz orchestra.

One lady will be admitted free with each paid adult ticket, on Monday night.

## HILDA AGRICULTURAL CLUB

The Hilda Agricultural Club met at the Hilda school house one day last week. The girls remained at school where Miss Julia Bierschwale, accompanied by Mrs. W. I. Marshall and Mrs. Seth L. Baze, gave them a lesson in sewing, while the boys went with Mr. Marshall to Mr. E. B. Kothmann's to judge shorthorn cattle. After the boys were through with judging, Mr. Marshall gave them a demonstration on judging Barred Rocks.

Five members joined in gardening; five in poultry, and three in crop.

REPORTER.

Rev. G. T. Gibbons spent a few days in San Marcos last week. He was accompanied on his return home by his daughter, Miss Hallie, and Miss Edith Bellows, students in the Normal at that place. After spending the week-end here they returned to San Marcos on Tuesday.

Mr. Max Ficker of the Ranch Branch section, and a good friend to the News, was in town Saturday and advanced his subscription for another year. Mr. Ficker is of the opinion that the recent cold weather entirely destroyed the fruit crop.

Miss Lillie Eckert left Friday for Denton to resume her studies at the North Texas State Normal College. Miss Lillie was called home a few months ago on account of the serious illness of her mother, but owing to the improvement of her mother's condition she was permitted to return to her school work.

W. W. Taylor, of Junction, Deputy Game warden, was in Mason several days last week. Mason County is within the jurisdiction of Mr. Taylor, and he is very active in executing the duties of his office as concerns this county and other counties in his district.

Eat at the Star Garage Saturday.

## Marooned!!



## LEE AND WARREN BANTA KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

The sad news has just reached us of the death of Lee and Warren Banta of Long Beach, California.

The two boys, in company with their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Seth E. Banta, Mrs. Oscar Beauchamp and baby, Lafayette Banta, Mrs. Alice McGill and Miss Rachel Banta were driving out near Pampa on the 4th of this month. A rainstorm came up and in some way the driver lost control of the car and overturned it. The oldest boy, Lee, aged 24 and Warren, aged 14, were killed instantly. Their bodies were mangled and crushed. The other occupants of the car were seriously injured. The mother of the boys is in a sanitarium and the father is at the home of his brother, H. W. Banta. He is suffering from a wrenched hip and a severe nervous shock, and is in a critical condition.

Mrs. Oscar Beauchamp and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Banta and family were for many years residents of Mason County. Mr. Banta was a teacher in the public schools of this County.

## THOMAS H. INCE PRESENTS "HAIL THE WOMAN"

"Hail the Woman," Thomas H. Ince's intensely dramatic masterpiece, which comes to the Star Theatre on Thursday and Saturday, is a powerful production of universal appeal, built on the theme of modern American womanhood. It is from the master pen of C. Gardner Sullivan, and was directed by John Griffith Wray under the personal supervision of Thomas H. Ince.

This memorable play is a classic in motion-picture interpretation of human motives, due alike to the universality of its appeal and to vivid characterizations by Florence Vidor, Madge Belamy, Lloyd Hughes, Theodore Roberts, Tully Marshall and others in a cast of unsurpassed brilliance and genius.

"Hail the Woman" reflects drama from the screen so poignantly real as to enthrall the most critical audience. It is an epic of noble womanhood, sounding the very depths of the drama of life.

The play passes from one tense situation to another, and has a heart appeal such as has seldom been equaled. It ranks as the greatest screen classic of the decade.

Mr. Ernest Jordan, of the Art community, told the News reporter recently that he was the owner of a Spanish nannie goat that dropped eight kids in one year. Mr. Jordan stated that two were dropped last February, three in August and three again in February this year.

## ALVIN BEYER MENARD BOY GUN VICTIM

Alvin Beyer, 18-year old son of Adolph Beyer, well-known blacksmith and prominent citizen of Menard, lost his fight for life in the local sanitarium shortly after noon last Saturday. His death resulted from a gun shot wound sustained in Menard county on Friday March 7th. The young man was brought to Brady and his right leg was amputated Monday of last week in the hopes of saving his life. Blood transfusions were also resorted to, but proved in vain.

Young Beyer was a splendid young man, and was held in highest esteem by everyone. On the day of the accident, he started out from Menard in a truck for his grandfather's place, where he expected to spend a night in a camp with some boy friends, and bring back a load of wood the next day. When several miles out of Menard, in making a short turn, a shot gun he was carrying slipped out of the truck, the hammer striking the running board and discharging the gun. The load of shot took effect in his right leg between the ankle and knee.

He was rushed back to Menard, where medical attention was given, and Saturday he was brought to the Brady Sanitarium. At first it was thought the shattered member could be saved, but gangrene developed, and amputation of the member was resorted to in the hopes of overcoming the blood poison.

The body was carried back to Menard for burial, the funeral being held there Sunday.—Brady Standard.

Dr. Wm. Thaxton, of the State Sanitary Commission, who is making headquarters in San Antonio, was in our city the past week-end, visiting home folks.

Howard Burnett who resides a few miles north of town was in the other day and ordered the News sent to his mother, Mrs. R. L. Burnett, at Seagraves, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Coleman were in our city last week visiting Mrs. Coleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Smith. On their return to their home in San Antonio, they were accompanied by Mrs. Ed and Howard Smith, who will spend several days in the Alamo City.

Don't put it off to phone in that news item you have on your mind.

The P. T. A. will serve dinner at the Star Garage Saturday, March 22. Fifty and twenty-five cent plates will be served. Everybody come out and get a good dinner. Itc

## EFFORTS BEING MADE TO ORGANIZE LOCAL BALL TEAM

A number of ball players and a few fans met at the court house one night recently and started the ball to rolling toward organization of a base ball team for Mason this season.

Three directors have been elected to formulate plans for financing and directing the team. The directors are C. S. Vedder, O. A. Hensch and Dr. W. H. Knolle. It is stated these directors are now soliciting donations to be used in hiring two or more salaried players for the season, and these two players will be catcher and pitcher. Several prospects for these positions are in view, and it is believed by the directors that it will be necessary to use home talent to complete the lineup. However it is to be hoped that enough money can be raised to hire one or two more men. Should this prove possible, Mason will have a team strong enough to compete with any team in this section of the State. Besides a pitcher and catcher a second and third baseman is needed.

Practice has not yet been started, but will be commenced as soon as weather conditions will permit. Dannheim will likely be a candidate for the initial sack, as Keller will not play this season, having retired. Fans who have seen Keller perform for many seasons will regret very much to learn of his withdrawal, as he has been one of the main stays of the team for many years and has enjoyed the admiration of many fans in this section as being very capable to hold down the initial corner, and often wielding a wicked willow.

Willmann, who was showing excellent form at the close of last season will hold down shortstop, and Hugh Shearer and Schnessler will be in the outer garden unless Shearer has to be called to his former position at third base. More than likely there will be a few outer garden men from the High School team who will try for a place in the field.

Everybody should join in on the task of raising funds for financing the team for this season. The more money that is raised, the stronger will the team be. The stronger the team, the more games they will win, and the more games they win, the more advertisement Mason will get, and we will be much prouder of our team at the end of the season.

The team made a good record last season, and with the same amount of money this year as that spent on the team last year, will give us even a better lineup, as the suits were bought last year and the grand stand was built, both of which the team will have to go with this season, and should a proportionate amount be raised, it will be used to hire the extra players needed to make the team strong enough to walk on Fredericksburg every time they tangle bats.

A baseball team and a band are two of the most important organizations a town can have. They are most essential to the advertising of the progressiveness of a town and besides they furnish a greater amount of pleasure than any other attraction that might be supported.

If you haven't donated, just remember when it comes time for you to do your part that it is for the benefit of the town and surrounding country, and not for the benefit of the players, as most of the players will be donating their time and energy for your benefit. If you have donated, and feel that you could raise your donation just a little, don't hesitate to inform the directors to this effect, for it might be that just a little more donation will make it possible to hire one more good ball player, and make the team that much stronger.

Field events will occupy most of the time during the day and will be held on the grounds across the creek.

## ISCHAR-HUGHES

News readers will note with much interest the marriage of Mr. Roman B. Ischar to Miss Irene Hughes at Wichita Falls.

Roman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ischar of this city, but for the past nine months has been employed in Wichita Falls. Mrs. Ischar is a daughter of Mr. Hughes of Prescott, Wisconsin, but who has also been employed in Wichita. Mr. Ischar has many friends in Mason who wish him and his bride a long and happy journey through life.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lee and baby have moved to town from their farm a few miles north of the city. They have taken light house-keeping rooms at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lee.

Just call 57 and give us that bit of news you know of.

## SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

The trustee election for the Mason Independent School District will be held Saturday, April 5th, at which time three trustees are to be elected. The terms of Messrs. C. S. Vedder, E. J. Lemberg and L. F. Eckert have expired. We are not informed as to whether or not these gentlemen will again have their names on the ballot, or whether three new names will appear.

Robt. Fisher and family spent several days last week visiting relatives and friends at Seguin.



**CANNING DEMONSTRATION AT KATEMEY MARCH 13.**

The girls of the Katemey Agricultural Club met at Mrs. F. R. Jordan's house, on March 13th, for the purpose of canning beef.

This was arranged by the Home Economic Class and Mr. W. I. Marshall, County Farm Agent. The demonstration was conducted by Miss Jessie Stone of the A. & M. College.

The demonstration was attended by the intermediate and high school girls, and a few ladies of this community. The beef was furnished by Mr. F. B. Kiser.

We did not learn how many cans of each, chili roast and steak, were put up but in all there were about seventy cans.

The Home Economic Class of Katemey School have just finished a series of sewing lessons on aprons and are now making pillow cases.

The boys of the Agricultural Club are now testing seeds.

ESTHER TEAGUE, Reporter.

**MARCH 1st TEXAS CROP REPORT**

The holdings of cereals remaining on Texas farms on March 1st, with the exception of corn, were in excess of the 1923 supplies, it is reported by H. H. Schuty, statistician, U. S. Division of Crop Estimates. Both in percentage of the crop and in actual bushels, the supplies of wheat, barley and oats remaining on farms in Texas were above last year's, but in the United States as a whole wheat alone of the five principal cereals fell below the farm reserves of 1923.

Again, as last year, only four-fifths of the corn crop of the State was of merchantable quality. The percentage of last season's crop remaining on farms was 29 per cent, or slightly below that of 1923 and the 10-year average, but in quantity it is 27,968,000 bushels—the smallest since the low reserves of the spring of 1919. Ordinarily 6 per cent of the Texas corn is shipped out of the counties where grown, but it averaged only 5 per cent, or 4,822,000 bushels, this season as compared with 7 per cent or 8,021,000 during the one preceding. It was necessary to import an unusually large amount of corn this year.

It is estimated that 7 per cent of last year's wheat crop remained on Texas farms on March 1; this represents 1,146,000 bushels, or 546,000 bushels more than a year ago, but considerably below the 10-year average. Shipments out of the counties where grown constituted 60 per cent of the crop; this percentage is 2 points above that of 1923 and the same as in 1922. In 1922 the shipments were estimated at 12,486,000 bushels; 5,795,000 in 1923; and 9,822,000 during the current season.

A larger percentage of oats 24 per cent remained on farms on March 1 than in any year since 1920 when 29 per cent remained. The average yield in 1919 was 42 bushels; that of last year, 32 bushels. The holdings on farms in 1923 were estimated at 5,489,000 bushels; this year 11,290,000. Shipments out of producing counties during the present season are estimated at 29 per cent, or 13,642,000 bushels, almost double the 7,302,000 bushels shipped last season. The percentage shipped in 1919 was 37 per cent; in 1920, 39 per cent; in 1922, 28 per cent; and in 1923, 32 per cent.

Hay supplies on farms on March 1 are estimated at 28 per cent, or 328,000 tons as compared with 24 per cent and 311,600 tons of the preceding season. Shipments out of producing counties amount to 12 per cent of the 1923 crop; in the year before, 11 per cent.

The 33 sweet potato storage houses reporting had 8,075 bushels of marketable stock in storage on February 15 which was 26 per cent of the amount a year ago. The U. S. No. 1 grade reported was 6,541 bushels. The storage capacity of the houses reporting is 120,400.

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I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices, J. J. Johnson. 31-1f.

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

**LIVESTOCK REPORT**

In no year since the winter of 1919 has there been as much rainfall or such a good season in the ground as at present. The report of H. H. Schutz, statistician, U. S. Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, shows that the condition of the range and that of cattle, sheep and goats is unusually high. While there have been some low temperatures and heavy snowfall during the winter which caused stock to draw considerably and retard the growth of weeds and grass, yet most of live stock has come thru in good condition with only nominal losses. From September to March, 1919-20, the rainfall was 7.3 inches above normal and in the same period ending on March 1 of this year the excess was 8.6 inches.

The reports to this office of approximately 800 railway shipping stations indicate that at least 626,000 cattle moved from Texas points during the spring of 1923 which were divided as follows: steer, 325,000; cows and bulls 181,000; heifers, 16,000; and calves 104,000. The spring movement this year indicated from the estimates of our cattle reporters, points to shipments aggregating 425,000 head, of which 214,000 were entered as steers, 132,000 as cows and 78,000 as heifers and calves. It is estimated that the spring movement of cattle from South Texas last year amounted to 157,000 head of which 97,000 moved to outside markets and 60,000 to Texas stockyards. Well informed stockmen estimate the 1924 movement at 120,000 head.

All districts except the Plains and East Texas showed an improvement in range condition on March 1, the condition advancing to 91 per cent of normal from 89 per cent reported a month ago and 84 per cent on March 1, 1923. Heavy rains and snow on the 24th and 27th have supplied the soil with an ample amount of moisture for early spring growth of weeds and grass.

There has been an improvement in the condition of cattle in all but East and West Texas and the Plains, but the reduction in these districts was temporary following the low temperatures and heavy snowfall in the case of the last named two sections and owing to shortage of feed in East Texas. The State average remains at 90 per cent as a month ago; on March 1, 1923, it was 84 per cent. Cattle have wintered better than in years and few losses from exposure, poverty or disease are reported. Calves are beginning to come and it is expected in many sections that a normal percentage will be dropped. The range prices reported indicate an advance for the month in the case of calves and 2 and 3-year-old steers, but a reduction in price of yearling steers and heifers.

It is estimated by the cattle reporters that the number of steers is but 77 percent of the number on hand at this time last year and 62 per cent of the usual. On January 1, 1924, the yearling steers on some 200 ranches scattered over the State constituted 8 per cent of the total number of cattle on these ranches and the older steers 13 per cent. On January 1, 1920, the Census gave 9 per cent yearlings and 15 per cent older steers. As compared with March 1, 1923 the percentage of steers is reported as follows: Plains 64 per cent; West Center 60 per cent; Center 72 per cent; East 58 per cent; West 72 per cent, South 76 per cent; Coast 60 per cent.

Sheep are reported as 98 per cent of normal condition as compared with 96 per cent last month and 91 per cent a year ago. While the rain and snow of late February caused them to shrink to some extent, only a few days of seasonable weather were needed for them to mend. Breeding ewes are in fine condition after a relatively mild winter on fairly good range. The condition of the range is also reported at 98 per cent, an improvement of 2 points over a month ago and 5 points better than a year ago. The February snow and rain were of great benefit and insure an abundance of early feed. The condition of goats has also improved 2 points during the month and is reported at 97 per cent.

The sheep and goat men are looking forward to a very favorable season. Stock have come thru winter in good condition, the range is good, prices are not too low and the lamb and kid crop promises to be better than usual. Goats are now being shorn and kidding will soon be general. The mohair is good and heavy. It is estimated that three-fourths of the early lambs were saved; lambing will start in volume about March 20.

The supply of early spring lambs in April, May and June in the principal early lambing areas of the United States shows a considerable decrease,

**LONDON ORGANIZES COMMERCIAL BODY**

That the business men and citizens generally of London are waking up to the needs of organized effort to place their little town on the map and to further their best interests, is evidenced by the fact that on Tuesday of this week, they organized a Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Cargill of the Brady Chamber of Commerce, while on his way to Junction, stopped there for a short while and after talking with several of the representative business men, and finding that they desired such an organization, kindly agreed to assist them in the initial steps of the organization.

At this first meeting, G. Lewis was elected president; and Ernest Amaon secretary. The directors, elected were: Claude weaver, French Cummins, W. L. Amaon, J. J. Ake and J. W. Deering.

Fire protection, highway improvement, tourist park, lumber yard, fishing grounds and a bank are among the things that they will undertake.—Junction Eagle.

but the supply in July and August promises to be larger than that of last year. It is estimated that the consumption of wool in all mills during 1923 totaled 688,600,000 pounds; in 1922 700,209,000 pounds and 572,699,000 lbs. in 1921. The stocks of wool held by dealers and manufacturers were reported at 354,641,000 pounds on December 31 1923, as against 440,203,000 pounds on December 31, 1922. The imports during the seven months ending January 31, 1924, were 93,557,392 pounds as compared with 94,559,567 pounds ending 31, 1922.

**TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED**

Some parties have been doing some damage to my property, such as breaking locks, hunting, etc. I have found a hat supposedly belonging to one of the guilty parties. The hat is at the sheriff's office in Mason, and owner can secure same by calling for it. It is not my intention to make complaint, but would appreciate an apology for the way I have been treated.

L. C. FLEMING

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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.

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A few days ago there came in one mail to the Bronte postoffice 23 pouches of mail order house catalogues. The postmaster and the Enterprise man made a little estimate and it was concluded that at least \$500 is spent each year in sending their advertising matter, in the form of catalogues, into the homes of the patrons of the Bronte post office. Yet some business men don't believe in the value of printer's ink in the matter of advertising.—Bronte Enterprise.

We don't know whether that many have ever come to Mason at one time or not, but we do know that a great many are being distributed all along.

We see people buying money orders to be sent to the big mail order houses who are making their living off the local retail merchants. They send their cash to mail order houses, then expect the home merchant to sell them on credit, to pay taxes for schools and for county government, and give them employment.

It is a recognized fact in the financial world that expense of operating a mail order business is higher than operating any other kind of business. The mail order houses send out hundreds and thousands of catalogues and circulars; they employ hundreds of clerks, and have other expenses that any business must have, yet a great many otherwise, clear-thinking people, seem to think that the mail order house can sell cheaper because they have less expense. The facts are to the contrary. They can make a \$2.98 pair of shoes look like a \$5 pair and by a well worded description, can secure orders and make sales of articles that are of such low quality that if the buyer were to purchase the same article from a local merchant, he would never trade with that merchant again.

Before you send money to the larger cities, stop and see if you cannot get the same quality and price at home. See if you can ever hope to get any accommodations from these houses, or if the profits on the goods you buy will ever help you or any of your neighbors who are working for retail stores, or if it will ever help develop your own community.

Try the home merchant first.

## GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Every citizen should give to his community all he can of the best that is in him. If he does anything less, he is not a good citizen.

No man has the right to take a living out of his city and not put back into it something at least as valuable as that which he takes away. No man can do it and be a success. It is a universal law that we get out of anything only what we put into it. The man who makes his living off a community, who lives under the protection of its laws who enjoys the privileges of its schools and churches and libraries and associations with the people who build them, is cheating both the community and himself if he does not do his part toward the community life.

By work alone do we develop. The man who takes and gives not, who tries to reap where he has not sown, who does not bear his part on moulding the life of his community, nor robs his fellow men of the service they have a right to expect of him, but he robs himself, stunts his own growth, both materially and spiritually.

Such a man is a parasite. He is like the mistletoe, which scorns to take root in the soil like other plants, and draws its sustenance therefrom, but fastens itself upon a living tree and lives by robbing the tree of its sap. He cheats his community by taking rich treasure

and giving nothing in return. He cheats himself by failure to develop his spirit of service, of work for others, of enthusiasm and activity for the common good.

"Giving" does not mean the mere paying of money. Many a civic shirk, many a deadhead, many a drone, pays his taxes and gives money to charity. "Giving" means more. It means putting at the service of the community your best thought, your time, your energy—your very self.

It does not mean partisan politics, but it does mean taking a man's part in shaping the policies and enforcing the laws of his city. It does not mean bitter sectionalism among the churches but it does mean taking active part in whatever church has one's allegiance and liberalism toward all others.

It brings to every man the joy of being useful part of the life of the community, and the feeling of brotherhood with others. We know a man best by working with him. Nothing unites men so quickly and so firmly in the bonds of friendship as some big, absorbing, useful task in which they have labored hard together. And out of this comes a double blessing, for the community and for each individual who has helped build it up.—Stephenville Tribune.

## TEACHING KINDNESS TO CHILDREN

The enactment of a state law in Oregon requiring that kindness to animals be taught in all public schools from 15 minutes to half an hour each week is attracting nation-wide attention.

F. Rivers, Field Worker of the American Education Society, enclosed a statement from S. M. N. Marrs, State Superintendent of Education, Austin, Texas, to the school children of Texas as follows:

"I take pleasure in directing your attention to the fact that education in its broadest sense includes the training of the individuals in order that good character may be the main result. We cannot have good character unless we observe the 'Golden Rule' and the observance of the 'Golden Rule' should be made broad enough in its application to include animals as well as people.

"To this end I wish to endorse teaching of humane treatment of animals as a means of instilling into minds of children proper regard for feeling of others. If we can have the conception that the word 'OTHERS' includes all animal life we will have taken a long step toward world peace, for the individual who has this feeling and will apply the 'Golden Rule' will not be found advocating harsh treatment of individuals. It is the function of schools to make this contribution to education, and the organization of local societies which have for their purpose the protection of animals and children will contribute very largely to the uplift of social conditions."

## DOG TRAVELS 3000 MILES

Friction is outdone by fact in the devotion of a collie dog that was lost somewhere in Iowa, followed his master's auto to Wolcott, Indiana, and not finding the owner, returned from Indiana to his home at Silverton, Oregon. The faithful collie literally traversed three states searching for his owner, and arriving at Indiana too late to overtake him, took the long hike back across seven states to the Pacific Coast. He arrived in Silverton, Oregon, February 15, having traveled nearly 3,000 miles, flanks worn thin, toe-nails worn to the quick and feet bruised from his long race to reach home.

The owner, G. F. Brazier, a restaurant man, motored to Iowa to visit relatives, carrying the collie puppy along in his motor car.

The dog was lost in Iowa and the owner advertised extensively but could not recover him. When he entered the restaurant in his home town he gave a joyous yelp and made a leap for his astonished owner.

How he negotiated nearly three thousand miles over highways and bridges across rivers, streets and viaducts in cities is a mystery. The collie will be presented with a silver medal by the Oregon Humane Society.

## SHEEP AND GOAT RAISERS TO MEET IN SAN ANGELO

The Sheep and Goat Raisers Association will hold their 1924 convention in San Angelo, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 24, 25, and 26. The annual show and sale will be held in the same city in October, 6th, to 11th, during the San Angelo Fair.

## MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874



One of the factors retarding road development is lack of appreciation of the modern science of highway building and using.

We know too many things about roads which are not so!

Many of our highway ideas are twenty years behind the times. We haven't caught up with the engineer.

For instance, "all roads wear out. The enormous money invested in them is thus a capital loss."

Roads do not wear out. The surface of a good road wears, of course. So does the roof of a house. But replacing the house roof doesn't mean that the rest of the house isn't good. The surface of a road is its roof. If it wears out it must be replaced. But that doesn't mean that the right of way, the grade, foundation, and all the material is any less valuable than at first.

"Trucks destroy roads. Therefore trucks should pay for roads!" That, too, is a fallacy. A truck no more destroys a road, when truck and road fit, than a baby carriage destroys a garden path. It is lack of maintenance which destroys roads, it is allowing too light a road to be built for the traffic it will bear, which destroys roads; it is failure to enact wide tire and maximum load laws which destroys roads.

"There isn't money enough to pay for national highways. We will all be bankrupts!" More fallacy. There are fourteen million motor cars in the United States. If they are worth on an average of \$500 each (which is an underestimate) they represent an investment of \$7,000,000,000. Did we get bankrupt buying them? We did not. Why should we get bankrupt buying seven billion dollars worth of roads... and the interest on seven billions will build today more national highways than we have as yet engineers and machinery to build.

Transportation has been, for Americans, nothing but rail and water for all our history. Now we are compelled to translate the word into "highways" and "motors." Motors we understand... highways, as yet, we only partially comprehend, and "motor transport," as a whole, is yet, a sealed book to most of us.

The first step in opening it is to get rid of fallacious thinking... to realize that what used to be, is no more true today, than what is proper road width and cost today, will fit conditions fifty or a hundred years hence.

## MOTORISTS TO HELP MAKE ROADS SAFE

These are the pledges taken by twelve thousand motorists.

Major A. A. Stewart, of New York City, recently formed what is known as the Argus Association, composed of motorists all over the country who are willing to take the pledges of the association as to safe driving. These pledges are:

1. To be ready for any emergency by keeping my eyes on the road and my thoughts on what I am doing.
  2. To particularly watch out for curves, crossings, and bridges.
  3. To always keep my car under perfect control.
  4. To keep the brakes and steering gear in good working order.
  5. Never to stop or slow down with out signaling to the driver of the car behind.
  6. Never to take a turn without care and warning to drivers of other cars.
  7. Never to stop in a narrow place on the road it by doing so I inconvenience the drivers of other cars.
  8. Never to start out from the curb without making sure the road is clear.
  9. To consider the safety and comfort of the other car's occupants as well as my own.
  10. Never to try to save a minute or two of time if by doing so I am risking the life of a human being.
  11. To obey all the rules of the road as laid down by law or common sense.
  12. If I do not drive my own car, to require my chauffeur or members of my family to live up to these principles.
  13. To be always careful, vigilant, courteous, and thoughtful—a gentleman of the highway.
- More than 12,000 motorists are stat-

ed to have taken this pledge.—National Highway Association.

MASON'S GREATEST NEED—A MODERN HOTEL.

Now that they have invented a way to make people tell the truth by injecting a serum into them, the anti-vaccination movement ought to get several million recruits.—Bridgeport Telegram.

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Kinney Eckert, Ass't C'r.

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# Society

WINKLE-BOETTGER

Thursday evening at Austin Avenue Methodist church the wedding of Miss Flora Elizabeth Boettger and Mr. Fred Winkle took place with Dr. Cullom H. Booth the pastor performing the ring ceremony. With Mrs. J. R. Harris at the organ accompanying Mrs. Frank Jackson sang "When You Are Mine, Sweetheart." Palms, ferns and floor baskets of carnations formed a decoration about the altar.

Ora Belle Parker as herald announced the approach of the wedding party. She wore a white satin suit. Miss Nora Boettger, sister of the bride as bridesmaid entered, gowned in orchid georgette over pink satin with silver lace trimmings and wearing a lace hat combined with orchid and blue with colonial bouquet.

Mrs. C. F. Hoerster aunt of the groom and matron of honor, next entered, gowned in black lace with hat and slippers and carrying a colonial bouquet. Miss Connie Boettger another sister of the bride was maid of honor and wore an apricot crepe de chine with silver lace trimming and beaded head dress. Her bouquet was also colonial. Little Marion Lane Jr., in a white satin suit was the ring bearer and brought the ring in on a silver plate. Margaret Foster and Norma Hoffmeyer as flower girls in frocks of orchid and old rose scattered rose petals in the path of the bride.

The bride entered with her father. Her wedding dress was of white crepe and lace combination, tulle veil caught with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of sweetheart buds and valley lilies.

Charles E. Miller attended the groom as best man. The groomsmen were Messrs. Walter Honke and C. F. Hoerster and the ushers Messrs. J. A. Moore, D. R. Cooper, A. H. B. Corneliusen and Walter Crippen.

The groom's gift to the bride was a string of pearls. A reception was held immediately

after the wedding at the home of the bride which was decorated in pink and white. The bride led the way to the dining room for the cutting of the wedding cake. Misses Jessie Ryals, and Alice Miller presided at the punch bowl serving punch and angel food cake. The honeymoon will be spent in Dallas and upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Winkle will be at home at 911 North Eleventh street.—Waco Paper.

### Birthday Dinner

A most enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Splittgerber when a number of invited guests arrived to spend the day with them, it being Mr. Splittgerber's birthday anniversary.

Several games of 42 were played, and music on the player piano was very much enjoyed. All expressed themselves as having a most delightful time. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Max Kothmann and son, of Castell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Behrens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Splittgerber, Herbert Splittgerber, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henrich and family, Mrs. E. Willingham and son, Carlisle.

A GUEST.

### MASON B. Y. P. U. WILL ENTERTAIN GRIT WITH PROGRAM

Sunday afternoon March 23rd at 3 p. m. the following program will be rendered at Grit.

- Song, No. 258—Choir.
- Prayer—Mr. Fred Key.
- Son, No. 241—Choir.
- Address of Welcome—Billy Dick Grosse.
- Scripture Reading—Mrs. Eugene Banta.
- Drill on Daily Bible Reading—Miss Lois Reeves.
- Song—Ruby Jordan, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Ella Doel, Opal Garrett, Mrs. Lanta.
- Introduction—Stanley Sanders.
- Personal Responsibility—Coralen Insley.
- Place—Dina Biering.
- Song—Stanley Sanders, L. D. Fostel, Jack Garrett.
- Prayer, "A Power in Christian Growth"—Ella Mae Metzger.
- My Church as a Channel of Blessing—Lucile Lange.

### BUSINESS HOUSES WILL CLOSE AT SIX; BEGINNING APRIL 1ST

We, the undersigned merchants and business houses of the town of Mason agree to close our respective business houses at 6 p. m. on each business day, except Saturday, beginning April 1st, 1924, and ending August 31, 1924:

- E. LEMBURG & BROS.
- E. HENRICH & BRO.
- R. GROSSE.
- LOUIS SCHMIDT.
- J. S. KING.
- R. E. DOELL.
- OTTO SCHMIDT.
- CLARK & WHITE.
- LOUIS PROBST.
- BROWN & KING.
- OSCAR SEAQUIST.
- LARIMORE & GROTE.
- HOFFMANN DRY GOODS COMPANY.
- HERBERT HOFMANN.
- HARRY PLENNKE.
- POLK & HENRICH.
- H. P. GARTRELL.
- H. J. HOFMANN.
- CHAS. DOELL.
- MASON CO. NEWS.

### LADIES ARE INVITED

to visit our Hat Shoppe. We receive new hats each week. We also have a seamstress in our Shoppe. Children's sewing a specialty. It

### H. PUCKEY FOR WEIGHER

In the announcement column of the News will be found the name of H. Puckey as candidate for re-election to the office of public weigher of precinct No. 1. Mr. Puckey has held this office for the past several years and states that should the voters of this precinct feel satisfied with the manner in which he has filled the office he will greatly appreciate their support.

- Skill Essential to Success—Ruth Hey.
- Special Song—Mrs. Eugene Banta.
- The Life We Live—Alma Passmore.
- Reading, "Give of Your Best to the Master"—W. Mae Bickelbach.
- Learn to be by Doing—Lucile Baker.
- Special Song—
- The Bible in Pulpit and Pew—L. D. Fostel.
- The Bible in Daily Life—Alva Beach.
- Song, No. 222—Choir.
- Prayer.

### JELLIED PEEL MAKES NICE GIFTS



Preparing Jellied Grapefruit, Orange and Lemon Peel.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

A winter confection which is easily made and not expensive is jellied grapefruit, orange or lemon peel. Gift boxes of jellied peel make acceptable remembrances. The peel has a place as a final touch of festivity to the dinner and can be served appropriately at any meal.

The following recipe was originated by the United States Department of Agriculture:

#### Jellied Grapefruit, Orange or Lemon Peel.

- 5 ounces of peel
- 1 cupful granulated sugar for sirup (7 ounces)
- 2-3 cupful water for sirup, or enough to cover
- 1/4 teaspoonful salt
- 1/4 cupful granulated sugar for rolling strips (about 3 ounces).

Thick, soft, unblemished peel from smooth fruit should be selected. Light-colored grapefruit skins are best for this purpose, since russet skins impart a dingy shade. Orange skins may be bright or pale in color, but should not be russet or spotted.

#### Cut Peel into Strips.

Cut the peel into strips one-fourth to one-half-inch wide, or into inch squares, which are not easily handled. Parboil three times, using one quart of cold water and boiling in a lightly covered pan for one-half hour each time, and discarding the water after each cooking. The strips should then be tender and must be handled gently to prevent breaking.

Place the water, salt and sugar for the sirup in a saucepan about six inches in diameter at the top, and stir until the sugar is dissolved; then add the strips of peel, arranging carefully so that they lie parallel to each other, to prevent their being broken when turned. Place the pan over the flame. Cook the contents rapidly for about twenty minutes, then reduce the heat and continue to boil very gently for about twenty minutes longer, or until

the sirup is all absorbed by the peel. Great care must be taken at this point that the sirup does not scorch, and the strips of peel must be lifted or turned frequently so that all are equally penetrated by the sirup. Use a fork in turning the strips and in removing them from the pan.

#### Store in Cool Place.

Place the peel on waxed paper, and when cool roll the strips in granulated sugar, turning them carefully with a knife. Let them dry out for a few hours or over night, then wrap in waxed paper and keep in tightly covered tin or glass containers until used. If left in paper boxes they tend to become hard and crusty in winter or sticky in summer. However, they should keep in good condition for two or three weeks if properly stored in a moderately cool place.

The peel should be jellied throughout, translucent, thick, tender and juicy, not shrunken nor gummy; the skin should be soft and the outer coating of sugar in distinct crystals, not in a crust.

When larger quantities are jellied at one time the process is slightly changed. If twice this quantity is used, choose a saucepan about eight inches in diameter, double the quantity of all the ingredients and cook the strips an hour (or longer if necessary) in order that all the sirup may be absorbed.

#### Size of Saucepan.

If four times the original quantity is used, it will be wise to choose a saucepan about ten inches in diameter at the top. Take four times as much peel and sugar, but in parboiling the peel use only enough water to cover it well. In making the sirup, use four cupfuls of sugar but only about one and one-half to two cupfuls of water; it will then be necessary to cook the strips in the sirup for an hour or more. Thus the boiling down process becomes less tedious than if more water were used.

## You Need Not Fail

This is the story of Rose W. Smith and her husband, George, who arrived at that point in life when something radical had to be done to provide a living for three children and their dependent aged mothers. They owned a small farm near Lexington, Mass., but taxes were high and the farm so undeveloped that it was a burden rather than an asset. George was employed as a clerk in a Boston broker's office at small pay, and his wife, Rose, was in failing health.

Sitting on the back porch one afternoon, Mrs. Smith noticed scores of golden butterflies flitting over a garden patch. An idea came to her that butterfly wings when arranged artistically under glass in the form of watch pendants, trays, glass covers to toilet articles and the like would be novel and beautiful, and straightway she set forth to capture butterflies. Before sundown she had fifty of them, of all colors and hues. The bodies she cast away, substituting ones of an abandoned room had been turned into a studio.

A trip to manufacturers in Boston, Taunton and Brattleboro convinced her that jobbers would "take on" butterfly novelties as a side line. She learned, too, that a great variety of exquisite butterflies could be purchased from New York collectors at small cost which saved her the daily hunt in the fields. All that was ten years ago. The abandoned room has given way to a \$7,000 modern studio. They own and operate two huge stores; one in Lexington and another in Arlington. They employ two score clerks. They own their farm and numerous cottages, maintain two expensive automobiles and employ trained nurses to attend their aged parents.

**HOME SWEET HOME**

Oscar, She Was Far Ahead of You

by Terry Gilkison

AUTOCASTER

MRS. WARBLE: "WELL, MY GORNESS, WERE YOU ALL THE BROUGHT. ARE YOU REVEW AGAIN?"

OSCAR: "I'M GORE BECAUSE YOU TOLD MRS. WARBLE THAT YOU HAD TO SNOOP MONEY OUT OF MY POCKETS."

BUT I DIDN'T - I TOLD HER I NEVER HAD TO ASK YOU FOR MONEY

YEH? WELL, WAS THAT ALL?

YES - I SAID - BECAUSE YOU WERE SUCH A SOUND SLEEPER!

**FUTILE TASKS**

COUNTING THE ACHES IN A HEADACHE

### ACCURATE AUTO-BRAKING DEVICE

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ber Yard. 32

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If you know of some news items  
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phone it in. If you don't know the de-  
tails, give us an idea and we will do  
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**THE HOME GUARDS**

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LIVERGARD is the New Laxative  
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erels. For prices write **MAYHEW'S**  
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The News is authorized to make the  
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**For County Judge:**

J. H. JONES  
JOHN T. BANKS (Re-election)  
BEN HEY

**For Tax Assessor:**

M. L. WEBSTER  
T. O. REARDON  
W. O. BODE (Re-election)  
ALFRED KUHLMANN  
BEN E. HASSE  
ALLISON J. BEHRENS

**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)

**For Commissioner, Pre. No. 2:**

T. M. BUTLER (Re-election)

**For Commissioner, Prec't. No. 4:**

D. A. JORDAN

**For Public Weigher, Prec't. No. 1:**

CHAS. BECK  
H. PUCKEY, (Re-election)

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH**

Preaching Service at Mason first and  
third Sundays at 11 a. m., and every  
Sunday night at 7:45.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.—Chas.  
Grote, Supt. Mrs. Eli Jordan, Supt. of  
Cradle Roll.

Senior League at 4 p. m.—Prof.  
Doble, president.

Intermediate League at 3 p. m.—  
Miss Bessie Grote, manager.

Mrs. Rob't Hofmann, president of  
the Woman's Missionary Society.

Preaching service at Bethel every  
fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p m

Sunday School Supt., Arthur Prater.

Preaching service at Loyal Valley  
every second Sunday at 11 a. m. and  
2:30 p. m. Ben Kidd Sunday School  
Supt.

Preaching service at Grit Friday  
night before the first Sunday in each  
month and every third Sunday at 3  
p. m. Starks, Sunday School, Supt.

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**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 courte-  
ously answered at the afternoon ser-  
vices.

Everybody welcome.

**JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.**

**GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday School every Sunday at 10  
a. m.—E. A. Loeffler, 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.**

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Services every 2nd and 4th Sundays,  
both morning and evening.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10  
a. m.

**Z. E. PARKER, P. C.**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Services next Sunday, both morning  
and evening, by Rev. Wood. Everybody  
invited to attend.

**M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH**

Rev. H. M. Rathiff, Sunday School  
secretary of the West Texas Confer-  
ence, will preach in Mason at both the  
morning and evening hours. In the af-  
ternoon at 2:30, he will organize a  
Sunday School Training class. Every-  
body cordially invited.

Rev. D. G. Hardt will preach at  
Streeter Sunday night, and Rev. L. F.  
Jordan will preach at Long Mountain  
Sunday night.

**DESCRIPTIONS PAID**

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

Walter Crosby	1.50
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**BOY SCOUTS OF MASON ORGANIZE**

The Boy Scouts of Mason met March  
7th, to organize their troop. Those  
present were Gordon Ray, Clarence  
Ray, Leroy Lange, Seth Hofmann, Dan  
Pluenneke, Ernest Lemburg, Byron  
Brown, Bert Zesch, Smith Lewis and  
Lindsay Brown.

The meeting was called to order.  
The Scouts decided to name the pa-  
trol the "Beaver Patrol".

The following officers were elected:  
Gordon Ray, patrol leader; Leroy  
Lange, assistant patrol leader; Clar-  
ence Ray, treasurer, and Dan Pluen-  
neke, scribe.

The scouts decided that dues would  
be 25 cents a month. A dollar and a  
half in dues were collected. Scouts se-  
lected a committee to order play books.  
A buglar was also elected.

**B. S. A.**

Eat at the Star Garage Saturday.

**A GREAT LESSON OF OUR TIME**

"The farmer is an individualist. Physi-  
cal environments and traditions tend  
to keep him so. In the matter of pro-  
duction, he will likely remain an in-  
dividualist, to a marked degree at least.  
But in the matter of marketing his pro-  
ducts he must necessarily, and I be-  
lieve will, speedily accept the great  
lesson of the time—co-operation.

"As a producer he will not likely  
succeed to any great extent in a co-  
operative movement—and it is essen-  
tial to his prosperity and success that  
he do so. But when it comes to dispos-  
ing of his crops he must accept in the  
fullest and most practical way the prin-  
ciple of co-operative marketing. If he  
does not do so, he will continue to be  
the overworked and underpaid victim  
in the economic life of our country.

"The farmer is in the midst of a  
thoroughly organized and highly trained  
business world. Labor is organized  
and is advancing with its policies of  
organization and avails itself of the  
benefits of it every day. It is by rea-  
son of organization that labor holds its  
commanding position in the industrial  
world. Every line of business is orga-  
nized. The farmer must also organize.

"The farmer has been the ayowed  
and persistent enemy of special legis-  
lation, its most determined intelligent  
foe. It has been in the great agricul-  
tural regions that sound principles re-  
lative to free institutions have found  
their surdy advocates, I believe the  
farmer will organize along business  
lines, call to his aid able and expert  
men."—United States Senator William  
E. Borah.

Eat at the Star Garage Saturday.



**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**

From Mason News, March 19, 1909:  
Harry Bierschwale is again able to  
get out, after a two weeks siege of grip  
and mumps.

Erv Hamilton and wife left Thurs-  
day for a trip to Corpus Christi.

C. F. Hoerster left a few days ago  
for Austin to begin work as a travelling  
man.

Louis Wilhelm died Monday after-  
noon at the home of his mother about  
nine miles northeast of Mason. He  
shot himself with a shot gun.

R. D. Kiser and the Capps Bros. sold  
746 two-year-old steers to Irv Ellis  
of Menard County.

Born—A boy to Mr. and Mrs. Henry  
Schuhz, on the 12th.

Marriage License—Mr. J. E. Harlow  
and Miss Emma Barclay.

Chas. and Max Martin, J. W. White  
and A. W. Koock have been attending  
the stockman's convention at Fort  
Worth this week.

Henry Meckel, a prominent citizen of  
Fredericksburg, died Tuesday of can-  
cer. He has two sisters living here,  
Mrs. Otto Donop and Mrs. Louis Ket-  
ner.

E. W. Schroeder and family went to  
Junction Monday for a visit.

Eugene Ischar is able to be out, after  
a siege of pneumonia.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**

From Mason News, March 24, 1899:  
Willie, the 17 year old son of Mr.  
and Mrs. R. H. Garner, died Sunday  
afternoon at 2 o'clock, of meningitis.

The little child of Andy Brown, 14  
miles northeast of town, died Sunday.

Will Young and family, Swain Ayers,  
Mauks King and Felix Garner left Wed-  
nesday for Oklahoma.

L. C. Peterson, a prominent stockman  
of Kerrville, is here with his wife, vis-  
iting the family of Chas. Faubion.

Will Bridges left last week for his  
home in Chickasha, I. T., after attend-  
ing school here several months.

Last Friday night the Epworth Leag-  
ue of Mason had a social at the home  
of J. W. Leslie and wife. Those pres-  
ent were Misses Ruby Grandstaff, May  
and Ruth Hamilton, Lilly McReynolds,  
Hallie Lewis, Anna McCollum, Ivy  
Murray, Clara Sands, Bertha Todd,  
Carrie Smith, Effie Gamel, Ethel Ad-  
cock, Ada Garner, Sophia and Mary  
Leslie, Mrs. Walter Anderson and Mrs. W.  
Lewis, Rev. J. A. King, Mr. S. A.  
McCollum; Messrs. Dolly Payne, John,  
Jim and Will Lemburg, Geo. Kindrick,  
Clyde Traweck, Swain Ayers, Holmes  
Doole, Hooper King, Eugene Raines,  
Lawrence Christopher, Hal Tisdale,  
John Curren and D. H. Loring.

**ALLISON J. BEHRENS FOR TAX ASSESSOR**

In this issue of the News, appears the  
name of Allison J. Behrens as a candi-  
date for Tax Assessor of Mason County.  
Mr. Behrens is an energetic young man  
having been born and reared in Mason  
county, and at present is a resident of  
the Capps community. He is favorably  
known among his friends and associ-  
ates for his honesty and fair dealing.  
Mr. Behrens states: "In presenting  
my name to the voters I feel competent  
to fill the office to which I aspire with  
satisfaction, and will sincerely appre-  
ciate the support of the voters. If  
chosen to fill this office I will discharge  
the duties of same in such a manner  
that no one will have cause to regret  
my having been selected."

**COURT HOUSE NEWS**

**Births**  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Strong, a girl,  
March 10th.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carter, a boy,  
March 12th.  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harris, a girl,  
February 23rd.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Rode and daugh-  
ter, Anna Marie, accompanied by Mrs.  
Lena Koock, Misses Lillie Heinrich  
and Anna Marie Koock spent the past  
week-end in Seguin, visiting the Mason  
boys who are attending the Lutheran  
College at that place. The boys are  
Wm. Koock, Walter Probst, Max Hein-  
rich and Reubin Rode.  
Eat at the Star Garage Saturday.

That SAVING leads to  
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lars in the years to come.

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## INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET

At Mason

MARCH 21-22

These firms are 100 per  
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EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR  
BIG MEET HERE THIS WEEK

Preparations for the Mason County Interscholastic  
Meet to be held here Friday and Saturday, have been prac-  
tically completed and by tomorrow morning everything will  
be in readiness to accommodate the large number who have  
entered the Meet.

The directors of the various departments of the Meet  
report that a large number of entries have been received....

The finance committee states that about fifty dollars  
will have to be raised yet, but the committee feels confident  
this sum will have been secured by tonight.

Medals and pennants have been ordered for winners in  
the Meet.

It is to be hoped the inclement weather which has pre-  
vailed during the first part of the week, will be followed on  
Friday and Saturday by sunshine.

Hundreds of people are expected to be in attendance at  
the Meet, especially on Saturday, to encourage their schools  
by their presence and moral support.

The finance committee is to be commended for making  
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**INFORMATION ABOUT GREAT STATE TEXAS**

G. W. Barnes of A. & M. Extension Service Portrays Graphical Livestock Industry in Texas.

Mr. W. A. Newby of Ashboro, N. C., in a recent letter writes as follows:

"Would you mind giving me some information about the great State of Texas, as I would like to come to Texas to make my home. Is most of Texas a cattle country, or is it a farming country? Is there any money to be made in raising cattle? I mean to raise them and feed them in the winter months when the grass is short \* \* \* \* \* Are there any farms or ranches that one could rent or lease for five or ten years or longer? In what part of the state are cattle mostly raised, and are they pure bred or range bred?"

This letter was replied to by Mr. G. W. Barnes, beef cattle specialist, who wrote the following reply, which should prove interesting to our readers:

"You certainly spoke the truth when you said 'Texas is a great State.' You can get any kind of climatic conditions in Texas you may desire. No other state in the Union has such a variation in altitude as you find in Texas. You can be at sea-level one day and the next day be many thousand feet in the mountains, and still be in Texas. Texas has a large variety of life. It has more beef cattle than any other state in the Union, and they are scattered from El Paso on throughout the great Panhandle country and down through the swamps in the Gulf Coast country. You will find as much variation in the conformation of these cattle as you can possibly find in any other state in the Union.

"We are very strong on purebreds. The purebred Hereford Association, employs a man who does nothing except work among the purebred cattle producers of Texas. The Shorthorns also have a man who devotes his entire time to the purebred Shorthorn industry and the Jersey people have several men who are working both night and day and then cannot keep up with the calls made on their time in handling the enormous business done by the Texas Jersey Breeders' Association. Besides these, we have Aberdeen Angus Galloways, Brahmas, Holsteins, Ayrshires, Guernseys, Red Polls and perhaps a few of most any breed one wishes to make inquiry about.

"In Texas, we have both a cattle country and a farming country. Our farming country does not try to compete with the range man in the production of beef, but he will often take these steers that are produced on the great ranges and fatten them for market. This is getting to be quite a popular side line with many farmers, and for the last two years they have made some money along this line.

"There are millions of acres in Texas which will never be put under a plow because they are too rough, and the rainfall is so uncertain that they would be unable to depend upon farming to produce them a livelihood.

"When it comes to making money in the cattle business you will find it similar to most any other undertaking you may enter. You will find cattlemen who are making money in the same territory who are losing money. It is a business that requires the same business-attention, business-principles that should be applied to the manufacturing of automobiles, or the management of a farm.

using for breeding pastures for their cattle.

"In many sections of the state soy beans are exceptionally well and corn and most any of the grain sorghums are raised here. Texas is a good hog state, Texas this year produced the champion ton litter of the world. The hog industry like the cattle industry, is to a certain extent divided; certain sections are producing stocker pigs, while others are finishing the stocker pigs for market. Of course to a certain extent these will overlap.

"There are ranches that one can rent or lease, for five or ten years, or longer. You will find these in most any section of the state in the Western part, the larger holdings and the more land one can lease. Throughout the blackland and strictly farming sections, it is impossible for one man to lease such large holdings.

"In Texas we produce purebred cattle and range bred cattle."

A little investigation by office-holders into the theory that honesty is the best policy would save Congress a lot of investigation later.—New York Tribune

Statistics from the miners' convention show that there are twice as many coal-miners in this country as are needed. All we need is more coal-mining.—Tacoma Ledger.

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**STRANGE WELCOME**

By MOLLIE MATHER

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ROBERT BARTON somewhat reluctantly agreed to his uncle's request. It seemed strange that after half a century of neglect the man who had renounced the woman he loved in order to make a career for himself unhampered by marriage, should now wish to extend to her remembrances and greetings.

"You will call upon Miss Prudence Fairfax, while you are in the neighborhood of Lake drive?" he asked his nephew. "I should like to hear personal news of my old friend. When I last saw her," Uncle Robert continued musingly, "she was a pleasant, hospitable woman with white curling hair and a charm still of the old manner. That was 25 years ago. Tell Miss Fairfax that I think of her always most happily and will hope at a later time to see her."

The ride through mountainous country was becoming decidedly tiresome. And as he neared Lake drive drifting rain brought uncomfortable chilliness to the lonely driver. A light shone welcome from a far window and he hastened his speed toward the house in enclosed grounds. This, of course, must be the home of Miss Prudence.

His knock at the door was drowned in a tumult of wind and storm, so thinking that the elderly woman seated beneath the lamp within might not come to his relief, Robert opened the front door and stepped into the illumination of the sitting room. Hat in hand and smiling, he advanced toward his hostess.

"How do you do," said Miss Prudence, as though she had been awaiting this moment. "You will remove your outer coat if you please, Bob, and come directly to supper. The birthday cake and all is ready for our little celebration."

She was helping him off with his coat, while he, perplexed, saw at a white spread table, preparation evidently for a birthday supper—places laid for two, with tiny favors at each plate, a frosted cake with one tall candle alight in the center.

"How could my uncle have notified you of my intended visit?"

It was Miss Fairfax' turn to show bewilderment. "Your uncle," she repeated vaguely, "I know no such person."

While the wrinkled hands arranged the tea-cups, Robert Barton, matter-of-fact man of realities, frowned. Could it be possible that he was having some fanciful dream born of wearisome driving through a hot interminable day?

The voice across the tea-cups addressed him. "If you knew how I have been looking forward to this birthday and you, Robert," the voice quavered. "I insisted upon awaiting your knock, though it seemed at one time that the storm might keep you away. Did you drive old Prince? Prince is always to be depended upon—and do you see that I am wearing your birthday cameo gift? The candle on the cake sputtered; the old lady bent forward to extinguish it. "Prue said we need have but one candle," she excused, "Prue?" he spoke the name wonderingly, as he arose. There was no doubt that he was dining with a woman mentally deranged.

"Yes, my niece Prue," she answered him cheerfully, and called the name. A young woman came down the wide stair that opened into the room; she wore a white dress, and her eyes sought his beseeching silence.

"Dear," she said, "you have had a pleasant party? Now, Mr.—" She turned questioning toward Robert Barton. When he answered her silent question with his name, the girl stood staring her perplexity. Recovering herself she went on, "Mr. Barton will excuse you while you go to rest. I—" she assured the hospitable old lady, "will see to his comfort until you come back to us."

"Will you tell me," the young woman called Prue asked frankly, "who you are?"

Robert told her, explaining his visit. The girl silently took her place at the table, motioning him to resume his interrupted meal.

"Then," she remarked smilingly, "this is all but a strange coincidence. My dear aunt is not actually mentally deranged—she has 'trouble,' as she sometimes ingeniously tells me, 'with her memories.' Goes back, upon certain occasions, to old times, making them realities. Rest usually brings her to her normal self. This was her birthday and she was thinking continually of a past eighteenth birthday, when her lover came to this, her home, to celebrate at a little party. I was obliged to humor her with a semblance of that celebration. That a second Robert Barton happened our way is the coincidence. Now, you must accept our hospitality for the night. In the morning my aunt will be glad to meet the nephew of a man

she has never ceased to remember."

The girl walked with him to the gates of the old house next morning. And long after he was back in the city the memory of his strange visit recurred to him pleasantly. And he thought of the girl continually and with a new, inevitable yearning of protection—that brave little creature, caring in solitude for a feeble old woman "troubled" with her memories.

So Robert went again and still again to the house in Lake drive, and it was when young Prue accepted for her own his tender protection that Robert found at last his happiness.

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Willie Willmann, postoffice clerk at Brady, was in Mason last Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Willmann.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Marshall spent several days this week in Fredericksburg.

New York's first telephone girl, who began in 1878, is still on the job. Probably some fellow called a number, and she isn't going to quit till she gets it for him.—Tacoma Ledger.

Somehow it seems almost providential we didn't take a mandate for those oil-fields the League of Nations tried to wish on us.—Philadelphia North American.

A well-known actress has written a book called "My Lovers." It will begin of course with Chap I.—Punch (London).

The political skids seem to be in fair way of being effectively oiled.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Modernists will perhaps discover that the Garden of Eden scandal was really caused by an oil lease in Mesopotamia.—San Diego Union.

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Christy Brothers monster four ring show will be in Brady Saturday, March 29th. More than likely there will be several from Mason to attend this show.

Harriet, little daughter of Mr. and Roscoe Runge, celebrated her 2nd birthday anniversary last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fisher went to Seguin last week to take their daughter who will attend school at that place. While there they spent several days, visiting relatives.

E. Hayden and family, of San Saba, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley last Sunday. Mr. Hayden is foreman on the News at San Saba.

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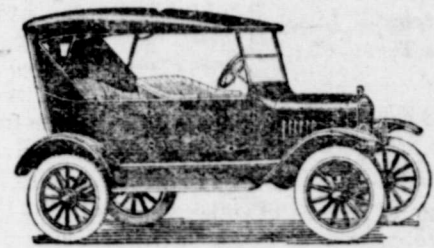
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