

# The McLean News

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Charter No. 10957 Reserve District No. 11  
Report of Condition of the  
**American National Bank of McLean**  
At McLean, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on  
November 20th, 1917.

| RESOURCES   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)  | \$105,130.24           |
| b Acceptances of other banks discounted   | 10,000.00—\$115,130.24 |
| 7. Bonds, securities, etc. (other than U. S. Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged | 250.00                 |
| 9. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)  | 900.00                 |
| 10. b Equity in banking house   | 2,500.00               |
| 13. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank  | 19,195.92              |
| 15. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks   | 94,159.22              |
| 18. Checks on other banks in same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 17)                                 | 2,616.22               |
| Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18  | \$ 86,775.44           |
| 19. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items                            | 2,431.35               |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$227,182.95</b>    |

| LIABILITIES  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 23. Capital stock paid in  | \$ 25,000.00        |
| 24. Surplus fund   | 5,000.00            |
| 25. a Undivided profits  | \$ 5,391.53         |
| b Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid   | 676.52— 4,715.01    |
| 27. Amount reserved for taxes accrued  | 334.17              |
| Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days)                    | 172,446.53          |
| 33. Individual deposits subject to check   | 15,037.00           |
| 34. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)                               | 15,037.00           |
| Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings) | 4,650.24            |
| 41. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)  | 4,650.24            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$227,182.95</b> |

The State of Texas, County of Gray, ss:  
I, E. R. Eakins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
E. R. EAKINS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 1917.  
S. E. BOYETT, Notary Public.  
Gray County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest: D. B. Veatch, A. P. Clark, Geo. W. Sitter, Directors.

## Thanksgiving Greetings From Camp Travis.

Major General Henry T. Allen, commanding the 90th Division National Army, composed of men of the selected draft from Texas and Oklahoma, sends the following Thanksgiving Greetings to the Folks Back Home:

"This fine division of Texas and Oklahoma selectmen has abundant reasons for being grateful at this Thanksgiving Time: For the wonderful advantages in climate and shelter that are ours, for the great progress we are making in our war preparation so evident on all sides, and for the superb support you are giving us.

"As its head, I take a special pride in sending cordial greetings to the patriotic fathers and mothers, wives and sweethearts, brothers and sisters who are making continuous sacrifices that the men of the 90th Division may nobly and heroically represent them and the country in the great struggle for world liberty and for the preservation of Christian civilization.

"In behalf of all the members of this camp, I send affectionate greetings to The Folks Back Home who in a thousand ways are aiding the Government in the prosecution of this righteous war. No one has had more evidence of your trials and your devotion to the flag than the writer of this letter, for not a day passes that I do not hear directly from some of you.

"My responsibility to you for your BOYS is great, and I solemnly promise you to consecrate my utmost efforts to their training and leading to the end the greatest possible number may be returned safe and sound to you when they have loyally discharged their obligations to their country and to the world.

"Henry T. Allen, Major General, Commanding 90th Division."

## Organize Lodge At Groom.

On Thursday night of last week a party of McLean Rebels went to Groom and helped in the organization of a lodge in that town. Twenty candidates were initiated and an enjoyable time was had by all. After the business of the evening had been attended to a table was spread and a midnight supper eaten.

Those from our city who were present were: Messrs. and Mesdames C. S. Rice, J. L. Van Sant, and W. C. Swafford; Mesdames J. Lee Turner, W. J. Keasler, Bee Everett, and Miss Adeline Ayers.

Mrs. D. B. Veatch, Mrs. W. A. Hedrick and Miss Veta Montgomery left Wednesday morning for Channing, where they will spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. A. G. Richardson.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, will be in McLean Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 6th, 7th and 8th.

George Weaver and wife left Tuesday for Eagle, Nebraska, to see Mrs. Weaver's mother who is very ill.

Mrs. J. L. Crabtree and son, Chester, spent the week end in Shamrock with friends.

Mrs. A. J. Poncelot and mother left Tuesday for Erick, Okla.

Mrs. John Grogan of Ramsdell was in town Monday.

Mrs. C. E. Barnes was over from Alanreed Monday.

John Grilley of Wellington was in town Tuesday.

## Red Cross News

### The Christmas Drive.

A nation wide Christmas membership drive has been planned by the Red Cross War Council. The building up of the Red Cross membership to 15,000,000 in the United States is the goal of the campaign. The drive is to start December 17th, and continues until Christmas Eve. Make it a "Red Cross Christmas." Every one taking out a membership in the Red Cross during the drive period will be known as a "Christmas member." Clergymen are to be requested to preach Red Cross Christmas sermons.

As this is the country's first Christmas in the world war, it is felt that the people will be thinking of service rather than festivities, and that minds generally will be turned to the battle fields of Europe, and especially to our own soldiers.

To those who are not already members of our organization, the chairman of our finance committee with her helpers will call upon you. The country is calling you. Become a "Christmas member."

To those who are already members they will be given a chance to give a "Christmas donation" to our local Red Cross. The dollars spent in this way will not be wasted. Let us be wide awake at this Christmas time and respond freely to our country's call.

Mrs. Edmond F. Brown, director of woman's work, Southwestern division says: "May I call the attention of all the Red Cross workers to the fact that Italy has just lost to the enemy 86 fully equipped hospitals, one alone of which cared for 40,000 beds. This means for us that all the surgical dressings which we have been sending to France for our own men and allies have now been rushed to Italy and we must make the loss good. It means that we must more than redouble all previous efforts in this department. The women of America must not be found wanting.

The girls did excellent work last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Wolfe will supervise next Saturday. A large class is desired.

### Odd Fellows Hold Banquet.

On Tuesday evening of this week the I. O. O. F. Lodge held a banquet, which was enjoyed by a large number of Odd Fellows and their wives and children.

C. S. Rice acted as toastmaster, and showed himself to be a capable master of ceremonies. Two courses were served.

The editor of The News wishes to thank the Odd Fellows for the courtesy shown him in inviting him to be present on that occasion.

Sergeant Byron Kibler of Camp Bowie, son of our telephone man, J. W. Kibler, came in Saturday to visit home folks, returning Sunday night. Byron had a furlough issued to him for a five days' absence, but before it had gone through all the necessary red tape two days of the five had elapsed and he only got to be with the folks two days and one night. The sergeant says that he likes Army life, and also that he thinks himself in line for early promotion to a commissioned rank.

J. W. Turner and wife of LeFors were in our city Saturday.

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Our line of holiday goods has arrived and will be placed on display in a few days.

**Erwin Drug Company**  
The Rexall Store

# INSURANCE THAT INSURES

—any kind of Insurance you could be in need of—Fire, Life, Tornado, Hail, etc.

**FOSTER & CHILDRESS**

The young people of McLean are working on a play to be given on Wednesday night, December 5th. The proceeds to be given to the Red Cross. "Poor Married Man" is the title of the play, which is under the direction of Mrs. Luther McCombs.

Clyde Stoll and wife of Ramsdell were in town Tuesday.

R. P. Rams of Gopher, Mont., sends an old rusty one dollar bill for which he desires to have the moral weekly sent to him for 52 weeks. We thank him for the good literary taste he has shown and hope to get another dollar bill from him in November, 1918.

R. M. Hedrick of Amarillo was in our city Wednesday.

# WE INVITE YOU TO BANK HERE

—and offer you Service that is Real Service, founded on conservative methods.

Here your deposits are GUARANTEED, which means more than "INSURED." The difference between this Insurance and your life insurance or fire insurance is the way the premium is paid. You pay for the latter, while this bank pays the premium on your deposit insurance.

Your funds are protected by the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas, in this bank, and free of all cost to you.

**The CITIZENS STATE BANK**  
McLEAN, TEXAS

The Home Bank, Owned by Home People. Keep Texas Money in Texas.

# These Cold Mornings Remind Us

that the time is close at hand when you will be in need of the new Overcoat you have been planning to buy this winter. Come in and let us show you our new line of 1918 model woollens, and let us take your measure now, so that the coat will be ready when such weather comes that you will really need it.

**ALEXANDER, the Tailor**

# Dollar Stretchers

YOU have, of course, seen and perhaps used such machines as fence stretchers, etc., and heard of paper stretchers and stretchers who "stretch the blanket," but here we are offering some genuine DOLLAR STRETCHERS. This is not a machine that in some way manages to spread a dollar out over the counter, but merely some prices that stretch the dollar's buying power:

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| No. 2 fancy corn         | \$3.00 case     |
| No. 2 fancy tomatoes     | \$3.00 case     |
| No. 2 1/2 fancy tomatoes | \$3.50 case     |
| No. 2 kraut              | \$2.75 case     |
| No. 2 1/2 kraut          | \$3.50 case     |
| 3-gallon keg of pickles  | for only \$1.75 |

# W. L. Haynes Grocery Company

PHONE 23 McLEAN, TEXAS

F. M. Fields of Ramsdell was a business visitor in our city Tuesday.

J. W. Sherrod was over from Alanreed Tuesday.

Luther Petty and wife visited Leo Stockton and family near Alanreed Sunday.

Sam Pakan of Ramsdell was in the city Tuesday.





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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1917

Raymond Smith was over from Groom Saturday night to attend a lodge meeting.

H. T. Fields of Ramsdell was in our city Tuesday.

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of war, estimates the losses up to June 1st of the British expeditionary forces in death in action and from wounds at 7 per cent of the total of all men sent to France since the beginning of the war. He adds that the ratio of losses of this character today, because of improved tactics and swiftly mounting allied superiority in artillery, is less than 7 to every 100 men.

**LAND WANTED.**—I Have customers for two or three half sections, and for one, two, three and four section ranches in Gray and adjoining counties. If you want to sell, list with me, as I see the buyers and am always ready to go. J. T. Warren, Clarendon, Texas.

Furloughs for Yuletide week will be granted all men at Army cantonments whose absence can be permitted in the opinions of the division commanders, to enable them to spend Christmas at their homes.

# ? The Great Question

**PART I**

What is my duty; what is the most sensible and profitable course for me to follow in my private and business affairs during the continuance of the war?

This is the great question confronting every American citizen. Here is a common-sense reply:

Before we can settle the matter in detail, we must grasp those elementary principles which govern national affairs.

This does not involve great learning or research, for economic knowledge is little else than common-sense applied to big subjects.

The war will be won by the Nation which can place the greatest number of men, the greatest amount of material in the field, and produce the greatest amount of foodstuffs to supply its military and civilian forces. This fact is so generally recognized that it is not necessary to bring forward elaborate arguments to prove it.

We are a wealthy Nation, and the question arises as to whether or not we can win the war by throwing our surplus wealth into the struggle. We cannot.

Why? Because our savings, as a Nation, amounted to about 5 Billion Dollars annually before we entered the war, and our war estimates for the first year's operations call for an expenditure of about Eighteen Billion Dollars, or over 3½ times as much as we have saved ever before in one year.

Now, there are three courses open to us. We can endeavor to produce 3½ times as much wealth this year as ever we did before. We can endeavor to save 3½ times as much money as ever we did before. We can lie down on the whole proposition, and let Germany win.

Having described this article as a common-sense reply to a great question, we will eliminate the last mentioned possibility.

We cannot produce 3½ times as much wealth this year as ever before. It will take several years to adjust our affairs so as to produce such results.

To save 3½ times as much as ever we have before is quite possible, but would mean actual hardship for millions of our people.

The most sensible solution of the problem is to aim at a combination of production and self-denial which will find us at the end of a year at least 3½ times wealthier as a nation, than ever before.

The method indicated has been followed by our Allies with results that have astonished the world. After 2½ years of physical and financial strain, England raised recently a loan of 5 Billion Dollars, equivalent to Ten Billion Dollars in this Country, owing to the fact that we have about double the population. England has speeded up her production of wealth, denied herself so much, that despite the fact that millions of her finest specimens of human material are fighting, despite the fact that she had raised previously about a like amount of 5 Billion Dollars in loans, and is paying 2½ Billion Dollars yearly in taxes, she was able still to produce this enormous amount in a 30 day campaign.

Germany is speeding up her production along the most scientific lines, and is starving herself. That is the sole reason Germany exists today.

Are we super-men that we can do things differently to others?

Let us forget this talk of "Uncle Sam" cleaning up the Germans when he gets there." The Germans will not be "cleaned up" by talk, or even by bravery alone. They must be fought with their own weapons, hard work and self-denial—the things that win wars.

Again, the man who cries, "Let the rich man pay," has not grasped the elementary facts of the situation. The rich man IS paying, and WILL pay, for the Government already is calling for as much as 50% of his profits in the shape of income and War Profit Taxes.

It is true that the Government is not taking away the rich man's capital, but neither is it asking the less wealthy producer to part with his capital. All alike must retain their

capital in order to run factories, farm the land, build ships, equip armies, and provide wages.

It would be an entirely mistaken policy to attempt to use the capital wealth of the Country to finance the war. What you need, what the government needs, what the whole world needs, is an increase, a very great increase, in the INCOME of rich and poor alike.

You farmers must produce more, must work harder; the uncultivated land of this Country is a standing reproach to us. You working-men, must work over-time. You women must economize, save in the home. You wealthy automobilists must curtail your extravagances and let the Automobile Manufacturer be free to make trucks and cars for the Government. You society women must realize that it is vulgar and almost treason to keep an army of workers making your clothes when they could be doing useful work for the Government. Your children must help with the housework and free men and women to fight and produce goods needed by the Country.

We must get together for greater efficiency. We must save or perish.

**PART II**

We will assume that you have agreed the conclusions in Part I, and have resolved to produce more wealth, to work harder, and to deny yourself in the matter of food and luxuries.

Soon after adopting these measures you will find yourself growing richer, accumulating money at a much greater rate than ever before.

Your duty and your common-sense demand that you loan this money to your Government.

By doing this you will make a very definite contribution to the success of the war. The additional crops you grow, the additional hours you put in at your work, the little hardships you endure as you economize, will feed soldiers, will buy guns and ammunition, build air-ships, will crush Germany, will make the world safe for business and safe for democracy.

How can you best lend your wealth, the product of your labor and self-denial, to your Country?

By buying Liberty Bonds. "But," you say, "The Campaign for the Second Liberty Loan is over."

Yes. The flags have ceased to wave, and the bands have stopped playing, but have you a Bond? Or if you have, have you purchased to the limit of your ability?

In those sections where people were indifferent to The Loan, the Bankers came forward, shouldered the responsibilities of their customers, and bought Bonds far in excess of their share, because they believed that sooner or later, their customers must see reason, and would be anxious to purchase Bonds. If you have no Bond, purchase one from your Banker just as soon as you are able. You will be doing a man's part, "doing your bit," shouldering your own responsibilities, instead of allowing the Banker to do your duty for you.

Some men seem to regard the purchase of Bonds as a mysterious business, and feel that they are sinking their money forever in the purchase.

A Bond looks like a great big \$50.00 or \$100.00 Bill, and is wonderfully like one in its uses. There is one great difference, however, a \$50.00 or \$100.00 Bill bears no interest, whereas, a Liberty Bond bears 4% interest.

How easily can a Bond be turned into money?

Almost as easily as a Bill of large denomination. While you buy your Bond with the idea of lending the money to your Government, there are thousands of people ready to receive you of your responsibility, should you find such a course necessary.

Millions of Dollars worth of Liberty Bonds change hands every week. Everywhere, Commercial Firms are beginning to advertise that they will accept Liberty Bonds in payment of accounts.

"Why," you say, "I might as well own Bonds as money."

Better; far better. "Why then, do you make this special appeal, and beg of me so earnestly to buy Bonds?" you may ask.

Because, when you buy these Bonds, the Government has the use of your money; can use it to win the war. If you from failure to understand the situation, insist that your money shall not be used by the Government, you are taking up a selfish attitude, lacking in both common-sense and patriotism.

It may be your money was not available when the last Loan Campaign

**Make your worn Furniture and Floors like new**



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works miracles. It is made especially for hard wear on floors and staircases. It's the best Finish there is for all your home interior woodwork, including your Furniture.

Kyanize dries quickly—a beautiful hard gloss. Easily put on—easily cleaned. It is made in eight colors, also White Enamel for all your white woodwork. Come in.

New Shipment of Furniture and Mattresses to Arrive in a few days. Call and see it.

**C. S. RICE**

campaign was in progress. It may be you intended to buy a Bond, but allowed the lists to close before you got around to it.

Here is your chance. Go now to your Banker, ask him whether this little article contains the truth, ask him whether he has Bonds on hand or will obtain one for you, then buy to the limit of your ability.

Whatever you do, whoever you are and whatever your business start working, saving, economizing now for future Loans. There will be others, one probably early next year, for the end of the great struggle is by no means in sight.

The writer of these lines has nothing but the good of our beloved Country at heart—no one makes one cent out of your Liberty Bonds, but yourself. Earnestly, sincerely, as one American to another, he bids you remember this message and warning: "We must get together for greater efficiency."

"We must save or perish."

**Little Sickness In Army Camps.**

Returning from inspection trips to 10 Army and aviation camps, Col. Weston P. Chamberlain, of the Surgeon General's Office, reports that the per cent of sick ranges from below 1 per cent to slightly below 2 per cent.

Among the conditions leading to treatment in hospitals are severe colds, tonsillitis, slight injuries, and other comparatively slight ailments. About the only serious disease found at any of the camps was pneumonia.

Each national Army has a thousand bed hospital, equipped in accordance with most approved modern practice.

Thirty-four different races of persons bought bonds of the second Liberty Loan issue.

For lands, loans and insurance, see Foster-Childress, McLean, Texas.

**Church and State.**

Is there anything clearer or nobler minded than the thought contained in the following declaration by President R. E. Vinson of the University of Texas:

"There are two doctrines to which the American Nation is irrevocably committed—public free education and the absolute separation of Church and State. By the one only can we hope to keep pace with the educational demands of the great mass of the people. By the other alone can we guarantee to each individual that freedom of conscience which is his inalienable right. But we can face the fact that in this separation both Church and State have lost, though they have also gained. The problem of all problems of public free education today is to secure the spiritual forces which religion alone can furnish for the up-building and strengthening of the character of our sons and daughters, while still maintaining educational freedom from sectarian interpretation or control. This problem must be solved; for character is the citadel of civilization, and the foundation stone of character is faith in the living God."

Included in the equipment furnished each infantryman by the Ordinance Bureau of the War Department are 62.7 ounces of brass. This is exclusive of the uniform equipment provided by the Quartermaster Corps.

George Weaver and family of Lake Arthur, N. M., arrived here Monday for a few days visit with friends.

**PRODUCE**

Bring in the geese and sheep-lamb's fleece, and get the highest price:

Old timers know just where to go with EGGS that cut some ice.

United here, the whole long year, we buy to ship away:

Great lots or small, we handle all, and we are here to stay.

Hides and such we handle much, and chickens are much sought.

This KEASLER MAN sure will and can get all the PRODUCE BOUGHT.

**W. J. KEASLER**

**When You Need a Dray**

For Prompt Service and Careful Handling of Your Goods, Call

**Harris Brothers**

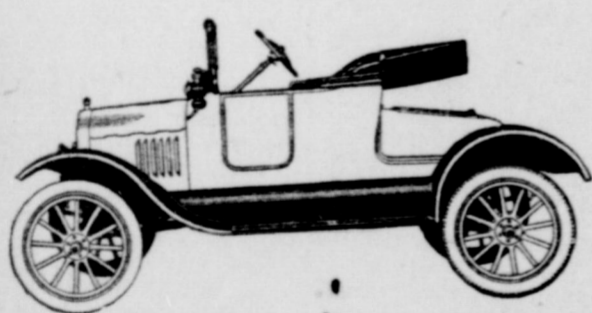


Rot and rust ruins valuable machinery when it is left in the open. The small cost of an implement shed will be more than saved by the greater durability of your machinery.

Get our estimates on the lumber, roofing, paint and other material necessary for building a sightly, weather-proof implement shed.

If you are planning an addition to your house, or any repairs, let us figure on the estimate for the lumber and other building materials. We have a large stock and can fill your wants quickly.

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Select the best; they stand the test; the kind that sees you through ornate and great and up-to-date, with tires smooth and true; latest style in cars worth while, light running and a flye; Designed for use and some abuse, the cars that all desire.

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Write me for anything you want and it will be sent on approval, prepaid.

ence in the community, considered his own individual success a partial list of what the McLean chapter sent in this quarter.

War Not so Dangerous Now as Formely.

"To say that fighting in France as now conducted is safer than crossing Broadway," writes Colonel George Harvey in the North American Review, "would seem absurd, and yet the concrete fact is that if the percentage of American fatalities in any army of half million in 1918 would not exceed that of the French last year, more Americans will perish from intentional and accidental use of firearms in the United States than in Europe." Colonel Harvey would think of minimizing the dan-

gers which confront the young Americans who go to fight their country's battle. "War is war and Huns are Huns, but we do insist, upon the records, that the too common assumption that they are going to 'certain death' or to certain anything except honor for themselves and glory for their country is as unwarranted in fact as it surely is harmful in promulgation and altogether foolish." He quotes from Sir Charles Ross for a statement of the casualties at the recent battle of Messines ridge, showing that out of 280,000 men engaged, total casualties were less than 9 per cent and that the fatalities were less than one in seven of the total casualties. How the casualties have been steadily reduced as the troops are better equipped and better inured to the vicissitudes of war is shown by the French statement showing that in battles of Charleroi and the Marne at the beginning of the war the casualties were 54 per cent; during the first six months of 1915 they were reduced to 23 per cent, and in the last six months of 1916 they were but 14 per cent and in the last six months only 12 per cent—these, mind you, being casualties and not fatalities, which, according to military experts, never run more than one-fifth of the total casualties. There is no question about the hazardousness of war; it is a strong man's game. But the official figures do show, we think, that the destructiveness of the Teuton offense has been materially reduced by the improvement of allied defense and equipment and that an overwhelming majority of these who will go will return safe and sound.—Denton Record Chronical.

W. T. Ashby of Montrose, Colo., is here visiting his brothers, R. N. and J. A. Ashby.

Supplement to The McLean News

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1917



"I am sending more Christmas cards than ever before"

"LAST year so many of my friends called my holiday cards 'dainty', 'clever', 'just too dear', that this year I am using twice as many. Everyone seems to credit ME with their quality, yet all I do is to ask for

The A. M. DAVIS CO. QUALITY CARDS

A complete line of these cards may be found at this store.

Erwin Drug Company

THE REXALL STORE

\$25.00 REWARD

I will pay a twenty-five dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of any party guilty of tying down any telephone wire or in any other manner tampering with the lines. The state law on the subject is as follows:

Penal code, Art. 784: If any person shall intentionally break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner injure any telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery or other necessary appurtenance to any telegraph or telephone line, or in any way willfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of any messages along such telegraph or telephone line, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

McLEAN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Bill Stone of Alanreed and T. N. Childress made a business trip to Childress Thursday of last week.

A. W. Haynes left Saturday night for a visit in Melrose, N. M.

W. J. Murphree of north of town was in the city Saturday.

J. M. Carpenter of Gracey was a visitor here Saturday.

R. S. Jordon of west of town was here Saturday.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We are all thinking about giving someone a Christmas present. It was my good fortune to buy most of my—

Cut Glass, Silverware, French Ivory Hand Painted China

and many other things, before the advance in price; so, for this reason, I can sell you what you want for less than the merchant who buys now can buy it for.

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

JOHN B. VANNOY

Optician and Jeweler

Want to Save \$1.00?

SEE OUR SAMPLES OF THE CELEBRATED

W. L. Douglas Shoes

They offer a real value. A dollar saved is a dollar made.

Our Stock of UNDERWEAR

is getting low, and it is difficult to get more. SPECIAL PRICES FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Buy while you can get them.

We Offer Eastern Grown Potatoes at \$3.00 per 100 pounds THEY ARE FINE

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# A store where concentrated thought is centered on quality and value of merchandise

—and where every effort is pushed to maintain superiority that always means satisfaction to the people; and because it hews to the line on a platform of square dealing, and when measured by fair and impartial criticism, invariably means continued supremacy. There is a reason: We always do what we advertise and cheerfully invite the public to put us to the test.



## MEN'S SUITS

100 per cent pure wool velvet finish

Guaranteed to give satisfactory wear. If material, lining or tailoring does not wear to your entire satisfaction, you may return this garment to T. J. COFFEY, from whom you bought it. He is authorized to give you a new garment free. The only time limit is your own good judgment.

Price \$22.50

Special reduction will be made on millinery—

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# T. J. COFFEY

### Telephone Subscribers.

See me about the bill you owe. I have some obligations to meet and need the money. Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention.  
3p I am very truly,  
John W. Kibler.

J. W. Turner of near Jericho, a son of our J. Lee Turner, was in the city Saturday and Sunday visiting homefolks.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, will be in McLean Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 6th, 7th and 8th.

O. R. Alexander left Tuesday night for Hedley where he will spend Thanksgiving with homefolks.

All kinds of fresh meats, cured and minced ham, bacon, bolona sausage, pure hog lard, and Swift's Jewel compound. Deliveries made promptly. We are in the market for fat cattle, hogs, and hides. Phone 165.  
Russell & Son. 4t.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, will be in McLean Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 6th, 7th and 8th.

C. O. Wolfen of Amarillo was in town Monday looking after business.

Miss Pearl Rice came in Monday from Lake Arthur, N. M.

Livery barn for sale.—Mrs. J. L. Crabtree.

### IMPREGNABLE?

Somebody, certainly no friend of the allies, started not long ago, a campaign designed to force the allied fleets to go in and attack the German bases, says the Scientific American. In these days of the mine, the submarine and the heavy long-range gun, practically the only result of such an attack would be a frightful loss of allied warships. The German coast defense system is probably the most perfect work, naval or military, in the whole German system.

### PART OF HIS JOB.

"Do you believe that married men are happier than bachelors?"  
"I don't know about that, but they always have to pretend they are, if they want to keep peace in the family."

All feed and grain at our store is cash hereafter. Please do not ask us to deviate from this rule, as we want to deal alike with everybody. Henry & Cheney Grain Company.

An entertainment by school pupils and others will be given at the public school building Thursday night, December 7th. Everybody invited.

J. S. Stephens of south of town was here Sunday.

M. H. Kinard of Gracey was in town Saturday.

Jim Slaven of Alanreed was in town Tuesday.

Kid McCoy of Heald was in town Monday.

K. Y. Hall of Swenson was here Sunday.

Joe Glass made a trip to Canyon Friday.

Ed S. Jiblet of Lela was in town Saturday.

L. O. Floyd likes to read The News, judging from the way he came in and moved his subscription figures up a year, before his time expired. A number of people have done this, and The News man cannot help but feel that it is because they think this a jam-up good paper.

### Chicken Pie Dinner.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church announce that arrangements are being made to give a "chicken pie" dinner, Wednesday, Dec. 5. The proceeds to go for the benefit of the church.

The high school girls went to Shamrock Friday for a basketball game with Shamrock high school. The scores were 17 to 27 in favor of Shamrock girls.

Mrs. J. E. Yarbrough, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Coffey, left Saturday for her home in Erick, Okla.

Luther McCombs and J. H. Hudgins shipped a car of cattle to Oklahoma City Saturday.

Emmitt Thompson left Saturday with two cars of cattle for the Kansas City markets.

Mike Cadra and Paul Ftak of Heald were in town Tuesday.

We sell fire extinguishers for automobiles. Palace Drug Store.

Frank Bell of Alanreed was a visitor in our city Monday.

L. F. Gregory was over from Clarendon Tuesday.

A few nice shoats for sale. Foster Van Sant.

Tom McKinzey was in from Heald Tuesday.

Joe M. Warren of Clarendon was here Tuesday.

## Petition Congress for New War Law

The form of petition presented in this issue at the request of the American Defense Society, asking the support of all loyal and patriotic citizens in an effort to impose adequate punishment upon persons or organizations responsible for pro German activities, or for the publication of public utterances or statements of a seditious or disloyal nature, commends itself to the earnest consideration of our citizens.

The American Defense Society has been waging a successful campaign against pro German activities throughout the entire country and its appeal for the support of Congress, is doing a worthy work to help stamp out those influences that clog the wheels of a successful prosecution

of this war, which is the nation's chief business.

The use of the printed petition plus the personal efforts of patriots will aid in making success the presentation of the most serious question for national recognition. The might of the censured public opinion has proved a most influential factor in the shaping of administration policies. There is no question of the success of any work when properly directed through the right channels, having as its main object the attaining of a conclusive victory against Prussianism. This line of activity comes under the society's motto "Serve at the Front—Serve at Home." Each and every man can do his bit in the community.

### PETITION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CONGRESS AT WASHINGTON

Whereas the security of the United States and the success of our arms are endangered by the activities of disloyal persons and organizations within the borders of our country, we, the citizens of the United States whose names are hereto subscribed, do hereby petition the Congress of the United States to enact forthwith a law imposing punishment upon all persons or organizations responsible for pro-German activities, or for the publication of public utterance of statements tending:

- To impede or interfere with the operations or success of the United States in war, or in recruiting or enlistment, or
- To hold the Government of the United States or any of our allies up to ridicule or obloquy, or
- To cause disloyalty or refusal to duty on the part of any person in connection with the war.

J. W. Kibler made a trip to Clarendon Saturday morning to meet his son, Byron, of Camp Bowie who was here Saturday and Sunday.

C. C. Roberts of Weatherford, Okla., is moving to our town this week. He will live in the T. J. McClain house.

I will have ladies aprons—all sizes, for sale at the Presbyterian dinner Wednesday December 5th. For particulars see Mrs. W. T. Wilson.

Misses Hazel and Ellie Hunt of Eldorado, Kansas, are here this week visiting their sister, Mrs. Tom Perry.

# AUCTION

## McLean Town Lots

- Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, in Block 24
- Lots 1, 2 and 3, in Block 25
- Lots 15 and 16, in Block 36
- Lots 15 and 16, in Block 37
- Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, in Block 45
- Lots 5, 6 and 7, in Block 46
- Lots 3, 4 and 5, in Block 77

All Lots, as Listed in Each Block, Will Be Sold at Auction Saturday Afternoon at 2:00 o'Clock

## DECEMBER 1ST, 1917

On the property, commencing with lots in Block 24. 10 per cent deposit required at time of sale; 30 days' time on balance of payments.

Warranty deed and abstract furnished with each sale.

# JAS. S. STEPHENS

OWNER

CLAY THOMPSON  
Clerk

R. J. DUNLAP  
Auctioneer

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McLean, Texas

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