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CHAS. H. GABLE REVIEWS GRASSHOPPER SITUATION

Before leaving for San Antonio Tuesday morning, Chas. H. Gable, who has been in Llano much of his time during the past few weeks, gave out a statement on the hopper situation. In this statement Mr. Gable has given some very valuable information concerning this work, and should receive the careful attention of every person interested in this work. His statement follows:

The farmers of Llano County are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts to fight back the grass hoppers from their crops thus far. In spite of constant rains, comparatively little of the cotton has been destroyed, although if no attempt had been made to fight the hopper, over half of the cotton in the county would probably now be eaten off.

There are several changes in tactics, however, necessary at this time in order to meet the change in habits of the hoppers as they get older.

It is recommended that when the edges of the field are treated, a strip about fifty steps wide extending out in the pasture and clear around the field should also be treated. This will give a deadline sufficiently wide to some good. The mash should be sowed thinly over all of this strip.

The next treatment should not be made until the hoppers have come in over this strip and actually started eating a little cotton, but do not wait until they get clear out in the field. Make the treatment same as before, but with this addition. Scatter a handful or so of mash under each tree and bush in the pasture out beyond the strip for a distance of some two hundred yards—the further the better. It will probably be found that the hoppers are concentrated under these trees and bushes while very few are out in the open spaces during the heat of the day. This method will kill large numbers of hoppers with very little material.

It is emphatically urged that every man who wants to save his crop secure a supply of material sufficient for his needs while it is available. Most of the men are now getting a pound of arsenic and corresponding materials for each acre of crop. Half of this they are putting aside for a reserve against the day when the hoppers fly in as they did last year.

The method of handling this fight will be discussed later, but the important thing now is to get the ammunition on hand. Those who fail to do this will probably find to their sorrow that they cannot get it and will have to sit by and see the hoppers eat up their crop.

In mixing the mash be sure the liquid is stirred constantly while being poured on the bran so that the arsenic is uniformly mixed. It is also a good plan to allow the mash to stand 24 or 48 hours after mixing before using. Put in sacks and cover with other wet sacks. Do this only when you can wait. If hoppers are working on the crop use it while fresh as it works splendidly then.

Be careful not to leave in chunks for stock to get, and do not scatter where very young turkeys or chickens are running; older turkeys and chickens will not get enough to hurt them if there are no lumps, but the little fellows may.—Llano News.

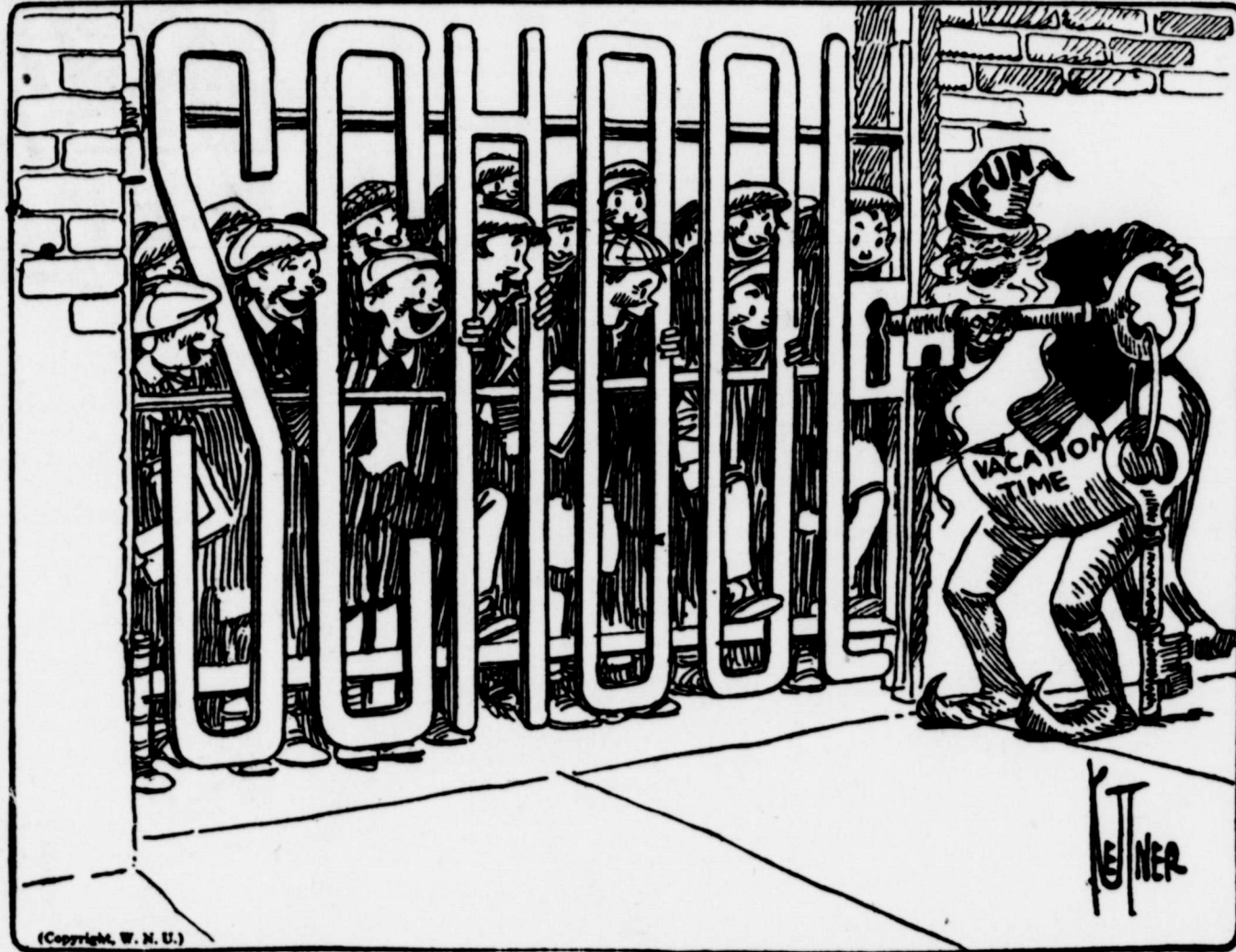
BOYS SUFFER INJURIES IN MOTORCYCLE SPILL SUNDAY

Jake Wilensky and Rayburn Squyres suffered quite painful bruises, cuts and scratches in a motor-cycle spill on the Mason highway late Sunday evening. The boys were trying out the cycle for speed on the good stretch of road just beyond the Mason county line, when they suddenly met an approaching auto. To avoid a head-on collision, they turned out and went into the ditch. Both lads have been confined to their beds for several days as a result of the accident.—Brady Standard.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

A call meeting of the Fort Mason Post of the American Legion will be held at the Legion Hall on next Tuesday night. It is urged that all members be present, as important business will be taken up.

Ready, Boys



THREE HUNDRED GROWERS AT PECAN MEETING THIS WK.

Fredericksburg, Tex., June 10.—Asserting that the increase in food production was not keeping pace with the increase in population, Senator T. H. Ridgeway of San Antonio made a strong plea for the further development of the pecan industry before the annual meeting of the Texas Pecan Growers' Association Tuesday at Fredericksburg.

"A few years ago a native pecan grove was considered a menace to a farm. The only good purposes it served was to afford a place to get firewood and to shoot squirrels. A few pecans would be gathered and occasionally sold at a few cents per pound. A market was gradually established at prices that soon brought the pecan into prominence," he said. "The fifty million native pecan trees in Texas can be made to more than double their present yield. Another fifty million or more trees can be added. The pecan tree stands ever ready to perform its part in supplying the rapidly increasing demand for food products. All the native pecan trees ask is a chance to grow and thrive unmolested. All it asks for is to give it space where it can get sunlight and air and to keep it from moss and vines and it will do the rest."

E. C. Butterfield of Winona made an interesting talk on the pecan industry in that section of the State. Mr. Butterfield is the owner of 1,000 trees.

More than 300 visiting pecan growers and experts were guests at a barbecue and band concert held at Klearner's Park, on Liveoak River, Tuesday evening.

The convention will close Wednesday afternoon with the election of officers and the selection of the next meeting place.

A large delegation from Mason went to Fredericksburg Wednesday to attend the convention, and to try for the securing of the Convention for Mason next year. Up to 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, we had not learned whether or not Mason secured the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Willmann have been enjoying a visit from all their children the past week. Those from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willmann, Chas. Willmann of Corsicana, Miss Emma Willmann of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Howard, of Lockhart, Ed Willmann of Eastland, and Willie Willmann of Brady; Max Willmann, of Corsicana being the only one absent. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Willmann, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grosse and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shearer entertained them a few days on the Llano River.

STATE'S RECOVERED LAND TO BE PLACED ON MARKET SEPT. 1

Austin, Texas, June 6.—Announcement is made by Land Commissioner J. T. Robison that the 57,000 acres of land recently recovered by the State of Texas from the Capitol Land Syndicate, is to be placed on the market on September 1. This acreage was an excess over the 3,000,000 acres donated by the State over 35 years ago to this syndicate in payment for the construction of the state house.

This land is in two bodies, one of 30,000 acres in Hartley county and the other of 27,000 acres situated in Dallam county, about 20 miles from Dalhart, the county seat.

Commissioner Robison added that when the surveying is completed, lists of the two bodies will be printed with maps. These lists will give all information to be had, and in order that they may get into the hands of those desiring homes on the great plains of Texas, the lists will be forwarded to any one requesting them, and also to county officers and others where they may be seen. These lists will be ready for distribution early in July.

GENERAL NEWS BRIEFS

Edenburg, Pa.—A pistol taken by officers from the Klan special train after its return to Johnstown from the Lilly demonstration was identified Tuesday at the trial of 44 men upon charges of riot and unlawful assemblage as having been loaned to Roy Ripple, one of the defendants, said to be a klanman.

New York—Conditions are becoming "increasingly serious" in the Kwangsi Province of China, where one American missionary is known to have been killed and several others are in danger.

Washington—Second Lieut. Harold D. Hall and Crpl. Ralph W. Lehman of the Marine Corps were killed Tuesday in an airplane accident in Stafford County, Virginia. Hall was from Crockett, Texas, Lehman was from Mayodan, N. C.

WASHINGTON—President Coolidge does not feel that an extra session of Congress was made necessary by the failure of the Senate to pass the deficiency appropriation bill.

Miss Julia Bierschwale left Wednesday for Nashville, Tennessee where she will join a party which will leave there and go to take a steamer and sail for Italy. Miss Bierschwale will probably be away some fifteen months.

Play to Be Given at Art

On June 20th, an interesting play will be staged at the Art tabernacle by the young people. No admission will be charged. A box supper will be given after the play. Everybody come.

PLENTY OF AMUSEMENT FOR CELEBRATION ON 3RD AND 4TH

Plans for the big picnic at Mason on July third and Fourth have been formulated, and preparations for the big celebration are moving steadily forward. Everything possible to make the picnic attractive for World War Veterans, their friends, and all other visitors is being done.

On the first day there will be a big parade. Prizes of \$35 and \$15 are offered for the most artistic car or float. Other features will be platform dancing both nights, baseball games both days, and on the night of the Fourth there will be a pageant, "Texas Under Seven Flags". A brilliant display of fireworks will follow the pageant.

Candidates for prominent State offices have been invited to be present, and it is believed that all the candidates for Governor will attend. If so, the public speaking part of the program will be an attractive feature.

The all-important question, "When do we eat?" will be answered to the satisfaction of all, for there will be ample quantities of delicious barbecued beef and goat.

Members of Legion posts of surrounding towns and communities, come and bring all your friends. All World War Veterans are especially invited, whether they are members of any post or not.

SPLENDID PROGRAM GIVEN BY BAND AT OPERA HOUSE MONDAY

Miss Mason Concert Band, led by Instructor Calloway, of Brady, assisted by ladies of Mason and Miss Jordan, of Brady, rendered a splendid program at the Star Opera House Monday evening from 8:30 to 10 o'clock.

This was the first appearance of the band since its organization, and all who heard the concert are high in their praise for the band, and much comment has been heard regarding the fast progress the band is making.

Other features of the evening's program were:

Violin Solo by Mrs. Seth L. Baze, accompanied at the piano, by Mrs. Jennie Reynolds.

Duet by Mr. Calloway and Mr. Striegler, accompanied by Miss Jordan, of Brady, on the piano.

Song by Miss Genevieve King, Mrs. Jennie Reynolds at the piano and Mrs. Seth L. Baze, violin.

Cornet Solo by Mr. Calloway, accompanied by Miss Jordan, of Brady.

It is stated the Band will probably appear in concert again in the near future, and will likely be held at the band stand in the court house yard, owing to the warm weather preventing the holding of same in a building.

ANOTHER PIONEER CITIZEN OF MASON COUNTY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Ascenath Ann Lee died Sunday morning at 10:35 o'clock, June 8, 1924, at the home of her son, J. F. Lee.

"Aunt Polly", as she was known to her many friends was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, October 26, 1833, thus at the time of her death, she had reached the age of 90 years, seven months, and 13 days. She was fourth in a family of ten children, all of whom preceded her in death.

Miss Ascenath Ann Leslie was married to Griffin Lee, October 16, 1860. To this union three sons were born, all of whom survive her, namely W. A. Lee, of New Mexico; J. F. and J. W. Lee, of Mason. Her husband departed this life in 1875. Shortly after his death "Aunt Polly", with her three sons, left Tennessee. They came to Texas, reaching Mason County in 1877, where she resided until the time of her death.

During the forty-seven years of her sojourn here she has seen the County of Mason change from a veritable wilderness to thriving agricultural communities, and the town of Mason change from a frontier trading post to its present condition.

Besides the above named sons, "Grandma" Lee is survived by 9 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren, and two sisters-in-law, Misses W. M. and J. W. Leslie.

Those of us who knew and loved her, know that she fought a good fight, that she finished her course, that she kept the faith—and that she must now be with the God for whom she waited and served so long.

TEXAS NEWS IN BRIEF

Wichita Falls—John Nickle, a young man, was hit by two of five bullets fired at him Tuesday morning by a man from a speeding automobile. Nickle was standing the doorway of a fruit stand when the shooting began. His condition is not considered serious.

San Antonio—Seventy-five bottles of ice cold beer were seized by Federal prohibition agents Tuesday in a cold drink stand on South Concho Street, in which they said they could find no soft drinks.

Fort Worth—The allotment of \$4,410, 169 of Federal aid for highway construction to Texas, available July 1, as announced by Secretary Wallace, is the last Texas will get under present legislation, according to A. R. Losh, United States district engineer in charge of Government work in four states of the Southwest. The Texas allotment was out of a fund of \$75,000,000 for Federal aid on the 7 per cent highway system.

A Correction

In our last issue of the News, appeared a notice of the Mason Drug Company stating they had the contract for handling the arsenic and banana oil for Mason county. This was a misrepresentation, as this company does not have any contract to this effect, as the Sunshine Drug Company is also handling the arsenic and oil for the county. The county is buying these articles and the two local drug stores are handling them for the convenience of the farmers, and being furnished them at cost.

On next Tuesday, June 17, the Lutheran St. Paul's congregation and its Sunday School will have its annual picnic on the Llano River in the pasture of Mr. Chas. Martin. This is intended to be a basket picnic. Therefore, all guests are requested to bring with them a basket of food. All members of the Sunday school and congregation are expected to be present and others who wish to join us are welcome.

Edo Schlaudt who received his degree from the State University, was here a few days this week, visiting his father, L. W. Schlaudt. Mr. Schlaudt attended the commencement exercises at the University last week, bringing his son home with him. Edo left Wednesday for Austin, having accepted a position with the State as an engineer.

Dr. A. D. Schuessler and family, of Dallas, are in Castell this week, visiting relatives and friends. Dr. Schuessler has been connected with the Southern Methodist University as professor since its beginning, and for the past several years has been secretary-treasurer of that institution.

HON. WALTER C. WOODWARD FOR STATE SENATOR

Hon. Walter C. Woodward, of Coleman County is a candidate for the State Senate from this the 25th Senatorial District which is now composed of the following Counties: Coleman, Rannels, Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Irion, Schleicher, Menard, Concho, McCulloch, Mason, Kimble, Gillespie, Mills, Brown and Comanche.

Concerning his announcement, one of the papers in the District said:

Announcement has heretofore been made of the candidacy of the Honorable Walter C. Woodward of Coleman, Texas, for the State Senate from this District. Mr. Woodward is well and favorably known, not only throughout this Senatorial District, but throughout all of this part of Texas.

He is a native son of Coleman County, having been born at Coleman, Texas, on May 16, 1882, and has resided there all of his life. He was educated in the public schools of Coleman and later took a special course of law at the University of Texas. In addition, he read law in the office of Woodward & Baker and secured his license to practice in February, 1903. He was immediately made a member of the firm, the style thereof being changed to Woodward, Baker & Woodward and continued his partnership therein until 1908, when he was elected County Attorney of Coleman County, holding that office two terms. In 1911 he was made an Assistant Attorney General during the administration of Jewell P. Lightfoot. Thereafter he returned to Coleman, Texas in 1912 and formed a partnership for the practice of law with E. M. Critz, under the firm name of Critz & Woodward, which partnership is still in existence.

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Mr. Woodward is the son of District Judge J. O. Woodward of Coleman, one of the most distinguished Judges in Texas, a life long Democrat who has rendered distinguished service in the Democratic councils of this State since reaching his majority.

Mr. Woodward has had a beautiful experience in the practice of both civil and criminal law and has been a leading Attorney in many legal fights in civil and criminal cases in this part of Texas. His practice has been for many years very extensive, taking him to many parts of the State and he is now regarded as one of the leading Attorneys in this section of Texas.

He is a member of the Masonic Order including the Blue Lodge; Royal Arch Chapter at Coleman; Commandery at Brownwood, Texas; Scottish Rite Consistory at Dallas; a member of the Shrine of Hella Temple at Dallas and a Knight of Pythias Lodge. Mr. Woodward has been actively identified with these bodies since becoming a member thereof; he is also an active member and a steward of the First Methodist Church of Coleman, Texas.

During the late war Mr. Woodward devoted much of his time in all Governmental enterprises, and throughout the war, he was secretary of the County Council of Defense, Chairman of the American Red Cross Society in Coleman County. He took an active part in selling all issues of Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps and other war activities and delivered many addresses, working under the direction of the Federal Government and was an active "Four Minute Man" on public information. Mr. Woodward has been very active in political circles in this District, having been a member of the State Democratic Committee and has attended as a delegate practically every State Convention since 1906.

He is a young man of marked ability, is well fitted by training, experience and disposition to render splendid service, not only to his district, but to the State of Texas at large. Mr. Woodward is not a crank on any subject, but is a broad-minded man and if elected to the State Senate, there is no doubt that he will become from the very outset, a leading figure in that Honorable Body.

(Political Advertisement)

WOMEN WALK ACROSS STATE FOR WATER

Arkansas, California, Virginia, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio and New York are co-operating with the Research Department of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers to aid in a campaign to help farm women get running water in their homes. Ohio experiment station engineers figure many women without this first essential of home-making are walking 200 miles a year in extra steps when \$25 to \$450 would equip their homes and add ten years to their lives.

J A THOMAS FOR STATE SENATOR

In this issue of the News will be found the announcement of J. A. Thomas of San Angelo for the State Senate from the 25th District, subject to the Democratic primary in July. Incidentally, the election of a Senator this year—there are now two in the race—will fill a vacancy that has existed in this district for about a year.

Mr. Thomas was born and reared in Williamson County, Texas, being 50 years old and twenty years of his life has been devoted to the practice of law. For two terms he was Tom Green County Attorney, retiring then of his own accord. He was elected three times as District Attorney, resigning before the end of the third term to resume his private law practice. He has an excellent record before the bar and as a good citizen. He is a life-long Democrat and has been active in Councils of the party here. He wishes to assure the voters of Mason County and this section of the District that all support given him will be appreciated and that he will endeavor to deserve the trust reposed in him if elected.

Mr. Thomas declared that generally speaking he was for an economical administration of the State government, consistent with good business judgment; for fewer and better laws and for the simplification and improvement of existing statutes in the interest of court procedure and in other respects, and would likely favor the repeal of some existing laws and the enactment of but few additional ones; and to work at all times for the best interest of the State's educational system.

The sixteen counties in this senatorial district are: Sterling, Irion, Coke, Schleicher, Tom Green, Rannels, Concho, Menard, Coleman, Brown, Mills, Comanche, McCulloch, Mason, Gillespie and Kimble.

(Political Advertisement)

THEY DID IT WHEN THE MAYOR WAS A BOY

"It's getting so a man can not take his sweetheart out on the country road to court her or to propose to her," says Mayor Blaylock. And the Mayor doesn't approve of that. When the Mayor was a boy coming into manhood they had shiny new luggies and spanking boys to pull them, and the old folks were grumbling then about the narrow seats that the buggies carried when the young swabs drove up to the hitching post to carry Princess Adorable off for "a drive" down the shady lanes off the main traveled roads. The boys and girls of that day have become the grumbling old folks of this day and time, and they are grumbling about automobiles instead of luggies.

Throughout all ages it has been more respectable and more agreeable in the opinion of dummies and stern papas and mammas for a young couple to decide that they like each other by a contract with party of the first part, party of the second part, witnesses—and table of financial standing and commercial rating attached—and thru-out all ages young couples have been doing nothing of the sort. Mayor Blaylock has lived a long time, but he remembers better than some of the old heads who are distressed about the young heads, "Things aren't so much worse now than they were when I was a boy," he declares, and the chances are that the Mayor is right.

Why, there have been cases of couples who have been run out of public grounds by caretakers, couples who used to sit in the parlor until 2 o'clock in the morning with the shades down, couples who could sit in any secluded place for any length of time wrapt in the unclouded bliss of an understanding which nothing asked and nothing lacked, couples who spooned, if you please, with but one chair under the two of them and naught in their breasts but the dazed joy of facing life for the first time together, couples who spooned in dead earnest and pledged their vows and honored them—and today would not go back and have it otherwise for the round, round world.

They did it when the Mayor was a boy. They did it when some other people were boys; they are still doing it. They always will. And the reason is plain to see, for what's spooning to prying eyes is courtship when there's none to look and go away with a sneer in his heart.—Dallas News.

Take time at railroad crossings—or take eternity.—Norfolk Virginian-Post.

Congress adjourns about the time the regular circus season starts.—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.



MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874

When a man is sick he calls the doctor. He has faith in the doctor as long as the doctor makes him better. But when he finds that the physician has diagnosed the case incorrectly or is using a treatment which does not bring back health he either changes doctors or asks for a consultation.

Sick for good roads, the American people called in a doctor (Congress) and received a "first-aid" treatment, called Federal aid, by which the physician ordered from the pharmacy (the Public Treasury) sufficient dollars to help the various parts of the United States to build new arteries.

But the United States needs not a few but a very large number of new arteries, and the prescription of the doctor isn't producing them in time to save the economic life of the patient!

Is it, therefore, not the part of wisdom to ask for a consultation, and have the doctor confer with other physicians with another and a newer vision of the fitness of poor roads and the method of their cure?

One of the cures advocated, and the only one which hasn't been tried, is the appointment of a National Highways Commission, to consider and report to the Congress on the subject of establishing, building, and forever maintaining a system of national highways. States which tried State aid and found it did not cure have tried State highway commissions and found they did cure; why should not the United States find as a whole the same good result the several States have found for themselves?

Roads are a national, not a State, problem. Transportation is a national, not a State, problem. Only the Nation can adequately and intelligibly lay out a system of roads for the Nation, and only the Nation can afford to build and maintain such highways as will adequately care for the present, not to speak of the future traffic.

TEXAS SWINGS HER LARIAT OVER COTTON BELT

Will Texas lasso and "hog tie" the cotton belt for her own permanent property with the billions of profit that will come in the future from its production on modern machinery lines? Or will her methods of growing cotton without colored help and with machines that plant and fertilize one or two rows at one time instead of taking three or four trips across the field for the two operations be copied by the old Cotton Belt to the east. Texas likes the seat, having preferred to ride since the days of the Longhorns. Last year Texas raised over 43 per cent of the cotton crop, and this year she expects to raise over half of the U. S. output. While North Carolina has also increased her cotton growing the past three years, indicating the boll weevil and negro migration has caused the cotton belt to shift at both ends in an effort to get away from these two big problems, the plains country of Texas appeared to be getting the jump on the weevil by "beating him to the draw." In other words, the Texan speeds up his cotton growing with machines until he gets the start of the "pesky varmint."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, In the matter of William Mathis Jones No. 969 in bankruptcy. The creditors of said William Mathis Jones, of Pontotoc, Mason County, Texas, are hereby notified that he has filed a petition for a certificate of discharge in bankruptcy, and that the same, under an order of said court, will be heard before D. K. Woodward, Jr., referee, at his office in the City of Austin, Texas, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 2nd day of July, 1924, at which time and place the creditors of said bankrupt may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. D. H. HART, Clerk. By A. B. COFFE, Deputy.

Date, May 22, 1924. 14
Congressmen shouldn't be too severely criticized for trying to raise their own salaries. They know if they don't do it nobody else will.—Southern Lumberman.

TAXES AND MONEY

If Henry Ford were to double the price of his car he wouldn't make so much real money as he is getting now. The people would buy some other car, or, if they could get no other, would go without.

Every time the government has advanced the tax on large incomes, the volume of money gathered from that source has shrunk.

There would be more money in the national treasury and more business and activity for commerce and industry if every dollar were out at work in some industrial enterprise earning a modest tax upon itself.

Likewise it would be better for the taxpayer if the issuance and sale of tax exempt securities, by cities, states, school boards and civic commissions were made less simple and popular.



Household Necessities

As each home is different—so are its necessities. This applies particularly to pharmacy necessities. One thing, however, which every home insists upon, is QUALITY.

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THE PASSING DAY

(By Will H. Mayes)

Most of the failures in life are due to absence of fixed purpose or to lack of systematic method in accomplishment of that purpose. It is surprising how few people have a well defined idea of what they expect to do with their lives, or even with a year, a month, or a week of their time. Most persons of small means, if asked to state their definite aims, would answer that they wish to make a living, to care for themselves and those dependent upon them, and to accumulate something for old age. That is commendable, but it does not go far enough. There is no special credit in continuing to live, even to live comfortably. The Creator must have brought us into life for something more than that, and it is for each of us to try to find for himself what we can best do with the life with which we have been endowed.

If we can't be of some special service while we live, life must be a very empty thing; if we can't reach out and help in some way those less fortunate in endowments—can't do something constructive in character—what excuse have we for cumbering the earth? What is success, anyway? Certainly, in its broad sense, it is not the accumulation of wealth, for many wealthy people know that they are most miserable failures. It is not in the acquirement of honors, for honors are empty daubles that soon vanish. It is doing well the thing that we are most anxious to do and doing it in a way that life may be a blessing to as many as possible.

If circumstances are such that we can't plan far ahead the things we want to do, we should at least adopt some measure of system in our work, even though it be but for a day or a week or a month, that will enable us to put our best efforts into our undertakings. Haphazard effort seldom accomplishes anything really worthwhile. The good housewife knows that she must have her day's work well planned and well timed, or her housekeeping will be a failure. The men seem not to have learned that lesson as well as the women, and many of them fall utterly for just that reason.

Much community effort is almost entirely lost for the same reason that individual effort fails. Chambers of Commerce, in small towns especially, drift into a state of general do-nothingness when the members begin to get careless about attending meetings. Clubs, like the Rotary, Kiwanis and the Lions, find that they can not do anything worth while unless they meet regularly, and so they meet at lunch or dinner, and fine their members or drop them for attendance. They strive about as hard to maintain a high attendance record as for anything else, for they know that poor attendance means poor interest. They keep their members constantly on the job or put them out of the organizations. Town building and community development cannot be done by "fits and jerks."

Like individual effort, community effort is often largely wasted because there is no definite plan of work. Every organization working for city or community good should outline the work for some definite period ahead and then stick to that outline as closely as possible. If this is not done there is sure to be much going off after inconsequential things that results in wasted effort. The places that put things over that are worth while are those that know what they want to do and then stay right on

the job until it is done. That is about the only secret there is as to why some places do things worth while and others flutter around and accomplish little or nothing.

It is a bit surprising to know the large number of Texas men and women that go North or East and do really big things in their new homes. It is a pity that we can't keep the best Texas talent in the state, but it can't always be done. New York is always drawing on us for bankers, for business men, for lawyers, for doctors, for journalists, for writers, for actors and for all classes of workers and when they succeed there they seem to feel that it is a bigger success than if the same things were done in Texas. Texas, with its vast area and its resources, will in time become the magnet for the really great and they will be drawn here as they are now being attracted to the East. In the mean time, encourage Texas people to stay here and help build up Texas.

WAIT, YOU MAY LOSE

As the old "Stop, Look and Listen" slogan at railroad crossings has lost its power of safety suggestion through long familiarity, the American Railroad Association recently advertised for a new one, offering a prize of 500 for a poster, with an additional \$100 for the slogan. Both prizes were won by a Brooklyn man, the winning slogan among 20,000 submitted being: "Wait! You May Lose!"

The same slogan would fit many modern complications of menaces, mortal and otherwise. We are a race of impatient and reckless in matters of great concern. We dash heedlessly over rail crossings, imperilling our lives, and we dash heedlessly into financial risks, imperilling our resources. "Wait! You May Lose!" would be a good thing to remember against the cupidty aroused by the blue sky agent's promises. Last year this public desire to get something for nothing cost the American people more than a billion dollars.—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

To set an ordinary column of type requires 10,002 pieces of type. There are seven positions in which each letter may be placed and there are over 72,000 chances to make transpositions. In the sentence "to be or not to be," by transposition alone, it is possible to make 5,759,022 errors. After reading the above statement from a printer's magazine do you wonder why you some times see an error in the newspaper?—Brownwood News.

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



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J. J. JOHNSON

Society

Honoring Miss Julia Bierschwale

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale assisted by their daughters, Misses Margaret and Nell Curlee, entertained at dinner Tuesday evening, June 10th, at 7 o'clock, honoring Miss Julia Bierschwale who left Wednesday for Quebec from which place she will sail for Italy.

The center piece was a miniature ocean with a tiny ship afloat upon the blue waters. A pebble and shell covered beach surrounded the ocean, and from it, lovely trails of green lead to either end of the table where tall gold candles stood. Favors were corsages of gold colored Nasturtiums and fern and packages of peppermint "life-savers" tied with gold and blue ribbon—the colors of Ward-Belmont College where Miss Bierschwale was formerly a student.

A lovely four course dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Baze, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Eckert, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale; Misses Marie Brockman, Margaret and Nell Curlee Bierschwale, the honoree, Miss Julia, Bierschwale, and Messrs. Arch Carter and Irl E. Larriomore.

Before the guests departed, each one wrote a "steamer" letter to Miss Bierschwale to be opened by her when she is aboard ship.

Intermediate League

Song.
Prayer.
Song.

Lesson—2 Tim. 3:14-17.
Music—Maggie Metzger and Biolet Wedder.

The Home in General—Minnie Schweers.

What of My Home—Otha Kirkpatrick.

Education in General—Louise Breazale.

My Own Education—Chester Doyal.
Music—Ruby Grote.

Things Worth While—Bennelien Land.

League Benediction.

All members are urged to come, as new officers will be elected.

B. Y. P. U.

"The Unceasing Battle".
Song No. 96.

Song No. 43.
Prayer—Rev. Parker.

Song No. 86.
Daily Bible Drill—Mrs. Banta.

Special Song—S. W. Miller.
Introduction—Alva Beach.

Law Enforcement Will Win—Nell Bierschwale.

America An Example to the World—Ella Doell.

Business Men for Prohibition—Jack Garrett.

Prohibition Backed by Christian Prayers—Ruby Jordan.

The Unceasing Battle—Ruth Hey.

The Three Great Curses—Willie Mae Bickelbach.

Special Song—Genevieve King.
Conclusion—Coralea Tinsley.

Talk—Rev. Richardson.
Song No. 97.

Prayer—Bro. Key.

Sunday School Picnic at Long Mountain

There will be a Sunday School picnic at Long Mountain on Friday, June 20th. Everybody cordially invited. A special invitation extended to the candidates.

On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan had as their guests at dinner, Dr. Alvin Schuessler and family, of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leifeste of Dallas, Mr. John Schuessler and family of Castell, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eckert and daughter, Miss Lillie.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Martin returned home last week from San Antonio. Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. Parks, and children, came with them for a few weeks visit at the Block House Ranch.

Miss Marie Brockman returned home Tuesday from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she has been attending the State University at that place.

F. B. McCollum, of San Antonio, is spending a few days in Mason this week.

Herbert Gamel was here a few days this week from Harper.

"THE RULING PASSION", COMEDY DRAMA AT STAR FRIDAY NIGHT

After twenty years successful presentation on the stage of roles portraying the cynic, the satirist, the crafty, designing schemer and similar roles, George Arliss, probably the most widely known and most popular character actor in this country, has given to the public something new and entirely different from anything he has heretofore attempted.

This new role comes in the play, "The Ruling Passion," a comedy drama as the feature for Friday at the Star Theater.

In "The Ruling Passion," Mr. Arliss pictures a multi-millionaire automobile manufacturer who has worked himself to the verge of a nervous breakdown and is ordered by his physician to retire to his country estate and seek relaxation. This he does, to the delight of his wife and daughter, but he soon finds that he has worked too long and too hard ever to find rest for his tired nerves in enforced idleness, so he secretly goes into a small time garage business with an almost penniless young man, who at once falls in love with the retired manufacturer's daughter.

"The Ruling Passion" abounds in quaint humor and subtle comedy, with a thread of what might be called health philosophy running through it, but without any definite attempt to point a moral or teach a lesson.

And to this lighter role Mr. Arliss brings all the artistry, all the splendid genius, the superb acting that he has shown in heavier parts, so that he makes of James Alden, the retired multi-millionaire, a real flesh and blood, benevolent philanthropist, kind of heart and big in mind, yet all the time keenly alert to the advantages of a shrewd business deal.

Mrs. Alf Polk and little daughter are visiting Mrs. Polk's aunt in Paris, Texas, this week.

Chas. Bierschwale and J. D. Eckert made a business trip to Junction last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown and children spent several days in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. Roy E. Doell and Miss Ida Mae Lemburg are visiting relatives in San Antonio this week.

Mary Jane Puckey left Saturday for Downey, California, to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. L. K. Caviness.

Mrs. J. M. Thompson and children, of Robstown, are here this week visiting friends.

Mrs. Geo. White and daughter, Miss Francis, of Brady, were in Mason last week to visit Mr. White and son, Vaughn.

Miss Thelma Awalt, a student in the Texas University the past term, returned home last week to spend the summer with home folks.

Miss Edna Baird, of Fort Worth, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Carter, a guest of Miss Pearl Land.

Mrs. A. W. Metzger and daughters have returned from San Antonio and Goliad, where they spent several days visiting.

Mrs. C. H. Garrett and daughter, Miss Opal, have returned from Richland Springs where they visited for several days.

Murray Kyger returned home last week from Austin where he has been a student in the University the past term.

Miss Sarah Thaxton has returned home for a vacation, after spending the past school term at the State University of Texas.

Miss Maybelle Loring left Monday for a few days visit in Butler, Ill. She will then go to Chicago to study three months in the American Conservatory.

Floyd and Roy McCollum left Monday, after a few days visit with home folks, for Georgetown, where they will be in school this summer.

Miss Annetta Moran has returned home from Alpine, where she has been attending the teachers college at that place.

Misses Edith Bellows, Willie Mae Grosses and Mayne Smith left last week for San Marcos where they will attend the Normal this summer.

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WOMAN HEADS HOME ECONOMICS BUREAU

Dr. Louise Stanley Is Recipient of Unusual Honor.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

For the first time in the history of the United States Department of Agriculture a woman, Dr. Louise Stanley, has been recently made chief of a bureau—the newly created bureau of home economics. The desirability of appointing a woman to this position will be appreciated when it is understood that the work of the Department of Agriculture is intended to serve the needs of the whole farm family in agriculture and home economics. While many of its bureaus give their attention to matters which chiefly concern the farmer, such as crops, live stock, soil conditions, insect pests, or general



Dr. Louise Stanley, Chief of Bureau of Home Economics.

farm management, it is part of the function of the department work as laid down by law, also to help the woman on the farm.

In many rural homes it has been found that the life of the mother is a continual round of drudgery. This is sometimes due to failure to understand the best ways of doing housework to save labor and strength. Frequently it is due to lack of conveniences. The bureau of home economics wants all women to be informed of the best and most modern practice in regard to everything connected with home-making. This does not necessarily mean urging people to buy expensive new equipment. It is possible to make housework so interesting and so dignified that it is a satisfaction. Instead of drudgery, to do it. The bureau of home economics believes that it takes brains to manage a home to the best

advantage of the whole family, and that what a mother does should be recognized and appreciated. At the same time, with more information as to what other housekeepers and scientific workers have found out about good household management, the proper feeding of the family, the best utensils and equipment to buy or the most durable materials for clothing, every mother can render better service to her family with less effort on her own part. To supply information on all such questions and to make investigations which will lead to continued improvement in household methods, the new bureau of home economics was established.

Printed leaflets, known as "Farmers' Bulletins" and dealing with a great many topics of interest to housekeepers, may be had free upon application to the United States Department of Agriculture. Those on food subjects contain good recipes which have been thoroughly tested.

For the present year the new bureau of home economics will continue work already begun in nutrition, food preparation and other household problems. After next July scientific studies will be made to learn how the family income should be spent, what woman's work in the home is actually worth if wages were paid, how to select clothing and dress materials to best advantage, how to choose the most nourishing foods, how much housing ought to cost, the best kind of equipment to buy, such as furnaces, hot water heaters, stoves, refrigerators, the best plan for a kitchen. As these studies are completed information relating to them will be circulated in the newspapers and magazines and in the form of farmers' bulletins.

Cruel Woman.
Hubby (at breakfast)—I've got a bad head this morning.
Wifey—I'm sorry, dear. I do hope you will be able to shake it off.

From Our Early Files

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, June 11, 1909:
Mrs. Lee Taliaferro died at Grit Thursday evening, aged 21 years.

Misses Bertha and Anna Hofmann left Saturday for Denton to attend the College of Industrial Arts.

J. C. Lemburg and family have moved into their pretty new residence. Ed Henrich and Miss Bertha returned home last week from Dallas.

County Attorney, J. T. Banks and Miss Lavonia Merritt were united in marriage last Sunday night at the home of Mrs. Jennie Reynolds.

Marriage License—Mr. J. T. Banks and Miss Lavonia Merritt; Wm. Land and Miss Ada King.

Chas. and Max Martin have returned from a stay of several weeks at Mineral Wells.

Mr. Will Land and Miss Ada King were united in marriage Monday night.

Last Thursday afternoon about 2 o'clock, Jim Ambersom, of London, was killed by lightning. He is survived by a widow and several children.

Mrs. J. F. Schaege and Miss Mary came in Saturday from Brady, called here by the serious illness of S. F. Bridges.

G. A. Loeffler shipped two cars of fat cattle to Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. S. A. McCollum and son, Carl, went to Austin Thursday where they joined Miss Anna. They went on to West Point to visit Mr. McCollum's father.

Max Martin has ordered a two cylinder, 22 horse power automobile to be here in about a month.

Hello Is an Old and Respectable Word

A need of the time is some plain and serious salutation, like "Hall, fellow," or "Good morning, neighbor." Men of spirit are rebelling at the demure monotony of "Good morning, Mr. Jenkins." On the other hand, a professor of English takes us to task for using "Hello" as a term of greeting.

On top of which Miss Megan Lloyd George confesses that in America the never-failing "Pleased to meet you" left her at a loss for a response conformable to the local rubric.

She might have said, "Oh, are you?" Or she might have contented herself with "Really?" Or she might have been more loquacious and babbled, "So good of you to mention it." Or, had British reserve permitted, she might have taken the wind out of the other person's sails by retorting, "As for me, I'm simply transported at such an auspicious encounter."

But, not venturing to invent a formula, she stuck to her mild "How d'you do?" and wondered if she were transgressing American etiquette by not making verbal acknowledgment of the other person's profession of pleasure at the meeting.

An easy way to greet everybody is with a "Hello." But some persons consider that too informal. Despite professional condemnation, "hello" is a word of old and respectable lineage. —New York Sun and Globe.

Mrs. W. C. Lauderdale, of San Antonio is here for a few weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Gamel, and sister, Mrs. John Lindsay, and family.

Latest Novels at Mason Drug Co.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, June 16, 1899:
E. H. Todd and wife have been visiting relatives in Menard county the past week.

Mrs. H. Puckey visited relatives in Castell this week.

Mrs. A. W. Kooek has been visiting friends in Menard county the past week.

H. C. Boyd and little son, Erv, made a brief business trip to Llano this week.

F. E. Husband was in from his ranch Saturday. He is purchasing some cattle for another party.

Some of the young men are agitating the organization of a cornet band. Felix Keller will be leader.

Mrs. Lucy Wooten who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. W. Henderson, left Monday for Galveston.

The new residence of E. J. Lemburg is nearing completion.

Ratie, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindsay, died Friday morning.

The 9-year-old son of Jim Morris died in Saturday from Brady, called here by the serious illness of S. F. Bridges.

S. B. Walker, aged 68, died Monday at the Schreiner ranch.

Miss Zera Jones, aged 20, died Monday morning of heart failure.

A double wedding ceremony was performed last Wednesday, contracting parties being Miss Mattie Grote and Prof. A. C. Leifeste, and Miss Hulda Grote and Mr. Chas. Guentert.

Mrs. L. F. Knesse sold his yearlings, consisting of about 500 head, to Melvin Bros., for \$15.

Lon G. Gibbons and family, of Altus, Oklahoma, and Denny Gibbons, of Crowell, Texas, have been visiting their parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Gibbons this week.

Candidate Cards \$6.00 per 1000 at NEWS OFFICE

Auto Enamel at— R. GROOSE'S LUMBER YARD

HOW'S THIS?

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves the Catarrhal Inflammation, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus assisting to restore normal conditions.
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CHICKENS If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. J. J. JOHNSON.

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

You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 8:15 o'clock.

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

THE HOME GUARDS Livergard and Lungardia LIVERGARD is the New Laxative we can not improve; excels all others. When a Laxative is needed, makes laughing babies of puny ones, keeps old folks young. LUNGARDIA has no equal for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat; unsurpassed in removing deep Coughs of long standing. One trial convinces. Lungardia Co. Dallas, Texas. For sale by Mason Drug Company.—Adv.

CEMENT \$1.25 per sack delivered anywhere in town. 10 cents back for good sacks. Special prices on large amounts. WM. SPLITTGERBER

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

- For State Senator, 25th District: HON. WALTER C. WOODWARD J. A. THOMAS
For Representative Texas Legislature, 86th District: ROSCOE RUNGE
For Judge, 33rd Judicial District: J. H. McLEAN N. T. STUBBS
For County Judge: J. H. JONES JOHN T. BANKS (Re-election) BEN HEY GLENN W. SMITH
For Tax Assessor: M. L. WEBSTER T. O. REARDON W. O. BODE (Re-election) ALFRED KUHLMANN BEN E. HASSE ALSON 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 O. H. ROBBINS. A. M. WIER
For District and County Clerk: R. E. LEE, (Re-Election)
For Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; T. M. BUTLER (Re-election)
For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: G. W. HERRING BEN RANDENBERGER
For Commissioner, Prec't. No. 4: D. A. JORDAN
For Public Weigher, Prec't. No. 1: CHAS. BECK H. PUCKEY, (Re-election)

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay, a girl, June 4th. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hartman, a boy, June 4th.

CARD OF THANKS It is by this means, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy extended us during the illness and death of our father. We are especially thankful for the beautiful flowers. THE CHILDREN.

CHURCH NOTICES

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH Preaching services next Sunday at 11 a. m., but no service of any kind at night on account of the Baptist revival meeting.

REVIVAL MEETING Conducted by Rev. L. S. Richardson, of Brownwood, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Z. E. Parker, with Bro. S. W. Miller, singer, will begin Friday, June 13th. Services night and morning in tent, east of square. 2t

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. 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services by Rev. Wood every 2nd and 4th Sundays. A cordial invitation extended to everyone to attend.

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. Nichols Charge Lay Leader. G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

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

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.

...We are sure to save you money on your Groceries if you will compare our prices with others. E. LEHMBURG & BRO.

After a fellow gets through supporting the Government and the criminal classes he is almost an object of charity himself.—Columbia Record.

Just received a shipment of the Famous Hole Proof hose in the newest shades. If you once give them a trial you will buy no other. E. LEHMBURG & BRO.

Spring dresses are more diaphanous than ever, we are told. And doubtless the prodigal sun will reveal the fatted calf.—London Opinion.

Ties, Shirts and Gaberdine pants in all new patterns. Clark & White. 14

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BEN BRANDENBERGER FOR COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

In the announcement column of the News this week, will be found the name of Ben Brandenberger as a candidate for commissioner of Precinct No. 3. Mr. Brandenberger is a prominent stockman of the Capitola community, and states that should he be selected to fill the office to which he aspires, he will make every effort to serve the people of his Precinct in most satisfactory manner. He earnestly solicits your support and influence.

SECOND INCOME TAX INSTALLMENT DUE JUNE 15TH; REDUCTN

If at the time you filed your Federal income tax return you paid three fourths of the amount of tax reported, no further payment will be due. If at the time you filed your return, you paid one-half of the amount of tax reported, no payment will be due until September 15th. If at the time you filed your return, you paid only one-fourth of the amount of tax reported, you must pay on or before June 15th one-half of the amount paid by you when you filed your return. The main point to be borne in mind is that one-half of the tax due from you this year must have been paid on or before June 15th.

FATAL ACCIDENT

Alvine the 8-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walter of the Crab Apple section, was accidentally killed Sunday evening late, when the left hind wheel of the car in which she was riding, broke, as they were going down the long steep hill this side of Bear Mountain. The car skidded and fell over to one side thereby killing the little child. The accident is indeed very sad as she is the sixth baby out of seven that the Walter family have lost. The little darling was laid to rest Monday at 3 o'clock at Crab Apple. Rev. Flachmeier officiating. Her death is deeply mourned by her parents, her little sister, and many relatives and friends.—Fredericksburg Standard.

Mrs. Thomas Murray, Mrs. Otto Schmidt, Mrs. L. Kuhn and Murray Kyger left today for Anson to visit Mrs. Winnie Morrow. They will visit a few days in Abilene with friends on their return.

Mrs. D. T. Brieger who has made her home in Mason for several years, with her niece, Mrs. W. H. Larrimore, left Tuesday for Wisconsin to reside with sisters. Mrs. Brieger was accompanied as far as Fort Worth by Mrs. W. H. Larrimore.

"Pa" Gibbs and wife, of Brownwood, are spending several days in the Wagon community with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Griffith, and other friends and relatives. Mr. Gibbs was in Mason one day last week meeting and shaking hands with his many old friends.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends who so kindly assisted us during the recent illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother.

MR. AND MRS. J. F. LEE MR. AND MRS. J. W. LEE & FAMILY

NOTICE

We are assisting in the handling of Arsenic and Barana oil for Mason county. This is bought by the county and all orders must be strictly cash. MASON DRUG COMPANY

Coolidge is the Republican party's leader, but they do not seem to be going in the same direction.—Greenville Piedmont.

We have a few broken sizes in Men's Suits to close out cheap. at— E. LEHMBURG & BRO.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, etc., always high in quality and low in price at— E. LEHMBURG & BRO.

The most complete stock of ladies and children's slippers in the city of Mason, at lowest figures. E. LEHMBURG & BRO.

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Molding Such Material into Shape a Problem That Has Been Finally Solved.

The intense heat which the mineral quartz is capable of standing makes it unusually suitable as a material for retorts, crucibles and the like when these are to be used in chemical work requiring high temperatures. But if these quartz vessels themselves are to endure such high heats how are they to be molded?

This problem has been solved in a novel and practical way, says the Washington Star. The maker packs beach sand (which is composed largely of quartz) around a carbon rod in the center of a carbon cylinder with a bore of about eight inches. Then he sends sufficient current through these carbon terminals to melt the sand and let the quartz form into a single tube weighing over 100 pounds. This tube is drawn out of its carbon furnace with tongs while still hot and the hole in it is stuffed with either potatoes or lime, after which the tube is squeezed shut at each end, and the hot mass is put into molds of the desired shape.

Owing to the heat the potatoes or lime generate considerable gas, which presses the hot metal out against the sides of the mold. For cutting and finishing the quartz vessels when cold the maker uses both sandblast and saws fitted with teeth of carbundum, another product of the electric furnace. But the start in every case is obtained by melting the quartz crystals into a single mass in the intense heat of a simple electrical furnace.

N. Y. CHINESE ARE EDUCATED

Englishman Has No Success in Using Pidgin Language in Mott Street.

An Englishman who had been in Shanghai in his youth, approached a young Chinese standing in the doorway of a chop suey palace in Mott street, says the New York Mail. Having spoken only pidgin-English in Shanghai the Briton essayed it on the Gotham Chinese.

"Have got chowchow topside?" he asked.

"Huh?" returned the Chinese, with a puzzled expression.

"Catch 'em chowchow topside?"

The Chinese shook his head to indicate that he did not understand.

"You savvy," repeated the Englishman, with increasing earnestness, "you belong topside? You number one boy. My want chowchow. Catch 'em topside?"

"Say!" returned the Chinese, with a mixture of contempt and anger, "say, where do you get that stuff? What are you trying to pull on me? You guys give me a pain, springing that kind of talk on us here. How do you get that way, anyhow?"

"O, I'm sorry," the Englishman apologized, "but I didn't know you spoke English. Is there a restaurant upstairs?"

"Sure is," the Chinese answered, somewhat mollified, "Just go up the steps and you can get anything you want in our line. But, remember, that we Chinese fellows in this country ain't no coolies. We are educated!"

Australia's Great Bridge.

About six years' work will be required to complete a great bridge which has been planned for Australia across the Sydney harbor. The preliminary work has been commenced and it is proceeding with all the speed that can be put into such a great undertaking. It will be a high-level structure and will be one of the engineering marvels of the world. It will accommodate four lines of railroads and a 57-foot highway. It will cost \$80,000,000 and will displace a slow and uncertain ferry which is now used.

Almost a Yard.

A farmer had several hens stolen, so he decided to buy a dog. He sent his man to town and told him to get a good yard dog.

Soon the man returned, escorting a dachshund.

"What do you call that thing?" gasped the farmer.

"Well," replied the man, "it's the nearest I could get to a yard; it's two feet eleven inches." Mangle by Wedding Ring. When Mrs. James Carrick, a New Zealand woman, was standing on a chair lifting a meat safe down from a big hook her wedding ring caught in the hook and almost simultaneously the chair slid from under her. She was thus suspended in midair until her cries attracted attention and she was released only after the ring had been filed in two.

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TRUE COLORS

By JANE GORDON

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AS DOCTOR BRUCE BENTON prepared his medicine case for his round of afternoon calls his mother's voice came to him. She was in an adjoining room, and Mrs. Kenzie was with her.

"That trifling Curtis girl," Mrs. Kenzie said, "seems to have charmed your son; every place I go I meet them, either talking or walking together. Next thing I suppose we shall see Doctor Bruce driving her about in his car."

"Seems her aunt, Miss Lettice Snow, might have rented her house while she's abroad, 'stead of leaving it to the care of such an irresponsible creature. She has brought on a housekeeper from the city, as if one young woman couldn't as much as wash her own dishes or cook her meals."

"Maybe," suggested Mrs. Benton, "this Miss Curtis brought the housekeeper along for company. The grounds about Miss Snow's house are extensive and make the place seem lonely. As for Bruce being interested, I am sure you are mistaken. His profession has always absorbed him; that's why he has paid no attention, other than professional, to the young women of his own town."

"Well, you wait and see," Mrs. Kenzie warned. "There was interest enough in his look when the Curtis girl smiled at him this morning in front of my house. And I said to Ellen, 'Now wouldn't that be too bad if Bruce, after all the sacrifices his mother made to give him his doctor's education—wouldn't it be too bad if he should take up with that light-headed fluff thing?' And Ellen says, 'Maybe he would for a time, but he'd soon find the stranger's true colors beneath all her pretty manners. She's just flirtatious, this Eleanor Curtis, and don't know what a heart is.' Ellen says, 'except to throw it at every man.' Ellen, if she is my sister's child, is a substantial young woman, the kind a man needs in these strenuous times. And Ellen says, 'Doctor Bruce has got brains; he'll find that girl's true colors.' I'm sure I hope he will. A doctor's wife in Lynden needs more experience than you get driving a car and giving cookie parties to children, which she's been doing in her spare moments from entertaining men on Miss Snow's veranda."

Bruce frowned fiercely as the woman went out, and he snapped his medicine case, going out to the garage without a parting word to his mother.

Bruce was amazed to know the depth of his interest, the pain that disappointment in this, his suddenly realized ideal of womanhood, could bring to him. Did love come like that? Wonderingly he asked himself the question. The woman he would bring as wife to his mother's home during the feast of that mother's short stay there must not be a creature of selfish lightness—not even in the face of his love for her. Bruce rode on, miserable. Eleanor need never know of his love for her—Neil, he had heard a village child call her.

"True colors," Ellen had said; the disapproved one "must show her true colors." A cry came to him, sharp with pain. Bruce drew up his car and looked down the grassy incline below. Then he was leaping down the steep bank. A huddled form lay at its base. He recognized the boy as he bent over him—a ragged urchin from lower town. The boy had missed his footing, and falling, had cut seriously his arm against a sharp stone. The other arm was crumpled—broken probably, beneath his stout body. The doctor looked helplessly up to where his surgical case lay in the car—while he might be making the steep climb the unconscious boy would be losing blood.

"White-faced figure came running straight toward him," the Curtis girl said from a window. I snatched up a pillow. We can raise him up. My glance at the crumpled form and my hand slipped a length of the white

skirt ruthlessly. "My dress is spotlessly clean," she went on. "Now, if you will go after your case, doctor, I will be able to hold it so—I understand first aid."

The lad was conscious when Bruce came clambering back. The girl had bathed his forehead with her handkerchief, wet in a stream. Silently she responded to the doctor's abrupt directions. When they could raise the lad between them she looked up with the smile that had haunted Bruce from the moment of their meeting.

"We will take him right into my own little white bed," said Neil, "and I will look after Tommy until he is well; you know he lives alone with a hard-working, poor father."

Bruce made no remark as he followed on into the house where a bent old woman met them.

"Hannah," the girl explained when Tommy was deposited on the white bed, "is my old housekeeper from the city. That is," she added ruefully, "Hannah used to be strong enough to keep house when I was a youngster—now that rheumatism troubles her, well, we still give her the dignity of the name, and she helps when she can. You will come to see Tommy tomorrow?" she asked Bruce at the doorway later.

He looked earnestly into the blue eyes. "And many other tomorrows—to see you, I hope," he said daringly.

The Curtis girl flushed; her gaze reproved his presumption.

Bruce refused to be reproved; he smiled into the accusing eyes.

"True blue," he murmured happily.

MAY COTTON REPORT—TEXAS

Great difficulty has been experienced this season in obtaining cotton stands, many have replanted two to three times without satisfactory results, the crop averages two to three weeks late, every month this year has been below normal in temperatures, rainfall has been excessive over the main cotton sections, weevils are numerous in the southern counties, there is urgent need of hot dry weather. In the report released at this time by H. H. Schutz, Statistician, U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates, the Texas condition is given as 66 per cent of normal which with but two exceptions is the lowest in the past ten years and 6 points below the 10-year average. Last year the condition at this time was 77 per cent, and 61 per cent on May 25, 1922.

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SEVERE CRAMPING SPELLS, PAINS IN BACK AND SIDES

"My trouble has been periodic cramping spells," says Mrs. C. C. Draper, of Atlanta, Texas. "For several years these have come on me so bad that I had to quit my work and go to bed. Every month I would stay in bed from one to two days. The pains in my back and sides were awful. This went on for several months after I was married until, one time when I was having a bad spell, my husband suggested that I try Cardui. I said I would try it, so he got me a bottle at the store and I began to take it."

"It seemed like I improved from the very first dose. When I had taken one bottle I was very much better. I did not cramp so bad the next month and I ate and slept better. I was not nervous, either. I thought Cardui was fine. I continued the treatment until I had taken two bottles, at which time I felt completely well. I had no more cramping spells at all, and my health was as good as anybody's. I am feeling fine now and I give all the credit to Cardui, for I had been suffering for years before I took it."

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COMANCHE MAN GIVES PLANS FOR GRASSHOPPER TRAP

The following statement by J. R. Eanes, of Comanche, regarding the erection of what is commonly known as a grasshopper trap will be of interest to the farmers of this section who are bothered by these pests.

I have no desire to get people away from poisoning grasshoppers, as I know that if they follow the directions of our county agent that they can be effectively controlled in this way. But I have been requested to make a statement, giving as best I can specifications of a trap that I know was successfully used last season.

This trap consists of a trough four inches deep, eighteen inches wide and nine feet long, twelve feet long if you like, built on two by eight runners, the trough made of metal with joint calked with tar any calking material that you have handy, with a screen or wall four to four and a half feet high extending up from the top of the back trough this screen should lean toward front wall of trough at sufficient angle as to bring the top of the screen directly over the center of the trough. The supports for this screen are nailed on to the runners on which the trough is built and the screen can be made of cloth, white oil cloth is best, stretched tight and nailed to these supports or standards. When the trap is complete fill the trough half full of water and add enough kerosene to well cover the water, hitch a horse to either end of the trough and drive down your rows. As the trap approaches the hoppers will rise and as the horses and drivers are to their side and ahead of the trap they fly toward the trough, are caught by the screen, and tumble into the kerosene and water. The kerosene does the rest. Crude oil is as good if not better than kerosene, but use the one that is most accessible.

The Stokes boys, living four miles northeast of Sipe Springs saved 75 acres of cotton last season, did not lose an acre, with a similar trap, when some of their neighbors' crops were completely destroyed. Similar traps were also used in Coleman county, with good effect.

J. R. EANES.

"THREE JUMPS AHEAD AT STAR THEATER ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Tom Mix has a fast and furious romance of the West in "Three Jumps Ahead," at the Star Theater Saturday night.

After seeing the last few of the Tom Mix pictures, it did not seem possible to invent new stunts for every picture, but his latest screen offering exceeds even the best of his previous pictures. At least two new and thrilling stunts are offered in this photoplay for the entertainment of motion picture fans.

Tom Mix in "Three Jumps Ahead" shares the honors with Tony, the remarkable horse which has become known to thousands of fans in every city. The new leading lady for Tom Mix is Alma Bennett, one of the most beautiful actresses appearing before the camera today. Although Miss Bennett is very young, her work has attracted considerable attention and her role in this production is capably handled.

This story deals with the activities of a band of cattle rustlers of the old West and their subsequent defeat at the hand of the Texas Rangers. The rustlers capture Mix and take him to their secret cave which has its entrance beneath a waterfall. In order to enter the cave the men ride through the water and thus come to a rock walled fortress. Mix escapes from the rustlers' stronghold and rescues the father of the girl he loves. Then he leads the Rangers in pursuit of the bandits.

If you like a fast moving western tale with plenty of thrilling stunts superb photography, an interesting love story and a capable cast, then this picture will surely entertain you.

MASON SENDS INVITATION TO PICNIC ON 4TH

The Brady Luheon club last night voted unanimous acceptance of the cordial invitation extended to Brady to be the guests of Mason on the occasion of their big celebration July 3rd and 4th. It was decided that since the 4th would be observed as a holiday, Brady will choose that day to make their visit to Mason. Every effort will be made to have every Brady citizen join in the visit to Mason, the entire delegation going in a body. No special demonstration is to be made at Mason by the delegates; rather their going is to be in the nature of a friendly and neighborly visit.—Brady Standard.

FORM HEART OF TEXAS WOOL AND MOHAIR ASSOCIATION

At a meeting attended by about forty McCulloch county growers of wool and mohair, held last Saturday afternoon at the court house, a "Heart of Texas Wool & Mohair Growers association" was formed. H. P. Jordan was elected president and Ed Campbell, secretary. Some 600 bags, or approximately 125,000 pounds of wool was pooled by members of the newly formed association, and a sales committee was named to receive the wool, arrange for storage, get in touch with buyers and to name a sales day. The following compose the sales committee; Jas. Brook, P. C. Dutton, S. W. Espy, Jas. T. Mann, Ed Campbell. Arrangements have been made to store the pooled wool at the T. T. Smith warehouse, a storage charge of 15c being assessed, in addition to which there will be a charge for drayage and insurance.

It is planned to hold the sale of the pool wool at an early date.

The foregoing pool represents about four carloads of wool; in addition something like four cars have already been shipped, and this does not include the wool produced by the larger and old growers in McCulloch county and this section.—Brady Standard.

JUNE 1 CROP REPORT—TEXAS

The unusually cool temperatures during May and excessive rainfall over the eastern half of the State have had a retarding effect upon the growth of crops and their cultivation. Since the May 25 report on cotton a continuation of heavy rains did further injury except in the west and northwest where moisture was needed. However, lately, fair weather with higher temperature and abundant sunshine have made possible the working of the fields. Planting and replanting is almost finished and chopping is making progress.

There has been a material improvement in the crop outlook since the change in weather conditions according to the June report of the U. S. Division of Crop Estimates. However, with the wheat and oat harvest coming on at a time when cotton needs attention, the labor situation has become of unusual importance. On June 1, the ration of labor supply to demand was 84 per cent as compared with 96 per cent on May 1; the supply shows a decrease and the demand an increase. Corn is late, but is now doing well; the early planted in the south is ripening. The grain sorghums and broomcorn have been held back with much replanting necessary. While the rice crop is somewhat late, the favorable weather now prevailing is making prospects good. Grasshoppers are a menace in many sections of the State.

The early potato crop had a condition on June 1 estimated at 87 per cent of normal with yields averaging around 77 bushels per acre. The Brownsville section was practically thru shipping, the yields being above the average; the Eagle Lake-Wharton movement began on the 19th and the Simonton on the 28th. A total of 655 cars had been shipped by May 31 as against 306 cars by June 2, 1923, and 814 cars for the 1923 season.

With the exception of damage by hail in various localities in the State, the month was favorable for the fruit crop. Apples average 71 per cent in condition; peaches 67 per cent, pears 69 per cent, blackberries 91 per cent, watermelons and cantaloupes 72 per cent.

The pecan crop is reported at 78 per cent, giving promise up to now of slightly better than three-fourths of a full crop. A hopeful sign in the central and west-central counties is the apparent ascendancy of the enemies of the casebearer which has done such great damage to pecans in recent years. A few sections suffered from late freezes.

More fertilizer has been used this year than in any of the 18 years of record, indications pointing to 120,000 tons as compared with 76,000 tons last year. Of this amount it is estimated that 73 per cent was applied to cotton and most of the remainder to truck and fruit.

Maj. E. N. Reeves and wife, of Fort Sam Houston, and a brother-in-law of Rev. G. T. Gibbons, were in Mason the past week-end for a visit in the Gibbons home. They were accompanied on their return by Willard and Kermit Gibbons who will visit in San Antonio, San Marcos and Austin.

Miss Margaret Bierschwald arrived home last Saturday from New York, where she spent the past nine months attending school.

Cause of Trojan War Told in Homer's Iliad

According to Homer's Iliad, the Trojan war was an expedition against the city of Troy, engaged in by the combined princes of Greece, led by Agamemnon, king of Mycenae. Paris, the son of Priam, king of Troy, having awarded the prize for superior beauty to Venus in preference to Juno and Minerva, was promised by that goddess the most beautiful woman of the age for his wife. Soon after this he visited Menelaus, king of Sparta, and was received with great respect, but abused the hospitality shown him by inducing Helen, the wife of his host, to elope with him to Troy. The Grecian princes resolved to avenge this outrage, and sailed for Troy with an army of 100,000 men, conveyed thither in 1,200 open vessels. After a siege of ten years, the city was taken by stratagem, plundered and then burned (1184 B. C.). The aged king Priam was slain, and his family was led into captivity. Among the famous princes that distinguished themselves in the Trojan war may be named Achilles, Ajax, Menelaus, Ulysses, Nestor and Diomedes. The Trojans were commanded by Hector, the son of Priam, and assailed by Paris, Delphobus, Aeneas and Sarpedon.

Fights Cancer With X-Ray

Cancer, most insidious of diseases and one that has defied medical science for generations is to be again attacked, this time by Dr. Lewis Friedman, with an X-ray of 250,000 volts. Dr. Friedman is a noted radiologist and cancer specialist and holds forth great hope for success in his new experiments. He says that the rays from his machine are identical with some radium rays, and by its use hopes to make progress in the fight to drive out the cancer scourge. So far he has obtained very favorable results with the powerful ray, and has announced that in a far advanced case which he had treated he had reduced one dimension of an internal abdominal cancer three-quarters of an inch, using the extremely high voltage of 250,000. Radium has been tried on a number of patients and in many cases a fair degree of success attended the efforts, but Dr. Friedman hopes to accomplish even more with his new machine.

600 Years From Earth

There is some uncertainty as to the distance of the Orion stars, writes Isabel M. Lewis of the United States naval observatory, but it is known to be much greater than that of the Pleiades and Hyades and the most reliable estimate is about six hundred light years. If we prefer to think in terms of miles, which is not a very wise thing to do when speaking of star distances, we find that this is equal to about thirty-six hundred trillion miles (3,600,000,000,000,000), or nearly forty million times the distance from the earth to the sun! With its tremendous speed of 186,000 miles in a second, light takes six centuries to cover the distance.

The red star Betelgeuse, varying irregularly in brightness, is not a member of the Orion group, but, as its color indicates, is a star of an entirely different type. Its distance of 100 light years is only about one-fourth of that of the Orion group.—Nature Magazine.

A Great Shock

The late Sir Charles Hawtrej, the English actor, was being praised in a New York club.

"Hawtrej," said a comedian, "once told me about a trip he made to India. He complimented the Anglo-Indians for their elegance, but he said their slang was very hard to understand.

"He said that at a dinner party in Simla he was praising the smart equipages he had seen everywhere when a pretty girl on his left touched his ear coquettishly:

"I must show you my tum-tum tomorrow. I have just had it painted black and yellow."

"Hawtrej said that when he came to they explained to him that 'tum-tum' was the Anglo-Indian slang for 'dogcart'."

New Butter Process

A new method of butter manufacture is now being tried in Holland and is meeting with success in delaying the deterioration of butter, says the Scientific American. The new process consists in churning in an atmosphere of pure carbon dioxide. The air is sucked out of the churn and is replaced by carbon dioxide, which fills the pores of the butter and keeps out the oxygen so long as the butter is not vigorously agitated after exposure to the air. The natural process of deterioration is accelerated by oxygen. The cost of the new process is said to be negligible in view of the advantage gained.

To Keep Clock Running

Take a piece of thick woolen cloth, soak it in seal oil and lay it inside the

shelf of a hall clock underneath the pendulum or inside it. The vapor goes up and you will never need to oil the clock. Always soak the same woollen cloth two or three inches in kerosene every three or six months. The same thing can be used in a hanging clock or a shelf clock that has a pendulum

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