

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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## OIL COMPANY ATTEMPTS TO LEASE RIVER BED

An outside oil company has written the General Land Office at Austin, sending a blank check for a lease of the oil rights in the river bed near the Morse well. This action is taken to mean that the possibility of oil being found in this location is practically certain in the minds of the large oil companies.

Mr. Morse and other land owners near the test now going down are having their land bordering the river surveyed in order to protect their interests in the river bed. It is the general opinion that the land owners' interests will be considered first in the event of any controversy.

The Morse well is now drilling day and night and making rapid progress, drilling as much as 70 feet in 12 hours time when conditions are favorable.

## CITY WELL BEING CLEANED

The west well at the city water and light plant is being slushed and the sand cleaned out of it this week. When this work is completed, it is thought that this well will be in as good condition as the east well, which has given very little trouble of any kind. Supt. Bogan says that the east well has been furnishing water for a week with but a few hours running of the pump each day.

## CANDIDATES ANNOUNCE THIS WEEK

The News starts a candidate announcement column this week. Candidates for office in this county are announcing much later than in other counties, but from what we can hear there will be quite a number of them in the race within a few weeks.

## THREE HUNTERS DROWN IN CLAUDE LAKE

Claude, Jan. 14.—Three duck hunters drowned in a lake 8 miles southwest of Claude yesterday. J. R. Hayhurst, groceryman of Claude, Glenn A. Randall and S. W. Hammer, both of Amarillo, were the victims.

Hayhurst was pushing a blind of tumble weeds across the lake when the ice broke and he fell into the water. Randall and Hammer lost their lives trying to rescue Hayhurst. The men were practically frozen to death before they finally sank and drowned.

Jerry Cavanaugh, Claude Boy Scout, almost lost his life in icy water while assisting in recovering the bodies of the drowned men.

## News From Enterprise

By Special Correspondent. Everybody is going to plowing soon.

The new house on the Stokley farm is nearly completed.

Mr. McIntosh went to Wellington on business Monday.

There was a party at the Mathis home Saturday night. Everybody had an enjoyable time. There was a large crowd present, including some young folks from Abra.

Mrs. Lila Neely and Mrs. Neill are visiting Mrs. Bob James this week.

Bro. Wood was down from Alanreed Sunday.

Prescott Mathis was in McLean on business last Thursday.

Our Sunday school is going fine. Miss Lillie Brannan visited home folks at Dodsonville Saturday.

There was a big crowd out to the Union Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brisco visited in the W. H. Mathis home Sunday night.

J. W. Grogan and family of Ramsdell were McLean visitors Saturday. J. M. Carpenter made a flying trip to Lefors Saturday afternoon.

E. B. Hedrick, banker, of Alanreed was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.

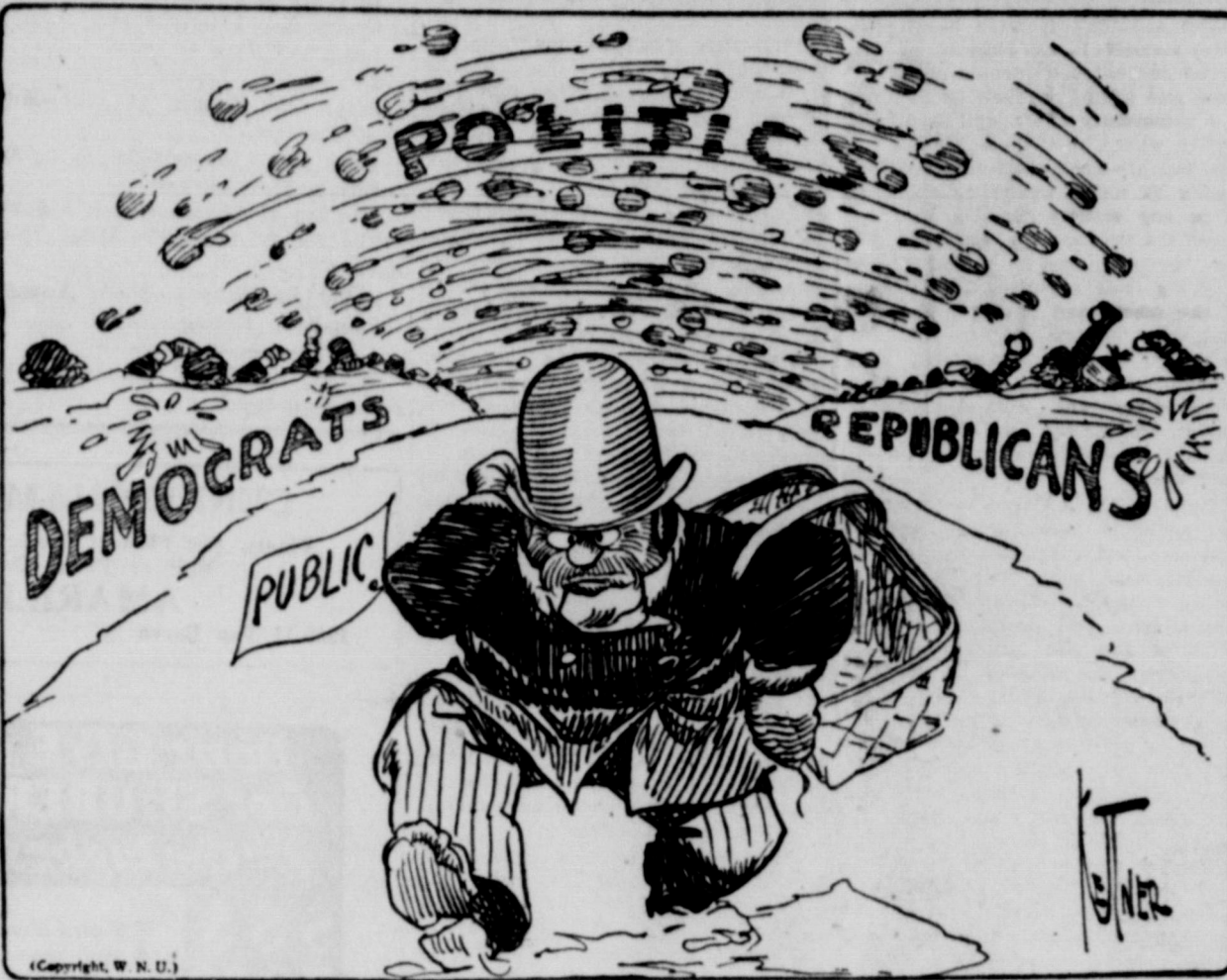
A. L. Moran and family of Liberty were in town Saturday.

R. S. Thompson of Skillet was a McLean visitor Saturday.

L. F. Wilkins of Alanreed has renewed his subscription to The News.

Andy Nelson of Gracy was a McLean visitor Saturday.

## The Battle Is On



## DRILLER EXPECTED FOR KATCHELHOFFER WELL TO ARRIVE TONIGHT

The driller for the Katcheloff oil test east of town is expected to arrive tonight. This man is an experienced driller of producing wells, and must bring in a well here in order to get his money, according to J. H. Cooley of Chicago, who is looking after the company's interests.

Everything is in readiness to resume operations, with the exception of finishing their block of leases, and a leasing campaign will be launched in a few days. Mr. Cooley informs us that his company has never sold a single lease, but they are in the game to find oil, if the oil is here, and of that there is not much doubt, the thing is to go down deep enough to get it. It is to be hoped that the company can secure the required number of acres desired, as there is no question but that when a well is brought in the value of all lands for many miles around will be enhanced to many times its present value. The matter of a few cents difference in lease rentals would be too small to be considered, compared to what any land could be sold for when a well is brought in.

## PAMPA FARMERS BUY FINE DAIRY COWS

Pampa, Jan. 15.—The farmers of Pampa purchased another car of high grade registered Jersey cows last week. R. O. Dunkle, county agent, selected these cows from fine dairy herds in Central Texas, and every cow is a good one. These cows were bought and shipped to Pampa, the farmers getting them at actual cost. This car cost from \$35 to \$81 per head.

## A BACON ROAST

Saturday evening a number of young people went out to Skillet creek for a bacon roast. A big bonfire was built and a pleasant hour was spent roasting and eating bacon and bread, and in other forms of amusement. The following were present: Misses Margaret Miller, Mellie Bird and Ann Richey, Lillian Abbott, Frankie Mae Upham, Nela Norman, Myrtle Strong; Mrs. Vigna Stuckey, Messrs. R. O. Dunkle, Erwin Rice, Fred Landers, Dwight Upham and Homer Abbott.

Ben Moore of Amarillo was shaking hands with friends in McLean Wednesday.

Judge M. M. Miller of Eldorado, Ark., was in the city on business one day last week.

J. W. Lively renews for The News and takes advantage of a club offer this week.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CLOSES MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN ITS HISTORY

According to T. J. Coffey, secretary-treasurer of the First Presbyterian church the past sixteen months under the leadership of Pastor W. P. Roberts, who is now at Grand Prairie, has made more progress than at any other period in the history of the local church. Mr. Coffey completed his financial report the first of this week and gave us the following condensed statement of the expenditures made by the church during the period mentioned: Pastor's salary, \$1958.28; addition to manse, \$519.50; church improvements, \$135.05; side-walks, \$219.65; incidental expenses, \$240.75; Sunday school supplies, \$104.40; home missions, \$100.00; janitor, \$64.00; making a total of \$3341.63, which is a very creditable showing when the comparatively small number of members is considered.

J. R. Hindman, S. E. Fast, J. W. Wilkins and J. A. Ashby are elders of this church and Arthur Erwin is Sunday school superintendent.

They have no pastor at present, but Rev. Pollard is on the field looking over the situation with a view of taking over the work. The Rev. Pollard will preach at both hours next Sunday.

## PLAINVIEW AND THE NEGRO

Last Saturday two negroes who were in jail charged with forgery, knocked a deputy sheriff in the head with a sugar bowl and escaped jail. A few years ago there were no negroes in Plainview, and most of the time the jail was empty, but since the coon arrived in the town the jail is never empty. The two papers of that town seldom ever send out an issue of late without there being stories of negroes being arrested for bootlegging, gambling, drunkenness, forgery and many cases of thievery, and yet some of the residents of the town are almost willing to fight in order to keep the negro. Of course this class of people think they are too good to do their own work and that it looks big to have servants, as there are very few of them that really need servants and are really able to pay servants, and they want to keep the negro for the drudgery work because they are not able or are too stingy to pay decent wages for a white servant. As time goes on and the larger towns of the Plains fill up with negroes, where they are allowed to stay the court dockets will become heavier at each term, and there will be much stealing, gambling, bootlegging and small crimes, and perhaps some real nasty crimes. Why white people will allow an undesirable citizenship to come into an all-white man's country is more than we can comprehend.—Lockney Beacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rippey of Savre, Okla., came in Tuesday to visit relatives.

## DISPLAY TAG ON YOUR CAR, ADVICE GIVEN

Amarillo, Jan. 11.—Put your 1924 license tag on the front of your car, said State Highway Officer Branch Anderson today.

Anderson declared that the man who placed his 1924 license tag on the back of his car or in the car on the windshield is as guilty of a violation of the law as the man who does not have any tag at all, since the law explicitly states that the tag must be displayed on the front of the car free from dirt, mud, grime and grease.

Anderson also declares that those who have not paid their license fees had better leave their cars at home unless they want to pay a fine.—Amarillo Daily Post.

## CLARENDON NURSERY BUYS TRACT OF LAND NEAR ALANREED

Paul and Albert Bruce of the Clarendon Nursery were visitors in McLean last Saturday and tell us that their nursery has acquired an eighty acre tract of sub-irrigated land near Alanreed for propagating plants and trees.

A. L. Bruce and Sons, proprietors of the Clarendon Nursery, have had long experience in growing trees and plants suitable to this section, and the new tract of land will give them better facilities for taking care of their rapidly increasing business. Read their advertisements that appear in The News each week.

J. A. Hilburn, former editor of the Shamrock Texan, visited the News force Monday. Mr. Hilburn is contemplating taking a position with the Amarillo Globe next month.

Dr. Ballard has our thanks for a subscription to The News.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Graham and children were Amarillo visitors Saturday.

Paul and Albert Bruce of Clarendon attended services at the First Baptist church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collins and family were shopping in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. S. E. Boyett has our thanks for subscription favors this week.

Ira Bacon of El Paso was a pleasant caller at the News office Monday.

W. L. Haynes and A. A. Ledbetter were Amarillo visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Turner of Alanreed were McLean visitors Friday.

Erbert Freeman of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Friday.

L. O. Floyd, M. D. Bentley and J. T. Smith attended services at Liberty Sunday afternoon.

## DAIRY EXPERT TO SPEAK SATURDAY NIGHT

J. W. Ridgway, former head of the Dairy Husbandry Department of Texas A. & M. College, will give a free lecture Saturday night, Jan. 19, at the Odd Fellow hall. The main theme of his lecture will be breeding and feeding of the dairy cow. Mr. Ridgway has a picture machine with which he illustrates the different phases of the dairy industry, and his discourse will be highly entertaining as well as instructive. All those who are interested in better milk cows are urged to attend.

## ODD FELLOW LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

The McLean Lodge I. O. O. F. installed the following officers at a meeting Tuesday night:

T. N. Holloway, N. G.  
W. L. Haynes, V. G.  
J. W. Burrows, Secretary.  
Tom McCarty, Warden.  
H. F. Wingo, Treasurer.  
C. A. Watkins, Conductor.  
O. K. Murphree, Chaplin.  
J. Lee Turner, I. G.  
Willison Sitter, O. G.

## A PUBLIC SALE

R. D. Short, who lives two miles east of town, offers his stock, farm implements and household goods at public auction next Monday. A free lunch will be served at noon. Read his ad on another page of The News.

## A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. A. A. Ledbetter entertained a number of little folks Wednesday afternoon in honor of the eighth birthday of her children, Paul and Pauline. After a number of games, were played, refreshments were served to the following: Georgia and Charles Stratton, Laverne and Buster Pettit, Rebecca Ruth Jackson, Earline Peters, Athalie Overton, George Courtney and Hershel McCarty, James Emmett Cooke, Alfred and Winfred Burks, Winnie Mae McCleskey, Paul, Pauline, Arthur Ray and Edwin Ledbetter.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE SOCIAL

One of the most enjoyable social affairs of the season was the Epworth League social at the S. A. Cousins home last Friday night. About thirty young people were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed D. Smith of Childress were business visitors in McLean Monday. Mr. Smith renewed his subscription to The News while here and said they figure on moving to our town soon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Landers, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Holloway and Mrs. D. A. Davis attended services at the Liberty school house Sunday afternoon.

J. E. Cubine made a business trip to Clarendon Monday.

Mrs. Charles Lowry of Clarendon spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cousins.

T. F. Phillips of Heald was a McLean visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Major of Memphis visited in the S. A. Cousins home from Friday till Monday.

Miss Frankie Mae Upham, book-keeper for the McLean Hardware Company, left Monday afternoon for Waurika, Okla., where she has accepted a position in an engineer and surveyor's office.

D. W. Turner of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Monday.

W. M. Fulton of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Monday.

Jim McMurtry of Clarendon was a McLean visitor Monday.

Mrs. Alice McKinley returned to her home at Dalhart last Thursday after a visit with Mrs. S. F. Chambers.

T. B. Hines of Skillet was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Bailey of Heald were shopping in town Saturday.

J. T. Litchfield of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

## FAIR SECRETARIES TO MEET IN AMARILLO FEBRUARY 14

Amarillo, Jan. 16.—S. J. Cole, district manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has sent out invitations to fair secretaries all over the Panhandle to meet at Amarillo February 14, at 2:30 p. m. in the Longhorn Club room of the Amarillo hotel.

The call reads in part:

"Every town in this section of the country that intends having a fair this year should have a representative at this meeting, the purpose of which is to discuss plans for securing a circuit of attractions such as shows, automobile races, exhibits, etc., and also to arrange the dates so that there will not be any fairs that will conflict.

"The larger fairs, such as Dallas, Wichita Falls, Amarillo and others, have already set their dates and it is believed that the smaller ones should take this into consideration in setting the time for their fairs, in order to keep them from having the attendance divided and drawing exhibits and attractions from certain fairs.

"It is also suggested that the representatives attending this meeting be given as much authority as possible regarding the fixing of the dates for his particular fair."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT LIBERTY

The Sunday school at the Liberty school house, four miles east of town, is in a flourishing condition. There is an enrollment of about sixty, with a high average attendance. Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon, with preaching by Rev. W. C. Garrett, pastor of the First Baptist church at McLean, every second Sunday in each month. Mrs. J. F. Corbin is superintendent of the Sunday school. Jason Morgan secretary, and Reuben Woodley, Mesdames Stokes, Morgan and Hardin teachers.

## News From Heald

By Special Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tedder and Jim Tedder spent Wednesday night in the Brock home.

Misses Ada and Beulah Parker spent Wednesday night with Miss Mildred Rogers.

Miss Ethel Harbison spent Friday night with Misses Ada and Beulah Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brock spent Friday night in the E. W. Brock home.

Hubert Chilton and Travis Armstrong spent Friday night with Alvin Brock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Grove and little daughter left Friday for their home in Corona, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey and little daughter spent Saturday night in the J. A. Haynes home.

Frank Reneau and Travis Armstrong spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rippey of McLean spent Sunday with their father and sister, A. P. Rippey and Mrs. Nida Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey spent Sunday in the Armstrong home.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Smith spent Sunday in the Parker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams spent Sunday in the J. W. Dougherty home.

## QUEER SUITS

Suits have been started by the United States government against the International Harvester Co., to dissolve the company into at least three parts. Grounds for suit are apparently not, as one might think too high prices for farm implements but too low prices—"unduly depressing prices," assumably, likely to hurt business of other manufacturers of farm implements. The Harvester Company maintains that their prices are low—too low—because of the hard situation of the farmer who is not able to buy normal and needed machinery.—Quannah Tribune-Chief.

County Attorney Chas. C. Cook of Pampa was a business visitor in McLean Friday.

Mrs. Susie Mae Redwine left Sunday for Delhi, Okla., to visit friends.

Miss Annie Belle Roby left Monday for Canyon and Lubbock on a visit.

# The BROWN MOUSE

By HERBERT QUICK

"He's a native product," said the colonel, "but a wonder all the same. He's a Brown Mouse, you know."

"A—? Doctor Brathwayt was plainly astonished. And so the colonel was allowed to tell again the story of the Darbshire brown mouse, and why he called Jim Irwin one. Doctor Brathwayt said it was an interesting Mendelian explanation of the appearance of such a character as Jim. "And if you are right, Colonel, you'll lose him one of these days. You can't expect to retain a Caesar, a Napoleon, or a Lincoln in a rural school, can you?"

"I don't know about that," said the colonel. "The great opportunity for such a Brown Mouse may be in this very school, right now. He'd have as big an army right here as Socrates ever had. The Brown Mouse is the only judge of his own proper place."

"I think," said Mrs. Brathwayt, as they motored back to the school, "that your country schoolmaster is rather terrible. The way he crushed that Mr. Carmichael was positively merciless. Did he know how cruel he was?"

"I think not," said Jennie. "It was the truth that crushed Mr. Carmichael."

"But that vote of thanks," said Mrs. Brathwayt. "Surely that was the bitterest irony."

"I wonder if it was," said Jennie. "No, I am sure it wasn't. He wanted to leave the children thinking as well as possible of their victim, and especially of Mr. Bonner; and there was really something in Mr. Carmichael's talk which could be praised. I have known Jim Irwin since we were both children, and I feel sure that if he had had any idea that his treatment of this man had been unnecessarily cruel, it would have given him a lot of pain."

"My dear," said Mrs. Brathwayt, "I think you are to be congratulated for having known for a long time a genius."

"Thank you," said Jennie. And Mrs. Brathwayt gave her a glance which brought to her cheek another blush; but of a different sort from the one provoked by the uproar in the Woodruff school.

There could be no doubt now that Jim was thoroughly wonderful—not that she, the county superintendent, was quite as thoroughly a little fool. She to be put in authority over him! It was too absurd for laughter. Fortunately, she hadn't hindered him much—but who was to be thanked for that? Was it owing to any wisdom of hers? Well, she had decided in his favor, in those first proceedings to revoke his certificate. Perhaps that was as good a thing to remember as was to be found in the record.

### CHAPTER XXII

#### And So They Lived—

And so it turned out quite as if it were in the old ballad, that "all in the merry month of May," and also "all in the merry green wood," there were great doings about the bold little promontory where once stood the cabin on the old wood-lot where the Simms family had dwelt.

The brook ran about the promontory, and laid at its feet on three sides a carpet of blue-grass, amid clumps of trees and wild bushes. Not far ahead on either hand came the black corn-land, but up and down the bluff sides of the brook for some distance on both sides of the King-dragged highway, ran the old wood-lot, now retaining much of the unkempt appearance which characterized it when Jim Irwin had drawn upon himself the gentle rebuke of Old Man Simms for not giving a whoop from the big road before coming into the yard.

The cabin was gone, and in its place stood a pretty little bungalow, about which blossomed lilacs and peonies and roses and other old-fashioned flowers furnished by Mrs. Irwin. For this was the teacher's house or schoolman's for the new consolidated Woodruff district, and the old Simms wood-lot was henceforth to be the glebe-land of the schoolman.

Jim turned over and over in his mind these new applications of old, historic, significant words, dear to every reader of history—"glebe-land," "schoolman"—and it seemed to him that they signified the return of many old things lost in Merrie England, lost in New England, lost all over the English-speaking world, when the old publicly-paid clergyman ceased to be so far the servant of all the people that they refused to be taxed for his support. Was not the new kind of rural teacher to be a publicly-paid leader of thought, of culture, of progress, and was he not to have his manse, his glebe-land, and his "living"? And all because, like the old clergyman, he was doing a work in which everybody was interested and

for which they were willing to be taxed. Perhaps it was not so high a status as the old; but who was to say that? Certainly not Jim Irwin, the possessor of the new kind of "living," with its "glebe-land" and its "schoolmanse." He would have rated the new as at least quite as high as the old.

From the brow of the promontory, a light concrete bridge took the pretty little gorge in the leap of a single arch, and landed the eye at the bottom of the front yard of the school-house. Thus the new institution of life was in full view of the schoolmanse veranda, and yet shut off from it by the dry moat of the brook and its tiny meadow of blue-grass.

Across the road was the creamery, with its businesslike unloading platform, and its addition in process of construction for the reception of the machinery for the co-operative laundry. Not far from the creamery, and also across the road, stood the blacksmith and wheelwright shop. Still farther down the street were the barn, poultry house, pens, hutches and yards of the little farm—small, as were all the buildings save the schoolhouse itself, which was built, as it should have been, for the future.

And even the schoolhouse, when one thinks of the uses to which it was to be put—kitchen, nursery, kindergarten, banquet hall, theater, moving picture hall, classrooms, manual training rooms, laboratory and counting room and what not, was wonderfully small—Colonel Woodruff said far too small—though it was necessarily so large as to be rather astonishing to the unexpectant passer-by.

The unexpectant passer-by this May day, however, would have been especially struck by the number of motor cars, buggies and surreys parked in the yard back of the creamery, along the roadside, and by the driveway running to the schoolhouse. People in numbers had arrived by five o'clock in the afternoon, and were still coming. They strolled about the place, examining the buildings and grounds, and talking with the blacksmith and the butter-maker.

Gradually they drew into the schoolhouse like a swarm of bees into a hive selected by the queen. None of them, however, went across the concrete bridge to the schoolmanse, save Mrs. Simms, who crossed, consulted with Mrs. Irwin about the shrubbery and flowers, and went back to Buddie and Jennie, who were good children but natchally couldn't be trusted with so many other young ones without some watchin'.

"They're coming! They're coming!" This was the cry borne to the people in and about the schoolhouse by that Hans Hansen who would be called Hans Nilsen. Hans had been to the top of the little hill and had a look toward town.

Like a crew manning a rigging, or a crowd having its picture taken, the assemblage crystallized into forms determined by the chances of getting a glimpse of the bungalow across the ravine—on posts, fences, trees and hillocks.

A motor car came over the hillock, ran down the road to the driveway to the schoolmanse and drew up at the door. Out of it stepped Mrs. Woodruff and the colonel, their daughter, the county superintendent of schools, and Mr. Jim Irwin. Jennie was dressed in a very well-tailored traveling costume, and Jim in a moderately well-tailored business suit. The fact that when they reached the threshold Jim picked

There was quantity in meats, breads, vegetables—and there was also savor. There was plenty, and there was style. Ask Mrs. Haakon Peterson, who yearned for culture, and had been afraid her children wouldn't get it if Yim Irwin taught them nothing but farming. She will tell you that the dinner—which so many thought of all the time as supper—was just as well served as if it had been in the Chamberlain Hotel in Des Moines, where she had stayed when she went with Haakon to the state convention.

Why shouldn't it have been even better served? It was planned, cooked, served and eaten by people of intelligence and brains, in their own house, as a community affair, and in a community where, if any one should ask you, you are authorized to state that there's as much wealth to the acre as in any strictly farming spot between the two oceans, and where you are perfectly safe—financially—in dropping from a balloon in the dark of the moon, and paying a hundred and fifty dollars an acre for any farm you happen to land on. Why shouldn't things have been well done, when every one worked, not for money, but for the love of the doing and the love of learning to do in the best way?

Some of these things came out in the speeches following the repast—and some other things, too. It was probably not quite fair for B. B. Hamm to incorporate in his wishes for the welfare and prosperity and so forth of Jim and Jennie that state one about the troubles of life, but he wanted to see Jennie blush—which as a matter of fact he did; but she failed to grow quite so fiery red as did Jim. But B. B. was a good fellow, and a Trojan in his work for the cause, and the schoolmaster and superintendent of schools forgave him. A remark may be a little broad, and still clean, and B. B. made a clean speech, mainly devoted to the increased value of that farm he at one memorable time was going to sell before Jim's fool notions could be carried out.

Colonel Woodruff made most of the above points which I have filched from him. He had begun as a reformer late in life, he said, but would leave it to them if he hadn't worked at the trade steadily after enlistment. He had become a follower of Jim Irwin, because Jim's reform was like dragging the road in front of your own farm—it was reform right at home, and not at the county seat, or Des Moines, or Washington. He had followed Jim Irwin as he had followed Lincoln, and Grant, and Blaine, and McKinley—because Jim Irwin stood for more upward growth for the average American citizen than the colonel could see any prospect of getting from any other choice. And he was proud to live in a country like this, saved and promoted by the great men he had followed, and in a neighborhood served and promoted, if not quite saved, by Jim Irwin. And he was not so sure about it not being saved. Every man and nation had to be saved anew every so often, and the colonel believed that Jim Irwin's new kind of rural school is just as necessary to the salvation of this country. "I am about to close my speech," said the colonel, "and the small service I have been able to give to this nation. I went through the war, neighbors—and am proud of it; but I've done more good in the peaceful service of the last three years than I did in four of fighting and campaigning. That's the way I feel about what we've done in Consolidated District Number One." (Vociferous and long-continued applause.)

"Oh, Colonel!" The voice of Angie Talcott rose from away back near the kitchen. "Can Jennie keep on being county superintendent, now she's married?"

A great guffaw of laughter reduced poor Angie to tears; and Jennie had to go over and comfort her. It was all right for her to ask that and they ought not to laugh at Angie, so there! Now, you're all right, and let's talk about the new schoolhouse, and so forth. Jennie brought the smiles back to Angie's face, just in time to hear Jim tell the people amid louder cheers that he had been asked to go into the rural school extension work in two states, and had been offered a fine salary in either place, but that he wasn't even considering these offers. And about that time, the children began to get sleepy and cross and naughty, and the women set in motion agencies which moved the crowd homeward.

Before a bright wood fire—which they really didn't need, but how else was Jim's mother to show off the little fireplace—sat Jim and Jennie. They had been together for a week now—this being their homecoming—and had only begun to get really happy.

Jim set looking into the fire, oblivious of it. When Jennie spoke, her voice seemed to emanate from Jim's shirt front.

"Did you hear," said she, "what Angie Talcott asked?"

"M'h'm," said Jim.

"Well," said Jennie, "now that I'm married can I go on being county superintendent?"

There was a long silence.

"Would you like to?" asked Jim.

"Kind of," said Jennie; "if I knew enough about things to do anything worth while; but I'm afraid that by rising to my full height I shall always just fall to be able to see over anything."

"You've done more for the schools of the county," said Jim, "in the last year than any other county superintendent has ever done."

"And we shall need the money so like—so like the dickens," was Jennie's

rejoinder.

"Oh, not so badly," laughed Jim, "except for the first year. I'll have this little farm paying as much as some quarter sections when we get squared about. Why, we can make a living on this school farm, Jennie—or I'm not fit to be the head of the school."

There was another silence, during which Jennie took down her hair, and wound it around Jim's neck.

"It will settle itself one of these days anyhow," said he at last. "There's enough to do for both of us right here."

"But they won't pay me," she protested.

"They don't pay the ministers wives," said Jim, "and yet, the ministers with the right sort of wives are always the best paid. I guess you'll be in the bill, Jennie."

Jim walked to the open window and looked out over the still landscape. Down in the little meadow grew the dreaming trees, their round crowns rising as from a sea dot quite to the level of the bungalow, their thrifty leaves glistening in the moonlight. Across the pretty bridge lay the silent little campus with its Twentieth century temple facing its chief priest. It was all good, without and within.

He went across the hall to bid his mother good night. She clung to him convulsively, and they had their five minutes which arranged matters for these two silent natures on the new basis forever. Jennie was in white before the mantle when he returned smiling at the inscription thereon:

"Let Us Cease Thinking So Much of Agricultural Education, and Devote Ourselves to Educational Agriculture. So Will the Nation Be Made Strong."

"Why didn't you put it in Latin?" she inquired. "It would have had so much more distinction."

"I wanted it to have meaning instead," said Jim. "And besides, nobody who was at hand was quite sure how to turn the Latin phrase. Are you?"

Jennie leaned forward with her elbows on her knees, and studied it.

"I believe I could," said she, "without any pony. But after all, I like it better as it is. I like everything, Jim—everything."

### McLEAN GIRLS CLUB

By Club Reporter.

The club girls met Monday, Jan. 7, in the school auditorium. The meeting was opened with a club song, followed by a yell. The work done since last meeting was reported as follows: Hemmed patches, 5; aprons, 2; gowns, 1; cats, 2; dust caps, 1; pillow cases, 1; darned sock, 1; sewing bag, 1.

Fourteen new members were taken in, which shows the club is increasing rapidly. Two members have dropped from the roll. Minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary. A finance committee was appointed to send a girl representative to College Station and to the Dallas Fair, which is to be held next fall. Those appointed were: Ozzella Hunt and Fern Upham.

The following program was given: Making a Start with Poultry—Elizabeth Wilkerson. House and Enclosure—Fayttie

Belle Copeland.  
Ventilation—Audra Wilson.  
Managing Hens for Egg Production.

After the program the girls went to work on their sewing. After they were through, Miss Patterson took the pictures of those who had finished one piece and handed it in.

INTERMEDIATE R. Y. P. U.

Song and prayer.  
Business and records.  
Group No. 1 in charge.  
Leader—Wilma Grigsby.  
Introduction—Leader.  
Satan, the Father of Lies—Mildred Landers.  
Some Bible Illustrations of Lying—Elizabeth Wilkerson.  
The Sin of Ananias—Fern Abbott.  
The Sin of Sapphira—Helen Mae Barnes.  
Lying by Actions—Merle Young.  
Song and closing prayer.

W. P. Rogers of Heald was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell visited relatives at Pampa Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Wingo and Enoch Berkeley were Groom visitors Sunday.

Miss Lena Davidson spent the week end with home folks at Ram-dell.

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**CHICAGO**



Jim Picked Jennie Up and Carried Her in His Arms.

Jennie up in his arms and carried her in, will enable any good detective to put one and one together and make a pair—which comes pretty near telling the whole story.

By this time it was nearly seven, and Callista Simms came across the charmed bridge as a dispatch-bearer, saying that if Mr. Jim and Miss Jennie didn't mind, dinner would be served right soon. It was cooked about right, and the folks was gettin' right hungry—an' such a crowd! There were fifteen in the babies' room, and for a while they thought the youngest Hamm young one had swallowed a marble. She would tell 'em they would be right over; good-by.

There was another cheer as the three elderly and the two younger people emerged from the schoolmanse and took their way over the bridge to the school side of the velvet-bottomed moat, but it was shut off like the vibration of a bell dipped in water by the sudden rush of the shouters into the big assembly room, now filled with tables for the banquet. And here the domestic economy classes, with their mothers, sisters, female cousins and aunts, met them, as waiters, hat snatchers, hostesses, floor managers and cooks, scoring the greatest triumph of history in the Woodruff district. For everything went off like clockwork, especially the victuals—and such victuals!

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LAST Spring a total of 350,000 people were disappointed in not being able to obtain deliveries of Ford Cars and Trucks, as orders were placed faster than cars could be produced.

The demand for Ford Cars and Trucks this Spring will, according to all indications, be far greater than last Spring.

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Actual retail deliveries the past 60 days totaled 308,170 Ford Cars and Trucks, an increase of 1,961 a day over a year ago.

Over 200,000 people have already ordered Ford products on our purchase plan, the majority of whom will take delivery in the Spring.

The above facts are given with the suggestion that you list your order promptly with a Ford dealer if you contemplate the purchase of a Ford Car or Truck for use this Spring or Summer and wish to avoid delay in delivery.

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See the Nearest Authorized Ford Dealer

**SHERIFF GRAVES ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION**

In announcing my candidacy to the men and women voters of Gray county to succeed myself as sheriff and tax collector, subject to the Democratic primary of July, I wish to state my position clearly. I am running on strictly a law enforcement platform and offer my past record as evidence of what you may expect in the future. If elected, I will endeavor to enforce the law without fear or favor, regardless of sex or affiliation, with special endeavor, as in the past, to stamp out the sale and traffic in liquor. Each and everyone is invited to examine the affairs of the sheriff's office during my administration, then one should know what to expect if I am elected. Assuring you of my appreciation for any consideration shown me in this behalf, I am yours to serve,  
**SHERIFF E. S. GRAVES.**

**COTRELL ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY TREASURER**

I take this means of announcing my candidacy to the men and women voters of Gray county for the office of County Treasurer. Assuring you of my appreciation of any consideration shown me in this behalf, yours very truly,  
**R. L. COTRELL.**

**AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**W. C. Garrett, Pastor**  
 The theme for the morning service Sunday will be "Jesus the Light of the World." The evening subject will be "Christians the Light of the World."

**W. M. U.**

By Reporter.  
 The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will observe the week of prayer with an all day program at the church next Wednesday. The services will begin at 10 o'clock.

**CAN THE TOBACCO SPITTER**

Personally, we think the women have as much right to bob their hair if they want to, or wear trousers if they want to, as have the men to grow hazle brush all over their faces, or let run rivulets of tobacco juice from the corners of their mouths.—Randall County News.

Well said. A man unshaven and unshorn looks unkept and untidy. The young sprout who a few years ago thought it a distinction to grow a lip appendage with waxed ends and spent much time curling the said lip appendage now very likely has to hide the picture that once reposed in the big red push album. His wife and kiddies think he looked like a wild animal escaped from the zoo and make so much fun of the picture that he hates the sight of it, hence he hides it deep in his dresser drawer, but somehow papa's "like-ness" will bob up once in a while at a most inconvenient time. Now the man who wants to look smart takes as much pains to scrape every single hair from his face as the youth of old took in grooming his mustache. And while the male of the species is shaving, the women folks are bobbing. There is no question of right or wrong about it—it's the fad and as such must run its course. While hubby is getting rid of his growth of beard, the wife is getting rid of her pig tail, and there is nothing more to be said. If he wants a full beard, all he has to do is to quit shaving, and if she wants more hair on her head, all she has to do is to get some store hair. And all is lovely. But mere man grouches because women want to wear trousers. The fad is not yet quite as common as bobbed hair. As for tobacco juice—well, no man in his right mind has a right to so far forget himself as to permit his use of the weed to such a filthy end. And, furthermore, a woman has a right to insist on his turning away from any such habit. Women have a right to insist that he clean him-

self up. Furthermore, both women and men have the right to insist that the loafer on the street desist from making the sidewalk a cuspidor. While it seems a pity for a girl or woman to sacrifice a nice head of hair to a fad that is now passing, yet nobody but the interested parties suffer from the bobbing, but the community, big, little, old and young, suffer from the filth on the walks where loafers congregate.—Higgins News.

**THE HOME NEWSPAPER**

If there is anything in your town worth talking about, 10 chances to one your own newspaper had a hand in putting it there. If anyone beyond the walls of your burg ever learns that there is such a place as Three Corners, it will be through the home paper.

Every town gets its money's worth through the home paper. It's the wagon that carries all your goods to market. It ought to be kept in good repair. It will pay to grease it, paint it and keep its running gears in good shape and shelter.

They are the guardians and defenders of every interest, the fore-runners and pioneers of every movement and the sturdy advocates of law and order.—Spearman Reporter.

**THE FRIEDLY SMILE AND CHEERFUL GREETING WORTH CULTIVATING**

In town boosting, cheerfulness and cordiality have an important part. Too often people permit business cares and worries to cause them to forget the stranger within the gates and the friend who passes by.

**A. A. LEDBETTER**  
 Attorney-at-Law  
 McLean, Texas

Many a man has gained a reputation for grouchiness who merely has not thought to be cordial. A smile carries one much farther than a frown. The visitor in a city is favorably impressed if the people he sees on the streets are cheerful and smiling. He at once gains the impression that it must be a good town which has a cheerful people.

The visitor naturally thinks that a city which offers welcome in so conspicuous a way means it. If the people he meets smile and are cheerful he at once realizes that they are a people worth while and the town one worth looking over. The cordial greeting with an accompanying smile of welcome, helps more than anything else to give people a good impression of a place. The smile attracts and the frown repels. Grouchiness gains nothing for a person. Most people would prefer even the "Cheerful Idiot" to the "Chronic Grouch."

**THE USUAL WAY**

He worked by day

And toiled by night,  
 He gave up play  
 And some delight.  
 Dry books he read,  
 New things to learn,  
 And forged ahead  
 Success to earn.  
 He plodded on  
 With faith and pluck,  
 And when he won  
 Men called it luck.  
 —Detroit Free Press.

W. D. Howard was in town with

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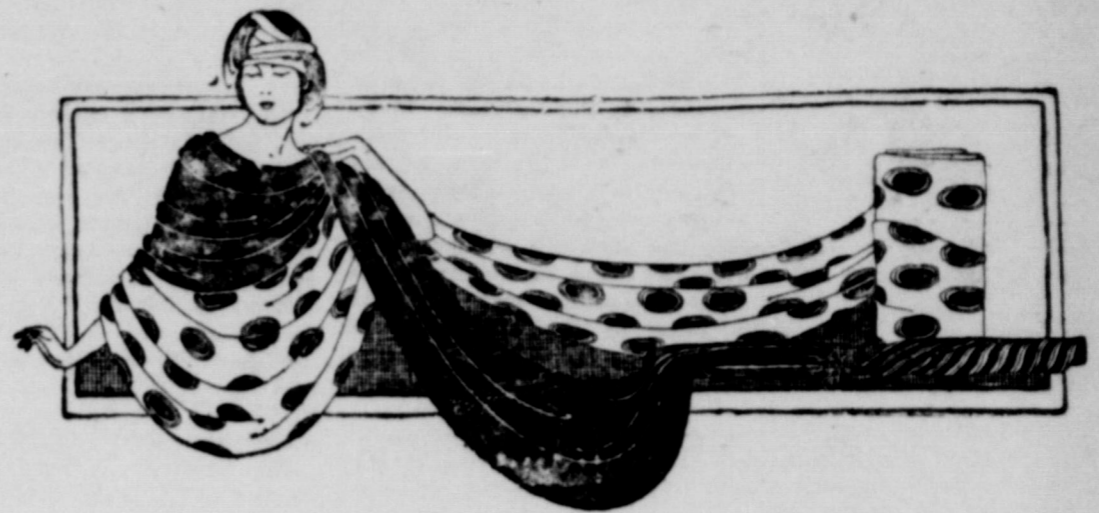
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I will be in McLean Monday, Jan. 21. Anyone having trouble with their eyes or needing glasses changed may see me at the Hindman Hotel on that date.

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READ IT AS A SERIAL IN THE McLEAN NEWS

**AW, WHAT'S THE USE**

By L. F. Van Zelm  
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**Excelsior!**



**THE McLEAN NEWS**

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The fact that the members of the Legislature pay on an average less than eleven dollars taxes should cause some hesitation on the average voter's part at the next primary, when tempted to vote for some fellow who has done the loudest howling. We can expect to have efficient management of the State's affairs when we elect men to office who are successful in their private business, and not before.

According to the Hedley Informer, Hedley is to have electric lights by Nov. 1st this year. A franchise has been granted to the company that operates plants at Clarendon, Memphis and Childress, and service will be carried to Hedley on "high lines." Now when Hedley installs a water-works system, living conditions will be greatly improved in that progressive town.

The movement undertaken by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to organize the different county fairs so that dates will not conflict is a very desirable one. The concession privileges can be made to pay the expenses of the fair, if dates can be arranged so that there will be no long trips, or waits between fairs. McLean has suffered from not having dates announced soon enough, and we hope that our fair secretary will be at the meeting authorized to set dates for our fair in line with other counties.

We notice from press reports that Kansas has a law forbidding the showing of a moving picture in which any of the characters are shown smoking cigarettes. We are led to wonder what kind of pictures are shown in Kansas, for most of the pictures produced have players who are paid by the tobacco trust to smoke in the picture, whether the player is addicted to the habit or not. Such a law is bound to work a hardship on the pictures where a villain is depicted, for without a cigarette in his mouth he would look decidedly out of character. Anyway the Kansas lawmakers have the right idea in striking at a habit that has no defenders outside of those who profit by the sale of cigarettes.

We are informed by County Agent Dinkle that the dairy cows recently purchased at Pampa are making money for their owners. One man with eight cows sold \$125 worth of cream last month, and the Pampa banks claim that more cream checks were issued to Pampa farmers last

month than for the last five years all put together. There is no reason why farmers around McLean should not be taking some of this easy money. The time has gone when a man could make money with a once-a-year income from farming, but the farmer should arrange to have something to sell every month of the year. There is nothing that will beat the dairy cow. If all interested will come to the lecture Saturday night, the matter of dairy farming will be discussed by a man who knows the business. The farmer who diversifies and keeps a few cows, sows and hens, is the man who is satisfied with his living and the country at large will be better off just as soon as more farmers learn diversification.

The News is in receipt of a copy of the Texas Christian Advocate published at Richards by Sam Harten of that place and Sam Braswell, former editor of the Clarendon News. We note that Braswell claims that the Clarendon News is the leading weekly paper of the Panhandle, and while we would not put the matter quite that strong, we are willing to admit that Sam is a good editor, and we are pleased over his good fortune in securing the contract to publish the Advocate. We want to take issue with an advertisement of the new firm asking preachers over the state to send them printing orders. There is not a home town paper in the state but that gladly gives many columns of space each year to the preachers and local churches, and if the preachers have any idea of fair play in their makeup, they will give all printing orders to the local paper. We are sure that the church printing company can give good service, but at the same time the church's money should be spent in the same place it is gathered, when possible. We respectfully insist that the Methodist pastor at Clarendon should patronize Sam's Clarendon News when he wants printing done, for he depends upon the News to print his weekly announcements free, and common justice should cause him to give the News preference when he spends money for printing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kunkel, Mrs. T. N. Holloway and Mrs. W. L. Haynes were Erick, Okla., visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hudgins of Erick, Okla., visited relatives here Sunday.

Groceries are cheaper at Snell's Cash Store.

Josh Chilton and family of Heald were McLean visitors Saturday.

Kid McCoy was in from his farm Saturday.

**SAM'S DREAM**

Sam Jones dreamed the other night that he had died and gone to heaven (they always go there). On his arrival he immediately went to St. Peter and advised him that he wanted to re-organize the celestial choir. St. Peter agreed and asked him how many voices of each part he would need. Sam said, "Get me a thousand sopranos, eight hundred contraltos and six hundred tenors." "Well," said St. Peter, "how many do you want for bass?" "What?" said Sam, "how many?" "Why, man, I am going to sing bass!"

**THE NEWSPAPER JOB**

The editor of the Woodbury Reporter, one of the many excellent weekly newspapers published in Connecticut, takes his readers somewhat into his confidence concerning the kind of a job running a newspaper really is. It has been said that everyone in the world knows how to run a newspaper except the people actually doing it, and few newspaper men escape the witty and sarcastic remarks (we are viewing the situation from the standpoint of the persons making the remarks) that friends and acquaintances frequently deliver with great gusto.

The Reporter's editor says that many people believe that a newspaper falls together without work or concerted action or plan. He tells of a Presbyterian minister of California who was so anxious to produce the perfect newspaper that the editor of the Pasadena Star told him to go ahead and do it. The editor went fishing and the clergyman moved in.

When he finally put the paper to bed, a term much more often employed outside of a newspaper office than in it, he wrote a few last lines in which he said that his hand was almost paralyzed, his brain be-

fuddled and that he was glad indeed to quit. He said: "Such rush and riot and disarray. Such a jumble of potpourri, it strikes me as the effort to bring order out of chaos, and to do it lightning quick." In trying to give a suitable comparison, all the clergyman could think of was the period immediately after the creation of heaven and earth when the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the waters. He announced that he never would criticize newspaper men again. He said that they are the hardest worked, the shortest lived and poorest paid brain workers on this weary old planet.

The Reporter says that if a man wants to get acquainted with human nature, let him edit a newspaper for a short time.

He knows nothing of the ups and downs of life until he has served in this capacity. He may have preached, conducted a bank, sold goods, traded horses, practiced law, raised chickens, sawed wood or operated a popcorn factory, but he needs a few months' experience as an editor-in-chief of a country newspaper to complete his knowledge of the eccentricities of human nature.

We suppose the picture is a fairly accurate one, and we have not at times been above drawing for the youthful applicant a rather gloomy picture of newspaper life. But most of the time we wonder how anyone can stand doing any other kind of work, for, after all, there are few things more fascinating than human nature, and the eccentricities of man for an ever-changing kaleidoscope, bewildering, baffling, perhaps impossible of interpretation, but eternally interesting.—Hartford (Conn.) Courant.

**ONE MINUTE**

I have only just a minute,  
Only sixty seconds in it.  
Forced upon me—can't refuse it—  
But it's up to me to use it.  
I must suffer if I lose it,  
Give account if I abuse it.  
Just a tiny little minute,  
But eternity is in it.

—Jerry McQuade.

There is some question whether for all of us to set about making our month's firm would be good policy. Nevertheless, what we do and what we are, what we think and what we feel, does flow into our

features and flow out from them. If you are melancholy, sad, discouraged, it shows in your face. If you are gay, vivacious, responsive, your countenance will quiver and sparkle. Greed makes the narrow eyes, the contracted forehead, the hungry, close, anxious glance that searches for its own profit everywhere. Suspicion makes the look uncertain, shifty, troubled, breeds an answering suspicion in all who encounter it. On the other hand, how tenderness gets into the eyes and lips and smile, how love gets into them! Who will deny that the devil haunts some faces, and that others glow with the presence of God?

Obviously it is not wise to think too much about our own faces. Whatever story they have to tell is

not easily read, or life would be far simpler than it is. All the same there is a story there, and we all feel it. It rests with ourselves to see that it is a story worth telling.—Youth's Companion.

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**"Taking Stock"**

Whether you have a farm, store or shop for a business, you are counting up your year's work now, seeing your mistakes, making preparations for another year and planning against the mistakes of the past.

The biggest mistake any man ever made in a business way is failure to save something of what you make.

Why not make a resolution now—an unshakable one—that you will spend less than you make in 1924, and that you'll put it in a good bank.

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Monday, January 21, 1924

Sale Starts at 10 o'clock

I will sell at public auction, on the Hinton farm, 2 miles east of McLean, Texas, the following described property for cash.

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| <b>STOCK</b>                          | 1 rug 9x12   |
| 2 mules 6 and 8 years old             | 1 dining table                                       |
| 2 mares                               | Canned fruit and numerous other small articles       |
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| 1 kitchen cabinet                     | 1 John Deere lister, used one year                   |
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| 1 cook stove                          | 1 sled go-devil                                      |
| 1 heater                              | 1 buggy  |
| 1 bedstead with mattress              | 2 incubators   |
| 1 Victor phonograph with 30 records   | 2 sets chain harness with collars, lines and bridles |
| 1 New Home sewing machine, almost new |  |
| 1 Neoleum rug 9x12                    |  |

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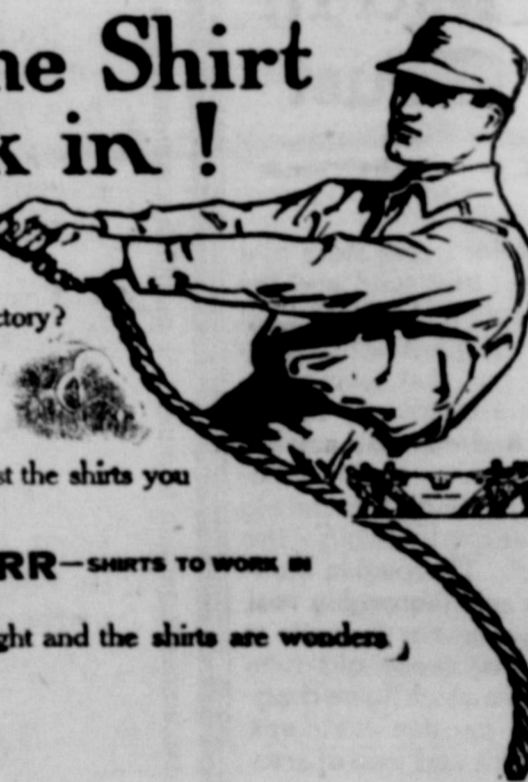
Here are bargains in an all cotton shirt—closely woven—and will give absolute satisfaction.

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Then we have just the shirts you need. They're

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The prices are right and the shirts are wonders.



Perfect service—regular \$2.00—but closing out for only \$1.40.

**MEN'S DRESS HATS**

\$5.00—\$6.50

Just received 4 new spring numbers in Davis dress hats. They are some'bin' now. Come in—try them on—tell us what you think of them.

\$5.00—\$6.50

**FLORSHEIM SHOES**

\$8.85

You will pay \$10 for this shoe elsewhere. We have the latest styles in this high grade shoe. Drop in—let us show them to you.

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Here is a fascinating story of a girl caught in the web of money. Almost any girl would have welcomed her experience, for she went to her home one night after her work as a clerk in a department store, and next morning found herself heir not only to the store, but to many millions of dollars besides.

Did the experience bring happiness? It did not. It almost brought a charge of murder and a commitment for insanity. It brought death to several people and threatened to wreck the life of the girl and others. How did Adelaide Rutherford extricate herself from the amazing situation into which she was led? There is a surprise in it. We have never printed a more original story than this.

It Is Our New Serial Starting JANUARY 24

**KEEPING THE DOCTOR TO KEEP YOU WELL**

There was an interesting story tucked away in an obscure corner of a newspaper the other day. It was what is commonly called "filler" and only occupied about an inch of space. Probably you did not notice it as it was so inconspicuous. It contained an interesting health hint, however.

It told of one of the steps that Flo Ziegfeld is taking to protect the health of his chorus girls, famous for their pluchritude. He gives a doctor a contract for an entire season, according to which the doctor is responsible for their health for this length of time and received a stated sum of money for his season's service. But, and here comes the catch, for each day of sickness that any of the beauties experience, a certain sum is deducted from his season's salary.

Every two weeks, each girl receives a physical examination and, according to her contract with the theatrical producer, she agrees to follow whatever instructions the doctor may give her.

Perhaps this might be a good suggestion to some ladies that we have heard of who are afraid of losing their good looks and shapely figures.

It is purely a business proposition with Ziegfeld to keep his chorus girls fit physically. But he must think this system pays, or he would not spend good money for it.

Mayhap in time such a system of medical service will come into vogue. It has possibilities. I is said that a similar system exists in China and we have heard of a doc or in Boston who follows out this method and has built up a large clientele. This is a generation of flux and change. There is no telling what the next may see.—Health Round-up.

**DOES IT PAY?**

Does education pay? What a big question!

Does it pay to prepare ground before sowing seed?

Does it pay to polish the precious stone before putting it on the market?

Does it pay to plane and sandpaper board before putting it into a piece of furniture?

Does it pay to sharpen tools before working with them?

Does it pay to know things rather than live in ignorance?

Does it pay to have a mind, or is it better to be a mere animal, and be directed by those who have minds?

Does it pay to think, and if so to think with a trained mind rather than with an untrained one?

Does it pay to be a leader rather than a follower?

Does it pay to make the most of the faculties that God has endowed one with, or let them lie dormant?

Does it pay to be one of the capable of the human race or one of the inferior?

Does it pay to prepare one's self to do the large things or to remain satisfied to do the small ones and let others take the advanced positions?

Does it pay to take advantage of opportunity and make the most possible of one's self?

Does it pay to get an education? Only the lazy and ignorant answer "No."

Pay? Sure it pays—many fold. There can be no better investment—none anywhere as good.

Let no youth be deceived. Ask those who are educated. Ask the wise of any generation. Be sensible. Get an education while you have the chance. Prepare to live a happy and prosperous life.—Exchange.

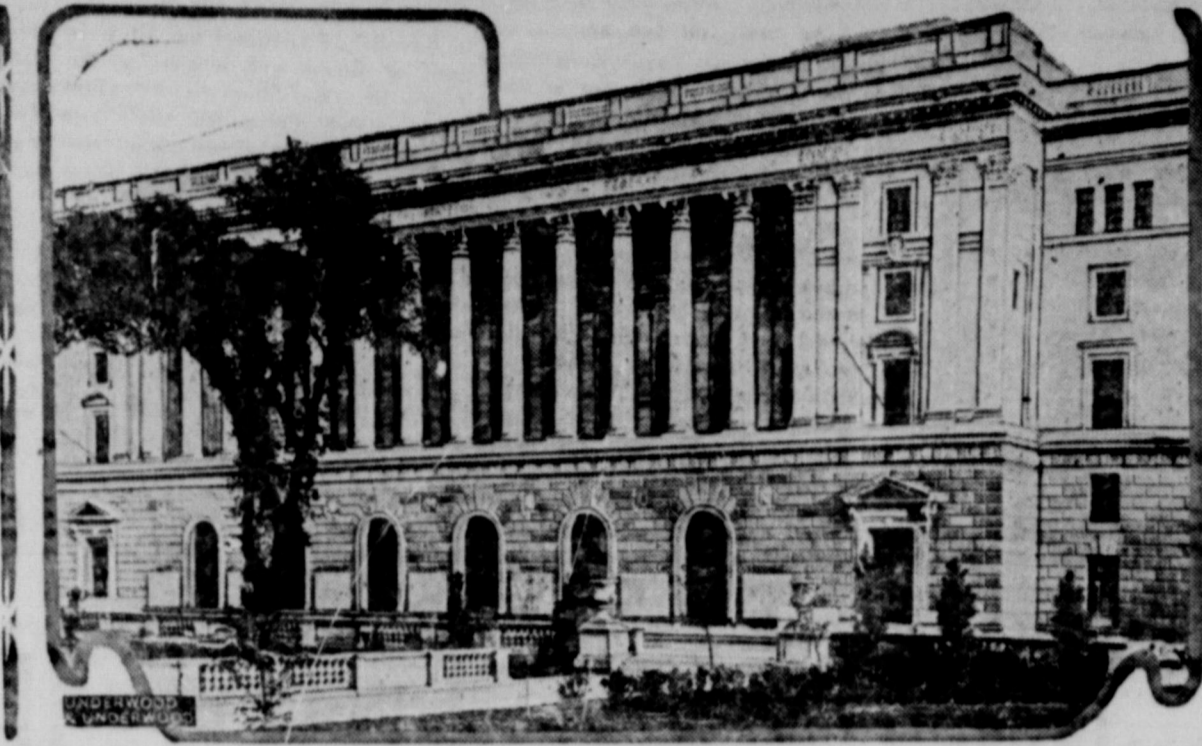
Miss Laura Bumpus left Monday for Frederick, Okla., to visit relatives.

Judge T. M. Wolfe returned Saturday from Amarillo, where he had been to visit his son.

**Hall's Catarrh Medicine** will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.

Sold by druggists for over 40 years  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio

**Illinois' Fine Centennial Memorial Building**



Illinois' pride, the new Centennial Memorial building at Springfield, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admittance of the state to the Union, is completed at a cost of \$2,000,000, and is destined to occupy a place of prominence among the most notable public structures of the nation.

**SPBAKING OF TOWNS**

The spirit of a town is so easily understood by two or three little things. To get a town's "number" you need only look at these. Once you get the "key" to community life, you can do your own studying and write your own articles.

First, I would judge a town by its sidewalks! On this way up-town from the station you'll pretty nearly know the type of town by the care they have for pedestrians. The automobile is still an autocratic thing, the wheelbarrow and the pedestrians both use the sidewalk to get along.

Two towns on the Rock Island east of Mangum are examples. One of them is Fort Cobb. I walked up from the station—all the way—on good well-cleaned walks and left my traveling bags with a merchant.

"How far is it to the school house?" I asked. "Just six blocks," he replied. "Three west and three north." "What's the best way to go?" I asked. "Any way you please good walks any way you might care to choose!" Then he began to receive with justifiable pride, the miles of walks in their town and the many years it had been thus.

The other town—I would not locate it too closely for fear of a libel suit!—but, over the town, to the hotel, out to the school house from the hotel, lazy mud. Mud belongs to a town and it is "lazy mud." No wonder, is it that when a community field man called for a conference, not a business man attended? The spirit of a town is revealed by "lazy" mud or by sidewalks.

For the other two, after you have studied "local transportation" and its facilities—you have no difficulty in the line up.

Test out a commercial club, or a chamber of commerce with any community appeal—but know ahead of time that you will secure a response or get the "grand bounce," according to the walks in the town!

The third test—you need not even look it up—that is, the kind of

church buildings! Now if the town has good sidewalks you will see them leading out to modern church edifices.

If not! Well, you have seen the old shacks before—what's the use of wading mud to look at them?

So its Sidewalks first, Dollar Marks or Men down town second and shacks or Church plants, consequently!—"Community Service Bureau."



TEXHOMA OIL AND REFINING CO.  
W. D. WILES, Agent McLEAN, TEXAS



ALL KINDS OF MEATS FOR ALL KINDS OF MEALS  
Phone 165 for Quick Service  
**THE CITY MARKET**  
Bogan and Henry, Props. Phone 165

**Why Does Money Have Grooved Edges?**

—because thieves used to pare off the precious metal from gold and silver coins and sell it. Grooved or "milled" edges prevent this criminal practice. It's a mighty good practice to take

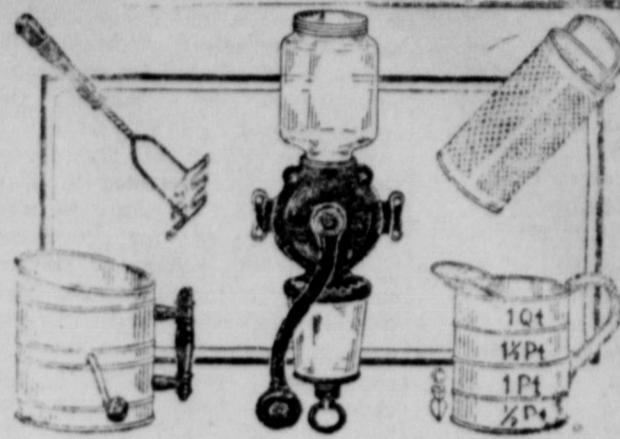
**PURETEST Castor Oil**

every few days, as a gentle, cleansing cathartic. Puretest Castor Oil meets the most exacting demands of the medical profession. Clear, odorless and so thoroughly purified that its taste is sweet and palatable. Even children find it easy to take.

One of 200 Puretest preparations. Every item the best that skill and conscience can produce.

**Erwin Drug Co.**  
The Rexall Store

Porter Smith renews for The News this week. Fla., is a new reader of The News. Sam Hodges returned last Thursday from Hollis, Okla. John Chisom of Defuniak Springs, Fla., is a new reader of The News.



**Household Hardware**

The housewife, like anyone else, needs proper tools if she is to do her work efficiently and well.

No use making housework a drudgery when you can buy time-saving utensils at our store.

Pay us a visit and see what we have to offer in these items.

**McLean Hdw. Co.**

W. B. UPHAM, Manager

**HELD IN TRUST**

By George Kibbe Turner



**N**O story, in these days of vast fortunes, could be more timely than this, illustrating as it does with astonishing drama, the power for good or evil that an immense trust fund may possess.

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OUR FASCINATING NEW SERIAL BEGINNING

January 24, in the McLean News

**For Spring Plowing**

Are your implements in good condition for the spring plowing? If not, you should take the time right now and inspect them and bring them in to our shop and have them put in first class condition before time to begin your spring plowing.

**The McLean Blacksmith Shop**  
All Work Guaranteed

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following announcements are subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in July:

For Tax Assessor:  
D. M. GRAHAM  
For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
E. S. GRAVES  
For County Treasurer:  
R. L. COTTRELL

M. H. Kinard of Gracey was a McLean visitor Friday.

J. M. Noel made a business trip to Wheeler Friday.

S. R. Kennedy of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Friday.

E. F. Beil of Wellington came in this week to make his home.

G. P. Folly of the Watkins community was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. M. H. Kinard of Gracey was shopping in the city Tuesday.

E. W. Brock of Heald was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Louie Kalka of Skillet was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Bones of Ramsdell were McLean visitors Tuesday.

O. G. Stokley and daughter, Miss Martha, returned Tuesday from Dallas.

D. M. Graham made a business trip to Lefors Monday.

Larry Rider of Pampa was a McLean visitor Sunday.

W. J. Chilton of Heald was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Chas. Back of Northfork was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

N. S. Ray of Gracey was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

W. S. Copeland of Lefors visited home folks Wednesday.

H. E. Franks of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Thursday.

**NOT INTERESTED**

On learning that the writer was in the market for some furniture, a friend hastened to tell him about a big furniture sale in Richmond. "It will be a fine chance for you to get your furniture at a bargain," this friend assured.

But the editor of the Times-Gazette is not interested in Richmond bargains. Of course we want to get all we can for our money, but not at the expense of stabbing our local merchants in the back. Between supporting a man who supports our town—who pays taxes for our schools, contributes to our churches and helps in every other local enterprise—and saving money by sending it out of town, it is not hard for us to decide what to do. We like to save money, but we dislike very much to do our brother injustice, so don't propose to save a few dollars at the expense of our fellow townsman.

During the war there was a lot said about patriotism. Then a person would not think of being disloyal for the sake of a few dollars. Now patriotism of war is all right, but patriotism of peace is much nobler. Patriotism to one's flag is glorious and shows the caliber of an individual, but patriotism to one's community is the real test. Under the excitement and turmoil of war it is easy to be loyal; so easy that a person deserves little or no credit for it. Neither does a person deserve special credit for patriotism to his town and community. It is nothing but natural that we should be loyal to our neighbors and friends. The only wonder is that

there is any disloyalty.—Brunswick Times-Gazette, Lawrenceville, Va.

Sheriff E. S. Graves of Pampa is in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Overton returned Wednesday from Vega.

Groceries are cheaper at Snell's Cash Store. tfc

C. H. Holt of Alanreed was a business visitor at the News office Thursday.

W. M. Greenwood of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

**A BLUNT MOTTO**

Don't worry because someone doesn't like you. You can't possibly go thru life without some mistakes and

**Poultry Wanted**

We will load a car of poultry at McLEAN FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JANUARY 18 AND 19

and will pay the following prices per pound

- Hens .....15c
- Springs .....15c
- Stags .....10c
- Old Roosters.....60c

- No. 1 Turkeys:
- Hens, 8 lbs.....14c
- Young Tom, 12 lbs.....14c
- No. 2 not wanted.....00c

No diseased poultry will be accepted at any price. Birds must be free from feed or nearly so. If market advances we advance.

**Clement Produce**  
Phone 152 McLean, Texas



Bruno: "What time is it by that clock?" Fido: "I can't say, I am only a watch dog!"

**Wants**

A NEW SUPPLY of the large sheets of carbon paper at the News office. 1

WANTED.—To rent a good farm. Would like about 140 acres in cultivation; grain or cash. Vester Smith, Phones 82 and 188. tfc

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FOR SERVICE. Big boned Pol. and China boar. Son of Jayhawker. Fee \$2.50. G. J. Abbott and Son. 1-3p

FOR SALE.—One 5 room house in north part of town. This is good property and must be sold. J. S. Howard. tfc

I HAVE in charge for sale a player piano. \$325.00 at \$10.00 per month, or 10% discount for cash will buy it. Clay Thompson. 2-2c

ESTRAYED.—Taken up at my farm, a red cow, 7 or 8 years old, branded HP on left hip. Owner can have same by paying feed bill and for this notice. Luther Petty, 1c

PICTURES FRAMED.—Give me your order now. Expecting big supply of moulding soon. Eunice Floyd. 1p

ANOTHER fresh milk cow for sale, Jersey and Holstein, 4 years old, milks without calf. Frank P. Wilson. 3-2p

**Do You Find Shopping a Pleasure ?**

Some folks do. They're the modern shoppers—the ones who know just what they want—how much to pay—exactly where they will find the right goods at the right prices.

They're the ones who realize the value—to them—of advertising. They make a practice of reading the advertisements in the newspapers. Sitting at ease in their homes, they formulate their shopping programs. They note the things that interest them particularly and plan to cut out waste motion, unnecessary steps and lost time.

Planned in this fashion, shopping loses its terrors. It no longer leaves you dizzy and jaded. It starts you off with a definite objective and brings you home with a feeling of something accomplished.

If you haven't been reading the advertisements, try out the method. It's a good one.

**The Advertisements Are Your Good Friends—Cultivate Them!**

Some enemies. Just journey along, doing the best you can and intentionally wrong no man. Keep your face on the stars above, not on the dust beneath. Someone will probably lie about you and someone else may, for a time, believe the lie, but in the end all will come well and you will be known at your true value. Life is too short and there is too much to be done to waste time in trying to get even with everybody that puts a stone in your way. In all small towns a number of people imagine a great many things that make them unhappy. A friend of ours told us the other day of a motto he had seen on the wall in a certain office. It isn't, perhaps, just quite the proper spirit and the language is not the choicest used, but the motto is certainly quite expressive. It reads: "So live each

day that you can look any d—n man in the eye and tell him to go to h—l." Sometimes we all grow tired of shams and hypocrites, but if we live according to the blunt motto quoted above, we won't lose any sleep over what somebody else might say or think of us.—Sayre (Okla.) Star.

**ELECTRICALLY HATCHED CHICKS PROUD OF FLASHY PARENTAGE**

The rather ancient catch-phrase, "Which is the mother of a chick, the hen that lays the egg or the hen that sets upon it?" has developed a new angle since the electric incubator came into use. The modern young chicken don't know whether to call itself fowl or watt. Electricity has recently become

very popular in the poultry industry. Incubator installations on the lines of companies serving chicken ranches vary in size from 500 egg capacity to 500,000 total capacity. There is in operation in the middle west a hatchery of one million egg capacity.

The cost of brooding chicks electrically varies from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per 100 chicks. This cost is based on eight weeks in the brooder. It has been demonstrated that the steady, adjustable heat provided by electricity is superior to any other form of heating.

**Patronize Advertisers**

**DR. J. A. HALL**  
Dentist  
Of Shamrock, Tex.  
Will be in McLean on Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday in each month.

**INSURANCE**  
LIFE FIRE HAIL  
I represent some of the strongest companies in the world. I insure anything. No prohibited list.  
Money to loan on farms.  
**T. N. Holloway**  
Reliable Insurance

**Johnnie Back**  
Cleaning and Pressing  
Always Leading in Style  
Service and Quality  
HIGH GRADE CLOTHES  
TAILORED TO MEASURE

**INTEGRITY SERVICE**

The 1924 Model Studebaker Special-Six Touring Car \$1350

It is logical that we should ask the prospective buyer to gauge the worth of the Studebaker Special-Six by the measure of its sales success.

Why mention the distinctive motor or any other feature of this unusual car when the American public itself has established the greatest of all selling arguments in its favor by buying it?

Automobile license figures for every state in the Union continue to tell their own uncolored stories of Studebaker popularity.

**STUDEBAKER**

1924 MODELS AND PRICES—f. o. b. factory		
LIGHT-SIX	SPECIAL-SIX	BIG SIX
5-Pass., 117" W. B., 40 H. P.	5-Pass., 117" W. B., 50 H. P.	5-Pass., 128" W. B., 40 H. P.
Touring \$995	Touring \$1350	Touring \$1750
Roadster (3-Pass.) 975	Roadster (2-Pass.) 1325	Speedster (5-Pass.) 1835
Coupe-Roadster (2-Pass.) 1195	Coupe (5-Pass.) 1895	Coupe (5-Pass.) 2495
Coupe (5-Pass.) 1195	Sedan 1975	Sedan 2085

Terms to Meet Your Convenience

**COUSINS MOTOR CO.**

THIS IS A STUDEBAKER YEAR

**POWER COMFORT**

**MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL**

By Charles Sogrove  
© Western Newspaper Union

WELL! WELL! THERE'S RUFUS NEWLY-WED! WHAT'S HE DOIN' UP TOWN? NOBODY NEVER SEES HIM NO MORE SINCE HE GOT MARRIED! I BEY HE'S FERGOY WOY MAIN STREET LOOKS LIKE BY ELECTRIC LIGHTS!

HEY, RUFUS, HOW'S MARRIED LIFE? AINT SEEN YOU FER A COON'S AGE! DID YA PASS MY BROTHER UP 'TH' STREET?

BROTHER? I DONT KNOW YOU HAD A BROTHER!

SURE! I GOT TWO! ONE LIVING AND ONE MARRIED!

Just You Wait, Mickie!

**SCHOOL NOTES**

Reported.  
A self-improvement class is in process of organization in school. This class will be composed of all pupils, regardless of grade or age, whose conduct and school work show improvement for this month's report over last month. Some sort of public recognition will be given each pupil.

A self-pronouncing red letter edition of the Bible has been placed on the reading table in the office for any and all pupils who may wish to read it. The reading periods are the fourth and sixth periods on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This is done with the view of encouraging the Bible reading habit—the reading of the only book that is a safe and complete guide in and through this world, the only one that furnishes a solid foundation for the philosophy of right living. And right living is the greatest problem that human beings are called upon to solve. The suggested reading for last week was the fifteenth chapter of the book of Proverbs; the one for this week is the fifth chapter of Matthew, in which is the first part of Christ's sermon on the mount.

On this table are also many Texas school and college publications, a daily paper, and the Congressional Record, the daily doings of our National Congress.

On each Monday morning, if the weather permits, chapel services are held in the auditorium. During these services talks outlining school regulations and policies are made, and one of our local ministers participates with a wholesome, helpful discourse and with prayer. On Monday morning of last week Bro. Garrett's subject was the word "Watch." Watch your words, actions, thoughts, company and heart. On Monday morning of this week Bro. Huckabee's subject was "Telling the Truth." He showed that lying is, in its last analysis, due to cowardice, lack of moral courage.

All parents and other friends of the school are cordially invited to be present on these occasions.

Other features of these exercises are assembly singing, readings, and records on the Victrola. The next record to be given on that instrument will be the late President Harding's address at Hoboken, N. Y., May 23, 1921, on the occasion of the burial of the bodies of 5212 American soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses returned from France.

The mid-term examination is in progress this week. The schedule for that examination is as follows: Tuesday evening—1:00-4:00, arithmetic, 7th grade; English 1; American history and typewriting.

Wednesday morning—9:00-12:00, English 3 and 4; algebra 1 and geography 7th grade.

Wednesday evening—1:00-4:00, physics, algebra 2, and ancient history.

Thursday morning—9:00-12:00, English 7th grade, stenography and modern history.

Thursday evening—1:00-4:00, Latin 2, Spanish 2 and typewriting.

Friday morning—9:00-12:00, reading 7th grade, Spanish 1, Latin 1 and bookkeeping.

Friday evening—1:00-4:00, history 7th grade, plane geometry, English

2 and typewriting.  
During these examinations, only those pupils taking any of them will be required to be at the school building.  
This has been a strenuous week for high school pupils and teachers.

**SENIOR B. Y. P. U.**

Subject—The Bible the One Basis of Baptist Belief.  
Leader—Homer Abbott.  
Introduction and Three Things that Baptists Believe—Leader.  
Baptists and Other Bodies—R. L. Appling.  
Baptists Should Know the Bible—Gladys Holloway.  
Baptists Should Love the Bible—Arlie Grigsby.  
Baptists and Bible Reverence—Lillian Abbott.  
The Bible in Pulpit—Rev. W. C. Garrett.  
The Bible in the Daily Life—Fred Landers.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE**

Subject—Topics from the Creed.  
Leader—Verna Rice.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Scripture, Deut. 32:6-9, Matt. 6:1-4—Leader.  
Reciting the Apostle's Creed.  
A talk on the Creed—Mrs. Davis.  
Three Things Affirmed of God in the Creed:  
1. God Is the Father—Ima Anderson.  
2. God Is Almighty—Clara McCleskey.

3. The Almighty God Is Creator of Heaven and Earth—Beatrice Cash.  
What Is the True Relation of God's Children to Their Heavenly Father?  
1. Jesus' Life Was One of Trust—Ada Lee Johnson.  
2. Jesus' Life Was One of Obedience—Lucille Rice.  
3. Jesus' Life Was One of Fellowship with His Father—Laura Bumpus.  
Collection.  
Benediction.

**POSTED**

No hunting allowed on lands owned by me, in Gray or Wheeler county. Mark Husselby. 46-12c

Groceries are cheaper at Snell's Cash Store. tfc

J. R. Hindman has our thanks for a subscription this week.

Henry Wood of Alanreed is a new reader of The News.

W. H. Mathis, prominent farmer of the Enterprise community, was a pleasant caller at the News office Tuesday.

**PROOF**

Mr.—"A man who steals will always regret it."  
Mrs.—"You stole my heart once, dear."  
Mr.—"Well?"—New York Sun and Globe.

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**Magnolia Petroleum Co.**  
C. J. CASH, Agent  
Day Phone 184 Night Phone 101

**THE DOCTOR**

In the name of thousands of unbroken homes in which midnight hand-to-hand fights with death have been fought and won; in the name of thousands of lives rescued from abnormality and made useful; in the name of unshed tears and forestalled pain and baffled death—I doff my hat today to The Doctor. May he never have use for his own medicine. May each moment of pain he has saved others, shine in the crown of his life as a brisk star. May the children to whom he has saved parents and the parents to whom he has saved children take time to acknowledge the doctor's worth. May his patients pay him his bill. And in the inevitable hour may a certain grim adversary recognize a noble foe and deal gently with the doctor.—W. J. C., in Detroit News.

**BOOKS**

The Scholar only knows how dear these silent yet eloquent companions of pure thoughts and innocent hours become in the season of adversity. When all that is worldly turns to dross around us, these retain their steady value. When friends grow cold, and the converse of intimates languishes into vapid civility and commonplace, these continue the unaltered countenance of happier days, and cheer us with that true friendship which never deceived hope nor deserted sorrow.—Washington Irving

**GATHERED FACTS**

Doctor Hampton, inventor of the roller skate, made \$1,000,000 from his patent.  
Hospitals existed in Ceylon in 487 and 137 B. C., according to Singhalese records.  
There is little or no begging in Northern Italy, yet it is very prevalent in Naples.  
Sir William Robertson Nicoll, noted London editor and journalist, began his writing career at the age of fourteen.  
Viscount Lascelles, the husband of Princess Mary, is an enthusiastic collector of old glass.  
More than 1,000 women in the United States are engaged in the profession of architecture.  
Indians had a ball game, so which they used a regular ball before Columbus discovered America.  
No protective serum or vaccine has yet been devised for tuberculosis, scarlet fever or measles.  
The popularity of June as a month of marriage is inherited from the ancient Greeks and Romans.

**JUST FOR SPORT**

Or mend your gloves with a cabbage patch?  
Can you start a fire with a baseball?  
Do they call it a strike if you bat your eye?  
Or give you a base if you "swat a fly?"  
Is a tennis racket just the noise and chatter?  
Who broke the home plate, could

you use a platter?  
Is the pitcher made from silver or glass?  
Are the golf links iron or gold or brass?  
Is a "caddie" used for storing tea?  
Is a locker simply a great big key?

Is a fowl a chicken, or is it a bird?  
Do they arrest a player for stealing third?  
—Selected.  
R. L. Harlan of Heald was trading in the city Saturday.

**CLARENDON NURSERY COMPANY**

A. L. Bruce & Sons  
Clarendon, Texas  
We have a nice line of fruit, shade and ornamental trees and shrubs for spring planting. We would appreciate your order.  
Rev. S. A. Cobb, McLean Agent

**LUMBER**

Upon the quality of the lumber used in your building depends in a large measure the service you will receive.

We are glad to guarantee your satisfaction with the lumber we furnish—we know it is the best to be found for the money.

Bring in your list and let us figure it for you. Our prices will save you money.

**Cicero Smith Lbr. Co.**  
Phone 3 W. T. Wilson, Mgr.

**THE GUARANTY STATE BANK**

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of  
No. 90 BANKS  
#1 Alanreed, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1923, published in The McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 17th day of January, 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$36,332.08
Overdrafts	585.25
Real Estate (banking house)	5,000.00
Other Real Estate	660.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,107.50
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	14,383.18
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,067.33
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,981.44
Other Resources	1.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,042.87</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	200.00
Undivided Profits, net, after taxes	109.31
Individual Deposits, subject to check	34,596.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	7,462.00
Cashier's Checks	2,175.56
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	2,100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,042.87</b>

State of Texas, County of Gray.  
We, C. M. McCullough, as president, and E. B. Hedrick, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
C. M. McCULLOUGH, President.  
E. B. HEDRICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January, A. D. 1924.  
J. A. COPPEDGE, Notary Public (SEAL) in and for Gray County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest: ANDY WORD, E. B. HEDRICK, M. M. HEDRICK, Directors.

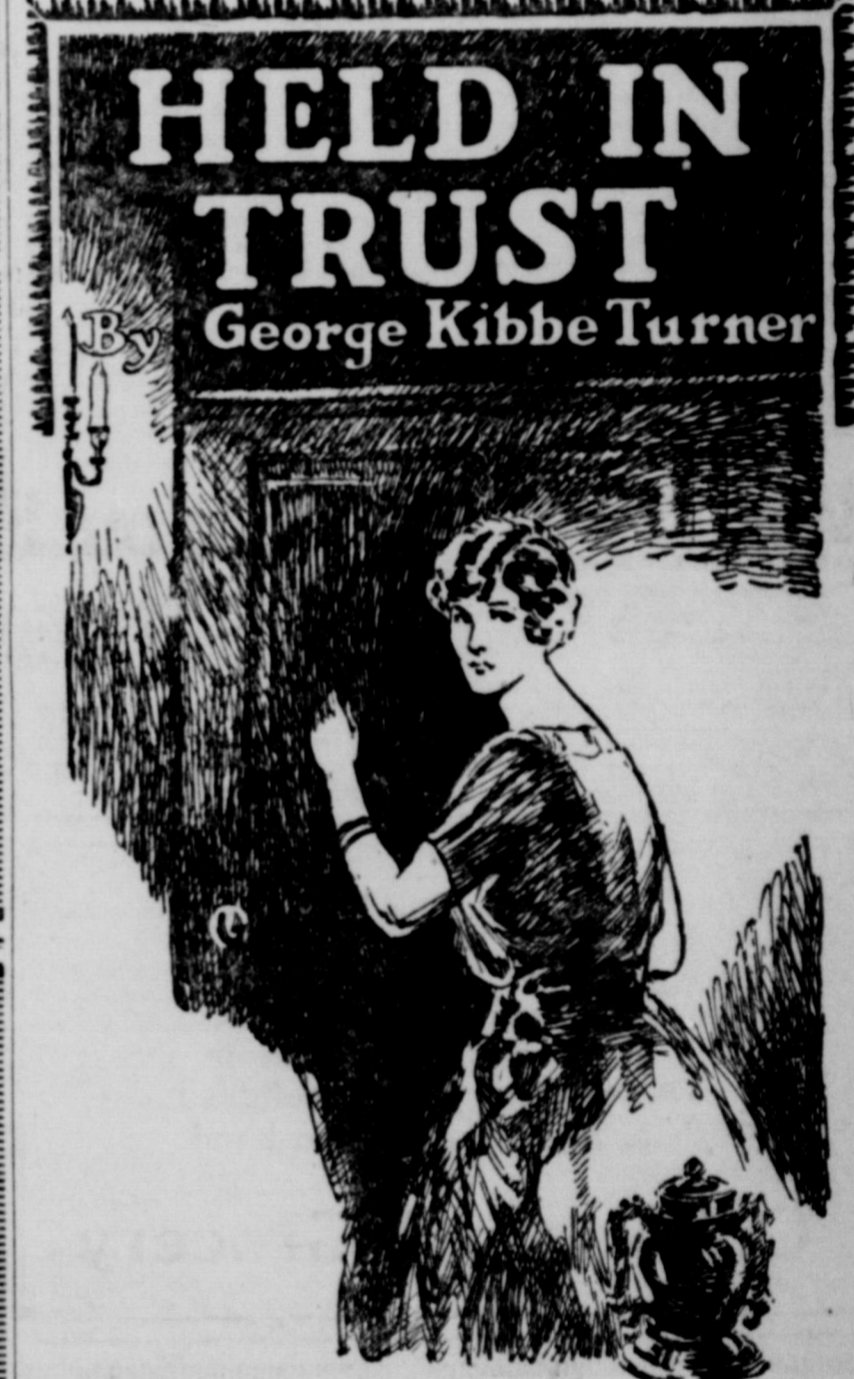
**THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK**

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

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts	
acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)	\$105,620.56
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted by it	50,122.93
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>\$155,743.49</b>
Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured	1,563.62
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	6,915.69
Banking House, \$7,500.00; Furniture and Fixtures, \$	7,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	10,968.63
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	9,835.17
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	8,147.98
Checks on other banks in same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 12)	2,224.45
<b>Total of items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13</b>	<b>10,372.45</b>
Other assets, cash collections	1,165.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$204,064.78</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	1,237.16
Cashier's checks outstanding	847.20
<b>Total of items 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25</b>	<b>847.20</b>
Individual deposits subject to check	107,214.92
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31	107,214.92
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	30,101.05
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, items 32, 33, 34 and 35	30,101.05
Bills payable (including all obligations representing money borrowed other than rediscounts)	34,064.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$204,064.78</b>

State of Texas, County of Gray, ss:  
I, C. L. Cooke, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
C. L. COOKE, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1924.  
(SEAL) E. M. RICE, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: Geo. W. SITTER, W. C. CHENEY, J. L. HESS, Directors.



NO story, in these days of vast fortunes, could be more timely than this, illustrating as it does with astonishing drama, the power for good or evil that an immense trust fund may possess.

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OUR FASCINATING NEW SERIAL BEGINNING

January 24, in the McLean News

**Let Us Care for Your Car**

In the end it is much cheaper and more satisfactory to let us care for your car. If you take in account of the many clothes you spoil, the labor you must do, and the difficulty of doing work that you are not prepared to handle.

The next time drive to our garage. We will do your repairing promptly and economically.

**Cousins Motor Co.**

All Work Strictly Guaranteed  
Repairing, Storage, Gas, Oils and Accessories  
Day Phone 172 SERVICE CAR Night Phone 141

**THE PUBLIC DRINKING CUP**

The public drinking cup was found guilty of causing so many epidemics that it was long ago abolished in nearly every state. But until recently little or nothing has been done to curb the dangerous tendencies of the soda water glass, which has even greater possibilities for evil than the common cup. A soda glass may be used by many different persons, and the nature of the mixture it contains makes it a much more favorable breeding place for germs than a cup used only for water, says the N. Y. American. An examination under the microscope of one carelessly washed soda water glass revealed in the thick coating of filth which covered it both inside and outside more than 20,000 decaying human cells and bits of dead skin. Clinging to a single one of these cells there were counted 150 disease germs. The total population of the glass was estimated at 3,000,000, representing a dozen serious diseases. Dr. Tansa, of the United States Public Health Service, believes that the dirty soda fountain has a great deal to answer for in connection with the spread of tuberculosis. The National Hygiene Society is active in this reform.—Medical Monthly.

**TODAY'S THE DAY**

The present hour is the only one a man controls. In it he finds his sole opportunity for success, for achievement, for happiness. He may plan and prepare for the future, but he lives only in the present. Tomorrow, next week, next month, next year—when they come—turn out to be only "todays." It's what a man does NOW that makes or breaks him. Most everyone gets a notion that this or that does not count or mean anything, but this little story proves it different, and you know it. We are reminded of that good slogan, "Do it now."—Ex.

**SPEAK CLEARLY AT 'PHONE**

Proper enunciation by telephone users is one of the most important factors in insuring good service. To assist in getting the correct number on the 'phone, it is suggested that numbers and letters be pronounced in accordance with the following pronunciation chart:

0—OH 1—WUN 2—TOO 3—TH-R-R-EE 4—FO-WER 5—FI-IV 6—SIX 7—SEV-EN 8—ATE 9—NI-EN J—JAY R—AHR M—EM W—DOUBLE-U

Telephone company operators are instructed in their enunciation in accordance with the above, and subscribers can do their part by using similar enunciation.

L. E. Peppers is a new reader of "The News."

**THEY CALL IT LUCK**

When Noah built his famous ark And waited for the rain, The population had a lark, And laughter gave them pain; The flood found Noah sitting Jake. "For luck," they said, "he takes the cake!"

When David twirled his leathern sling, And soaked Goliath's knob, A hundred thousand felt the sting And envied David's job; Men said, "He won that little tiff, But Dave's an awful lucky stiff!"

When Horatius swung his mighty sword That mighty Roman day, He proved he could not be ignored Before his get-away; And men who saw Horatius' pluck Said, "Gee! That guy was sure in luck!"

When Leonidas and his few Stood at Thermopylae, A million Persians failed to hew That ragged bunch away; And men there are who say, "That duck Was playing in a streak of luck!"

When Dempsey pushed his iron fist In that tremendous clout, That rudely Firpo's beezee kissed And put its owner out— Some jays who did not stake a buck Will always think Jack was in luck.

No matter what a man attains Upon this mortal earth— By strength or prudence or by brains Or by intrinsic worth— A lot of pikers in the muck Will lay it all to Lady Luck. —N. H. Crowell in Saturday Evening Post.

**THE TEST OF RELIGION**

In the last issue of the Citizens' League Bulletin, the official publication of the non-partizan citizens' league of Kansas City, is this paragraph:

"A good test of a man's religion is the degree of responsibility he feels for the existence of things that ought not to be."

It might be put in still other ways. How does a man's religion stand in relation to his tolerance of evil conditions? Is a religion that recognizes no active civic responsibility a religion worth while?

**MODERN VERSION**

Old Father Hubbard went to his cupboard, To tickle his palate, that's all; In forty-eight hours, a prayer and some flowers— Alas! It was wood alcohol! —Practical Druggist.

G. J. Abbott has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.

**HE DIDN'T DARE**

The other day a young man, a senior at college, was at home for his vacation and attended a party where the cocktails flowed freely.

A young lady handed him a glass and asked him to take a drink. He declined.

"Oh," she laughed, "I suppose you don't dare."

"No," he replied, "that is exactly the case. I don't dare."

This is a pretty good story and you can make of it what you please. —Fort Worth Record.

**UNFAIR ATTEMPT TO COLLECT BOUNTY DETECTED BY HUNTER**

Government predatory - animal hunters must not only know how to trap and poison stock-killing wild animals, but also must be on the alert to detect human attempts to obtain rewards fraudulently by exploiting the hunters, according to common experience among these men. As an instance, last August Hunter C. E. Gillham was detailed by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture to the Aguilas district of Arizona, with instructions to destroy a notorious wolf that had been running on that range for the past nine years. Bounties of \$100 to \$500 had been offered for it by stockmen, but without success. Last winter this wolf had killed 40 sheep in one night, in addition to the hundreds of calves and yearlings it had attacked previously. Although shot at many times, it had always escaped, and also it managed to avoid all traps and poison bait.

It was agreed that Gillham would undertake to get the wolf on condition that all bounty offers be withdrawn. After trailing the old thief for about five weeks, the hunter found a yearling heifer killed by it within a mile and a half of Aguilas. He dragged it behind his automobile for a mile, and put out poisoned baits made of its flesh. The day after he put out these baits, he found the carcass of a big coyote that usually followed behind the wolf in its cattle-killing expeditions, but no trace of the wolf.

Later on a man who lived in the district brought in the skin of the

famous wolf. He claimed he had shot the animal, and tried to collect bounty. On examination it was found not only that the wolf had been shot after it had been dead for some time, but that the stomach contained four poisoned baits. The bounty seeker, thus exposed in his dishonesty, gave up the skin without further trouble.

**NEWSPAPER THE GOAT**

Editor Jess Adams says: "There's something wrong with the thinking apparatus of the man or woman owning property in Plainview who sends out of Plainview to buy anything. Every penny sent out of town for supplies which can be obtained here lessens the value of Plainview property just that much."

A fine argument for trading at home, but Jess will probably find that the biggest mail order customers in Plainview are the business men sending away for printing that could be done in either of the good printing plants in that town. And he will furthermore no doubt find that the biggest property owners are probably the biggest sinners about sending away for the goods they can buy at the local stores of Plainview. This in spite of the fact that the Plainview newspapers are giving more money and time in proportion than any other institution in Plainview to make Plainview a

**VULCANIZING. FISK TIRES.**

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greater town. The local newspaper is always the goat when it comes to giving the free stuff to his community, but when it comes to the pay job the mail order printer gets this.—Randall County News.

**WOMEN BURNING BILLBOARDS**

There have been thousands of bonfires in the state of Minnesota since the first day of December, and thousands more will be started before the new year is a month old. Billboards advertising pills, powders, paints and other things are being torn down and burned in accordance with a new state law which forbids signs along public highways. It is a woman's crusade. They said the state's best scenery was being disfigured by the billboards and travel made unsafe, and they forced the legislature to act. Other states should do likewise. They will if the women will it.—Capper's.

Vester Smith has renewed his subscription to The News.

Clyde Slavin of Alameda was a McLean visitor Friday.

Mrs. J. A. Haynes, Mrs. Frank Bailey and daughter of Heald were shopping in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Estel Bowen and children visited relatives at Alameda Sunday.

W. N. Jones returned Monday from a business trip to Oklahoma.

J. W. Whisenant of Duncan, Okla., came in Sunday to visit his father-in-law, J. A. Fowler.

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