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COMMERCIAL CLUB MET MON.: BONUS FOR COUNTY AGENT

A regular monthly meeting of the Mason Commercial Club was held Monday night at the court house with large number of members present. This was the first meeting held since the meeting the first part of October, which is a regrettable fact, as there are many questions of importance that confront the Club that should have more prompt consideration. At the meeting Monday night the minutes of the meeting of October were read, and it was found that several committees were out that should have reported, but instead, in some instances, there were not even one member of certain committees present at the meeting Monday night.

Whether such negligence is due to lack of interest in the welfare of the Club, or to thoughtlessness, is not for the News to determine, but such conditions should be adjusted. As one member of the Club, the News, is in favor of the Club holding two meetings each month instead of one, hoping that members might not be so forgetful of meeting dates.

Probably the propositions bringing forth the most discussion was that of a dumping ground for Mason and that of raising a bonus for the county agent.

At the meeting in October a committee was appointed to co-operate with the Commissioners' Court of Mason County in securing a public dump ground. No member of this committee was present, but Commissioner Doell and County Judge, Banks, were present and stated the committee had called upon them, and after securing a ruling from the Attorney General that the Court would not be allowed to purchase a dumping ground for the public, but that it would be permitted to purchase grounds sufficient to take care of trash, etc., from the court house and its immediate vicinity.

A motion was carried to hold the committee in office and that they be instructed to take some immediate step toward formulating plans whereby the town and Commissioners' Court, together, might secure a suitable tract of land for a dump ground. It was shown quite plainly that unless some public spirited citizen owning land close to Mason, would donate the land, that sufficient funds with which to buy a few acres of land, would have to be raised by donations.

This is a matter of vital importance which has confronted the Clean Town Club and the citizenship of Mason for more than a year, and one upon which some definite action must be taken immediately.

The committee appointed at the previous meeting for the purpose of securing the amount of tonnage yearly in and out of Mason, was not prepared to report and was continued in office until the next meeting when it will have a report to submit to the Club. The personnel of this committee is Carl Runge, Robt Hofmann and Sam Hoerster.

A report from the committee for raising funds for work on the Junction road, was favorably received, and the committee instructed to continue the work as they see fit. Several hundred dollars have been donated by the business firms and citizens of Mason, and this money has been matched by the Commissioners Court and in turn the citizens residing in the vicinity of the road have matched this total sum with a donation of work, and as a result the road from Mason toward London is being put in excellent condition under the supervision of Will Land, who is quite an experienced road builder.

A question of vital importance to the entire county was brought to light when Mr. Smith, district agricultural agent, made a short talk, stating that unless more money was provided for our county agent, Mr. W. I. Marschall, that there was much likelihood of his being transferred to another county. After Mr. Smith's talk, the proposition received lengthy discussion by the members of the Club, proving to be unanimously in favor of exerting every effort to raise a bonus that Mr. Marschall might be retained as demonstrator of Mason County.

This is a question that is probably of much greater interest to the farm-

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ELECTRIC CURRENT TO RUN ON TUESDAY, WED. AND SAT.

According to a statement made by the management of the Mason Ice & Power Company, the current will be run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week, through the winter months.

The local electric company expresses regret that business does not justify running the current every day, and says the present schedule is put in effect to meet the convenience of those needing the current.

ALLAN T. MURRAY FOR SHERIFF

Elsewhere, in this issue of the News, will appear the announcement of Allan T. Murray, son of Thomas Murray, deceased, for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Mason County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries in July. Mr. Murray was born and raised in our County and is regarded as one of its substantial citizens. Heretofore, he has never sought a public office. He is well and favorably known among his associates for his fairness and as always being on the side of law enforcement. He assures us that if elected to the responsible position which he is seeking, that he will not wink at violations of the law and will fearlessly discharge his duties without bias or prejudice, and respectfully solicits your vote and support on this representation.

S. J. THORNE FOR TREASURER

In this issue of the News, in the announcement column, will be found the name of S. J. Thorne, as a candidate for County Treasurer of Mason County. Mr. Thorne has been a resident of Mason County for many years, during which time he has been very active in business circles, having been in the feed business for a number of years, and for the past couple years has been Justice of the Peace in Precinct No. 1. Mr. Thorne states that in submitting his name to the voters of Mason county for the office to which he aspires, he feels competent to execute the duties of the office, should he be chosen by the voters.

Numerous Cases of Measles

According to local physicians there are quite a number of cases of measles in Mason and in the rural communities.

Miss Ona Garret returned to her home at Voca last week, after having visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Tinsley for several days.

Bond papers at the News Office.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF TEXAS SPOKE IN MASON TUES

Senator Joe Burkett addressed some two hundred citizens of Mason County at the court house last Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:30.

It was not known that the candidate would speak here until late Thursday afternoon, and consequently there was not as large attendance as would have been the case had the date been advertised. Senator Burkett spoke in Llano Thursday afternoon, after which he came to Mason, and from Mason he went to Noland, and from there to other western towns.

Senator Burkett is a candidate for governor of Texas, adhering to democratic principles. He was one time a farmer, school teacher, district clerk, county judge, district judge, and at present is a State Senator.

In his address here Thursday night, Senator Burkett outlined his platform, which included questions of importance, such as Financial Problems, Long Time Rural Credits, State Should Have 8 per cent interest rate, State should have a Central State Bank, State should own warehouses and elevators, Water conservation and food control, Educational Problem, The Penitentiary System, State Highway System, Abolition of Bureaus and Useless Offices, and other public matters of prime importance, and at the conclusion he expressed himself emphatically as being opposed to the Ku Klux Klan.

CHAS VANDEVEER, PIONEER CITIZEN SUCCEUMBS AT AGE 83

Mr. Chas. Vandever, a pioneer citizen of Mason County and a resident of the Ranch Branch section, died Monday of this week, death being attributed to complications of old age.

Early in life he was married to Miss Rachel Kelley, who survives him. No children were born to this union. Deceased is also survived by one brother, Taylor Vandever, of this county, and two sisters, Mrs. Barton of Kansas, and Mrs. Crosby.

He was a good man, a good neighbor and a good citizen.

Funeral services were held in the presence of a large number of friends at the Gooch cemetery Tuesday, and the services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Garrett.

The News regrets very much the loss of this highly esteemed and aged citizen, and wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Robt. Lee is visiting his wife and her parents at Italy this week.

CALL FOR MASON COUNTY TEACHERS TO MEET SAT

All teachers of Mason County are requested to meet at the Mason High School building promptly at 2 P. M. January 10th. The purpose of this meeting is to formulate plans for the County Meet.

We are hoping to get every school in the county to participate this year. In fact, last September at the Fredericksburg Institute, every school pledged itself to participate. We are relying on the pledge to have Mason County schools in the meet one hundred per cent this year. By a little effort on the part of everyone this event can be made a big success.

Come out to the meeting next Saturday, January 19th.

L. W. DUMAS, Co. Director.

TOTAL RAINFALL FOR YEAR 1923 WAS ABOVE AN AVERAGE

The rainfall for the year 1923 was a little more than an average for Mason county, and totaled 34.59 inches. This is the heaviest fall since 1919, when the total precipitation was 37.05 inches. In 1920, 27.36; in 1921, 14.47 and in 1922, 24.58.

The record of the fall during the year just passed, as kept by Mr. Harry Bierschwale, is as follows:

January	1.90
February	4.02
March	2.34
April	4.94
May	3.79
June	3.36
July	3.40
August	1.79
September	1.99
October	5.36
November	2.07
December	2.03
Total	34.59

Banks Hold Annual Meetings

The annual stockholders meetings of the three banks of Mason were held this week, and each bank reports having had a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woodward, of the Double Knobs community, were in Mason last Saturday. Mr. Woodward is one of Mason County's foremost farmers, and has a large fruit orchard. He says prospects are much better for a fruit crop this year than last, because of the good season in the ground.

Wm. son of Mrs. Lena Kooek, returned to resume his studies in school at Seguin last week, after having spent the holidays at home.

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AUTO ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY PROBES FATAL TO C. D. STARKS

A tragedy which has cast a gloom over Mason County, occurred Monday evening when C. D. Starks sustained injuries in an automobile wreck, which proved fatal.

The accident occurred on Highway No. 9, about a mile and a half north of the Mason Mountain, and at about 7:00 o'clock.

Mr. Starks and his son, Leo, of the Ranch Branch section, had been to Mason to secure a casket for Chas. Vandever who died Monday, and they were returning to the Vandever home. They were riding in a Ford touring car which was being driven by Leo Starks, and had just passed over a rise in the road and were going down grade when they met a motor vehicle coming toward Mason. It is stated the lights on the approaching vehicle were very bright and Leo says he was blinded so badly that he could not determine the exact position of the road, and as a result the cars ran directly into each other.

The other vehicle proved to be an International truck and carried some three thousand pounds of freight, and was driven by Mr. McKinney, of London, accompanied by his wife. It is said that when the cars collided that Mr. Starks was thrown through the windshield for a distance of some 12 or 15 feet, hitting on his head, but the driver, because of being behind the steering wheel was not thrown out, but was considerably jarred. The occupants of the truck were not injured.

Mr. Starks arose to his feet and asked for his hat and was bleeding about the face and head. He walked about a quarter of a mile to the Evans home and a few minutes after reaching the house he became unconscious. A physician was called, but consciousness was never regained and he died at 5:10 a. m. Tuesday, from internal injuries.

Deceased was past 51 years of age, and is survived by a widow and five sons, his mother, seven brothers and two sisters. The children are Dan, Antonio, Leo, Ernest and Archie, all of this county. The brothers are Antonio, Will, Alvin, John, Otto, Dave, and Robert, and the sisters, Mrs. C. C. Cooper and Mrs. J. J. Johnson.

C. D. Starks was married to Miss Lizzie Cavness when he was about twenty-two years of age, and has been a resident of Mason County during his entire life, having been a prominent farmer of the Ranch Branch section up until the time of his tragical death. He was of the highest type of citizen and enjoyed the respect and admiration of a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Grit cemetery where interment was made in the presence of a large crowd who had come to pay their last respects to the deceased. Services were conducted by Rev. G. T. Gibbons, assisted by Rev. C. H. Garrett.

The News extends condolence to the bereaved in this sad hour.

WORK STARTED ON ROAD TORU ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

Actual construction on the road thru Road District Number One was commenced Monday morning. It is said the work will probably be completed in about sixty days, and that the road will be in first class condition, having a good grade and drainage structures.

Henderson Doell is in charge of a crew that is doing the concrete work, and Ed Jordan and Albert Lee are supervising the construction of the road.

The concrete work was started on this end and Albert Lee and his crew are moving dirt about two miles north of town.

The right-of-way through the Thaxton place and the Lee pasture is being cleared, and a large force is employed in hauling material, such as cement, steel, etc. It is said a concrete bridge will be constructed across the creek at Katemey.

The building of this road is a big step toward the completion of the good roads system in Mason County.

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BOLE MAN KILLS CALLER; SURRENDERS TO DEPUTY.

Bullinger, Dec. 23.—J. S. McDaniels, 50, was arrested here at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Bob Morris of Combe county, charged with the killing Elmer Wright, 29, at Bole, at 8 o'clock this morning.

McDaniels is alleged to have shot Wright at close range with a shotgun, the charge taking effect in the right side, Wright died instantly.

The shooting took place in front of McDaniels' home as Wright stepped from his auto, when halted by McDaniels, who told Wright he wanted to speak to him.

After killing Wright, McDaniels barricaded himself in his home and sent a messenger to tell Sheriff Bob Miller that he would not surrender to anyone except the sheriff. Miller was out of the county and Morris went to the scene of the killing. He sent McDaniels word that he had come after him.

McDaniels did not surrender until the deputy sent him a note advising him to come out of his home. McDaniels walked out with his shotgun unbreached and handed it to the officer.

Mrs. L. F. Eckert and father, Mr. Phillip Eckert, and Seth L. Baze went to San Antonio Monday to a Ford meeting.

Miss Julia Bierschwale left Sunday for San Antonio for a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

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DISTRICT MEET COUNTY AGENTS AT SAN SABA.

The eighth district meet of county agents will be held in San Saba on Tuesday, January 15. This call has been issued by Mr. A. L. Smith of the Extension Service A. & M. College and district agent for the eighth district.

This district is composed of the counties of San Saba, McCulloch, Burnet, Mason and Brown. The purpose of the meet is to promote systematic peach planting and improvement of peaches, the wonderful new industry of all Texas.

The plan is to divide into sections with local leaders for each section and make these sectional meetings just as instructive and helpful as possible.

Out of town people are expected include A. P. Swallow, horticulturist from A. & M. College; George Ehlinger, county agent McCulloch county; W. T. Weaver, county agent from Goldthwaite; O. P. Griffith, county agent, Brownwood; W. I. Marshall, county agent, Mason; A. J. Cotton, county agent of Burner county.

The Pecan Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will assist in the arrangements and execution of the program in every possible way and the meeting has the unanimous endorsement of the San Saba Chamber of Commerce.—San Saba News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Braly returned home from Rockdale Monday, where they have been visiting the past month. Eugene Braly met them in Austin.

MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

GOVERNMENT MAKES STATE. MEAS. REGARDING ARKANSAS

President Coolidge is backing the Secretary of Agriculture to the limit in his course towards the administration of Federal aid for roads in Arkansas, where Federal funds are being withheld pending the correction of certain conditions.

Secretary Wallace states, regarding the affair:

"It is estimated that road improvement districts in Arkansas have issued bonds to the amount of about \$63,000,000. Of this only \$11,000,000, about 17 per cent in round numbers, has been used in connection with Federal aid. The remainder has been used altogether on district projects, with which Federal aid has had nothing to do.

"Most of the Arkansas road districts, in connection with which there have been serious abuses and gross unfairness to the land-owning farmers, were created before Federal aid amounted to anything. Many of them had practically exhausted local funds before Federal aid was called for.

"Because of the peculiar road district system adopted in Arkansas Federal aid administration has been exceedingly difficult. In April, 1921, it was practiced in these road districts, of which at that time there were more than 500, but in only 110 of which Federal aid had been granted. An engineer of the Department of Agriculture was sent into the State to make a careful investigation to secure information needed to administer Federal aid funds.

"He found many cases of bad management, careless handling and improper payments of local funds, excessive assessments on land owners, unbalanced and discriminatory assessments, ineconomic laying out of districts, and a general laxity in the organization to maintain the roads once they were built.

"The governor called a special session of the legislature to convene September 24. The legislature passed an act known as the Harrelson law. It is better than the old law. Under it no new improvement district can be created except by a majority vote of the people within the district, and the assessment which may be levied on adjacent land is limited.

"The department has no intention of making any further investigation in

From Our Early Files

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 8, 1908: Mr. Harvey Land and Miss Flossie Purdy were married Wednesday, Dec. 23rd.

Mrs. Martin of Brenham, died Dec. 24th and the remains were taken to Fredericksburg for interment. She was a cousin of Mrs. Anna Martin, and was 81 years of age.

Mrs. H. J. Albersson arrived here Christmas from Denver to visit relatives.

Tainage Hunter was here from San Angelo to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Will Bickenbach.

Mrs. H. Thode entertained a number of friends Tuesday night, Dec. 29th, it being in the nature of a farewell event, the family leaving for San Antonio to reside.

Mrs. J. W. White had a number of ladies with her to play 42 Saturday afternoon.

E. Crawford has bought the 160-acre farm of Cap Bellows at Wagram for \$3,000.

Mrs. F. V. Askew and child left last Friday for their home at Shawnee, Okla., after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton.

Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30, Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale entertained a number of ladies at 42.

Albert Metzger has bought the interest of Sam Sanders in the Sanders & Zesch gin for \$2300.

The 42 club met with Mr. and Mrs. Jork Tuesday evening and enjoyed a delightful time.

G. W. Hennessy of Brady bought 233 acres of land from S. V. Wood and 100 acres of land from W. T. Mullins at \$10 per acre.

Mrs. J. C. Lenburg, Jr., entertained a number of ladies New Year's afternoon at 42.

FAM PAMGA—FILIPINO QUARTET

Come and hear Frank Ramos the celebrated ukelele soloist. Among the instruments played will be the violin, the banojo, the banduria, the guitar and piano.

At High School Auditorium, Wednesday night, Jan. 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schroeder and son, Hodges, spent the past week visiting in Austin and San Antonio.

Susanne to the News today.

Arkansas except as it may be necessary to administer Federal aid funds justly and efficiently."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, January 13, 1899: C. C. Wood has moved to the Lemburg pasture west of town.

Henry Hoerster came down from Mason this week with a car of hogs which he shipped to San Antonio.—Llano News.

M. H. Aker has sold his 200 acre farm to Louis Schuessler for \$887. Mr. Aker and family will go to Big Springs in a few weeks.

Mrs. Chas. Grote, who has been ill with slow fever, is improving.

Howard Smith returned Wednesday night from a visit to relatives in Upsher county.

P. C. Baird last week sold the Albersson ranch to John Eckert for \$3800 cash.

Tom, the little son of J. W. White, is quite sick.

Otto Evers brought up 6 deer from Fredericksburg for J. W. White's park.

Thomas To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt, a boy on the 5th.

A sister of Mrs. Will Groff died in Ft. Worth a few days ago, leaving 3 small children.

Ed Smith has bought the place of Mr. Schwending near Streeter, paying \$33,000.

Otto Evers is here from Fredericksburg to work for Schuessler & Kothmann for a time.

Mr. Seveening, an aged citizen of the Streeter country, is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schuessler of Bristol were in late city Saturday shopping.

H. C. Boyd has sold his watch repairing business, tools and stock to C. Holmberg.

Mrs. J. F. Schaeg and little daughter, Mary, have been laid up with the grip this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saunders and little daughter Dorothy Nell spent the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth visiting in the home of Mr. Saunders' sister, Mrs. L. L. Snow.

Mrs. Alger Melton and little daughter, Ruth, returned to their home in Chickasha, Okla., Friday, after a weeks visit with Mrs. Bertha Todd.

Max Martin and mother, Mrs. Anna Martin, spent a few days the past week in San Antonio. Mrs. Max Martin returned home with them, after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Thad C. Ziegler.

Ram Pamga (Filipino Quartet) at Auditorium, Wednesday night, Jan. 23.

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(By Phoebe K. Warner)

Time to take stock. Every business man in this country is looking over his books and shelves this week. What for? To balance up his profits and losses. He is looking over his stock to see what is gone and what is left over. What has been in demand and what has been a drag on his hands. He is trying to discover whether his business has been a success or a failure the past year and if possible detect the reason for his success or failure. He is looking for the leaks in his business, and planning ways to stop them. He is looking for the weak places in his business and planning ways to strengthen them. And he is looking for the strong places in his business and planning ways to increase their strength another year. In making his new orders for goods he will double the orders for those things the people seem to want and cut out the orders for the things left over.

A business is so human. It is just like studying a character. And what would become of a man's business if he did not take this annual invoice of his stock? How would he know whether he was advancing or going backward. Everybody ought to invoice their business once a year at least to find out where they are "at." It would be a good thing for the world if every institution were invoiced every year in some form that we might all find out whether we are moving forward or backward.

Don't you believe if the schools of Texas had been invoiced ten years ago that we would be farther along today than we are? But let us rejoice that they are to be invoiced this year. It is a lot better than never and will result in more education in Texas in the next ten years than has been done in the last twenty-five years. Certainly a lot of communities will begin to work over their schools when the leaks and weak places and the profit and loss in education is revealed to them.

And how about the church to which you belong in your home community? Is it any stronger or better than it was a year ago. Has it gained or lost in influence. Has it added anything new and interesting to its store of spiritual supplies or is it trying to sell the same kind of religion to the people it did fifty years ago? The old-time religion may be good enough for you but is it holding the youth of your community. Is it meeting the religious demands of the youth of this day? There are a lot of new inventions in the form of temptations today that we older folks did not have to resist in our day. Is the church of today inventing any new attractions to counteract the new temptations with the old-fashioned antidotes for sin? Well, if you are you will likely learn that like every other antidote they lost their effect in time. Things must advance if we are going to keep up with the old world, for the world is surely on the go.

How about our homes. Have you invoiced your home? Is it any better than it was a year ago? How many of us have done ONE thing to improve our business of home making this past year. If you paid no more attention to your business than you have to your home the past year if you never invoiced your business to see what condition it is in any more than you have your home how long do you suppose it would last. Have there been any leaks in the management of your home affairs this past year? Are there any weak places that ought to be patched up? Is there any system or order to your business of home making? When you stop and think of how little business sense is practiced in the manage-

COMPENSATION

To be loved one must love. One cannot give away anything without receiving something else in return. Every act of kindness brings its own reward. It is simply impossible for one to lose anything by doing good deeds for others. All things in this world are precisely regulated by the Law of Compensation, and under this law every person is assured of absolute justice.

The employer or proprietor who is treating his workers rightly will have no grounds for complaint—the more acts of kindness which he confers upon them the greater shall be his compensation. This statement may be proven by studying the progress of any of the well-known printing and publishing firms that are doing real welfare work among their employees. Have you ever heard of such a firm failing in business?

On the other hand, the laborer who works earnestly and honestly and faithfully for the advancement of his employer's interest, is bound to acquire substantial compensation. While he is studying and learning to better his master's business he is of course, adding to his own store of knowledge, and even were his employer to fail in giving the worker suitable rewards for his faithful service, still the worker would gain in some way.

The great majority of working people seem to be under the impression that the only compensation worthy of consideration is a substantial increase of wages. The raise in pay is all right, and in most cases it is needed, but money is not the only form of compensation. Do your work well and if you do it better than the average fellow you will not find it essential to ask for a "raise."

Says Ralph Waldo Emerson: "What will you have? Good? God: pay for it and take it.—Nothing venture, nothing have.—Thou shalt be paid exactly for what thou hast done, no more, no less."—Printers' Album.

The Bigham home in Menard, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The origin is undetermined.

ment of our homes the wonder is not that so many go to pieces on the domestic rocks. But there are higher laws than business laws or any other human laws that hold homes together. A home will hang together longer than anything else when everything goes wrong. There is a difference in the partnership in the home from that of a business partnership. That's why.

But how about yourself? Every one of us is a kind of business concern of ourself. How about YOU? Have you looked into your life at the beginning of this new year to see if your life last year was a success or failure? Have you advanced any in the business of being a man or woman? Are you a stronger man than you were a year ago? Are you better equipped for life's duties. Have you gained anything intellectually or socially or spiritually or have you lost in the business of living during the year 1923? How about your human assets? Have they increased or decreased in the last twelve months? Have you added any new friends in the past year to your list? Friends are one of the finest assets in this life. Have you gained or lost in form of wealth? Are our ideas up to date and in demand or do you find your ideas of things are mostly left on the shelf when things are to be done? If they are, maybe your stock of ideas is shelf-worn. If they are you will be forced to sell your ideas to the people at a reduction. Or you may be forced to scrap the whole lot. The world is looking for new things in the form of ideas the same as clothes or automobiles. How about the leaks in your business of living? How many opportunities to improve your business of living did you let slip this last year, never to regain them? Or at least you will never be able to get the time back. How about the weak places in your business of living? Do you know your own weak places? Have you ever tried to build them up? Have you ever studied yourself enough to really know your best points? Do you really KNOW yourself? Do you know your own history and the history of your own origin? Have you ever tried hard to manage your own business of living? Most of us spend a great deal more time studying other people and their weaknesses than we do ourselves and our own. Most of us seem to know more about other people than we do about ourselves. If you will only take the time this year to make an intensive study of yourself you will be surprised how much better the rest of the world will look to you by this time next year.

ADJUSTMENT MADE ON LOSSES IN MAYHEW FIRE WITH EXCEPTION OF COLD STORAGE PLANT

Satisfactory adjustment of losses resulting from the Mayhew Produce Co. fire on the night of December 14th has been made by the insurance companies, with the exception of that incurred in the Mayhew Company's cold storage plant. Inspection of the plant has been made by insurance representatives, but report on their investigations has not yet been made.

Those included in the insurance adjustments are the following:

Mayhew Produce Co. stock and fixtures.

Crothers and Savage, building.

Brady Auto Co. plate glass windows.

G. C. Kirk, damage to dry-cleaning plant.

While the Mayhew Company has fully determined to rebuild and to reestablish their business upon a greater and more complete scale than ever, yet their plans have not as yet matured to the point where anything definite can be given out. The plans of Crothers and Savage for replacing the destroyed building are also being held up awaiting decision as to the type and character of building to be constructed. Both companies expect to arrive at a decision within the next few weeks, and Brady is assured of ultimate benefit in the improved business building and business institution arising from the ashes.—Brady Standard.

PASSING THE HAT

"Passing the hat, passing the hat! Someone forever gets busy at that! Oh, it seems useless to struggle and strain, all our endeavor is hopeless and vain when we have gathered a small slender roll, hoping to lay in some cordwood or coal, hoping to purchase some flour and some spuds, hoping to pay for the ready-made duds, hoping to purchase a home for the cat, someone comes cheerfully passing the hat! Passing the hat that the bums may be warm passing the hat for some noble reform, passing the hat for the fellows who fall, passing the hat to remodel the jail, passing the hat for this or for that, someone forever is passing the hat! Dig up your bundle and hand out your roll—if you don't give you are lacking a soul! What if the feet of your children are bare? What if your wife has no coat to wear? What if your grating is weeping for shoes? What if your granddaddy's demands? Some will laugh at such logic as that, someone who's merrily passing the hat! Passing the hat, passing the hat! Someone forever is doing that!—Walt Mason.

*M'C*N* WOMEN WHO WAIT

Women, from the beginning of time and the beginning of man's life, have been waitresses.

The female savage waited on her husband.

The mother waits for the son to be born, and then waits while the little gasping thing is washed off to give him his first food.

Then waits to put him to bed and get up and send him to school.

Patent waiting is woman's lot—waiting, as a stenographer, for the dictating of the dull, humming and having employer; waiting for some man to propose; then waiting for him to come home at night, and perhaps waiting for jury to give her a divorce.

It is a lot of dull waiting, and we say earnestly for women, who Lord Clive said of himself: "We are astonished at her moderation."—For: Worth Record.

*M'C*N* Ram Panga (Filipino Quartet) at Auditorium, Wednesday night, Jan. 23.

Chas. E. Baughman, of Brownwood, State Commissioner of Warehouses and Markets, is the 13th candidate to announce for Governor of Texas.

Mrs. Earl Tracy and daughter, Marie, spent a part of the holidays with relatives in San Antonio.—Junction Eagle.

Mrs. H. L. Brady received an announcement of the marriage of her sister, Miss Hattie Quick, to Mr. William Norwood Garnett on Friday morning, December 28, at Dripping Springs.

Miss Quick, during her short visit in Mason made many friends and we wish both of the newly weds much happiness during a long and pleasant married life.

The News is equipped to do any and all kinds of commercial, legal or social printing. Let us figure with you on all problems concerning printing.



THAT ARE FRESH AND PROVIDE THE WHOLESOME NOURISHMENT EVERY HOUSEWIFE WANTS IN THE FOODS SHE PREPARES.

WE CARRY THE MOST COMPLETE LINE OF VEGETABLES AND FRUITS TO BE FOUND IN MASON. ALSO A WELL SELECTED LINE OF PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. WE SLICE YOUR MEAT ACCORDING TO YOUR DESIRES WITH OUR NEW SLICING MACHINE AT NO EXTRA CHARGE PER POUND.

'PHONE 80

J. J. JOHNSON

READY FOR BUSINESS

We wish to announce we have opened a tinning and plumbing business on the west side of the public square and are now ready for business in our line.

We do all kinds of sheet metal work and windmill repair and plumbing work. Will appreciate an opportunity to serve you when in need of anything in our line.

DOELL BROS.

CHAS. DOELL HENDERSON DOELL

Ask Your Dealer For

HOME GROUND CORN MEAL

We grind meal any day of the week. You don't have to wait until Saturday to have your corn ground.

Mason Ice & Power Co.

BEST—BEST—BEST
WHAT—WHAT—WHAT
GUESS—GUESS—GUESS

WHITE GLORY—WHITE GLORY
GLORY—GLORY—GLORY

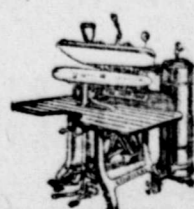
Meet White Glory at J. A. Beach's Feed Store and M. T. Looney's Store. She represents the best quality of Missouri high grade wheat flour. The delicious biscuit, cakes, rolls and bread made from White Glory Flour. Will please the little folks as well as the grown ups.

A BUSINESS ASSET

The proper cleaning of your fall and winter clothing gives you that feeling of dignity and self-respect which induces efficiency in business.

Cleaning of: Men's Suits \$1.50
Overcoats \$1.50 up Ladies' Suits \$1.50 up

ROY E. DOELL
WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER



After Stock Taking Clearance Sale

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|---|--------|--|--------|
| 143 Pair High Heel, High Top Shoes, value up to \$13.50..... | \$1.00 | 12 Boys School Suits, mostly large sizes, values up to \$8.50..... | \$2.75 |
| 80 Pair Ladies Pumps and Oxfords in Gray, Brown and Patent Leather, values to \$7.50..... | \$3.75 | 10 Boys Corderoy Suits, worth..... | \$5.00 |
| 20 Ladies Silk Blouses, values up to..... | \$7.50 | 25 Men's Hats, values up to..... | \$2.75 |

Ho. mann Dry Goods Co.

TWENTY TESTS OF A GOOD FARMER

1. Is your farm operated with the definite determination to make the land richer each year?
2. Is yours a rotating, diversifying, "live-at-home" farm, giving proper attention not only to diversified farm crops, but also to live stock, poultry, and dairy products?
3. Are you using modern plows, cultivators, etc., which require cheap horse labor rather than too much highly expensive human labor in making crops?
4. Do you as far as possible have something to turn under for soil improvement before each crop planting?
5. Do you practice deep breaking followed by shallow and level cultivation?
6. On your farm are you making proper use of legume-cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans, clovers, vetch, and alfalfa—both for enriching land and for cheap hay?
7. Is there a constant effort to have well shaped fields, free both of gullies, and of ragged, uneven sprouty corners?
8. Do you cut and shock your corn instead of practicing the old labor-wasting corn-yield reducing, folly of fodder-pulling?
9. Are you doing your part in the great movement that promises a new era for farmers through business-like co-operation in buying and selling?
10. Have you joined the ranks of the progressive farmers whose houses are palatial—both for reasons of beauty and as a preservation of expensive lumber?
11. Are you reading farmer—not only reading newspapers, but bulletins, books and papers that deal especially with the great business of farming?
12. Is the farm house, as well as the farm itself, equipped with modern conveniences—a good range, fireless cooker, washing machine, running water, a modern lighting system, etc.?
13. Does your farm use none but well selected seed for the main crops planted?
14. Do you go ahead and do all your farm work when it ought to be done regardless of any old superstitions about the moon or the signs of the zodiac?
15. Do you ask for the help of your county demonstration agent in trying to get your farming on the most profitable and businesslike basis?
16. Are you giving your children the best education it is practicable to give them?
17. Are you trying to make your community a better place to live in and to encourage your neighbors in the adoption of progressive methods and ideas?
18. Are you giving your home a proper and beautiful setting of grass, trees and shrubbery, and have you provided good, well-cared-for pastures for your cattle, hogs and horses?
19. Do you feel real pride in the profession of farming, dignifying it by trying to make it a genuine art or science, honoring its leaders, and seeking its permanent advancement that looks to its enrichment and improvement?
20. Do you have a sense of responsibility to God for the use you make of His soil, realizing that we are indeed "tenants of the Almighty," commissioned by Him "to dress and to keep" whatever part of His footstool is committed to us for a lifetime?—The Progressive Farmer.

When you keep money out of bank you take all the chances. When you keep it in our bank you take no chances.

MASON NATIONAL BANK

LET US FILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Your physician has complete confidence in our drugs, due to the fact, that we use only the highest quality drugs possible of manufacture. Your prescription is filled exactly as your doctor writes it. We do not substitute. Give us a trial and convince yourself.

A complete line of drug sundries, toilet articles, stationery, school supplies and confectations. Everything a drug store should be. You will find us eager to please you, earnest to serve you, and thankful for your business.

SUNSHINE DRUG CO.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congressional	\$15.00
District	\$10.00
County	\$ 7.50
Preinct	\$ 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 7-12 cents 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:

ALLEN MURRAY.

For County Treasurer:

S. J. THORNE.

Raw Panga (Filipino Quartet) at Auditorium, Wednesday night, Jan. 23.

FOR SALE

We have one Ford Ton Truck, good condition also several good used Ford Cars. Come in and look them over.
L. F. ECKERT

Uncle John's Joke

THE BASS DRUM SURE DOES COVER UP A LOT O' MISTAKES THE REST O' THE BAND MAKES!



Co-operation

Farmer Boy (craggating from old gray mare): "One of them city boarders has just hung himself down there in the woods."

Father: "He has? Did you cut him down?"

Farm Boy: "I guess not. He wasn't dead yet."

Oh, That's Different!

Fearful One: "Well, believe me, I never want to get down and out."

Liberal Lion: "Don't be too sure of that. Suppose you were up in an airplane?"

News in Brief

The Stork delivered a fine baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Buzzard one day last week.—Summerville (W. Va.) Chronicle.

The Business Builder

Aunt: "Bobby—Bobby, remember, I gave you a penny to be still yesterday." Bobby: "Yes, auntie, but this is today, and I am just showing you that you got your money's worth yesterday."

Not So Positive as Negative

Heebee: "Was her answer to your proposal positive?"

Jeetee: "Yes."

Heebee: "What was it?"

Jeetee: "Negative."

The Parrot Brand

Salesman: "Yes, sirc, our line speaks for itself."

Bored Customer: "All right. Suppose that you keep still for a few minutes and give it a chance."

Picking His Pals

Mother: "Harold, stop using such awful language."

Harold: "Well, mom, Shakespeare uses it."

Mother: "Well, then, don't play with that naughty Shakespeare boy any more."

Beneath It All

A boy stood by the roadside near and overturned load of hay. A neighboring farmer, noticed his predicament, and as it was dinner time, invited him to eat, explaining that they would take care of the hay afterwards.

The boy hesitated, but finally accepted.

During the meal the boy was very nervous and several times said that his father wouldn't like it. On being urged to give the reason for his father's objection, he said:

"Well, you see, dad is under the load of hay."

Such a Relief

The chronic borrower met the well known tight wad.

"Oh," said the C. B., "I need five

* CHURCH NOTICES *

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

The Presiding Elder will preach at Mason Friday night at 7:30, and will hold a business session Saturday at 2 p. m.

Preaching at Bethel Saturday night, and at Mason again Sunday at 11 a. m. G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

Rev. D. G. Hardt will preach at Mason Sunday at 11 o'clock, at Streeter at 2:30 p. m. and at Long Mountain at night.

CATHOLIC

Services every first Sunday.

Mass at 10 a. m.

Sunday School from 2 to 3 p. m.

Rosary, Sermon, Benediction from 3 to 4 p. m.

Any question concerning Catholic Church or its teachings will be courteously answered at the afternoon services.

Everybody welcome.

JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Pluenneke, Supt.

Services every Sunday at 11 a. m.

and 8:00 p. m. (except 4th Sunday at 11 a. m.)

Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 p. m.

English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.

REV. J. W. A. WETT, Pastor.

If you know of some news item that would interest News readers, please phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do our best to get the particulars.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

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

A. P. Polk.....	1.50
Mrs. Bertha Todd.....	1.50
Wm. Koock.....	1.50
Pete Jordan.....	1.50
R. A. Howard.....	1.50
Rev. M. D. Robertson.....	1.50
J. A. Schuessler.....	1.50
Hugh Green.....	.75
J. H. McLean.....	1.50
Dan Ellebracht.....	1.50
Elgin O. Kothmann.....	1.50
Rex Iavelle.....	1.50
H. G. Saunders.....	1.50
J. D. Woodward.....	1.50
F. W. Leifeste.....	1.50
Louis G. Eckert.....	1.50
J. C. Kelso.....	1.50
Harry Bierschwale.....	1.50
Mrs. W. H. Wright.....	1.50
J. E. Lang.....	1.50
Mrs. Con. Leifeste.....	1.50
R. N. Sanders, Sr.....	1.50
Herman Ischar.....	1.50
Mrs. P. W. Parker.....	2.25
Mrs. Bessie Wheeler.....	.75
Eugene Ischar.....	1.75
Miss Minnie Bickenbach.....	1.50
S. J. Thorne.....	1.50

dollars the worst way, and I haven't the least idea where I will get it." "Fine," snapped the w. k. t. w., "for a minute I thought you thought you could borrow it from me."

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FIRST STATE BANK OF MASON, TEXAS

You are hereby advised that the annual meeting of the stock holders and directors of the First State Bank will be held at the banking house in Mason on the second Wednesday in January, same being the 9th day of January, 1924 at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business will be transacted as will properly come before the meeting.

You are urgently requested to be present, but should you find you are unable to attend, kindly authorize some person to act in your stead.

Yours very truly,
W. E. JORDAN, Cashier.

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KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE CO.
THE SUCCESSFUL WESTERN COMPANY
O. A. HENSCH
District Manager

DR. J. W. YANCEY
Dentist
Fredericksburg, Texas
BILL'S MARKET
W. F. BICKENBACH, Prop.
Choice Meats, Packing House Products, Etc.
One Door west of Johnson with Home Bakery

DR. G. L. MCCOLLUM
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
OFFICE OVER OWL DRUG STORE

Lamar Thaxton
LAWYER
Upstairs in Ranck Bldg.
MASON - TEXAS

Ernest Jordan Meat Market
One door north Larimore & Grote's Store. Will appreciate a portion of your trade.
CHOICE MEATS, CORN, SAUSAGE, PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS, BREAD, ETC.

The City Meat Market & Bakery
W. A. ZESCH & SON Props.
Located in the Bridges Building, one door east of Louis Schmidt's Store

SCHLAUDT & CO' MARKET
CHOICE MEATS ALWAYS ON HAND—BEEF, PORK, SAUSAGE HANDLE PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. ONE DOOR WEST MASON NATIONAL BANK

You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday nights. Show starts at 7:15 o'clock.

High grade silk hose for ladies, at Frank Clark's Tailor Shop. 37

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

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
31-1f J. J. JOHNSON.

New hats and caps just received at the Frank Clark Tailor Shop. Call to see our line. 31-1fc

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 131f

We carry a good stock of fine bond papers at all times, but have sample cabinets which enable us to show you anything in the paper line on a moment's notice and if not in stock, will get it for you in a few days' time. THE NEWS OFFICE.

Society

Annual Report W. M. S.

Another year's work has just been recorded of the Woman's Missionary Society. Can we say it has been one "well done", or must we look back with regret and sorrow over the recorded pages? However, we shall take a look at what we have done, and draw our own conclusions. I hope we have all, at least, grown in faith, prayer and service.

One phase of our work is to enlist women, young people, and children in the study of the needs of the world and in active Missionary Service. We have done this in a measure, I'm sure. Our monthly programs have shown us many needs of the world, and our study of Handicapped Winners and "The Trend of the Races" have brought us a more friendly feeling toward our "Black Brothers".

We had fourteen subscribers to the Missionary Voice, which is the official paper of the Woman's Council.

Another phase is, of raising funds for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Council. Of course, our dues and pledges go for such purposes, but we often have other calls for help which makes us find other means of obtaining same. This year we only had one dinner and one bazaar, but often it meant some privation or sacrifice, or some pretty good scheming on our part to find funds for the various demands.

Our dues this year amounted to \$77. Conference expenses, \$19.40; pledge, \$49. Total sent to conference treasurer \$146.40. The week of prayer money, \$13.82. We paid our remaining \$25 to the dormitory fund.

The superintendent of supplies has been kept quite busy sending boxes to various institutions. To the S. A. Mission Home and Training School we have sent boxes valued at a total of \$53.

Our little girl, Lorene Walsh, at Waco, has received boxes of clothing valued at \$73, and a Christmas box containing a violin, cakes, candies, nuts, etc., valued at \$20.50. We also furnished a bed at the Methodist Home, it amounting to \$25. Total amount sent away from here, \$346.72.

We entertained the ladies of the various churches of Mason with a program Tuesday afternoon, November 13, 1923, same being our week of prayer program. A pleasant social time was enjoyed.

In February, 1923, our local bank balance was \$232.83. It now is about \$100. We have spent locally something like \$283.99. We do not feel badly over our balance, but instead, rather proud of the work accomplished. At least the biggest part of this has been spent to make more convenient and beautiful our parsonage. A small amount was spent for some little token to the sick and shut ins; the rest for just little expenses.

Our superintendent of social service gave us quite a few helpful suggestions on the betterment of civic and social conditions, this being the 3rd phase of our work. The conditions suggested can bet be remedied when each member assumes the responsibility of a clean and better town. We helped two needy families of our town, one by buying new clothes for the children; the other, in various ways, in clothing, assisting with the sick, etc. Total number of visits to the sick, 42; fruit sent to 8; lunches for 9; flowers to 12; also 3 floral offerings to funerals.

The children have done good work, too, in spite of being handicapped by losing their good leader, Mrs. Banks. I took charge in June, and must say, I was very ignorant concerning their work, but made an earnest endeavor to keep them going until Mrs. Banks could again take charge. There are something like 20 members. We had good attendance, interesting programs and a pleasant time socially. During the summer we had several outdoor picnics, after cooler weather set in, we had indoor parties.

An efficient corps of officers have been elected. There are about thirty-six loyal members. There is no cause why we should not make 1924 the best year that shall ever be recorded in the annals of the Woman's Missionary Society.

MRS. WM. SPLITTGERBER, Supt. of Study and Publicity, W. M. S.

Harold Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt, of the Peters Prairie community, is reported to be in a critical condition at the local sanitarium.

Woman's Missionary Society Met

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Tom White Tuesday afternoon, January 8th, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. White was assisted by her mother, Mrs. M. F. Carter.

The Subject, "The New Day In Brazil" was ably discussed by Mrs. Allen Murray.

Rev. G. T. Gibbons acted as leader and explained so simply and interesting our Bible Lesson, taken from Is.

Mrs. Holmes King's reading was enjoyable.

Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber gave a good report of the year's work, a copy of which appears in this issue of the News.

The following officers were installed by Bro. Gibbons:

President, Mrs. Rob't. W. Hofmann; first vice-president, Mrs. G. T. Gibbons; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Allen T. Murray; recording secretary, Mrs. Jim Brown; conference treasurer, Mrs. Will Land; local treasurer, Mrs. Ben Jordan; superintendent, Mrs. Ed Smith; superintendent of social service, Mrs. Holmes King; superintendent of study and publicity, Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber, agent for Voice, Mrs. John Starks.

A delicious salad course was served by the following members: Mmes. M. F. Carter, Tom White, Will Land, Wm. Splittgerber, Ed Smith, Robt. Hofmann, E. W. Schroeder, S. A. McCollum, Jim Brown, Ben Jordan, E. M. Bratton, Allen Murray, D. F. Lehmann, Ben King, John Banks, Holmes King, Nora King, S. C. Brockman, Eli Jordan, Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Gibbons; guests, Mmes. John Gamel, John Lindsay, Hy. Saunders, and Miss Betsy White.

New Year's Dinner

Mrs. Belle Bridges had as her New Year dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Baze, Mrs. Jennie Williams, Mrs. Louie C. Loring, Mrs. A. L. L. Strickland; Misses Maybelle Loring, Elizabeth White, Albert Bierschwaie and J. W. White, Jr.

Stag Dinner

Mrs. Sterling Schmidt entertained Sunday evening with a six o'clock stag dinner, honoring her husband, it being his twenty-fifth birthday anniversary. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Schmidt, included Sterling Schmidt, Seth L. Baze, William Splittgerber, Ben Grote, Fr. Schmidt, Kemsy Shearer, Leon Mayo and Hugh Shearer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Eckert had as their dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Lumburg and sons, Crawford Homer and Wilburn, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Plunnecke and children, Dan, Henry and Ruby Louise, and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Runge and little daughter, Harriett.

"BACHELOR DADDY" WILL NOT COME TO STAR THIS WEEK

Otto Schmidt, manager of the Star Theater announces that the "Bachelor Daddy" which has been advertised to appear at the Star Opera House on Saturday night of this week, will not be shown, but "The Miracle Man" will be screened instead.

Mr. Schmidt said a letter from the company, stated the reels were in such bad condition that they did not deem it advisable to send the picture out. More than likely the picture will be shown here on February 7th and 9th.

There will be no picture show next week, as Copeland Brothers will be playing at the Star Opera House.

Call to American Legion Members

The News has been requested by Arch Reichenau to notify the members of the Fort Mason Post of American Legion that a meeting is called for next Tuesday night, and members are urged to be present, as some important business is to be brought up.

B. Y. P. U.

Some few Sundays ago, the B. Y. P. U., an organization for young people, was organized at the Baptist church. The following officers were elected: President, Coralea Thasley; vice-president, L. D. Fostel; secretary, Alton Clark; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Lucille Baker; pianist, Dora Jenkins; Bible readers, leaders, Miss Lois Reeves; group captains, Jack Garrett and Alvia Beach.

We meet every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Baptist church and we would like for all young people to come and join.

The following program will be carried out Sunday, January 13th:

Song No. 215.
Prayer.
Business and reports of committee.
Bible on Daily Bible Readings, Miss Lois Reeves.

Introduction and Outline, Stanley Sanders.

A Look at Life's Seemingly Inequalities, Lucille Baker.

A Character—the wicked, Ella Mae Metzger.

Comfort for the Christian, Dan Hering.

Special Music, Ruby Jordan and Sarah Kirkpatrick.

Walk and not faint, Dora Jenkins.

Two Great Tendencies of today, Ella Doell.

Manhood or Money—Which, Willie Mae Bickenbach.

Talk by pastor.

Song No. 237.
Prayer.

Patients in Sanitarium

The names of the following persons were reported to the News this morning as being patients in the local sanitarium: Mmes. L. C. Probst, Taylor, Miss Eastmann, and Harold Schmidt.

Mrs. Louie C. Loring and daughters, Anna and Maybelle had as their guests last Wednesday evening, Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, Mrs. Alger Melton and little Miss Ruth Melton, of Chickasha, Okla.

THE FLIGHT OF TIME

FOR centuries it has been the custom, at least among northern nations, "to see the old year out and the new year in, with the highest demonstrations of merriment and conviviality. To but a few does it seem to occur that the day is a memorandum of the subtraction of another year from the little sum of life."

This old writer here quoted, goes on to say: "With the multitude, the top feeling is a desire to express good wishes for the next twelve months' experience of their friends, and be the subject of similar benevolence on the part of others, and to see this interchange of cordial feeling take place, as far as possible in festive circumstances."

The poet Longfellow, in one of his prose works, has given advice as to the attitude to take respecting the flight of time of which all are so forcibly reminded by New Year's day. He writes:

"Look not mournfully into the past, it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present, it is thine. And go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart."

CANDY DONBONS

Into the white of one egg, beaten lightly, mix powdered sugar until stiff. Add very strong black coffee to flavor and slightly color. Drop in a few halves or quarters of walnut meats one at a time. Drop from a fork onto paper. Leave to dry over night.

ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER

"I hate, you know, to have you go. You've been a blessed good year to me. Next year will do the right thing, too? Well, we shall see what we shall see."

Let your next year be a Gate's Super-Tread. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 131f

LOOK
TOBY IS COMING TO TOWN
MASON
ONE WEEK, STARTING
MONDAY, JANUARY 14
COPELAND BROTHERS AND THEIR SPLENDID COMPANY
20 People 20
PRESENTING ALL NEW PLAYS
POLITE VAUDEVILLE—DELIGHTFUL MUSIC
THE FOUR COPELANDS COMEDY
QUARTETTE
GRADY STAPP'S JAZZ ORCHESTRA
At Star Theatre
Ladies FREE on Monday night when with escort holding
Paid Adult Ticket

REPORT OF DELEGATE FROM MASON TO TEACHERS MEETING

Below is reproduced the report of Mrs. Eloise H. Lawson, who recently attended the meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Ft. Worth.

First I want to thank the club for the opportunity given me to meet and hear the splendid speakers while in Ft. Worth. I derived a great amount of good from being in such close contact with so many of the best of 8000 teachers were present.

Thursday I stayed in the Texas Hotel in the hope that I might meet some one I knew and while I met no few people who were friends of my friends, yet I was disappointed in not seeing some one I had an old friend or acquaintance among the 8,000 people.

Thursday night I had the pleasure of hearing a program of excellent speakers. Dr. Norris, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ft. Worth gave the invocation, then a sing song by Sam Losh, singing old songs dear to the hearts of Americans, the South and Texas.

The welcome address was given by Mayor Cockrell of Ft. Worth and responded to by Miss Harrington of El Paso. I am sorry to say I heard not a word Miss Harrington said as she spoke so very low; however, I am sure it was alright, as she was heartily applauded.

Dr. Fletcher Harper Swift of the University of Minnesota, spoke on Sound Methods of School Finance As A Means of Equalizing Educational Opportunity in Texas. His lecture was illustrated with slides and was right to the point, showing how far down the line Texas was in education. He stated that without equality of Educational Opportunity there can be no permanent democracy. Texas must face the question, She must give her children at least an average chance. If she does she must find ways and means of overcoming present conditions relative to school attendance, length of school year and quality of instruction.

For more than a quarter of a century, educational leaders had tried to awaken the United States to the inadequacy of its educational provisions but it was not until the American Army officers found it necessary to have their sons in American privates shouted in their own languages, that America awoke to the fact that thousands of her adult citizens could not read a single word of the language of their adopted country. The first draft showed a gross illiteracy in the United States between the ages of 21 and 31 years of age, and that 29 per cent of the men could not read for military service.

In the United States alone out of every one hundred children between the ages of 7 and 13 are not in school. In Texas 16 out of every 100 children of the school age are not in school. The average school year in the United States is 8 months. In Texas it is 6 months and 2 days. Our teachers are underpaid, especially in the rural districts. An underpaid teacher with no equipment with which to work cannot get as good results as an efficient teacher well paid to teach a well equipped school. This of course most of us know, and that is why we have worked so hard to get this new school building and are now working to equip same.

The next speaker, Miss Percy Pennybacker, whom I have personally met quite a number of times and who is one of the greatest and most cultured women the State of Texas has ever produced, spoke on, "How a Teacher Can Mould Public Opinion in the Interest of Our Efficient System of Public Education". The applause that greeted her as she stepped to the front of the platform to speak was unequalled by any that evening and it spoke the deep regard the teachers and people of Texas had for this splendid woman.

"Indifference to Suffrage franchise and the injection into politics of 'bitter and bitter invective' instead of reason and judgment were scored by Miss Pennybacker in asking that the teachers aid in moulding public opinion, one thing that struck me particularly in her talk was this, 'Don't be afraid to give your opinion on any subject of vital importance to your community, state or country. Sometimes you might be wrong but have an opinion of your own; don't borrow it'. Also the young people of America, she said, as a rule, lacked that reverence for those in authority, for those in official positions. This she said was usually due to the fact that older people set the example. For instance Mothers and fathers talk about the teachers of their children in a derogatory way before the children

and tend to destroy the respect of the child for that teacher.

She ended her talk in a splendid appeal for World Peace: "How we women and mothers know the great need of this especially those of us who had lost a loved one in the late war."

We next heard the Hon. Harry Rogers of San Antonio on the relation of our business interests and our educational interests.

Each interest he stated was dependent upon the other and co-operation between them was absolutely necessary, for our state to reap the greatest benefit. Is not the cause of education interested in seeing that the one and a quarter million children are turned back into the business world educated? It is time for the business man and the educator to sit down in a friendly and sympathetic way and see if anyone is shaking in this most important matter of doing the best thing for the greatest number.

Friday was devoted to the different sessions and of course, I attended that of the Parent-Teachers Associations.

This meeting was conducted by Mrs. S. N. M. Marris. I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Mrs. Marris also.

Our program called for Dr. Claxton as first speaker of the day but as he was busy at another session did not reach our meeting place.

Dr. Peterson, Health Director of Cleveland, Ohio, spoke on Parent Teachers Association and Child Health. Mothers, he said, should educate themselves on child hygiene for the good of their children's health. Women who had not studied for years, took a course in Child Hygiene and had facts brought before them that heretofore they had not given even a thought. Also, the power of the Parent-Teachers Association lies in the fact that it is a neighborhood organization and creates sentiment to back up the superintendent in that which he wants to do or on the other hand can make the superintendent do what we as an organization want him to do. He stated that the thing for mothers to do was to safeguard themselves with knowledge, to get the professional attitude as well as the personal view before we started to rear things up. Our Organization could create and mould public sentiment; that is intelligent sentiment, otherwise there would be harm done.

Miss Stitzler, of the University of Texas, spoke on "Play in Education". Her talk was short but to the point. She stated, as we all know, that it was as necessary for a child to have the proper play at the proper time as for him to have the proper food at the proper time. Unsupervised leisure time of children was a crime of the present age. We should give valuable activities to our children at leisure hours. How many of you ever really play with your children. Most of us say, "run along, my dear, mother is busy now." Stop your work for a few minutes; play with your children. 'twill make you younger and at the same time broaden your view of others. She gave us the names of the following books on play that will be helpful to all of us: "Play in Education", by Jos. Lee; "Education Through Play by Games", by Johnson and Curtis; "Play and Recreation in the Open Country".

Miss Stolzafz then had us play several games. A sneezing game, and Simon Say Wig Wag and these caused a great deal of amusement.

Dr. Owen Lovejoy, General Secretary of National Child Labor Commission next addressed us on that important question of the day, "Child Labor and Compulsory Education". He urged that every mother help to her utmost in the passing of the amendment to the Constitution dealing with child labor. He held that child labor was a sin against the human race. We as a people thought more of the almighty dollar than of the future of our children. He told a funny story about a country school teacher asking her class to tell what was the greatest hardship Abraham Lincoln had to contend with to acquire his education. One little fellow said "splitting rails"; another said, "studying by a fire", etc. She closed her book in disgust and said, "children, it's plain to be seen that you have studied the lesson. Take it over for tomorrow, 'twas poverty"—so you see, even some, a very few, of our teachers consider the dollar as a greater necessity than other knowledge.

Our next address, was, to me, one of great importance, for if you will allow me to express my personal opinion, no school is complete without a musical course in its curriculum.

Miss Jaceord, State Chairman of Children's Music, Texas Congress of Mothers & P. T. A. spoke on music for children.

Music, she said, to begin the day, helped of course, but to study the song you sang, to know the composer of same, something of their life, was as necessary as to know good literature in the same way. Music created a kindly feeling in the heart of a child.

Talent, she said, was not necessary for the study of music. Every school should have an Edison or Victrola and give concerts on same and acquaint the children with the better class of music. This, of course, in schools that do not have a paid music instructor.

Her daughter then sang for us, the Content of Mothers song in her rich contralto voice.

Could you have seen and heard the cantata Friday night, directed by Miss Lockheed and composed of 200 boys between the ages of 10 and 12 years, you would readily have seen how great was the value of music for children.

Our next address was given by Mrs. Kirk Hall of Dallas, a member of the Dallas school board, also a mother and grandmother. I had the pleasure also of meeting Mrs. Hall and found her a charming woman, well informed on all matters pertaining to her children and grandchildren and the schools and full of her subject. She had only one fault; she could omit me. Because she was a member of the school board and the only lady on same she wanted us to know she was a mother first, and children was the best method of developing parents; parents meet and know parents and teachers.

She said so many children were getting more of the school than out of their home. A great many mothers were glad when their children were in school as it took them out of their way. This was a sad state of affairs she said and should be corrected. Raising money was a very important factor of the Association, but a minor one compared to other duties.

Parent-Teachers Association could assist the school board in many ways, especially in the selection of teachers. She did not mean that they should dictate to the board, but give their opinion as a club or as individual members of the club regarding certain features of teaching methods as they see them, while visiting the school—not by here.

Sometimes the board (please remember she was a member of the school board) could make mistakes as well as anyone else and sometimes they were afraid of the Parent-Teachers Association, but I will say for Mason we have a set of brave and fearless men on our school board.

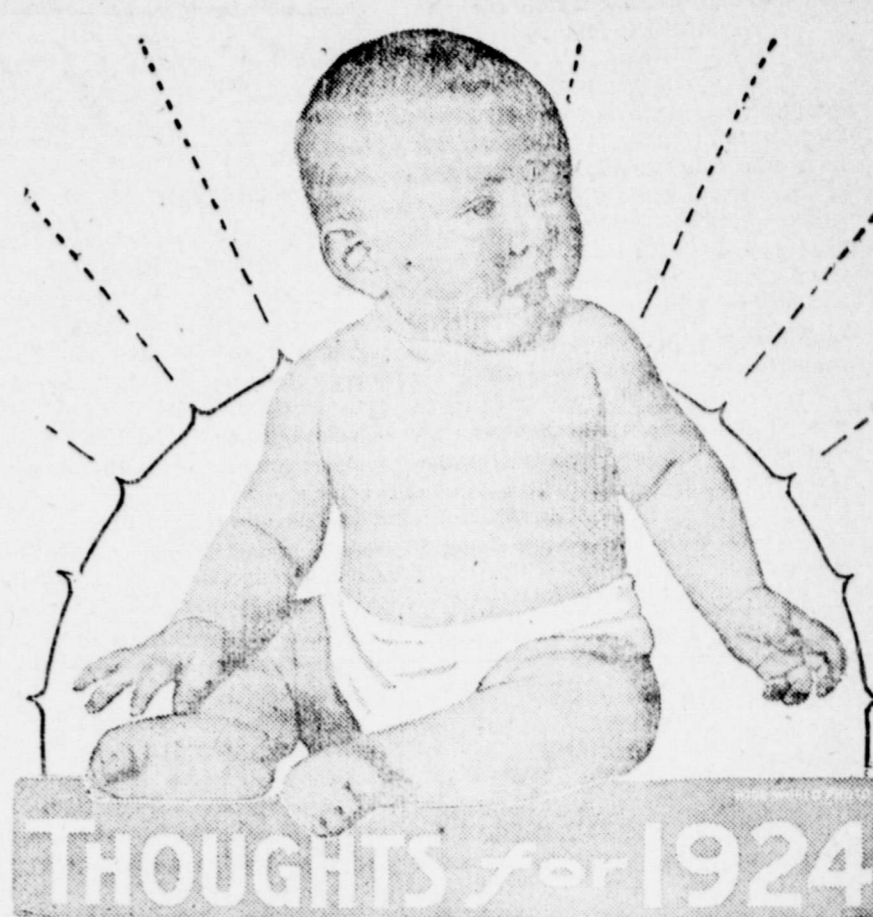
By all means all teachers should be members of the Association, as it would throw them in contact with mothers they would probably not meet elsewhere.

Teachers, she said, should not be afraid to lead or suggest to the club their views and thoughts. Miss Hall seemed to think that was a great fault were afraid to express themselves. Some were afraid of their husbands; others relied upon someone else for an opinion and said, "me too" for fear they'd be wrong. Teachers sometimes feared their superintendent and trustees. This, she said, was unnecessary in this day and time and especially in our State of Texas where people should be broadminded and help one another by suggesting what they think is best for the good of the school and children. She suggested that as a mode of entertainment for the P. T. Club that the teachers have our children give a discussion on "law enforcement", "health", "beauty of the community", or any subject that would enlighten as well as entertain. Above all things aim to get and keep the co-operation of your superintendent and teachers and work in harmony with your school board.

Mrs. Allison, chairman of the Fort Worth Mothers Council then took the chair and called for experiences from visiting delegates. Quite a number of ladies told what their clubs had done, and of course, I arose, and my friends, I want you to know that I made that little crowd know Mason occupied a very important place on the map of Texas. I told of the splendid work done by our club in helping put over the school bond and the building of our beautiful new High School and of our present work of trying to help equip same.

Mrs. Marris advised that a committee be appointed by all P. T. Clubs to go out to small communities and organize clubs there, as she felt they needed the help and co-operation of the parents more than at any other place. The Mothers Council of Ft. Worth then put on a play to show how these clubs should be properly organized.

Friday night I had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Works, of Cornell. Dr. Peterson of Cleveland and Hon. Pat



OLD thoughts are like old habits—they are hard to change. We would not care to change all old thoughts nor all old habits, but what a stirring of sap there is in the brain when a fine, brand new thought blows in!

Perhaps it's a very simple thought, about a different way to do something quite ordinary; but just that tiny jolt is enough to put new energy and interest into the affair.

Don't be forever thinking along monotonous lines; nobody in the world can prevent you from having "parties in your head." If you have a crazy but beautiful notion about traveling somewhere, keep thinking cheerily about it; even if you never get there, it airs out your brain and prevents other discouraging suggestions from creeping in.

Nobody ever got anywhere, made any success, material or otherwise, without dreaming about it first.

The engine will grind and pound and be thoroughly disagreeable unless oiled regularly. Don't be stiff and rusty! Get into gear right away... oil your cylinders with daring thoughts. Who owns this old world, anyway? Habit—or YOU?

Happy New Year!
— MARTH A. B. THOMAS
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A Rolling Stone
By C.G. Hazard

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YOUNG SKIPJACK makes me think of the water beetles that we used to watch as they skated aimlessly about on the waters of the pond, leaving no track behind them. He has been in business all over the place, but has prospered in nothing. He takes advice, but he never uses it. Else I would give him some New Year recipes for prosperity. I would tell him that one thing well stuck to is worth a dozen experiment-ed with; that the scale of our present life will matter little a few years hence, but that the character of it will matter much; that the neglectful steward will find that he was in business

M. Neff, our governor. Governor Neff approved beyond a doubt that Texas can afford to provide equality of educational opportunity for her children and Mason, of course is doing her bit.

for himself; that to be good for nothing is to be bad for a great deal.



"Hope the New Year finds you high in spirits!"
"Old man, there ain't but two fingers of the stuff left in the house."

Mother Had Her Way.
A small boy, with a rope fastened to his left ankle and attached to the door knob of his home on Euclid avenue west, explained his rather unique position thus: "My mother told me to stay in my own yard and I didn't. Now I can't go any farther away than my own yard." The youngster made the best of a bad situation by sitting down on his own front door steps, while his chums romped in a vacant lot nearby.—Detroit News.

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LADY WAS IN A BAD FIX FROM NERVOUS INDIGESTION

Biloxi, Miss.—"I had, for a year or more, nervous indigestion, or some form of stomach trouble," says Mrs. Alonzo Ford, 1117 Clay Street, this city. "The water I drank at that time seemed to constipate me. I would suffer until I got so nervous I wanted to get down on the floor and roll. I felt like I could tear my clothes.
"Every night, and night after night, I had to take something for a laxative, and it had to be kept up nightly. My side would pain. I looked awful. My skin was sallow and seemed spotted. I would look at my hands and arms, and the flesh looked lifeless.
"I happened to get a Birthday Almanac, so I told my husband I would try the Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few big doses. I felt much better. My liver acted well. I made a good, warm tea and drank it that way. Soon I found

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN 1924 WILL SURPASS ANY OTHER YEAR
Highway construction in 1924 will far surpass that of any other year in the history of the Nation, according to D. E. Colp of the Glacier to Gulf Motorway, who stated Monday, that figures from 21 states show they will have available some \$925,000,000 for road construction during 1924, as compared with \$288,000,000 in 1923, and \$275,000,000 in 1922.
The designation of Federal aid highways is now completed in 33 States, including Texas—that is, the original seven per cent system, designated for aid in building by Federal funds—and is practically complete in other states. Thirty states, including Texas, now have a tax on gasoline sales for road purposes, as compared with only four states at the beginning of 1923. Mr. Colp stated.
Texas—especially Southwest Texas—has taken the lead in the building of modern, hard-surfaced highways. Mr. Colp stated, citing the recent adoption of bond issues in the counties along the Glacier to Gulf Motorway.
"This popular highway is now financed and is either completed, under construction or will soon start construction along its entire length from San Antonio through Floresville, Kenedy, Bayville, Corpus Christi, Bishop, Kingsville, Palfurrias, Edinburg, Donna, Westaco, Mercedes, La Feria, Harlingen, San Benito to Brownsville, with the exception of nine miles in Wilson county and eight miles in Karnes county, and it is confidently believed these

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that nervous, tight feeling was going, as was the pain in my side. I found I did not have to take it every night. Soon, after a few weeks, I could leave it off for a week or so, and I did not suffer with constipation. . . I gained flesh. I have a good color, and believe it was a stubborn liver, and that Black-Draught did the work.
"I went to my mother's (Mrs. Deeters) one day, and she wasn't well at all. . . I told her we'd try Black-Draught. We did, and now she keeps it to take after eating. It certainly helped her, and we neither will be without it in our homes. It is so simple, and the dose can be regulated as the case may be. We use small doses after meals for indigestion, and larger doses for headache or bad liver."
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sections will avail themselves of the liberal State and Federal aid in building at the first election to be called in the new year.
The only links in the McCrory division of the Glacier to Gulf Motorway between San Antonio and Galveston, that is not financed in in Gonzales, DeWitt and Jackson counties. A slight change in the location of the highway in Gonzales county is believed to have met the desires of the voters and a petition for an election will be presented to the commissioners court on Monday, January 14.
Brazoria county, in the Brazos bottoms where an immense bridge was necessary to cross the river, recently voted bonds to hard surface the Glacier to Gulf through that county and also build the necessary bridge. Overcoming the stupendous tasks of road building in this county has lent added impetus to other sections along the highway and a friendly race seems to be in progress between these divisions of the Glacier to Gulf Motorway, each trying to complete their section first.
The completion of these divisions, Mr. Colp said, will add greatly to the number of tourists in Southwest Texas and each town will receive its proportionate share of this trade and will have modern roads over which to haul their products to market and to drive their own cars upon.
Activity in the West Texas division of the highway from San Antonio thru San Angelo, Amarillo to Texline, while hampered during the winter months, made excellent progress during the past summer, as evidenced by the completion of some 50 miles of road building by Tom Green county along the Glacier to Gulf. Some 37 miles are in course of being constructed there or are being completed now.

Recent completion of three tunnels, chiseled through solid granite mountains in Wind River Canyon, has shortened the Glacier to Gulf Motorway in Montana by some 25 or 30 miles, according to Austin North of Billings, Mont., president of the Highway, who has spent the past summer in the National Parks section giving first hand information to tourists and visitors to the parks, on the beauties of Texas in Winter.
Texas tourists records for the present winter will be broken, regardless of the recent rains, Mr. North expects, as considerable interest has been shown in all section of the Nation in the climatic and road conditions in Texas. The Glacier to Gulf offices in the Saint Anthony Hotel, San Antonio, has mailed out, in answer to requests, nearly 10,000 highway directories to every part of the United States. These directories carried scenes with short descriptions of the towns along the Glacier to Gulf Motorway in Texas.

Bill Garnett, of Dripping Springs, spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Braly. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Braly's sister, Miss Hattie Quick, of that place.
Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lumber Yard. 32

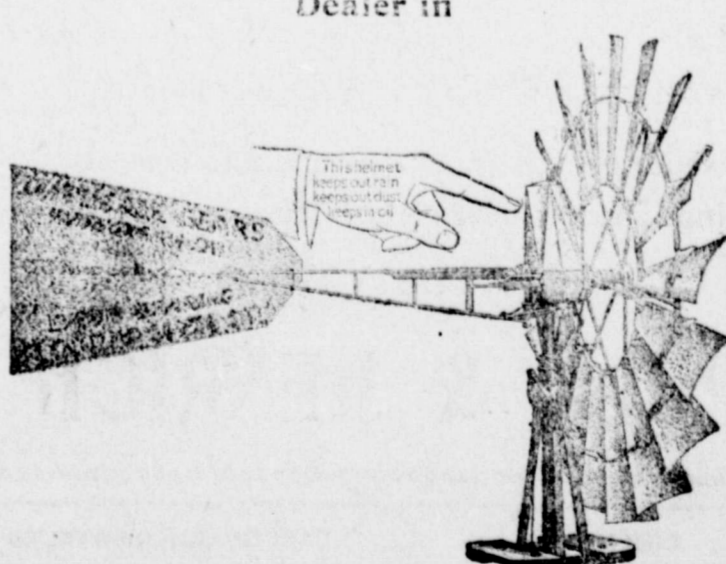
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The Copeland Brothers company is a Texas show of twenty years standing, having toured the State year after year, playing from one end of the State to the other and have a host of friends and admirers everywhere they go, and their motto has always been high class clean moral amusement for the better class of people.

Great care has been taken in the selection of plays for this season and the repertoire is made up of a list of plays that one would expect to pay a dollar to see in any big city theater.

The vaudeville which is introduced between the acts of the plays is of the highest class. Headed by the popular FOUR COPELANDS comedy quartette, an act that has played every first class vaudeville theatre in America.

The music offered by Grady Stapp's "bear cat" orchestra is a musical treat and a feature in itself. Special musical programs will be offered nightly fifteen minutes before the rise of curtain.

On Monday night the ladies will be admitted free with escort holding paid adult ticket.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Llano County, Texas, will on the 14th day of January, 1924, receive and consider sealed proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Mason County, Texas, desiring to act as County Depository of all the funds of Llano County for the period of time between the date when such selected depository executes its bond or bonds and the regular time for the selection of a depository in February, 1925.

Said proposals shall state the rate of interest to be paid on the funds of Llano County for said period of time and a certified check made payable to A. E. Moore, County Judge of Llano County, in the sum of Three Hundred Dollars shall accompany said proposal as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder that if his bid be accepted he will enter into to such bond, as such depository, as he is required under the law to make, otherwise he will forfeit said check to Llano County, as liquidated damages.

All proposals and bids must be filed with the county judge of Llano County, before 10 o'clock a. m. on the 14th day of January, 1924, at which hour said court will open and consider said proposals and bids.

Said Commissioners' Court hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Llano, Texas, this 15th day of December, 1923.

A. E. MOORE, County Judge of Llano County, Texas. 41-3tc

COMMERCIAL CLUB MET MON.; BONUS FOR COUNTY AGENT

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ers, stockmen, agricultural clubs and rural schools than it is to the Commercial Club. However, it being quite evident that the Commercial Club has at all times been anxious to co-operate in every matter of interest to the welfare of the County, the Club went on record as taking the initiative in securing the additional money needed in order to retain Mr. Marshall. A committee composed of Dorman McMillan, Walter Martin and W. E. Jordan was appointed to promote a plan whereby the money might be raised. More than likely the committee will appoint sub-committees over the county to co-operate in this matter, and it is probable the most logical means of reaching the people interested, will be through the rural schools and the Mason County Farm Bureau.

The field of work of the County Agent has broadened to such a great extent that a much greater expense has been incurred in order to carry on the work properly and in order that it may continue to advance. A few of the accomplishments of the agent during the past year which have directly benefited the farmer, stockman, and poultry raisers are, that he saved \$15.00 on the turkey pool, more than 730 calls to attend sick poultry, cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, goats, etc.; terracing has proven to be a great saving to the farmer, club work has been exceedingly successful.

Taking into consideration these items the News feels quite confident the citizenry of Mason County will feel no hesitancy in responding to a call for a small donation for such a worthy cause.

The Commercial Club was addressed by Prof. L. W. Dumas, director of the Interscholastic League for Mason County, stating that the Meet would be held in Mason some time in March, and asked that the Club co-operate in creating a greater interest in the meet, by lending its moral support in inducing each school in the county to participate. The Club showed its approval by appointing a committee which has authority to appoint sub-committees who will visit the various schools to make talks, to impress upon the children, and the patrons of the schools, the importance of taking part in the Interscholastic Meet.

Charter No. 7098

Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MASON NATIONAL BANK

at Mason, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1923.

RESOURCES

1. a. Loans and discounts, including redcounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)	\$122,831.75
2. Overdrafts unsecured	2,303.49
4. U. S. Government securities owned:	
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	\$ 25,000.00
b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any)	21,050.00
Total	46,050.00
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	3,150.00
6. Banking House, \$14,275.00; furniture and fixtures, \$ 2,600.00	16,875.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	29,177.10
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	10,801.57
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	135,941.61
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items, 8, 9, and 10)	202.26
13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)	431.77
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$136,575.64
b. Miscellaneous cash items	20.22
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
16. Other assets, if any	25.00
TOTAL	\$369,059.77

LIABILITIES

17. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
18. Surplus fund	40,000.00
19. Undivided profits	\$ 2,243.07
a. Reserved for interest and taxes accrued	\$ 1,168.61
c. Circulating notes outstanding	25,000.00
22. Amount due to national banks	397.71
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	\$ 397.71
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
26. Individual deposits subject to check	244,375.84
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31	\$244,375.84
44. Liabilities other than those above stated	5,774.54
TOTAL	\$369,059.77

State of Texas, County of Mason, ss:

I, D. F. Lehmburg, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. F. LEHMBERG, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1924. (Seal) CARL RUNGE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: J. W. WHITE, S. B. CAPPS, E. A. LOEFFLER, directors.