

# THE McLEAN NEWS

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## FIRST BALE COTTON SOLD HERE MONDAY

The first bale of cotton for this season was brought in Monday by W. C. Stanton and sold to Smith Brothers for 25c per pound. The seed was sold at the rate of \$30 per ton, and a premium was raised among the business men amounting to \$82 in cash and merchandise, making the total amount received by Mr. Stanton \$204.24. The ginning was donated also, which might be added to the above figures.

This bale of cotton weighed 1430 pounds in the seed and ginned out a 449 pound bale of lint, which is considered a very good turn-out for early cotton.

Mr. Stanton lives about 15 miles south of town and has 105 acres of cotton that will make not less than 40 bales this fall.

Following is the list of contributors to the premium:

Haynes Gro. Co., \$5; C. P. Overton, \$5; Western Lumber & Hdw. Co., \$5 in mdse.; R. O. Dunkle, \$1; McLean News, \$2; Citizens State Bank, \$2.50; Clement Produce, \$1; C. S. Rice, \$2; Star Service Station, \$1; McLean Hdw. Co., \$5; Kunkel Bros., \$2; Bundy-Hodges Co., \$2.50; Snell's Cash Store, \$5; American National Bank, \$10; T. J. Coffey & Bros., \$5; Frank Wofford, \$5; Wood Hindman, \$1; McLean Filling Station, \$1; Bentley Motor Co., \$5; City Meat Market, \$1; D. N. Mearns, \$1; Cicero Smith Lbr. Co., \$5 in mdse.; W. C. Cheney, feed store, \$2; John Mertel, \$1 in mdse.; City Pharmacy, \$1; Mrs. W. T. Wilson, \$1; Cobb's Cash Grocery, \$1; McLean Telephone Co., \$1; C. J. Cash, \$1; Hindman Hotel, \$1.

## SMITH NEW ALDERMAN

Vester Smith was elected alderman to succeed C. C. Bogan, resigned, in the special election held last week. There were only two names on the ticket and the election passed off very quietly. Mr. Smith won over his opponent by a majority of seven votes.

## NEW FORD SALES RECORDS

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 29. — July brought two new sales records to the Ford Motor Company.

In addition to bringing retail deliveries of Ford cars and trucks into the mid-summer season with a new high record for the month, July also carried the sales figures for the year past the million mark.

Increasing popularity of the Ford is most strikingly illustrated in the figures just announced, which show that from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1 this year sales of cars and trucks by the Ford Motor Company totaled 1,050,956 in the United States alone. And the rapidity of the increase in demand is further emphasized by the fact that sales for the first seven months of the year, during which the million mark was passed, were 31,796 greater than for the same period last year when they totalled 659,190. July sales amounted to 156,908, an increase of 36,821 over the same month a year ago.

For sixteen consecutive months now, Ford sales have been well over 100,000 every month.

Production, which by the way, is set at a higher schedule for August than any month so far, apparently continues to be the only factor limiting sales of Ford cars and trucks.

## STANTON LIKES McLEAN

W. C. Stanton, a prominent farmer living 15 miles south of town, in a conversation with Newsman Monday, stated that he loved no other town than McLean, but he makes our town his trading place because he can buy supplies cheaper in McLean than any other town he knows of. The gentleman subscribed for The News and said that it was his intention to keep informed on all our interests.

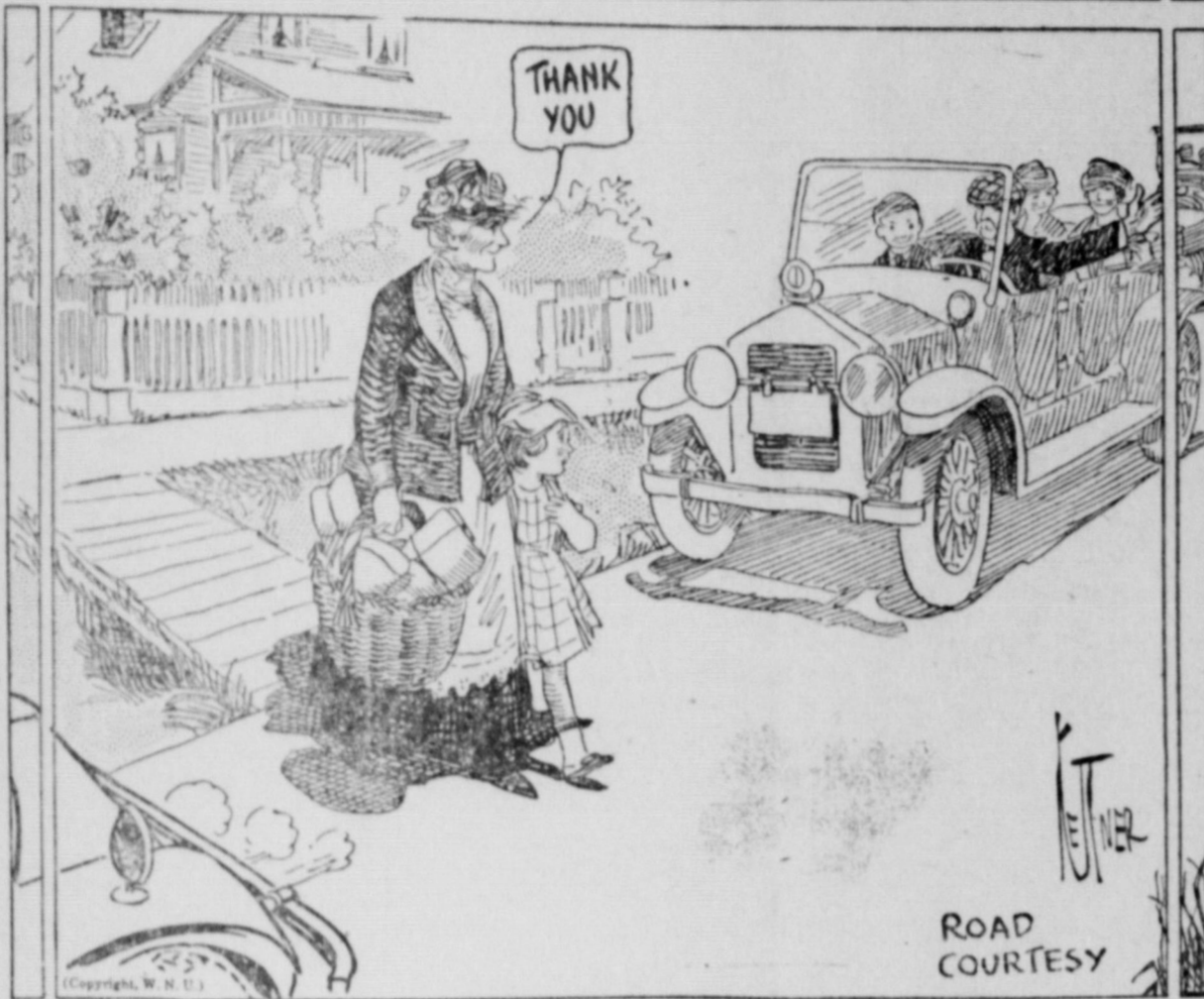
Jack Back, S. B. Morse and Norman Johnston returned last Thursday night from Canyon, where they have been attending school.

F. E. Robinson and family were in from the ranch Saturday.

Tom Tedder and daughter, Miss Lucille, of Gracy were McLean visitors Saturday.

J. W. Pearce and family of Liberty were trading in McLean Saturday.

## On the Concrete



## OPEN SEASON ON PRAIRIE CHICKEN SATURDAY

The open season on prairie chicken begins Saturday, Sept. 1st, and for ten days it will be perfectly legal to kill as many as five chickens per day until the bag limit of fifteen birds has been killed. Deputy Game Commissioner Garmon was in McLean the first of the week getting his department in shape to take care of the situation when the season opens. Mr. Garmon says the question of an open season each year depends solely upon the attitude taken by sportsmen and farmers in the matter. If the law is strictly observed as to the proper bag limits, we may expect to have an open season with plenty of game each year, but if there is shown a tendency to slaughter the birds, the closed season for all time will be put back on at once.

Mr. Garmon praises our people for the co-operation they are extending to his department and says he expects no trouble of any kind when the season starts. However, he has his deputies all picked and ready for any hunter who may feel inclined to come into our community and slaughter the game.

## MRS. CHILDRESS ENTERTAINS

On Wednesday afternoon of this week Mrs. T. N. Childress entertained in honor of her house guest and niece, little Miss Daisy Tackett of Denton. Twenty-four little girls and boys enjoyed the games and fortune telling of the afternoon. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Besides the guest of honor those present were: Martha Stakley, Maybelle Veatch, Elgin Shell, Lorene Sparks, Frances Noel, Sybil and Bruce Graham, Eleanor and Billie Cook, Helen, H-race and Ralph Wofford, Clay Edward and Bud Thompson, Jack Roe, Jack and Maxine Fowler, Lois Kirby, Jessie Mand Roberts, Neal and John Lee Shell and Lionel Childress.

## NOTICE TO CHURCH AND SOCIETY CORRESPONDENTS

The News is anxious to publish all church and society news and we ask that in order to give you the best service possible and at the same time cause us as little trouble as possible, that you turn in your news by Tuesday in typewritten form, or if not possible to typewrite them, use a pen on good paper. We ask that you do not use the telephone for these items, as mistakes are liable to occur when that method is used. If you will kindly cooperate with us, we can make this feature of The News useful to all alike.

Orin Thompson of Plemons visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

W. P. Sherrid of Alanwood was a pleasant caller at the News office Friday. While here Mr. Sherrid subscribed for The News. He also gave us \$1.50 to send The News to Mexhoma, Okla., for one year.

## SMALL McLEAN HAVE A FAIR? NO FAIR TO BE HELD IN PAMPA THIS YEAR

By M. D. Bentley

During the recent extreme hot weather some of our people got cold-footed about a fair and rather tried to discourage the proposition, but to discontinue the work of a fair that we have all worked so hard for would be just too bad. And we owe it to our community and to the good people that so earnestly till the soil to have a fair.

The Greater has been very kind to this section, sending a little more moisture than some others have received. Let us show our appreciation by getting together our products and stock and tell to the world that we are still living and glad of it.

Everyone is invited to attend the McLean Community Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night, and let's put this fair over. Your presence is very essential.

## SPEARMAN MAKING PROGRESS

Spearman, Aug. 24.—What's the matter with Spearman?—she's all right! A \$75,000 school building under construction, one brick business building under construction and others to follow soon—but, listen; that "ain't" half of it. The City Council have finally disposed of the city bonds and signed a contract for the construction of the municipal light plant and water system. E. W. Baker of the firm of Gantt-Baker Company, Oklahoma City, was here the first of the week and closed the deal. The Gantt-Baker Company are to take the bonds at par plus accrued interest, and are to build the light and water plant according to plans and specifications already drawn, for the sum of \$54,000. The council will collect \$1,100 out up as a forfeit by the Houston firm which contracted for the bonds in the first place and failed to pay for the same. The interest on the bonds now amounts to something like \$1400, and there will be \$1000 of the \$550 bond issue remaining, which will give the council a start of something like \$2600 in the treasury for incidentals. Mr. Baker states that he will have electric hook-up burner in Spearman within 60 days and that he will have water in the mains by December 1. He cannot say just when the water tower and tank will be ready for use, on account of not knowing just when he can get delivery on the material.

The entire town and community is rejoicing today because of the prospects of this work being begun at an early date. And it is a time for rejoicing. The council have labored long and patiently on this proposition, and have done their utmost to guard well the city's interests in all things. No one is more pleased than the councilmen that the matter is finally settled.

Water, light, new school building, new business houses, new residences, new people—the old home town is coming along.—Spearman Reporter

## ROBERTS SAYS McLEAN HAS BEST CROPS SEEN

Rev. W. P. Roberts, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has just returned from a month's vacation covering three states and says that we have better crop prospects at McLean than any place he has visited. Dr. Roberts promises us an account of his trip for next week's issue of The News.

## SMITH SUCCEEDS IRVIN AT PAMPA

Pampa, Aug. 25.—Chas. R. Smith, a graduate of Simmons College and an athlete of no bad repute, is to succeed W. B. Irvin, now superintendent of the Pampa schools, as coach, and it is believed that Pampa will be the proud possessor of another winning football team under the direction of Mr. Smith.

The team is to begin working immediately and will pitch their tents on the Lockhart ranch about thirty miles north of town on the Canadian river where they went through the grid last year. They will have six hours work each day, three in the morning and three in the afternoon and after each workout they will swim five minutes in one of the best swimming holes in the country. It is expected that thirty-five men will report for the camp.

The boys will not come to town during their training period. They will have a cook who knows how to feed them, and it is expected that "frioles and spuds" will be the principal diet.

The Harvesters lose a few of their number this year, but there are many to fill their places, and a team better than last year's is the prediction of fans in this section.

## THE McLEAN RODEO

The rodeo put on in McLean last week was well attended, and while the crowd each day was not as great as on former occasions of this kind, the affair went off as smoothly as could have been expected.

## BEN WOFFORD WINS IN HOG JUDGING

Jack Jones offered a good Poland China gilt from his herd of registered Polands to the boy who made the highest grade in judging hogs from the herd he brought to McLean to sell Wednesday. Ben Wofford of Wheeler county won the pig. Homer Simmons of Donley county won second place and Roscoe Morgan of Gray county third. Ten boys, representing four counties, entered the contest.

## MISS PELLUM'S COMING IS DELAYED

The Erwin Drug Company received a message Wednesday that owing to sickness in Miss Pellum's family the lady would be unable to fill her engagement here Sept. 10, but would be here at a later date. Miss Pellum is the Toilet Goods Specialist who will give free demonstrations of popular brands of toilet goods to the ladies of McLean. Watch the Erwin Drug Company's advertisements for notice of proper dates for the demonstrations.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are just home from our vacation and there will be preaching both morning and evening at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, Sept. 2nd. We expect you there to start the fall work right. Come one, come all. We will be very glad to meet you again.

W. P. ROBERTS, Pastor.

Dr. Charles P. Vickers and family of Oklahoma City visited in the Vanny home one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Rinnov and little daughter, came in Saturday from Electra to visit relatives and friends in McLean and the Heald community.

John Hrcncar of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Saturday.

J. L. Hess and family were in from the ranch Saturday.

Anson Lee and family of Gracy were in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wilson, Mrs. G. W. Sullivan and Miss Vera Wilson left Friday for Wichita Falls to visit relatives.

## C. OF C. MONDAY WILL DISCUSS FAIR QUESTION

Final action on the matter of a fair at McLean this fall will be taken at the regular meeting of the McLean Community Chamber of Commerce next Monday night. It is hoped that a full representation of all interested in the matter of a fair will be present.

There will be no other fair held in Gray county this year, and if we have one at McLean it is high time to get busy.

No good reason has been advanced as to why we should not put on a fair this year. We have the crops, and with just a little effort on the part of those interested, the thing can be put over in great shape.

## JONES HOG SALE SUCCESS

The sale of registered Polands which Jack F. Jones put on here Wednesday was well attended, and bidding was lively from the start. Although the hogs did not bring a fancy price, all animals put in the ring sold good considering the general hard times. The top of the sale was purchased by J. A. Ashby for \$52. Most of the hogs in this sale were bought by local men and will be used for breeding purposes. It is very seldom that our people have an opportunity to buy hogs of such high breeding as those in the Jones herd, and they were quick to take advantage of it. Many farmers bought hogs in this sale who had good grade hogs, but there was so little difference in the price of a purebred and a scrub that they bought these fine Polands with the intention of selling the grade stock to pay for them.

## NEW STYLE FORDS

Ford cars of all models are now being made with decided improvements in body lines, according to M. D. Bentley, manager of the Bentley Motor Company. Mr. Bentley expects to have a carload of the new Fords on display in a few days. See his announcement of the new styles in Fords on another page.

## MILLINERY SHOP REOPENS

Mrs. Pauline Sanders, milliner, has reopened her hat shop in T. J. Coffey and Brother's store. Mrs. Sanders has been in the Eastern markets buying a big stock for the fall trade. There are hats to suit every style and taste in the new line now on display. Mrs. D. A. Davis has charge of the McLean shop for the present. Read their advertisement on another page of this paper.

## U. I. L. BULLETIN READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

Austin, Aug. 29.—A bulletin containing the Interscholastic League constitution and rules for 1923-24 is now off the press, according to announcement of state officials at the University of Texas. Any teacher interested in league work may obtain a copy free of charge.

The bulletin contains 100 pages and is illustrated by 60 cuts showing the various contests and contestants in the last State meet.

Those in charge of the State office declare that interest is being manifested in league work earlier this year than ever before. Many schools have already sent in membership fees for the ensuing school session, and 175 high schools have already signed up for participation in the league plan for determining the State football championship. The final acceptance date for participation in the football championship race is October 1. Schools not accepting by that date will be debarred from the series this season, it is stated.

## AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

A called conference will be held at the First Baptist church just after the Sunday school hour next Sunday for the purpose of adopting the Associational letter and to consider the call of a pastor. Every member is expected to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cook and family were in from a visit with relatives in Pampa.

Mrs. T. A. Taggart and family of Royce City came in last night to visit relatives.



# The Secret Adversary

By AGATHA CHRISTIE

SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE—Realizing that she has a possible chance of being saved, as the Lusitania is sinking, a stranger gives a young American girl a package which he asks her to deliver to the American ambassador in England. She is saved.

CHAPTER I—In London, former Lieut. "Tommy" Beresford and Miss Prudence Cowley—"Tuppence"—discharged army nurses, form an organization, "The Young Adventurers, Ltd." Tuppence makes a business appointment with a man, Edward Whittington, who offers her easy employment, but on giving her name as "Jane Finn," which she had heard on the street, Whittington shows agitation and Tuppence is told to return next day.

CHAPTER II—In the morning the girl seeks Whittington's office. He is surprised to see an advertisement signed "Jane Finn" and the two receive notes from "Mr. Carter" and "Julius F. Herschimmer." After a really a high government official he speaks of a mysterious "Mr. Brown" as head of the Bolsheviks in England, and engages the girl to attempt to find Jane Finn, whom he is seeking for important reasons of state.

CHAPTER III—Next day the pair visits Herschimmer, American millionaire, living at the Ritz hotel. He is looking for his cousin, Jane Finn, who had disappeared after landing from the Lusitania's boat, and employs them to search for her. They discover a certain Mrs. Vandemeyer is a Lusitania survivor. Seeking information from her, Tuppence recognizes Whittington in a calling on Mrs. Vandemeyer. Tommy trails him.

CHAPTER IV—Whittington leaves for France. Herschimmer, whom Tommy had summoned, follows him. Having heard the two mention "Mr. Brown," Tommy trails "Boris," Whittington's companion, to a house in Soho. He secures admission, and while in hiding overhears details of a Bolshevik and labor plot to overturn the government. Success apparently depends on finding a secret treaty made between the allies during the war. Tommy is caught listening and knocked senseless.

CHAPTER V—Sensing sinister relations between Whittington and Mrs. Vandemeyer, Tuppence determines to spy on the latter. She disguises herself and secures employment as a parlor maid in the Vandemeyer home.

CHAPTER VI—During a conversation between a visitor, "Boris," and Mrs. Vandemeyer, in which the name of Sir James Peel Edgerton, famous criminal lawyer, is mentioned, Tuppence hears talk of an "organization." Next day Edgerton visits Mrs. Vandemeyer, and on leaving addresses Tuppence to give up her position, but refuses to give a reason.

CHAPTER VII—On her "day off" Tuppence goes to see Herschimmer. He discovered nothing of importance in France. Tommy's continued absence worries Tuppence. Remembering his seeing her kitchen, she visits Edgerton and tells him the whole story. He promises to assist her making an attempt to visit her the evening at the Vandemeyer home. Returning to the place, Tuppence finds she has been discovered. Mrs. Vandemeyer (Christine) has put Tuppence under the counter and on her promise of an enormous sum, to be paid by Herschimmer, Mrs. Vandemeyer agrees to betray the "organization." They are interrupted by the appearance of Edgerton, with Herschimmer. Seeking them, Mrs. Vandemeyer faints.

CHAPTER VIII—They revive her and leave her for the night, the three sitting up. In the morning Mrs. Vandemeyer is found dead.

CHAPTER IX—The coroner's verdict is accidental death, due to an overdose of alcohol and the affair is ended. Tuppence receives a telegram from Tommy.

CHAPTER X—In the house in Soho Tommy is imprisoned for three days. Then he is sentenced to death and is left securely bound. A girl whom he knows as Annette, an inmate of the house, assists him to escape.

CHAPTER XI

The Telegram.

Huffed for the moment, Tommy scrooled into the restaurant, and ordered a meal of surpassing excellence. His four days' imprisonment had taught him anew to value good food.

He was in the middle of conveying a particularly choice morsel to his mouth, when he caught sight of Julius entering the room. At the sight of Tommy, Julius' eyes seemed as though they would pop out of his head.

"Holy snakes!" he ejaculated. "Is it really you? Say, man, don't you know you've been given for dead? I guess we'd have had a solemn requiem for you in another few days."

"Who thought I was dead?" demanded Tommy.

"Tuppence."

"Isn't she here?"

"No, the fellows at the office said she'd just gone out."

"Gone shopping, I guess. But, say, can't you shed that British calm of yours, and get down to it? What on God's earth have you been doing all this time?"

"If you're feeding here," replied Tommy, "order now. It's going to be a long story."

Julius drew up a chair to the opposite side of the table, summoned a hovering waiter, and dictated his wishes. Then he turned to Tommy.

"Fire ahead, I guess you've had some few adventures."

"One or two," replied Tommy modestly, and plunged into his recital.

growing anxieties of Tuppence, she call upon Sir James, and the sensational occurrences of the previous night.

"But who killed her?" asked Tommy. "I don't quite understand."

"The doctor kidded himself she took it herself," replied Julius dryly.

"And Sir James? What did he think?"

"Being a legal luminary, he is likewise a human oyster," replied Julius. "I should say he reserved judgment." He went on to detail the events of the morning.

"Lost her memory, eh?" said Tommy with interest. "By Jove, that explains why they looked at me so queerly when I spoke of questioning her. But of a slip on my part, that! But it wasn't the sort of thing a fellow would be likely to guess."

There was a moment's pause, and then Tommy reverted to Mrs. Vandemeyer's death.

"There's no doubt it was chloroform!" he said go round to the scene of the crime. I wish we could get hold of Tuppence. The Ritz would enjoy the spectacle of the glad reunion."

Inquiry at the office revealed the fact that Tuppence had not yet returned.

"All the same, I guess I'll have a look round upstairs," said Julius. "She might be in my sitting-room." He disappeared.

Suddenly a diminutive boy spoke at Tommy's elbow:

"The young lady—she's gone away by train, I think, sir," he murmured shyly.

"What?" Tommy wheeled round upon him.

"The taxi, sir. I heard her tell the driver."



"I Heard Her Tell the Driver Charing Cross and to Look Sharp."

driver Charing Cross and to look sharp."

Tommy stared at him, his eyes opening wide in surprise. Emboldened, the small boy proceeded: "No, I thought, having asked for an A.B.C. and a Bradshaw—"

Tommy interrupted him: "When did she ask for an A.B.C. and a Bradshaw?"

"When I took her the telegram, sir."

"A telegram?"

"Yes, sir."

"When was that?"

"About half-past twelve, sir."

At that moment Julius came back. He held an open letter in his hand.

"I say, Herschimmer"—Tommy turned to him—"Tuppence has gone to standing on her own."

"Shucks!"

"Yes, she has. She went off in a taxi to Charing Cross in the guise of a hurry after getting a telegram. His eye fell on the letter in Julius' hand, and she left a note for you. That's all right. Where's she off to?"

Almost unconsciously, he held on to his hand for the letter, but Julius hid it up and placed it in his pocket. He seemed a trifle embarrassed.

"I guess this is nothing to do with it. It's about something else—something I asked her that she was to let me know about. See here, I'd better put you wise. I asked Miss Tuppence to marry me this morning."

"Oh!" said Tommy mechanically. He felt dazed. Julius' words were totally unexpected. For the moment they benumbed his brain.

"I'd like to tell you," continued Julius, "that before I suggested anything of the kind to Miss Tuppence, I made it clear that I didn't want to butt in in any way between her and you."

Tommy roused himself.

"That's all right," he said quickly. "Tuppence and I have been pals for years. Nothing more." He lit a cigarette with a hand that shook ever so little. "That's quite all right. Tuppence always said that she was looking out for—"

He stopped abruptly, his face crimsoning, but Julius was in no way discomposed.

"Oh, I guess it'll be the dollars that'll do the trick. Miss Tuppence put me wise to that right away. There's no humbug about her. We ought to go along together very well."

Tommy looked at him curiously for a minute, as though he were about to speak, then changed his mind and said nothing. Tuppence and Julius! Well, why not? Had she not lamented the fact that she knew no rich men? Had she not openly avowed her intention of marrying for money if she ever had the chance? Why blame her because she had been true to her creed?

Nevertheless, Tommy did blame her. He was filled with a passionate and utterly blighted resentment. Tuppence

was utterly cold-blooded and selfish, and he would be delighted if he never saw her again! And it was a rotten world!

Julius' voice broke in on these meditations.

"Yes, we ought to go along together very well. I've heard that a girl always refuses you once—a sort of convention."

Tommy caught his arm.

"Refuse? Did you say refuse?"

"Sure thing. Didn't I tell you that? She just rapped out a 'no' without any kind of reason to it. But she'll come round right enough. Likely enough, I hustled her some—"

But Tommy interrupted regardless of decorum.

"What did she say in that note?" he demanded fiercely.

The obliging Julius handed it to him. The note, in Tuppence's well-known schoolboy writing, ran as follows:

"Dear Julius:

"It's always better to have things in black and white. I don't feel I can be bothered to think of marriage until Tommy is found. Let's leave it till then."

"Yours affectionately,

"TUPPENCE"

Tommy handed it back, his eyes shining. His feelings had undergone a sharp reaction. He now felt that Tuppence was all that was noble and self-interested. Had she not refused Julius without hesitation? True, the note betokened signs of weakening, but he could excuse that. It read almost like a bribe to Julius to spur him on in his efforts to find Tommy, but he supposed she had not really meant it that way. Daring Tuppence, there was not a girl in the world to touch her! When he saw her—His thoughts were brought up with a sudden jerk.

"As you say," he remarked, pulling himself together, "there's not a hint here as to what she's up to. Hi—Henry!"

The small boy came obediently.

"One thing more. Do you remember what the young lady did with the telegram?"

Henry gasped and spoke.

"She crumpled it up into a ball and threw it into the grate, and made a sort of noise like 'Whoop' sir."

They hurried upstairs. Tuppence had left the key in her door. The room was as she had left it. In the fireplace was a crumpled ball of orange and white. Tommy disentangled and smoothed out the telegram.

"Come at once, Most House, Ebury, Yorkshire, great developments—TOMMY"

They looked at each other in stupefaction. Julius spoke first:

"I guess it means the worst. They've got her."

"What?"

"Sure thing! They signed your name, and she fell into the trap like a lamb."

"My G—d! What shall we do?"

"Get busy, and go after her! Right now! There's no time to waste. It's slightly luck that she didn't take the wire with her. If she had we'd probably never have traced her. But we've got to hustle. Where's that Bradshaw?"

The energy of Julius was infectious. Left to himself, Tommy would probably have sat down to think things out for a good half hour before he decided on a plan of action. But with Julius Herschimmer about, hustling was inevitable.

"Here we are, Ebury, Yorks, From King's Cross, Or St. Pancras. (Boy must have made a mistake. It was King's Cross, not Charing Cross) 12.50 that's the train she went by. 2.10 that's gone. 3.20 is the next."

"I say, Julius, what do they want her for, anyway?"

"Eh? I don't get you?"

"What I mean is that I don't think it's their game to do her any harm," explained Tommy, puckering his brow with the strain of his mental processes. "She's a hostage, there's what she is. As long as they've got her they've got the whip hand on us. See?"

"Sure thing," said Julius thoughtfully. "That's so."

"Besides," added Tommy, as an afterthought, "I've great faith in Tuppence."

The journey was wearisome, with many stops, and crowded carriages. Ebury was a deserted station with a solitary porter, to whom Tommy addressed himself:

"Can you tell me the way to the Most house?"

"The Most house? It's a tidy step from here. The big house near the sea, you mean?"

Tommy assented brazenly. After listening to the porter's meticulous but perplexing directions, they prepared to leave the station. It was beginning to rain, and they turned up the collars of their coats as they trudged through the slush of the road. Suddenly Tommy halted.

"Wait a moment." He ran back to the station and riddled the porter anew.

"Look here, do you remember a young lady who arrived by an earlier train, the 12.50 from London? She'd probably ask you the way to the Most house."

He described Tuppence as well as he could, but the porter shook his head. Several people had arrived by the train in question. He could not call to mind one young lady in particular.

Tommy rejoined Julius, and explained. Depression was settling down on him like a leaden weight. He felt convinced that their quest was going to be unsuccessful. The enemy had over three hours' start. Three hours was more than enough for Mr. Brown. He would not ignore the possibility of the telegram having been found. The way seemed endless. It was past seven o'clock when a small boy

told them that "r' Most house" was just past the next corner.

A rusty iron gate swinging dimly on its hinges! An overgrown drive thick with leaves. There was something about the place that struck a chill to both their hearts.

A turn of the drive brought them in sight of the house. That too seemed empty and deserted. Was it indeed to this desolate spot that Tuppence had been decoyed? It seemed hard to believe that a human footstep had passed this way for months. Julius jerked the rusty bell handle. A jangling peal rang discordantly, echoing through the emptiness within. No one came. They rang again and again—but there was no sign of life. Then they walked completely round the house. Everywhere silence, and shuttered windows.

"Nothing doing," said Julius. They retraced their steps slowly to the gate.

"There must be a village handy," continued the young American. "We'd better make inquiries there. They'll know something about the place, and whether there's been any one there lately."

"Yes, that's not a bad idea."

Proceeding up the road, they soon came to a little hamlet. On the outskirts of it, they met a workman swinging his bag of tools, and Tommy stopped him with a question.

"The Most house? It's empty. Been empty for years. Mrs. Seveney's got the key if you want to go over it—next to the post office."

Tommy thanked him. They soon found the post office, and knocked at the door of the cottage next to it. A clean, wholesome-looking woman opened it. She readily produced the key of the Most house.

"Though I doubt if it's the kind of place to suit you, sir. In a terrible state of repair. Cellars leaking and all. 'Twould need a lot of money spent on it."

(Continued Next Week.)

E. G. Doran and daughter and son, Miss Myrna Lee and Merce visited relatives here Friday and Saturday. Miss Myrna Lee remained for a longer visit.

J. G. Davidson and family of Ramsdell were trading with McLean merchants Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Collier and children of Groom came in Saturday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carill Sloan of Pampa visited relatives here Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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REPORT OF LAND AND TOWN LOTS DELINQUENT FOR TAXES ON THE TAX ROLLS OF THE CITY OF McLEAN IN GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE YEARS 1920-1922 INCLUSIVE.

Name of Owner	Years Del.	City or Addition	Lot	Block Ad Val.	Sliding Fund	General	Total Taxes	Penalty	Interest	Grand Total
W. L. Drennon	1920	McLaughlin Ad.	A1	18.50	2.00	.50	6.05	55	.60	7.20
J. T. McCarty	1920	McLean	E 12	F			2.00	20	.20	
J. T. McCarty	1921	McLean	6-3	F			2.00	30	.30	
W. S. True	1920	McLaughlin Ad.	S 1-32	F			19.88	4.08	23.86	28.62
W. M. Robinson	1920	Christian Ad.	A1	70				.50	.05	.05
Tom Alsop	1921	O. T. Site	E 1 A	E				.15	.06	.21
J. W. Burks	1921	Christian Ad.	2	H				.70	.07	.84
A. B. Christian	1921	McLaughlin Ad.	3 A	B				1.20	.12	1.44
A. B. Christian	1921	O. T. Site	3 A	22						
Lewis Cooke	1920	McLaughlin Ad.	6	21				4.10	.41	4.92
Lewis Cooke	1921	McLaughlin Ad.	All	19				4.60	.45	5.40
Lewis Cooke	1922	McLaughlin Ad.	All	19				3.80	.38	4.56
A. R. Piersall	1921	O. T. Site	All	19				16.08	3.44	20.12
Z. T. Wilson	1921	McLaughlin Ad.	2	46				.13	.01	.15
S. C. Brown	1921	Wilson Strip	2 Acres 8					1.50	.15	1.80
E. M. Bunch	1921		E 21 A					.50	.05	.60
W. L. Drennon	1921	O. T. Site	All	18				.25	.21	.30
Mitchell	1921	O. T. Site	All	18				1.00	.10	1.20
Unknown	1921	O. T. Site	W 12	G				.50	.05	.60
Mrs. J. D. Back	1922	O. T. Site	All	18				.25	.21	.30
C. Bradley	1922	O. T. Site	11-18	16				3.49	.72	3.91
M. L. Bush	1922	McLaughlin Ad.	1	16				9.31	1.92	11.23
Cook Grain Co.	1922	Grain	1	16				13.58	2.80	16.38
T. N. Childress	1922	O. T. Site	All	75				17.46	3.60	21.06
Mrs. A. A. Christian	1922	O. T. Site	All	75				25.99	5.47	30.93
Mrs. A. A. Christian	1922	O. T. Site	All	75				38.99	8.47	47.03
W. L. Drennon	1922	McLaughlin Ad.	All	18				38.99	8.47	47.03
I. S. Palley	1922	O. T. Site	All	18				1.91	.60	3.51
Harry Malone	1922	O. T. Site	All	58				4.21	.42	4.68
Walter Mullis	1922	O. T. Site	All	57				571.80	8.73	10.53
Walter Mullis	1922	O. T. Site	SW 4	H				1.03	1.05	1.23
Hemar West	1922	O. T. Site	W 12	H				1.40	.14	1.68
Z. T. Wilson	1922	O. T. Site	D 1	J				2.14	.21	2.46
C. P. Overton	1922	McLaughlin Ad.	W 2 A	8				1.40	.14	1.68
W. H. Lantry	1922	O. T. Site	All	11				8.18	1.81	9.96
McLean Auto Co.	1922	McLaughlin Ad.	All	16-20				27.52	5.60	33.60
E. T. McCleskey	1922	Personal Property	All	11				11.48	2.26	13.96
W. H. Peters	1922	O. T. Site	All	11				8.60	1.74	10.34
Joe Penland	1922	Personal Property	All	11-20				101.94	19.05	122.99
L. L. Smith	1922	McLaughlin Ad.	All	11						



**THE McLEAN NEWS**

Published Every Friday

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Editors and Owners

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

Time was when it was said that cotton could not be raised in this section. Now the cotton crop bids fair to be numbered with our most important productions.

How exceedingly unfortunate it seems that those who know all about how to solve the great problems of society and government do not happen to hold office or to be running a newspaper.

The Humane Society of New York has protested against the treatment of animals at rodeos in that state. Maine has already outlawed exhibition of this kind on the charge of cruelty to animals.

We have an invitation to a free airplane ride at Amarillo during the Tri-State Fair that is worrying us. We have always said we would like to ride in the air, but had no intention of having our bluff called.

There can be no permanent prosperity until the farmer is prosperous. Everything that we use comes from the earth; manufacturing is only a matter of changing the form of crude materials. High prices for labor and manufactured articles can not long continue unless the farmer is adequately recompensed for his products.

There is every good reason why we should have a fair this fall. The Fair Association is out of debt and there are good crops all over our community, much better than neighboring places, that will be the very best of advertising for us. Then, if we are to reap the full benefit from a fair we must make a yearly event of it. Come to the C. of C. Monday night and help boost for the fair!

There is no reason why the prairie chicken law should be violated. Five chickens per day is more than the average family can consume, and fifteen chickens for ten days makes a total large enough for any reasonable man. According to Game Deputy Garmon, it is not civilization that causes game to become extinct, but the shot gun. There is plenty of room in this section for the chickens to live in reasonable numbers and not damage crops, and at the same time furnish a little diversion for the hunter each year, if we will all see that the game law is not violated.

With the wide spread in the price of feeder cattle and fat cattle, there is an opportunity to make some money in feeding. We have the stock and the feed in our community, why not feed cattle and ship them out at the fat price? If a feeder several hundred miles from here can buy our animals and our

**PINCHOT INSPECTS PEN**



Overseer of Pennsylvania is shown coming through the front gate of Eastern penitentiary, Philadelphia, after he had inspected the prison in company with Mrs. J. Willie Martin, foreman of the grand jury that exposed conditions at the institution.

feed, pay two sets of freight charges and then make money, it stands to reason that there is profit in feeding the cattle where the feed is raised.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Biggers and children returned Friday from Betany, Okla.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cooke of Amarillo spent the week end with relatives here.

Chas. Murphree of Amarillo visited home folks here last week end.

Mrs. E. Howard and children left Friday for Memphis to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Glass and children of Alanreed visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harlan of Plemors visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

Sheriff E. S. Graves and Deputy W. B. Salisbury and wife of Pampa were McLean visitors Friday and Saturday.

T. J. Prock of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Friday and Saturday.

**THEIR DOUBTFUL FUTURE**

The Tahoka News says that five cents per line will be charged for obituaries of the people who send away for their job printing; 25 cents per line for all business men who do not advertise; while 15 cents per line will be charged to delinquent subscribers who are passing out to the New Jerusalem. Bad policy, Haynes, and not founded on the love of the Lord. Why not give these poor unfortunate ones at least a complimentary write-up before they are ushered out into an unknown eternity. Speak well of all men when they come to the parting of the ways. Their future is doubtful and we ought to be as kind to them as possible.—Scurry County Times.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Clark and children of Heald were shopping in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dougherty and children of Heald were in town Saturday.

Mrs. Dewitt Burks and baby returned to their home at Amarillo Saturday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burks.

**BROUGHT HIM INTO PICTURE**

Jenkins was substituting for a day or two during the temporary absence of the regular society editor. He is a detail man quick to notice omissions and call attention to them. So when Miss Daisy Blank came in with a long story about the wedding of her dearest chum, Jenkins took his pipe out of his mouth and studied the delicate missive. He grunted at the adjectives about the bride's costume, frowned over the elaborate decorations and the lengthy description of the music and the singing and then said to Miss Daisy:

"Who was the unhappy man?"

"You mean the groom?"

"Yes. There has to be a groom at a thing of this sort, doesn't there?"

"To be sure," and Miss Daisy blushed a bit. "It was Mr. William Smith—didn't I have him in?"

"Not that I can see."

"Well, put him in somewhere, please. Of course he was present, also."

So Jenkins wrote at the bottom of Miss Daisy's exquisite little sketch:

"Bill Smith was also present."—Harper's.

**HUSH MONEY**

He was a great practical joker, and never lost a chance. A few days ago he stopped a friend on

**REAL DRAY SERVICE**

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

**KUNKEL BROS**

Texhoma Gasoline, Oil and Greases. Amalie Oils. Tires, Tubes and Accessories. Courteous Service—Drive In. W. G. HOMMEL, Prop.

**Star Service Station**

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Main street and said confidentially: "I never would have believed it, but I believe it my duty to make it known. Mr. —, the alderman for our ward, has been taking hush money."

"Impossible!" said his friend. "I tell you it's true, for I overheard the conversation and actually saw it handed over to him, and he put the money in his pocket."

Then he went on without explaining any further, and the thing got talked around considerably for a day or two.

He forgot all about it until one day he met the alderman and was the alderman's goat to the extent of two black eyes and a coat split up the back.

And then he had to go all around and explain that what he meant was that he had seen the alderman's wife give him a dime to buy some paregoric for the baby.—Houston Post.

Sam Hodges, president of Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Company, went to Geary, Okla., Saturday, returning Sunday.

**McLean Filling Station**  
Oils, Gas and Accessories  
C. W. GINN, Mgr.

**Hill & Ledbetter Attorneys at Law**  
McLean, Texas

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

**V. H. MOORE Auctioneer**  
Wheeler, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Jameson of Pampa spent last Friday and Saturday in McLean.

Bennie Skidmore and sister, Miss Odessa, of Shamrock visited friends here Friday night.

Floyd Parker returned Friday from Ft. Sill.

Gaylord Hodges was an Alanreed visitor Sunday.

J. K. Crews and family were in from the ranch Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Elmer Davis and children of Stamford are visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Amick.

**CLARENDON NURSERY CO.**  
A. L. BRUCE & SONS  
Clarendon, Texas  
We handle the best line of hardy fruit trees, shade trees, shrubbery and flowers for the Parhandle. Give us your order, our stock will please you.  
S. A. COBB, McLean, Agent

**The Enormous Resources**  
of the Guaranty Fund stands back of every depositor in a Guaranty Fund Bank in Texas.  
To accumulate this vast sum, every member bank in Texas—of which there are more than nine hundred—is assessed annually an amount of ¼ of one per cent on average daily deposits. The amount thus derived from every member bank insures a steady and dependable income for the fund—a fund which is backed by every Guaranty Fund Bank in Texas.  
As a member of the great Guaranty Fund System of Texas, this bank offers you the safety and security which is afforded every depositor here.

**The Citizens State Bank**  
A Guaranty Fund Bank  
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$22,750.00  
J. S. MORSE, President CLAY THOMPSON, Cashier

**Insure Your Property Now!**  
The question of insurance is a vital one, and should have the careful consideration of every property owner.  
Come in and let me write you a policy that will protect you in case your home should be destroyed by fire or wind storm. It will be too late to insure after the fire.

**C. C. BOGAN**  
Insurance that Protects

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We are equipped with everything necessary to put your storage battery in good shape. Don't allow your battery to deteriorate when it can be kept full of pep with a little attention. Our battery rectifier puts new life in old batteries. Bring us your battery troubles as well as any trouble with the electrical system of your car. We are specialists in such work. General repairing done also.

**We Sell STUDEBAKER Cars**

**Cousins Motor Co.**  
All Work Strictly Guaranteed  
Repairing, Storage, Gas, Oils and Accessories  
Day Phone 172 SERVICE CAR Night Phone 141

**We Can Supply You With the Duck**  
Just received 1700 yards of good grade Cotton Picking Sacking. And no doubt you will be interested in the following work clothing

<b>MEN'S UNIONALLS</b> \$3.00 Men's stifel stripe unionalls—cut full and roomy—size 34 to 42—and priced at only—	<b>MEN'S KHAKI PANTS</b> \$2.00 Men's khaki pants—good quality—made full and roomy—cuff bottom—size 28 to 44 waist—
<b>MEN'S OVERALLS</b> \$1.50 Men's blue denim bib overalls—good grade of denim—cut full and roomy—size 32 to 42— \$1.50 \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50	<b>MEN'S WORK SHOES</b> \$2.50 Men's chocolate boarded split outing bal—double sole, oak, clinch nailed and sewed. Size 6 to 11—
<b>MEN'S WORK SHIRTS</b> \$1.00 Men's blue cheviot work shirts—made with 2 pockets—large buttons—cut full and roomy—size 14½ to 19—	<b>MEN'S WORK SHOES</b> \$3.50 Men's chocolate elk blucher—soft tip—double sole, brass clinch nailed and sewed—munson army last. Size 6 to 10—

**Dry Goods Frank Wofford Dry Goods**  
McLean, Texas  
Sunday for an extended Mr. and Mrs. Wofford



**THE "AGINERS"**

Meetings have been held in Coke and Runnels counties to protest against the building of a dam across the Colorado river, to conserve water for irrigation. Lawyers have been employed to tie this enterprise up in the courts and thwart the project.

There was a time when meetings were held by these people and begging committees appointed to ask charity.

It has not been so long ago since they asked the legislature for money with which to buy seed for planting, because of lack of moisture. They will do it again if they succeed in destroying this enterprise. Although there is enough water that goes down to the sea each season through the channel of the Colorado river to irrigate 200,000 acres of rich land and insure them against want, they are "agin" it.—Sterling City News-Record.

The "aginers" never built a town or community. The man or men that always pull back never benefit mankind. It takes men with vision and unconquerable courage to do great big things in this life. It is usually the man without vision who becomes the "aginer" in all enterprise promotion. Of course there is a possibility of men becoming visionary and mistake their visions for real constructive inspiration, but as a rule the word vision is applied to men with real foresight for the future. You will find men in all communities that are incapable of vision of the constructive kind and they usually become drawbacks to the community's progress.—Snyder Times.

**ADVERTISING THOUGHTS**

Advertising in a newspaper is merely the delivering of the advertiser's message to the readers of the paper. If you were to telegraph some person for fifty dollars, you did not get it, you wouldn't blame the Western Union, would you? Yet the telegraph wire and service is very much like the newspaper. It is a vehicle for delivering the message and that is all that can be expected of it, and the opportunity and the service is what the advertiser pays for.

The advertiser buys an opportunity to tell his story to the readers of the paper. If the readers do not answer, it is because his name or proposition does not appeal to them, or because they have NOT faith in the advertising. The great benefit that comes from advertising is the moulding of favorable public opinion about the advertiser. As any man, woman or child in New York City which is the best jewelry store in town, and the reply will be—"Tiffany's." And what has Tiffany done to gain this favorable opinion? It has built a business along the lines of public, and then sent the public a message so continuously covering a period of years to make them understand and become in accord with the fact that Tiffany stands for. It is the confidence and respect of the public, backed by continuous advertising, that has made Tiffany famous.

When an advertiser tries a paper of established character and reputation, the paper is not on trial. All he has to do is carry the message.

The entire burden is on the advertiser.

Automobiles are supplied nowadays with everything except intelligence, and the buyer and driver must furnish that. An advertising medium, also, is simply the perfectly equipped vehicle, and the man who advertises in it must furnish the intelligence for his own advertising.

Advertising is like a college. Colleges cannot make successes of every man who goes to them. The responsibility for the success of a student does not rest on the college he goes to, but on the student himself. And advertising cannot make a success of every boob merchant.—Gulf Coast Lumberman.

**MIGHT TRY IT ANYWAY**

A married couple had engaged a cook. She was pretty as a picture, but her cooking was terrible, and one morning the bacon was burned to such a crisp as to be wholly inedible.

"Dear," said the wife to her husband, "I'm afraid the cook has burned the bacon. You'll have to be satisfied with a kiss for breakfast this morning."

"All right," responded the husband gruffly, "call her in."

Alva Alexander of Electra came in Saturday to visit relatives.

John Haynes made a flying trip to Pampa Saturday.

Geo. Saye and family of Gracey were here Saturday.

Louis Webb was in from the ranch Saturday.

Mrs. Mollie Flowers and daughters of Heald were McLean visitors Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Atkins of Ramsdell were in McLean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McMurtry of Clarendon were McLean visitors Saturday.

Lee More left Sunday for Alanreed after a visit with Carl Carpenter.

E. G. Douglas and son and daughter, Willie and Miss Maud, left Sunday for their home at Geary, Okla.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, of Shamrock will fill his regular monthly appointment in McLean Sept. 14, 15 and 16, 1c

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Landers made a trip to Boylston Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haynes of Heald were in town Saturday.

Josh Chilton and family of Gracey were in McLean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rogers of Lela were here Saturday.

Frank Bailey and family of Heald were McLean visitors Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. W. P. Morgan of Jericho returned to her home Saturday after a visit with her niece, Mrs. Giles Phillips.

Miss Bernice Rowland, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. T. A. Landers, has returned to her home at Clarendon.

M. T. Powell and family of Ramsdell were shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. Redwine returned Sunday from Delhi, Okla. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Susie Bell and son.

C. A. Cash and family of McClellan Creek were trading with McLean merchants Saturday.

**DE LAWD'LL SEE YO' FROO**

Sometimes de sky got lots o' gray,  
And mighty little blue,  
But jes' yo' keep a-peggin' 'way—  
De Lawd'll see yo' froo.

Yo' keep peggin' 'way,  
Dat's all yo' got to do;  
Be suah yo' don't fuhgit to pray—  
De Lawd'll see yo' froo.

Ah wen' to Him de oddah day  
An' ast Him what to do.  
He said, "Yo' keep a-peggin' 'way,  
An' Ah will see yo' froo."

Yo' keep a-peggin' 'way  
An' jes' be good an' true;  
Be suah yo' don't fuhgit to pray,  
An' jes' yo' keep a-peggin' 'way—  
De Lawd'll see yo' froo.  
—Normal Instructor.

**RULES FOR PEDESTRIANS**

1. Pedestrians crossing streets at night shall wear a white light in front and a red light in the rear.
2. Before turning to the right or left shall give three short blasts of a horn at least three inches in diameter.
3. When an inexperienced automobile driver is made nervous he shall indicate the same and the pedestrian shall hie behind a tree until the automobile has passed.
4. Pedestrians shall not carry in their pockets any sharp instruments which may cut automobile tires.
5. In dodging automobiles, pedestrians shall not run more than 11 miles an hour.
6. Pedestrians must register at the beginning of each year and pay a license fee of \$7.00 for the privileges of living. There will be no rebate if they do not live the entire year.
7. Each pedestrian, before receiving his or her license to walk on the street, must demonstrate before an examining board their skill in dodging, leaping, crawling and extricating self from machinery.
8. Pedestrians will be held responsible for all damages done to automobiles or other occupants by collision.—Genoa Times.

**THE WAY TO PEACE**

A beautiful story is told of Rudyard Kipling during a serious illness a few years since. The trained nurse was sitting at his bedside on one of the anxious nights when the sick man's condition was most critical. She was watching him intently and noticed that his lips began to move. She bent over him, thinking he wished to say something to her. She heard him whisper very softly the words of the old familiar prayer of childhood, "Now I lay me down to sleep." The nurse, realizing that her patient did not require her services, and that he was praying, said in apology for having intruded upon him, "I beg your pardon, Mr. Kipling; I thought you wanted some thing." "I do," faintly replied the sick man; "I want my heavenly father. He only can care for me now." In his great weakness there was nothing that human help could do, and he turned to God and crept into His bosom, seeking the blessing and the care which none but God can give. That is what we need to do in every time of danger of trial and sorrow—when the gentlest human love can do nothing—creep into our heavenly Father's bosom saying, "Now I lay me down to sleep." That is the way to peace. Earth has no shelter in which it can be found but in God the feeblest may find it.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

**EDITORIAL BY THE OFFICE BOY**

Now we don't usually pay much

**Wants**

FOR SALE.—Snow White washing compound at Mrs. J. G. Walker's second-hand store. Also by Miss Laura Hommel at the Alanreed postoffice. Appointed by the general agent, O. P. Hommel. 33-4p.

FOR SALE.—Four good mules, harness and complete outfit of farm implements, including McCormick binder. Mrs. J. W. Mayfield. 1c

RADIO FOR SALE. Detector and two stage amplifier, complete with tubes, batteries and phones, \$75.00. E. M. Rice. 1c

LOST.—Cameo brooch somewhere in the city limits. Finder please return to Mrs. W. P. Rogers. 1c

FOR RENT.—One or two rooms for lighthousekeeping. Mrs. J. H. Chambers. See or phone Ira Chambers. 35-2c.

WASHING MACHINE for sale cheap. John Mertel. 1c

attention to little things said or done, especially if these little things come from a little person, but when this little person just keeps on nagging en griping, en professin' to have a world wide knowledge of every body else's business, even to the extent of knowing exactly who's to blame for every tjing that goes wrong, it jist simply grates on my, the office boy's nerves, and I'm goin' to use this little space to say exactly what I think of a feller like this.

Now if this here professedly wise chap would spend half as much time and energy trying to think up helpful suggestions as he does criticizing others, he would be a much more useful citizen. Just because we can't get every body to do as we want them and to see things as we see them, is not conclusive evidence that every body else is wrong, and certainly doesn't justify us in circulating unfounded reports on those who disagree with us.

The office boy would advise this gentleman to be less like a parrot; let your talk show that you have a brain as well as a tongue. I've always been taught not to strike a fellow when he's down, but sometimes a good swift kick—properly placed is a Godsend.—Highway Bulletin.

**DANCERS MAY JOIN CHURCH**

The dancing masters are after the bishops again to permit them to join the Methodist Episcopal church. But who ever excluded any of them—for some of them have come in—when they repented of teaching lasciviousness and adultery and of ruining homes and youths? The way to the altar is wide open even to drunkards and thieves who repent; and though some dancing masters have done far worse, let them come also, forsaking their evil deeds. But they want to come, vile dances and all. Why?—Eastern Methodist.



**New Millinery**

I have just returned from the Eastern markets with a line of ladies' hats of the very latest patterns. Hats for all ages in all the stylish colors. Come in and look over the complete line.

**Mrs. Pauline Sanders**

At T. J. Coffey and Brother's Store



**Groceries**

Groceries are something you have to buy almost every day, so it is important that you get them where service and quality are to be obtained at the lowest prices. A trial will convince you that this store satisfies each requirement fully.

**Haynes Grocery Company**

Phone 23  
We Make the Price—Others try to Follow



**Send the Children Here**

They will be able to buy everything they need for school and the total amount will be much less than you had planned on.

The quality of our pens, pencils and other writing supplies is such that extra service is certain.

**THE CITY PHARMACY**

Earle Shell, Proprietor  
**TRY THE DRUG STORE FIRST**

**AW, WHAT'S THE USE**

NOW THAT YOUR VACATION HAS STARTED, FELIX, -WHERE ARE WE GOING?

GOING!

WE'RE GONNA STAY RIGHT HERE! THE HOUSE NEEDS PAINTING AND I'M GONNA SPEND MY VACATION DOING IT MY SELF

THE IDEA OF PAYING PAINTERS THE PRICE THEY ASK - IT'S RIDICULOUS - I'LL SLAP A LITTLE COLOR ON MYSELF - I'LL FOOL 'EM !!

**A Fine Way to Spend One's Vacation**



By L. F. Van Zelm  
© Western Newspaper Union



**MINNIE FOSTER B. Y. P. U.**

Group No. 1 in charge.  
 Subject—The Work of the Church in the Home Land.  
 Leader—Versie Savage.  
 Scripture reading, Acts. 10—Ada Lee Johnson.  
 The Work of the Church in the Home Land—Leader.  
 Our Home Mission Schools—Fern Abbott.  
 Work Among the Indians and Negroes—Floye Landers.  
 Our Work in Cuba and Panama—Jewell Turner.  
 Our Work With the Jews—Chester Savage.  
 Soldiers and Seamen—Helen Mae Barnes.  
 Tuberculosis Sanitariums—Elizabeth Wilkerson.  
 Enlistment—Fred Bentley.  
 Sward drill.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We thank the good people of McLean for the kindness shown our wife and mother during her illness, and for the donation by the Klan. We feel like we live among the best people in the world.  
**EARL AMICK AND FAMILY.**

**W. M. S. NOTES**

The Bible study class will meet at the Methodist church Sept. 3, at 4 p. m. The lesson will begin with 2 Kings 20 and 2 Chron. 10. We invite all members of the class to be present. Publicity Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Tisdal and daughter of Wheeler visited their sister and aunt, Mrs. R. S. Jackson, Wednesday.

Searcy Produce Company will meet competition on poultry prices. 1c

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Howard returned Monday from a visit with relatives at Hale Center.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Quattlebaum of Clarendon were McLean visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Johnnie Quattlebaum and children left Friday for Matador to visit relatives.

Mrs. Ethel Marie Weaver left Tuesday for her home at Dexter, N. M., after a visit with friends.

Miss Ethel McCurdy came in Saturday for a visit with home folks.

Mrs. Roy Rice and little daughter, Joan, left Monday for Breckenridge to visit relatives.

Roy, Vernon and Miss Verna Rice were Clarendon visitors Monday.

Mrs. Anna Wingo returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives at Erick, Okla.

Mrs. M. C. Street and V. R. Jordan of Alanreed were McLean visitors Tuesday.

Moulton King of Alanreed was in the city on business Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Roberts and children returned Tuesday from a month's visit in Arkansas, Oklahoma and different Texas points.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jordan and son and daughter, Charles and Miss Flossie, returned Tuesday from Artesia, N. M.

Ralph and James Jackson left Tuesday for Cripple Creek, Colo., after a visit with home folks.

Charles Lowry of Claude visited relatives here Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Mrs. G. H. Aldous of Shamrock is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cook.

**LIGHTNING RODS ARE O. K.**

The Underwriters' Laboratories, an organization established and maintained by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, is anxious that all farmers of the country thoroughly understand the lightning rod situation as it exists today. These Laboratories have gone into the subject of lightning protection very thoroughly, and conclusively demonstrated that properly installed and grounded conductors of proper weight and material will serve as a harmless path to the ground for a flash of lightning.

In order that the farmer may know when he is getting standard material installed in a standard manner, Underwriters' Laboratories has arranged to issue an etched aluminum master label for attachment to each building equipped with standard material installed under their supervision. This is the final stamp of approval for the job, and will be issued to the farmer immediately after the installation report has been received and approved by the Laboratories.

Under this plan it is a comparatively simple matter for farm owners to specify that installation be a master label installation, and that he be guaranteed to receive a master label as evidence of compliance with standard practice by the manufacturer.

Since the Underwriters' Laboratories is organized purely for service and not for profit, the new arrangement will simply be additional lightning insurance for the farmer. It gives him a practical guarantee that he is getting his money's worth when he buys lightning rod equipment. The main purpose of the Underwriters' Laboratories is to accomplish a reduction of the great annual fire losses in the country.

**OPEN SEASON**

The Mail Order Houses are going to knock the smaller town merchants for home runs just as long as they can. That time will stop, however, when these same merchants stiffen their backbones long enough to fight back with the weapon of 3 per cent newspaper advertising and thus stop the flow of dollars that are now going for catalog purchases with firms hundreds of miles distant. To set around with a "My-Gosh-Isn't-It-Awful" look on their faces, waiting for relief from this situation is not a manly practice, to say the least, and if these fellows had a spark of fight left in themselves they would be ashamed to be walked on in this manner. These mail order firms flood with their catalogs those communities whose business men are "piker" advertisers while, in contrast, converted 3 per cent newspaper publicity would have a tremendous influence in driving these monsters into the holes from which they came. The open season has arrived and you may now shoot on sight. May we help to load your gun?—Quamah Tribune-Chief.

Miss Mary Carlock was an Amarillo visitor Saturday.

Hubert Bentley of Carpenter was in town Monday.

**Johnnie Back**

Cleaning and Pressing

Always Leading in Style  
 Service and Quality

HIGH GRADE CLOTHES  
 TAILORED TO MEASURE

**WHEW—AND WHEW**

Mrs. Slowpay (anxiously)—"Well, take it from me—you can't get blood out of a turnip."  
 Collector—"You misinterpret my mission, madame. 'Tis my task to get money from a dead beat."

**SINGLE "BLISS-TER"**

"Rastus, are you a married man?"  
 "Nossah, Boss, Ah earns mah own living."

**THE BRAVE MAN**

Redd—"He's what I call a really brave man."  
 Greene—"What do you mean by that?"

Redd—"Well! He lets his wife drive his car when he's in it."

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sitter left Tuesday for Battle Creek, Mich., where Mrs. Sitter goes for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burrows and Delbert Smith came in Friday from a visit with relatives at Gage and Erick, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hudgins of Erick, Okla., visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday. They were accompanied home by Misses Laeuna and Oleta Holloway.

Miss Altha Bridge left Saturday for a few days' visit in Amarillo.

D. C. Trigg left Tuesday for Northern New Mexico on business.

V. R. Jordan of Alanreed is a new reader of The News.

J. L. Collier gave us \$1.50 this week to send The News another year to Mrs. Hardy Hay of Moody.

H. D. Knickerbocker of Dallas and T. R. Knickerbocker of Paris are visiting in the W. P. Rogers home this week.

**SAFETY FIRST**

Mrs. Knagg—"Lots of better men than you have hinted that they'd have been glad to marry me if I

**COAL AND FEED**

Fill your coal bins now, before the rush of deliveries begins with the first cold snap of fall. Be prepared and avoid disappointment at the last minute. If you need feed, we can supply you.

**W. C. Cheney**  
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Shoats eligible to register weighing 40 pounds, and bred sows registered at 10c per pound.

**W. C. Christopher**  
 Miami, Texas

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You have a right and should expect your banker, your doctor, your lawyer, or anyone who knows very much about your private or personal affairs to keep them confidential.

This bank can be of genuine service to you in many matters. Feel free to talk to us about your plans or problems. We take keen interest in the welfare of our customers and protect their interests as they should be.

If this is the kind of service you want—and you are entitled to it—then, you are cordially invited to talk to us freely about your plans and problems. You may be assured they will be kept in the strictest confidence.

**The American National Bank**

hadn't taken you."  
 Her Husband—"I notice they never even hinted it till after I married you."

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arnold of Pampa visited Mrs. W. L. Carpenter Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. A. Cole, who has been visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Thompson and children of Slavonia were McLean visitors Friday and Saturday.

Tom Ball of Alanreed visited in

**McLean Friday and Saturday.**

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Watkins and children of Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watkins last week end.

Misses Beulah DeGau and Tom Alice Wood returned to their home at Amarillo Saturday after a visit with Miss Mary Carlock.

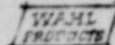
Bethel Christian of Amarillo came in Friday for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lankford of Memphis were in McLean Saturday.



THE man, the woman, or the child who buys an Eversharp is freed for all time from pencil troubles. Built with jeweler precision for life-long service, Eversharp is always ready to glide across the paper with clean, smooth strokes. Ask us to show you Eversharp. We have your particular size and style. We sell the genuine Eversharp. The name is on the pencil.

**EVERSHARP**



**Erwin Drug Co.**

The Rexall Store

**Announcement**

Introduction of a higher radiator, bringing new and improved body lines to all types of Ford cars, is announced by the Ford Motor Company.

The changes have just gone into effect and the various types are now in production.

While the larger radiator has been made standard on all types and while it has made possible other betterments in body design, there is no radical departure in construction, but rather a general improvement which has resulted in more graceful lines.

The new radiator sets an inch and a half higher than the former and has an apron at the bottom which joins a similar apron effect of the fender on either side, giving a highly finished appearance to the front of the car. The larger radiator also increases cooling efficiency.

Most conspicuous among the new types is the Ford Coupe, which is of entirely new body design and construction, resulting in a more trim exterior appearance, more comfortable seating arrangement and a greater luggage carrying capacity.

From the dash there is a graceful sweep in the cowl to the radiator bringing a pleasing effect to the front. The doors are wide and open forward making access and exit easy. They are heavily framed for rigidity and strength. The compartment at the rear has been enlarged to afford increased carrying capacity. The gasoline tank is under the seat, with divided cushions to afford easy filling of the tank from the right side, making it unnecessary for the driver to leave his seat. Ventilator in the cowl and a visor over the windshield add much to the attractiveness of the car. A new rear fender of more sturdy character is also a feature.

Interior fittings are of choice material and the arrangement of the deeply cushioned seat has been effected so that at the rear there is a small recess shelf for carrying parcels. The rear vision window is much larger and oblong in shape. Door windows have been equipped with revolving type window regulators and door locks are provided. Side windows are equipped with the lever type window lifters.

Marked, too, is the improvement in the four door Sedan. Highly popular since its introduction a year ago, because of its low, graceful lines, the car now presents even much better lines and a sturdier appearance.

This has been brought about by the installation of an entirely new cowl with a graceful sweep from the dash blending into the larger hood and radiator. The change also affords an increase in leg room for occupants of the front seat.

In the open types, the Touring Car and Runabout, the cowl has been enlarged and flows in a graceful curve to the higher hood.

The result brings a most pleasing effect to the exterior appearance of both types. The improvement in the Touring Car which came when the one man top and slanting windshield were introduced, is greatly enhanced by the larger radiator, the car appearing lower and more attractive than ever. The effect on the Roadster is likewise most appealing, giving it a more rugged and sturdy appearance.

The new radiator also is extended to the Ford Truck Chassis, affording improved appearance and better cooling to delivery services.

These new Ford types and the generally recognized performance ability of the Ford under all motoring conditions, promise to bring a greater demand than ever before as the public becomes more fully acquainted with the higher standards and greater values which have been incorporated. No changes are contemplated in prices.

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



**News From Back**

By Special Correspondent.

**Clean out your cribs, boys, and get ready to fill 'em full;** it surely was a soaker that fell Sunday night, and this maize and kafir is popping out big and fine. Cotton, too, is looking good, and looks like every fellow will have a job this fall.

Mrs. L. B. Lakey visited her mother, Mrs. B. D. Fondren, of Gracey last week.

Louis Morse and family were McLean visitors Saturday.

Clyde Holloway went to McLean Saturday.

Geo. Colebank and family visited relatives in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. C. A. Henderson and children were McLean visitors Saturday.

Miss Catherine Corum returned Saturday from a visit with friends at Shamrock.

Miss Lockey Norman was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Owen Neel and family went to McLean Saturday.

R. H. Corum and family visited in the Obas. Back home Sunday.

Jesse Cobb and family, Mrs. C. E. Hunt and children visited in the Louis Morse home Sunday.

Geo. Colebank and family attended church in McLean Sunday.

Calvin Scifres of Heald was a visitor in our community Saturday night.

Mrs. E. V. Back of McLean is visiting her son, Charles, and family this week.

Rev. C. E. Hunt returned Monday from Ring, where he has been conducting a revival meeting.

W. I. Bacon had business in McLean Monday.

R. L. Jones of Ramsdell has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.

Rev. J. H. McCauley and daughter and niece of Shamrock were visiting in the city Wednesday.

Floyd Johnson of Alanreed was in McLean Wednesday.

Little Miss Creola Connell left Wednesday for Eldorado, Okla., to spend the winter with her sister.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, of Shamrock will be in McLean Sept. 14, 15 and 16 to do dental work.

H. H. Edens and family of Wirt, Okla., are visiting in the J. N. and W. T. Burr and M. T. Wilkerson homes.

Henry and Charlie Campbell of Crowell came in Wednesday for a visit in the W. L. Campbell home.

Jack Steger was an Amarillo visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Lear M. Jones of Childress came in Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watkins.

**THE PLACE OF THE LOCAL PUBLICATION IN MODERN COMMUNITY**

By Curtis A. Keen, Editor Plains Agricultural Journal, Lubbock

It would be rather hard to definitely locate the place of a man's soul in his life. It is equally as impossible to definitely locate the place of the local publication in the life of the modern community. In each case it is the life of the man and of the community, replacing as it does the old "town crier" with his tin horn and squeaky voice; the central bulletin board with its inaccessibility on rainy days; the ambitious village gossip so characteristically shown in literature and

well known in daily life. It comes to our table each morning with all the news, announcements and bulletins of the day for our hasty perusal. It has eliminated the public market place with its flies, babble and stench, making available this tract of land for the public library, Y. W. C. A., or down-town park. It has replaced the public forum, relieved us of the necessity of long hours of standing to hear some long-winded orator expound upon a subject that can be covered in two ordinary paragraphs of the morning paper.

But of all these accommodations, these departments and these functions of the community publication are but the brick and mortar of the magnificent structure of a real local publication. The life of the community and the soul of the publication is that intangible something that marks the community and the publication as an individual with personality. No towns are alike in the atmosphere that surrounds them. Chemically the air may be the same, the soil, the rainfall, the temperature, and these other material elements may be the same, but there is the atmosphere of individuality, of personality around every town that is as much a part of the town as any one man's character, that distinguishes him from the rest of humanity, and nowhere is this spirit of personality so equally shown as in the columns of its local publication.

"Towns do not happen, they are built," and they are built upon the hopes, the confidences, the trials and disappointments of their individual citizenship. They are built around the spirit and soul of the community itself and the local publication is the architect that plans this building and one of the strong workers towards the realization of the dreams and ambitions sown and developed through its columns. The local publication is to the progressive modern community what Daniel Boone and the other pioneers were to the development of the great Southwest—fearless leaders ever pointing the way over seemingly impossible paths to a great land, a country and a high civilization yet to be attained.

They sometimes may seem a bit crude or over-ambitious in the ideals they set for the future, but without sometimes getting star dust in one's eyes, visions of the future may often be limited.

It is said of Daniel Boone that while he was senator in Washington, that although he could scarcely

read or write, he was one of the favorites in the senate. Standing on the capital steps one morning before the day of paved streets or street cars, with a senator from New England, they noticed a farmer driving a bunch of donkeys up the street. Said the senator from New England, "Senator Boone, I believe there goes a bunch of your constituents. I wonder where they are going this fine morning?" Without a smile, Daniel Boone replied, "Why, Senator, I judge they are going to New England to teach school."

The ambitions of the local publication may seem equally ridiculous sometimes, but very often they are fully realized, such as the paving of the streets, the white way, the better schools, the railroads and all of the other civic improvements that were builded hundreds of times in the columns of the local publication before they were ever realized in brick and stone, and steel on the streets of the community that then becomes a city.

A man is known by the company he keeps; a woman by her perfume. But, a town is known by its local publication. The metropolitan papers have lost their personality. They are machine-made, syndicated tools of contending factions. Parties are individuals, whose publications are established to serve selfish interests. With the local publications this is not true. They are individual almost to a fault. They have an ideal of unselfish service that too often leaves the editor of the local publication a poor financial risk for any credit company. Too often the country editor is the laughing stock of the town he serves and the butt of many unthinking jokes by writers who forget that they once served as a printer's devil in the country slopes themselves.

President Chesnut of the Texas Press Association paid the country editors a tribute in his address at Galveston this year that to my mind is deserved. These are his words, "In peace or war, in prosperity or adversity, the conscience of the country press is the bulwark of the nation, and to the country editor I give all praise.

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 All Work Guaranteed

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Phone us your grocery orders; we take special pride in trying to please you, and will spare no efforts to see that you get your money's worth.

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**BUNDY-HODGES**  
**MERCANTILE COMPANY**

**HEMSTITCHING NOTICE**

We have moved our machine back to the store and hereafter all work will be done by Mrs. Hodges. On account of the dullness of the season, we will only do work in the afternoons of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory. No charges for thread, except where silk is used. Prices as before are 10c per yard. Mesdames Hodges and Bodenhammer, Inc.

**DIPLOMACY**

The Young Bride (looking in window of jewelry store)—"George, I'd love to have that bracelet."  
 The Husband—"I can't afford to buy it for you, dear."  
 The Bride—"But if you could, you would, wouldn't you?"  
 The Husband—"I'm afraid not."  
 The Bride—"Why?"  
 The Husband—"Because it isn't good enough for you."

**The Bride—"Oh, you darling," Life.**

**WORSE AND MORE OF IT**

"How are you?" an Emporia man asked his neighbor.  
 "My rheumatism is awfully obstinate," answered the neighbor.  
 "Stew bad. How's your wife?" was the next question.  
 "She's worse than the rheumatism," was the reply.—Emporia Gazette.

W. T. Ashby of Montrose, Colo., came in Tuesday to visit his brothers, J. A. and R. N. Ashby.

**VULCANIZING.**  
**FISK TIRES.**  
**PETE'S VULCANIZING SHOP**

**Poultry Wanted**

We will load a car of poultry Friday and Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, and will pay top prices at our poultry house in McLean.

Phone 152 McLean, Texas



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**Boys Suits For School**

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How well we are provided to supply his needs can best be learned from a visit here to inspect our offerings. Snappy new models, tailored from long wearing fabrics; both suits and extra pants.

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