

# Mason County News.

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MASON, TEXAS, THURSDAY MAY 1 1919.

ESTAB 1877

**CHAS. BIERSCHWALE**  
**REAL ESTATE**  
**ABSTRACTOR AND NOTARY**  
 IN BUSINESS SINCE 1885

MASON : : : TEXAS

15 YEARS AGO

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, April 29, 1904:

Last week while unloading a car of buggies at Llano Henry Thode had two toes on his left foot badly mashed by a crate falling on it.

Alec Durst, Henry Hoerster and Dave Kiser shipped four cars of cattle last week from Brady to St. Louis.

Dr. Daily has purchased 2 acres north of Harry Bierschwale's residence from D. Doole for \$500 and will erect a residence thereon.

C. C. Smith & Sons delivered their cattle, 1300 head three year old steers to J. W. Gibson, of Wagoner, I. T., last Saturday. The price paid was \$18.

Fort Mason Camp U. C. V. met Saturday and elected J. W. Leslie and John McCollum as delegates to the National reunion. Misses Mackie and Mary Leslie were elected sponsors for the camp.

The little two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. White died Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the home of his grandfather, Col. T. F. Rainey.

W. F. Jordan and son, Felix were in Wednesday from Katemey. They report a high rain Sunday.

Miss Ruth Sands entertained a number of her young friends in a very delightful manner last Friday night, on the occasion of her birthday.

A few yearlings have been sold for \$8, but most of the people are disposed to stick out for \$10.

Hon. A. N. Moursund went to Pontotoc Thursday to make an address that night at the closing of the Pontotoc school.

Mr. Wm. P. Bevans, Jr., of Menardville and Miss Mabel Grandstaff of this place were united in marriage last Wednesday at Fort Worth.

Mr. W. J. Evans died Saturday morning at his home at Pontotoc, after an illness of not more than about 24 hours.

Do you want any crockery ware, such as churns, milk pans, jugs or 5 gallon jars? We have a nice assortment.

City Grocery Co.

From Mason News, May 4, 1894:

J. M. Stewart and family have moved to the Mabry ranch.

Louis Runge, of the Los Morris ranch was in town Thursday on business.

Mrs. Gugenheim will leave for Austin in a few days to have her eyes treated.

Ernest Lemburg had a yearling to hook him on the knee a few days ago while branding it.

Frank Moody and Andy Adeock have opened an ice cream parlor in the old post office building.

Mrs. M. A. Hamilton and children leave for Kansas next week to spend the summer with Capt. S. Gunther and family.

M. D. Slaton has announced his candidacy for District Judge.

Professor McCollum has moved from Brady to his ranch in this county.

Messrs. C. Holmberg, Louis Schmidt, Wm. Hofmann, L. H. King and Wilson Hey spent a few days last week on Mill Creek and had a royal time eating squirrels and fish.

H. Bierschwale, district and county clerk at Fredericksburg, spent the past week in town visiting his sons, Harry and Chas.

Holmes Doole and Charley Broad had a little difficulty at school Thursday and bunged each other up considerably.

Assessor Gowing has been at work in the Pontotoc neighborhood the past week.

### THRESHING NOTICE

We will run two threshing machines this season. Parties having anything for us to thresh will please notify us at an early date, at 112 E. W. Winkle and Chas. Leslie

Mrs. J. P. Baze, Mrs. Martin Baze of Camp San Saba and two Mesdames Amon, of London, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Baze last Saturday and Sunday. They left Monday afternoon for the former's home at Camp San Saba.

We have all colors of straw hat dye.—Mason Drug Co.

### SAW 18 MONTHS

### OVER-SEA SERVICE

Steve Fickling, a Mr. Perry and Tommy Strong were in Mason last Monday from the Pontotoc section. Tommy reached home last week after having received his discharge from the U. S. Army at Camp Bowie. He served with the Expeditionary Forces for 18 months, and is wearing three gold service stripes. He suffered a sharpnel wound in one of his legs and was gassed once during his service at the front, although he went over the top many times. Tommy has not little to say regarding his ex-

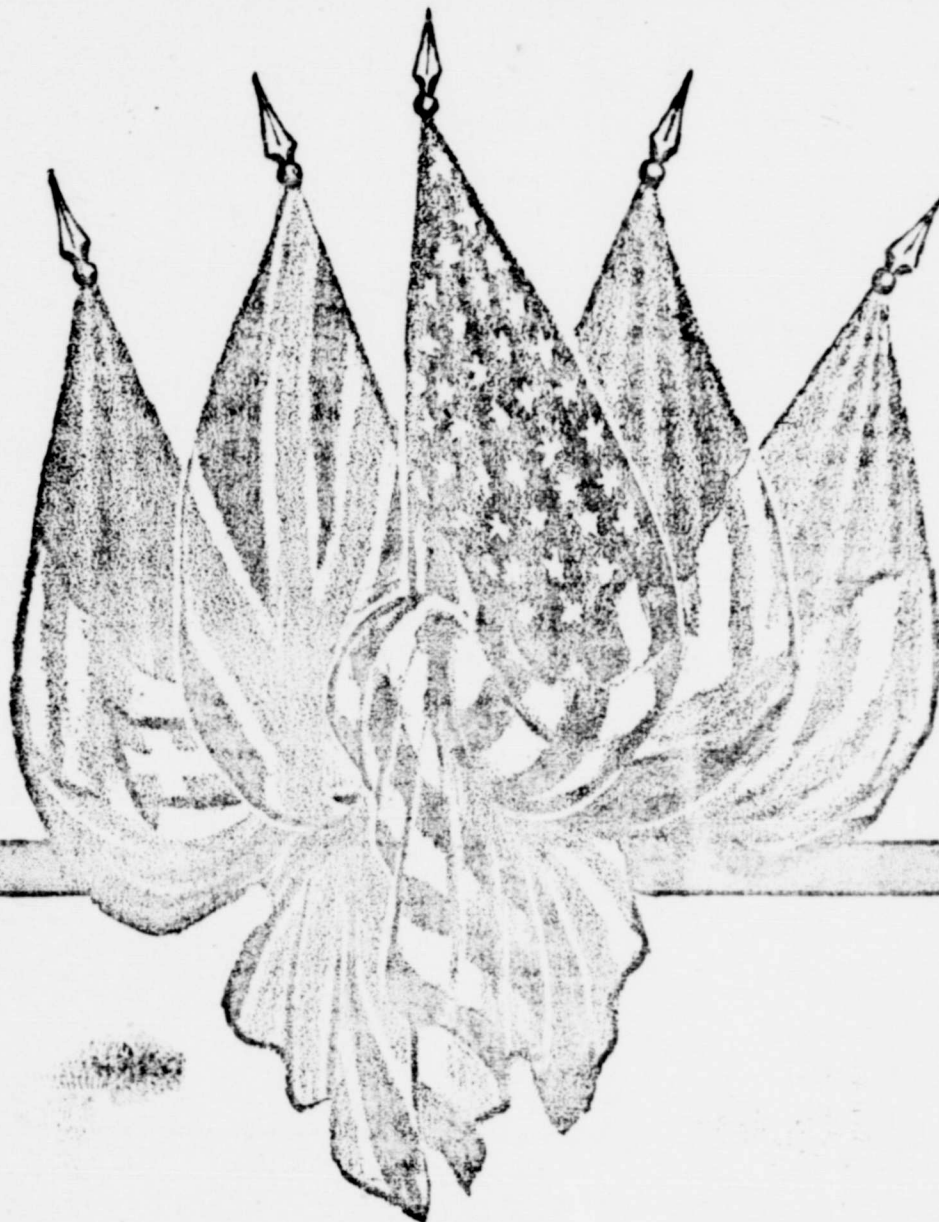
periences on the other side, although he has a quick and ready reply for every question he is asked, but he leaves it to the other fellow to lead out the conversation. Tommy saw 38 days at the Chateau Thierry front. He bears the distinction of being the only Mason county boy to see as much as 18 months over-sea service. He enlisted as a volunteer at Camp Travis two years ago and after six months training in New York he went across. He was returned to this country with the casuals, reaching the States about the 25th of March.

G. C. Mosley, of Tampico, Mexico was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Rufe Brazzale, a few days the past week. He left Wednesday for his home.

### LUTHERAN SYNOD

MAY 7 TO 12

Mason is to be the meeting place of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of Texas which convenes on May 7th and closes on the 12th. The Synod will be held at the local Evang. Lutheran St. Pauls Church, Upun. A few days ago Rev. Peters had received word from 84 ministers and delegates from various parts of the State saying that they would be here. Rev. Peters informs the News that further announcement will be made regarding the services which will be held at night and conducted in the American Language.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

John T. Banks, County Chairman of this County for the Victory Liberty Loan Campaign, announces that on next Monday, May 5th, a big Liberty Loan Rally will be held in Mason.

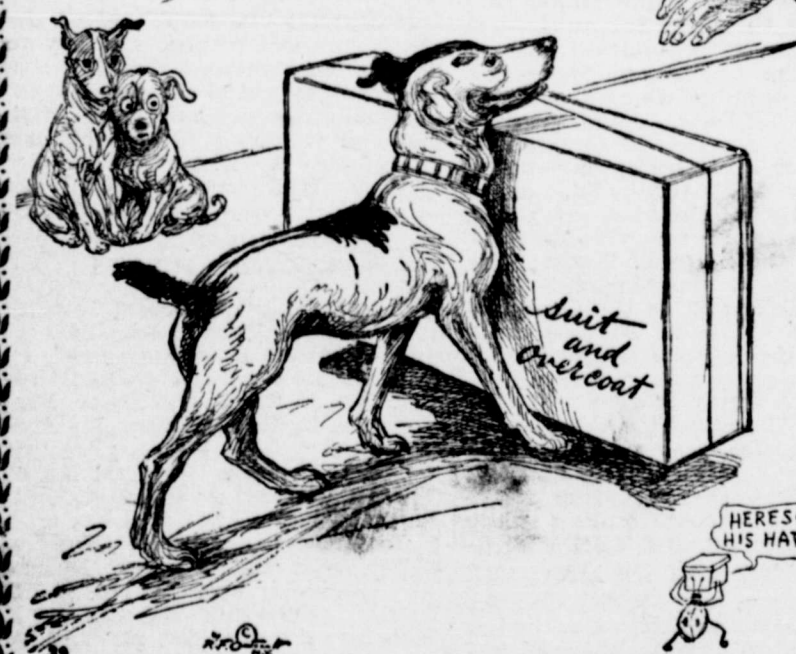
The program has not yet been completed but a big parade is planned on, in which all Mason County soldier boys are requested to take part. Let every Mason County soldier boy be here and wear his uniform. The town will furnish free dinner to the soldier boys. Following the parade the crowd will be gathered at the court house lawn, where several speakers will make short talks relative to the Victory Liberty Loan, after which subscriptions will be called for.

Mr. Banks had the assurance of two airplanes to be here Thursday (to-day) but he cancelled the date and has asked for them to be sent on Monday. As yet he has received no reply but feels certain that we will have them here.

Come to Mason on the above date and be prepared to support the

## Victory Liberty Loan

Don't you need a new suit of clothes?



Come in and order that new Spring or Summer suit now. We've got all the new samples for you to select from. We give the best materials and tailor the style into your garment. Our prices will suit.

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 WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER

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 IN BUSINESS SINCE 1885  
**MASON : : : TEXAS**

Frank C. Lumm, who for the past 15 or 16 years has been traveling for John Orr Wholesale Grocery Company of Llano, died on Tuesday of last week at Llano. Mr. Lumm was well acquainted in this county and his many friends will regret to learn of his death. It is said he had been in bad health for some time and for the past several months had been confined to his bed. He was 46 years old and is survived by a widow and both parents.

Don't forget the show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. The show starts promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Judge M. D. Slaton was here last Thursday from Llano. He states that his cattle are doing splendidly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neill and Messrs Ed. Howard and Wes Smith went to San Antonio last Friday to go away a few days on business.

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A. W. Koock sold his sheep to Dee Gibbs one day last week. The News did not learn the figures.

If you want seed phone 42.

Do you want any crockery ware, such as churns, milk pans, jugs or 5 gallon jars? We have a nice assortment.

City Grocery Co.

Chas. Martin was in last week from his Hedwigs Hill ranch and informed us that the drilling at his Los Moras ranch in Menard county had been delayed due to a casing being hung in the well. Mr. Martin says that he nor any one else knows just how deep the drillers have gone down, but it is a safe estimate to say that the well is some 600 feet deep.

SEE US FOR AUTO SEAT COVERS. McCOLLUM AUTO CO.

Messrs Irv and Louis Ellis were here a short time last week from Menard on business matters.

**INKS--MOSS**

After successfully evading the inquires of interested friends as to the day and hour, and after having put to route the guesses of such as perchance tried to select the day, Mr. Roy Banford Inks and Miss Myrtle Moss were Wednesday morning at an early hour joined in holy wedlock.

The parents of the bride and probably two or three others were present at the Episcopal Church in Llano when Rev. A. B. Perry, of Lampasas, spoke the words which made them man and wife.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Inks left by automobile and on reaching Burnet they took the train for other parts for a short honeymoon, after which they will return to Llano and take up their residence in the cottage of Mrs. A. C. Barber on Bridge Street, which for some days past has been elegantly furnished awaiting the coming of the newlyweds.

Mr. and Mrs. Inks are well known to all our people. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Moss and was reared in our midst. Mr. Inks is the local manager for the wholesale house of Nelson Davis & Son in Llano, and like his bride has lived in Llano practically all of his life.

This paper would add its congratulations and well wishes to that of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Inks for a long happy and prosperous wedded life.—Llano News.

Why not dye that straw hat? We have a complete assortment of colors.—Mason Drug Co.

Mr. Tom Garner is reported quite seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lou Boston. Mr. Garner and his wife recently returned from a stay of several months with his daughter, Mrs. B. M. Seder, who resides in Kansas. He has been confined to his bed ever since they reached Mason.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon. J. J. Johnson. a10

**15 YEARS AGO**

From Mason News, April 22, 1904:

Manks King sold his market to Geo. Leslie and Bob Keller and left Monday for El Paso to prospect for a location.

Chas. Bernhard left Monday for El Paso after spending several days visiting his mother.

Walter Sands and Sterling King went to San Antonio Monday to attend the battle of Flowers.

Max Reichenau broke his leg just above the ankle last Thursday when he fell from a scaffold upon which he was working at the E. W. Kothmann residence.

Seth Baze celebrated his birthday anniversary last Wednesday with a party.

A. W. Koock made a business trip to Brady this week. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Ed Todd and children for a visit.

Quite a number of young folks enjoyed a pleasant social Friday evening at the home of Will Lumburg.

Virgil Boston came in last Tuesday from Menardville.

Major G. W. Littlefield of Austin was here several days the past week looking after his large ranch interests in this section.

**NEW MARKET**

I have opened a meat market in the Zork building and will keep the best meats on hand at all times. I buy butter, eggs, chickens and other country produce. Also pay top prices for green and dry cow hides.

Phone No. 27. Your patronage will be appreciated. Lee Smart.

**25 YEARS AGO**

From Mason News, April 27, 1894:

J. S. Garner and J. H. Jones have opened up the City Livery Stable.

Mrs. E. B. Taylor, of San Angelo is here visiting Mrs. C. Crosby.

C. T. Brockman was in town Tuesday rejoicing over the arrival of a boy at his house on the 16th.

Rev. D. Krienke will begin the teaching of a German School at the Lutheran church on April 30.

The Mason High School closes next week with appropriate exercises.

Miss Vic McGinnis is visiting relatives at Austin.

Jim Wilson returned Wednesday from the Territory, where he has been with cattle.

The engagement of Miss Minnie Gimble of San Antonio, a former resident of Mason, and Mr. Henry Schmidt of Kerrville, brother of the Schmidts here, is announced.

W. A. Mohl says the ice factory will be in operation next week.

Mrs. J. W. White went to Llano Monday to meet Mr. White, who has been shipping cattle to the Territory.

The young folks "tripped the light fantastic" at the hall in the Rank Building last Friday evening.

**BULLS**—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale. Best of quality and in splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see or ring me. Elgin O. Kothmann.

Mr. Stacy, a representative of the Houston Branch of the Ford Motor Company, was in Mason a few days the past week on business matters with our local Ford dealer, L. F. Eckert. Mr. Stacy incidentally passed some very pleasing compliments on the local agency.

The News is prepared to take care of all kinds of job printing and can handle the big jobs as well as the smaller ones in a manner which is unsurpassed.

Albert Bierschwale is sporting a new Buick Six roadster which he recently purchased of the McCollum Auto Co.

I have a nice line of guaranteed rubber garden hose and they will not kink. If you want hose call on me. F. Lange.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd and children came up last Saturday from Llano and remained until Monday visiting with relatives.

**MASON LOSES TO BRADY**

**MASS MEETING**

Last Monday the Mason High School Base Ball team went over to Brady and crossed bats with the Brady School team. The game resulted in a victory for the Brady boys with the score 7 to 3. From the information the News has gotten hold of the game was a good one and was pretty closely matched even though the score does not indicate such. The first four innings were played without either side getting a score and after that both teams made frequent errors which accounted for the scoring and it seemed that our boys made their errors when they were more costly and counted for runs.

Ed Smith has recently purchased the lot just west of the new Mason National Bank building from Messrs A. J. & A. C. Lumburg at a consideration of \$5,000.

The Methodist Sunday School enjoyed a basket picnic at Centennial Springs last Monday.

We have a nice line of grocery ware. City Grocery Co.

Last Sunday was the 57th birthday anniversary of A. J. Lindsey and relatives and friends helped him to enjoy the day by barbecuing a couple of goats and having a little get-together picnic in Mr. Lindsey's pasture.

We have all colors of straw hat dye.—Mason Drug Co.

J. W. White is buying about 2,000 head of steers which he intends to put on grass at the Mill Creek ranch. We are informed that he has already purchased something like 1,500 head for which he has paid from 50 to 65 dollars a head.

Last Sunday very appropriate Easter services were held at the M. E. Church, South. Specially prepared music and songs featured the services.

**OLD HATS MADE NEW**

We are prepared to clean and reblock hats in a first class manner and prices are very reasonable. Manuel Lopez

Mrs. Will Ellebracht left last Sunday for her home in San Antonio after spending a couple weeks here with relatives and friends.

Rudolph Martin came in last Monday from Camp Travis, having been given his discharge. He has been stationed at Camp Travis ever since he was inducted into the army and has served practically all of his time on the Military Police Force.

Mrs. Mollie Hayes and daughter, Miss Inez, came up a couple weeks ago from San Antonio and are guests of Mrs. Hayes' mother, Mrs. Miller, and other relatives.

Tell the News the news

Pete Jordan, Banks Reynolds, Bennie Grote and Erv King went to San Antonio last Sunday afternoon for a short stay, returning home Monday evening. Dad Williams of the Mason Drug Company informs the News that the boys went down to have some washing done. The Newsman is on the fence as to why they would have to go so far from home to get washing done, but we promise to tell it all to our readers as soon as we learn all the particulars.

**KILL the BLUE BUGS**

by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask the Mason Drug Company.

J. F. Schaeg returned the letter part of last week from San Antonio, where he spent several months under treatment by a specialist, and his many friends are pleased to know that the nervous affection of his eyes has been greatly improved.—Brady Standard

**KELLY BOOTS**

I carry a full stock of the famous hand-made Kelly boots. Take orders where I can't fit you from stock.

Herbert Kofmann

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday afternoon, May 1, a Mass Meeting will be held at the court house at 2 o'clock.

The purpose of this meeting will be to reorganize the Gooch Cemetery Association preparatory to taking charge of the new addition to the cemetery which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White.

It is urgently requested that every person who has a lot at the Gooch Cemetery to be present at this meeting, as a board of directors is to be elected and other important matters pertaining to the organization is to be attended to. Every lot owner is to have a vote in electing these directors. The public is invited to attend and take an interest in this organization.

O. A. Hensch and Edwin Lowgren left last Sunday for San Antonio. Hensch went as a delegate to the convention of War Veterans and Edwin went along to keep him company. They returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Saunders and Mrs. Henry Saunders and children spent Easter Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller at Brady.

**ATTEND DISTRICT**

**MEET**

Professor Horton reports the District Athletic and Dealmation contests at Brownwood last Saturday well attended by contestants from various schools throughout the district. He says that Brownwood certainly did her part in entertaining and taking care of the visitors.

This was the first district meet that the schools of Mason County have been represented and Prof. Horton expressed himself very much pleased with the showing made by our representatives. We won no first places but won a few second and several third places at the meet.

Those attending the meet from this county include Professor Horton, Misses Annie Mogford and Sadie Westbrook, who acted as escorts. The contestants were: Roy McCollum, Alfred Mogford, Andrew Schreiber, Leonard Wood, Willard Larimore, L. D. Postel, Miss Sarah Thaxton, Miss Mary Wood, all of the Mason school, a Hanson boy of Streeter and Harold Herring of Double Knobs.

**NO NEVER.**

Is a Deering or McCormick mower guaranteed to run true when you use IMITATION repairs. Larimore & Grote. a24

A. J. Lumburg left Wednesday for Dallas on business in connection with the store the A. J. & A. C. Lumburg firm is to open in that city. He will probably remain there and have Mrs. Lumburg and children follow as soon as school is out. A. C. Lumburg will remain in Mason and conduct the local business until about the first of January, by which time they will have decided whether it best to try to conduct both stores or to devote their entire capital and efforts to their Dallas business.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

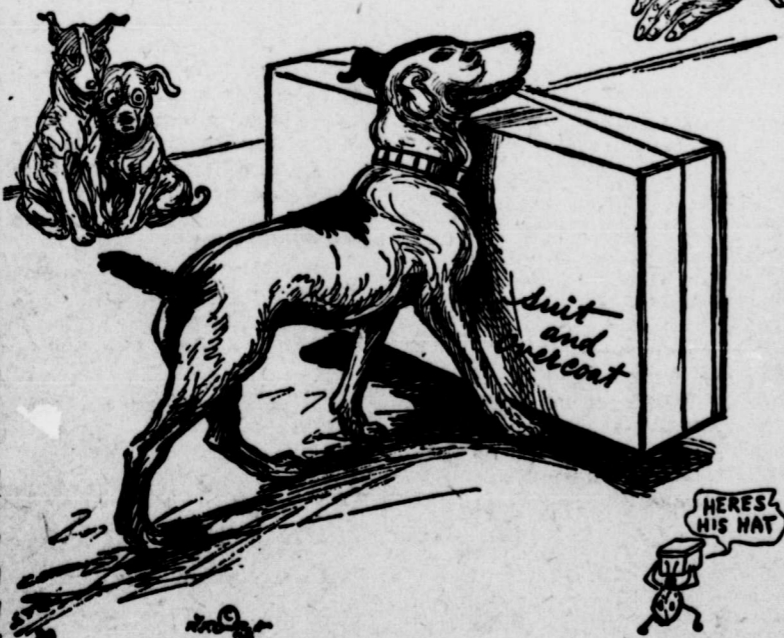
Lee Smart is ordering the News sent to Jim Farmer at Mountainair, New Mexico.

John Hase returned Saturday from Fort Worth where he had been on cattle business.

**A TEXAS WONDER**

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two months' treatment and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. R. W. Hall, 2929 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

*Don't you need a new suit of clothes?*



Come in and order that new Spring or Summer suit now. We've got all the new samples for you to select from. We give the best materials and tailor the style into your garment. Our prices will suit.

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# PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke



**NEVER** was such right-handed-two-fisted smokejoy as you puff out of a jimmy pipe packed with Prince Albert! That's because P. A. has the quality!

You can't feel your taste apparatus any more than you can get five peas out of a family deck! So, when you hit Prince Albert coming and going, and get up half an hour earlier just to start stoking your pipe or rolling cigarettes, you know you've got the big prize on the end of your line!

Prince Albert's quality alone puts it in a class of its own, but when you figure that P. A. is made by our exclusive patented process that cuts out bite and parch—well—you feel like getting a flock of dictionaries to find enough words to express your happy days sentiments!

*Topsy red box, 1 1/2 lb. tin, handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—and—last class, practical pound crystal glass humidors with sponge moisture top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition.*

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.

## MAY BE GREATEST MARITIME POWER

Shipbuilding Facilities Now Put U. S. in Lead.

### MERCHANT MARINE TO STAY

Hurley Is Convinced America Can Outstrip All Other Nations in Replacing Lost Tonnage—United States Will Require Fleet of 7,500,000 Tons to Carry Commerce Estimated for 1920.

Shipbuilding facilities acquired during the war have made the United States the greatest potential maritime power of the world, asserts Chairman E. N. Hurley of the shipping board, and will enable it to outdistance all other nations in the race toward replacing a shortage of 16,225,000 gross tons of shipping lost as the result of unrestricted German submarine warfare and of the failure of normal increase by new production. Mr. Hurley made this assertion in a report of his trip to Europe, where for three months he was in close touch with the shipping interests of foreign nations. The report will be used in working out a policy of ownership and operation of the American merchant marine.

Mr. Hurley estimated that in July, 1914, the seagoing steam bottoms of the world totaled 41,225,000 gross tons, which was reduced by war to 27,000,000 gross tons, a net loss of 14,225,000 gross tons. In addition, he stated, there was a loss of 12,000,000 gross tons which would have been constructed if war had not stopped the normal increase in production, making a total loss of 16,225,000 gross tons. The allies and neutrals suffered a total loss by enemy action, marine risk, and capture of 15,218,000 gross tons, Mr. Hurley said, and gained by new construction and seizure of enemy ships 14,249,000 gross tons, leaving a net loss of 969,000 gross tons. The net loss to the central powers was even greater, since they lost 3,016,000 gross tons and gained only 740,000, a difference of 2,276,000 gross tons.

#### United States Takes Lead.

Only two countries, the United States and Japan, have a larger amount of tonnage now than when the war began. Japan showed a net

gain of 25 per cent. Mr. Hurley reported, while the United States jumped far in the lead with a net gain of 125 per cent.

"The United States forged ahead as rapidly as Germany fell behind," said the report. "In August, 1914, the United States seagoing merchant marine, 500 gross tons and over, included 624 steamers of 1,758,465 gross tons, and 870 sailing vessels and schooner barges of 947,852 gross tons, making a grand total of 1,494 seagoing merchant vessels of 2,706,317 gross tons. On November 11, 1918, at the end of the war, the steamgoing merchant marine had increased to 1,366 vessels of 4,685,293 gross tons and the sailing vessels and schooner barges had decreased to 747 vessels of 829,917 gross tons, making a grand total of 2,113 seagoing merchant vessels of 5,515,180 gross tons. This does not include the seized enemy vessels, which at the end of the war aggregated 88 vessels of 562,005 gross tons, of which number 81 of 546,210 gross tons were steamers and seven of 15,795 gross tons were sailing vessels.

"The total construction in the United States added to the merchant marine during the war amounted to 875 vessels of 2,941,845 gross tons. The purchase from aliens of 233 vessels of 833,854 gross tons, the movement from the great lakes to the ocean of 66 steamers of 139,469 gross tons, and miscellaneous acquisitions amounting to 31 vessels of 39,219 gross tons are other sources of acquisition. The loss of 114 vessels of 322,214 gross tons by enemy action, of 278 vessels of 405,400 gross tons by marine risk, of 130 vessels of 268,149 gross tons by sale to aliens, and of 64 vessels of 119,271 gross tons through the sale to the United States government, abandonment and other causes, accounts for the decreases. Losses of fifteen German and requisitioned ships amounting to 112,248 gross tons are not included.

"Today we are potentially the greatest maritime power of the earth, for the reason that we possess the greatest shipbuilding instrumentalities."

#### All Try to Come Back.

Mr. Hurley stated that Great Britain suffered a net loss in the war of 3,443,000 gross tons, amounting to 18 per cent of her entire tonnage. Other nations which suffered heavy losses include Norway, which lost 1,178,335 gross tons; France, 907,168 gross tons; Italy, 852,124 gross tons; Greece, 337,545 gross tons; Denmark, 239,922 gross tons, and Sweden, 201,733. Every effort is being made by each of these nations, Mr. Hurley asserted, to regain its former maritime standing.

"The study of the shipping board experts revealed a teeming ambition

among other powers to achieve a higher maritime standing," said the report. "In almost every country the desire exists not only to replace war losses but to add new totals to be used in the work of reconstruction and in developing new foreign trade. Even Switzerland has not escaped this desire to acquire a merchant marine. Ships will be acquired as soon as capital improvements are made on the Rhine."

The chief interest now centers on the question of whether the United States can henceforth maintain her new place upon the seas, or whether she must now disband the energies that brought her merchant fleet into being.

"There is every reason," Mr. Hurley continued, "for believing that America has come back upon the ocean—to stay. My observations compel optimism. The war has brought us into a high place as a maritime power. I find the peoples of the world aroused to an intense interest and concern as to the use we are to make of this power. In America, you have heard much of British competition. In Great Britain I heard a great deal more about American competition. The truth is that our friends across the water are for the first time entering upon a period of actual competition."

Mr. Hurley said prior to August, 1914, both the foreign trade and the shipping of the United States were dominated to a great extent by British, because American traders and ship operators who wished to do business could do so most conveniently through British agencies. In 1915, he recalled, only one-seventh of the foreign trade of the United States was carried in American bottoms.

"The total exports and imports of the United States for the year 1915 were approximately 50,000,000 long tons," said the report. "With average shipping efficiency the movement of these goods would have required about 9,000,000 gross tons of ships. Assuming an annual increase in the foreign trade of the United States equal to the average increase for the five years preceding August, 1914, our foreign trade in 1920 would require a greatly increased merchant tonnage if it all were to be carried in American bottoms."

#### Should Carry 50 Per Cent of Trade.

Mr. Hurley declared it was an accepted principle that a strong maritime power should carry in its own ships at least 50 per cent of the aggregate of its exports and imports, and in addition some of the trade between countries not yet in the shipping business.

"Assuming a total export and import business in 1920 of 70,000,000

long tons," he added, "it would require a fleet of about 7,500,000 gross tons to transport 60 per cent in our own ships."

One of the types of ships most desirable for the new merchant marine, according to Mr. Hurley, is a speedy, effective combination cargo and passenger liner of from 15,000 to 25,000 deadweight tons, which could be operated efficiently in the transportation of high-class merchandise, passenger, and mail.

Mr. Hurley said three factors militated most strongly against the natural and desirable expansion of the foreign trade of the United States. First, the necessity for developing men, thoroughly American in every way, to handle foreign trade; second, the recruiting of an American personnel for the operation of the ships and the handling of the work at the ports; and third, the extension of banking facilities. The idea that too high wages are being paid American seamen for this country to compete with other countries successfully was ridiculed by Mr. Hurley.

"It is time for the public mind to be disabused of this conception," he stated. "The facts will dismy those who are agitating for a lower wage scale of American ships. We are paying our seamen \$75 a month. England, during the war, paid her seamen \$72 a month. The French and Dutch are paying high wages. In Sweden the seamen's scale is even higher than in the United States.

The retention of high wages was important, he added, because men who had labored under great strain yielded their attention more readily to the agitator. The success of any nation in shipbuilding and ship operating, he said, will be determined by the manner in which the labor situation is handled.

### COUGH RELEASES BONE

It Had Been in a Man's Throat for a Year.

A. K. Williams, sixty-three years old, a miller of Hamsville, Frederick county, Maryland, a few days ago during a violent spasm of coughing dislodged a piece of beef bone, three-quarters inch long, one-quarter inch wide and one-eighth inch thick, that he had swallowed a year ago, and which had given him much trouble.

After swallowing the bone he lost weight steadily, falling from 180 to 120 pounds. He frequently was seized with violent paroxysms of coughing.

X-ray photographs were taken, but no bone could be found in his throat. He was then treated for tuberculosis. He is rapidly improving.

### Sells Old Postcards.

Mrs. Edwin Curd, widow of a former tobacco company official at Fulton, Mo., has found it a profitable bit of work to sell back to the government some postcards she happened to find in her husband's effects. The cards were of the issue of 1885, and the government paid her \$38.60 to redeem them.

### Sharks Piled Up Like Cordwood.

Seven thousand sharks, split in half, dried and piled up like cordwood, filled the hold of the Gryme, which arrived at San Diego, Cal., from Guadalupe Island and Ensenada, Lower California. The cargo will be used for fertilizer and for soaps and cosmetics.

### Use MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER.

It kills worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz. bottle 35 cents. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Mason Drug Company.

### Air Insurance Is Profitable.

It was officially stated to a questioner in the British house of commons that the excess of premiums over payments under the government aircraft insurance scheme which provided payment of damages through loss from air raids, amounts to more than \$50,000,000.

### Sick of Germany.

"Les terribles" Thirty-second division complain of growing ennui because they are terribly sick of Germany, reported E. W. Dickerson, returned correspondent for a Grand Rapids (Mich.) newspaper.

## Weekly Health Talks

The Many Mysteries of Nature

BY L. W. BOWER, M. D.

You can take an onion seed and a pansy seed, and plant them side by side in the same spot of ground. In one case, you get an onion, with its peculiarly strong odor, and in the other you get a flower of rare beauty. You can plant a poppy seed and get opium (a dangerous, habit-forming drug), or you can plant a rhubarb seed and get something that helps constipation. No scientist, living or dead, can explain these mysteries of Nature. Behind the invisible life germ in each seed is hidden the deep secret that nobody understands. Everything growing out of the ground seems intended for some use in establishing natural conditions. Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., long since found out what is naturally best for women's diseases. He learned it all through treating thousands of cases. The result of his studies was a medicine called Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This medicine is made of vegetable growths that nature surely intended for backache, headache, weakening drains, bearing-down pains, periodical irregularities, pelvic inflammations, and for the many disorders common to women in all ages of life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is made of lady's slipper root, black cohosh root, unicorn root, blue cohosh root and Oregon grape root. Women who take this standard remedy know that in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription they are getting a safe woman's tonic so good that druggists everywhere sell it.

Favorite Prescription should have the full confidence of every woman in America because it contains no alcohol and no narcotic. Dr. Pierce knew, when he first made this standard medicine, that whiskey and morphine are injurious, and so he has always kept them out of his remedies. Send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. for trial pkg. Tablets.

## PUPILS CONTROL IN

ALL RUSSIAN SCHOOLS

Boys of 16 Who Are Unable to Read Are Admitted to the Universities.

Pupils, instead of teachers, control the schools of Russia under the bolshevik regime, according to two Englishmen, one of them an experienced schoolmaster, who have just returned from Russia.

Boys and girls are herded indiscriminately and there is no discipline, say the Englishmen. Pupils control the teachers. In a Kolma school a youth of eighteen was appointed commissioner of the institution and was in charge of all teachers. On one occasion he closed the school for a week, as a protest against the action of the master, who had reprimanded a pupil.

Each class has its own committee and usually the most popular boy represents the others at the masters' council. These committees not only direct the masters, but control the distribution of food which is provided for the midday meal, and which is the chief cause for any school attendance at all.

Pupils do exactly as they please, walking into the classroom and leaving it while a lesson is in progress. No punishment of any kind is inflicted on the pupil, as each pupil is his own mentor as to right and wrong.

No home work is set, the pupil doing all his school work during the hours set apart for each session.

Attendance is not compulsory, or even regulated by rule, each one attending classes or staying away, as he sees fit. No marks for good work are allowed, and consequently none for the sluggard who makes no attempt at scholastic attainment.

The same chaotic conditions were observed by the Englishmen in the universities and other seats of higher education. Any boy of sixteen may enter without qualification, though he may be unable to read.

Two thoughts on a Spring day. 1st. Let's go fishing. 2nd. Let's buy our fishing tackle in Mason from

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## WHO'S NEXT

We, whose names appear below, believe that Mason County should erect a monument and dedicate it to the memory of the Mason county boys who served in the recent world's war, and will donate the amount set opposite our respective names towards its erection:

- August Kothmann ..... \$25.00
- Mason Clean Town Club ..... \$10.00
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- Woman's Missionary Society.....\$10.00
- W. G. Keyser ..... \$5.00
- German Ladies Aid Society .....\$8.00

If you are willing to subscribe phone the News the amount you will give and your name will appear in this list the following issue.

At the April term of the Commissioners Court, that body granted the Alamo Construction Company an extension of thirty days in which to file their bond, which it is necessary for them to give before beginning work on the highway from Mason to the Gillespie county line. The extension was necessitated by an error which was found in the contract.

Our farmers and stockmen are evidently still very busy if we are to judge by the non-crowded conditions of the Mason streets. Business is quite dull at present with all the business firms but it is hoped that the quietness now is a fore-runner to an enormous business a little later on.

Mr. Reader when you are in the market for anything it will always pay you to buy advertised goods. Patronize merchants who advertise. They know their goods will stand the closest inspection for they make it a point to buy goods that can be boosted as being "the best" to be had for the money, and it is always a pleasure to them to be able to back up an advertised statement. The next time you need something drop in to the store of an advertiser and question them along this line and see if what we have said is not a fact. Another thing about the advertiser you probably have not thought of is that the advertising man disposes of more goods than does the non-advertiser, consequently he has to restock oftener and every time he restocks he gets in new and fresh goods. This gives you more assurance as to the freshness and quality of his goods.

**Used Inferior Leather in Army Shoes.** Secret indictments, charging bribery of federal shoe inspectors and conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the manufacture of army shoes, have been returned by the federal grand jury against officers of two companies. It was alleged that inferior leather had been used in the making of the shoes at one of the plants.

**Rural Carriers Kick.** Sangamon county (Illinois) rural mail carriers, docked a day's pay for celebrating the armistice last November, threaten to go before congress and stage an extra act in the war drama.

**Never Ill; Dies at 115.** Agapito Madrid of Luz Canyon, N. M., died recently at the age of one hundred and fifteen years. His son claimed he had never been ill.

I have a lot of Cotton-Seed Oil Cake, which I can make you at a bargain. F. Lange, at O. K. Wagon Yard.

## HUN OFFICIALS ARE GIVEN JOLT

Yankee Colonel Gives Foe Lesson to Respect U. S.

## NOW WORKING IN HARMONY

Burgomaster and Province President, Sent for by American Army Officer, Send Secretaries in Their Place—Come Themselves on the Jump When Colonel Makes Things Plain—Reprimand Brings Co-operation.

The Prussian provincial and city authorities at Coblenz got an unpleasant surprise when they tried to equivocate with the American officers in charge of civil affairs. Now they are working in harmony and evidently with a wholesome respect for the straight-from-the-shoulder methods of the Americans.

After taking charge of the civil affairs end of the occupation Col. L. L. Hunt sent for the president of the province and the burgomaster for a conference. At the appointed hour the secretary of each of the dignitaries showed up at the conference room to represent these officials. Colonel Hunt immediately sent them back with a message that the president and the burgomaster should present themselves in person at his office within a half-hour. In about ten minutes the indignant officials appeared, protesting that their secretaries were empowered to speak for them.

**Teaches Them Respect.** "When your secretaries have any business over here, they are at liberty to see my secretary," Colonel Hunt told them, "but when I send for you I want you." Then he gave the ruffled officials a bit of advice. In the midst of his talk the president arose and announced that he was forced to leave to keep an important appointment.

"What is this important appointment?" Colonel Hunt asked. The Prussian declared that it was a very important conference with a "man from Bonn."

"Sit down!" Hunt ordered. "There is only one more important appointment that you can have, and that is with General Dickman, commanding this army."

The uneasy official sat down and listened with attention to the remainder of Colonel Hunt's speech.

**Reprimand Brings Co-operation.** "You fellows needn't presume because we treat you decently that it is a sign of weakness on our part. It is merely an indication of our patience. Our patience is not endless. Your government presumed upon our patience once too often in times past, and it lost you the war."

With these words ringing in their ears the two officials departed. Since that time they have co-operated with the American officers to the best of their ability.

## IT USUALLY HAPPENS

Forced into a Dice Game and Was a Winner.

Patrick O'Brien, just emerging from army service as a private, failed to impress automobile salesmen at Atlanta, when he looked the machines over until he dragged forth a roll a trifle larger than an inflated inner tube. After selecting a car to his liking, Patrick noted the attention his funds attracted, and explained, as follows:

"Some of the boys pushed me into a

dice game here against my wishes. They made some miscalculation, and while they were dragging out the dead and wounded my original \$11.50 had increased to \$3,100; oh, yes, and 10 cents. I just naturally beat it while the heatin' was good. And—there's the car and here's the money. I'm off for home down in Jacksonville."

## OX IS COMING BACK

Slings Used by Blacksmiths Twenty Years Ago Make Reappearance.

The ox as a beast of burden is coming into his own again in the farming communities of Maine and the ox sling, an apparatus used by blacksmiths in shoeing the animals, long ago thrown into the discard, is in use again.

The sling consists of a rude frame of timber into which the animal is fastened by a pillory. Straps are then drawn under the body, the ends being made fast to upper timbers of the frame.

In blacksmith shops twenty years ago the slings were common.

Oxen are less expensive to feed than horses and are equally as useful on small farms, and the rising value of feed is having much to do with the comeback of the ox as a work animal.

## The "Flivver Plane."

Introducing the "aeroflivver." Capt. Ugo d'Annunzio's 20-foot airship, with a cruising speed of two and one-half hours at 50 miles per hour, needs a name. Unofficially it is called the "flivver plane."

## Took Town's Shoes.

Any old shoes today? New footwear for the whole town dropped out of a speeding automobile passing through Litchfield, Ill. Freight car thieves, police believe.

The News learns from Alec Reichenau that his son, John, who was recently hurt in San Antonio, did not have a limb broken as was reported by the News, it afterwards being learned that his knee cap was knocked out of place instead of the leg being broken. He received some bad bruises about the face but they were not serious. The injuries were sustained when John got caught in an elevator shaft. Latest word is to the effect that he is getting along nicely.

Get my prices on cement before buying elsewhere. Harry Bierschwale. 1271f

Parties who appreciate fine stationery and good Bond Papers should call around at the News Office and see our line.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson. a10

Messrs Chas. and C. W. Kothmann were here Tuesday from their ranch near Castell enroute for their ranch in Menard county. Each of them left their annual contribution with the News. Wilkes and Kennie returned home last Saturday from Oklahoma, where they had been looking after the fine steers which Mr. Chas. Kothmann had been pasturing there for some time. These steers were recently sold and delivered at \$125.00. They were four and five year olds and numbered 1200 head.

## HOW TO AVOID BACKACHE AND NERVOUSNESS

Told by Mrs. Lynch From Own Experience.

Providence, R. I.—"I was all run down in health, was nervous, had headaches, my back ached all the time. I was tired and had no ambition for anything. I had taken a number of medicines which did me no good. One day I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and what it had done for women, so I tried it. My nervousness and backache and headaches disappeared. I gained in weight and feel fine, so I can honestly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to any woman who is suffering as I was."—Mrs. ADELINE B. LYNCH, 100 Plain St., Providence, R. I.



Backache and nervousness are symptoms or nature's warnings, which indicate a functional disturbance or an unhealthy condition which often develops into a more serious ailment. Women in this condition should not continue to drag along without help, but profit by Mrs. Lynch's experience, and try this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—and for special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Mass.

## EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Commissioners Court of Mason County will sit as a Board of Equalization at the May term of court, which convenes on the second Monday of said month. S. C. Brockman, Co. Clerk a174

## AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

**THOMAS D. AMORY.** Second Lieutenant, 26th Infantry. Lieutenant Amory (deceased) was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action near Verdun, France, October 2, 1918. Lieutenant Amory was detailed to lead a patrol on a hazardous and important mission of locating the main defense line of the enemy. Fighting his way under their heavy artillery and machine gun fire, and with no assistance from our batteries, he established his command two kilometers within the enemy territory. Although wounded and his small command badly cut to pieces and almost entirely surrounded, he refused to give up the ground he had taken, but by stubbornly resisting with his small detachment he finally succeeded in driving the enemy from this important position. His home was in Wilmington, Del.

## AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

**NELS WOLD.** Private, Co. 1, 138th Infantry. Private Wold (deceased) was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action near Cheppy, France, September 26, 1918. Private Wold rendered most valiant service in aiding the advance of his company which had been held up by machine gun nests. He advanced with one other soldier and silenced the guns, bringing with him upon his return 11 prisoners. Later the same day he jumped from a trench and rescued a comrade who was about to be shot by a German officer, killing the officer during the exploit. His actions were entirely voluntary, and it was while attempting to rush a fifth machine gun nest that he was killed. The advance of his company was mainly due to his great courage and devotion to duty. His home address was Kelly Lake, Minn.

## AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

**SIDNEY E. MANNING.** Corporal, Co. G, 167th Infantry. Corporal Manning received the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry near Breuvannes, France, July 28, 1918. Corporal Manning was in charge of an automatic rifle squad during an assault by his battalion on the strongly fortified heights overlooking the Ourcq river for the purpose of exploiting the successful passage of the stream. During the advance on the hill his platoon commander was killed and just as the crest was reached the platoon sergeant was wounded. Corporal Manning then assumed command of the platoon, which was near the center of the assaulting line and was meeting with desperate resistance. Though he himself was severely wounded and was the only survivor of his squad, this soldier led forward the 35 effectives remaining in the platoon against an enemy strong point which was wired, entrenched and defended by machine guns and dominated the entire Ourcq valley. He was repeatedly wounded, but he succeeded in getting a foothold at this strong point with but seven men remaining with him. While the latter consolidated their position under his direction, with the platoon on the flank, he held off a considerable number of the enemy 50 yards away by fire from his automatic rifle. He remained in this position until the entire line had been consolidated, when he crawled back to shelter, having received nine wounds. Mrs. Lizzie Manning, his mother, lives in Flomatin, Ala.

## VINOL MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG

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## WANT COLUMNS

FOR SALE—McCormick Harvester mowers and binders. Apply to Calvin Thaxton Mason, Tex.

LOST—A crank to a Chevrolet car. Finder will please notify this office.

FOR SALE—Truck-Ford. Almost new and in good condition. For further particulars apply to W. C. Lehmburg, Castell, Texas.

LOST—On night of March 27th at the C. C. Smith hall a diamond stick pin set in pearls. Finder notify Miss Ruby Bruce and receive reward.

FOR SALE—Our home in west end of town. One of the nicest places in town. See Henry Otte. a172

FOR SALE—Registered Merino Buck, type A. Wm. Kruse, Katemey, Tex. a104p

**HARDY OPEN GROWN PLANTS**  
Now shipping leading varieties Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Post-paid, 500-\$2.00, 1000-\$3.50; Hot and Sweet Peppers, Eggplant, Beets 500-\$2.50, 1,000-\$4.75; Cabbage Bermuda Onions, 500-\$1.25, 1000-\$2.00. Write or wire for Catalog and wholesale prices. Order early and notify us when to ship. LIBERTY PLANT COMPANY, Crystal City, Texas. a3-4t

FOR SALE—My residence near the Christian church has 4 large rooms and a hall. Have good well and windmill with water piped all over the place. Place consists of about one-half acre. Apply to Albert Priess, Mason, Texas. a3-4tp.

FURNISHED ROOMS—For rent Apply to Mrs. McDougall. m27

**MY RESIDENCE FOR SALE.**  
Seven rooms, cellar and laundry room, good well, large underground cistern, good outbuildings, about three quarters acre of ground. Belle W. Bridges.

**BULLS**—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale. Best of quality and in splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see or ring me. Elgin O. Kothmann. f13tf

## SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have recently set their subscription figures ahead by paying the amount opposite their name, and we appreciate their remembering us very much. May many of our other readers follow their example:

|                  |      |
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| Howard Horn      | .75  |
| Chas. Kothmann   | 1.50 |
| C. W. Kothmann   | 1.50 |
| Roy B. Baird     | 1.50 |

**DON'T BELIEVE**  
Anybody who tells you IMITATION mower repairs are just as good as GENUINE. Irimore & Grote. 124

# Announcement



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## Letters From Our Soldier Boys

### From Ervin Smith

Andernach Germany  
 March 22 1918.

Dear Mason Friends:  
 As I have heard from a number of you both direct and indirect I will try and give you a brief story of my army life. It was August 1st 1917 I entered the service at Fort Clark, Texas, on that beautiful border. We spent seven months there, and they were not idly spent for we were drilled and a few hikes too. But army life really began on March the 4th 1918 when orders came that we were part of the Third Division, and the time had come for us to leave the dear old U. S. A. Well I think every one was glad for the Huns was what we were looking for. We reached camp Merritt N. J. March the 10th. After a weeks stay we sailed from Hoboken, N. J. Saw no subs, sighted a floating mine early one morning which one of the gunners exploded. We landed at Brestaux, France, March 30th, there we fed up for four days. Then we took our Pullmans (8 horses or 40 men) for Chateauvillena, France, a small village near Chaumont, at that time General Pershing's headquarters. At this place we spent two months training. It was here we were introduced to our gas masks and helmets, which we found later to be our best friends. The latter part of May we received orders to proceed to the Chateau-Thierry front.  
 On June the 3rd 1918 we entered active service with a French Division. It was here that we learned what the word WAR really meant. French hard bread and Monkey meat along with bursting shells, gas and lots of mud. On July the 2nd our Captain and a corporal were killed which was quite a blow to the Company, but there was no time for mourning so on we went. On July the 12th we went in with our entire division opposing the Huns at Chateau-Thierry. After the second battle of the Marne the division was sent back for replacements, but in a week or so was ordered to St. Mihiel. Well Fritz did not amount to much here. But Oh, you Argonne! Where we spent the entire month of October. On October 10th I was forced to think Fritz had my number from the way he was hitting at me. One night the car I was driving had the rear end shot up pretty badly and the next day the lad on the seat beside me was taken off, and gas was all around. But at last

orders came for us to fall back for a few days rest, where we were when the good news came. But we were all packed and ready to start for the Metz drive when Fritz said enough.

Well on the 16th of November we took up the march for the Rhine, and on December the 10th we landed at Bacharach, where we spent several days, then we proceeded down the river through Coblenze to our present location, Andernach where we expect to spend the future.

This is a very nice village on the banks of the Rhine, and a very old place too. A watch tower erected between 1448 to 1452 is still in fairly good condition.

Well I will close this for fear it lands in the waste basket. With best wishes to all I remain Always a Mason boy,  
 Ervin Smith.

### From Alfr d Steinmann

March 18, 1918  
 Abainville Meuse, France  
 Miss Minnie Steinmann,

Dear Sister Minnie:  
 I will drop you a few lines in answer to your nice letter, which was received and appreciated yesterday. As you request a few of my experiences, I am willing to tell you a few of them.

As you know I left the Dear Old U. S. A. September 1, 1918, and as it was the first time I ever crossed the ocean it was, of course, a very interesting trip. Our journey lasted 13 days which gave us a chance to see different birds and fish of the ocean. We came over on a British boat, and were fed by the British. I want to praise them for their knowledge of keeping food; I ate eggs that were older than I am. They are the opposite to the Indian. They let things spoil before they eat them, while the Indians eat them raw.

We landed in England where we stayed a couple days, then we completed our journey, which ended in being stationed in the war zone, in a small village by the name of Abainville, where we still are. We are shop engineers, building and repairing cars, keeping the front supplied.

I have not been on the firing line but I have seen the heavy artillery practice. I have heard the cannons roar and saw them travel through the air.

We had lots of pleasure and quite a few hardships, we slept in day time, we slept at night, we

slept in pop-tents, we slept in barracks, and we did not sleep at all. Up until now the weather was very disagreeable, but starting to get spring now. We have sunshine once in a while, and the birds start singing and the people plowing.

Well, going through all this we remained healthy, and this is what we learned: To wash our own clothing, sew on our own buttons, cook our own meals, wash our own dishes, make our own beds, sweep our own rooms, travel without vehicles, we can carry our home on our backs, we can do everything which will be a great help to our wives in later life.

Well, Sister, my time is limited and I must close. Write me often. With love and best wishes I am your brother,  
 Alfred Steinmann.

### From August Willmann

Marolles, France

Mr. Ernest Willmann,  
 Dear Brother:  
 On your request I shall try to put a few thoughts on paper about my experience over here in France.

Our voyage across the deep blue sea was a most lucky one. First, I had the opportunity to sail on the biggest ship afloat, the "Vaterland." It had eighteen thousand soldiers on board besides her own crew, and second, we didn't get to see any German submarines. After we were on the water for eight days we came to Brest, France. Let me tell you land certainly looked good to me, after seeing nothing but water for so long a time. Here we stayed for about a week, and had my first experience with French people.

One day I thought I would buy a couple of eggs and have eggs for supper. There was a woman across the street who had some to sell. So I went there and asked her how much they would cost, and she said "cinquante centimes" and I didn't know what she said so I asked her again. Finally she made me understand that she wanted ten cents in our money or fifty centimes in French money for one egg. I bought two and paid twenty cents for them, and after investigating, found one rotten. So I had one egg for twenty cents.

When we left Brest, we had a three days ride in a cattle car, and came to Bar-Sur-Aube. Here the 36th Division Headquarters was stationed, but my organization was stationed at Ligny, about five miles from Bar-Sur-Aube. At this place we stayed little better than a month, and took the drilling which I was in need of.

From there we went on our way, to the front, hiking, and believe me, it was hiking. The further I

hiked the heavier my pack seemed to get. After being three days on the road we came to a little town by the name of Vraux. Here we stayed several days. The German Airplanes dropped several bombs in this town before we came and during the time we were there the enemies made several airplane raids on the town, but Uncle Sam was prepared for them and kept them back.

From Vraux we went hiking to more dangerous places which continued for four days, then we landed in the trenches. Most of this hiking was done at night. On this trip we saw the ruins of war, the barbed wire entanglements, trenches from three to eight feet deep, shell holes of all sizes, some big enough for a whole squad (eight) of soldiers to find protection from the enemy machine gun fire. We found graves of our brave comrades who fell in this Great War for their country.

When we landed in the trenches we were in reserve for one day, and the next night we took the front line trenches. Here I had my first experience with gas. A gas cloud was put over by the enemy, and everybody hollowed, "Gas! Gas!" And we put on our gas masks, but it was hard to crawl through bushes and sharpnel holes with the mask on. Finally the gas ceased and we could take it off again.

The next morning at about nine-thirty o'clock the most serious command I ever heard was given and that was, "Go over the top." And we all went like one man. Some fell, others were wounded, but the Lord Almighty protected me, and had me go through this war without getting a scratch, for which I am thankful. Although the sharpnel fell close, and the machine gun bullets hit right at me, I was not hit.

After the first days advancing we came to a big field at about sundown, and we dug in and stayed all night. That night at about three o'clock my corporal came to my little dugout and told me to patrol to the right and find out what was there. I didn't hesitate the command, although I would much rather have stayed where I was. But I went where I was commanded to go. After I had gone some hundred yards in the dark and couldn't find anything I returned, reported to my corporal and went back to my little dugout home. I had just laid down in it when the bullets came right over me, hitting the ground all around me.

In the morning at day break we went over the top again. But this time the enemy was retreating, and we kept on advancing without much fighting. I think we must have frightened them too badly the day before. We kept this up for three days, advancing so fast that our rolling kitchens and grub wagons couldn't keep up with us, so we didn't get to see them for these days and nights. The third night I dug my hole again on the side of a hill. I was hungry, thirsty and worn out from climbing hills and wading through mud. The next morning we didn't advance very far, for we had already advanced too far according to the sectors to our right and left. So we only held the line for seven-teen days. Here we didn't have any hand to hand fighting, but we had plenty of barages laid over by the enemy's artillery.

After we served our time we hiked back to a rest camp, which cost us five days hiking. But I sure was glad to go back where I was out of danger. While we were

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at a rest camp the Armistice was signed, which everybody was glad to hear.

I better not write you every thing, or I won't have anything to tell you when I get home. All this happened on the Champaign front. I am now at a small town, Marolles, in the state Yonne, about twelve kilometers northwest of Tonnerre, France.

I received your letter yesterday. Was very glad to hear that you all were still well. Will close. With best regards I am your loving brother.

August Willmann.

### Gives Wife Adler-i-ka

"My wife was pronounced incurable by physicians unless operated (complicated bowel trouble). I began giving Adler-i-ka and she is improving. I shall continue until she is cured." (Signed) J. H. Underwood, Marion, Ala.

Adler-i-ka empties BOTH upper and lower bowel, flushing ENTIRE alimentary canal. Removes ALL foul matter which poisons system. Often cures CONSTIPATION. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs. Mason Drug Company.

A. W. Koock left last Thursday for Austin and San Antonio to be away about a week.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon.  
 J. J. Johnson.

Use the want ads in the News.

Oscar Wartenbach and wife came in last Friday from San Antonio. Oscar has been discharged from the army about a month but has been residing in San Antonio. They will leave in a short time for Oklahoma to look after some of Mrs. Wartenbach's property there.

Cleaning, pressing and dyeing. Hats cleaned and reblocked.  
 Hensch, The Tailor.

Messrs John and Frank Geistweid were here last Saturday from their ranches in the Hilda section.

## VULCANIZING GUARANTEED

When your tires rim-cut, blow out, or need re-treading send them to us. We fix anything in the tire or tube line that is worth fixing. If it is not worth fixing we frankly tell you so. We make a specialty of half-soleing tires and make the half-soles by hand in our own shop, and we vulcanize them on so they will not come loose or rim-cut. We do not charge any war tax because the work is all done by hand in our shop and does not carry any war tax.

| Retreading Prices, Guaranteed 3500 miles | Guaranteed | Hand-made Half-Soles, Vulcanized on. Guaranteed 3,500 miles. |
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| 30x3 Non-Skid                            | \$ 7.00    | 30x3   |
| 30x3 1/2 " "                             | 9.00       | 30x3 1/2   |
| 32x3 " "                                 | 11.00      | 32x3 1/2   |
| 31x4 " "                                 | 12.50      | 32x4   |
| 32x4 " "                                 | 14.00      | 32x4   |
| 33x4 " "                                 | 15.00      | 33x4   |
| 34x4 " "                                 | 16.00      | 34x4   |
| 35x4 " "                                 | 20.00      | 35x4   |
| 36x4 " "                                 | 26.50      | 36x4   |
| 37x5 " "                                 | 29.00      | 35x4 1/2   |
|  |            | 27.85  |

## Fredericksburg Tire Shop

Fredericksburg, Texas.

See Advertising Section

# For Weak Women

In use for over 40 years! Thousands of voluntary letters from women, telling of the good Cardui has done them. This is the best proof of the value of Cardui. It proves that Cardui is a good medicine for women.

There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

TAKE

# CARDUI

## The Woman's Tonic

You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help!

"I was taken sick, seemed to be . . .," writes Mrs. Mary E. Veste, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists  
J. 70

## HOW TO OBTAIN BACK ARMY PAY

War Department Warns Soldiers Lawyers Are Needless.

## RED CROSS WILL ASSIST

Full Instructions Are Given Telling How Discharged Officers and Enlisted Men May Collect Arrears in Pay—Claims for Insurance and Allowances Should Be Sent to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

It has come to the attention of the war department that the claims of many discharged officers and enlisted men for arrears in pay are being forwarded to the director of finance by attorneys and other claim agents. Without questioning such procedure, it is desired to emphasize the fact that the settlement of any claims received as above is not expedited but, on the contrary, is delayed by reason of the additional filing and handling of the necessary papers of the agent or intermediary. The claim of the soldier is all that is required, and such claim should be submitted directly by the discharged officer or soldier to the war department, which will give the aforesaid claims as prompt and careful consideration as possible. Any fee paid by the soldier to an attorney or claim agent is a needless expense.

Attention is invited to the fact that claims for arrears in pay, including travel pay, should be sent to the director of finance, Washington, D. C.

### How to Get \$50 Bonus.

Claims for the \$50 bonus authorized by the act of February 24, 1919, should be sent to the zone finance officer, Lemon building, Washington. The application for bonus should be accompanied by (a) the discharge certificate or order for discharge or release.

## CATTLE DIP

See us before you buy your Dip. We have Arsenic, Salsoda, Cautic Soda and Pine Tar and the price is lower than it was some weeks ago. We also have the Prepared Dip Vedder Drug Co.

If no certificate was issued, but both certificate, and order if both were issued, the paper bearing indorsement of final payment being required; (b) a statement of all military service since April 6, 1917, showing place and date of reporting at first military station, and (c) the address to which the check should be sent.

Inquiries concerning deliveries of Liberty bonds purchased by allotments from army pay should be addressed to the zone finance officer, Washington, D. C.

Claims for arrears of pay due a deceased officer or enlisted man at time of death should be addressed to the auditor for the war department, Washington, D. C.

All claims for insurance, unpaid family allowances and compensation for death or disability, under the war risk insurance act should be made direct to the bureau of war risk insurance, treasury department, Washington, D. C. Considerable time will be saved if all such claims are dispatched direct rather than to the war department, which does not pay such claims, but refers them to the bureau of war risk insurance, treasury department, and the mistake of addressing such claims to the war department only results in considerably delaying their settlement.

Allotments of pay when no government allowance is concerned, are paid through the army allotment system, war department, and inquiries concern-

ing such claims should be addressed to the zone finance officer, Washington, D. C.

The fact that there is no necessity to employ attorneys or other claim agents to assist in collecting claims of soldiers or their beneficiaries applies just as emphatically to war risk insurance claims as to army pay, travel pay and bonus against the war department.

### Red Cross Will Assist.

The department of orphan relief, American Red Cross, through its home service sections, is glad to assist all discharged officers and soldiers, or their beneficiaries, who have claims against the government in making out any necessary papers or correspondence.

The bureau of war risk insurance urges the following points to be observed:

"In writing to the bureau of war risk insurance with reference to a claim for compensation or insurance on account of death or disability, address your letter as follows: Compensation and Claims Division, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C. In case you are writing about a death claim, give the full name, rank and organization in the service of the deceased person, and if he died in the service, the date of his death, and if he died after discharge from the service, the date of his discharge.

"If he had insurance and you know the insurance certificate number, state the insurance certificate number also in your communication. If you are a disabled man discharged from the service, or are writing on behalf of a man disabled in the service, state the full name, rank, and organization in the service and the date of discharge from the service, and in every instance give the man's correct home address and the address to which a reply should be directed by the bureau of war risk insurance."

### Traced the Pantalettes.

The only description the Minneapolis police had of Dolly Ellsbury, nineteen, was that she wore green pantalettes. They found her on a clothes line. She confessed robbery.

John Bohonclust of the Fly Gap section lost his house and household goods by fire on Wednesday of last week. It is said that he saved practically nothing. The News failed to learn the cause of the fire.

## Weighed 90 Pounds Before Taking PERUNA

Recommend it to Her Friends  
"I don't need Peruna any more. I am all well. I have taken six bottles. I weighed ninety pounds before I started with Peruna. I was just as poor and so weakly. I had given up hopes of ever getting well; such a cough and spitting, and could not eat anything. Now since taking Peruna I weigh one hundred and thirty-five pounds. All my friends said I would never get well. I was just a shadow. I have surely recommended your Peruna to many of my friends, and they are using it. I will recommend Peruna, for I am so thankful for what it has done for me."  
Sold Everywhere

Now Weigh 135 Pounds



Miss Clara Lehr, 21 N. Gold St., Grand Rapids, Mich.  
In her letter opposite Miss Lehr tells in convincing words of the benefits she received from Peruna.  
Liquid or Tablet Form

We can save you money on Tires. McCollum Auto Co.

Louis C. Probst for hardware and racket goods. Phone 186.

Messrs Chas. and Walter Martin and Mesdames Anna Martin and Bertha Todd spent a few days at Los Moros ranch last week returning home Friday. They report it getting very dry in that section and say that rain is being needed very much.

### INDIANS SEEK UPLIFT

Those Living in One Village Would Better Themselves.

Natives of Hoonah, an Indian village near Juneau, Alaska, have recently taken such radical steps toward an advancing trend of civilization that other native villages are wondering what they will try next.

First the Hoonah tribe abolished the elder business, an apparently harmless one, but one which was said to have caused much trouble among the natives. Next the Hoonah natives declined to attend an Indian feast at Swanson Harbor, thereby hoping to discourage the giving of feasts and continuing of ancient customs.

After electing a native council Hoonah built a jail and a hospital.

Whether as a reward for these signs of progress or not, the forestry department has agreed to send an agent to survey Hoonah townsite, so that each native may receive title to a building lot.

H. O. Brockman was in town last Saturday from his farm east of town he informs us that his son Hugh is now employed by a Big Oil Company at Eastland and is running a concrete mixer at a salary of \$1.50 per day.

Get my prices on cement before buying elsewhere. Harry Bierschwale.

Curtis McWilliam reached home last Saturday from Camp Bowie from which place he received his discharge from the U. S. Army. Curtis spent about 8 months with the Expeditionary Forces.

Dr. Le Gears Stock Powders, Buy it in Mason from Mason Drug Company a17

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. a10 J. J. Johnson.

Parties who appreciate fine stationery and good Bond Papers should call around at the News Office and see our line.

G. F. Lee was in from his farm north of town last Saturday and says that his cotton is up and doing fine. He has about 16 acres planted in cotton.

### GATTELMEN AND FARMERS

Why let your horses and cattle die when Salvat or Dr. LeGears Stock Powders might save them? Buy it in Mason from Mason Drug Company. a17

## QUALITY MERCHANDISE

E. J. Lemburg

J. C. Lemburg, Jr.

# E. LEMBURG & BRO.

DEALERS IN

DRY GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING  
Complete line of the best Groceries

WE BUY

Cotton, Wool Hides and Country Produce

WE WANT TO SERVE YOU DURING

# 1919

## YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME

HOME OF GOOD SHOES

DEL MONTE BRAND GOODS

**MONEY TO LEND**

We represent one of the best Loan Companies in the State and are in a position to make favorable loans on Mason County Stock Farms and Ranch Lands

**Runge & Runge, Agents**

**ATTENTION!**

We are now prepared to do your half-soling also your tire and tube vulcanizing. We guarantee our work and work at moderate prices. Phone us your wants.

**WALKER & WALKER, Mason, Texas.**

**BARNES IS ASKED TO HANDLE 1919 CROP**

**Grain Corporation Chief Urged by Wilson to Control Coming Harvest.**

President Wilson, acting on a recommendation of Herbert Hoover, food administrator, has requested Julius H. Barnes, president of the grain corporation of the United States food administration, to head an organization for handling the 1919 wheat crop under the congressional guarantees.

Mr. Barnes was a leading grain exporter in the United States, but he gave up his entire business connections to join Hoover's team of volunteers at the beginning of the war.

He was chief of the cereal division of the food administration and also president of the grain corporation formed by the food administration under the Lever act to handle the wheat crops of 1917 and 1918, and also to act as the food administration's agency for the purchase and distribution of great volumes of foodstuffs for the army and navy, for the allies, for the Belgian relief commission and later for the American relief administration.

The corporation's capital of \$150,000,000 belongs to the government and is intact for the new purpose.

This comprises another step in the liquidation of the food group of which relief and sugar equalizations and food are the principal functions now remaining. Mr. Hoover will continue to act as chairman of the sugar board until the sugar contracts have been completed and of the grain corporation until July 1, after which Mr. Barnes will become the responsible director to the president.

Mr. Hoover, of course, will continue as director general of relief on be-

half of the allied and American governments until next summer's harvest in Europe, when it is expected the critical period in the world's food supplies will be passed and the wholesale feeding of the famine districts of Europe no longer will be necessary.

**TROOPS NEED MAGAZINES**

**Pershing Asks That Public Continue Its Donations.**

The soldiers overseas are asking for more reading matter. General Pershing has cabled the request that more magazines be sent to the Americans on duty in France and in other countries in Europe. The general says the boys need interesting reading matter as never before.

The supply of magazines has been reduced from ten to two tons a month due to misapprehension of the public that magazines could not be sent under the one cent postage ruling. Some magazines inadvertently dropped the line announcing that publications would be carried overseas under a one-cent stamp. The ruling is still in force and magazines are asked to print it again in the upper right hand corner of the first page.

In order that the shortage may be quickly overcome individuals are asked to double and triple the number of magazines they previously were accustomed to send.

**CITY MEAT MARKET**

Choiceest and best meats possible to obtain. No delivery. Fine light bread also for sale. Pay highest cash price for dry or green hides. W. A. Zosch, Prop.

The Mason National Bank's new building continues to go up right along and is gradually taking on the appearance of a building. Inside plastering is to be started right away and it is now thought that the building will be ready for occupancy by the first part of June.

**BLINDED HEROES BEING MADE OVER**

**Notable Progress Made at Baltimore Institution.**

**DESPAIR TURNED TO HOPE**

They Come to Evergreen Downhearted Weary Lads and in Short Time Become Cheerful and Hopeful—Pass Through Period of Mental Readjustment and Physical Adaptation Before They Can Weigh Plans for Future.

Every now and then one meets a young soldier on the streets of Baltimore stepping along briskly, his arm interlocked with that of a bright young woman. The overseas stripes on the soldier's left sleeve attract attention, which is intensified by one or two wound stripes on his right sleeve. His step is buoyant, and a persistent smile lights up his face. One looks again and again to be convinced that the soldier is sightless.

He is one of the boys from Evergreen, known officially as General Hospital No. 7 for Blinded Soldiers, and is out for exercise with one of the young women who are giving their efforts to bring new sight to the lads who have sacrificed their eyes for the world's safety. There are many such sightless, but all are cheerful and hopeful, in marked contrast to the downhearted, weary lads who came to Evergreen a month or so ago. These blind have been recreated at Evergreen, for they have been rendered self-dependent, efficient and hopeful.

Lauded by Sir Arthur Pearson. This is the result of the training at Evergreen, which Sir Arthur Pearson, the famous English expert, himself blind, on a recent visit here, declared to be equal to that at his own St. Dunstan's hospital in England.

Evergreen was donated to the government by Mrs. T. Harrison Garrett, daughter-in-law of the late John W. Garrett.

Mrs. J. Mayhew Wainwright, who has made her home in New York for many years, but whom Maryland considers her own, is the hostess at Evergreen. Now that the wounded are being returned to our shores the number of her guests increases daily.

During their first days they are ill at ease and uncomfortable in their surroundings, but a few days make a wonderful change in their lives. Their steps become surer and they gain confidence in themselves that is good to see.

The patients are either totally blind or have such defective vision that they are precluded from re-entrance into usual occupations, or even normal life, without some training. So completely will their lives be changed that it is necessary for them to pass through a period of mental readjustment and physical adaptation before they can thoughtfully weigh plans for the future.

The difficulties confronting the instructors can be appreciated only when it is understood that the blind have to be taught even the simplest conventions of life, such as walking with freedom, handling their food and dressing. There are courses to teach the men "how to be blind," to teach them that, though blind, they are still normal men.

The school authorities have provided courses in wage-earning occupations. Among the courses are physical training, fundamental handtraining, reading and writing of Braille, and typewriting. Physical training includes personal hygiene, swimming, bowling, outdoor sports and gymnasium exercises. There are courses in basketry, weaving, netting, chair-canning and carpentry. No trade is considered that has not economic advantages for both employer and blind employee. Efficiency is the watchword.

**Business and Office Training.** It appears quite probable that commercial work will have to be the most serious occupational effort, and with this idea comprehensive courses in business economics, salesmanship, office management, use of mechanical office equipment and the principles of accounting and bookkeeping, are being developed.

Agricultural courses are to be established for those who have rural homes. Not only are the men trained, but positions are found for them.

A recreational leader provides entertainment for the men during their free time. Dances, music, theatricals and musicales are important.

**DO YOU KNOW.** Larimore & Grote are the only dealers in Mason who sell GENUINE Deering & McCormick repairs for mowers. a24

Tell the News the news

**TAKE FOOD ALONG ON TOUR OF BELGIUM**

**Bulletin to Prospective Visitors Advises Them to Carry About Everything Needed.**

Interesting sidelights on present day conditions in Belgium are given in an official Belgian bulletin, containing advice to repatriates and others going to Belgium.

"The first commodity you must absolutely take with you," says the bulletin, "is patience and no small quantity either. Life is by no means easy and cannot be easy till, later, when the reconstruction of Belgium has actually begun."

"Since there is at present no wool or cotton nor garments of any kind, nor shoes except at fabulous prices, be careful to renew your wardrobe and to provide yourself with enough wool for your bedding."

"Ladies, do not forget—this is a most valuable piece of advice—to carry thread, needles and pins. Also, since paper has reached an extraordinary value in Belgium, be sure to take boxes of writing paper, pens, ink, and as much ordinary paper as your trunks will hold. You will find you have saved about 100 per cent on your stock."

"As far as food and provisions are concerned, do not hesitate to provide yourselves with as much sugar as you can get. There are some suburbs in Brussels where no sugar has been distributed for six weeks. As for butter, it has disappeared since the government brought the price down to \$1.70. The farmers prefer to sell milk rather than save it for butter, and as a consequence not a single pound is displayed in the shop windows. Margarine does not even exist any more, so bring some of each."

"Though Brazil sends us coffee it still costs a dollar a pound. There is no cocoa left at all, nor candy, nor preserves, etc. Ham is not so scarce, but very dear."

**INSIGNIA STOPS BULLET**

**It Lodged in the Metal Service Insignia of a Soldier.**

Where the chicken gets the ax a stray bullet struck First Lieut. J. S. McCume, chemical war works service. His collar insignia saved him from serious injury. The 22-caliber bullet lodged in the metal service insigniator.

Lieutenant McCume, who formerly was commandant of the gas school at Camp Zachary Taylor, was walking along the Newburg road at Louisville when he stopped the leaden missile. He heard it whistle and felt it strike. He searched for the person who had fired it, but without success. Returning to his quarters he told Lieutenant Blanford of his narrow escape. "I looked for the bullet after it struck me but could not locate it," he said.

Lieutenant Blanford inspected Lieutenant McCume's collar, where he said he had been shot. He discovered the small bullet imbedded in his insignia. The force of the bullet inflicted a slight bruise on the officer's neck. He will not wear a wound stripe.

**GIVE THEIR PASTOR AUTO**

**Congregation Didn't Like the One He Was Using.**

The Rev. A. Lee Wilson, pastor of Wyoming Presbyterian church at Cincinnati, was visited by the members of the "board," all of whom wore a stern look. "We have come to tell you that you have one fault that we cannot overlook," said the spokesman.

"What is that fault?" asked the disturbed pastor.

"That you spend too much time driving a flivver. You are seen too much in your 'Lizzie,'" said the deacon.

"But I—"

"We don't want any excuses," urged the board member. "We didn't come here for excuses, but rather to make you a present of something we have in front of your house."

The preacher was escorted to a new high-powered automobile, the gift of his congregation.

**Husband Got Shirt.**

Mrs. Omar L. Robertson of English, Ind., wife of a soldier in France, several months ago made one shirt for the United States army quartermaster's department. At that time her husband was at home and he laughingly remarked he might have to wear the shirt when he joined the army. Not long ago Robertson landed in France. He drew supplies of clothing, and one of the shirts issued to him was that made by his wife. He has returned to her the tag she placed up on it when sending it to the quartermaster's department.

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Adolph Schulze was here last Saturday from his farm on the Llano river and paid the News a pleasant call. He informed us that a recent letter from his son, Arthur, who is with the army of occupation in Germany, stated that the Germans are now paying as high as \$500 for American Artillery horses.

Highway Engineer Haberer returned Tuesday from a business trip to Austin. He was accompanied on the trip by Alex Grosse and Roscoe Runge.

Jim Brown reports having had a fire at his home last Tuesday about noon which did several dollars worth of damage to his roof before he got it extinguished. The fire started from a spark which fell from the chimney and happened to fall on a lot of dry leaves which had accumulated on the roof.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell and children of Menard came down last Saturday and remained over until Monday, spending Easter Sunday with Mrs. Grandstaff.

**POULTRY WANTED**

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry. 6-6 Mayhew Produce Co.

On Easter Sunday Mrs. Louis Schmidt entertained at dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd, who were her guests from Llano. Those present to enjoy the sumptuous spread were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidt and children, Mrs. Anna Jordan, Mrs. A. W. Kook, Mrs. Bertha Todd, Mrs. L. B. Morris and the honorees.

**LITTLE GIRL'S HARD LIFE**

**She Has Had Influenza, Pneumonia and Abscesses on Her Lungs.**

Ill luck seems to be the portion of little Marie Davis, not yet six years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis, who live in the country near Fostoria, Ohio. Influenza, pneumonia, abscessed lungs, necessitating an operation, is the record of the little girl within the past two weeks.

But that is not all. Marie is known throughout this section of the country for her sad experience with burglars when she was still a baby. Burglars visited the Davis home at midnight several years ago, and the father hearing them, arose and surprised them at their work. Mr. Davis lit a lamp and a burglar shot it out.

During the interchange of shots one bullet grazed the cheek of the sleeping Marie, cutting a gash three inches long, which has left a disfiguring scar.

**NO WOMAN'S HELP**

**Man Has a Farm and Reared a Family of Nine Children.**

To have operated a farm and reared a family of nine children without the aid of a woman is the feat of Frank Trautloff, who has sold his farm and is retiring to a home which he recently purchased in Atchison, Kan.

The older five of the nine children are boys, and Mr. Trautloff, after the death of his wife, 15 years ago, did all their mending as well as the housework and cooking in addition to having successfully managed the farm. He has retired from the farm to send the younger children to high school.

**Recluse Leaves \$4,000.**

Several shot sacks filled with coins of various denominations and a bundle of yellowback \$20 bills, totalling \$4,000, was found in the trunk of a recluse, William J. Tinsley, who has just died of tuberculosis at Americus, Ga. The discovery was made by his only brother and heir, Jack Tinsley.

**Second Peace Conference.**

There are two peace conferences in session now. Mitchell (S. D.) High school modern history class is conducting a fully organized duplicate of the Paris affair. Every country is represented.

**Many Pieces in Cane.**

It has taken J. W. Hagan of Richmond, Mo., 12 years to complete a walking stick made up of 175 pieces of wood, including 11 different kinds. Mr. Hagan made the stick at odd times and used ash, walnut, hickory, poplar, cottonwood, sugar tree, California redwood and four kinds of oak in its construction.

**Literary Burglar.**

A literary burglar who visited Hartford, Mich., one night stole 100 volumes of classical literature from the home of Miss W. B. Ottoman. The books taken included works by Chaucer, Milton, Dante and Shakespeare. Jewelry and other valuables in the home were not molested.



**Don't Carry About a Great Roll of Money!**

If you have made a few hundred dollars in a business deal or a lucky speculation DEPOSIT THEM IN A BANK AT ONCE.

The possession of a large amount of currency is a temptation to spend.

You Will Not Be So Ready to Draw a Check as You Will to Spend the Ready Cash

**THE COMMERCIAL BANK**  
(UNINCORPORATED) OF MASON  
MASON COUNTY DEPOSITORY

MRS. ANNA MARTIN PRESIDENT C. L. MARTIN VICE-PRESIDENT MAX MARTIN CASHIER

Texas News

The Texas Dental Society meets in Waco this week.

Wharton County has voted \$100,000 in bonds for school buildings.

Polk County has voted \$800,000 in bonds for road improvements.

The Texas Cotton Seed Crushers Association will hold their convention in Galveston June 10-11.

The total cotton ginning for Fort Bend County during the 1918 season amounted to 57,277 bales.

There are so many oil fields in Texas just now that nearly every county in the state is represented.

A total of 2,197,753 barrels of refinery products was shipped out of Port Arthur by water in March, according to information made public this week.

The attorney general has just approved the following bonds: \$10,000 for the Harwood Independent County Line School District; \$100,000 road bonds for Coleman County.

Mrs. Hortense Ward has notified the state industrial accident board that her resignation as secretary will become effective on May 1 instead of June 1, as originally specified.

The Dallas County good roads convention went on record as favoring a bond issue of \$6,500,000, to be used in reconstructing 332 miles of the important arteries of traffic within the next five years.

Fire insurance companies operating in Texas had their best year since 1913 in 1918. Last year the loss ratio was but 59.5 per cent. In other years it has mounted much higher. In 1913 it was 49.8 per cent.

The second annual meeting of the Rural Welfare League of Texas to be held at the Agricultural and Mechanical College June 25 to 28 will have an exceptionally strong program, and a large number of delegates are expected to be in attendance.

An opinion rendered by the attorney general's department of Texas is that the county depository is only entitled to retain the county deposits sixty days from the day the commissioners court convenes at the February term thereof next following each general election.

More than 29,000 pounds of ground pecan shells, used to adulterate coffee, has so far been recovered and destroyed by the pure food department of Texas, says Pure Food Commissioner R. H. Hoffman. These shells have been used quite extensively in adulterating coffee and the department has been trying with considerable success to break up the practice.

Probably one of the largest campaigns of education and publicity ever attempted in Texas has been perfected by the bureau of venereal diseases of the state health department acting with the United States public health service, the joint work being under the direction of Dr. H. C. Hall, as state director. In a report Dr. Hall shows that the campaign has gone to 1,128,785 persons with 1,335,800 presentations.

Commissioners courts have no authority to issue bonds to construct "dirt roads" under chapter 2, title 18, R. S. 1911, the attorney general holds in an opinion. The opinion holds that counties are authorized to take over bonded debts of road districts therein, to issue bonds to pay for district roads constructed and to further construct roads, to the end that district roads may be connected up and merged into a general county system.

The tick eradication law is being enforced in all parts of Gillespie County. Dipping commenced April 1, and up to the present 1,192 herds of cattle, numbering 29,606 head, had been dipped. In the county there are 86 concrete vats available for dipping. Fifty-two of these were built since February. There are about 6000 head yet to dip.

At this time there are five accountants at work checking the books of the state treasury since 1908. The cash and bonds have been checked. There was approximately \$500,000 in cash in the vaults and \$23,000,000 in bonds belonging to the various funds, principally the school fund.

Renewed interest in the building of good roads throughout Texas is one of the results of the war's end. The demand for good roads everywhere never was greater nor was there ever a time when the demand on good roads were as great as they are at present. Study of Texas road problems reveals the fact that the average country road was built for conditions which have been outgrown.

BANKHEAD HIGHWAY, THE ALL-TEXAS ROUTE, CHOSEN

Seventy-Five Million Bond Issue Approved—Hot Springs Gets Next Convention.

Mineral Wells, Tex.—The Bankhead National Highway Association adjourned sine die Friday. Hot Springs was chosen as the convention city for 1929.

T. S. Plowman, president; J. A. Rountree, general secretary; L. G. Jones, treasurer, and W. W. Heaton, all of Alabama were re-elected.

The closing hours were more or less turbulent over the dominating question of the route west of Memphis. This was finally decided in favor of the "all Texas" route via Texarkana, Dallas and Abilene to El Paso.

On Sunday afternoon a pathfinding party left Mineral Wells to recommend a route for the Bankhead highway from El Paso to San Diego, Cal. This party consisted of W. O. Eldridge, United States government engineer; A. G. Batchelder, executive secretary American Automobile Association; C. B. Easley, clerk to the post-office and postal road committee, United States senate; T. S. Plowman, president Bankhead Association. The party will be in charge of J. A. Rountree.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Good Roads convention:

"Whereas, The construction of good roads of permanent type is recognized as an essential factor in the industrial and economic development and material prosperity of the country, and of unequal importance in providing social advantages and in facilitating popular educational advancement among our people; and,

"Whereas, The congress of the United States has, through liberal appropriations for road construction in the States of the Union, declared a fixed national policy of federal participation in the development of state highways; and,

"Whereas, The State of Texas has, in the establishment of a state highway department, and the inauguration of a policy for the collection of funds for road construction in co-operation with the political subdivisions of the state, and in the distribution of federal funds, declared a permanent policy for the designation and construction of a system of state highways; and

"Whereas, The funds available for public highway construction from present sources is recognized as inadequate to meet the requirements of highway building in a state of the great area of Texas, and the legislature having submitted to the people an amendment to the constitution of the state authorizing the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 to be expended in aiding the construction of a system of highways of permanent character; therefore be it

Resolved by this convention assembled, That we indorse the proposed constitutional amendment embodied in house joint resolution No. 13, providing for the issuance of bonds to aid in the construction of a state system of permanent highways and urge the people of the state to give the amendment their cordial support.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to formulate and submit a plan for the creation of a state highway organization for the purpose of presenting to the voters of the State of Texas the merits of house joint resolution No. 13 providing for the issuance of bonds of the state in a sum not to exceed \$75,000,000 to be expended in aid of the construction of a system of state highways, and that the chairman of this convention be authorized to appoint such organization committee, composed of 15 members, whose duty shall be to submit plans for a State organization in behalf of the said constitutional amendment, such committee to report at such time and place as the majority thereof may determine."

General Blanquet Killed.

Mexico City.—General Aureliano Blanquet, war minister in President Huerta's cabinet, who recently was reported to have landed in the Vera Cruz region for the purpose of starting a revolution against the Carranza government, was killed Thursday, in a fight near Chavastla Village, according to press reports from Vera Cruz.

No Intervention in Russia.

London.—No intervention in Russia, no recognition of bolshevism and the fulfillment of his election promises, including those relating to indemnity from the enemy powers and punishment of the former German emperor, were the outstanding features of the report which Premier Lloyd George brought from Paris and delivered to the house of commons Wednesday.



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If you would like to have accident or health insurance, I have just the kind of a policy you need. No trouble to show and explain the different policies and quote premiums. Martin D. Loring, agent for the Maryland Assurance Corporation.

Dirigible balloons would have ended the war in a victory for the allies if it had not ended in a victory for them by arms. On the day the armistice was signed there was on the docks at New York the first shipment of helium gas destined for use in dirigibles on the battle front from the gas fields at Petrolia, Texas. This gas will never explode nor burn. It was a war time development in the United States and its manufacture at Petrolia and Fort Worth had proceeded so far at that time that a constant supply was in sight.

BOX SUPPER

There is to be a Box Supper at the Grossville School House on next Saturday night, April 26. All girls are requested to fix boxes and the boys are requested to bring their pocket books. The public is invited to attend.

C. B. Eckert, one of our big stockmen of the Hilda section, was a business visitor in Mason last Wednesday and paid the News a pleasant call. He left us a letter for publication which was written by his son, Wesley, who is with the Expeditionary Forces in France.

LAUNDRY.

I represent the Texas Steam Laundry of San Antonio and solicit your business. All work first class. Basket leaves every Tuesday.

Hensch, The Tailor.

The News' facilities for doing first class job work is unsurpassed. Bring us your orders.

PIGS GET INTOXICATED

Fed Upon Great Quantities of Rice and Corn Mash.

Reports that a herd of pigs was acting in an unseemly manner on a hog ranch near Auburn, Wash., led to an investigation by county authorities and federal sleuths who are trailing liquor law violators. The porkers were found to be in an intoxicated condition, some of the herd being close to the stage when cerise striped zebras, azure-blue baboons and Nile green ant eaters might have caused unrest in the pens.

The condition of the herd was found to have been due to the pigs having been fed vast quantities of rice and corn liquor mash, which had been dumped from vats when an adjoining farm had been raided and Japanese were found to be operating a whisky still in a wholesale manner.

A veterinary was summoned to assist the pigs through the hangover stage.

Sperm Whale in Monterey Bay.

The first sperm whale found on the Pacific coast in 40 years was discovered in Monterey bay by rock cod fishermen, who found the carcass of Point Pinos. The fishermen reported that the whale—which was 65 feet long—had been killed by a species of dolphin called the "killer." Its tongue had been eaten out. The whale was towed in and sold to a Los Angeles fish company, and ten barrels of case oil were obtained from its head.

BARBER NOTICE.

I am now owner of the Holmes King barber shop and ask a liberal share of your patronage. Give me a trial. Harry Pluenecke.

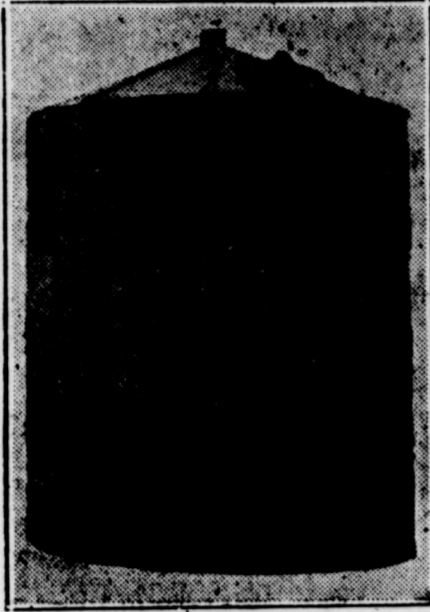
AIRPLANES EXPECTED

The Mason Commercial Club is having a large tract of land in Wm. Willmann's pasture cleared in order that the land may be used as a landing place for airplanes. It is expected that two war planes will visit Mason during the present Liberty Loan Drive. The exact date the planes are to come has not yet been determined, it is likely to be one day next week however. John T. Banks, County Chairman for the Liberty Loan, will arrange to have a special rally day for the selling of bonds on the day the planes visit Mason.

Alonzo Gipson (col) is said to be in a very critical condition. The negro and Lewis Bruce became involved in a fight a few days ago and Bruce beat the negro severely with a club, partially crushing the skull and inflicting other injuries of a serious nature. The quarrel is supposed to have been started when the negro failed to pay a debt, according to the News' information.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, Etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.





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Repairing of all kinds done on short notice.

Edgar Leifeste came in last week after receiving his discharge from the U. S. Army. Edgar has seen several months service with the Expeditionary Forces. His parents had not heard from him for a long time and begun to worry about him

T. E. Matheny, one of our good farmers of the Behrens section was a business visitor in Mason last Saturday.

John Brandenberger was here last Saturday from his ranch below town. He says that rain is being needed in his section.

## Lamar Thaxton

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LLANO - - TEXAS.

are receiving the greatest attention. The comparatively few teachers in Paris who are familiar with these dances are worked overtime from one week's end to the other. Among these teachers there are said to be several French polkas who, as members of missions, visited the United States during the war and there acquired a knowledge of the American dances.

In the very exclusive set of Paris a certain well-known dancer is reported to be reaping a harvest. He teaches stately French dances with mature daughters and very young girls who have not yet been introduced to society. For such lessons he is said to receive 250 francs, or \$50.

Teach American Dances.  
One of the largest revues now showing in Paris has announced the inclusion of a special dancing act in which American dances will be taught from the stage by an American couple, both well-known dancers in New York. On the famous Boulevard des Champs Elysees two salons have been opened and on several nights in the week one may see a long line of motors and taxicabs drawn up in front of these establishments waiting to carry home the Parisian business man, his wife and daughter who have been spending the evening in learning to dance.

And as in everything else which has to do with pleasure, the French people have entered into the spirit of the dance with all the joyousness of youth and are having great fun in learning the American steps. Four years was a long time to abstain from dancing, but the French faithfully observed the rule against dancing in wartime. Now that Germany has been defeated and the signing of peace not far distant they feel they are justified in resuming dancing.

London danced during the war "to forget the war." Paris now dances in an attempt to realize peace. In fact, all Europe is now dancing; dancing all the foolish, crazy steps which can be conceived, as if in a strenuous effort to make up for the pleasure lost during the world struggle.

To give an idea of the wealth of color and decoration with which the Parisian salons are surrounded, it might be interesting to look in on one place which is proving popular. It is typical in its atmosphere of the spirit of the moment. A French polka, not yet demobilized, is its director, and he has indeed evolved a unique temple of dancing.

The motif of the salon is Chinese. I suppose. That strange, deep Chinese yellow serves as coloring for the walls, with futurist apple blossoms painted on them. The woodwork is a dull, heavy black, nothing more. Long black curtains, striped with yellow ribbon, hang from the windows. There

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**Hodges Schroeder, Agent.**  
Basket leaves on Tuesday mornings

are inner curtains of gold silk. A musician's alcove is hid by gold tissue curtains.

Jazz Bands All the Rage.  
The whole room rather intoxicates one and many a conservative soul would not care to dance there. But it is modern and more or less accurately reflects the mood in which Parisians are resuming the dance. The salon actually shrieks jazz, and jazz dancing, with all it implies, is certainly the vogue in Paris.

And speaking of jazz it is interesting to note that no music hall, revue or vaudeville show is quite complete in Paris unless it boasts in large letters "Complete American Jazz Band." These jazz bands—no one knows where they came from—really make our American variety seem a conservative tame affair. As one American official remarked in my hearing at one of the Paris revues the other night, "These Paris jazz bands are the jazziest things I ever heard, and I've lived in New York all my life."

But to get back to the dance. New York better step lively if she does not wish Paris to snatch away her laurels as the temple of modern dancing. By summer, judging from the present rate of speed, there should be few able bodied Parisians who do not know at least the one-step and fox trot. After these are mastered—and I might add that some difficulty is being experienced in acquiring the American steps—no doubt Parisians will not be satisfied, but will invent some new form of dance which may set the pace for the United States.

### PROPERTY OWNERS ATTENTION

Marveseal will fix that leaky roof fireproof. Waterproof and Airtight. Cheaper than paint. Unconditional guarantee for 10 years. Make no mistake. There is only one original. That is Marveseal Asbestos Fiber Roof Cement. Shingle, Metal or Paper Roofs. Sold on three months time. Beautify your home, stop your leaks, go to bed and do not worry about fire from bad flues.  
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Holds Down Four Jobs.  
M. C. Corbett of Des Moines, Ia., is holding down four jobs. They are attorney at law, train dispatcher of the S. M. & St. P., referee in bankruptcy in the place of Referee Frank Comfort, and detail man in the bankruptcy office for Gus North, also in the war. Otherwise, his working hours are from 8 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Drink Hair Tonic.  
Hair tonic is the very latest alcoholic concoction as a substitute for liquor in "dry" New Hampshire. The "thirsty" of the state have discovered that some hair tonics contain 68 per cent grain alcohol and they are drinking it. Witch hazel is the "chaser."

Tell the News the news.

### ENGLISH MIDDLE

### CLASS FORM UNION

Combine to Protect Selves From Aggressions of Capital and Labor.

Members of the great middle class of England at last have taken steps to organize to protect their own interests against the aggressions of capital on the one hand and increasing wages of workmen on the other. Leaders of the middle class declare that only by organization can they escape an unfair share of the burdens of life.

English people of education and moderate incomes have felt for some time that they were being ground between the upper and nether millstones operating in the social mill. Profits of capitalists from war contracts have increased and the wages of workmen steadily advanced. But nobody had to have the services of the professional man, the small business man or the schoolmaster.

A preliminary meeting was held under the chairmanship of Maj. J. R. Pretyman Newman, member of parliament. It was decided to call the organization the "Middle Class Union." Among the purposes of the union are: "To remove undue burdens upon the middle class, including the cost of living.

"To protect the middle class against bureaucratic and industrial tyranny.  
"To combine for common protection of those members of the community who have no organization to safeguard their interests."

Letters appearing in support of the union show that many army officers and other soldiers are deeply interested in the movement. One soldier wrote:

"Unless we of the middle classes organize and combine to thwart and destroy the anarchical aggressions of certain communities in the industrial world we will sooner or later be bolshevikized out of existence."

How the middle class union will be received in the political field by the capitalists and the trade unions which now monopolize it remains to be seen.

A News want ad brings some wonderful results. Try one and see for yourself.

Jim Brandenberger and his Walter, who has recently returned from over sea, were here in urday from their ranch in the da section.

Get your cement from Bierschwale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stem children came down last 8d from Menard and remained Monday afternoon visiting tives and friends.

A complete assortment of fishing tackle at Mason Drug Co

## DANCING CRAZE ENGULFS PARIS

Comes Back With Greater Zest Than Ever Before.

### AMERICAN STEPS THE RAGE

Young and Old Take Lessons to Regain the Degree of Efficiency They Had Attained Before the War—Salons Have Sprung Up All Over Paris—Fox Trot and One Step All the Rage and Jazz Bands Are Popular.

Once more the dance, the modern ball-room variety, has come into its own in Paris. Four years of suppression due to the war have brought it back in a blaze of glory and with greater zest and more adherents than ever before in its Parisian history. Within the last few weeks salons have literally sprung up all over Paris, in every kind of neighborhood, and thousands of Parisians, young and old, of both sexes, are taking lessons in order to regain the degree of efficiency they had attained before the war.

This time the modern American dances, the fox trot and the one-step,



## Banjo Music



In Senegambia the natives constructed a crude musical instrument. They called it the *bania*. It was the first parent of our modern banjo.

We used to associate the banjo with the American negro. As an instrument to accompany the crooning darky lullabies, or for the happy-go-lucky "cake-walks," it seemed only to be fitted.

Of late the banjo has risen in dignity. Skilled artists have played it before huge and enthusiastic audiences. Banjo orchestras have been organized, and have had great success playing modern dance music. The banjo is coming into its own. If you have in your home

## The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

you can Re-CREATE for yourself, at your own convenience, the banjo music of the greatest masters of this instrument now before the American public. And their Re-CREATED performances, as the New Edison gives them, you cannot distinguish from the performances of the living players.

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## 15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, April 29, 1904:

Last week while unloading a car of buggies at Llano Henry Thode had two toes on his left foot badly mashed by a crate falling on it.

Alec Durst, Henry Hoerster and Dave Kiser shipped four cars of cattle last week from Brady to St. Louis.

Dr. Daily has purchased 2 acres north of Harry Bierschwale's residence from D. Doole for \$500 and will erect a residence thereon.

C. C. Smith & Sons delivered their cattle, 1300 head three year old steers to J. W. Gibson, of Wagoner, I. T., last Saturday. The price paid was \$18.

Fort Mason Camp U. C. V. met Saturday and elected J. W. Leslie and John McCollum as delegates to the National reunion. Misses Mackie and Mary Leslie were elected sponsors for the camp.

The little two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. White died Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the home of his grandfather, Col. T. F. Rainey.

W. F. Jordan and son, Felix were in Wednesday from Katemey. They report a light rain Sunday.

Miss Ruth Sands entertained a number of her young friends in a very delightful manner last Friday night, on the occasion of her birthday.

A few yearlings have been sold for \$8, but most of the people are disposed to stick out for \$10.

Hon. A. N. Moursund went to Pontotoc Thursday to make an address that night at the closing of the Pontotoc school.

Mr. Wm. P. Bevens, Jr., of Menardville and Miss Mabel Grandstaff of this place were united in marriage last Wednesday at Fort Worth.

Mr. W. J. Evans died Saturday morning at his home at Pontotoc, after an illness of not more than about 24 hours.

Do you want any crockery ware, such as churns, milk pans, jugs or 5 gallon jars? We have a nice assortment.  
 City Grocery Co.

## 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, May 4, 1894:

J. M. Stewart and family have moved to the Mabry ranch.

Louis Runge, of the Los Morris ranch was in town Thursday on business.

Mrs. Gugenheim will leave for Austin in a few days to have her eyes treated.

Ernest Lemburg had a yearling to hook him on the knee a few days ago while branding it.

Frank Moody and Andy Adeock have opened an ice cream parlor in the old post office building.

Mrs. M. A. Hamilton and children leave for Kansas next week to spend the summer with Capt. S. Gunther and family.

M. D. Slaton has announced his candidacy for District Judge.

Professor McCollum has moved from Brady to his ranch in this county.

Messrs. C. Holmberg, Louis Schmidt, Wm. Hofmann, L. H. King and Wilson Hey spent a few days last week on Mill Creek and had a royal time eating squirrels and fish.

H. Bierschwale, district and county clerk at Fredericksburg, spent the past week in town visiting his sons, Harry and Chas.

Holmes Doole and Charley Broad had a little difficulty at school Thursday and bungled each other up considerably.

Assessor Gowling has been at work in the Pontotoc neighborhood the past week.

### THRESHING NOTICE

We will run two threshing machines this season. Parties having anything for us to thresh will please notify us at an early date, at 22 F. W. Winkle and Chas. Leslie.

Mrs. J. P. Baze, Mrs. Martin Baze of Camp San Saba and two Mesdames Amon, of London, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Baze last Saturday and Sunday. They left Monday afternoon for the former's home at Camp San Saba.

We have all colors of straw hat dye.—Mason Drug Co.

## SAW 18 MONTHS OVER-SEA SERVICE

Steve Fickling, a Mr. Perry and Tommy Strong were in Mason last Monday from the Pontotoc section. Tommy reached home last week after having received his discharge from the U. S. Army at Camp Bowie. He served with the Expeditionary Forces for 18 months, and is wearing three gold service stripes. He suffered a sharpnel wound in one of his legs and was gassed once during his service at the front, although he went over the top many times. Tommy has not little to say regarding his ex-

periences on the other side although he has a quick and ready reply for every question he is asked, but he leaves it to the other fellow to lead out the conversation. Tommy saw 38 days at the Chateau Thierry front. He bears the distinction of being the only Mason county boy to see as much as 18 months over-sea service. He enlisted as a volunteer at Camp Travis two years ago and after six months training in New York he went across. He was returned to this country with the casuals, reaching the States about the 23rd of March.

G. C. Mostley, of Tampico, Mexico, was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Rufe Braezeale, a few days the past week. He left Wednesday for his home.

## LUTHERAN SYNOD MAY 7 TO 12

Mason is to be the meeting place of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of Texas which convenes on May 7th and closes on the 12th. The Synod will be held at the local Evang. Lutheran St. Pauls Church. Up until a few days ago Rev. Peters had received word from 84 ministers and delegates from various parts of the State saying that they would be here. Rev. Peters informs the News that further announcement will be made regarding the services, which will be held at night and conducted in the American Language.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

John T. Banks, County Chairman of this County for the Victory Liberty Loan Campaign, announces that on next Monday, May 5th, a big Liberty Loan Rally will be held in Mason.

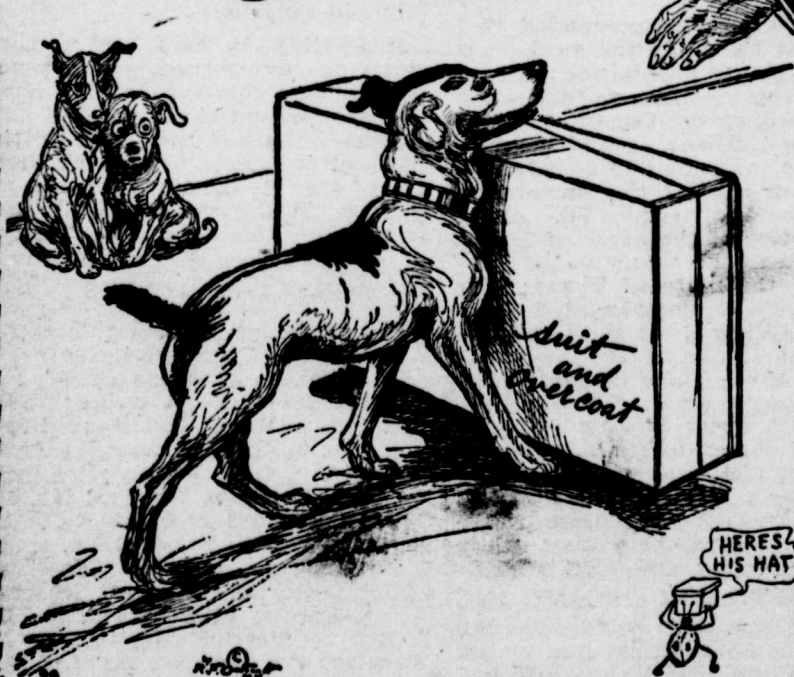
The program has not yet been completed but a big parade is planned on, in which all Mason County soldier boys are requested to take part. Let every Mason County soldier boy be here and wear his uniform. The town will furnish free dinner to the soldier boys. Following the parade the crowd will be gathered at the court house lawn, where several speakers will make short talks relative to the Victory Liberty Loan, after which subscriptions will be called for.

Mr. Banks had the assurance of two airplanes to be here Thursday (to-day) but he cancelled the date and has asked for them to be sent on Monday. As yet he has received no reply but feels certain that we will have them here.

Come to Mason on the above date and be prepared to support the

## Victory Liberty Loan

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Width lower edge 1 1/2 yds. Size 36 requires 4 1/2 yds of 36 inch material

Dress 8114  
25 cents  
34-50 Bust

Width lower edge 1 1/2 yds. Size 36 requires 4 1/2 yds of 36 inch material and 4 yds braid for trimming.



Dress 8147  
25 cents  
16-20 years

Misses Dress Width lower edge 1 1/2 yds. Size 16 requires 4 1/2 yds of 36 inch material.

Dress 8140  
25 cents  
16-20 years

Misses Long Waisted Costume Width lower edge 1 1/2 yds. Size 16 requires 4 1/2 yds of 36 inch material.



Dress 8131  
25 cents  
16-20 years

Misses Dress Size 16 requires 3 1/2 yds of 44 inch serge.

Dress 8128  
25 cents  
14-20 years

Misses Dress Width lower edge (with pleats drawn out) 1 1/2 yds. Size 16 requires 4 1/2 yds of 36 inch material



Dress 8138  
20 cents  
6-14 years

Girls and Juniors One-Piece Dress Size 12 requires 2 1/2 yds 44 inch material

Dress 8243  
20 cents  
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Childs and Juniors Dress Size 10 requires 3 1/2 yds 36 inch material

We are prepared to show you a full line of silks in Taffeta and Messaline, in fancy dress silks and silk shirting, in Georgette Crepe, and Crepe de Chines, Organdies, Voilles, Marquisettes, Egyptian tissues; White Corduroy for skirts, Middy cloth, etc.

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**Profit in Coyote Hides.**  
With coyote hides bringing \$10 each William Smick of Weld county, Colorado, has made almost as much this winter hunting as he did this summer from his dry ranch. The other day he marketed five hides for more than \$50. They brought his total up to 44 and in addition he has sold a number of skunk skins for \$4 apiece.

**Guiltly and Not Guilty.**  
The "guilty" and "not guilty" in the Crawford county jail at Bucyrus, O. are on the anxious seat because there will be no session of the grand jury for some time to come. Several of the jurors have the "flu" and until such time as they recover there "ain't gont be no session."

**BARBER NOTICE.**  
I am now owner of the Holmes King barber shop and ask a liberal share of your patronage. Give me a trial.  
Harry Plueneker.  
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**New Credits to Allied Nations.**  
Washington.—The treasury Friday announced the establishment of new credits for allies as follows: Great Britain, \$100,000,000; Roumania, \$5,000,000, and Serbia \$268,000. This raised the total loans of all the allies to \$9,138,829,000, of which \$4,236,000,000 has gone to Great Britain, \$20,000,000 to Roumania and \$27,268,000 to Serbia.

**Optimistic Thought.**  
Social intercourse is the teacher of all things to mortals.

Will Schuessler informs us that he has just completed building a dipping vat on his place below town. He says that it is built of stone and concrete and is there for good.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Spittgerber Tuesday afternoon, May 6. The program will start promptly at 4 o'clock.  
Subject—Brazil and Cuba.  
Leader—Mrs. Ben Jordan.  
Special Music—A Perfect Day.  
Bible Lesson—The Life of Prayer a Life of Ministry. (Luke 10; 17-25)  
Song—402.  
Prayer—Mrs. I. E. Wood  
The Task of the Church—Mrs. Jennie Williams.  
Our Task—Mrs. Anna Strickland.  
The Task of Social Redemption—What We Have in Brazil—Mrs. Dan Lehmberg.  
Mrs. Dor Brown.  
What We Propose to Do in Brazil—Mrs. Will Lemburg.  
To be a Child in Brazil—Mrs. Arthur Lemourg.  
Duet—Misses Bertha and Pearl Jordan.  
Cuba—Mrs. John Banks.  
Interesting Facts and Incidents—Mrs. Lamar Thaxton.  
Song—383.  
Report of Annual Meeting of Womens Missionary Society of West Texas Conference.

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If you would like to have accident or health insurance, I have just the kind of a policy you need. No trouble to show and explain the different policies and quote premiums. Martin D. Loring, agent for the Maryland Assurance Corporation.

J. W. Lee was here Saturday from his farm north of town. He says a recent letter from his son, Albert, who is with the Expeditionary Forces, advises that he did not get to sail for home about the first of April as he had thought owing to taking a relapse of the flu and he was again confined to the hospital. The letter was written on April 7th.

**LAUNDRY.**  
I represent the Texas Steam Laundry of San Antonio and solicit your business. All work first class. Basket leaves every Tuesday.  
Hensch, The Tailor.

August Kothmann, one of the big ranchmen of the Castell section, was here last Thursday. He has as his guests Mr. and Mrs. H. M. S. Mohle and little daughter, of Lockhart, and they accompanied him to Mason. Mrs. Mohle is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Kothmann. Mr. Mohle is a newspaper man and is with the Lockhart Post-Register. The gentlemen paid this office a very pleasant call while in town.

Dr. Le Gears Stock Powders, Buy it in Mason from Mason Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kidd were business visitors in Mason last Saturday from the Loyal Valley section.

Alex Schuessler reached home a few weeks ago from Valentine, where he had been stationed with a wagon detachment of the U. S. Army for some months, after having received his discharge.

Rev. Robert Moerner and family went to San Antonio last Friday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Link of Llano were in Mason a short time last week.

**ELECTION PROCLAMATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Mason;

To each Presiding Judge of Election of each Precinct in Mason County, Texas:

You are hereby commanded that you open the polls for an election for or against prohibition; for or against the amendment to Section 2 Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters; for or against the amendment to Section 5, of Article IV, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas; for or against the amendment to Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes; at your place designated by law as the voting place of said precinct, ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MAY, 1919, and that you keep said polls open during the hours designated by law to-wit: From 8 o'clock A. M. to 7 o'clock P. M., and that you proceed, in conjunction with the judges and clerks of said election, and in accordance with law, to count the votes polled in said precinct at said election, and thereupon, after certifying correct returns thereof officially, in triplicate in connection with said judges and clerks, you seal up and deliver through one of the judges of the election, on or before the Monday next following the day of election, one copy thereof to the County Judge of this county, one copy of said returns to the County Clerk of

said county, to be kept by him in his office open to inspection by the public for twelve months from the day of the election, and the third copy of said returns to be retained by the presiding officer of the election for twelve months from the day of election. Said returns must show: First, the total number of votes polled at such box; second, the number polled for and against each amendment, accompanied with poll and tally lists.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and of this writ make due return, with your endorsement thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and official seal at Mason, Texas this first day of May A. D. 1919.  
C. H. Garrett, County Judge  
Mason County Texas.

**ELECTION JUDGES**

The following Presiding Judges of Election in their respective Precinct Numbers in Mason County: Precinct No. 1, Chas. Grote; Precinct No. 2, W. J. Griffith; Precinct No. 3, George Sorrells; Precinct No. 4, Ollie Massey; Precinct No. 5, John Pike; Precinct No. 6, Gus Klingelhoeffer; Precinct No. 7, Adolph Loeffler; Precinct No. 8, O. Kothmann; Precinct No. 9, Christian Jordan; Precinct No. 10, W. R. Capps; Precinct No. 11, E. R. Ellison; Precinct No. 12, W. J. Webster; Precinct No. 13, W. A. Lang; Precinct No. 14, Henry C. Schmidt; Precinct No. 15, Dan Hase.

Please call at my office and get the Election Supplies for your Precinct.

C. H. Garrett, County Judge

**WAXAHACHIE NURSERY COMPANY,** Waxahachie, Texas, 25 years of dependable service. Our specialty—Trees and Plants Adapted to Southern soil and climate. Represented by Ross R. Wolfe.

Use the want ads in the News.

# LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadersville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak. . . I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught." Seventy years of successful use has made Theford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose All druggists. J. 68

Use MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER. It kills worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 8 oz. bottle 35 cents. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Mason Drug Company.

ing the turtle its freedom. The turtle weighed 600 pounds, and its age was estimated at 1,000 years.

Probably the reason for the purchase and the freedom given to the turtle is that the reptile is a sort of sacred emblem and the Chinaman who can set one free in the ocean considers himself especially blessed.

An interesting ceremony followed the financial transaction. Ah Long fed the turtle with several bowls of sake, the favorite alcoholic drink of the Japanese (prohibition having made little inroads there), and accompanied by as many friends as could be accommodated in two sampans sailed out to sea, and after many prayers were said the turtle was released.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon. J. J. Johnson.

## CATTLE DIP

See us before you buy your Dip. We have Arsenic, Salsoda, Caustic Soda and Pine Tar and the price is lower than it was some weeks ago. We also have the Prepared Dip Vedder Drug Co.

## ADVERTISING PAYS

Man Is Convinced of the Power of Printers' Ink.

Does it pay to advertise? George C. Wine, age fifty-nine, of Hartford City, Ind., is convinced of the power of printers' ink. Wine recently advertised for a housekeeper and got a wife. Now he's happy.

The marriage took place in the clerk's office. Elisha Pierce, justice of the peace, tied the matrimonial knot. The bride formerly was Mrs. Martha J. Jones, age fifty-five, of Montpelier. She admitted to the license clerk that she had known her husband only four days.

"He had the advantage of me," she said. "I answered his advertisement and he came to Montpelier and made inquiries about me, while I didn't have a chance to look him up."

Wine has been active in Salvation Army work here.

## GASSED THE TURKEY

The Germans Did It and the Yankees Ate the Bird.

Wounded, gassed and shell shocked, and after having been at 14 different hospitals, Sergt. Benjamin C. Schill has returned to his home in Columbus, O., wearing the Croix de Guerre and red and green citation cords with the honor of having received 14 citations with his regiment. "I want to tell you about last Thanksgiving," he laughed. "Our turkey was gassed, but we ate him. Yep, we washed Mr. Gobbler off with chloride of lime and, say, he was some bird."


## Fox Farm.

After two years' operations, starting with eight pairs of blue and two pairs of black foxes, Claude Green of Petersburg, Alaska, now has between 250 and 275 blue and 17 black foxes on his farm in the Tongass National forest. The farm is on Sukoil Island, which has been leased from the government. A fish house holding 10,000 dry fish has been constructed on the farm.

## "Personal Liberty" Hit.

Spooners, beware! "Personal Liberty" is due for another rap in Kansas City. Superintendent Dunn has announced his intention of making Swope park "light as day" with a new lighting system.

The First Bottle of **PERUNA**



Gave Relief so Writes

Entirely Free from Catarrh of the Stomach

"Peruna has positively done for me what many doctors failed to do. I have been time and again compelled to take to my bed for days. The first bottle of Peruna gave relief and while I entirely keep it in the house for emergencies, I consider myself entirely free from catarrh of the stomach, the trouble from which I suffered for so long before taking this remedy."

Liquid or Tablet Form Sold Everywhere Ask Your Dealer

Mr. M. VanBuren, Engineer, G. R. & L. Ry. 17 Highland St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Some "Clean Up." It was some "clean up!" Chris Christianson flashed a \$100 roll in a washroom in Boston. Two men saw it, and after one minute's cleaning they left—with the \$100.

Louis C. Probst for hardware and racket goods. Phone 186.

## CATTLEMEN AND FARMERS

Why let your horses and cattle die when Salvat or Dr. LeGears Stock Powders might save them? Buy it in Mason from Mason Drug Company.

Belief is Everything. Whatever you can aspire to and imagine and believe in, you can demonstrate in your character and in your life.—Elizabeth Towne.

Two thoughts on a Spring day. 1st. Let's go fishing. 2nd. Let's buy our fishing tackle in Mason from Mason Drug Co.

Five more Mason county soldier boys reached home last Sunday after having received their discharges. They were Alf Cavaness, George Brooks, Beno Reichenau, Oran Jones and Buren Moran. These boys were all discharged from Camp Bowie.

Chester and Sterling Bernhard and another boy by the name of Hampton came up last Sunday from San Antonio for a short visit in Mason with friends. Rubin Bernhard came up as far as Fredericksburg with them but remained there to pay his girl a visit while the others came on to Mason. They returned to San Antonio Sunday night.

Cleaning, pressing and dyeing. Hats cleaned and reblocked. Hensch. The Tailor.

G. W. Hanna, the tick man, and his son left last Sunday for Paint Rock to pay home folks a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Broad, Miss Lee Smith and a Miss Young, all of Brady came over last Sunday and spent the day at the home of Judge and Mrs. Glenn W. Smith.

Mrs. Lydia M. Kyger went to San Antonio a few days ago and will accept a position there with the Texas Title & Guarantee Co. Mrs. Kyger's ability as a stenographer is far above the average and through her previous experience she has gained a thorough knowledge of legal work, which makes her especially well qualified to fill a position of this kind. Mrs. Kyger's absence from our midst is regretted very much by all as she was a leader in practically every endeavor of the societies and other organizations of the town, besides being a prominent church worker.

Tell the News the news

# QUALITY MERCHANDISE

## MAINE BOY SOLDIER SAW HIS OWN GRAVE

Wilford Oakes, With Jaw Shot Away, Couldn't Protest, So They Buried Wrong Man.

Wilford G. Oakes of Patten, who returned to Bangor, Me., recently after a remarkable record of service in the war as a member of a Canadian artillery regiment, had the experience, near Cambrai, of viewing his own grave, or that which was so designated, with his name inscribed on a rude slab over the last resting place. He took a snapshot of the grave as a souvenir.

Oakes was severely wounded several times, and passed through experiences of the most hazardous nature, but returned without apparent disfigurement, owing to surgical operations in British army hospitals. In one battle when he was wounded he lost his identification card and was hustled to a hospital more dead than alive. His jaws were shot away, making it impossible for him to communicate his identity, and as he was missing from his company his death was finally reported. Some soldier was buried under his name.

A surgical operation gave to him new jaw bones, his tongue was sewed up and other disfigurements remedied, and today one has to examine his face carefully to find the scars.

When young Oakes enlisted in 1914 he was seventeen years old, but his discharge papers give his age as twenty-five years. This is, however, explained on learning that he was so anxious to enlist that he raised his age to gain admission. Oakes has been cited for bravery, and has received a medal of honor.

## CAUGHT BIG TURTLE

It Was an Old One and Was Set Free.

A turtle measuring 6 feet from head to tail and 5 feet across its shell, the head being 15 inches in circumference, was caught recently by Japanese fishermen off Yokohama and released by Ah Long, Chinaman, who paid \$50 for the privilege of giv-

HOME OF GOOD SHOES

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DEALERS IN

DRY GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING  
Complete line of the best Groceries

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**MONEY TO LEND**

We represent one of the best Loan Companies in the State and are in a position to make favorable loans on Mason County Stock Farms and Ranch Lands

**Runge & Runge, Agents**

**ATTENTION!**

We are now prepared to do your half-soleing also your tire and tube vulcanizing. We guarantee our work and work at moderate prices. Phone us your wants.

**WALKER & WALKER, Mason, Texas.**

**WAS PASTOR HERE  
27 YEARS AGO**

Rev. H. T. Cunningham of Jacksonville, Texas, was in Mason a short time the past week renewing acquaintances of younger days. It having been 27 years ago since he was in Mason. In those days Rev. Cunningham was pastor of the local Methodist church. He stated that his visit in Mason was a very pleasant one and was well worth his time. He is now at Llano at the bedside of a sick sister and has been there for about a month. Last Saturday he decided to run up to Mason for a visit and at the same time get a short rest from the sick room. He informs us that he has not seen in the pastorate work for the past 8 years out owns a little farm near Jacksonville and is a traveling salesman, although he still likes the church work and quite often preaches. Upon the solicitation of a number of his friends he delivered an interesting sermon at the Methodist church last Sunday evening, which was enjoyed by a good congregation.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

**Old Man Gets Two Robbers.**

G. N. Lackey, seventy-nine years of age, of Lorain, O., does not take a back seat for any of the younger fellows. When he was attacked by four pickpockets he knocked one of the men down and recovered a watch and chain that had been stolen from him, beat off the remainder of his assailants and held two of them until police arrived.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

Messrs Wes. Howard and Ed Smith returned home last Friday from a trip to San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neill returned home last Sunday from a visit of about a week in San Antonio.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon. J. J. Johnson.

We have a nice line of grocery ware. City Grocery Co.

Miss Hulda Mae Plueneke left on Wednesday of last week for San Antonio and Seguin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brandenberger left last Thursday for Seguin and New Braunfels.

**BULLS**—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale. Best of quality and in splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see or ring me. Elgin O. Kothmann.

**ARE YOU AN AMERICAN?**

The 1919 Savings Campaign is an All-American movement. That means it is for every man, woman and child residing under the sheltering folds of the Stars and Stripes. Do you belong to a War Savings Society?

If you have made the right start. Keep on saving and investing in War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps.

**BIRTHS**

Since our last report the following births have been recorded by County Clerk, S. C. Brockman: Mr. and Mrs. Felix Garner, a girl April 23.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson.

Miss Lottie Schmidt, spent the first of the week visiting in Llano.

**Letters From Our Soldier Boys**

**From Wesley Eckert**

Toul, France.

March 15, 1919.

Mr. L. B. Eckert, Hilda, Texas

Dear Papa: Received your letter dated Feb. 24th today and will try my best to answer same.

Was glad to hear that you are all still well. I am feeling as fine as ever only I am getting very tired of staying over here, but I sure can stick it out.

Say, Papa, it is always a hard job to write a letter, but hope to tell all about France some day in your presence. But let me tell you it will be a long story.

Will tell you something about the happenings after we hit Brest. We landed at this place Sept. 3rd I was appointed as one to stay on the ship to guard our Company Box, etc. The next day about sunset we were tugged to land. From there we were brought to an old shed for the night. Yes, and it started raining, and it happened to miss the roof, because it had so many holes. This was my first sleepless night in France.

Papa, I will just give you an idea of riding these box cars. It is ten times worse than the tail-end of a cattle train. We were about five days coming up here. And on Sunday, Sept. 15, we landed on the St. Michel front at a village named Flerey. Here we spent about 4 weeks doing Salvage work in the trenches.

I am sure getting plenty to eat. Have been in the kitchen since New Year and on March 1st I was appointed cook for our company. I just have to cook for about 30 men. The worst part about this is getting up early every morning.

So you are going to build telephone at Leon. Is anybody living on the Leon ranch? In a few days I will send you a picture just to show you what I look like in France. Had it taken today, so look out for it.

I wish I could just be with you all again; with real old comrades. You know the last old pal I have seen was Nolan Gazaway in Florida seven months ago.

Do you know, or have you heard where Max's grave is? If you do let me know. As much as I can find out he was in the 36th division which hit the trenches in the first part of October.

Guess I better close for this. After this next pay day I will try to send you \$200 which don't do me a bit of good in this country. I can now get a leave to Paris, but I don't care to go to all cities. Give my best regards to all. With love from your son, Wesley Eckert.

**From Wesley Brandenberger**

Niederremmel, Germany  
March 30, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brandenberger,

My Dear Parents:

God's grace as greeting.

This finds me early Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock. Am on guard to-night again and am writing this on my 4 hours rest. I intended to go to sleep but I am not sleepy at all, and so I wanted a big fire in the stove, and want to talk with my dear parents a while. For you have no idea how we do long to get home now. I know it will be only a short time yet, but weeks seem like years to us now since we know the time won't be long any more until we can hit the road for the dear old U. S. A. where our dear beloved ones are. I am enjoying splendid health and hope my dear parents can say the same.

Mama, I received your dear encouraging letter this week, and it was appreciated very much by your baby boy in the far, far away European country, across the big wide Atlantic ocean. Received Hulda's letter. Tell all the sisters and their families "Hello" for me.

I also had a letter from Uncle Jim. Tell him "Hello" for me, and tell him I will answer as soon as I can.

Mama, you asked if we would have a chance to go to church here. I'll tell you how conditions are here in that line. The German people have only a Jewish and Catholic Church here, and our Regimental Chaplain is a Catholic, too. Sometimes a Y. M. C. A. man comes here and conducts a service on Sunday morning. I have attended that every time I had a chance, which was twice since we have been here. Have also been in the German Catholic church once. That is all the services I have attended since we left Camp Hunt in October, except one time on the way over. You see that isn't much.

We have cold and rainy weather here again. It rains, sneezes and snows all in one day. I am glad I don't have to live in this country all my life. All this country is

noted for its old historic places.

We are now getting vaccinated again the first time we are over here. Indications are very favorable for us coming home soon. Our Brigadier General or Commander had inspections on March 24, and our Corps Commander will inspect on March 31. That may be a good sign for us leaving this country.

Damon Kothmann and his battery came back again last week. I intended to go over and see him today, but it is a little bit too cold. Guess I'll go next Sunday. We now have orders that the afternoons should be spent in athletic games. We will start with them today. Was on guard all night. You see our battery goes on guard every other day or night. So each man has to go on guard several times each week, as all men don't do guard duty. They do fatigue duty. Besides it takes a big lot of men for each time.

I will now give you a little schedule of what we are doing in general. We get up at 6:45 A. M. Have reveille at 7 o'clock. After reveille is breakfast which consists of bacon, syrup, mush, Irish potatoes, bread and coffee. Bread is very good and meals are alright now, only one thing, I for my part don't get enough sweet stuff to eat. Of course you know I always was a great hand eating sugar.

At 8 o'clock A. M. sick call sounds, when the sick, lame and lazy go to the Infirmary. At 8:30 a drill call then we go out for a few minutes drill. Then the gun sections work on the guns, while the signal or telephone sections go out for signal practice. At 11:30 we recall when all work stops for dinner. At 1 P. M. is drill call again. Then the guard is set or called out, which goes on to 3:30. Then the rest of the battery which is not on guard takes a short hike or has instructions on pistols as we now have about 40 pistols in the battery for guard duty. At 3:45 is retreat and at 4:30 is supper after that we are free. Now you may think we are getting off early at night, but you must remember that it is getting dark at 4 o'clock. Days are awful short here.

Well, how is everything at home guess it is getting green. Have to ring off for this time. Best regards to all of you.

Your loving son,  
W. J. Brandenberger.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson.

Mr. F. W. Leifeste and son and daughter were business visitors in Mason last Tuesday from the Castell section. Mr. Leifeste reports a good rain at Castell and Hilda on the day before amounting to a little better than an inch.

Drs. Thompson, McCollum and Baze operated upon Mrs. August Lang at the local sanitarium last Friday for appendicitis. She is reported as getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. F. Lange is reported as being quite sick.

On Thursday night of last week Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie entertained at a dance at their home. The dance was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brd, who left on the following Saturday for La Pryor to reside. The occasion was very much enjoyed by about twenty couples. A very enjoyable feature of the affair was the delicious refreshments which were served at a late hour.

John Schuessler was here Saturday from the Castell section. He had bought him a second-hand buggy and was here to take it home with him.

**POULTRY WANTED**

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry. 6-6 Mayhew Produce Co.

The picture show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night, starts promptly at 9:00 o'clock.

Messes Zilla and Zella Wood, who have been teaching school below San Antonio, returned home last week to spend their vacation, their school having closed for the term.

Why not dye that straw hat? We have a complete assortment of colors.—Mason Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Behrens went to Brownwood last Sunday to take their little daughter to have her eyes treated.

**OLD HATS MADE NEW**

We are prepared to clean and re-block hats in a first class manner and prices are very reasonable. d-5 Manuel Lopez

Messrs Otto Schmidt and Jim Brown made a trip to San Antonio a few days ago to take Mrs. Kyger, who has accepted a position in that city.

**KILL the BLUE BUGS** by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask the Mason Drug Company.

Miss Ida Mae Lemburg entertained a number of her friends last Friday night with a party. The young people all report having enjoyed a fine time.

**NO NEVER.**

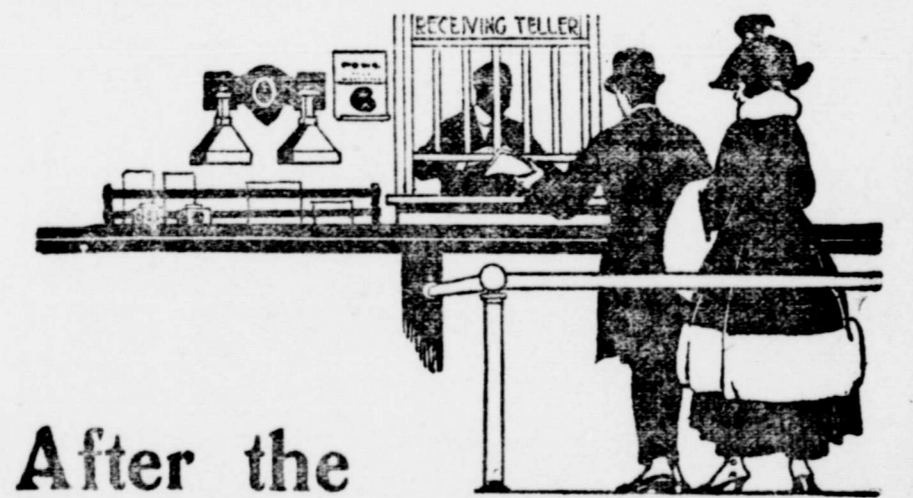
Is a Deering or McCormick mower guaranteed to run true when you use IMITATION repairs. a21 Larimore & Grote.

Chief Machinist Mate Louis B. Alexander, of the U. S. Navy and who is stationed at Boston doing harbor duty, is in Mason with his wife and baby for a visit with his father, Mr. J. W. Alexander and also other relatives. This is the second time Mr. Alexander has been in the Navy. He re-enlisted in March a year ago and for a while was on the Dutch ship "Oosterdijk" until it was sunk in last July. Since that time he has been stationed at the Boston harbor. Mr. Alexander says that he does not know yet just how long he will visit in Mason as he has a furlough which expires on the 15th of May and he must be back on duty by that time.

**SEE US FOR AUTO SEAT COVERS.** McCOLLUM AUTO CO.

**STOCK LAW NOTICE**

There is a law prohibiting stock running at large within bounds of Mason Independent School District and all persons having stock at large in same are notified to keep them up as this law has to be enforced. G. H. Willis, Sheriff.



**After the  
Honeymoon Start Right!**

Young married couples starting off on life's journey should open a bank account at once. Nothing makes more for independence than a bank account. After it is once started you'll be surprised how it grows. It gives young people a feeling of security.

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**Delivered Daily**  
Our ice truck makes regular rounds every morning. Let us have our driver leave a chunk at your place each day.  
No truck on Sunday, but the factory is open until 10 a. m.  
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ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue. Display rates made known on application. Subscription (always in advance) one year \$1.50

WHO'S NEXT

We, whose names appear below, believe that Mason County should erect a monument and dedicate it to the memory of the Mason county boys who served in the recent world's war, and will donate the amount set opposite our respective names towards its erection:
August Kothmann \$25.00
Mason Clean Town Club \$10.00
Mason County News \$10.00
Calvin Thaxton \$10.00
Woman's Missionary Society \$10.00
W. G. Keyser \$5.00
German Ladies Aid Society \$8.00

If you are willing to subscribe phone the News the amount you will give and your name will appear in this list the following issue.

The time is fast approaching when four proposed Constitutional Amendments are to be voted on. The election is to be held on May 24. The amendments to be voted on at this election are: (1) Providing For and Relating to Equal Suffrage. (2) Giving the Legislature the Power to Give or Lend, or Authorize the Giving or Lending, of the Credit of State for the Purpose of Assisting Citizens. Heads of Families, to Acquire or Improve Their Homes. (3) Prohibiting the Manufacture, Sale, Barter or Exchange in the State of Texas of Spirituous, Vicious or Malt Liquors or Medicated Bitters Capable of Producing Intoxication or any Other Intoxicant Whatever. Except for Medicinal, Mechanical, Scientific or Sacramental Purposes. (4) Changing the Governor's Salary from Four to Ten Thousand Dollars per Year.
The News published these proposed amendments in full and ran them for four issues during February and March. Every voter who is not acquainted with them should study them and be prepared to vote intelligently on these proposed amendments when the time comes. Read the entire lot over again and study them for you may have cause to wish later on that you had known better what you were voting for or against, as the case may be.

By Marie Barnett.

Go with me, if you will, to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, and visit the base hospital there, where men who have served in France and Flanders during the great war just passed, are being "reconstructed."

That is, where one man is having a glass eye put into the socket hollowed by a piece of shrapnel; where another is receiving a bit of cork and metal hinge to replace a leg; where still another, suffering from shell shock, crawls and leaps across the floor like an infant or an animal, and looks uncomprehending at you through narrow, nervous eyes.

You feel no sympathy for these boys, save, perhaps the one whose bright young mind is shattered by the horrors he endured, and he, if he knew, would be indignant that you pitied him. For all of them, permanently crippled in one way or another, impress you, not with their misery, but their bravery.

They don't whine, they don't complain, they don't feel sorry for themselves. They just make their way about limping or on crutches with a joke and a smile, until you somehow, catch the spirit of the thing. And you go away from them thinking only that a big part of the Victory Liberty Loan will go to completing this work of "reconstruction," and that the bonds you buy to help finish the job they so splendidly began will be but small return to our wounded heroes.

Tell the News the news.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

We positively make a charge for our newspaper space for advertising or announcing anything, and every sort of show, meeting, supper and the like where there is an admission charged, or articles sold, or a money consideration in anyway.

These things are done for the benefit of either individuals or organizations, therefore, for the newspaper it becomes a business transaction, and a charge is made alike to everyone. No newspaper can be a real newspaper and give its space away. We must charge. In turn we will give to the various things like anyone else, with money, but not of material or advertising which is our stock in trade.

Any announcement, where there is no money involved, will be gladly taken and given as good attention as an announcement where there is a money consideration.

We positively have nothing to give away except money, and in this reference we do not state it jokingly. Every other kind of business charges for the goods on its shelves. When the time comes for contributions, they give of their money. That is what a newspaper must give.

News articles of deaths and writeups of deaths and funerals are not chargeable articles. We charge however, for cards of thanks. A charge is made for obituary poetry of more than ten lines. What is termed an obituary is also subject to charge.

Our readers of course understand that as a general newspaper, serving to best of its ability the people of every political faith and religious belief represented in its field. A paper often publishes both advertisements and communications that do not at all represent its own views. In this it tries to be impartial. It may thus at times give space to matter that to one reader may be objectionable, while at another time we may publish something that you approve out that is just as repugnant to the other fellow as his was to you. In a measure the local paper is a servant of all the people of its community, and within reasonable limits can no more open its columns to one set of views and close them to the other than would a merchant refuse to sell his merchandise to one who did not believe as he does in political or religious matters. So remember, always that giving space to things, does not carry with it the endorsement of the subject matter thereof by any means.

Don't forget the show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. The show starts promptly at 9:00 o'clock.

The shower of last Tuesday and Tuesday night came in fine time to make small grain in this section. The rain was slow and gentle and therefore did much good. It is said slight hail fell in some places but not enough to hurt anything.

As will be noticed elsewhere in the News Mason is to have as her guests something like a hundred or more visiting ministers and delegates next week, who will be here in attendance at the annual conference of the Lutheran Synod of Texas. With a gathering of this kind coming our town should be ready to receive and entertain them properly during their stay. Let's all clean up our premises and have things looking nice for these people to be well impressed with our little city.

Roman Ischar came in last Monday from Wichita Falls for a visit of a couple of weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ischar.

LETTER FOR HULDAH

By MRS. L. S. CHARLTON.

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Miss Huldah stood in the front door with a square envelope in her hand.

Usually she broke the seals in her brisk fashion, but today she fingered the envelope rather doubtfully. Huldah, her pretty niece, was with her now, and "Miss Huldah Merriam" might mean either one or the other.

Curiosity, however, led Miss Huldah to open the letter and glance at the signature. Then a strange thing happened. She dropped the letter to her feet, as if it had hurt her, for the name signed was that of the man who had once been more to her than all else in the world, her girlhood friend, Robert Eustis.

Yet it was not the handwriting she had once so well known. Possibly there was some mistake. Mechanically she picked up the letter, and began to read. It was for her niece after all, this frank, boyish note, which read thus:

"Dear Huldah: We are going to be in Riverton for a few days. Will put up at the hotel. I suppose you are still with your aunt. I am awfully glad that I may have another chance to see you before we leave for California. Will your aunt let me run in some evening, just as I used to do when you were home? Please write as soon as possible.

"Ever your friend,

"ROBERT EUSTIS."

Seems like a good, straightforward letter, Aunt Huldah murmured. Huldah won't be home till tomorrow night—but there! It would be all right for me to tell him of my mistake, and invite him anyway. I wonder, and a wistful look came into Aunt Huldah's face—she wondered if he knew about the other Robert. Sighing a little, she wrote a note inviting Huldah's friend for the next evening.

Next morning, she tried to forget the past, and resolutely put her thoughts upon the present—Huldah's wedding and the coming of the expected guest. Early in the afternoon she was arranging a great bunch of roses in the living room, when the door bell rang loudly. "Much too early for either of my young folks," thought Aunt Huldah, as she answered it.

The figure at the door was no longer young, with its broad shoulders and well-set head, crowned with curling gray hair. Miss Huldah gave one glance at the clear, searching blue eyes; then gasped: "Robert!" "Yes," said the man at the door, "you invited me, and I came."

Yes, here he was after long years, with pleading in his voice, as he answered her half whispered words. "The invitation was intended for another," with "I know, Huldah—I know it was my boy's, and I had no right to it. And I won't cross your threshold till you say I may."

Miss Huldah softened. "Come in," she said gently, "and I will explain; also I want to hear about you—and the other Robert." "There is not much to tell," he said, seating himself by the vine-wreathed window. "Shall I begin where we left off, Huldah?" "Please," she said, bravely, and the man at her side began his story.

"I left you with my heart full of an

EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Commissioners Court of Mason County will sit as a Board of Equalization at the May term of court, which convenes on the second Monday of said month. a174 S. C. Brockman, Co. Clerk

ger, Huldah. I know now that I was in the wrong, and I ask your forgiveness. Then I went West and tried to forget you by digging away at a steadily growing law practice. One day, looking over an Eastern paper, I saw the notice of the marriage of Edward Thompson and Huldah Merriam. "Cousin Huldah," Miss Merriam gasped. "I thought of no one but you then," was the reply. "Later on I met a lovely little California girl, whose love for me healed the old wound a little. Robert was born, and both our hearts were bound up in him. A few years ago she slipped away from us, and since then I have lived solely for my boy. Otherwise, my life seems an empty one. That is all, Huldah—or at least it was until today, when I opened Rob's letter by mistake, and saw the dear old name in the old handwriting, looking back at me. Could you forgive me, Huldah, and let me begin all over again?"

Miss Huldah's eyes were misty, and her voice trembled, but she laid her hand on the judge's with a womanly, comforting touch. "We were both too hasty," she said. "You were hot-tempered, and I was proud. And I have been lonely all these years. It was a terrible mistake, we can't bring back the old lost days, but—" "We may see many glad ones in the future," said the judge softly. And after her whispered "yes" no more words were needed. At last Miss Huldah thought of her niece, and the invited guest. "I must see about dinner," she laughed. "Will you stay, Robert, seeing that your son whom I invited here today, will no doubt accompany you home?" "Poor Bob," chuckled the judge. "what will he say when he finds that I opened that precious letter?"

What he did say was made known to the evening, when the two young people devoted themselves to reading their elders.

"In this instance, judge," he told his father, "events have occurred which make your action in opening my letter of great benefit to all concerned. But it wouldn't be wise to lay it down as a precedent. What do you think, Huldah the second?" "I agree with you," said the young lady. "But so far as my case is concerned, Bob, don't you think it will greatly simplify matters when Aunt Huldah changes her name?"

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

MATEJ KOCAK, Sergeant, Company C, 5th Regiment, U. S. M. C. Sergeant Kocak (deceased) won the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action near Soissons, France, July 18, 1918. When the advance of his battalion was checked by a hidden machine gun nest, Sergeant Kocak went forward alone, unprotected by covering fire from his own men, and worked in between the German positions in the face of fire from enemy covering detachments. Locating the machine gun nest, he rushed it, and, with his bayonet drove off the crew. Shortly after this Sergeant Kocak organized 25 French colonial soldiers, who had become separated from their company and led them in attacking another machine gun nest, which was also put out of action.

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

WILLIAM M. FEIGLE, Sergeant, 5th Regiment, U. S. Marine Corps. Sergt. Feigle upheld the traditions of the marines and was decorated for conspicuous intrepidity at Beaumont, France, November 10, 1918. While an ammunition train was passing through the town, one of the trucks was struck by a shell and set on fire. The blazing truck was abandoned. Knowing that it would soon explode and kill all those in the vicinity, Sergt. Feigle jumped on the truck and drove it to the outskirts of the town, thereby saving the lives of at least thirty-five people.

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LOST—A crank to a Chevrolet car. Finder will please notify this office.

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FOR SALE—Registered Merino buck, type A. Wm. Kruse, Katemey, Tex.

FURNISHED ROOMS—For rent apply to Mrs. McDougall. m27

BULLS—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale. Best of quality and in splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see me. Elgin O. Kothmann. 13tf

Miss Julia Bierschwale has returned from a visit of several weeks in San Antonio.

DON'T BELIEVE Anybody who tells you IMITATION mower repairs are just as good as GENUINE. Farimore & Grote. 24

Mrs. Rufe Braezeale has as her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mosley Jr. Mosley recently returned from France where he met and married Mrs. Mosley, who was a Red Cross nurse.

Get my prices on cement before buying elsewhere. Harry Bierschwale. 27tf

CARD OF THANKS We take this method of expressing our thanks to the Mason Drug Company for the use of their Edison and a large number of records at the entertainment given by the Woman's Missionary Society last Thursday evening. Entertaining Committee

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The News last week stated that Mrs. Mollie Hayes and daughter were here from San Antonio. We have since learned that they are from Muskogee, Okla., in which city they have resided for a couple of years.

DO YOU KNOW. Larimore & Grote are the only dealers in Mason who sell GENUINE Deering & McCormick repairs for mowers. a24

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It is just such experiences as that of Mrs. Binzer that has made this famous root and herb remedy a household word from ocean to ocean. Any woman who suffers from inflammation, ulceration, displacements, backache, nervousness, irregularities or "the blues" should not rest until she has given it a trial, and for special advice write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

# Announcement



The policy of the FORD MOTOR COMPANY to sell its cars for the lowest possible price, constant with dependable quality, is too well known to merit comment. Therefore, because of present conditions there can be NO CHANGE in the prices of Ford cars.

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## CONTROL OF STATE IS SOUGHT BY VILLA

is Now Concentrating All of His Troops in the Chihuahua District.

El Paso, Tex.—Francisco Villa is concentrating all the troops under his control in the state of Chihuahua in an effort to wrest control of the state from the Carranza government, re-establish a provisional rebel government similar to the Villa government of 1915, and try to rally the star rebel bands throughout Mexico to his banner. This became known with the arrival of refugees from Parral.

To finance his revolutionary movement, Villa plans to force the foreign mining, smelter and milling companies in Northern Mexico, especially American corporations, to pay heavy tribute to his treasury in return for protection.

Villa is reported to be making plans to attack Chihuahua City soon as a part of his campaign for the conquest of Chihuahua State.

## FIFTEEN ACTS OF HEROISM RECOGNIZED BY COMMISSION

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Fifteen acts of heroism were recognized by the Carnegie hero fund commission at its meeting Friday.

In two cases silver medals were awarded and in thirteen cases bronze medals. Six of the heroes lost their lives. In addition to the medals the commission granted financial awards in certain instances.

Recipients of bronze medals include:

James M. Abel, Dayton, Tenn.; rescued Malda J., Bertha M. and Lennie A. Patton from a runaway, Aug. 28, 1915.

James H. Davis, Belmont, La.; attempted to save T. Sanford Granberry, Jr., and Fletcher Granberry from drowning at Bon Ami, La., March 26, 1914.

Williams W. Pickett, Vivian, La.; saved Fletcher Granberry and attempted to save T. Sanford Granberry, Jr., from drowning at Bon Ami, La., March 26, 1914.

Manuel J. Romero, Gretna, La.; died attempting to save Salvador Martina, aged 12, from drowning at Harvey, La., Aug. 21, 1917.

Gaston Reedy Buford, Franklin, Tenn., clergyman; died attempting to prevent an insane man from shooting two men at Atlanta, Feb. 17, 1917. Medal and death benefits to widow and two children.

A silver medal was awarded to George W. Allred, 16 years old, of Cook Place, Tenn., who died attempting to save Albert D. Young, aged 17, from drowning at Glenobri, Tenn., July 11, 1915.

## WOMEN FAVOR LEAGUE AND GOOD ROADS MOVE

Austin, Tex.—Unqualified indorsement of the league of nations and the good roads movement in Texas was given by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in resolutions adopted in the closing session of the 28th

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annual convention of the organization Wednesday. The resolution with reference to the league of nations was offered by Mrs. L. N. Thorp of Austin and was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Rebecca J. Fisher of Austin was re-elected president. Vice presidents were elected as follows: Mrs. Hal H. Sevier of Austin, first vice president; Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone of Galveston, second vice president; Mrs. J. Wallace Brosig of Navasota, third vice president; Mrs. Robert L. Henry of Waco, fourth vice president; Mrs. Joe Carnal of San Antonio, fifth vice president. Other officers elected are: Mrs. Marie B. Urwitz of San Antonio, poet laureate; Mrs. Maude Wallace McDonald of Austin, secretary; Mrs. C. F. Alford of Austin, treasurer; Mrs. Marie B. Urwitz of San Antonio, Miss Emma Kyle Burleson of Austin and Mrs. O. M. Farnsworth of San Antonio, new members of the executive board.

## UNEMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS IN U. S. ARE IMPROVING STEADILY

Washington.—Unemployment conditions throughout the United States are steadily improving, reports received from 3417 representative concerns in 58 cities received by the United States employment service this week shows. Reports from these 58 cities show 27 cities reporting a surplus of labor of 59,057, as compared with a surplus of 73,575 the previous week. Six of the cities show a combined shortage of 3,600 skilled and unskilled laborers, an increase of 150 for the week. The rest of the cities report an approximate equality of supply and demand.

San Antonio, Tex.—Charles M. Dickson, a former captain in the air service, filed a suit in the Seventy-Third District Court Friday to test the question whether discharged Texas soldiers are entitled to vote in this state during the present year without having a poll tax receipt.

Andover, England.—Five members of the crew of a big Handley-Page airplane were burned to death Monday when the machine crashed to earth as the result of an accident at the air dome at Neyhill.

## Texas Items

The Victory Liberty Loan.

Vegetables of all kinds are in abundance on the Texas markets.

Bermuda onions are now being shipped from Laredo at the rate of a car a day.

Considerable showing of gas and oil is made in a well being drilled near Henderson.

The Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association of Texas held their annual convention at Temple last week.

A Wyoming syndicate has erected derricks about a mile south of Bastrop and has begun drilling for oil.

South Texas is being well represented on the Fort Worth market this week, as heavy shipments of cattle were made.

An election will be held in Chambers County May 10 to determine whether the county shall conduct a tick eradication program.

The commissioners court of Jackson County has ordered an election to be held in Edna May 31 for a vote on the question of incorporating the town.

A tick eradication campaign has been inaugurated in Anderson County. Additional dipping vats are being built in different sections of the country.

An election will be held in Caldwell County May 24 to determine whether

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## Weekly Health Talks

Where Most Sickness Begins and Ends

BY FRANKLIN DUANE, M. D.

It can be said broadly that most human ills begin in the stomach and end in the stomach. Good digestion means good health, and poor digestion means bad health. The minute your stomach fails to properly dispose of the food you eat, troubles begin to crop out in various forms. Indigestion and dyspepsia are the commonest forms, but thin, impure blood, headaches, backaches, pimples, blotches, dizziness, belching, coated tongue, weakness, poor appetite, sleeplessness, coughs, colds and bronchitis are almost as common. There is but one way to have good health, and that is to put and keep your stomach in good order. This is easy to do if you take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is a wonderful tonic and blood purifier, and is so safe to take, for it is made of roots and herbs. Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., stands behind this standard medicine, and it is good to know that so distinguished a physician is proud to have his name identified with it. When you take Golden Medical Discovery, you are getting the benefit of the experience of a doctor whose reputation goes all around the earth. Still more, you get a temperance medicine that contains not a drop of alcohol or narcotic of any kind. Long ago Dr. Pierce combined certain valuable vegetable ingredients—without the use of alcohol—so that these remedies always have been strictly temperance medicines. If piles are torturing you, get and use Pierce's Anodyne Pile Ointment. The quick relief it gives is hard to believe until you try it. If constipated, Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be taken while using Anodyne Pile Ointment. Few indeed are the cases which these splendid remedies will not relieve and usually overcome. They are so good that nearly every drug store has them for sale.

A 15c maintenance road tax on every \$100 worth of property in the county will be levied.

A petition is being circulated at Sour Lake asking for an election on the question of incorporating the city. That town has grown to more than 7000 inhabitants.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, is making an exhaustive survey of the West Texas oil field and is accompanied by several other engineers and geologists.

The National of Mexico Railways Express, the first Mexican express office to be established by the Mexican railway system in the United States, opened in Laredo this week.

The sheep and goat breeders of DeWitt County have perfected their organization with the election of C.

G. Smith as president and F. S. Schleicher as secretary-treasurer.

Watermelons from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas will be on the markets by the last of May as the vines are now putting on melons. The acreage is unusually large in that district.

A demand for labor at good wages at Houston and vicinity exists that is far in excess of the available supply is the statement of officials conducting the United States employment bureau at Houston.

Charles R. Lockhart has been named by State Treasurer John W. Baker as manager of the state depository division of the treasury under the new state depository law. Mr. Lockhart has entered upon his duties.

An "Americanization school" to teach foreign-born residents who are applicants for American citizenship, the English language and essential information about the United States government as a preparation for good citizenship is to be established in Laredo.

The total revenue collected by the railroads entering Port Arthur, Texas, for 1918 was \$5,311,164.40. This amount was divided between sale of tickets and freight charges as follows: Tickets, \$60,552.20; freight charges, \$5,250,612.20.

Where the taxes for an independent school district are assessed by the county tax assessor, the property of such district shall not be assessed at a greater value than it is assessed for county and state purposes, held the attorney general's department of Texas Friday in an opinion.

An apportionment of \$1 per capita of scholastics was announced this week by the state board of education, making a total of approximately \$1,500,000 apportioned and to be paid to the schools about May 1. This apportionment makes a total of \$7 per capita that will have been paid this scholastic year and the remaining 50 cents per capita may be expected before the close of the scholastic year.

Gonzales County will soon be the scene of active operations in the oil development line. Leases have been secured and certain transfers of lands made which point to active operation in the near future in the Slayden section of the county.

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## Fredericksburg Tire Shop

Fredericksburg, Texas.

## MEET AFTER TWO YEARS OF WAR

Brothers From Chicago Hold Happy Reunion in Paris.

### ONE AMONG FIRST PRISONERS

Harry Loughman Was Among First 1,000 Yanks to Fight Huns and Among the First Eleven to Be Captured—Spent Long Year in German Prison Camps—Honored by Being Made Peace Conference Guard—Brother Steve Also Saw Action.

"Lo, Steve!"  
"Why, b'gosh, it's Hy. Howdy, bud-die."

"By the—why, where'd you come from?"

The two clasped hands. And so Private Harry Loughman, after a span of two years of war, met his brother, Steve, in Paris.

Back on April 6, 1917, the Loughman home at 431 Oakwood boulevard, Chicago, was a-twitter over the declaration of war. Harry, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. Loughman, enlisted that day.

In First Ten Thousand.  
The next day he said good-by to his younger brother, Stephen, and left for Texas. In a short time he went across among the first 10,000 Yanks to reach France. He was among the first 1,000 to fight the Huns and among the first eleven to be captured.

Back home, Stephen, only 16, yearned for action and a sight of France. He gained his parents' permission, became a patriotic falsifier by telling the recruiting officers that he was 18, and joined the army. He, too, went over and did his part in the fight.

Came peace. Harry was released from a German prison and named as a member of the president's guard of honor at the peace conference. Steve, with his detachment in Luxemburg, obtained a furlough and went to see Paris. It was there that they met after a span of two years.

Emotion is taboo in the American expeditionary forces, but the gruff soldiers who saw the reunion between the two young brothers admit they temporarily lost all interest in the fourteen points and freedom of the seas. The colonel himself tossed his brand new cigar out of the window and remarked he'd better be going to write some letters home.

Harry, after enlisting, got across in three months, fought on the Lorraine front and was captured November 3. Transferred from camp to camp, he finally got to the "strafe" camp at Tuchel, where he was kept in underground quarters. There were 45,000 Russians there. It was their duty to haul logs a distance of fourteen miles each day. Food consisted chiefly of thin potato soup. Through mediation of the Red Cross, he was removed to a camp near Baden. A month after the armistice he was released. It required one month at a base hospital in Vichy to regain his strength partly.

Then he was honored by appointment to the peace conference guard, Company 2, and will return to the states with President Wilson. Steve returned to his company in Luxemburg after the reunion.

Writes to Parents.  
"Dear mother and father," writes Harry, "we are together again for the first time in about two years. Steve looks fine. I was guard at the president's house when Steve was out to my barracks looking for me. I was relieved before noon on Friday, and when I arrived at barracks, outside Paris, they all said my brother Steve was here."

"I found a note he left in the office asking me to meet him in a Y. M. C. A. hotel in Paris, so I left in a hurry for the subway. I was just going down the stairs. Who comes up but Steve. Gee, it sure made me happy to meet him. We both are here in the reading room of the Soldiers and Sailors' club. We are going to have our pictures taken. Steve is leaving tomorrow morning."

"Love to all. Give Margaret my regards."

Sailor Son's Infrequent Visits.  
D. A. D. Parker of Concordia, Kan., received a visit one night from his son, Lieutenant Commander C. F. Parker, being the second visit in the last 25 years. At the age of twelve years this son went to sea. For some years before the war he was sailing on the Pacific and has been captain of the ship Rose City. Last summer he was transferred from the Pacific to the Atlantic and became captain of the West Mount. Just recently he was again transferred to the Pacific ocean and made commander in the naval reserve.

## CATHOLIC AGENTS JOIN JOB FINDING WORK

Seek to Secure Employment for Men Who Wore Khaki and Blue.

Finding 400 jobs for soldiers and sailors each day, 10,000 active workers are now enlisted in the re-employment forces of the National Catholic War council, it was reported today at the headquarters of this organization in this city. From the great city centers to the rural cross-roads communities this work of finding the job for the man and the man for the job is being rapidly extended through their diocesan and parish organizations, the heads of the Catholic council declare. Until it covers every county in the whole country and has placed at good work and wages the last lad to lay off khaki or blue, it is promised that this big re-employment army will be kept in full operation, geared up to the pace of finding places for fully a thousand men a day.

Through 50 employment experts, who are covering the United States as field agents to organize every Catholic force in every locality, the National Catholic War council is directing the daily activities of the regiments of re-employment workers that are being enlisted throughout dioceses and parishes. From 40 offices, established in San Francisco, New York, St. Louis, Boston, Chicago, Omaha, Philadelphia, Butte, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Detroit, Denver, Seattle, Tacoma, Los Angeles and other industrial centers, in co-operation with the United States employment service, canvass of employers and registration of applicants are being conducted as a basis for getting jobs for demobilized fighters.

Thousands of Knights of Columbus are also co-operating throughout the country in this campaign, which begins at overseas and debarkation camps and follows the men through to the best positions obtainable at home.

### MAKES DURABLE FENCE

Saplings Planted Years Ago Serve as Posts.

A fence that has no posts was recently cited by a lumber expert as an object lesson in the utility of wood. This fence without posts is on the big road to Monroe, Mich.

So many years ago that nobody in that section knows when it was, nor who was the labor-saving genius who did it, this fence was built by forcing split boards between saplings. Then the trees grew.

They kept growing, until now they are of immense size, and deeply imbedded in them are the ends of those old rails. It is impossible to tell how far they extend into the tree trunks. They are weathered, yet they ring as true under a hammer as though just hewn.

It happened that the trees formed a boundary line for one of the old tracts. The growth of the trees around the rail ends has created one of the most substantial fences imaginable.

### THREE HOURS' SLEEP

Woman Declares That Enough in Any Twenty-Four.

Three hours' sleep in any 24 is enough for any one. At least this is the assertion of Mrs. M. E. Wishard of Seattle, who says she has followed this rule for the last 18 years.

"My health is perfect, due to the fact that I avoid coffee, drink only one cup of tea a day and sleep soundly," she said.

Sixteen years ago she decided she was not improving her time to the best advantage, so she loaded up with business enterprises. She obtained a downtown hotel, a boarding house, a restaurant, and a grocery store, all of which she personally manages. Three years ago she built the halibut schooner Sileam. The vessel paid for itself in the first year. After another year's operation Mrs. Wishard sold the vessel.

### RATS HEED CLUCK

Hen Has Become a Mother to Five of Them.

Mrs. Elmer Niles, living near Elgin, O., owns a hen with a strange family. The other day when she was feeding her chickens a hen crawled from beneath the barn and clucked as though she was calling a brood of chickens. A few seconds later she was surprised to see five rats coming from various directions to participate in the meal announced to them by the hen. Observation discloses that the hen has become a mother to the rats.

Steam Shovel for Coal Mine.  
Steam shovel coal mining may become a reality in South Dakota. Prof. C. C. O'Hara of the State School of Mines recently announced that his survey of the available coal supply with-

in the state shows at least 1,000,000 tons. Vast quantities of soft coal are buried close to the surface and Professor O'Hara believes that the surface can easily be stripped and that mining can be profitably accomplished by methods used in some of the Illinois soft coal fields.

Unconscious on Ledge 48 Hours.  
Miss Doris Heller, student nurse, fell from the twentieth story of the Daniels & Fisher building observation tower at Denver and landed on a ledge at the seventeenth story. She was found 48 hours after the accident. She probably will recover.

Ran Literal Blind Pig.  
John Brandon is charged by the police of Springfield, Ill., with literally operating a blind pig. When arrested for illegally dispensing alcoholic stimulants the authorities confiscated a large quantity of spirituous liquors in a pig pen in the rear of Brandon's home.

Old General Debility.  
Here's old General Debility again! Senator Leonard Nord, International Falls, Minn., would make it unlawful to sell or offer for sale horses or mules suffering from general debility or lameness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Behrens and little baby were business visitors in Mason Saturday from their farm north of town. They were accompanied by H. J. Behrens, Sr., who says his health is very good and that he is still able to do quite a bit of work in spite of the fact that he has passed his eightieth birthday.

The Woman's Missionary Society entertained their honorary members with a supper and social entertainment last Thursday night at the C. C. Smith hall.

# Velvet

THE SMOOTHEST SMOKING TOBACCO

WHEN I smoke, I want my tobacco cured by Mother Nature— not by Mother-in-law Process.

Velvet Joe

There is nothing harsh in Nature's methods—no stunts, no "hurry-up."

Her quiet, patient way with VELVET during its two years aging in wooden hogsheads, brings out all the kindly comfort of fine Kentucky Burley leaf.

The quicker, less expensive methods cannot possibly produce the fragrance, coolness and downright pipe qualities of VELVET, cured in Nature's way.

Today it is your privilege to enjoy, with hundreds of thousands of other smokers, this mild and friendly VELVET tobacco.

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## TO GIVE AWAY TWO CAPTURED GERMAN HELMETS

Four helmets, captured by American Soldiers on the battle fields in France, have been awarded to the Mason County Committee, having in charge the Victory Liberty Loan Campaign, to be given away or otherwise disposed of as thought best by the Chairman of the Men's Committee and the Chairman of the Women's Committee. The helmets are made of leather, in the main, and are suitably inscribed according to the Prussian idea. Some of them show considerable usage.

John T. Banks, the Men's Chairman, and Mrs. F. W. Lemburg, the Women's Chairman, have announced that they will give one helmet to the individual salesman or saleswoman, that sells that largest amount of Victory Liberty Loan Notes; and another one to the individual buyer, who buys the largest amount of Victory Liberty Loan Notes.

This ought to inspire some lively competition both among workers and buyers. The winners will be announced later.

There follows a recent statement by Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director of War Loans, which is well worthy of attention:

"Let no one imagine that because the Victory Liberty Loan eventually will go over that therefore they need not do their part. When America entered this war we knew that we were going to win it out we only knew this because we were absolutely certain that every American soldier would act as a hero, that every working man would put his shoulder to the wheel and produce the supplies needed

and last out not least, that every true American would pledge his past and future earnings in loans to the Government. It was because we did these things and only because we did these things that the war ended as it did. It is nothing out a repetition of these methods and a continuation of this spirit that will put over the Victory Liberty Loan. I call upon every man, woman, and even child to do his or her part and do it promptly."

Let me help you make your home more beautiful and fruitful. In our stock of over a million plants, we have the best of everything grown in a first class nursery. We know your needs, and appreciate your business. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Ross R. Wolfe,

Former Commissioner S. S. Capps was in Mason last Monday from over in the Pontotoc section. He reported a light rain being needed in that section to top off small grain.

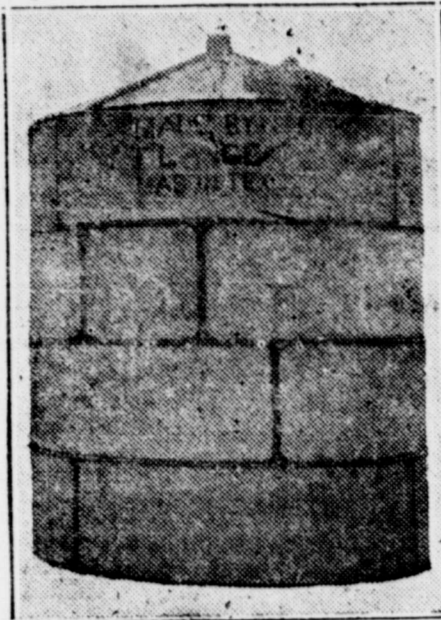
Little Miss Ruth Bruce, who has been staying with a sister at Llano and attending school, returned home last Saturday.

## Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

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ing, Etc.

Repairing of all kinds done on short notice.

A. W. Koock returned home last Sunday from a trip on business to Austin, Taylor and San Antonio. He was absent about ten days.

## KELLY BOOTS

I carry a full stock of the famous hand-made Kelly boots. Take orders where I can't fit you from stock.

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Optometrist and Optician  
Specialist in the fitting of glasses.  
Eyes examined without the use of drugs. Lenses ground on the premises. Mail me your broken glasses, lenses duplicated and returned same day as received.

LLANO - - TEXAS.

## THE V. C. BOND

There are two kinds of notes being issued. Both mature in three or four years, as the Government chooses later.

The first kind bear 4-4 percent interest yearly, payable every six months. These are free from state and local taxes, except estate and inheritance taxes, and from the normal Federal Income taxes.

The second kind bear 3-3-4 percent interest and are free from taxes as the others are, but in addition are free from super-taxes and every other form of taxation, except the usual estate and inheritance taxes.

Notes of either kind can be changed for those of the other issue at the wish of the owner.

The notes of both series will be dated and bear interest from May 20, 1919, and will mature on May 20, 1923. Interest will be payable on December 15, 1919, and after that on June 15 and December 15, and at maturity. The dates upon which payments will be required on the notes are as follows:

Ten per cent with application on or before May 10.

Twenty per cent on July 15.

Twenty per cent on August 12.

Twenty per cent on September 9.

Twenty per cent on October 7.

Twenty per cent on November 4.

Twenty per cent on December 2.

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