

"The Sandpaper"

Edited by pupils of McLean High School

As this is the last week of school before the Christmas holidays, the school is very busy in taking examinations and getting prepared in every way so that when Friday afternoon comes every student can drop all school work, all thought of school work, and then begin right there to enjoy his vacation.

Do not think of school; do not even pick up a school book. We are having a vacation, and are to enjoy it. How can you enjoy a vacation by thinking of history, English, science and math? Do not think of school any more until the time comes for it to take up after the holidays, then grab your books and come back, full of new life, new pep and new determination, resolved to make the remainder of the year an even greater success than the first term.

The editor and his staff wish to take this opportunity to express to the teachers, students and

patrons our sincere appreciation for your support in making the "Sandpaper" what it is, and we all join together in "wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

"Here! Judge, what do you mean by feeding that kid yeast cake?"

Judge—"Oh, he just swallowed fifty cents of mine, and I'm trying to raise the dough."

Lee Wilson set his chickens in the spring and they raked water-melons.

Murtin—"What rhymes with moon?"

Marvin—"Cuspidor."

The average man is proof enough that a woman can take a joke.

The school notes were received too late this week to publish all the matter offered. To insure publication, copy must be in the printer's hands not later than Wednesday noon of each week and Tuesday would be better. Matter left out this week will be printed next week.

Yukon cream meal is the best in the world. A trial will convince you. C. & C. Advertisement 1fc

AT THE LEGION THEATRE
Saturday night—"The Fighting Coward," made by the "Covered Wagon" actors. Good pictures will be shown every night next week. Come and spend Christmas week with us. Advertisement 1c

P. M. KeMar of Gracey was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

Gilbert Wingo of Plainview is visiting his parents here.

Luther Johnson of Gracey was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

W. D. Howard takes advantage of our bargain rate on The News and Star-Telegram this week.

Go to Cheney & Callahan for flour—where "prices tell and quality tells." Advertisement. 1fc

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gray, BY VIRTUE of a certain order

or sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Gray County, on the 1st day of December, 1924, by R. B. Thompson, clerk of said court, against T. W. Hester

for the sum of four thousand five hundred forty-eight and 10/100 \$4548.10 dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1140 in said court, styled K. E. Windom versus T. W. Hester, J. T. Glass and W. J. Ball and placed in my hands for service, I, E. S. Graves, as sheriff of Gray County, Texas, did, on the 3rd day of December, 1924, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Gray County, described as follows, to-wit:

Being all of the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land, located and situated in Gray County, Texas, as the same existed on the 10th day of January, 1920, as follows:

FIRST TRACT: All of survey No. 1, abstract No. 726, John Scott pre-emption survey, patented by the state of Texas to John Scott by patent No. sixty-four in volume No. twenty-four, patent dated June 17, 1891, and containing 160 acres of land.

SECOND TRACT: All of survey No. two, abstract No. 66d, S. E. Watson pre-emption survey, patented by the state of Texas to W. G. Ross, by patent No. 167, volume 24, patent dated September 16th, 1891, and containing 161 acres of land.

THIRD TRACT: All of survey No. 3, abstract No. 722, J. J. Burdick pre-emption survey, patented by the state of Texas to W. G. Ross by patent No. 163, volume No. 24, patent dated September 16, 1891, and containing 161 acres of land, and levied upon as the property of said T. W. Hester and W. J. Ball. And on Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1924, at the court house door of Gray County, in the town of Lefors, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said land at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said T. W. Hester and W. J. Ball, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the McLean News, a newspaper published in Gray County.

WITNESS my hand, this 4th day of December, 1924.

E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff Gray County, Texas. By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy. WSW-50-3tc

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The meat course is always the most important part of the Christmas dinner. If you buy your meats here you are assured of the very best obtainable. The best is none too good for Christmas Day.

THE CITY MARKET

BRYANT HENRY, Prop. PHONE 165

A Cash Donation

To the Ladies' Organization of Your Church From now until Christmas we will give 5% of your cash purchase to any ladies' church organization you may select. This offer applies to everything in the store except flour. We will make a special price on Smith's Best flour in 500 pound lots during the same period.

Buy your groceries here and help your ladies' society.

Cobb's Cash Grocery

Rug Sale

For the remainder of the year we will give one-fourth off FOR CASH on all wool rugs—sizes from 6x9 to 9-12—no rugs charged at these prices.

Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Co.

Wants

STAR-TELEGRAM readers may renew their subscriptions to The News and the Star-Telegram both for \$8.45. Save 50c by giving The News your renewal.

GROCERIES are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. 1fc

GARBAGE and trash hauled from any part of the city at reasonable rates. Frank Haynes. 1fc

IF YOU ARE one of those who put off ordering printed Christmas cards, you yet have time, if you place your order this week. Our stock of samples has a large out set, but there are several nice numbers that delivery can be promised this week.

FOR SALE.—East one-half of southeast quarter of Section No. Ninety-one, Block No. Twenty-three, also three acres out of the northeast corner of northeast quarter of Section Sixty-six, Block Twenty-three, Gray County, Texas. If interested write John Burns, Clemens, Iowa. 40-26p.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS for Remington, Royal and Underwood standard machines. The best ribbon on the market for 60c each. Remington portable ribbons 40c, at News office.

FOR SALE.—Three farms, close in. See R. S. Jordan. 50-2p

INCREASE YOUR cream check by breeding your cows now to Financial King, the Hood farm Jones Jersey bull. Service fee \$2.50. Geo. W. Sitter. 50-2p

FOR SALE.—Full blood Buff Orpington hens, \$1.25 each; pullets \$1.00. Mrs. T. M. Wolfe. 1fc

FOR SALE.—S. W. 120 acres, section 42, block 23, good well. Price \$2,000. Small cash payment, balance 1 to 10 years, interest 6 1/2%. Inquire of C. H. Biegel, 105 W. Monroe St., Chicago, or Messay & McAdams, McLean. 51-5p

FARM FOR RENT—4 1/2 miles east of McLean on Shamrock road. V. Kachehoffer. 51-

LOST.—A package from Coffey's store, somewhere in McLean, probably in some store. Finder please notify Mrs. J. K. Crews. 1c

ALUMINUM WARE going at set during the holidays. Come in and inspect my line of aluminum ware. Will make nice Christmas presents. Mrs. S. A. Cobb. 1p

HAVE YOU BOUGHT Dad's Christmas present? Why not present him with printed letter heads and envelopes? Many of our customers do this each year and they report nothing so pleasing to the recipient. Get your order in within the next few days.

CHRISTMAS WILL not be complete for some boy or girl without a Remington Portable Typewriter among their Christmas gifts. When it is remembered that the Remington Portable is one of the best investments you can make, no one should be disappointed.

\$10.00 will put the machine in your hands, and only \$5.00 per month for the balance. Letter come in today and take a machine home.

CHRISTMAS JOY

Your Christmas will be a happier one if the old bus is in good shape. Better let us look it over and see that it is ready to go for the holidays.

GRIGSBY'S AUTO SHOP

"A Square Deal Always"

Sale Prices

We offer the following auto accessories at practically cost prices during the holidays. Some of these articles will make dandy Christmas presents. Come in and let us show you.

Fire Extinguishers, Steerwids, Trouble Lamps, Steer-Ezy Snubbers, Fan Adjusting Springs, Steering Column Supports, 5-minute Vulcanizer, Spring Oil, Paint, Polish and Top Dressing, one set used Ford Wheels.

STAR FILLING STATION

"Headquarters for Service" L. L. Rogers, Prop. PHONE 131



CHRISTMAS MEANS TOYS TO THE CHILDREN

So why disappoint them when you can choose as many as you want here at a cost so small you will never notice it. Useful gifts for grownups in great variety can be selected from our dry goods stock.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson and Son

Dry Goods

Buy Your

Christmas Candies

NUTS, FRUITS AND GROCERIES

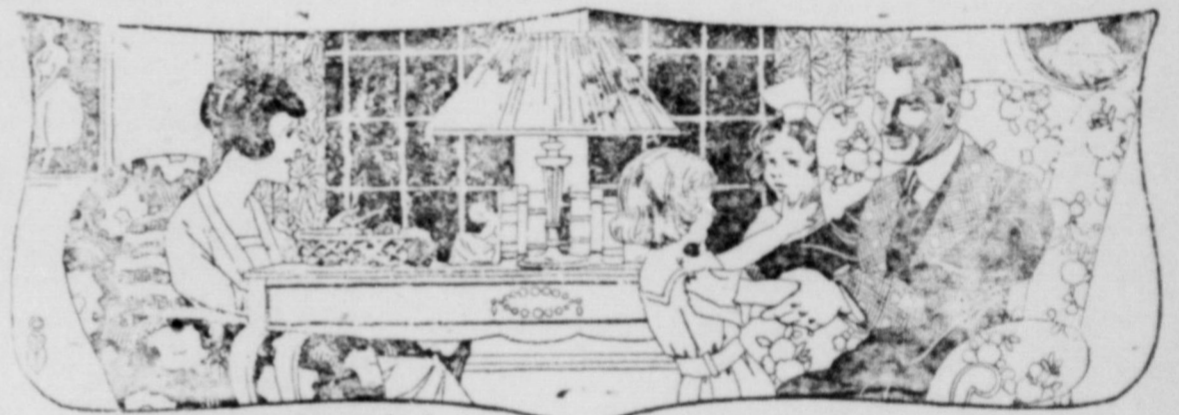
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Puckett's

We Sell for Less

Puckett's Cash Store

C. A. Strandberg, Manager



Gifts for All

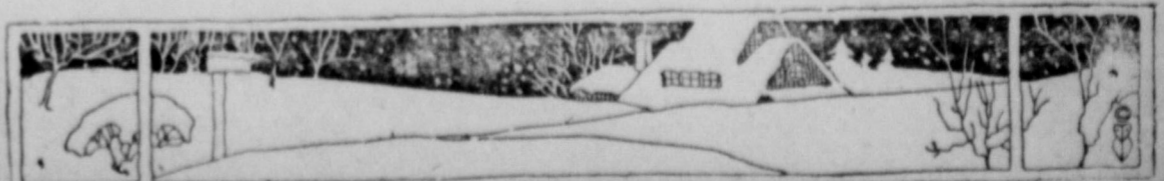
Every member of the family, and friends as well, may be remembered with gifts selected from this store, for the variety of choice afforded by the ample displays of items suited to giving enables every need to be supplied economically and well.

Before starting your list you should plan to come here and see the many suggestions offered. It will aid you in making your list and will save you time and money.

Give Practical Gifts that Please.

T. J. Coffey & Bro.

The Store Where Your Dollar Buys the Most



THE McLEAN NEWS

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Editors and Owners

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Four issues make an advertising month. When five issues occur in the calendar month, charge will be made for the extra edition.

McLean merchants report earlier Christmas buying this year, some lines being snapped up as soon as displayed. The Christmas rush has come to be a dreaded time among merchants and any early buying is appreciated by everyone.

We cannot afford to grumble at a little cold weather after one of the prettiest falls in twenty years or better. Our community has been unusually fortunate this season, with a large acreage planted to cotton and the prettiest weather to gather it, and most of the cotton pickers home folks, what could have been better? Other communities with support of news and Mexican labor are not so fortunate and will yet experience trouble on account of this kind of labor. Given the kind of weather we had this fall, and we can always gather the cotton crop that should be raised here.

What a great world we live in we would have if the Christmas spirit would last the entire year! There is no good reason why it should not be so, for most people have good impulses that need, but an occasion to bring them to the surface, but we allow the cares of living to crowd out our better nature, giving expression of care for others only at stated seasons. With just a little more thoughtfulness upon the part of all of us, we could have the satisfaction the Christmas time brings, all the year.

The growing number of beggars and solicitors for this thing and the other that are overrunning our town this fall is causing quite a bit of comment. Many think that a community chest idea as practiced in larger towns might solve the problem satisfactorily. Under present conditions one has no chance to investigate the beggar or his cause, while with a community chest a committee would be empowered to investigate all claims and turn down all undeserving. Quite a sum of money leaves town in professional beggars' hands each year that would be of benefit, could it be properly handled.

A "junk" peddler was in town Monday, and in applying for a city license used the argument that the class of people who bought from him did not patronize legitimate business men. He was willing to admit that his wares were not what they might be, but as some folks like to be humbugged, he felt that he should be granted a lower license than otherwise established business men pay city, school, county and state taxes, so junk peddlers can very well afford to leave a little money in the city treasury for the privilege of peddling their game upon our citizens. It makes little difference how the peddler offers for sale. He depends upon his spiel to sell the goods and upon the fact that he will probably never be in the same town twice.

Fireworks are enjoyed on the 4th of July and Christmas by the small boy and others, but the use of fireworks at all times during the year takes the edge off of most folks' enjoyment, to say nothing of the danger of fire. A state law prohibits the selling in Texas of firecrackers larger than two inches in length and a city ordinance prohibits the use of fireworks of any description on the sidewalks, streets or alleys, but it seems that this is not enough to keep fireworks from being a nuisance to most people. To restrict the use of fireworks of any kind to certain days, say the 4th of July, Armistice Day and Christmas Day, might solve the problem satisfactorily for all of us. Those who enjoy fireworks would find greater pleasure and others could stand the few days; and there is no question but that the danger of fire would be greatly lessened.

A McLean pastor stated last Sunday that it was to be hoped that this Christmas could be spent in a

reverent way with clean entertainment for the younger people, instead of the way in which some people spend the day, where it would seem that the devil is being worshipped. That devil worship is sometimes practiced at this time need occasion no remark when we remember all the practices that go to make up the day. With only a mystical date for the birth of Christ, that no one today believes to have been at any time near December 25, the tree coming to us from the ancient Druids who worshiped the sun by offering human sacrifices in the sacred groves, the fireworks from the Chinese celebration which comes at this time of the year, and the various other things that are usually found at this time, leave little for religious thought. The date was established by the Catholics at a church feast day and was later accepted by the Protestants and other churches, with little change in the manner of observance. Christmas has come to be more of a homecoming day than one of religious observance, the thought of purely social activities being uppermost in everyone's mind to a much greater extent than in our national Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day is much more enjoyable where the whole community joins in the celebration, regardless of church membership. A community tree does no violence to the thought of the birth of the Savior, and the spirit of the Christmas can be much better demonstrated by including everyone in the celebration. However, it will probably be a long time before the churches are willing to give up the celebration of the day, as evidenced by the compromising with other people in allowing other than orthodox practices to be used in its observance, and all of it may mean nothing if the spirit of Christ is not in each individual soul.

HEALTH RULES

The Department of Health of the City of New York observed Health Day recently.

A circular was sent to all district superintendents and principals of public schools containing the following twelve rules for children's health:

1. Rise promptly; take breathing and setting-up exercises every morning in a well-ventilated room.
2. Wash your hands with warm water, soap and nail brush. Take a shower or sponge bath over the entire body with tepid or cold water daily.
3. Clean your teeth before breakfast, after every meal and before retiring.
4. Eat slowly and chew your food thoroughly at all times.
5. Always wash your hands before eating.
6. Drink a glass of water after rising and at recess. Use individual drinking cup or bubble fountain. Never use a common drinking cup.
7. Drink a quart of milk, eat bread and butter and a cereal daily.
8. Do not cough, sneeze or spit in public places. If you must do so, place a handkerchief in front of your nose and mouth. Do not sit alongside or play with children who have a cold.
9. Do not put penholders, pencils or your fingers in your mouth.

\$25.00 Suits

New line of all wool fabrics at only \$25.00 for a two piece suit made to your order. Every suit guaranteed to please you. Cleaning and pressing called for and delivered. Phone 1.

City Tailor Shop
CLARENCE GRAY, Prop.

10. Do not take a bite of an apple, a piece of candy or any other food that your friend is eating.
11. Stand, sit and walk erect.
12. Do not get your feet wet. On rainy or snowy days wear rubbers. If your feet become wet tell your teacher or your mother.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

By J. E. Hungerford in Sovereign Visitor

Christmas is coming to bless us again, Bringing its bounty o' blessings to men; Wiping out worries and troubles and frets, Routing the "past" with its futile "regrets." Blotting out memories, tragic and drear, Filling our hearts with the magic o' cheer; Giving us gifts from the Giver above, Greatest o' which is the spirit o' love.

Christmas is coming to wipe away care, Bringing rich blessings for mankind to share; Giving to some o' us gifts o' sweet peace, And from our troubles and sorrows surcease. Giving to others in life a fresh start, Courage to try again and a brave heart; Helping the helpless and cheering the strong, Gifts from above to humanity's throng.

Christmas is coming with blessings untold, Rarer than gifts o' mere silver and gold; Giving us happiness, helpfulness,

ECZEMAD
Money back without a question if HUNTS OILS AND SKIN DRESSING REMEDIES (Hunt's Salve and Soap) fail in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Yellows or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.

For Sale by
Shell's Pharmacy

LIFE INSURANCE

Insure your life in the Kansas City Life Insurance Company
The Successful Western Company

E. M. RICE
Agent, McLean, Texas
Life Accident Health

McLean Filling Station

Oils, Gas and Accessories
Sudden Service
Magnolene Ford Oil will make your Ford run better
FLOYD PHILLIPS, Mgr.

REAL DRAY SERVICE

We excel in Service because we have more experience and better equipment, so our customers say.

KUNKEL BROS

Christmas Shopping

When you are doing your Christmas shopping, do not forget that Ford. It is entitled to an adjustable rear view mirror, dash lite, foot feed and many other accessories which we have on hand. And if you do not have a new Ford, better come in and get one for the holidays.

Bentley Motor Co.

LINCOLN FORD FORDSON
McLEAN, TEXAS PHONE 148

hope. As in the darkness we stumble and grope. Giving us gifts o' contentment and cheer, Setting us free from the bondage o' fear. Christmas is coming, and so, fellow men, Here's wishing you all "Merry Christmas" again.

WHEN YOU ARE OLD

When you are old and gray and full of sleep, And nodding by the fire, take down this book, And slowly read, and dream of the soft look Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;

How many loved your moments of glad grace And loved your beauty with love false or true; But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you, And loved the sorrows of your changing face.

And bending down beside the glowing bars, Murnur, a little sadly, how love fled And paced upon the mountains overhead And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.
—W. B. Yates in Kansas City Star.

Bill Glass of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shannon and daughter, Miss Bernice, of Clarendon visited in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. N. E. Savage, Sunday.

Groceries are cheaper at Purkett's Cash Store. Advertisement of

Hail-Fire-Tornado Insurance

The kind that absolutely protects you against financial loss, in case of fire, hail or tornado.

PIPPY & BEALL

Office at Citizens State Bank

CLEANING AND PRESSING

Let us clean and press your clothes. Prompt and efficient service. Made-to-Measure clothes fit better and wear longer. Let us take your order.

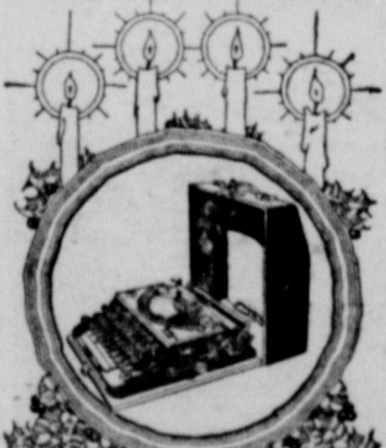
Service Tailor Shop

Hansel Christian, Prop.
1st door north of McLean Hardware

Quick Lunches

Hamburgers—Coffee—Pies
At All Hours
Good food served as you like it

J. A. Meador



The Gift of Gifts for All who write
Remington Portable
The News

E. J. Lander, Rock Island agent, has our thanks for a renewal subscription to The News this week.

Wait for the Michigan salt. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement

Sam Mertel of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Saturday.

A. P. Rippy renews his subscription to The News and Star-Telegram this week.

Yukon's Best has no superior. Advertisement. tlc

FRIEND OR FOE?

The majority of the people consider me a friend; they come to me daily, though I conduct a great germ exchange.

Many people come to me daily and exchange the germs of any disease they may have for those of someone else.

The person leaves his germs with me and I give to him whatever else I may have on hand.

Among the germs that are left with me for free distribution are influenza, whooping cough, pyorrhea, venereal disease and tuberculosis.

I belong to the great unwashed. I am a law breaker.

I am a public menace.

But young people, old people, prosperous people, poor people, ignorant and intelligent people, and flocks of school children, all come to my exchange.

I am the public drinking cup.

Texas has no law governing the common drinking cup nor does the standard sanitary railway code apply, being the only state in the union with no regulations whatever upon this public menace.—Texas Commercial News.

ASK TO SEE the new Remington portable typewriters on display at the News office.

CUNNINGHAM FLOWER SHOP

Plants, Cut Flowers, Designs, Flower and Garden Seeds
Mail or Phone Orders Filled Promptly
AMARILLO, TEXAS

1909-11 Van Buren St. Phone 1081

Cotton Profits

Your cotton profits depend largely upon the turnout and sample made by the gin. Our gin is in first class shape to please you with both sample and turnout.

A share of your business appreciated.

SMITH-COOKE GIN

Practical Christmas Gifts

For the person who drives a car, you can find just the gift you want in our complete line of auto accessories.

SNAPPY SERVICE STATION

"Service With a Smile"



For the Children

Dolls and Toys

You will find many things in our stock of Santa Claus goods that will make the children happy on Christmas.

Then we have quality articles which mean more than the usual gift, that will please anyone. Let a quality gift reflect your thoughtfulness and sincere desire to please. Bring the children and visit our store.

Shell's Pharmacy

AUTOMOBILE

TAX NOTICE

I will be in McLean Saturday, December 27; Alameda Monday, December 29; and in Pampa Tuesday and Wednesday, December 30 and 31, for the purpose of collecting auto licenses for the next year. Car taxes only will be collected on these dates. I will be over later for state and county taxes.

E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff and Tax Collector of Gray County. Advertisement 51-2c.

Jimmie Jackson went to Wellington last Thursday.

T. J. Kelly of Alameda was a McLean visitor Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kinard and baby of Gracey were shopping in the city Saturday.

Groceries are cheaper at Pickett's Cash Store. Advertisement 4c.

NOTICE ADMINISTRATION SALE

No. 112. ESTATE OF W. H. GIBSON AND WIFE, CELIA MAUDE GIBSON, BOTH DECEASED. R. M. GIBSON ADMINISTRATOR.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF GRAY COUNTY TEXAS, NOVEMBER TERM, A. D. 1924.

Notice is hereby given that I, R. M. Gibson, administrator of the estate of W. H. Gibson and wife, Celia Maude Gibson, both deceased, will, on the 6 day of January, A. D. 1925, being the first Tuesday in said month, at Lefors, in the county of Gray, state of Texas, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract or parcel of land belonging to said estate, to-wit:

275 acres of land out of Section 183 and fractional Section 29 Alfred Rowe. Begin at northwest corner of tract surveyed for R. Y. Manum out of Section 183; thence east 792 yards to division line of W. B. Hardin and O. C. Brown for beginning corner for O. C. Brown of land conveyed herein; thence north with said Hardin and Brown division line 1375 yards a stake in west boundary line of Section 29; thence east with north boundary line of Section 29, 968 yards to rock and northeast corner of this 275 acre tract; thence south 1375 yards to pile of rock; thence west 968 yards to beginning, to contain 275 acres of land.

Witness my hand this 18 day of November, A. D. 1924.

R. M. GIBSON, Administrator of the estate of W. H. Gibson and wife, Celia Maude Gibson, both deceased. RMG-47-4c

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gray.

In the District Court of Gray County, Texas, Walter Darlington, plaintiff, vs. W. I. Compton, Florence Owen, T. M. Owen, Clarence E. Myers, B. T. Rives, B. F. Holmes, Harvey Close, Melvin Johnson and W. B. Maulding, defendants.

WHEREAS, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1924, in favor of said Walter Darlington, and against the said Florence Owen, T. M. Owen, Clarence E. Myers, B. T. Rives, Harvey Close and W. B. Maulding, and the other said defendants, W. I. Compton, B. F. Holmes and Melvin Johnson, having been dismissed from said suit, and said dismissal entered of record in said judgment No. 1194, on the docket of said court, I did, on the 6 day of December, A. D. 1924, at 9 o'clock a. m., levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in the county of Gray, state of Texas, and belonging to the said Clarence E. Myers, to-wit: All of the north half (N. 1/2) of section No. 67, in block No. 22 certificate No. 11-2317, H. & G. N. Ry. Co., original grantee, and containing 320 acres of land, commonly known as the Clarence E. Myers land, and located about one and one-half miles east from the town of McLean, Texas; and on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1925, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said Florence Owen, T. M. Owen, Clarence E. Myers, B. T. Rives, Harvey Close and W. B. Maulding, in and to said property.

Dated at McLean, this 6 day of December, A. D. 1924.

E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas. by JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

V. H. Moore
Auctioneer
Wheeler, Texas
Dates made at News office or call me collect.

GOSPEL FISHERS UNION

Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Special music—Floye Landers.
Ebasinos.
Bible quiz—Vernie Savage.
Group No. 2 in charge.
Subject—Christmas Messages.
The First Christmas Message—Lloyd Hunt.

A Christmas Hymn—Vernie Savage.

A Christmas Thought—Midred Landers.

Christmas Plans—Floye Landers.

Keynote verse—everybody know the keynote.

Closing prayer.

Let us make this our best day by everybody coming to G. F. U.

INROADS OF THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE

Figures which show the inroads of the mail order house on the small town merchant's business are contained in a recent article dealing with Sears, Roebuck & Co., which appear in the Wall Street Journal.

According to this authority on American finance, Sears, Roebuck wrote off as loss on inventory in the years 1920 and 1921 the amazing sum of \$50,000,000.

To take care of the business in preceding years it was necessary to issue \$8,000,000 of 7% preferred stock.

So prosperous has the business of this mail order house been during 1923 and 1924 that, not only has the fifty million inventory loss been entirely retrieved but the company announces the retirement Nov. 15, of the \$8,000,000 of preferred stock. This means that

Sears, Roebuck find money so plentiful that they cannot use this 7% money at a profit.

The hardest problem before the small merchant is to fight the mail order house; and his only weapons are the same employed by the mail order people. If advertising and other methods will sell \$29,000,000,000 a month through the mails, surely the small merchant will find profit in the same ways of increasing his business.—The Commercial World.

ROUGH JOKES

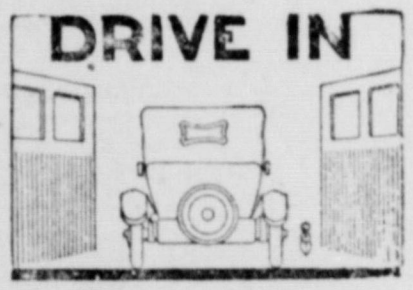
The Times witnessed again the other night some rough jokes pulled at a show. The people laughed—yes, sir, it tickled our ladies and gentlemen almost to death. One joke was where a lady sat down on a bumble bee with the consequential results. Another was where a mother-in-law slid down a two-by-four from a window of a burning building. There was a large, sharp nail in the plank. It was real funny to contemplate what the nail did to the lady. In fact we laughed our sides sore in contemplation of the damage the nail did. It must have left a frightful wound

CREAM WANTED

We have opened a cream station in the Watkins building just back of the Hindman Hotel, and will pay the highest market price.

A share of your business appreciated.

OKLAHOMA BUTTER CO.
G. C. Absher, Mgr.



Our Filling Station

for the best grades of oil, greases, gasoline and accessories.
Genuine Chevrolet and Ford parts in stock. We sell Chevrolet cars.

It is easy to pay for a Chevrolet.

Smith Bros. Chevrolet

The Book Most Desired

Books from time immemorial have been given as gifts—but the book of all books most cheerfully accepted at Christmas time is the bank book.

It's the one book that becomes more valuable with the passing years, for the principal is constantly drawing interest.

Give such a savings account this year.



The American National Bank

in its wake, and very likely broke the lady from her sliding next time. Yes, these jokes surely do tickle folks these days. The more suggestive and the larger the interrogation point after each the more we laugh. We don't remember all the jokes, but some of them were enough to have made people hang their heads; but such is life and custom with people these days. Twenty years ago if jokes like these pulled in this jazz age had been sprung, the actor would not have quit runnin' yet. It is strange to think that people who are respectable in every way will give countenance to such entertainment. We know our people are refined like everywhere, but they

are simply doing themselves an injustice in laughing at such rough, smutty, suggestive jokes. The sooner people frown down on this class of entertainment the better off will the country become. Show people who engage in this rough vaudeville stuff must be given to understand that the public won't stand for same. Jokes are jokes, but smutty, vulgar gags are too rotten to laugh at. Let's put a ban on this class of entertainment.—Slaton Times.

H. Longan of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Thursday of last week.

Sam Hodges and family were Amarillo visitors Sunday.

Jack Sparlin of Heald was in town last Thursday.

W. H. Bragg was a Clarendon visitor Thursday of last week.

DESK BLOTTERS, large size, at the News office.

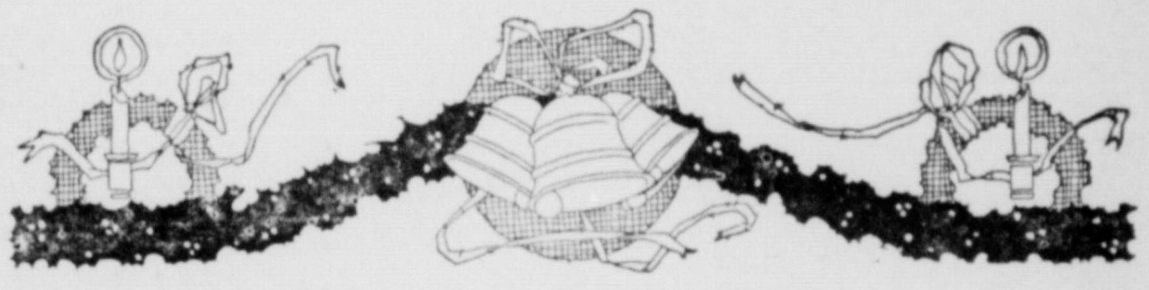
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Will be in McLean on Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday in each month.

Public Sale
We offer at public auction at our place 3 1/2 miles N. E. of Alameda on J. T. Wilson's place, farm tools and stock as listed on our sale bills.
Sale Starts 1 p. m., Dec. 16th
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SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Gray.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the County Court of Tarrant County in Civil Cases on the 25th day of November, 1924, in a certain cause therein, No. 23238 wherein **THE WAPLES PLATTER GROCERY COMPANY, A CORPORATION,** is plaintiff and **T. J. PROCK** is defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 25th day of November, 1924, in favor of the said plaintiff, Waples Platter Grocery Company, a corporation, against the said defendant, **T. J. PROCK,** for the sum of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 8/100 DOLLARS (\$265.08)** with interest thereon from date until paid at the rate of ten per cent per annum, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon and will on the fourth Saturday in December, A. D. 1924, the same being the 24th day of the month, at the **T. J. PROCK STORE BUILDING IN THE TOWN OF ALANREED,** in Gray county, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to ask for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the said defendant, **T. J. PROCK,** in and to the following described personal property, levied upon as the property of **T. J. PROCK,** to-wit: One (1) Dayton computing scale No. 563.62; one (1) four foot floor counter show cases; three six foot counter show cases; two six foot counter display counters; one twelve foot counter and soda fountain combined; one ten foot wall fountain and counter; one Wrigley cash register; one four foot boxed in counters; and all other items of fixtures and accoutrements mentioned herein which are owned by **T. J. PROCK** in connection with his grocery, dry goods and soda fountain business in the town of Alanreed in Gray county, Texas. The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$265.08 in favor of the said Plaintiff, Grocery Company, a corporation, with costs of said suit and the proceeds applied in satisfaction thereof. Given under my hand and seal of office at Lefors, Texas, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1924.
J. S. GRAVES, Sheriff
JRB-51 Gray County, Texas.
By **JOHNNIE R. BACK,** Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a certain execution and order of sale issued by the Clerk of the County Court of Gray County, on the 15 day of December, 1924, in a certain cause wherein **Frank J. Hommel** and **W. O. Hommel** are plaintiffs and **S. L. Ball** is defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 19th day of November, 1924, in favor of said plaintiffs, **Frank J. Hommel** and **W. O. Hommel,** against said defendant, **S. L. Ball,** for the sum of **ONE THOUSAND AND FIFTY-FIVE AND 70/100 DOLLARS,** with interest thereon at the rate of ten per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the fourth Saturday in December, 1924, the same being the 24th day of the month, at an express AUTO COMPANY'S GARAGE AT ALANREED IN GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS (the place where said property is located) within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said defendant, **S. L. Ball,** in and to the following described personal property, levied upon as the property of **S. L. Ball,** to-wit: One (1) air compressor, one Bowser tank and pump, one motor, one Weaver lock, one large show case, one iron safe, one Burroughs adding machine, one

cash register, one check protector, one spoke tightener and jack, one welding machine, one gasoline engine, one large vise, one chain hoist, burning in stand, one Whyne gasoline pump and underground tank, one ring gear and a miscellaneous lot of salvaged wrenches and a miscellaneous lot of auto accessories in said large show case. The above title to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **ONE THOUSAND AND FIFTY-FIVE AND 70/100 DOLLARS** in favor of **Frank J. Hommel** and **W. O. Hommel,** together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.
E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff
JRB-51 Gray County, Texas.
By **JOHNNIE R. BACK,** Deputy.
Alanreed, Texas, Dec. 15, 1924.

THINGS IN COMMON BETWEEN PHYSICIANS AND NEWSPAPERS

On the occasion of the annual session of the Northwest Medical Association at Mineral Wells recently, the editor of the Index of that city published this rather unique editorial:

"And we have with us today the doctors. Let us welcome them with a hospitality worthy of their calling. There are only two professions that parmount that of practicing medicine. One is the minister, the other the editor. The doctor saves the body, the minister saves the soul, the editor's job is to save the doctors and the ministers.

"There are a number of things that doctors and editors have in common and any number of things in which there is a great dissimilarity. They are alike in that neither get all the money they earn; the doctor gets cussed for things that nature does and the editors get cussed for saying things other people think and haven't the nerve to say.

"Doctors have a great advantage over editors in lots of ways. They can use big words and get by with them, but when an editor tries to use them he has to spell them. A doctor can write in such a way that no one but a druggist can read it; an editor writes in such a way that everybody can read it, but they won't. If a doctor calls on another man's wife, he gets paid for it; if an editor calls on another man's wife, he gets shot. A doctor is the only person on earth who can make us sick at our stomach and then make us pay him for it. But we need him all the way from the cradle to the grave. He utters in the population of the earth, and when a baby is born he's present and gets twenty-five dollars for his services. If the editor fails to give the early arrival a favorable notice he loses a subscription. But doctors, like editors, accumulate a lot of abuse when their patients blame them for their own abuse of nature.

"The doctors have kept experimenting until today people live several years longer than they did a few years ago, but so far no one

has given a reason why they should.

"We poke fun at the medical profession when we're well, but when we get sick we send in a hurry call for the best doctor we know."

There is one difference our esteemed contemporary failed to mention, and that is the doctor expects the editor to give him free advertising, but the editor seldom expects anything from the doctor.

W. D. Oliver, M. D., rectal specialist, of Erick, Okla., will be in McLean at Erwin Drug Co., on Tuesday, Dec. 30, to treat hemorrhoids (piles) and other rectal diseases. Advertisement. ccoT-c

Groceries are cheaper at Peckett's Cash Store. Advertisement. ttc.

Real Michigan meat salt due to arrive soon at Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement. ttc.

L. H. Webb of Mobeetie was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Harbison were Charendon visitors Tuesday.

B. E. Timmons and son of Alanreed were McLean visitors Tuesday.

Wheeler Carwile of Gracey was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Todd of Gracey were in town Tuesday.

Jess Grogan of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

C. C. Fagan returned Tuesday from Kansas City.

A new car of Yukon flour just arrived. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement. ttc.

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WEST & EVERETT, Props.

INSINUATING

The other day
We were in
Montreal
And as we walked her
By the Taxi stand near
Windsor Park
A little bird cried
Cheep, cheep.
And don't you think
That was an insinuating thing
To do?

A CHINESE APPLICATION

A Chinese newspaper contains this letter from an applicant for work:

"Sir—I am Wang * * * I can drive a typewriter with good noise and my English is great * * * My last job has left itself from me for the good reason that the large man has dead. It was on account of no

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fault of mine. So, honorable sirs, what about it? If I can be of big use to you I will arrive on some date that you should guess."

ABSOLUTELY

Dad—"Is there anything worse than to be old and bent?"
Son—"Yeh—to be young and broke."—The Pointer.

Mrs. C. A. Gattin and daughter, Mrs. Theima, went to Wellington Saturday, where the latter had her tonsils removed.

Clarence Abscher of Lubbock is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Earl Wilmoth of Wildorado, came in Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wingo.

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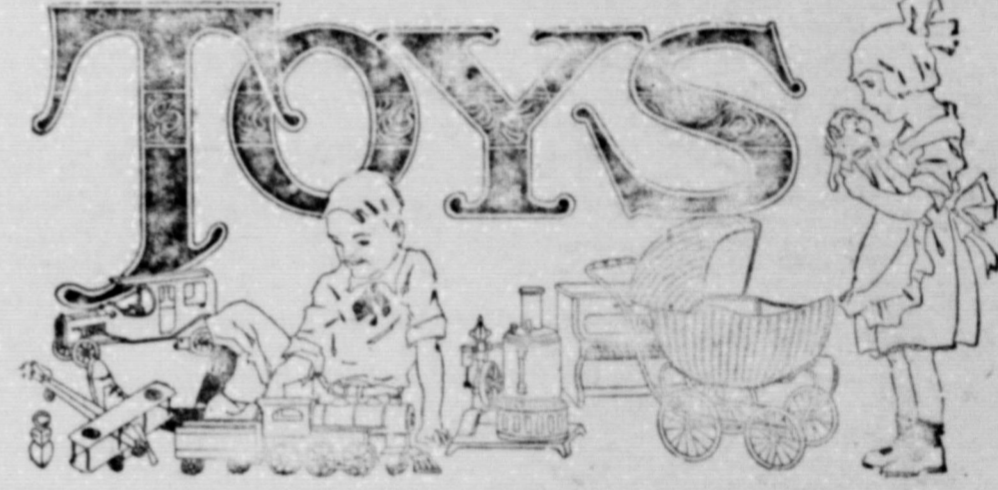
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There are always last minute gifts that you must buy, and that is where our stock of useful articles can be appreciated. If you will visit our store and look over the numbers of things that will make acceptable gifts, we will be glad to show you and make helpful suggestions.



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Bring the children and look over our stock.

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The increased enjoyment and the added pleasure of entertaining when you can switch on the Radio makes it a most suitable gift for your family. Let us place an Atwater-Kent outfit in your home under a strict guarantee to please.

We have many articles that will make suitable gifts for every member of the family.

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H. F. WINGO, Manager

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Christmas is almost here. Better see that the coal bin is full, and the farm stock properly housed. Call us for your coal and building needs.

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There is one present you can give this Christmas that will definitely increase in value every day of the year. It's the present for anyone—a savings account in this bank.

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