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## LIST OF WINNERS IN INTER-SCHOLASTIC MEET LAST WK.

Music Memory—Peters Prairie, 1st and 2nd—Preston Prater and Alpha Curren.

Sr. Spelling—Peters Prairie, 1st, Malcolm Jordan and Howard Sorrells; Long Mountain, 2nd, B. Kinman and Nettie Eckert.

Jr. Spelling—Peters Prairie, 1st Allene Prater; Fredonia 2nd, Carlton Pearson and Thelma Taylor; Grit 3rd, Miranda Kinsey and Desmond Underwood.

Sub. Jr. Spelling—Peters Prairie 1st Sadie Curren and Abbie Pirtle; Loyal Valley 2nd, Viola Tinney and Margaret Tulks; Double Knobs 3rd, Opal Doyal.

Sr. Boys Debate—Mason, 1st L. D. Fostel and Stanley Sanders; Peters Prairie, 2nd, Richard Jordan and Carl Schmidt.

### Senior Girls Athletics

100-yd Dash—Double Knobs, 1st, Myrtle Dodd; Long Mountain, 2nd, Nettie Eckert; Fredonia, 3rd, Della Horn; Art 4th, Ruby Donop.

50-yd Dash—Mason 1st, Louise Breazeale; Peters Prairie 2nd, Mozelle Harris; Fredonia 3rd, Myrtle Wilson; Loyal Valley 4th, Gladys Tinney.

Sr. Basketball Throw—Peters Prairie 1st, Lena Nobles; Art, 2nd, Ruby Donop; Grit 3rd, Arline Cabaness; Long Mountain 4th, Nettie Eckert.

Jr. Basketball Throw—Katemcy 1st, Sallie Fikes; Mason 2nd, Virginia Metzger; Double Knobs, 3rd, Marie Bogusch.

Sr. Base Ball Throw—Fredonia, 1st, Jr. Baseball Throw—Mason 1st, Virginia Metzger; Katemcy 2nd, Sallie Fikes; Fredonia 3rd, Thelma Taylor; Peters Prairie 4th, Estella Nobles.

Shuttle Relay—Peters Prairie, 1st, Mozelle Harris; Fredonia 2nd, Myrtle Wilson; Mason 3rd, Dorothy Gamel.

Running Broad Jump—Mason 1st, Louise Breazeale; Peters Prairie 2nd, Mozelle Harris.

Jr. 440-yd Relay—Long Mountain 1st Alma Kuhlman; Fredonia 2nd, Thelma Taylor; Peters Prairie 3rd, Marie Schmidt.

Sr. Goal Shooting Relay—Peters Prairie 1st; Fredonia, 2nd; no names furnished.

Jr. Goal Shooting Relay—Mason 1st; Peters Prairie 2nd; Fredonia 3rd.

### Boys' Athletics:

Sr. 880-yd Run—Peters Prairie 1st, Bratton and Milton Curren.

Sr. 200-yd Dash—Peters Prairie 1st, Robert Schmidt; Long Mountain 2nd, Harry Jacoby; Peters Prairie 3rd, Claud Prater.

Sr. 440-yd Dash—Peters Prairie, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Woody Surber, Myron Hazelton, Werner Schmidt, Milton Curren; Double Knobs 4th, Ned Seavers.

Sr. 50 yd Dash—Peters Prairie 1st, Robt. Schmidt; Grossville 2nd, Zavola Bolt; Katemcy 3rd, Ivan Jones; Peters Prairie 4th.

Sr. Mile Run—Peters Prairie 1st 2nd and 4th, Maurice Kidd, John Bratton, C. Harkey; Fredonia 3rd, Woodson Farmer.

Sr. 100-yd Dash—Long Mountain 1st Harry Jacoby; Peters Prairie 2nd and 3rd, Robt. Schmidt, Clyde Harkey.

Sr. Mile Relay—Peters Prairie 1st; Long Mountain 2nd; no name furnished.

12 Pound Shot Put—Fredonia 1st, Jim Humphrey; Peters Prairie 2nd and 3rd, Robt. Schmidt and Maurice Kidd; Katemcy 4th, Dock Teague.

Jr. 440-yd Relay—Peters Prairie 1st Long Mountain 2nd, No names furnished.

Jr. 100-yd Dash—Fredonia 1st Virgil Sudberry; Peters Prairie 2nd, Jeff. Kidd; Long Mountain 3rd, Walter Eckert; Grosseville 4th, Otto Guentert.

Jr. 50-yd Dash—Fredonia 1st, Virgil Sudberry; Double Knobs 2nd, Archie Woodward; Long Mountain 3rd Walter Eckert; Peters Prairie 4th, Jeff. Kidd.

Sr. Running High Jump—Peters Prairie 1st and 2nd, Clyde Harkey and Marion Hazeltime; Katemcy 3rd, Ivan Jones; Fredonia 4th, Woodson Farmer.

Jr. 440-yd Relay—Peters Prairie 1st; Long Mountain 2nd; no names furnished.

Sr. Broad Jump—Long Mountain 1st Harry Jacoby; Peters Prairie 2nd, 3rd and 4th, Robt Schmidt, Claude Prater and Maurice Kidd.

Sr. Pole Vault—Peters Prairie 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Claude Prater Maurice Kidd; Fredonia 4th, Jimmy Humphrey.

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## What Are the Wild Waves Saying?



### DINNER BY P. T. A. WELL PATRONIZED LAST SATURDAY

The dinner served by the Parent-Teachers Association of Mason at the Star Garage last Saturday was splendidly patronized, and about two hundred dollars were taken in, and it is stated there were expenses in connection with the dinner that amounted to approximately twenty dollars, leaving the net proceeds amounting to more than one hundred and eighty dollars.

Taking into consideration the unsettled weather which prevailed Saturday morning, and which prevented many people from coming to Mason before noon, the Association feels well pleased with the results of their dinner and express themselves as being very grateful for the liberal patronage extended them on this occasion.

### APRIL 11-12 DATE OF DISTRICT LEAGUE MEET

An erroneous report published in the state papers and also given widespread circulation through neighboring papers announced the date for holding of the District Interscholastic League meet as on March 29th, at Brownwood, Texas. This is an obvious error, as practically all the county interscholastic meets have been set either for that date or a week later, and the district league meet must necessarily wait upon the county elimination contests.

Count: Superintendent W. M. Deans has been advised by Dean Taylor of Brownwood, director general of the district meet, that the announcement was in error and that the correct dates for holding of the district meet at Brownwood were Friday and Saturday April 11th and 12th. This district is composed of Brown, Colman, McCulloch, Mason, San Saba, Mills, Kinzie, Comanche and Menard Counties.

The McCulloch County Interscholastic League meet will be held in Brady Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5th. The complete program was published in Tuesday's issue.—Brady Standard.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crosby and Mrs. J. C. Crosby and baby were here the past week-end from El Dorado visiting relatives, Mrs. Matilda Lindsay returned home with them for a visit.

DR. JACK HAROLD LLOYD THURSDAY and SATURDAY April 3rd and 5th

The Fredericksburg Giants will play the Austin Rangers at Fredericksburg next Sunday.

### IMPROVEMENTS AT ICE PLANT MOVING ON VERY NICELY

The improvements being made at the Mason Ice & Power Company, and which are being applied mostly to the ice plant, are moving along very nicely. The making of the concrete blocks was finished a few weeks ago, and the foundation has been poured and the blocks are now being laid. A concrete floor will be poured, and when the improvements will have been completed the ice plant will have just twice its present capacity, so there will be no danger of Mason ever running short of ice.

A sixty foot concrete tank is being poured of concrete, and when completed, ten feet of the tank will be used for holding water, and another part will house a portion of the pipes used in connection with the plant, and another part of the large and spacious tank will be converted into a shower bath, so we are told.

Mr. Will Ellebracht was here this week and closed a deal with the local company for a one hundred and fifty horsepower high pressure boiler. The boiler weighs approximately twenty-one thousand pounds, and is to be delivered on the grounds of the local company.

### AIRPLANE HERE LAST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The airplane exhibition which was advertised to have been given in Mason last Friday a week ago did not materialize, but instead the plane arrived last Friday, and after its arrival it was kept going all the time carrying passenger satisfied their desire to reach higher altitudes. On Saturday evening late with three passengers in the plane the machine started off for a rise and bogged down in the wet, soft ground and threw the plane forward, breaking the propeller and this ended the flying for Saturday. No one was hurt as a result. A new propeller was received out of San Antonio, and on Sunday the plane departed.

### VAUDEVILLE TROOP PLAYING AT STAR ALL THIS WEEK

Dunning and Reagan's vaudeville troop opened a week's engagement at the Star Opera House Monday night with a large crowd in attendance.

The troop will stage vaudeville on Friday and Saturday night, and also on Saturday afternoon, and the management of the local theater states there will be no picture show this week.

The vaudeville company is putting on some good plays, and are up to the minute in every respect. They have, in connection, a jazz orchestra which is also quite an attractive feature of their performances.

### COWPUNCHERS WILL HAVE THREE GAMES THIS WEEK

Superintendent P. A. Bennett who is coaching the Mason High School baseball team, announces that three games are to be played this week, but none of them will be at home. He states that owing to the inclement weather of the past few weeks, he has gotten behind with his schedule, and is making an effort to catch up.

The team journeyed over to Menard yesterday and lost to that team by a score of 9 to 4.

On Friday the "Cowpunchers" will go to Sonora for two games, one Friday and one on Saturday. It is reported the Sonora team defeated the Menard aggregation a few weeks ago by a score of eight to nothing. The locals are somewhat off form at present, owing to the bad weather of late preventing proper workouts, but we feel like we have the best High School team this year we have ever had, and that with Zesch and Wiedemann going good, we are going to win a nice string of games this season.

Mr. Bennett will make arrangements while at Sonora for two return games with that team to be played on the local diamond.

### HARDY GRAY CLAIMED BY DEATH AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Hardy Gray, son of Mr. A. T. Gray, of the Peters Prairie community, died last Thursday, after an illness of several weeks. Death is attributed to Ossified Cycoma.

Hardy Gray was born in Mills county, and was 23 years, 11 months and 20 days old.

Deceased is survived by his father, one sister and five brothers, one brother living at Glidden, Texas and one at San Antonio, the others being at home.

To the broken-hearted father, brothers and sister, who sit in sorrow where his footsteps shall never again find echo, we extend deepest sympathy. When they have drained the cup of peace that passeth all understanding come to them.

### STUDENTS OF SW. UNIVERSITY STAGE PLAY IN MASON COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lehmburg and daughters, Misses Dorothy and Lucille, assisted by Messrs. Sam Leifests, Gilbert Jordan and Gilbert Bode, who are students of Southwestern University at Georgetown, staged a German play at Art on Monday night. The play was also presented at Castell last Saturday night to a very large and appreciative audience.

Quite an enjoyable feature of the program was the singing of Miss Louise Wright, also a student of the Southwestern University.

### INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET IS BIGGEST EVER HELD HERE

The Interscholastic Meet which was held in Mason last Friday and Saturday were more schools entering; more interest manifested than ever before, which was evidenced by the large crowd in attendance on both days.

Practically the entire first day was devoted to girls athletics, and on Friday night the High School auditorium was crowded to the door with people who came to hear the debate by the boys, and the declamation by the girls.

On Saturday the weather was rainy up until almost noon, and no field events were held until afternoon when boys athletics occupied most of the time. On Saturday night there also a good attendance at the auditorium to hear the boys declamation and to witness the awarding of medals to the individual winners, and pennants to the winning schools.

winners the Peters Prairie school the highest number of points in the meet, and again is the winner of the Loving Cup, this being the third consecutive win for this school, consequently the cup becomes the permanent property of the Peters Prairie School.

Many schools in the county did not sure that if they were in attendance here last Friday and Saturday, they will make every effort to be first to enter next year, for no event could be arranged from which children derive more pleasure and benefit. Each and every child from the communities represented, were in attendance and supporting their representatives.

A feature of the program on Saturday was the free dinner arranged for by the finance committee for all participants and the teachers from their schools. We feel quite confident this hospitality was greatly appreciated by those who "got in" on it.

### \$3,900,000 IS TO BE APPORTIONED AMONG SCHOOLS APRIL 5TH

Austin.—Plans are under way by Prof. S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction, to make a final apportionment on April 5, of the available school fund on hand to the credit of the available school fund to justify such action, he said.

Of the total per capita apportionment of \$12 made by the State Board of Education for the present scholastic year, there has already been apportioned \$9, leaving a balance of \$3 per capita to be apportioned. Under the plans of the state superintendent this \$3 will be paid on April 5th.

To make this \$3 per capita apportionment means there will be distributed among the 1,300,000 scholastics in Texas, the huge sum of \$3,900,000. Superintendent Marrs confidently expects there will be sufficient funds to the credit of the available school fund to justify this apportionment. It will only take \$3,400,000 from the available school fund as there is yet \$500,000 yet to be paid out of the \$2,000,000 appropriation made by the Legislature to supplement the available school fund.

### SCHOLARSHIP TO TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE AT NEWS

Every year there are several boys and girls going from Mason to various colleges to take a business course. The News is in a position to furnish anyone wishing to attend a business college this year, with a scholarship to the Tyler Commercial College. If there is a boy or girl interested, come around to the office and let us explain the proposition to you. We are in a position to save you some money on a scholarship to this College.

Now is the proper time to inaugurate a fly and mosquito campaign. By cooperation we can have all the rubbish moved out of town, all stagnant water covered with oil, all old cans and receptacles that may hold water after a rain destroyed. Swat the fly and mosquito for a cleaner and more sanitary community.

Mrs. Albert Bruns, of Crab Apple, Gillespie county, died March 18th, aged 37 years. Mrs. Bruns is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oestreich, of the Castell community.

Emil Wartenbach and son were over from Brady Wednesday, visiting relatives and friends.

# This Week



Public officials have had a warning. They have learned a lesson. Some will get more than a lesson. Valuable truths have come out: others are coming.

On the whole it's a small thin, which really doesn't amount to much more than catching little Willie telling a fib. No reason for breaking up the family. Send Willie to bed and let business go on.

The House at last will take up Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals offer. It seems hard to get anything moving when no gentleman "on the inside" is to get any money in a satchel or any "loan" from a friend.

Ford offers millions to the Government, cheap fertilizer to the farmer and, most important, demonstration of the use that can be made of water power. But that isn't enough to interest gentlemen accustomed to "private talks, private codes" and private financial arrangements."

Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, says the national debt has been reduced \$933,000,000 in the last year, and four thousand eight hundred millions in four and a half years. Your glorious country now owes \$21,781,966,852. It takes a big and prosperous country to owe as much as that. And while we ought to pay off rapidly, we COULD owe five times that amount, and more, too, and not be bankrupt.

There is even worse news about whales than about bees. Whales are not coming up from the South Pole as they used to come, offering oil from blubber, whalebone from their mouths, and proof of evolution, in the two little hip bones concealed in their fat carcasses—although they no longer use the legs to which those hip bones were once attached.

The whalebone doesn't matter, for ladies now go loose around the waist, as a rule. But the whaling industry is in bad shape.

## \$71,000 SHEEP SALES MADE AT SAN ANGELO

San Angelo.—Thirty-five hundred yearling ewes, 150 yearling muttons and 1,400 yearling steers were recently sold here for a total consideration of \$71,000. Arnold Burns of Peabody, Kan., bought the yearling steers from Harris Brothers of San Angelo at \$22.50 per head, May 1 delivery at Big Lake. Burns previously had bought 1,200 coming one and two-year-old steers from Harris Brothers, paying 7 cents a pound for the coming yearlings and \$41 each for the coming two.

Linthicum Brothers of this city bought from Tom Barton of San Angelo 3,500 yearling ewes at \$7 each and 150 yearling muttons from Charles W. Garrison of Water Valley at \$5 per head. Both flocks will be delivered about May 1, after being shorn.

## VARIOUS REASONS GIVEN BY STUDENTS LEAVING TEXAS U.

Austin, Texas, March 27.—Financial embarrassment is the cause of the majority of withdrawals from the University of Texas, according to records in the office of the deans. Next to financial difficulties comes sickness. Illness in the family, and especially that of the father, is more often the cause of the students' leaving than sickness of the students themselves.

Reasons written by the students themselves on their cards are of various nature. One girl wrote, "I am tired and going home." A boy's card had, "I have a job playing the piano on a cruise to China." Another girl said, "I just haven't the money to stay." One boy wrote, "I have to report to duty in Cuba next month." And still another frankly wrote, "Will bust out anyway." All of these reasons are given, but by far the most frequent are the three words, "I am broke."

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

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

## ESTIMATES ON CROPS AND LIVE STOCK

Houston, Texas, March 21.—The following tabulation present farmers' intentions to plant in 1924, as reported to the Department between February 15 and March 1, together with a review of the general agricultural outlook. The statement of intentions to plant has been prepared by the Crop Reporting Board of the Department, based upon returns from over 43,000 producers. The review of the general situation has been prepared by the staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The purpose of this combined report is to furnish information which will enable farmers to make such adjustments in their planting plans for 1924 as may seem desirable in order to prevent the over or under-planting of particular crops.

The statement of farmers' intentions to plant is not a forecast of the acreage that will actually be planted. It is simply an indication of what farmers had in mind to plant at the time they made their reports, compared with what they harvested last year. The acreage actually planted may be larger or smaller than these early intention reports indicate due to weather conditions, price changes, labor supply and the effect of the report itself upon producers' action. Therefore the first acreage reports issued in June should not be expected to show the same increases or decreases as the intentions reports.

The general agricultural outlook for 1924 indicates that farmers are undertaking a normal production program. It is apparent, however, that agricultural production this year will still be attended by difficulties arising from high wages and other costs, loss of farm workers, and the general disparity between prices of farm and urban products.

Domestic demand for agricultural products is at a high level. Urban prosperity is reflected in a heavy current consumption of fibers and high quality foods and this may be expected to continue into the summer.

Foreign markets, on the whole, seem likely to maintain about the present level of demand for our cotton, pork, wheat and tobacco.

The situation this season with respect to labor, machinery, fertilizer, credit and other cost items is not such as to favor any expansion in production.

Notwithstanding that there will apparently be fewer animals in the country to be fed next winter, corn growers report intentions to increase acreage 3.2 per cent and, in the corn belt proper to increase it 3.5 per cent. This increase if actually carried out and accompanied by yields as good as in recent years would result in a large supply relative to the probable demand for corn.

The swine industry is going thru a period of liquidation and discouragement. Record runs of hogs to market still continue. In the past, such period of heavy production and low prices have led to a reduction in breeding so drastic as to result later on in shortage and in reversal of the corn-hog balance. Indications are that hog producers have now passed the peak of production and may be moving into one of the recurrent periods of low production.

The dairy industry has expanded to the point where gross domestic production, in terms of whole milk, slightly exceeds gross domestic consumption. Although 18 million pounds net of butter and 64 million pounds of cheese were imported during 1923, stocks of condensed milk and other products, more than equivalent to these imports, were piled up within the country. Judging from the number of cows on farms, there will a further increase in domestic production in 1924. Foreign surplus production is likewise steadily increasing. This competition, coupled with the already heavy production in this country and the possibility that consumer demand may not be indefinitely maintained at levels predicated upon great industrial prosperity, suggest the necessity for conservatism as to further expansion in dairy production.

With indications of a reduced number of lambs on feed and lower shipments to market, the prospects favor continuation of a strong market for several months with larger market supplies in midsummer. The wool situation is distinctly favorable for producers and there is apparently opportunity at present for profitable increase in the number of sheep.

Poultry production has expanded rapidly in recent years. The record number of chickens now on farms indicates further expansion in 1924. Consumption has also increased at a rate that has maintained average prices in pro-

ducers. Present comparatively low storage stocks place dressed poultry in a somewhat stronger position than eggs. It would appear that poultry production is now at a point where further profitable expansion may be dependent upon continuation of the present high level of demand.

The tobacco growers generally indicate an intention to plant about the same acreage as last year. The demand for export types of tobacco has encouraged growers to plan expansions of area of these types, while the unfavorable market has led growers of dark varieties to indicate reduced plantings for 1924. Burley stock are still high and intentions reduced toward increase in acreage should be considered in the light of this fact.

A decided increase in peanut acreage in the Southern States is planned by growers, apparently to replace cotton. The stocks on hands and increased imports make it desirable that growers consider carefully the effect of increased acreage at this time.

Sweet potato growers plan an acreage, which, with average yields would mean a larger crop than the country has ever consumed in any one year. The proposed expansion is largely in the boll weevil area of the cotton belt.

Intentions to plant feed crops (oats, barley, and hay) indicate increases over last year. These increases are generally in line, by regions, with increased numbers of livestock on farms.

Farmers express an intention to plant in the United States as a whole the same acreage of rice as last year. The intentions in Arkansas and California to increase is offset by decreases in the Gulf States.

An intended decrease of the grain sorghum acreage is reported at 6 per cent. The decline being mostly in Oklahoma and Kansas. The extent to which winter wheat may be abandoned due to winter killing will be one of the most important factors which will determine the acreage that will actually be planted.

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In the past, man has fought mosquitoes single-handed and by such defensive methods as the use of screens and the so-called "mosquito lotions." He has often been driven in doors, giving the "S. O. S." signal that is—efforts and the application of offensive "screen or suffer." Through combined sive methods, the fight against the mosquito nuisance can be made a marked success, and the new signal "O. S. O." "organized scientific offensive"—might well be adopted.

By the "S. O. S." method, efforts were made to defend oneself from the pest after they had been permitted to breed in large numbers. The new way—"O. S. O."—is to remove all breeding places, thus giving no opportunity for them to increase in numbers.

Organization is essential. Systemic work is required from April to October. Definite areas for aggressive control measures should be established and responsibility for the success of the undertaking assigned to someone.

Scientific application of suppressive measures is necessary. There are many species of mosquitoes in Texas; however, a definite program against only four of these has been found imperative. Thus, the particular specie of mosquito should be studied in order to know what measures to use in combatting his depredations.

Offensive methods have proven more successful than defensive methods. The western cow-boy has said, "I always shoot first; it's cheaper." Even so it is cheaper to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes than it is to pay for the damage that has been wrought by their presence.

Organization is a matter for each local community. An Anti-Mosquito committee should be prominent in every town.

Offensive mosquito control campaigns are not prohibitive in cost.

Scientific advice as to methods of mosquito suppression might be obtained by making request to your City or County Health Officer, or by writing the State Board of Health, Austin.

### THE VANITY OF EARTHLY GLORY

The sweet young woman from Texas who was brutally murdered and robbed of her jewels in New York recently, according to all accounts was of exceptional purity as compared with the general run of stage women. But her fate should not be considered as one not to be reasonably expected, for most girls who are enticed away from home by the glitter and glare of stage life meet with worse endings. In the very nature of stage life girls are exposed to all kinds of schemes for their undoing, and those who are successful in achieving stardom through which they are enabled to accumulate valuable jewels and other equipment are sure to tempt murder for the sake of robbery. The reckless, immoral and criminal element are always numerous associations in the general environment of the stage and pitfalls for the destruction of girls in their reputation or lives or both are countless.

This young woman was rapidly rising in the glory of stage life and as such had hosts of supposed friends. But a news dispatch informs us that not a single one of them visited the bier of the dead girl after she was laid out and placed in the casket at the undertaking establishment. It remained with the undertaker all day until the middle of the afternoon when it was loaded on a hearse and taken to the railroad station for bringing to Texas, where it remained unwatched and uncared for by friends until midnight, when what was left of the poor girl

took its last voyage for her former home in Texas.

Oh, girls, girls! You who have a place that you can call home, among kindred and friends, how CAN you be tempted to leave and expose yourselves to all the dangers of any variety of theatrical life? True it is, that comparatively few good honest respectable girls make such venture, for which we may all be extremely thankful—but even the few who are tempted by the glitter and show of such a life are too many and in most cases live to bitterly bewail the day they gave way to the temptation.

"The paths of glory lead out to the grave."—L. B. Russell, in Comanche Enterprise.

### HAMMERS THE TABLE—GETS ACTION

The positions occupied by Chas. G. Dawes and O. D. Young as members of the American committee of the Reparations Commission, working out a plan to rehabilitate German finances, are unique in the world's history.

The American members of this committee are paying their own expenses in Europe, are not obligated to any, foreign power and are not hampered through fear of overstepping some point of diplomatic etiquette. The neutrality and independence of both men has made them outstanding figures in this work for world rehabilitation. Unconcerned with political expectations and anxieties of the various European governments, they have been able to play a dominant part in shaping the course of the expert's work.

Dawes, puffing his pipe and occasionally hammering the table, makes his points efficiently and keeps the committee seeking a purely business solution. Young coolly handles the matters as through he were dealing with an ordinary business problem in the board room of a corporation. The keen directness of the men has inspired confidence and also admiration.

Five years of political jealousies and intrigue have almost wrecked Europe, a few weeks of business consideration of its problems by competent men will evolve a businesslike solution of the questions at issue, which European kings, presidents or premiers will not dare disregard.

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### BEAUTIFUL ROADS IMPOSSIBLE WITH PRESENT ADVERTISING METHODS

No matter how good the road surface the scenery cannot be considered enjoyable if interrupted and confused in the eye of the beholder by a succession of vividly painted advertising signs. The movement to beautify highways by elimination of sign advertising gathers force, but meets strenuous resistance from those who contend that a man has the right to rent the land he owns for the erection of a sign, the rent of which will pay his taxes.

Regulation, rather than elimination, is the compromise favored by advertising companies which secure sign rights to roadside property and resell the space to advertisers. They contend that the signs can not be eliminated legally but can be regulated as to size, color, distance and beauty.

In this connection, it is interesting to observe that Kansas City, Mo., in preparing for the convention of a hundred thousand Shriners next June, started an anti-sign movement sponsored by the Merchants' Association. Nearly all of its members signed the petition. Many other business men enlisted, and some of the largest and most offensive signs already have been taken down voluntarily. The proposed ordinance may include street clocks, barber poles, news and shoe shine stands, and other sidewalk obstructions.

The activities of Dawes and Young are having greater effect on Europe to day than the work of any American since Woodrow Wilson.

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## J. J. JOHNSON

## Editorial

### And the Band Plays Annie Laurie

Now we have a resolution in the United States Senate asking for an investigation to fix responsibility for the world war. If we only get another set of Senators to settle once and for all time the disputed age of Ann, we will be all set, and the rest of the Senate may be able to devote a little time to the nation's business.

For example, we might consider legislation that would make impossible the raking in of great fortunes overnight as a result of stock manipulation coming, as it always does, on the heels of "Washington disclosures." Tom tom beating, sweet music to the financial bandit, has started the ball of ruin rolling periodically for years. Since the oil drums have begun to beat great fortunes have been made and lost. Perhaps we might find out who is getting the money RIGHT now.

Not more than a week ago a stock drive was made that stopped only on the verge of panic. The insiders cleaned up. The next day they cleaned up again. They pushed the market up when the little fellows with five to a hundred thousand dollars had every reason to expect it to continue to go down. It is safe to say the market will now be rigged day by day for months to come. In the midst of ruined homes and the crash of hopes of the unfortunate men and women lured by the glamour of speculation into the Wall Street maelstrom, an investigation into the world war would surely prove encouraging. Once let a Senate Committee decide that question and every ruined man and woman in the country would be happy. Away with such balderdash, you Senators. Get down to work.

New York City has a dead line. No known crook may travel below that line. The blackjack man may not invade the restricted zone until he has learned a more skilful method of procedure. Perhaps we might reverse gears and forbid the Black Horse Calvary leaving Wall Street and prevent them invading the rest of the city and the rest of the country. The great hauls come from rigging the market on inside information. The game is all played, however, before the public gets any cards. When the outsiders begin to operate the band is playing "Home, Sweet Home" and the little fellows are left applauding on the sidewalks. Oil sensations past, present, and to come, will provide enough excuse for a thousand financial raids in the next few months. Of course, this might be scotched, but the need of the hour is to find out who started the world war. Let us have the truth at all hazards. Then, and not till then, can we start on the Boxer uprising and the American Revolution.

There has always been great rigidity in laws dealing with illegitimacy. The illegitimate child cannot inherit. Wouldn't it be better to compel both father and mother to leave all their money to the illegitimate child? This would protect the innocent and make prospective wrongdoers think twice.

Football often has been compared to war. This is a serious matter. We should have a Senate Committee to find out who invented football.

What is the matter? There has not been in sight for more than a month a single starving nation for us to save. This will never do.

# Society

## Entertained at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Baze entertained with a dinner party last Wednesday evening.

The table was most attractively decorated, the color scheme being carried out in pink, including the center dish of roses and fern, place cards and nut cups. The evening was passed in bridge, forty-two and radio programs.

Guests included, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Eckert, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay, and Miss Julia Bierschwale.

Erwin C. Lefeste, of the Castell community, recently returned from a two weeks visit in New Orleans, having visited his sister, Mrs. H. E. Hopfmeyer. Erwin was fortunate enough to be in that city during the Mardi Gras, and reports having enjoyed the same to the utmost.

## Bridge Club

Miss Pearl Land was hostess to her bridge club Thursday afternoon, entertaining at the home of Mrs. Tom White. There were three tables of players and a series of games made an hour or two pass rapidly. In the details of arrangements a St. Patrick's motif was used. Talley cards were white with dainty green shamrocks, while the favors were green baskets filled with green and white mints with a tiny maiden of St. Patrick's own time.

Mrs. Seth Baze proved to be the lucky winner of high score.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Miss Land were: Mesdames, Tom White, Seta Baze, John Lindsay, Walter Lindsay, W. I. Marshall, Arch Metzger, K. M. Eckert, P. A. Danner, Misses Julia Bierschwale, Elizabeth White.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. I. Marshall.

Miss Willie Mae Doell who is teaching at Kline Branch, Gillespie county, was here the past week-end to visit her folks. Willie Mae says her school will continue until June.

## GEISTWEIDT-SCHMIDT

Mr. Walter L. Geistweidt and Miss Estella Schmidt were married at the Doss Lutheran Church, Sunday evening, March 16. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Schmidt and the groom a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geistweidt. Attendants to the bride and groom were: Bessie and Julia Schmidt, Archie Geistweidt, and Lee Schmidt.

The young couple will make their home in the Doss Community—Fredrichsburg Standard.

## A MESSAGE TO LADIES

Mrs. Middleton, a beauty specialist and representative of the Goodrich Drug Company of Omaha, will give every lady of Mason, who is interested in becoming beautiful or in retaining her beauty and youthful appearance, a free massage and beauty treatment in her own home at my lady's convenience. Every woman whispers to her soul her God-inspired desire, and her right, and her duty to be beautiful—to obtain symmetry and grace—to bless those about her with the most infinite charm of her sex.

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## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kindness and words of sympathy during the illness and death of our son and brother. We also wish to thank all of you for the nice floral offerings.

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## EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

- Opening Song No. 48.
- Sentence Prayers.
- Discussions:
  - Making Money—Calvin Sanders.
  - Money a Servant or a Master—L. D. Fostel.
  - Special Song—Willie Mae and Floy Brahm.
  - The Use of Money—Ella Mae Metzger.
  - Wasting Money—Lois Reeves.
  - Giving and Worship—Willie Ann Wheat.
  - Special Music—Lucille Lang.
  - Money and Personality—Sarah Kirkpatrick.
  - Our American Stewardship—Opal Garrett.
  - Tithing a Method of Stewardship—Ella Doell.
  - Steps in Stewardship—Pauline Doby.
  - Song No. 180.
  - League Benediction.

The second annual convention of the Seventh District Parent-Teachers Association was opened at Fredericksburg Tuesday night and will be adjourned tonight. Several members of the local Parent-Teachers Club are in attendance at the convention.

## THE SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Presiding Elder Rev. E. A. Rector will preach at Gritt Thursday night March 27. Will hold session of the Quarterly Conference at Bethel at 3 p. m. Sunday and will preach at night Preaching at Mason Sunday 11 a. m. by the pastor.

G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

Mrs. Will Ellebracht is in San Antonio visiting friends.

Dr. E. D. Beach, of Hamilton, was in Mason a few days this week, visiting relatives.

Ben Hey is in the Clerks office this week, Robert Lee being confined to his home on account of illness.

Miss Beatrice Mayo has returned home from her school at White Bluff which closed the past week.

Misses Willie Mae Grosse and Alma Mae Beazeale, teachers of the Hext school, were home for the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Dees, of Llano, are visiting Mrs. Dees parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Woods, at the James River Ranch this week.

The new building for the Sunshine Confectionery's bottling plant has been completed and the modern machinery for the new plant has been installed.

The love of money is the root of oil evils.—Boston Herald.

## SYSTEMATIC HOUSE-CLEANING PLAN



Vacuum Cleaner Saves Time and Labor.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Save labor in the weekly house cleaning by having a definite plan, the United States Department of Agriculture says. When this is done, the same work will not need to be repeated. For example, when rooms near together are to be cleaned on the same day, it is often easiest to get all of them ready, then clean them all, and finally put them all in order.

### Dust Small Things First.

Small pictures and bric-a-brac should first be dusted. If not removed from the room entirely they should be placed in a pile and covered. Furniture, mirrors, and pictures should be dusted and covered with cloths. Draperies and portieres should be taken down or pinned up. Radiators, registers, grates, stoves, or fireplaces should be cleaned.

Walls, ceiling and baseboards should be brushed and dusted, and floor and floor coverings cleaned according to the kind. The object of sweeping and dusting is to remove dust, not to scatter it. In sweeping, the strokes should be firm and even. Keep the broom or

brush on the floor most of the time instead of flinging it through the air. The dust cloth should be held in a fairly compact mass, so that the surface to be cleaned is wiped or polished and at the same time the dust is held by the cloth. While the dust is settling, remove spots from the woodwork and wash windows if necessary.

The covers may then be taken from pictures and furniture. They should be shaken out of doors if possible. Then the room and furniture should be dusted thoroughly, beginning at the top of the room and working down.

### Use of Vacuum Cleaner.

When a room is cleaned with a vacuum cleaner, the order of proceeding is different. The room is first dusted, then the vacuum cleaner is used on upholstery, hangings, walls, and carpets or rugs, and finally the floor is dusted. By this method of cleaning fewer articles need to be moved, no dust is scattered, and more dirt is actually removed. A vacuum cleaner, therefore, saves time and labor.

## NEW IDEA IN KITCHEN ARRANGEMENT



Plan of Progressive Virginia Housewife.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

An unusually progressive housewife of Albemarle county, Virginia, has evolved a totally new idea in kitchen arrangement. She worked out the plan after consulting the county and state home demonstration agents, who reported what she achieved to the United States Department of Agriculture. Instead of placing her sink, cabinet, towel drawers, work counter and rack for small implements along the kitchen walls, this woman had a large square table built in the middle of her kitchen, with a sink and drainboard on one side of it and drawers and cupboards on the other. Lengthwise down the middle of the table between the sink and the cabinet a rack is erected such as one sees in a hotel kitchen. From this rack are suspended the egg-beaters, spoons, skimmers, ladles, cake turners, and other small ware that can be hung up. Above it is an eight-inch shelf for other implements which cannot be conveniently placed on hooks. A slatted shelf below the sink accommodates the dishpan and large cooking utensils, as well as cleaning materials. On the work side of the table is kept a high stool, on which the housekeeper can sit in comfort when preparing fruit or vegetables, or doing other work at which she does not need to stand.

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Armored Ford car as bandit chasers are the latest police innovation.

Gen. Smedley D. Butler, Philadelphia's dynamic commissioner of public safety, is the man who introduced them.

Before he took office a few weeks back, the Philadelphia city council voted Gen. Butler \$5,000 with which to purchase an automobile for his personal use.

The Ford runabout was his choice and it wasn't long before an enterprising Ford salesman had a car ready for the General's inspection.

Now the Philadelphia police have six of these armored Ford cars and under General Butler's plan this number will shortly be augmented until there will be ninety such bandit chasers in service.

The entire shell of the body is lined with 1-7-inch special steel and the space between the armor plating and the outside of the car is packed with loose cotton and coarse hair to retard the velocity of bullets. Armor plate also covers the cowl and runs up as high as the lower portion of the windshield. The upper portion is in two sections of bullet proof glass and wind-wings have been provided on either side, these also of bullet proof glass.

The Ford engines are especially equipped to afford increased speed and tests made show some interesting results. In one test to show acceleration and power developed for hill climbing, a mile was covered in one minute and thirty-one seconds from a standing start. On a country road the car attained a speed of more than sixty-miles an hour and in a city street the car covered 2,828 feet at a speed of approximately seventy miles an hour.

Ford cars have been in use by police departments all over the country for years and recently there has been a rapidly increasing tendency in the larger cities to use them in place of motorcycles, since they are less conspicuous and afford greater protection and comfort. Portland, Ore., is one of the latest cities to adopt the Ford cars to replace motorcycles and now has twenty-three of them in operation. Cleveland Heights, O., and Cincinnati are other cities which have recently joined the Ford ranks, the armored Ford as used in Philadelphia, however, is General Butler's idea.

How many sturdy Americans willing to serve their country are now planning to be President, do you suppose? There was a general feeling that McAdoo had the Democratic nomination unless Al Smith could get it away from him. It seemed certain that Mr. Coolidge had the Republican nomination by an overwhelming majority on the first ballot. But a little oil makes a great difference in the political situation, and now anybody has a right to hope.

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**PROOF POSITIVE**

By KATHERINE G. NEWELL

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AFTER Martha had opened her eyes to the shaded room and remembered that they had last looked with an assumed soulful expression into the victorious dark eyes of Hamilton Ramsey, the pride and the most eligible bachelor in Finchville, she gave way to a low chuckle, making "hah" with the expensive coverings of the very ornate bed in which her strong young body rested in velvety ease.

A maid entered with a breakfast tray and discreet tread. Martha pouched her pillows into a position of comfort, waving aside any help from the maid.

"Oh, Harriet, don't be so foolish! Nobody knows but that you carry me around like a lapdog! It's all rot, this waiting on a healthy thing like me! I hate it and I won't have it! What time did I come in last night?"

"Three this morning, Miss Martha."

"And you sat up for me?"

"Of course. That is my duty, Miss."

"I was so sleepy and so bored I didn't remember, Harriet, I won't lead this life; it's going round like a squirrel in a cage. 'Finishing' me in Europe has finished me for the life of this town."

"Oh, ye gods, listen to this, Harriet!" Martha read from the local paper:

"Hamilton Ramsey will entertain one hundred of his friends to a theater party next Wednesday. He will also give a dinner at his mansion before the show."

"Think, Harriet, the seats are \$2.50, and you bet your boots he won't take any but the best. I told them last night they had the latest thing in 'snobs' beaten here."

Martha reached out for the telephone. "Wait, Harriet, and see how I'll show Finchville I am right about their being snobs."

"Is this 'The Venus' office? Thank you. There is a mistake in the notice in the society items. Hamilton Ramsey is going to entertain one hundred patients from the surrounding charity institutions—yes; 'charity' to the musical comedy at the theater next Wednesday. A dinner will be served before the performance at his house—no, not 'mansion.' Cars will be supplied by his friends, and all those who will send their names in will convey these 'shut-ins' to his home and to the theater, returning them to their various institutions—yes; 'charity' to the musical comedy at the theater next Wednesday. Please put that in tomorrow evening—no, not this evening." Martha hung up the receiver with an impish smile, then, calling another number, she asked for Hamilton Ramsey's private secretary.

"Good morning, Miss Clarke. This is Martha Churchill. Can you tell me when the invitations go out for Mr. Ramsey's theater party? I don't want my engagements to clash. Today, thank you so much. That will give them their invitations before the notice comes out—then wait and see, Harriet!" Martha wiggled her toes in delight.

"But, Miss Martha, don't you think you are doing an awful thing?" gasped the maid.

"Nothing awful in it, Harriet. Hamilton Ramsey should be entertaining those who need it—and I can list him one hundred who do need brightening up. The cars will be donated, too; never fear."

The poor of Finchville rubbed their eyes in amazement the next evening when the Venus gave Martha Churchill's "corrected" version of Hamilton Ramsey's theater party, and when the hundred "best people" looked at their invitations they had a faint feeling at their hearts. But none felt fainter than Hamilton Ramsey himself, when angry friends rang him up and demanded an explanation. "Charity," what did they know of such a word as applied to them! Baffled, furious, he called on the editor of the Venus.

Yes, a lady had telephoned the message in. Who? His secretary, the operator supposed. Miss Clarke denied she had done such an "awful thing." Then in a flash, she told him of Martha Churchill's telephoning to know when the invitations would go out.

Martha? In a flash, too, it came to him of her disgust at their "snobbery" and how they had said they would make her prove they were snobs. Over his good-looking face came a smile. Let her prove they were "snobs," but let her help carry out the entertaining of his "charity" guests. He had one on Martha, too. "Charity" was a snobbish word as applied to these poor people.

Regrets poured in all day to Hamilton's invitations. That evening he called on Martha and charged her with "snobbery," too, ordering her to

get one hundred cars. "And I want the word 'charity' changed, too," he said firmly, "otherwise you must go with the 'goats'—in other words, the snobs," he added.

Martha looked into his eyes this time with her soul shining through.

"You bet I will, and, oh, Hamilton, it is lovely of you to take it as you have! I'll get the guests and the cars, and we'll have a great time!" she exclaimed.

"You and I will, too, eh, Martha?" Martha just gave a sigh of satisfaction and went into the arms waiting for her.

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Jr. Broad Jump—Fredonia 1st and 2nd, Virgil Sudberry and Douglas Dendy; Peters Prairie 3rd, Preston Prater; Long Mountain 4th, Edwin Rolston.

Jr. Running High Jump—Peters Prairie 1st, Jeff. Kidd; Long Mountain 2nd, Wesley Eckert; Double Knobs, Arch Woodward; Fredonia 4th, Douglas Dendy.

Chinning Bar—Peters Prairie 1st and 4th, Giles Sorrell and L. C. McGhee; Long Mountain, 2nd and 3rd, Walter Eckert and Edwin Rolston.

Sr. Girls Declamation—Katemey 1st, Mabel Watkins; Art 2nd, Esther Jordan; Peters Prairie 3rd, Vera Holcomb; Double Knobs 4th, Susie May Wilson.

Jr. Girls Declamation—Peters Prairie 1st, Marie Schmidt; Grossville 2nd, Iva Bolt; Long Mountain 3rd, Goldie Brewer; Double Knobs 4th, Marie Bogusch.

Essay Writing—Art 1st Frantz Reardon; Peters Prairie 2nd, Claude Prater; Katemey 3rd, Norma McWilliams.

Boys Tennis Single—Peters Prairie

1st, Carl Schmidt; Fredonia 2nd Woodson Farmer.

Girls Tennis Singles—Fredonia 1st, Della Horn; Peters Prairie 2nd, Marie Schmidt.

Boys Tennis Doubles—Peters Prairie 1st; Fredonia 2nd; no names furnished.

Girls Tennis Doubles—Fredonia 1st; Peters Prairie 2nd; no names furnished.

Girls Volley Ball—Fredonia 1st; no name furnished.

Sr. Boys Declamation—Long Mountain 1st L. Mogford; Union, 2nd, Lawrence Reardon; Peters Prairie 3rd, Robt. Schmidt; Fredonia 4th, Ed Longley.

Jr. Boys Declamation—Peters Prairie 1st, Dorman Sells; Long Mountain 2nd, John Mogford, Fredonia 3rd, Douglass Dendy; Union 4th, Leonard Wothmann.

Girls Debate—Peters Prairie 1st, no name furnished.

Boys Hurdles—Peters Prairie 1st, Claude Prater.

Following is the places as they were won by the schools entering, giving the number of points each school won:

Peters Prairie 1st, 215 points; Fredonia 2nd, 82 points; Long Mountain 3rd, 56 points; Art 4th, 25 points; Katemey 5th, 24 points; Double Knobs 6th, 18 points; Grossville 7th, 7 points; Loyal Valley 8th, 6 points; Grit 9th, 5 points; Union 10th, 4 points.

The above is the order in which the rural schools finished in the meet, but the Mason Grammar School scored 38 points, which if classed with the rural schools would give her 4th place.

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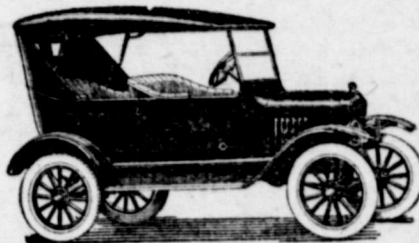
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