

# Mason County News.

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## Something Like 600 Are Yet to Pay Poll Tax Here

With just one week left in which poll tax payments can be made to local tax collector, Chas. Leslie, there were about 600 poll taxes yet to be issued on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Mr. Leslie states there is something in the neighborhood of 1700 poll tax assessments, and up to the time this data was received there had only been 1131 poll tax receipts issued for the county and a total of 39 exemption receipts had been issued. This would make the county's voting strength at present 1170.

Tax money is coming in rather slow, according to Mr. Leslie, who is preparing for a mad rush on the final windup next week. He is urging parties who can call on him before next week to do so at their earliest convenience.

Up to Wednesday afternoon there had been a total of 490 cars registered and taxes paid thereon to the collector.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stengel and children, of Menard, were here the past week-end for a visit with relatives and friends.

## INFANT OF MR. AND MRS. HERBERT GAMEL BURIED THURS.

The little eight-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gamel, who reside on a ranch near Harper, died late in the afternoon on Wednesday of last week and was buried at the Crosby cemetery on Thursday afternoon. The child was sickly since birth and was only recently operated upon, having had its tonsils removed. It was taken dangerously ill on Wednesday at the ranch home and the parents hurriedly brought the child to Mason for treatment, but its little life passed out ere the eager parents could reach town.

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

The sorrowing parents have the tenderest sympathies of many friends in their grief.

## INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE STATE COMPTROLLER TO COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR; WOMEN'S POLL TAX

"You are instructed to assess all male and female inhabitants of the County, between the ages of 21 and 60 years, (where they have no legal exemption) an annual poll tax. You are also instructed to assess husband and wife jointly with all community property owned by them, and assess each with a poll tax on the same inventory, where both are liable for a poll tax.

As there has been some controversy among various citizens regarding the legality of assessing women for poll tax, the above paragraph, which recites the law governing the matter, is published in order to alleviate any doubt which may be entertained by the general public on this particular subject.

It is announced Mrs. Harry Bierschwald continues to show improvement since her recent operation which she underwent at Austin. Her many friends will learn with pleasure the announcement that she and Mr. Bierschwald are expected to return to Mason this week.

Elmo Barber, who has been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barber, returns this week to Austin.

Robert Hofmann was in Austin a few days this week, attending to business.

Seth Baze went to San Antonio the first of the week. He expected to have an ear specialist examine and probably treat one of his ears that has been troubling him.

J. W. White returned home the latter part of last week from a business trip of a few days to San Antonio.

Mrs. D. F. Lehmburg and little daughter arrived home last Saturday from Brownwood, where they have been for several weeks and where Mrs. Lehmburg has been receiving treatment for ear trouble. We are pleased to announce she is doing splendidly.

## Mason Grocery Comp's Is To Change Hands

### ELI AND BEN JORDAN WILL TAKE CHARGE ON FEBRUARY 1ST.

Announcement has been given out that Mr. Conrad Hartman, proprietor and owner of the Mason Grocery Co. of this city, has closed a deal with Messrs. Eli and Ben Jordan, in which the latter two gentlemen become owners of the business. The change in ownership becomes effective on the first day of February, next Wednesday.

It is announced the new owners will continue the business at the old stand and will also retain the present firm name.

Mr. Hartman has been in business for only a few years but he has gained for himself, during that period, a splendid trade and has so conducted his business that his many friends and patrons will regret very much his decision to sell out.

The Messrs. Jordan who have assumed the ownership of this popular grocery store, are local citizens and are gentlemen of no small ability in the business world, and they, no doubt, will maintain a business of high standard and render the store's customers with the very best of service.

That Mr. Hartman is not to give up his residence in Mason will be learned with much pleasure. It is announced he has accepted a clerical position with the firm of E. Lemburg & Bro., and will take up his new duties on or about the first of February.

## Here's A Red Hot North and South Railway Project

Revival of a North and South Railway, connecting Brady with San Antonio, and incidentally giving the Gulf Coast country direct connection with Fort Worth and points north via Fredericksburg, Mason and Brady, is forecast in a brief communication received by County Surveyor Ed A. Burrow from D. Frank Jones, promoter, with residence at 108 West Commerce street, Mexia, Texas. The letter received from Mr. Jones under date of January 11, 1922, reads as follows:

County Surveyor, McCulloch County, Brady, Texas.

Dear Sir: "Could you furnish me with map of your county, if so, please send me price of such map. Would prefer may with all streams shown.

"Yours sincerely,  
"D. Frank Jones, Promoter."

Mr. Jones will be recalled as the man who successfully promoted the Fredericksburg railway to Comfort, giving Fredericksburg its long-desired rail connection with San Antonio via the S. A. & A. P. railway. The railway projected by Mr. Jones traversed the widest and most difficult section of the country lying between Brady and San Antonio, and presented some engineering feats unique in the annals of Texas, among others being the only railroad tunnel in Texas.

The project to give Brady rail connection to the South, has always been a live one, and would open some wonderfully rich territory, including the granite fields in South McCulloch and North Mason counties, and the wonderful truck and fruit-producing sections of Mason and Gillespie counties, not to mention the sheep and stock country throughout this section.

The distance to be covered would be approximately 30 miles from Brady to Mason and 40 miles from Mason to Fredericksburg, with two important streams, the San Saba and the Llano to be bridged.

Needless to say, Brady, Mason and Fredericksburg, and as well, all intermediate points, would be immensely benefited by reason of such a railway, and to secure the railway, would be certain to equal their efforts of the past, viz: to provide right-of-way, depot grounds, and offer other inducements for the consummation of this long dreamed of hope.—Brady Standard.

## Mrs. Reynolds Received Receipts Are \$105.55 At Official App'tm't Tues.

The many friends of Mrs. Jennie Reynolds, local postmistress, will be pleased to learn of her having received an official communication on Tuesday from the First Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C., advising her that she has been appointed Post Mistress at Mason for the ensuing four years. The appointment became effective on January 18th according to the letter.

## FOUR SUMMONED FROM HERE TO FEDERAL COURT AT AUSTIN

It is announced that four Mason County citizens have been summoned to be in Austin next week to serve as jurors in the Federal Court. We are informed the following compose the list of those summoned from this county: Alex Durst, Gus Klingelhofer, W. R. Capps and Ben Pluenneke.

Mrs. W. M. Martin has been number one with the sick the past several days, and has been absent from her post in the Commercial Bank.

## RICKARD'S COUNSEL IS SURE OF FRAME-UP

New York, Jan. 23.—George (Tex) Rickard, sport promoter, has employed private detectives to determine what lies behind the charges against him of assaulting Alice Ruck, 15.

While hesitating to claim a frame-up, his attorney, Howard Lehman, declared "it seems strange that a man with Rickard's splendid reputation should be arrested on the word of three children."

Vincent D. Pissara, investigator for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said the case had been probed for a week before charges were brought.

"The girls did not come to us with an accusation," Pissara stated. "They were sent from Bellevue Hospital, where they had gone with a wild story."

Rickard said he was not worried. "I'm sure to be cleared as soon as the case reaches court," he declared.

The mother of Alice Ruck refused to discuss the case. She is not living with her daughter.

An older sister of Elvira Renzi, one of three girls who said Rickard had lured them with money gifts, asserted that she knew "nothing wrong about Mr. Rickard," although she was with the trio when they first met the promoter.

"We met Mr. Rickard at the swimming pool in Madison Square Garden, where we went for a dip," said the sister. "One day a boy pushed Alice Ruck into the pool and a tall man came up and asked if we knew the boy. Then he went over and scolded him. We learned that the man was Mr. Rickard. He used to give free tickets to the girls, but he also gave them to other children in this neighborhood."

## DATES ARE SET FOR WEST TEXAS FAIRS

ABILENE, Texas, Jan. 23.—Setting of the schedule for the fairs in West Texas feature the session of the newly organized Associated West Texas Fairs, the organization of which was perfected here Monday morning. Stuart Williams of Ballinger was elected president and Grady Kinsolving of this city was named secretary.

The fair dates as set Monday are: Sept. 12-16, Baylor and Childress County Fairs at Seymour and Childress; Sept. 14-16, Runnels County and Cisco Fairs, Ballinger and Cisco; Sept. 21-23, Texas Pecan Palace at Brownwood and Dickens County Fair at Spur; Sept. 22-23, Colorado Fair; Sept. 25-30, West Texas Fair at Abilene; Sept. 25-27, Floyd County Fair at Floydada; Sept. 28-30, Plainview Fair; Sept. 29-30, Terry County Fair, Brownfield; Oct. 5-7, Garza County Fair, Post; Oct. 17-21, South Plains Fair, Lubbock; Oct. 24-28, San Angelo Fall Fair.

Spiritualism, an important feature in "Voices", Star Theater, January 27th, 45-21.

## LOCAL ORGANIZATION GETS HALF BUT PAYS EXPENSES

It is stated the receipts from the Tom Thumb Wedding, which was presented to a large audience at the Star Opera House Tuesday night, amounted to \$105.55. This amount is considered as extra good since weather conditions were not favorable, and no doubt, a larger attendance would have been had had not a cold and damp atmosphere prevailed.

The local Parent-Teachers' Association presented the little play, but it was directed by Mrs. Ina L. Schieffer, of Kansas City, who received fifty per cent of the gross receipts. There were something like seventy-five little tots taking part in the wedding.

Under the agreement which the local organization had with Mrs. Schieffer, she was to receive one-half of the gross receipts and the local organization to get the other half, but is to defray all expenses incident to staging the play. Mrs. W. F. Lawson, president of the Association, states that the exact amount of money that will be netted has not yet been determined, but expressed herself as being well pleased with the outcome and felt certain that a neat little sum would be cleared. A plan to create an interest among local school students in selling tickets for the play proved quite successful. A large box of candy was offered as a prize to the student selling the most tickets. Willie Mae Doell won the prize, having sold forty-two tickets.

## Mason Drug Store No. Two Changes Hands

Messrs. Arch Reichenau and Andrew Schreiber recently closed a deal with the Mason Drug Company, of this city, in which they became the owners of the business known as Mason Drug Store No. 2, together with the Mason Bottling Works. The consideration in the deal was not made public.

The deal included the purchase of the fountain and fixtures and most of the stock, according to a statement from Mr. Reichenau. It is said the new owners will assume charge of the business on the first of February; they having secured a lease on the building.

It is announced the new owners do not intend to operate a drug store in connection with the business, but will probably handle a line of patent medicines, toilet articles, books and office supplies in connection with the fountain and confections, together with the bottling works. The new proprietors expect to operate under a new firm name, and it is suggested the business will be called "The Sunshine Confectionary".

Messrs. Reichenau and Schreiber are both industrious and ambitious young men of this city and are well and favorably known. For some time they have been in the employ of the firm of E. Lemburg & Bro., in which positions they have filled with much satisfaction to their employers, and at the same time have built up an enviable reputation among the citizenry of the town and county. These gentlemen will embark in business for themselves under exceedingly favorable environments and they, no doubt, will receive a patronage which will remunerate them for all efforts put forth.

E. A. Masters, who for the past several weeks has been in San Antonio receiving treatment for his eyes, returned home last Thursday and says he is much improved. He stated Dr. Steel, of San Antonio, treated him.

Miss Lillie Eckert, who is teaching school at Lohn, McCulloch County, was at home to spend the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eckert.

F. B. McCollum went to San Antonio last Sunday for a few days' visit with his wife and children. He expected to return some time before the first of next month.

## Judge Banks Called on Neff in Interest of Barber

County Judge, John T. Banks, informs us that while in Austin recently he made a personal visit to Governor Neff in the interest of securing a pardon from the State prison for Clarence Barber, who was sentenced to two years from this place at the March term of District Court last year on a charge of burglary.

Judge Banks says Governor Neff gave him a hearing on the subject, but announced that it would be impossible for him to grant Barber a pardon at this time. He gave as his reason that there are now about 1500 young men serving terms in the State Penitentiary for first offenses and who have served a greater portion of their time than has Barber and have records as good as Barber's, and he said it would not be justice to those fifteen hundred young men to grant a pardon to Barber when they rightfully feel that they should have a pardon before him.

Our readers will recall the News has made mention heretofore relative to a petition being circulated for signers, asking for a pardon for this young man.

## MASON SCHOOL NEWS FURNISHED BY NINTH GRADE

R. H. Parratt, a photographer from Downs, Kansas, took the pictures of both the High School and also of the grade school on Monday morning. The pictures were placed on sale in the afternoon. Quite a number of students bought pictures.

The ninth grade has organized an editorial staff under leadership of Mr. Bennett for the Mason County News. The members of the staff for this week are Lucille Lange, Wesley Schweers, and Milton Zesch. Everybody take notice.

The baseball boys met last Monday morning and organized. Walter Williamson was elected manager, Celeste Beyer, captain, and Mr. Dumas, coach. Practice will begin soon.

Next Saturday the basketball boys will go to Long Mountain and play the Long Mountain team. The local boys have had considerable practice and are quite confident they will win.

Percy De-op was absent from school last Friday on account of cold weather.

Alvin Zesch says he has only been absent one day during the first term.

Emelle Fischer has been absent from school the past few days.

Tickets for the Tom Thumb wedding were sold by several high school girls on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The girl which sold the most tickets was to receive a prize. Willie Mae Doell received the prize.

Clarice and Calvin Saunders were absent from school Tuesday.

Matthew Rolston who has been at the local sanitarium, was taken home Tuesday.

Vera Dannheim has been absent from the past few days.

## COLDEST WEATHER OF WINTER

The coldest and most severe weather this section of the State has experienced this winter was that the latter part of last week. Thursday was an exceedingly disagreeable day and various reports are given as to how low the mercury actually registered. The lowest temperature this office has elarnd of was 18 degrees above zero, or twelve degrees below freezing. Almost every section of the United States experienced this cold snap according to the news dispatches. The report states that in portions of the north, the mercury went many degrees below zero.

This week, this section has been experiencing weather that is not at all desirable, although rain is being greatly needed, the fine mist that has been falling has been insufficient to wet the ground but little, and the low temperature which has accompanied it, does not give much encouragement for the spell to end in a good rain.

The Luther League of the Lutheran Church will have a special meeting on February 5th for the purpose of deciding on a piano and on getting electric lights for the parsonage. Every member is urged to be present at 3 o'clock.

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**RUSH PRELIMINARY WORK ON NATION-WIDE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

Highway construction will not be delayed by the requirements of the new Federal highway act. The Federal highway system will consist of roads not exceeding 7 per cent of the total in any State, designated by the State and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. Work is being rushed by all the highway departments on the preparation of maps of the proposed system, but naturally such an important matter will take some little time and consideration. The Government authorities will insist that important through routes meet at State lines which require conferences between authorities of different States.

In order that work will not be delayed pending the approval of each State system the Secretary of Agriculture has amended the Rules and Regulations for Federal Aid to permit the immediate construction of such roads as it may reasonably be anticipated will become part of the system.

State highway officials are being advised that the anticipated route of which the roads to be built is a part should be as long as practicable, preferably entirely across the State. A map must be submitted showing the route, other possible routes and connecting routes. If this is found satisfactory the project will be approved for immediate construction.

The State of Washington submitted on December 27 the first complete State system, and others are expected in a short time.

**LLANO RANCHMAN DROPS DEAD**

LLANO, Tex., Jan. 19.—J. H. Click died yesterday evening very suddenly. He was at the lot and dropped dead. Mr. Click has lived in this county the most of his life and was one of the county's best citizens. He was the picture of health, having been sick but little in his life. His remains will be brought to Llano today from his ranch 18 miles south of here, and will be buried here tomorrow. His widow and a number of children survive him.

**PREACHER AWARDED ONE CENT DAMAGES IN SUIT SEEK'G \$100,000**

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19.—Damages to the amount of one cent each were awarded here today by a jury in the Federal District Court to the Rev. H. M. Pingrey of Denver and Miss Mildred Moody of New York against J. W. Hull, a hotel keeper of Baldwin, Kan. Doctor Pingrey and Miss Moody, in a suit charging slander, had sought \$100,000 from Hull for statements he is alleged to have made regarding their conduct while guests at his hotel during a Sunday School institute in Baldwin last April.

**MR. C. C. JONES DEAD**

Mr. C. C. Jones, of the Katemey section, died at his home Wednesday afternoon at 5:10 o'clock, following an illness of several days of pneumonia. He had been sick some time before pneumonia took its grip, and for several days before his death no hope was held out for his recovery, but his remarkable fortitude kept him alive beyond the expectation of even his physicians.

At the time of death, he was fifty-eight years of age and is survived by his wife and six children, two daughters, Miss Lula and Mrs. Finch, four sons, Buck, Obie, Oran and Newman. Mr. Jones was married to Miss Dora Chamberlain in 1880. About ten years ago he moved to this county and has made his home here since.

Deceased was a devout Christian, and a long time member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Bethel cemetery, Rev. Chandler officiating.

A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.

God, in His wisdom, has recalled  
The boon His love had given,  
And though the body slumbers here,  
The soul is safe in Heaven.

—A Friend.

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Such a spread for big and little boys and girls—the sweetheart of fine white southern corn kernels deliciously flavored and deliciously toasted in Kellogg's own way! You can't imagine anything more joyous to eat, or more ideal for fussy appetites at any hour!

Kellogg's Corn Flakes are childhood's ideal food! Kiddies can eat as much as they can carry! Every mouthful makes for health.

Don't just ask for "corn flakes"! You say KELLOGG'S—the original kind in the RED and GREEN package.



KELLOGG'S Corn Flakes are made by the folks who gave you the JUNGLELAND Moving Pictures. See coupon inside every package of KELLOGG'S Corn Flakes which explains how you can obtain another copy of JUNGLELAND.

**Kellogg's CORN FLAKES**

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**W. J. MOORE, PROMINENT BRADY MAN, DEAD**

Brady, McCulloch Co., Texas, Jan. 20.—W. J. Moore, an old resident of Brady, died here today shortly before noon. Mr. Moore was well known in this section. He was born at Troy, Ala., and was nearly 72 years old. He is survived by several children.

**MCGRAW DRAWS BIGGEST PAY IN GAME**

New York, Jan. 21.—Ty Cobb no longer is the highest salaried manager in baseball. John J. McGraw yesterday signed a new contract as leader of the New York Giants at \$65,000 a season.

McGraw now not only tops all other managers, but also heads the noted Mr. Ruth—for the time being, at any rate. Babe's document last season called for \$50,000 flat and \$500 for each home run, giving him a gross income of \$50,500. Timidity is not among the fruits of the peerless swatter, and he put in a bid for \$75,000 for 1922, with the usual bonus of \$500 for each round trip hit.

Babe will get a contract for \$60,000 of the \$75,000 and the \$500 premium for each of his home runs. Because of his suspension until May 20 Babe will be fortunate to get as many as fifty circuit wallops this year, but even so he is certain to finish the season several thousands of dollars better off than McGraw.

The leaps of McGraw's salary have been without precedent in baseball. He began here in 1902 at \$7,000, a big price in those days.

**BILLIE HART PREDICTS TWO BLIZZARDS FOR FEBRUARY**

EAGLE PASS, Jan. 21.—Following are Billie Hart's weather predictions for February:

February 1 to 12, fair, mild.  
February 13, local rain, Southwest Texas.

February 14-15, local rain, North Texas, Fort Worth, Northwest Texas, Southeast Texas Gulf Coast, Texas, Corpus Christi, South Central Texas, San Antonio Southwest Texas.

February 16-17, local rain, northwest Texas, North Texas, Southwest Gulf Coast, Texas, Corpus Christi.

February 18-19, fair.

February 20-21, blizzard, rain, snow and sleet, Northwest Texas, Northeast Texas, North Texas, local rain, cold norther, South Central Texas, San Antonio, West Central Texas, San Angelo, East Texas, Southeast Texas, Gulf Coast, Houston, Southwest Gulf Coast Texas, Corpus Christi, Southwest Texas, Del Rio, Eagle Pass.

February 22, blizzard, local rain, snow and sleet, below freezing, Northwest Texas, North Texas.

February 23 to 25, fair.

February 26-27, fair, cold.

February 28, local rain, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas, Southwest Gulf Coast Texas, North Texas, East Texas, South Central Texas, San Antonio, Southwest Texas.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget, it starts at 7:00 o'clock.



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**MCCULLOCH COUNTY MAN RAISES ONE HOG WEIGHING 989 POUNDS**

Brady, Texas, Jan. 21.—W. E. Lohn, farmer of Lohn, sixteen miles northwest of Brady, holds the title of champion big-hog raiser of McCulloch County.

Last week, Mr. Lohn killed the largest porker that has been recorded in the county, which weighed 989 pounds. The hams, after being well trimmed, weighed 126 pounds.

Mr. Lohn is very enthusiastic over the record he made and is a strong believer in raising plenty of Poland China hogs.

**CORROGATED IRON ROOFING**

I have plenty of corrugated iron roofing in stock and owing to a recent decline in the prices, can make you some interesting quotations. See me for your needs.

F. LANGE.

It is said cow hides are now bringing about two cents a pound on the local market. It takes a cracking good cow hide to bring more than a dollar at that figure, yet a pair of shoes or boots will cost from eight to thirty dollars a pair. It looks as though they might be made of paper rather than of leather and the majority of shoes year accordingly.

**U. S. WOULD SEIZE ROYAL NECKLACE**

Pearls of Catherine II, Worth \$1,500,000 Said to Have Been Smuggled

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 19.—Government agents here expected to confer today with M. S. Horace E. Dodge, widow of the late millionaire automobile manufacturer, together with her legal advisers, to determine if the famous \$1,500,000 pearl necklace of Catherine II, former Empress of Russia, is in the possession of Mrs. Dodge.

Reports have been circulated that persons who brought the necklace to New York from Russia evaded payment of customs duties. The necklace, according to reports, later was purchased by Mr. Dodge shortly before his death.

The Government agents said if the pearls had been smuggled into this country they were liable to seizure, regardless of their present ownership.

Ludwig (Fritz) Schmidt, who has been at Abilene for some time, arrived home a few days ago. He will probably remain at home for an indefinite time and at present is assisting his father, Mr. Louis Schmidt, at the store.

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## CHURCH NOTICES SOCIAL EVENTS

**CALENDAR—M. E. CHURCH SOUTH**

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.  
 Preaching, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Roy G. Rader.  
 Preaching, 2nd Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by D. G. Hardt.  
 Preaching, 3rd Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Roy G. Rader.  
 Preaching, 4th Sunday, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. by D. G. Hardt.  
 Preaching at Loyal Valley, 2nd Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.  
 Preaching at Grit, 3rd Sunday at 3 p. m.  
 Preaching at Bethel, 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.  
 Preaching at Long Mountain, 4th Sunday at 7 p. m.  
 ROY G. RADER,  
 D. G. HARDT,  
 Pastors.

**Sunday School Class Entertained**

Miss Estella Hofmann entertained her Sunday School class last Saturday afternoon. The little folks enjoyed various indoor games. Rosted peanuts, popcorn, candies and apples were served to the following: Little Misses Grace McMillan, Clarice Ziriax, Genevieve Johnson; Masters Francis Lange, John Millaire, Clarence W. Lange, Paul Keller, Sterling Henrich, Melvin Cooper and John Johnson, Jr.

**Entertains Lutheran Ladies' Aid**

Mrs. L. C. Probst was hostess to the members of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid on Thursday afternoon of last week.

**R. W. WHITE FOR SHERIFF**

I am submitting my candidacy to the people of Mason County for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector in this week's issue of the News, and ask that they give my candidacy a careful consideration before going to the polls next July. I feel that I am qualified to fill the position, and should I be elected, I promise to faithfully discharge all duties entrusted to me.  
 The support of my friends is solicited and will be appreciated.  
 Respectfully,  
 R. W. White.

**CHAS. LESLIE FOR RE-ELECTION**

In this issue of the News, will be found the announcement of Chas. Leslie for re-election to the office of sheriff and tax collector of Mason county. Mr. Leslie was selected by a majority vote at the last election for the office he now holds, and he states that he hopes to again be chosen by the voters of Mason county, believing that the experience he has gained during his term in office has enabled him to fill the office of sheriff and tax collector for Mason County to better advantage should he again be chosen. Mr. Leslie solicits the support of his friends.

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L. F. Eckert made a business trip to Fredericksburg Wednesday.

**SETTLEMENT WANTED**

Having disposed of my business, I ask that all parties indebted to me to call and make satisfactory arrangements on their accounts at their earliest convenience. I can be found with the firm of E. Lemburg & Bro.  
 Respectfully,  
 CONRAD HARTMAN.

Give me your next job of vulcanizing. I guarantee my work. Otto Schmidt.  
 Subscribe for the News today.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

Having disposed of my business, effective February 1, 1922, I take this means of informing my patrons that Messrs. Eli and Ben Jordan will be my successors.

I sincerely appreciate the patronage I have enjoyed while in business and take pleasure in thanking everyone who have contributed, in any way, to my success.

The new owners of the business will be pleased to serve you in the future and I commend the mto you.

Respectfully,  
 CONRAD HARTMAN.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professional ..... \$15.00  
 District ..... 10.00  
 County ..... 7.50  
 Precinct ..... 5.00

Terms: Strictly cash in advance. No announcements inserted unless cash accompanies same. Announcements inserted in order in which fees are paid at this office. Fee includes 100-word announcement to be furnished by candidate; all over 100 words at the rate of 7½¢ per line. Fees do not include subscription to The Mason County News.

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

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
 CHAS. LESLIE  
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## DICK ACCEPTS

By JACK LAWTON

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The silence of the woodland country was telling on Dick's nerves. For eight weeks the engineering job had claimed him, and the evenings in his lonely cabin became unendurable. Hungrily he yearned for human companionship.

Dallis, his assistant, was good enough in his way, but Dallis spent most of his time writing endless love letters or talking over long-distance to a far-away sweetheart. That galled Dick, too.

It was hard enough to see only rough men's faces; never to hear a feminine voice was another and greater deprivation. Dick wished that he had happened to care enough for one particular fair one in the past, to warrant a long-distance call himself. But he had not cared; and that was not his fault, but his misfortune, so he summed up matters—that was all.

The trees rustled mysterious whisperings, beyond the avenue of green stretched waters blue; the setting was like that of an old fairy tale. Dick remembered such a tale, with a highly colored illustration which had never failed to delight in childhood days.

There had been a woodland maiden in the picture, with a white frock encircled in green, and laughing blue eyes beneath the wind-blown hair. Dick smiled at the fanciful picture the scene recalled, and then bent idly to pick up a scrap of paper in his path. As idly he unfolded it, and before he fully realized, was reading a message.

"Dearest-dear," ran the note, "I am waiting for you beneath the widest spreading tree; I am dressed in white with the green sash you like. You will see me, when you drive through the opening. And, dearest-dear, the little white table is set for us two, with a vase of green houghs in the center, and there is a chocolate cake—oh, a delicious, luscious chocolate cake of the very kind you like, made with my very own hands, for my very own man. So hurry."

Dick stood staring down at the scribbled note with a boyish light of adventure in his eyes. Why not? He was far away from conventions, his days had been passed of late irksomely. Why not take advantage of the chance invitation tossed him by a kindly wind, and drive through the opening darily to where the white-and-green-clad maid, like the one of the fairy tale, waited?

Dick knew the country like a map, but one excuse would be as good as another. And the chocolate cake! Great guns! A real home-made chocolate cake!

He retraced his steps to the cabin, and started horseback toward the wood. She was a girl, undoubtedly, or she would not describe her white frock to her dearest-dear, as she invited him to a tryst beneath the tree.

Dick saw the "widest-spreading tree" as soon as Bob cantered through the opening; also he saw a graceful white-clad figure and vivid green sash, tossed by the lake breeze. And as he came boldly near, there were the laughing blue eyes beneath ruffled brown hair, and a wondering, yet dimpling smile to greet him.

"Well," questioned the girl, as though she had known him all her life, "how did you get here?"

"I came," answered Dick promptly, "in response to your invitation. I found it in my path."

He handed over her letter. The girl frowned and smiled as she glanced over it.

"Old Jack is careless," she remarked. "Jack's my dog. I sent him on with it to—" She paused.

"Your dearest-dear," Dick finished for her.

"Why, yes," agreed the girl. "And

Jack perhaps dropped the note, to go off on some interesting chase of his own. So you found it, by mistake."

"There is no mistake," Dick insisted. "You would not think the sending of such an invitation a mistake, if you had been buried, as I have, among these hills for two desolate months. Why, I'd travel thirty miles to hear a pleasant, companionable voice, putting all hope of the chocolate cake aside. That invitation was a charity, sent on its way by a fairy friend of mine. I—I don't know who you are; I suppose angels are likely to appear in most desolate places. But my name is Richard Boynton. I'm one of the engineers on this contract that's being put through."

The girl nodded.  
 "I know. I happen to have seen you at work when we motored through. You were pointed out to me," she changed her voice primly, "as a most promising young man."

She studied him thoughtfully.

"I shall cut the cake in your honor." Through all the sweet magic of Dick's afternoon—passed one grievous thought—this witching girl of his dreams, unlike any other girl that he had known, had already found her prince, and he, Dick, though he rode through the woods forever, must, therefore, forever ride alone.

"I wonder," the girl said at last, "why dad doesn't come. He should know that tea is ready beneath the tree, even though Jack dropped my note to him on the way. Father," she remarked calmly, "is one of your high men in command. He brought me out here with him when he came to see how the work was going. Dad—is my dearest-dear."

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**MRS. MAX MARTIN RECEIVES CABLEGRAM FROM GERMANY**

Mrs. Max Martin received a cablegram from her sister, Mrs. Srederick Sonnenhol, of Godesberg, Germany, on the 20th of this month. The cablegram contained pleasing information relative to Miss Esther Martin, who has been in Bonn, Germany for several months receiving medical treatment. Mrs. Martin was advised that Miss Esther's condition was greatly improved and was such that physicians were willing for her to return home.

We are informed that arrangements have been made for her to sail about the middle of February and she is expected to arrive home in the early part of March. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Miss Ruth will likely go to New York to meet her upon arrival.

**PROGRAM FOR FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING—AT ART JANUARY 29**

The program committee for the Laymen's Day, Fifth Sunday Meeting, for the northern half of the Kerrville District of the M. E. Church South have prepared the program given below. While at the time the program was completed it was not definitely known whether or not all of the charges would be able to participate, the committee thought best to assume that they would, and to provide substitutes for the numbers that might not be filled. The substitutes are not given on this program. The "Special Programs" by the various charges will be whatever that charge cares to offer. In most cases it will probably be some musical number. This need not necessarily be the case, however. The people of Art are making preparations to care for a record-breaking crowd.

The program to be carried out at the meeting at Art, January 29, 1922, is as follows:

- 10:00 a. m.—Devotional services conducted by Rev. Roy G. Rader, of Mason
- 10:30 a. m.—Laymen's Movement, led by Fredericksburg Charge.
- 11:00 a. m.—Special Program by Castell Charge.
- 11:20 a. m.—Epworth League, led by J. E. Green of Katemcy.
- 11:50 a. m.—Song by congregation.
- 11:55—Christian Literature by Rev. Kleinknecht of Hilda.
- 12:20—Noon.

Dinner on the Ground

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## LOVE

By GERTRUDE W. FIELDER

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"Aye, but it's a dreadful thing," said Mona.

"Why?" I asked.  
"You wouldn't ask if you ever had one," answered Mona.  
"Did you ever have one?" I queried.  
"Did I?" retorted Mona.  
"What did she do to you?" I demanded.

"What didn't she do!" cried Mona.  
"You'll see for yourself one of these days, Miss Dodo."

"I shan't, either," I retorted.  
"Don't be too sure," returned Mona.  
At that moment Molly appeared in the door. "They're coming on the four-thirty," she said to Mona.

"Who's coming?" I asked impatiently.  
"Your papa and your step-mother," answered Molly.

"You shouldn't have told her," said Mona.  
"And why not?" bristled Molly.

"I won't have a step-mother," I cried, stamping my foot.  
"What do you know about step-mothers?" asked Molly.

"Mona told me. They're horrid," I answered.  
"You'll lose your place," said Molly, turning to Mona.

"You will, too, most likely," snapped Mona.  
"Cook's in an awful rage," went on Molly, this is her sweetheart's night.

While Mona and Molly were talking, I escaped to the garden. I was having a lovely time making mud pies, when Mona pounced down upon me. She held up both hands in horror.

"My patience alive. You've got to be cleaned from the skin out, and only an hour to do it in. Come along, now."

"I won't," I cried, and raced down the path.  
Mona could run, too, but as she put out her hand to grab me, I resorted to an old trick. It was a very simple trick—merely of dropping where I stood, curling my legs under me and utterly refusing to walk. This trick always had the effect of sending Mona's blood clear up to the boiling point. It did now.

In desperation she finally offered me a treasure I had long coveted, a Swiss china clock.

With the clock mine, the bathing, curling and dressing went on apace.  
The next moment we heard the sound of the automobile upon the graveled walk.

Mona ran to the window. I fled in the opposite direction. Spying the door to the guest room ajar, I slipped within, closing the door softly behind me. It seemed but a moment before I heard footsteps coming along the hall and papa's voice calling my name. Frantic with fear, I tore the lace spread from the bed, leaped into the middle of the bed, enveloping myself in the spread, forgetting in my frenzy that the suspicious looking heap was sure to be investigated.

The hands which drew me from my lair were not papa's, were not Mona's. I hardly knew what I expected next, surely not what actually followed; peal after peal of ringing laughter.

"Funny baby, playing at hide-and-seek all by her lonesome," cried a merry voice.  
I opened my eyes and beheld, not the woman Mona had pictured, but a sweet-faced girl.

"Shy," said papa in an undertone.  
As a great privilege, I was allowed to sit up for dinner.

In the midst of dinner papa had a telephone message. Ted was coming home. Ted is my big brother. He and Ellsworth Gray (that's his chum) had been on a hike through the mountains. I love Ted more than anyone else in the whole world.

I had been in bed a long while when I heard the sound of voices in the hall and I knew Ted had come. I jumped out of bed, tiptoed along the hall and peeped over the banister.

The scene that met my eyes was burned into my brain—Ted, my Ted, being carried upstairs, his face as white as my nightie, his head bobbing limply. I shrank back in the shadow, my teeth chattering with fright.

The story Ellsworth told was this: One day they had spied a tiny cabin clinging to the mountain-side. In the cabin they had found a man sick with a fever. Ted had nursed him two nights and a day, having sent Ellsworth for aid. When Ellsworth and a doctor got there, the man was dead. Coming out of the woods, Ted had complained of feeling queer.

The horrors of an epidemic struck panic to all hearts when my step-mother was stricken with the fever, my beautiful young stepmother who had helped fight for Ted's life.

Mona left us, and Molly—only Katy

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The seven wise men of Greece, whose names and sayings have come down to us from antiquity, have been distinctly secondary in renown recently to the several score wise men of the nations gathered here in the conference on the limitation of armaments.

But the ancient wise men are not forgotten. Here and there are men who treasure the sayings which those worthies handed down to us. They are keen on the proper pronunciation of their names, and know to a degree in which Grecian state they lived.

One of these scholars came in last week to settle a dispute, says the Washington Star. Several of his friends, in whom the fine flower of learning had not withered any more than it had in him, were disputing about those seven wise men of Greece.

"They could only think of six," declared the gentleman, nodding his white head. "I said the seventh was Lycurgus. Am I right?"

The seven wise men of Greece, not having figured in the news for a few years, it was no easy task to locate them. But a fat volume finally gave them up—and Lycurgus was not in the list.

Bias, Chilo, Cleobulus, Pittacos, Solon, Thales and Perlander were the seven wise men. Everybody remembers Solon as the man who got off that really tremendous saying "Know thyself." Cleobulus is credited with a good one too. "Avoid extremes." This latter is the famous "golden mean" of Epicurus.

"And to think I would have put Lycurgus in that list!" exclaimed the old gentleman.

Then it Lost Its Value. He had an infectious laugh. But he began to notice it and talk about it himself and then nobody paid any more attention to it.—Selected.

of the uncertain temper, stayed at her post.

Ted had been downstairs two weeks when I was allowed to visit my step-mother. Quite suddenly, I was deep in her arms. "I love you," I whispered. "You helped make my Ted better."

"Love, little daughter," she whispered back, "is the greatest thing in the world."

Where They Take Snuff. The greatest snuff-taking country in the world is France, though it shows a decline in the habit.

Church Treasure Recovered. An Italian ice cream dealer in attempting to dispose of a solid silver cross for \$80,000 in Glasgow disclosed the whereabouts of a Thirteenth century church ornament worth \$500,000 which disappeared several years ago from the Church of Borgo Collefatato, near Aquila, Italy. The evidence presented in court was to the effect that the cross was one of the most valuable antiquities of Italy, and was thought to have been smuggled out of the country by an art collector. The ice cream vendor's effort to sell it at a \$90,000 figure aroused the suspicions of an antiquarian because of its greater intrinsic worth. The Italian contended that it has been in the possession of his family for generations, that it had been lost in the earthquake at Messina and had been recovered by him from the ruins.

"Perfect 36" is No More. The perfect 36 bust is no more, writes a sartorial correspondent. In the days of her prime, before flappers owned their own cigarettes, she flourished. Now she is gone, forever. In her place is the willowy creature with a figure like a twelve-year-old boy and dresses that are suspended from sharp shoulders. The fashionable figure now, is smaller than the 36, more undeveloped. The stylish girl accentuates this thin, wispy appearance.

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We have sold our Drug Store No. 2, (better known as the Vedder Drug Co.) to Messrs. Arch Reichenau and Andrew Schreiber. This sale also includes the Mason Bottling Works.

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### AUNTIE'S ROMANCE

By LYNDIA W. SOLES.

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What a wonderful field for the machinations of fate is the old canvas mall bag, unesthetic and unromantic to look upon, but containing the gladness and sorrow, disappointments and surprises which so often make the turning point in the lives of its many slaves.

None of the many elements of the seasons is too fearsome to struggle with on our road to the village post office, wherefrom the unremitting hand of fate, reaches forth and lays its mark upon all who wait upon it.

In a small town general store and post office I stood one day watching the strange mixture of human emotions depicted upon the face of the village people as they gathered to await Fate's shuffling of the cards. How quickly can the eagerness be wiped from a face by that unfeeling, "Nothing tonight, Mrs. S."

A little old woman in rusty black timidly approached the window, her tremulous, "Did my letter come tonight, Mr. Morse?" revealing the anxiety of her mind.

Breathlessly she waited, as did I, the result of his search through a pile of letters and when at last one was handed to her I experienced a sense of satisfaction in fate's kindness to this tiny bit of humanity.

With a smile of gratitude she clasped the precious bit of paper close to her old black shawl and hurried through the door.

"There, I do declare. Aunt Lizzy has got her letter!" exclaimed someone behind me, and, turning, I recognized the speaker from whom I very easily drew a pathetic little story.

It seemed that the letter was from "Faithy," a niece whom the old lady had mothered from babyhood—a trust which had demanded many sacrifices, but in return had brought a great deal of happiness to the lonely old woman.

Then, through a strange twist of fate, again masquerading in the old canvas mall bag, Faithy had gone to the far West to meet and marry the man with whom she had become acquainted through the exchange of a few letters while he was in service in France.

They had been married now almost a year, a year full of happiness and complete contentment, but very few luxuries, and oftentimes, I gathered, not enough necessities.

As each letter was received the little old lady would breathe in the atmo-

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### FAIRIES

By IRENE BEERS

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"So the fire fairies found the lost prince, and he and the forgotten princess were married and lived happily ever after. Now kiss me, Betty Lou, and let nurse put you to bed."

Betty Lou did so, reflecting that Aunt Louise was a most unsatisfactory storyteller of late. She would pause and stare into the fire as though she saw the fire fairies themselves, quite oblivious of her small niece. During the progress of being undressed and put to bed, Betty Lou recalled the joyous times she used to have with Aunt Louise—special trips to the wonderland of dolls, jars of barley candy and the jolliest automobile rides. Of course, those were mostly in Mr. Harrison's roadster, when tucked in between him and Aunt Louise, the carefree over miles of country road. And once there had been a picnic! Betty Lou sighed rapturously over the memory of it, and, sighing, fell asleep.

Meanwhile, Louise Birch, the best beloved aunt, sat frowning at the blue and red fire fairies, dancing impudently over the crumbling log.

"And they lived happily ever after," she murmured. "Yes, I will write to Wallie and put it in the fire. At least it will be a safety valve for my feelings. He'll never see it, so I'll just write exactly as I feel! It is seven weeks today that it happened. Surely he must have known there was some reason why I didn't keep that engagement—only he's too stubborn to ask for an explanation!" She reached back to the table for her writing case. "I'll write a couple of letters first and save Wallie's till last."

It was late when at last a letter, whimsically addressed to Wallace in care of the fire fairies, lay sealed on the little pile of letters, and Louise rose to crush a piece of paper to enliven the fire. It may have been the semi-darkness of the fire-lit room, or the blinding tears in her brown eyes, or perhaps the fire fairies themselves that saved Wallace's letter from the flames. At any rate, when she reached down a fumbling hand and, with a bitter little laugh, tossed a letter on the leaping fire, the envelope was addressed to Mrs. Lawrence Curtis, and made no mention of fire fairies.

"Kind of a post-mortem for Wallie," she managed between sobs, and without a glance at the other letters, she went wearily to bed, determined to rout all thought of Wallace from her mind.

Mother forbade Betty Lou to so much as tip-toe into Aunt Louise's room. The home of the fire fairies of Aunt Louise's stories drew her over to the fireplace. There stood the big armchair where she and Aunt Louise had sat when the latter told of the adventures of the forgotten princess—and lying on the cushion was a little pile of letters, all sealed and addressed, waiting for stamps.

"Guess Aunt Louise wants these mailed," remarked Betty, fingering them curiously. "She'd let me stick the stamps on and put 'em in the box if she was awake. P'haps they're awful important. I'd better mail 'em."

"Now what do you think of that?" she expostulated as she laboriously deciphered "To Wallace, in care of the Fire Fairies." "Aunt Louise does believe in fairies. I told Billy so! Fire fairies don't bother with mail. The postman brings letters. She must have forgotten—Oh, goody, goody! I'll write the address myself. I can print 'most as good as Billy 'n' he's nine."

Without further ado, she plumped down on the floor, and with many wrinklings of her small forehead she printed the well-known address, for Wallace lived right next door, except now, in the summer, when he was at the seashore. Now that Betty Lou considered, it seemed funny that he had not been to see them all summer, and it was September now. He used to spend lots of time at their house, and once she had heard nurse tell cook that she guessed Mr. Wallace was Miss Louise's beau.

Betty Lou mentioned this at the table, and mother replied that she must not mention Mr. Wallace while Aunt Louise was there.

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The next night there was no "good night" story for Betty Lou. Aunt Louise seemed to have forgotten all about the fire fairies, although she had entrusted them with a very important letter. But as Betty Lou could have assured you, the fire fairies never forget if you believe in them. They fly up the chimney, abroad in the world and bring you your heart's desire. Didn't Betty Lou have a new fairy tale book with colored pictures? Hadn't Aunt Louise kissed her small niece and told her that fairies really lived? For that afternoon Betty Lou had seen Mr. Wallace race up the drive and catching Aunt Louise in his arms, kiss her. And wasn't she to call him "Uncle Wally?"

"Guess you'll be flower girl, sure enough," said nurse to the radiant Betty Lou—and went out, leaving her to dream of the fire fairies.

### Limiting the Sorrow.

"Did you never say anything you were sorry for?"  
"No," answered Senator Sorghum. "I admit that I have been compelled to repudiate something I said. But that only left me in a position to be sorry for the chap who said I said it."

### Woman Is Decorated.

Paris.—The Vicomtesse Breteuil, who was formerly Edith Grant of New York, has been decorated with the legion of honor in recognition of her war work at the soldiers' huts and canteens.

### Hapsburg Dynasty Ousted.

Budapest.—The national assembly at a special session Saturday passed the third and final reading of the bill dethroning former King Charles and ousting the Hapsburg dynasty.

### Have No Sixth Sense.

It is well known that any of our domestic animals can find their way home from a distance of many miles, even after the lapse of some time. This faculty is perhaps oftenest seen in the dog, the horse and the cat, but is known to be almost or quite as fully developed in the ox. The faculty has been supposed by some naturalists to depend upon a sixth sense, independent of sight or smell. Such a theory involves an organ of sense by which the needed observations may be carried to the brain; an organ which must be distinct from the eye, ear and nostrils. Physiologists have not, as yet, found any such organ in the constitution of any animal nor have they found any nerves different from those which belong to our own nervous system. This is almost conclusive evidence that animals possess no sense different from ours.—New York Herald.

### So Much for So Much.

A farmer sitting on a hay rack caught his finger in the wheel and tore it badly. He went to a doctor to have it dressed. The doctor had to sew it up, taking three stitches.  
"What's the bill, doctor?"  
"A dollar and a half."  
"Humph!" said the farmer, "that's 50 cents a stitch. Doc, I'd hate to have you make me a suit of clothes."

### Advance Information.

She—How did you know I was going to wear my hair curled this evening?  
He—I saw it in the papers this morning.—Stray Stories.

### Why Not?

"John, why do you read those tips on the races so earnestly?"  
"Why not? Don't you read the weather predictions?" — Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Osage Orange and Locust.

Osage orange and black locust are much alike in structure, strength, durability and color, although the former usually has more of a golden brownish tinge. These two woods can readily be distinguished by the fact that osage orange gives off a yellowish color if wrapped in a wet rag or placed on a soaked blotter, while black locust gives off practically no color under the same conditions.

### EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER AT SAN SABA POST OFFICE

Postmaster A. R. Hill, received notice Tuesday that there has been ordered an examination for the regular appointment of a Postmaster at San Saba. Mr. Hill was appointed to fill the office temporarily, succeeding J. W. Longley, resigned. He took charge of the office about the first of January.

Applicants for the position will not be required to report for examination at any place but will be rated upon their education and training, business experience and fitness. Papers will have to be in before the close of office hours on February 14. This is not an examination held under the Civil Service Commission, but is held under an order of the President of May 1921.—San Saba News.

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31-1f J. J. JOHNSON

Richard Reichenau and wife and baby, of San Antonio, came up last week for a visit among relatives and friends in this city. Mrs. Reichenau is a daughter of Mr. Alva Tinsley, and Mr. Reichenau is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Reichenau.

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41f TOM WILLSAP.

Messrs. Wilkes, Kenney and Damon Kothmann were here the first of the week from their ranch in Menard county. Kenney stated that he is feeling quite optimistic over the present outlook for the stockman and farmer. He says prospects look better to him than for the past couple years, as indications are that wool and mohair will be more than a drag on the market as has been the case recently.

### SPECIAL

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42-2t MASON DRUG CO.

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J. W. Capps was in Mason the first of the week from the Pontotoc section and took a new lease on the News. He stated that his brother, Silas, is again residing in the Pontotoc section, having recently moved back from Abilene, where he resided for a few months.

### LIVACAPS—

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