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C. OF C. TEAM BASKETBALL TO ORGANIZE

At the regular monthly meeting of the McLean Community Chamber of Commerce Monday night, Prof. Castleberry, athletic coach of the McLean High School made a proposition that if the C. of C. would organize a basketball team and lease a suitable building for an indoor court, the school team would be glad to share the expense of the undertaking, and the arrangement would be of mutual benefit. After discussion, in which the fact was brought out that a good team could probably be organized and the advertising value to the community would be greater than the small amount of money required for rent of the building, the proposition was adopted. There will be no expense for suits or equipment, as the school will furnish these. On motion, the president appointed Fred Landers and T. J. Coffey as a committee to make the necessary arrangements toward securing a building and organizing a team.

A communication was read from the Postal Highway Association, in which it was stated that McLean's quota of the amount necessary to repair the road was \$157.00 but as none of the members present knew if this proposition conflicted with the Sunset National Highway quota recently subscribed, action on the matter was deferred until a later meeting. It was the sense of the Chamber that the highway through Gray county should be bladed and put into shape before the first of the year, when the location committee will review the road with prospect of the State taking over the upkeep of it. M. D. Bentley, M. N. Newman and J. W. Kibler were appointed to look into this matter.

Secretary Rice made a report in which he stated that the expenses of the McLean Fair had been taken care of with the exception of about \$50.00. This is a remarkable showing when it is remembered that about \$400.00 of the expense was for the erection of an addition to the exposition building, which means a permanent improvement. A poultry annex to the livestock pavilion will be, perhaps, the only other building required next year, with the prospect of building a sales barn as soon as possible after that. It was suggested that next year's fair dates be announced as soon as possible, and that fair catalogs be printed not later than April 1, 1924.

News From Alanreed

By Special Correspondent.

Miss Ida Maye Duwoody and Mrs. Bobb. Crisp were shopping in Amarillo Wednesday.

Miss Grace McKnight visited in McLean the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Sam Brown returned last week from Dallas, where she underwent an operation. She is improving nicely.

Mrs. L. C. Parker of Clarendon was in town last week.

Frank Paxton returned last week from El Paso.

Miss Grace McKnight is visiting in McLean this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Craig and Mrs. J. W. Sherrod spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Craig of Amarillo.

Mrs. Dewey Wood came home last week from Clarendon, where she has been for medical treatment. Moulton King left Friday for Jefferson to attend to business.

Miss Mary Billingslea spent the week end with home folks at McLean.

Lyle Blanton visited relatives in Groom Sunday.

Miss Bell spent the week end with home folks at Claude.

Miss Katharine Davey left Sunday for Fort Worth after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. B. Hedrick.

Miss Garrett spent the week end in Hedley with home folks.

Mrs. Vera Slavin visited relatives in Jericho Thursday and Friday.

The Alanreed Community Club will meet next Tuesday, Dec. 11th. Don't forget the date.

Happy Sims of McLean was in town Monday.

Mrs. E. Cooke, Miss Laura Bannock and Miss James Esnette Cooke were Wellington visitors Monday.

On the Concrete



JONES SAYS McLEAN COUNTRY PROSPEROUS

S. R. Jones, former McLean merchant, but now of Hollis, Okla., was in town last Thursday, and in a conversation with Newsman, said McLean is particularly prosperous compared to his town. On account of the severe drouth, it is taking around 100 acres of cotton to make a bale and farmers have no feed for their stock this winter and no money to pay last year's bills. While there are from 10 to 15 people there to our one, Mr. Jones says any ten farmers from our community can buy 100 farmers at Hollis.

The gentleman stated that there is a scramble for the McLean News in his home when it arrives each week.

STUDEBAKER MAKES RECORD

Charles Cousins, manager of the Cousins Motor Company, has received news of a new Studebaker record run made between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. The distance of 853 miles was made by a Special-Six in 23 hours and 43 minutes, beating the Los Angeles Limited train by one hour and 10 minutes.

This is the fastest time ever made between these two cities, and despite the fact that the radiator of the car was sealed and no water added during the run, the motor was running smoothly at the end of the run.

Cousins Motor Company sell Studebaker cars on easy terms. Read their ad in this paper.

Dr. J. F. Beakley of Antelope is a new reader of The News. Dr. Beakley passed through McLean last week and visited the News office while here. The Doctor complimented the progressive appearance of our town.

T. A. Cooke visited the Christian Orphans' Home at Tipton, Okla., last Thursday.

Henry Kinard returned to his home at Dalhart Friday after a visit with relatives here.

Jeas Ledbetter spent Thanksgiving at Dalhart.

T. A. Crockett of Peterson Creek was a McLean visitor last Thursday.

Charlie Sims was a Clarendon visitor Saturday.

R. S. Thomson was in from the ranch Wednesday.

J. I. Watson of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

S. C. Richardson of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Saturday.

A. S. Parker of Heald was a visitor in the city Saturday.

SIMS OFFERS GOODS AT AUCTION

W. D. Sims will sell his farming equipment and household goods at public auction December 20th. Mr. Sims is not sure just where he will move to, but he has an idea that somewhere in Idaho will be a good place to live. We expect he will get homesick for the Panhandle and move back about next year. Read the list of stuff offered on another page of this issue of The News.

DR. MONTGOMERY HERE ON DECEMBER 11TH

Dr. Thos. M. Montgomery, optometrist, of Amarillo will be in McLean next Tuesday. Dr. Montgomery formerly made trips to McLean in connection with Dr. J. M. Hyden, and intends to make regular trips all next year. Read his ad in this issue of The News.

A PARTY

A party was given at the T. N. Holloway home Saturday evening in honor of H. P. Garrett of Plainview, who was visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett. The time was very pleasantly spent in games, contests and music, after which delicious refreshments were served to the following: Messrs. W. C. Garrett, Vigna Scafee and T. N. Holloway; Misses Opal Davis, Fern Upham, Sammie Roach, Eunice and Vina Stratton, Wilma Grigsby, Vera Rice, Floesie Jordan, Mildred and Floye Landers, Eunice Floyd, Lillian and Ila Abbott, Gladys, Laeuna and Oleta Holloway; Messrs. H. P. Garrett, Melvin and Marvin Davis, Arlie Grigsby, Vernon Rice, Homer and Ernest Abbott.

R. C. PATTY MOVES TO CALIFORNIA

R. C. Patty and family left Tuesday for California. Mr. Patty came in and renewed his subscription to The News before leaving and promised to write us a letter for publication before long. We are sorry to lose this good family and hope that they will move back some day.

H. P. GARRETT OF WAYLAND COLLEGE AT PLAINVIEW

H. P. Garrett of Wayland College at Plainview spent the week end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

DR. HALL HERE

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, of Shamrock is here this week to fill his regular appointment.

Mrs. Mollie Flowers of Heald was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Street went to Heald Sunday to attend the Methodist quarterly conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey and little daughter of Heald were in town Saturday.

CLARENDON SCHOOL TRUSTEES MAKE GOOD RULE

Our attention has been called to a course of action taken by the board of trustees of our public schools that to our mind deserves commendation. At a recent meeting of the board, after thoughtful discussion, a resolution was unanimously passed to exclude from direct dealings with the children of the school traveling salesmen of jewelry and stationery houses. Leaving out of the discussion the trade-at-home element, which needs no argument here, the News believes that the children and their parents ought to have this protection from skilful salesmen who succeed in talking financial hardship on less fortunately situated members of the class. The order of the board, as we understand it, will require a permit from the board before a salesman will be permitted to solicit orders.—Clarendon News.

News From Ramsdell

By Special Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Bones were McLean visitors last Friday.

W. L. Stockton was a McLean visitor Thursday of last week.

The pie supper last Friday night was very well attended. Net proceeds were \$62.70.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones and son, R. L. Jr., were McLean visitors last Friday.

Miss Joellene Vannoy of McLean attended the pie supper here last Friday night.

Mrs. John B. Vannoy, teacher of the Ramsdell school, spent the week end with home folks at McLean.

H. Longan and W. E. Freeman were McLean visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Bones were Wellington visitors Saturday.

R. L. Jones and family visited in Alanreed Sunday.

H. Longan made a business trip to McLean Monday.

Tom Franks was a business visitor in Shamrock Monday.

H. E. Franks went to Shamrock Monday.

Mr. Deweese and family of China Flat visited the J. H. and W. T. McCann families Sunday.

Mrs. Leon Montgomery of Memphis visited her mother, Mrs. Melbourne Pierce, and family from Friday till Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett LeFors of Pampa spent Saturday night and Sunday in the C. A. Gatlin home.

Jim Bryant and family of Hollis, Okla., are visiting in the A. F. Hansen home.

T. H. Pickett of Heald was trading in the city Saturday.

Jesse J. Cobb of Northfork was trading in the city Saturday.

NEW OIL TEST TO START

A new oil test in Gray county will soon be started four miles north of Pampa. The Wilcox Oil and Gas Company of Tulsa, Okla., have signed up to drill on a block of leases at this location.

The Morse well shut down the first of the week on account of a broken engine, but will begin again as soon as repairs can be made.

The Texas well near Lefors is drilling around 2100 feet and should strike a showing of gas at most any time.

U. OF T. TO FURNISH MOVIE REELS

Austin, Dec. 5.—More than 15000 lantern slides and 276 reels of moving pictures are now being circulated by the division of visual instruction of the University of Texas Bureau of Extension. In addition, another visual service is being instituted by the division in the form of stereographs, 800 of which are now ready to be put into circulation. A small registration fee entitles any school, club or individual in Texas to the use of the lantern slides and stereograph service. About 160 reels of scenic, industrial and miscellaneous subjects are also available for booking free, except for transportation charges.

NEW FORDS RECEIVED

M. D. Bentley, manager of the Bentley Motor Company, has unloaded a car of new Fords this week. Mr. Bentley now has on the floor of his show room all models of this popular car except the new "Tudor" (two door) sedan. The "Tudor" model is the very latest product of the Ford plant and has not reached all the dealers as yet.

LITTLE FOLKS ENTERTAINED AT THOMPSON'S

A very enjoyable affair for the little folks was had at the Clay Thompson residence last Friday afternoon, the occasion being in honor of the sixth birthday of Master Bud Thompson. Refreshments were served to the following guests: Lois Kirby, James Emmett Cooke, John Lee Shell, Emma May and Annes Thompson, Fern and Marie Landers, Milburn and T. W. Henry, Cleone and Dean West, C. C. and Billy Joe Bogan, Mary John Sullivan, Geradline Bowen, Oleta Holloway, Sybil and Bruce Graham, Frances Noel.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. TO GIVE SPECIAL PROGRAM

The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church will render a special program Sunday evening, Dec. 9, at 6 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

A Christmas bazaar and lunch will be given Saturday, Dec. 8th, at the S. O. Cook building by the Junior Missionary Society of the Methodist church. Read their announcement on another page.

JONES TO SELL JERSEYS

S. R. Jones will sell at public auction next Saturday his herd of fine Jersey cattle and other goods at his place just outside the city limits south. There are some very desirable animals offered in this sale. Read his advertisement on another page of this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jones of Hollis, Okla., spent Thanksgiving with relatives here.

TIGES WIN FROM HARVESTERS

The McLean Tigers won the Thanksgiving football game from the Pampa Harvesters on the local field last week by a score of 12 to 7.

The basketball game played between the girls' teams from the same schools resulted in a score of 13 to 11 in Pampa's favor.

C. M. McDowell of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Friday.

Grandma Hodges of Hollis, Okla., is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Bones of Ramsdell were in town Friday.

PAMPA FARMERS BUY HIGH GRADE MILCH COWS

County Agent R. O. Dunkle went to Denton last week and purchased 28 head of high grade dairy cattle for 17 farmers living near Pampa. This is the second car of these good milch cows that the Pampa farmers have bought this fall, and the dairy industry is growing in interest and profit for those who are buying these high grade cows. Mr. Dunkle gives each cow a thorough inspection before buying and buys nothing that is not absolutely a first class cow. The farmers get these cows at exact cost, F. O. B. Pampa, and, according to the information we have, another car could be sold right now, as the car just received was not enough to supply the demand.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By Miss Mattie Patterson

I shall be in and around McLean this week and next, doing what I can to help you with your year-books, membership drive, window decoration or any other phase of work.

I am very anxious that every woman and girl investigate our plan of work and join us in putting it over. The work is growing each year, and we hope to make this year the best.

The window decoration contest, which began the first of December, is attracting a great deal of attention and comment. You have advertised your place of business by this move. The judges have their eyes open, so do not forget that each contest requires you to make your window attractive only each day, which runs into weeks, months, and then a year, which closes the contest.

I want to urge the girls to join the club work. We have double time this year, which means you can do your work during club lessons.

The age limit has been raised from 12 to 20, so we hope to have more of the older girls to take up this work.

Come to see me at Mr. Dunkle's office or call me over telephone any time that I can be of help to you.

News From Enterprise

By Special Correspondent.

The people of Enterprise community celebrated the evening of Thanksgiving with a Kandy Carnival given at the school house. A short program was rendered by the primary room, after which the boxes were sold by our auctioneer, Mr. Jacob Hess. The crowd was small, owing to the threatening weather, but the Enterprise people never fail to live up to their name. The proceeds of the Carnival were \$72.60, which will be used for school equipment.

Miss Ruth Grimsley spent the week end at her home in Hedley.

W. W. Breeding went to court at Wellington the first of last week.

Charlie Nicholson took a bale of cotton to McLean Monday.

Robert Mathis was in McLean Saturday.

Herbert Smith was a visitor in the Mathis home Sunday.

E. L. Sitter and family were in McLean Saturday and Sunday.

The young folks spent Sunday evening at the Mathis home.

Everybody come to Sunday school next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Briscoe of Ring visited in the Mathis home Sunday.

Evan Sitter has more cake to haul.

Jacob Hess and family visited in the Sublett home at Abra Sunday.

Prescott Mathis took a bale of cotton to McLean last Friday.

W. W. Breeding was a business visitor in Shamrock Monday.

Simon Sitter was a visitor at the Sitter ranch last week.

Miss Lily Williams visited Vreil Mathis Sunday.

Miss Ruth Grimsley came back from Hedley Sunday afternoon.

C. W. GINN MOVES

C. W. Ginn, who has been manager of the McLean Filling Station, moved to Floydada this week, where he has a position in a grocery store. Floyd Phillips is the new manager for the filling station.

Mrs. Etta Hodgins of Erick, Okla., visited relatives here last week end.

The BROWN MOUSE

By HERBERT QUICK

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—Jennie Woodruff contemptuously refuses to marry Jim Irwin, young farm hand, because of his financial condition and poor prospects. He is intellectually above his station, and has advanced ideas concerning the possibilities of expert school teaching, for which he is ridiculed by many.

CHAPTER II—More as a joke than otherwise Jim is selected as teacher of the Woodruff district school.

CHAPTER III—Jim, in his new position, sets out to make staunch friends of his pupils, especially two boys, Newton Bronson and "Buddy" Simms, the latter the son of a shiftless farmer. Colonel Woodruff, Jennie's father, has little faith in Jim's ideas of improving rural educational methods. He nicknamed him the "Brown Mouse," in illustration of an anecdote.

CHAPTER IV—Jim's conduct of the school, where he endeavors to teach the children the wonders of nature and some of the scientific methods of farming, as well as "book learning," is condemned.

CHAPTER V—Jennie Woodruff is nominated for the position of county superintendent of schools. The school board grows bitter in its opposition to Jim and his innovations.

CHAPTER VI—At a public meeting Jim roundly condemns the methods of teaching in the rural schools, and makes no friends thereby.

CHAPTER VII—A delegation of prominent women condemn Jim's methods of teaching, but he is stoutly defended by his pupils, especially Newton Bronson.

CHAPTER VIII—Jim has Christmas dinner at Colonel Woodruff's, and listening to him, Jennie begins to do some thinking concerning his ability and his prospects.

CHAPTER IX—In the evening Jim, as well as he knows how, courts Jennie, without, however, making much progress, though she is quickly losing her poor opinion of him.

CHAPTER X—Jennie, elected county superintendent of schools, receives so many complaints from people of the district concerning Jim's methods of teaching that she finds herself compelled formally to ask for his resignation. After she has left, Jim is visited by Colonel Woodruff, who strongly urges him to resign, and offers to back him. Jim agrees to stick for a while at least.

CHAPTER XI—A meeting of the school board, which had been gathered to "get" Jim, is confronted by Jennie, who upholds him. He conducts an examination of his pupils at the meeting, to prove that he is not neglecting their "book learning" by the introduction of other subjects which he considers of importance. The splendid showing made by the children converts many, who had doubted, to his views.

The Chicago papers had a news item which covered the result of the examinations; but the great sensation of the Woodruff district lay in the Sunday feature carried by one of them.

It had a picture of Jim Irwin, and one of Jennie Woodruff—the latter authentic, and the former gleaned from the morgue, and apparently the portrait of a lumber-jack. There was also a very free treatment by the cartoonist of Mr. Simms carrying a rifle with the intention of shooting up the school board in case the decision went against the schoolmaster.

"When it became known," said the news story, "that the schoolmaster had bet his job on the proficiency of his school in studies supposed and alleged to have been studiously neglected, the excitement rose to fever heat. Local sports bet freely on the result, the odds being eight to five on General Proficiency against the field. The field was Jim Irwin and his school. And the way those rural kids rose in their might and ate up the textbooks was simply scandalous. When the fight was over, and the dead and wounded cured for, the school board and the county superintendent were forced to admit that they wished the average school could do as well under a similar test.

"The local Mr. Dooley is Cornelius Bonner, a member of the board." When asked for a statement of his views after the county superintendent had decided that her old sweetheart was to be allowed the priceless boon of earning forty dollars a month during the remainder of his contract, Mr. Bonner said, "Aside from being licked, we're all right. But we'll get this guy yet, don't fall down and forget that!"

"The examinations find to show," said Mr. Bonner, when asked for his opinion on the result, "that in order to learn anything you shud studdy somethin' else. But we'll get this guy yet!"

"Jim," said Colonel Woodruff, as they rode home together, "I'm just beginning to understand what you're driving at. And I like being a wild-eyed reformer more and more."

CHAPTER XII

At the Farmers' Institute.

Every Iowa county has its Farmers' Institute. Usually it is held in the county seat, and is a gathering of farmers for the purpose of listening to improving discussions and addresses both instructive and entertaining. The Woodruff district was interested in the institute, however, because of the fact that a rural-school exhibit was



"Come and Tell Us About These Things."

one of its features that year, and that Colonel Woodruff had secured an urgent invitation to the school to take part in it.

Such exhibits are now so common that it is not worth while for us to describe it; but then the sight of a class of children testing and weighing milk, examining grains for viability and foul seeds, planning crop rotations, judging grains and live stock was so new in that county as to be the new sensation of the institute.

Two persons were a good deal embarrassed by the success of the exhibit. One was the county superintendent, who was constantly in receipt of undesired compliments upon his wisdom in fostering really "practical work in the schools." The other was Jim Irwin, who was becoming famous, and who felt he had done nothing to deserve fame. Professor Withers, an extension lecturer from Ames, took Jim to dinner at the best hotel in the town, for the purpose of talking over with him the needs of the rural schools.

"You've got to come down to our farmers' week next year, and tell us about these things," said he to Jim. "Can't you?"

Jim's brain reeled. He got to a gathering of real educators and tell his crude notions! How could he get the money for his expenses? But he had that gameness which goes with supreme confidence in the thing dealt with.

"I'll come," said he. "Thank you," said the Ames man. "There's a small honorarium attached, you know."

Jim was staggered. He tried to remember what an honorarium is. Was he obliged to pay an honorarium for the chance to speak before the college gathering? Well, he'd save money and pay it.

"I'll try to take care of the honorarium," said he. "I'll come." The professor laughed. It was the first joke the gauging innovator had perpetrated.

"It won't bother you to take care of it," said he, "but if you're not too extravagant it will pay your expenses and give you a few dollars over."

Jim breathed more freely. An honorarium was paid to the person receiving the honor, then. What a relief!

"All right," he exclaimed. "I'll be glad to come!"

"Let's consider that settled," said the professor. "And now I must be going back to the open-house. My talk on soil sickness comes next. I tell you, the winter wheat crop has been—"

But Jim was not able to think much of the winter wheat problem as they went back to the auditorium. He was worth the appreciation of a college professor, trained to think on the very matters Jim had been so long mulling over in isolation and blindness!

Callista Simms thought she saw something shining and saint-like about the comely face of her teacher as he came to her at her post in the room in which the school exhibit was held. Callista was in charge of the little children whose work was to be demonstrated that day, and was in a state of exaltation to which her starved being had hitherto been a stranger. Perhaps there was something similar in her condition of fervent happiness to that of Jim. She, too, was doing something outside the sordid life of the Simms cabin. She yearned over the children in her care, and would have been glad to die for them—and besides was not Newton Bronson in charge of the corn exhibit, and a member of the corn-judging team?

To the eyes of the town girls who passed about among the exhibits, she was poorly dressed; but if they could have seen the clothes she had worn on that evening when Jim Irwin first called at their cabin they could perhaps have understood the sense of well-being and happiness in Callista's soul at the feeling of her dress and the "boughten" cloak she wore—and any of them, even without knowledge of this, might have understood Callista's joy at the knowledge that Newton Bronson's eyes were on her from his station by the big pillar.

"Hello, Callista," said Jim. "How are you enjoying it?"

"Oh!" said Callista, and drew a long, long breath. "Ah'm enjoying mysef' right much, Mr. Jim."

"Any of the home folks coming in to see?"

"Yes, seh," answered Callista. "All the school board have stopped by this morning."

Jim looked about him. There they were now, over in a corner, with their heads together. He went toward them, his face still beaming with that radiance which had shone so plainly to the eyes of Callista Simms, but they saw in it only a grin of exaltation over his defeat of them at the hearing before Jennie Woodruff. When Jim had drawn so close as almost to call for the extended hand, he felt the reui-

slon of their attitudes and sheered off on some pretended errand to a dark corner across the room.

They resumed their talk. "And as I was sayin'," went on Bonner, "I want to get this guy, Jim Irwin. An' bein' the cause of his gittin' the school, I'd like to be on the board to kick him off; but if you fellows would like to have some one else I won't run, and if the right feller is named, I'll line up what friends I got for him."

"You got no friend can git as many votes as you can," said Peterson. "I tank you better run."

"What say, Ed?" asked Bonner.

"Suits me all right," said Bronson. "I guess we three have had our fight out and understand each other."

"I don't like the way Colonel Woodruff acts," said Bonner. "He rounded up that gang of kids that shot us all to pieces at that hearing, didn't he?"

"I tank not," replied Peterson. "I tank he was just interested in how Jennie managed it."

"Well," said Bonner, "he seems to take a lot of interest in this exhibition here. I think we'd better watch the colonel. That decision of Jennie's was crooked."

"Vell," said Haakon Peterson, "talk of crookedness wit' Jennie Woodruff don't get wery fur wit' me."

"Oh, I don't mean anything bad Haakon," replied Bonner. "But I wasn't an all-right decision. I think she's stuck on the guy."

The caucus broke up after making sure that the three members of the school board would be as one man in maintaining a hostile front to Jim Irwin and his tenure of office. It looked rather like a foregone conclusion, in a little district wherein there were scarcely twenty-five votes. The three members of the board with their immediate friends and dependents could muster two or three ballots each—and who was there to oppose them?

CHAPTER XIII

The Colonel Takes the Field.

Jim stood apart and alone with his thoughts after his rebuff by the caucusing members of the school board. "I don't see," said a voice over against the cooking exhibit, "what there is in this to set people talking. Buttonholes! Cookies! Humph!"

It was Mrs. Bonner who had clearly come to scoff. With her was Mrs. Bronson, whose attitude was that of a person torn between conflicting influences. Her husband had indicated to the crafty Bonner and the subtle Peterson that he was still loyal to the school board, but while consorting with the censorious Mrs. Bonner she evinced restiveness when the school and its work was condemned. Was not her Newton in charge of a part of this show? Was he not an open and defiant champion of Jim Irwin, and a constant and enthusiastic attendant upon, not only his classes, but a variety of evening and Saturday affairs? And had not Newton become a better boy—a wonderfully better boy?

Mrs. Bronson's heart was filled with resentment that she also could not be enrolled among Jim Irwin's supporters. And when Mrs. Bonner sneered at the buttonholes and cookies, Mrs. Bronson, knowing how the little fingers had puzzled themselves over the one, and young faces had become flourey and red over the other, flared up a little.

"And I don't see," said she, "anything to laugh at. I'd like to help them."

Mrs. Bonner was far too good a diplomat to be cornered in the same enclosure with a rupture of relations. "And quite right, too," said she. "The little things ought to be helped—at home and by their mothers."

"Well," said Mrs. Bronson, "take them Simms girls, now. They have to have help outside their home."

"Yes," agreed Mrs. Bonner, "and a lot more help than a farm-hand can give 'em in school. I shouldn't wonder if there was a lot we don't know about why they come north."

"As for that," replied Mrs. Bronson, "I don't know as it's any of my business so long as they behave themselves."

Again Mrs. Bonner felt the situation getting out of hand.

"Ain't it some of our business?" she queried. "I wonder now! By the way Newtie keeps his eye on that Simms girl, I shouldn't wonder if it might turn out your business."

"Pshaw!" scoffed Mrs. Bronson. "Puppy love!"

"You can't tell how far it'll go," persisted Mrs. Bonner. "I tell you these schools are getting to be nothing more than sparkin' bees, from the county superintendent down."

"Well, maybe," said Mrs. Bronson, "but I don't see sparkin' in everything boys and girls—as quick as some."

"I wonder," said Mrs. Bonner, "if Colonel Woodruff would be as friendly to Jim Irwin if he knew that everybody says Jennie decided he was to keep his certifik because she wants him to get along in the world, so he can marry her?"

"I don't know as she is so very friendly to him," replied Mrs. Bronson; "and Jim and Jennie are both of age, you know."

"Yes, but how about our schools bein' ruined by a love affair?" interogated Mrs. Bonner, as they moved away. "Ain't that your business and mine?"

Instead of desiring further knowledge of what they were discussing, Jim felt a dreadful disgust at the whole thing. He was against him, he believed, and as for her being in love with him—to hear these women discuss it was intolerable. He felt his face redden as at the hearing of some horrible indecency. And while he was raging inwardly, paying the penalty of a publicity to which he was not yet hardened, he heard other voices. Pro-

fessor Withers, County Superintendent Jennie and Colonel Woodruff were making an inspection of the rural-school exhibit.

"I hear he has been having some trouble with his school board," the professor was saying.

"Yes," said Jennie, "he has. Proceedings before me to revoke his certifikate."

"On what grounds?"

"Incompetency," answered Jennie. "I found that his pupils were really going very well in the regular course of study—which he seems to be neglecting."

"I'm glad you supported him," said the professor. "I'm glad to find you helping him."

"Really?" protested Jennie. "I don't think myself—"

"What do you think of his notions?" asked the colonel.

"Very advanced," replied Professor Withers. "Where did he imbibe them all?"

"He's a Brown Mouse," said the colonel. "A phenomenon in heredity—perhaps a genius."

"Ah, I see," replied the professor. "A Mendelian segregation you mean?"

"Certainly," said the colonel. "The sort of mind that imbues things from itself."

"Well, he's rather wonderful," declared the professor. "I had him to lunch today. He surprised me. I have invited him to make an address at Ames next winter during farmers' week."

"He?"

Jennie's tone showed her astonishment. Jim the underling, Jim the off-ox, Jim the thorn in the county superintendent's side, Jim the country teacher! It was stupefying.

"Well, it won't signify, if he has the truth to tell us," said the professor.

"Has he?" asked Jennie.

"Miss Woodruff," replied the professor earnestly, "he has something that looks toward truth, and something we need. Just how far he will

go, just what he will amount to, it is impossible to say. But something must be done for the rural schools—something along the lines he is trying to follow. He is a struggling soul, and he is worth helping. You won't make any mistake if you make the most of Mr. Irwin."

Jim slipped out of a side door and fled. He started home, on foot as he



"I Have Invited Him to Make an Address."

had come. A wife or so out he was overtaken by the colonel, driving briskly along with room in his buggy for Jim.

(Continued Next Week.)

POSTED

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

P. M. Kellar and family of Gracey were in town Thursday of last week.

FARM LOANS

Reasonable rates—liberal terms of payment—no loan considered for less than \$5,000. The larger the better. It will be to your interest to write me if you need a large loan within the next thirty days.

RANCH LOANS S. K. ROACH, GROOM, TEX. FARM LOANS 49-4p

James Noel was in from the ranch to spend Thanksgiving with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Thompson were in from their ranch last Thursday.

DON'T

let your eyes undermine your health.

Come have them tested.

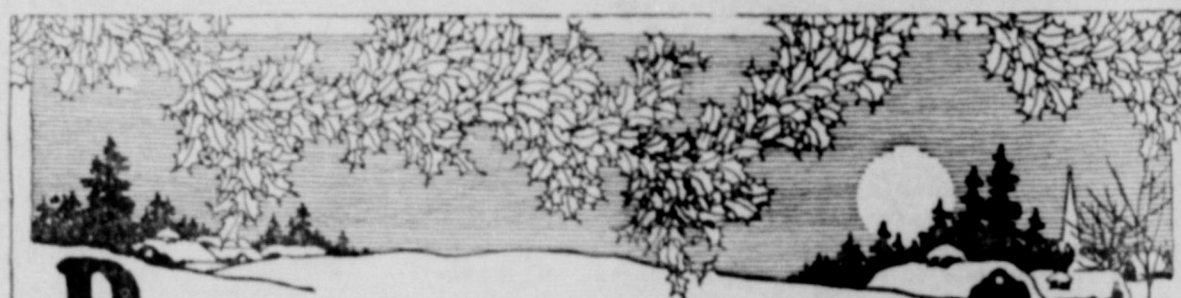
John B. Vannoy
Optometrist and Jeweler

LUDEN'S
MENTHOL COUGH DROPS
for nose and throat
Give Quick Relief

Lands for Sale

I am cutting my ranch in the northwest corner of Collingsworth county into one-half section tracts, \$18.00 to \$26.00 per acre. On rail road, close to school. Good soft water. No cash payment. Purchaser required to put one-fifth of purchase price in improvements. Thirty years' time on one-half at 6%. Balance on easy payment plan at 8%. You can't afford to rent when you can buy good farm land on these terms. Also have some choice stock farms for sale, three to five sections.

H. E. FRANKS
RAMSDELL, TEXAS



PRESENTS THAT WILL PLEASE

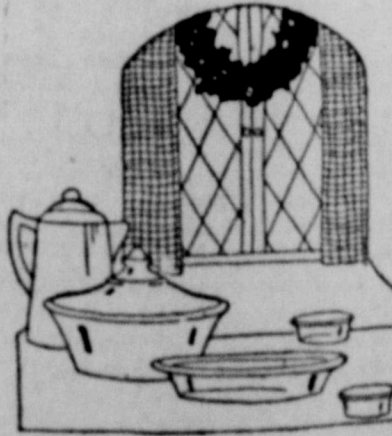
Give Gifts that Last

They'll Be Appreciated Most

It is often a puzzling question to know just what to send your relatives and friends at Christmas time. But when you give something that will be in constant use, you know it will be appreciated above all others.

We Offer

- ALUMINUM WARE
- CHINAWARE
- CUT GLASS
- SILVERWARE
- SHAVING SETS
- KNIVES
- ELECTRIC GOODS
- AIR RIFLES AND GUNS
- BOYS' WAGONS
- VELOCIPEDES
- HAND PAINTED CHINA
- MANICURE SETS
- FLASH LIGHTS
- CLOCKS
- GAMES



We aim to make this Christmas an especially pleasing one to our customers by enabling them to secure the very best gifts obtainable at the lowest possible prices.

Western Lumber & Hardware Co.
H. F. WINGO, Manager

PROFESSIONAL EVANGELISTS

The professional evangelists were given a note of warning at the Methodist conference at Plainview a few weeks ago. The professional evangelists raise more hell and do less good than any class of individuals in our churches. The professional evolutionist is being kicked out by many demonstrations, but usually he is a saint in comparison with the professional evangelist.—Randall County News.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

W. C. Garrett, Pastor
Preaching services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "The Holy Spirit." Baptismal services at the Wilson tank Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, scripture lesson, 3rd chapter of James. Everybody invited.

Miss Grace McKnight returned to her home at Alarado Tuesday after a week's visit with Mrs. J. S. Searcy.

L. L. Rogers returned from Amarillo Saturday evening.

Norman Johnston went to Amarillo Friday, returning Monday.

Howard D. Thompson of Detroit, Mich., visited in the home of Mrs. J. W. Mayfield last week.

Rev. W. P. Roberts left Thursday for Dallas on business.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and son and daughters attended the funeral of Mrs. D. B. Thompson at Wellington Wednesday.

Mrs. Tom McKinzey orders her paper changed from Dumas to Spurlock this week.

Buy your groceries at Snell's Cash Store. 1c

H. Billingslea of Skillet was a McLean visitor Friday.

J. G. Davidson and son of Ramsdell were McLean visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goodman of Ashtola are visiting relatives here.

Ferd Bones of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Friday.

D. W. Turner of Alarado was a McLean visitor Friday.

J. E. Turner of Alarado was a McLean visitor Friday.

R. R. Brannon was in town Wednesday.

Frank Moore of Heald was in town Wednesday.

C. O. Chandler and E. E. Masterman of Wichita, Kans., were business visitors in our city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rippey of Sayre, Okla., visited relatives here Sunday and Monday.

K. E. Windom of Alarado was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Temple Atkins Sr. of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Anson Lee of Gracey was trading in McLean Wednesday.

J. W. Lively of Liberty was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Richard Spinks of Heald was trading in the city Saturday.

John Bible of Skillet was trading in the city Wednesday.

C. C. Bogan, supt. of the city power plant, made a business trip to Amarillo Monday.

RED CROSS SERVES AT INTERNATIONAL AIR MEET

Ambulances, Nurses and Physicians on Duty for First-Aid Work.

That the Red Cross never overlooks an opportunity for service was evidenced in the recent International Air Meet in St. Louis when aviators from all over the world, representing both military and civil organizations, competed for world famous trophies. With a daily attendance of close to 100,000 in the way of spectators, and a literal army of flyers, mechanics, attendants, laborers and the necessary personnel of such a gigantic undertaking, there was real work to be done by the Red Cross.

A first-aid station was established on the field under the direction of one of the Field Directors of the Southwestern Division of the Red Cross, and ambulances with nurses and physicians were on duty all day. A territory of 173 acres had to be covered and ambulances had to be ready on instant call in case of an accident to the flyers, so that a real field service was maintained, with first-aid dressing station and similar activities.

The canteen was under the direction of the Women's Overseas League of St. Louis, and while the service of the First-Aid station and its personnel was given free to the public, the canteen charged for its service and the money thus raised was used for the disabled members of the league.

The St. Louis Chapter of the American Red Cross also furnished motor cars and other transportation to bring the World War veterans from local hospitals to the field to witness the flying.

Although the percentage of accidents and other casualties was remarkably small there were enough of them to keep the Red Cross workers constantly busy for the entire week of the meet, and to earn the thanks not only of the individuals who were given attention but of the officials of the meet and the representatives of the United States and other governments taking part in the contest.

ARKANSANS ESTABLISH CORRECT WEIGHT RECORD

More than 1,500 men, women and children had been weighed and measured for health at the Red Cross booth at the Washington County fair held at Fayetteville, Arkansas. Best record for proper weight for age and height were found between the ages of 20 and 30, and astonishingly few were found to be over or under weight.

Washington County people made a remarkable showing in the matter of health as indicated by weight and measurement, according to expert who have looked over the records. Children between the ages of 8 and 1 were especially satisfactory in their weight and measurement. All persons showing defects in weight were given information as how to correct them.

TRANSIENT "AD" GRAFTERS WORK EVERYWHERE

With advent of the fall season and the era when the merchant and the farmer are doing business, the transient "advertising" grafter is reaping a harvest with different schemes of highly touted publicity.

In a majority of instances the plan is some kind of small folder or other negligible matter with absolutely no merit, wherein the promoter goes into a town, works up his plan, fills it with a lot of "dead" ads in the old stereotype form used twenty years ago, nets anywhere from \$10 to \$50, or more, and is gone on to new fields to draw more easy money. And he can do this without compunction, for the home man has not the effrontery to impose upon his neighbors with such worthless schemes.

These hurriedly gotten up forms of so-called advertising say nothing, draw no attention, and in most cases are absolutely worthless to the man who pays for them—and he always pays a big price at that.

The transient does not support local schools nor churches. He never pays the tax collector here, and the home merchant does not call on him the first of each month with a bill for supplies purchased in maintaining a home and a bus-

ness in Alarado. "Dead advertising" is on a par with no advertising matter whatever, and the latter costs nothing except loss of business, but it takes the transient fellow to put the former kind of graft over.

Home people never prey upon the home business man in this line of money getting because they have a regard and a conscience when it comes to soliciting business, for the service and the value that they are offering their friend and associate for his good money. In other words if this plan is followed by the local printer he would eventually lose the confidence of his neighbors and friends.

One dollar's worth of advertising in the local paper that tells something about your business in an intimate, live manner, is worth \$25.00 thrown away, and that says for nothing. And men who spend money for judicious advertising purposes will corroborate this statement. They know.—Alarado Bulletin.

Jack Steger made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday.

F. P. and Homer Wilson, W. L. Haynes, J. H. Bodine, Clay Thompson, A. W. Haynes and Scott Johnston attended the Methodist quarterly conference at Heald Sunday.

R. O. Dunkle was a business visitor in Pampa Saturday.

Snell's Cash Store sells groceries for less. 1c

Earle Shell was in Amarillo Monday.

A. L. Morgan of Liberty was a McLean visitor last Thursday.

Paul Ladd visited home folks here last Thursday.

IMPROVED HIGHWAYS VERY NECESSARY

Will the United States stop building motor cars, close up its factories and return to horse-drawn vehicles?

Absurd question! But there is only one alternative; if we are not to lose the economic and social benefits of motor transportation, we must supply roads upon which the power vehicles may run.

It is impossible to separate the water from the wave, the gold from the bracelet, or the track from the locomotive. It is equally impossible to separate the road from the truck, or the passenger car from

the highway. They are halves of a whole; transportation is never vehicle alone, or highway alone; it is both together.

Our roads were planned and built for a means of transportation which is gone. The earliest highways were for horse riders, the stagecoach came next, after which we had the buggy and the wagon. The narrow road, the steep grade, the soft surface, were all admissible for these; none of them are economic for the swift and powerful motor.

We have "improved" our highways—some of them—and widened a few, but we still build a road with the idea that it will "last" but a few years, and need "constant repairs." We still build in widths predicated upon slow-moving vehicles, and we still wind our highways up hill and down dale and around devious curves because it is "easiest" and "cheapest" so to do.

That era is gone! The new one is fairly here. We must either build our roads for our modern vehicles, or scrap our motor transportation. As the latter is unmistakably absurd, it seems logical to

believe that the era of the wide, expensive, permanent, hard surface road is here.

GIVE HER TIME

Rastus—"Ah wants a divorce. Dat woman jes' talk, talk, talk, night an' day. Ah can't get no rest, an' dat talk am drivin' me crazy."

Young Lawyer—"What does she talk about?"

Rastus—"She doan' say."—Life.

STILL GOING STRONG

"How long did it take your wife to learn to drive?"

"It will be ten years this coming September."—Literary Digest.

READ THE ADS

McLean Filling Station

Oils, Gas and Accessories
FLOYD PHILLIPS, Mgr.

CUNNINGHAM FLOWER SHOP

Plants, Cut Flowers, Designs, Flower and Garden Seeds
Mail or Phone Orders Filled Promptly
AMARILLO, TEXAS
1909-11 Van Buren St. Phone 1081

Try a Sack of Marechal Neil Flour

Every sack guaranteed
Your money back if it is not as good as the best.

Free Delivery

COBB'S CASH GROCERY
Telephone 19

HAS SHE A FUR?

If not, you cannot select a gift that would please her more, nor prove nearly so serviceable.

Our specially selected collection of mid-winter millinery brings for you a splendid array of hats that will make desirable gifts.

MRS. D. A. DAVIS, Milliner in Charge

Mrs. Pauline Sanders

At T. J. Coffey and Brother's Store

Have Your Eyes Examined
By a Specialist

Do you have headaches? Do your eyes burn or itch? Does the print blur or run together when reading? All these are symptoms of unnecessary eye strain and can be remedied by glasses.

Our Professional Services cover the entire scope of scientific refraction (eye examinations) and the prescribing and fitting of lenses to correct defects of vision. The highest standards are maintained in our work.

I will be in McLean Tuesday, Dec. 11. Anyone having trouble with their eyes or needing glasses may see me at the Hindman hotel on that date.

Dr. Thos. M. Montgomery
Optometrist and Optician
Amarillo, Texas



Put the Stamp of Personality
on Your Gift

See that it has some distinctly personal touch which will distinguish it from "just a gift."

Such things as printed calling cards, personal greeting cards, printed stationery, or a year's subscription to The News will be something "different" that will delight the recipient.

Call at the News office and place your order for a distinctive gift today. The goods will be delivered at any time you desire.

THE McLEAN NEWS

Size-Quality-Constitution

Mr. Turkey Raiser, strong healthy breeding stock is the first essential for you to consider when you go to buy. We have that in our big Mammoth Bronze Turkeys. Have never had a turkey to die with any contagious disease. We have size, quality and constitution. May hatched toms, 20 to 23 lbs., \$10; pullets, 13 to 15 lbs., \$8. Grandires of these weighed 53 lbs. at 18 months of age. Every bird guaranteed. Get the best and raise the best.

Mrs. R. H. CORUM

Phone 66 1-2 1-2 1-2 McLean, Texas

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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.

The prayer chain letter fiend has been very active in McLean the past few weeks. Just why a superstitious person will inflict his ravings on other people is hard to understand, but evidently there are enough persons of this character left in the world to keep the chain letter nuisance going.

The school basketball team has been handicapped each year on account of having no indoor court to practice on, but with the arrangement made with the Chamber of Commerce, that handicap will be removed this season. To have the C. of C. represented will not only give the school team practice, but the C. of C. team can give the community some good advertising impossible to get any other way.

The Grand Opera at Amarillo has been pretty well discussed by the editors of the Plains, but for the benefit of Ben Smith of the Scurry County Times who tells of editors applauding Grand Opera in the wrong place, due to the fact that they could understand everything but the words and music, there was one act in the Amarillo Opera that was understood by all present. When the little lady appeared for a whirling toe dance the applause was loud and long. Words and music were not necessary for appreciation of this act, but it was rather embarrassing to the Dago players when they had to proceed in spite of the audience trying to call the dancer back. If we had the editorial ability of Ben Smith we would be glad to give this incident the write up it deserves, but as every editor present has kept silent about this part of Grand Opera, it is time someone told the truth about the matter.

TRIBUTE TO SMALL TOWN PAPER

Speaking recently at a Washington State Unity conference, Charles E. Blackwell, a successful country merchant located at Okanogan, paid a high tribute to the small town paper as an advertising medium. He said:

"There are many lines of publicity that the country merchant can use to advantage, but the one he can use to best advantage is his home town paper. I venture to say that if the money spent each year for fancy calendars and other knick-knack give-aways were invested—I say invested, not spent or donated—in carefully planned newspaper publicity, the actual net returns would be ten times as great, to say nothing of the advantage the small town paper would derive from the additional and much needed revenue."

FINISHED TOWN

Stopping in a small town, a traveling man said to a prospective customer:

"It has been twenty years since I was here last. Many buildings gone up since then?"

"No," replied the resident, "none that I know of."

"Any new railroads or street cars?"

"No."

"Planning any improvements?"

"No."

"Well," said the traveling man, "I've been all over this country and this is the first town I have seen that is what you might call finished."—Youngtown Telegram.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sloan and Mrs. Rob Tipton of Pampa attended the football game here Thanksgiving Day.

REAL DRAY SERVICE

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

KUNKEL BROS

LUNCH AND BAZAAR

The Missionary boys and girls will serve lunch of sandwiches, pie and coffee at the Cook building on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at the noon hour. A Christmas bazaar will also be held in connection, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Come and patronize them. le

SCHOOL TAXES DUE

The school tax rolls for the McLean Independent School District are completed and we are now ready to write you a receipt. It is hoped that as many as can will pay their school taxes promptly, as the school needs the money now. le
J. A. Sparks, Collector.

THE ROMANCE OF BLOTTING PAPER

Many a State secret has been discovered by the simple process of holding a blotter containing an offset impression of writing before a mirror and reading therein the reflection of the characters. To safeguard against this kind of detective work, when writing private correspondence, many of the European royalties are known to have used black blotting paper. It is said that the former Kaiser had a particular brand of black blotting paper made to his special order.

Although blotting paper in these days is used by the vast majority of people who write with pen and ink, yet numerous statesmen, lawyers and other professional folks are still using pounce powder instead of blotter for drying ink, for the reason that they are not willing to run the chance of having blotters studied by prying eyes. The pounce is sprinkled over the freshly-written characters, thus causing the wet ink to immediately dry. Before the invention of blotting paper some four centuries ago, a fine sand was used by the average letter writer for drying the ink.

To prevent the possibility of having her correspondence read by busy persons in her household, Queen Victoria used small pieces of thin blotting paper and tore up the pieces with her own hands after they had served their purpose. King Edward is said to have been fond of thick blotting paper, and after having attended to a batch of personal correspondence, it was his custom to order the top sheet of his blotting pad removed and burned.

Black blotting paper is still being used to some extent in various foreign government offices, and in some cases this material is burned immediately at the close of a business session. In Russia, long before the revolution, black blotters were used by many of the nobility as well as in various departments of the government.

According to the Pall Mall Gazette of London, blotting paper was discovered by an accident. This

story is to the effect that a workman at a paper mill in Berkshire one day forgot to put sizing material with the pulp, a mistake which led the owner of the mill to regard the resultant rough paper as valueless. Later on, the owner had occasion to write a letter in a hurry, and to save time, he took a sheet of the discarded stock. To his amazement, the writing ink quickly spread over the sheet. Then came the thought to try the sheet as blotting paper. The owner subsequently created such a demand for the new blotting paper that in time his mill had to be devoted entirely to this line of product.

BRAVEST OF GIRLS



Miss Mary Buhner is the bravest girl in America today. Awarded the American Red Cross "bravest" bravery honor and the bravery medal of the Carnegie Institute, her claim to the title is undisputed. Miss Buhner put up a valiant fight in Tampa bay to save Miss Dorothy McClatchie, a friend, from drowning after Miss McClatchie had been attacked and severely injured by a barracuda while bathing. Miss Buhner was a nervous wreck for months after the ordeal, but today is attending college as the protegee of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Rotary club and chamber of commerce. She is twenty years old and was the only girl awarded both the Carnegie medal and the Red Cross trophy.

Life Insurance

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

E. M. Rice

Agent, McLean, Texas
Life Accident Health

Very Wise, Indeed!

Wisdom is but a collection of experience. The wisest benefit by the experience of others as well as by their own.

Any man insures after an accident, a fire, a sudden destruction of his property.

A very wise man would discuss insurance today. We can advise you—gladly.

C. C. BOGAN

Insurance that Protects

Fort Worth Record

Biggest, Best Daily Newspaper in Texas
Biggest, Best Sunday Newspaper in Texas
Brisbane's "Today" will make you think
Jiggs and Maggie will make anyone laugh
Best Sporting and Financial Sections
Many special articles of interest to women
Full of interesting features to instruct and amuse every member of the family

ANNUAL BARGAIN OFFER FOR MAIL SUBSCRIBERS

Daily and Sunday, one year \$7.45
Regular price \$12.00—Save \$4.55
Daily without Sunday, one year \$5.95
Regular price \$8.00—Save \$2.05
Sunday only, one year \$4.00

The rates given here apply only to mail subscriptions for Texas and the states adjoining Texas.

Place your order with your postmaster, the local agent for the Record, or mail direct to the

Fort Worth Record, Fort Worth, Texas

Today a great variety of blotting paper in "all the colors of the rainbow" is being manufactured in nearly every civilized country of the world. The blank blotter stock cut to convenient sizes for desk use, is bought in quantities by banks, trust companies and larger business concerns in general. Untried quantities of the blotter stock are also used every year as printed advertising matter. Of course, we are all familiar with one-side colored enameled blotter for halftone and color printing.—Printer's Album.

PLEASE THE CONGREGATION

"What can I preach about next Sunday that will please the entire congregation?" asked the new minister.

"Preach about the evil of riches," replied the old deacon. "There isn't a member of the congregation that is worth over \$2,000."

SOME SALARY

A friend of ours told us this story the other day, which may be as old as the hills, but it was new to us:

Three boys were talking about the salaries their fathers drew. One said, "You know my father is president of a bank and draws \$10,000 a year." Another said, "That's nuthin'. My father is a railroad conductor and gets \$20,000 a year. The third one said, "Aw shucks, you boys don't know what a salary is. My father is a preacher and it takes ten men to collect his salary; then don't get it all."

The newspaper is a sort of a huge sale bill, listing the various items which the wide-awake merchants of the community have to sell. The merchants, who through their advertising quote you prices and invite your trade, want you to come into their stores and buy—the merchants who do not advertise fit into the opposite class, who do not consider your trade of sufficient value to put forth an effort to get.

DOG COULD NOT READ

When an old negro of Joplin complained he had lost his dog, his employer asked why he didn't advertise for the animal.

"Dat wouldn't do no good," returned the old man. "Dat dog kaint read."

NOW THEY DON'T SPEAK

"B-r-r-r! Guess I'm getting old. This cold weather chills me to the bone."

"Why don't you wear a fur cap?"

SAFE WITH HIM

Poetess—"That poem I sent you contained the deepest secrets of my soul."

Editor—"Have no fear, madam; no one will ever find them out through me."—Boston Transcript.

Chas. Cousins made a business trip to Jericho Friday.

Mrs. John Taylor of Frederick, Okla., spent last week end with her mother and sister, Mrs. Sarah Hefner and Mrs. W. T. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Upham and daughter and son, Miss Frankie M. and Dwight, were Amarillo visitors Monday.

Coal

Feed

Salt

Cake

Meal

W. C. Cheney

You Can Look the World Straight in the Eye

when you have a bank account. You are no longer dependent on it for financial aid in time of adversity, a position which will make you feel proud. By practicing thrift you have shown the world that you have ambition and determination to get somewhere.

The Citizens State Bank

A Guaranty Fund Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$33,750.00

J. S. MORSE, President CLAY THOMPSON, Cashier



Our Christmas Goods Are Here

Bring the children to our store and let them see what a wonderful array of toys Santa Claus has provided to help make this Christmas the Merriest ever.

Low prices on all offerings allow you to buy liberally for your children.

We have gifts for grown-up people, too.



Shop Early



Erwin Drug Co.

The Rexall Store

RED CROSS HELPS WAR'S SUFFERERS

Aids 200,000 Veterans and Their Families—27,000 Disabled Still in Hospitals.

SPENDS \$5,866,255 IN YEAR

Individual Attention Assured to All Physically Ailing or in Distress.

Washington.—War service five years after the armistice, which on November 11 the American Red Cross marks with the opening of the annual membership canvass, shows that during the past year assistance was extended by the Red Cross to some 200,000 ex-service men or their families. To 130 hospitals throughout the country approximately 75,000 ex-service men were admitted for treatment, and to 63,296 of these men definite and specialized service was extended, the Red Cross annual report discloses. In all hospitals under government operation a total of nearly 27,000 disabled veterans were reported by the Surgeon General of the Army.

These facts of the aftermath of physical and mental disability five years after the World War, and the burden resting upon the relatives and dependents of the ex-service men, show conclusively the great need of the Red Cross to act as a supplementary arm of the government in service to these many thousands of men who wore the uniform of the United States. It should be emphasized that government assistance is necessarily standardized along specified lines affecting them as a whole. The Red Cross service is to the individual man and the solution of his problems. This the Red Cross designates "home service" for its aims to give the loving care and interest of the home to these men undergoing physical reconstruction far from their actual home influences.

Year's Expenditures \$5,866,255

In the year ended last June 30 the Red Cross reports \$3,920,000 spent by its Chapters in extending individual attention to the ex-service men and \$1,946,255 spent by National Headquarters of the Red Cross, a total of \$5,866,255. In behalf of the men called to duty in the World War the Red Cross since July 1, 1917, has spent nearly \$164,000,000. Today there are 2,608 Chapters in as many localities carrying on this work, aiding the individual veteran, assisting his family, furnishing creature comforts and funds to tide over troublesome periods.

The strong connecting link between the Red Cross and the United States Veterans' Bureau takes the complications out of difficult cases of claims. The Red Cross in this work requiring personal representation of the ex-service man has acted in appeal cases, insurance matters, personal and family problems, camp and hospital activities, and in cases of death. This service handled nearly 12,000 compensation and insurance claims, and 2,225 allotment and other claims.

Solves Serious Problem

The financial problem of the ex-service man when travelling to and from hospitals is a serious one, and in meeting this constant demand the Red Cross expended \$138,334.17 during the year. For extra recreational equipment in Veterans' Bureau training centers \$14,506 was spent, and for the blinded veterans in the government school funds were supplied to enable some of these unfortunate men to enter business as storekeepers and poultry raisers.

In Veterans' Bureau hospitals the record of a single month illustrates the large service rendered by the Red Cross. For example, 15,504 new cases required attention, and a total of 26,007 cases were acted upon; 49,368 letters and 1,863 telegraph messages written, and more than 1,600 entertainments given in recreation houses for the benefit of the patients.

Authorities declare that the present is a critical time in the lives of many of the disabled ex-service men who during the five years since the armistice have developed misgivings of recovery.

Work Among the "Regulars"

Service to the enlisted men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps is a charter obligation of the Red Cross, which in the last year recorded over 200,000 cases of assistance extended and 834,420 visits to the sick and disabled. Inquiries by the Red Cross at the request of Government authorities into the home conditions of soldiers, sailors and marines aggregated 17,714, and there were nearly 6,000 instances where the Red Cross located men for their families.

All these activities constituting a single responsibility of the American Red Cross demonstrated during the year that its "war service" in behalf of the veteran and the man enlisted in the nation's defensive arms must go forward unflinchingly and without stint of funds. The work of the last five years has welded a close bond of regard between the men who sacrificed and the Red Cross, whose efforts are praised and endorsed by the veterans' organizations. To do all that can be done to soften the consequences of the hard blows of war is the supreme duty of the Red Cross, to which it is giving its best work and most liberal service.

News From Back

By Special Correspondent.

The past two weeks good weather has made it possible for the farmers to make a telling effect on the harvesting of their crops. Everyone is so busy a news reporter would starve to death.

Bailey Lahey and family visited in the Gracey community Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

C. E. Hunt received the sad message Thursday from his brother at Dodsonville that his nephew had accidentally shot and killed himself. Mr. Hunt and family left Friday morning for that place to attend the funeral.

We regret to report that Mrs. R. H. Corum is still confined to her bed with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. W. I. Baron visited Mrs. R. H. Corum Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Bailey Lahey is suffering some inconvenience from having run a splinter under her finger nail while helping Bailey lay some flooring.

Our school children had a real picnic Thanksgiving. All spread their lunches together and had a real enjoyable time.

C. M. Carpenter was marketing a load of hay in McLean Saturday.

Geo. Colebank and family were McLean visitors Saturday.

J. E. Norman and daughters, Misses Birdie and Lokey, were shopping in McLean Saturday.

W. I. Baron was supplying in McLean Saturday.

Chas. Back had business in McLean Saturday.

Bailey Lahey was trading in McLean Tuesday of last week.

Jesse Cobb and family visited in the Geo. Colebank home Sunday.

D. M. Graham and family of McLean visited in the C. M. Carpenter home Sunday.

Mr. Powell and family of Amarillo are visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Henley, and assisting Mr. Henley in saving his crop.

LONG ON TALK—

SHORT ON WORK

You find many towns that have talked and talked and talked about desirable projects for a score of years, but have accomplished little or nothing. If the same energy that has been put into talk had been used in actual work, they would have made these improvements and would have gotten them out of the way and would have been ready for something else. The majority of towns awake from their slumber long enough so they are willing to talk about progress; but such talk often seems to be merely a matter of form or amusement, and there is no achieving energy behind it.—End Events.

Bill Henley returned home last Thursday.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

J. S. Huckabee, Pastor Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., subject, "Home;" and at 7 p. m., theme, "Bondage and Liberty." Epworth League at 6:15 p. m. Junior Missionary Society at 2 o'clock.

Women's Missionary Society will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m.

We appreciate your attendance at all the services. Help us in the great battle against wrong doing.

ONE OR TWO DEAD STORES HURT THE TOWN

Another thing that merchants overlook in their "Buy at Home" propaganda is the effect that other retailers, not necessarily competitors, have on their own business. They must realize that the aggressiveness of every individual retailer directly affects their ability to "keep trade at home."

For example, if the music stores in town are not progressive, and do not offer a selection of merchandise, people are not going to trade with them except as a last resort. If there are no stores in town that offer a good line of jewelry, the public will find it necessary to supply its wants in the jewelry line somewhere else. If there is no store that has authentic women's styles, women will get out of the habit of expecting style information at home.

So, even though the other merchants may be alive, they suffer from the remissness of these "lame ducks." People buy a great deal by habit. If they once get the idea that the town does not offer what they need in any particular line, they get into the habit of taking it for granted that they must buy out of town.

The habit is formed of buying one thing out of town, and the habit is soon extended to other lines. Thus the white sheep suffer with the black. The people that have money to spend say among themselves, "This is nothing but a hick town anyway. If you want anything real classy and up-to-date in any line you must send away for it."

Every merchant must realize that his actual competitors in merchandise are not the only competitors he has. If even 25% of the stores handling the goods used by the general public are not what they should be, more business will be lost to the town than merely the trade in those lines, because of the effect on buying habits.

The merchant must always remember that people would rather buy at home if they can get what they need at a fair price. Hence if the merchant is onto his job, he need never worry that people will not buy at home. That part of it will be taken for granted. The thing that started people to trading out of town in the first place was

the failure of the merchants to supply the needs of the community in the way the community thought it should be supplied.—Arthur Hallam in Sayre (Okla.) Star.

ANSWERS

A full-page ad in colors on the back cover of the Ladies' Home Journal costs \$15,000 for just one issue.

You have often wondered what these big ads cost. Fifty years ago there was no business man who wouldn't have fainted at the thought of \$15,000 for one ad.

Today there are many willing to spend the \$15,000, because business has learned that advertising in the long run is the most effective and least expensive way to sell goods.—Plainview News.

SURE THING!

Milly—"I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man in the world." Billy—"Of course not. You'd be killed in the rush!"—Detour.

PRIVATE DEMONSTRATIONS!

She was very beautiful and had called in answer to an advertisement for a typist.

"Where were you employed last?" asked the head of the firm.

"In a doll factory," replied the applicant.

"And what were your duties there?" was the next question.

"Making eyes," she replied, with a smile.

"Very well, you are engaged," she was informed, "but please don't demonstrate your abilities when my wife is around."—Toronto Telegram.

John Hrnejar of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Miss Ida Maye Dunwoody of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

R. L. Alston of Amarillo spent Thanksgiving with home folks here.

Frank Harlan of Heald was a McLean visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass were McLean visitors Thursday of last week.

H. C. Nelson of Liberty was a McLean visitor last Thursday.

Wheeler Carwle of Gracey was in town Monday.

L. L. Rogers of Lela was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

Clyde Willis was in from the ranch Monday.

Ed Castleberry of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.



Have You Considered a Pocketbook?

If not, you should add at least one to your list of Christmas gifts and come here to get it. Our display is ample in price and variety.

SHELL'S CASH PHARMACY

Christmas

Should find your bins full of coal for the winter so that you will have time to do the various repair jobs about the place.

Buy your coal and builders' supplies here.

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

GIFT SELECTIONS

Practical Christmas Gifts Are Always Appreciated

Do you realize that we have a wonderful selection of gifts for every member of the family? And that every gift in this store is a Practical Gift? Come in and look over our stock before you buy.



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Silverware
Table Cutlery
Casseroles
Percolators
Shears and Scissors
Dishes
Aluminum Ware
Carving Sets
Reading Lamps
Cut Glass

for
Every-
body



Haviland China
Shaving Brushes
Razor Stropps
Safety Razors
Pocket Cutlery
Guns
Tools
Thermos Bottles
Boys' Wagons
Air Rifles

McLean Hardware Company

W. B. UPHAM, Manager

Your Check-book Is a Credential of Unmistakable Meaning---

It says, "Here is a man who has had the earning ability and the self-denial to get ahead of his spending. Here's a man that enjoys the respect and confidence of the community, who habitually accepts his signature as a guaranty of payment; here's a man in whom the bank has learned to place confidence."

The American National Bank

OPPORTUNITIES OF A COUNTRY TOWN

Country life has always been a school for developing all round ability, a certain quality of versatility. The old time countryman was a great fellow for turning his hand to anything. He could do any job of work about the place, repair any simple kind of machine, make any household appliance work. He could shingle a house, build a road, doctor a sick horse, handle a swarm of bees, call out the figures for an old-fashioned country dance.

Necessity forced him to meet emergencies himself. If he had lived in a city, we would have gotten into the habit of summoning a carpenter or a plumber the moment the least little thing went wrong about his place.

The man who is a jack at all trades is said to be good at none. Country life contains some men of this character, who have dabbled in different kinds of work with fair success, yet never perfected themselves in any of them. Yet this trying of different things has value. It enables young people to test out their various capacities, and find out where they have talent, and then they can specialize on that line.

This country life tends to develop all kinds of talent. Everyone who shows any sign of ability is given his chance to serve in official positions in the organizations of the village. Every boy who shows signs of athletic skill gets a chance to play games. Everyone who has musical or dramatic skill has a chance to perform in entertainments of that kind.

When we live in cities, about all most of them are permitted to do is buy tickets for and attend shows, and sit passively in opera chairs while other people do things. By living in the country the ability to turn their hands to anything is developed, and they become resourceful and versatile and equal to emergencies.—Lubbock Plains Journal.

There should be no question of where to buy your Christmas needs in McLean. The merchants who advertise in this paper deserve your patronage, for they show their appreciation of your business by asking for it in our pages. The man who advertises in the home paper has the best interests of the community at heart and appreciates your trade. Buy Christmas gifts of our advertisers.

Houston Bogan of Mobeetie spent Sunday with home folks here.

Ralph Sloan of Pampa attended the ball games here Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grogan of Ramsdell attended the ball games here last Thursday.

Miss Lena Davidson spent Thanksgiving with home folks at Ramsdell.

Douglas Wilson of Groom spent Thanksgiving with home folks here.

Miss Ethel Stockton of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Ray of Gracey were shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. M. H. Kinard of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

John Quattlebaum of Clarendon was a visitor in our city Friday.

T. J. Coffey made a business trip to Amarillo Friday.

C. E. Anderson was in town with a load of turkeys Thursday.

Enloe Crisp of Alanreed was trading in McLean Thursday.

N. S. Ray of Gracey was in the city on business Thursday.

J. K. Crews was in from the ranch Thursday.

J. L. Gange of Alanreed was shopping here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Peters and daughter, Vera, went to Shamrock Thursday.

Mrs. W. S. Copeland and daughter Marie were Shamrock visitors Thursday.

Floyd E. Johnson of Alanreed was trading in McLean Thursday.

J. W. Dougherty of Heald was trading in the city Thursday.

L. L. Morse was in from the ranch Thursday.

J. O. Wilkins of Winewood, Oklahoma has moved to McLean.

WONT RENT TO NON-ADVERTISERS

One landlord owning a string of houses in a Dallas suburb refuses to rent to a tenant who will not advertise. He claims that those who do advertise bring custom to those who do not, and this works a hardship on the ones who pay for inducing the people to come to that point to trade. The non-advertiser who waits for the crowd that is brought by the advertising, makes

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is a Combined Treatment, both local and internal, and has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over forty years. Sold by all druggists. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio

off the overflow. The landlord says this is not right, and therefore refuses to rent to a man who will not

Wants

GOOD FARM.—Want to buy a good farm near McLean, for cash. See Claude Hunt. 1c

CAKE SACKS. 2000 cake sacks for sale. W. C. Cheney. 1c

FOR RENT.—2 blocks of land. Sam Kunkel. 1p

GROCERIES are cheaper at Snell's Cash Store. 1c

FOR SALE.—A barn, 20x20 feet square, 9 foot wall. Sam Kunkel. 1p

FOR SALE.—One 5 room house in north part of town. This is good property and must be sold. J. S. Howard. 1c

WANTED.—To rent a good farm. Would like about 140 acres in cultivation; grain or cash. Vester Smith, Phones 82 and 188. 1c

FORD SEDAN for sale at a reasonable price. John Mertel. 1c

LAST CALL for Christmas cards at the News Office. 1

Wanted. Fat hog, drowned. T. A. Landers.

do his part towards inducing business to come to his community. This is a new departure, but it seems to us to be about the right attitude. The man who won't help bring trade to the town is not entitled to had-

Free! Free!!

We are going to give away an auto tire absolutely free on December 24, 1923. Come in and ask about this proposition. Coupons with each 75c purchase.

Star Service Station

W. O. HOMMEL, Prop.
McLEAN, TEXAS

Ford Four-Door Sedan



Fully equipped, \$2685, f. o. b. Detroit

Inside and out, the new Ford Four-door Sedan shows improvements of far more than usual importance.

It is lower and sturdier in appearance. New cowl, hood, radiator and apron add size and finish to the front. Sun visor, and wide, well-finished aluminum doors with bar

handles perfect the design of the body.

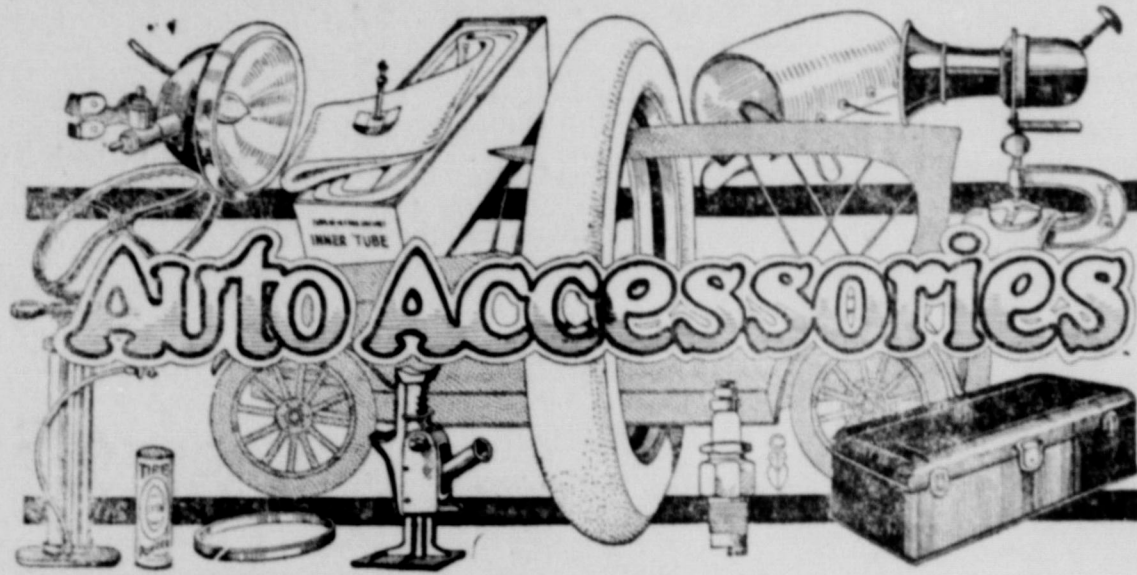
Silk window curtains, deep broad-cloth upholstery; dome light, door lock, window regulators and handles, all finished in nickel, complete a refinement you would expect only at a far higher price.

This car can be obtained through

BENTLEY MOTOR CO.
McLean, Texas



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Fixing up the car as a means of remembering the owner is a certain way to make it a Merry Christmas for him.

GIFTS FOR THE CAR—

The best gift of all—A new STUDEBAKER. Let us help you select a suitable gift.

COUSINS MOTOR COMPANY

The Best Gift

You can send to your relatives and friends is a year's subscription to The McLean News. Each visit of The News will be a weekly reminder of your thoughtfulness. Don't try to write a letter each week, but send them The News. The cost is nominal, only \$1.50 for the year.

The McLean News
"The Paper You Read First"

AW, WHAT'S THE USE



THERE - NOW DON'T CRY - DADDY'LL PUT SOME MUD RIGHT ON IT AND TAKE THE STING OUT

NOW REMEMBER - WHENEVER A BEE STINGS YOU PUT MUD ON IT



By L. F. Van Zelm
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The Beauty Bug Stung Mother



DID A BEE STING YOU 'GO MOTHER?



A Christmas Eve In Camp

By F. H. Sweet

There were no dry and fancy goods and notions upon the shelves, no show-cases upon the counter, no display in the one dingy window. Such things would begin to make their appearance only with the coming of the first woman, and that was not yet.

"Rather a slim show for playthings," Dobson, said the owner of the cranberries, after a fruitless search with his eyes from one end of the store to the other. "Don't s'pose a pack o' playin' cards would do?" as his gaze paused hopefully on an extensive assortment of that popular article.

"They has pictures on 'em."

"Wouldn't do at all," answered Dobson decidedly. "They ain't moral; an' the first kid who patronizes us has got to be brought up moral. Say, you," to the watery-eyed man, who was edging towards the bar at the far end of the store—"none o' that!"

"None o' what?" asked the man querulously. "I ain't steppin' on your toes."

"No, but you are on the kid's. See here." His voice had an incisive ring which had made many stronger men tremble. "You ain't walkin' the same line you was twenty-four hours ago. Then you was a poor, no-count drunkard, who'd a right to dig his grave without opposition from nobody; now you're markin' out a trail for that kid to follow. See? Me an' my friends here ain't no call to interfere between father an' son," dropping his voice to an easy, familiar tone, and placing a hand encouragingly upon the tremulous shoulder, "so long as the father makes a good deal; but when he stumps,—his voice was still soft, but the steely glint returned to his eyes—"then me an' my friends step in. Sabe? Bein' the first kid in camp, we've consooled ourselves his guardian—just like every man in the place will do soon's they hear of his bein' here."

He turned back to his companions. The watery-eyed man, after one long, wistful farewell glance toward the bar, resumed his fruitless search of the goods. There was nothing now to divide his attention; he knew the men with whom he had to deal, and realized that henceforth the bar was to be as far removed from him as though a wall of granite intervened. But, to his credit be it said, even with the realization came a new firmness to his eyes.

"What's that on the top shelf?" he asked suddenly.

"That? Oh, that is—I dunno," hesitated the storekeeper, as he took down the object in question and examined it critically. "It got in with some goods a year ago, an' has been up there ever since."

"Why, you chump!" cried the cranberry owner derisively, "not to know a jumpin' jack when you see one! I've bought lots of 'em to home for the children. See!" he pulled a string which sent the acrobat tumbling up over the top of his red pole. "Just the thing for a kid."

"Just the thing," repeated the

boy who was childish. But there was little they saw; only huge miners' boots, pyramids of picks and shovels and blankets, barrels of flour and beans and pork; and on the shelves, tobacco and canned goods, and a small assortment of earthen and tinware; and then, at the far end of the store, a bar for the accommodation of those who were thirsty.

This brought the entire group of Christmas hunters into a compact, envying circle; and while they were anxiously debating the pro and con—especially the con—of a division of spoils, the door opened quietly and a broad-shouldered, watery-eyed man entered.

"Have you got any toys?" he asked, hesitatingly.

The storekeeper stared, and unthinkingly, as though by preconcerted arrangement, the group around the canned representatives from Cape Cod turned and stared also.

"Any—what?" the storekeeper asked blankly.

"Toys," the man repeated looking at the encircling faces with abashed embarrassment—"things to play with, I mean, like children have at Christmas. You see," with a curious mingling of apology and pride in his voice, "my little ten-year-old boy came in on the stage just now—clean from his grandpa's, back to Missouri. I've been sendin' for him these two years, but couldn't seem to get to it till I crook a vein last month."

He lurched heavily against the counter. His watery eyes began to fill, partly through his condition and partly from some long dormant tenderness which was beginning to reawaken.

"The boy's considerable childish," he went on, rousing himself a little at the consciousness of being listened to by men who usually passed him without recognition, "an' likes things to play with. So, bein' it's Christmas, an' he jest comin', why, I thought maybe I'd better hunt some toys."

"Of course," cried Dobson, the sheriff, heartily; and "Of course," "Of course," came promptly from others of the group.

And then they looked about the store inquiringly, eagerly, in search of something that would please a ten-year-old boy who was childish. But there was little they saw; only huge miners' boots, pyramids of picks and shovels and blankets, barrels of flour and beans and pork; and on the shelves, tobacco and canned goods, and a small assortment of earthen and tinware; and then, at the far end of the store, a bar for the accommodation of those who were thirsty.

water-eyed man, drawing a small bag of gold dust from his pocket: "It'll make the boy laugh."

As he was going out, the owner of the cranberries stepped to his side.

"Here, take this along with you," he said, relinquishing the can to which he had been clinging so fondly. "It'll help to make out a Christmas for the boy."

"And this, too." "And this," added the owner of the sardines and the owner of the baked beans; and then Sheriff Dobson pushed before them and slipped something bright and heavy into the hand which held the jumping jack.

"It's a nest-egg for the kid," he said gravely. "Now you better go home an' fill up his stockin'; an' to-morrow you can tell him Merry Christmas for the all."

How our mothers and grandmothers would have appreciated the wonderfully efficient electrical appliances of the present day. Probably most of all the electric washer and ironer, because, if the proper machines are selected, they represent the greatest economy. Not only do they save money, time and backbreaking drudgery, but the very clothes themselves.

Great Savers.

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AN APPRECIATION

This is to let all know how very much we appreciated the splendid pounding that the members of the church and friends gave us on Thanksgiving Day. In a double sense was that a day of real thanksgiving to us, for added to the things that make us generally thankful, just at the close of the community Thanksgiving service at the church, we found a large number of people crowding up the steps of the new Baptist parsonage, each one with about all the bundles he could carry, but they were carrying out the spirit of the song they had just sung, "Carry Your Burden With a Smile," for each one wore a smile that soon begat a smile, both in our hearts and on our faces. The crowd soon departed, leaving us wondering in great joy just when we could eat all the good things they left. May God give to the heart and life of every one as much real sunshine as you have brought to our lives with your thoughtful kindness so beautifully manifested.

Pastor and Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

Edward Moore of Amarillo came in last Thursday to visit friends.

R. O. Dunkle returned Thursday of last week from Denton.

BEER VS. TEA DRINKING

Senator Couzens says tea is worse than beer. That can't be. We have never seen the patrons of a five o'clock tea going down the street and stopping every whipstitch to kick the second-story sign.—Bonham Favorite.

Senator Couzens hopes to be re-elected, and he figures that beer has more friends than tea in his state. This sort of demagoguery ought to procure the defeat of any man who practices it. Tea may harm an individual here and there, but it doesn't reflect that harm on whole families and communities and cities and states. Beer does—beer does. State Press repeats it in order that no mistake may be made by those who might misunderstand his position. Beer is a dirty, soppy, soupy drink that stupefies the brain and saturates the body with "qualidity." Tea does nothing of the sort. A beer drunkard is even more repulsive than a whiskey drunkard, because to get the degree of inebriation which he craves, the beer sucker must pour in the sudsy stuff until his entire viscera floats. Arriving at that mossy goal, he is as tidy as a trash wagon and as smart as an imbecile. If Senator Couzens can't think up any better reason why he should be popular in Michigan than that he is against Henry Ford and tea and in favor of beer and stupidity, he really says "Sawdust" under one of your shirts in Dallas News.

Earl Wilmoth of Groom spent Thanksgiving with friends here.

Miss Marian Atkins of Shamrock attended the ball games here last Thursday.

Miss Estelle Cooper spent Thanksgiving with home folks at White Deer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cousins and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Clarendon.

Melvin Davis of Clarendon came in last Thursday to visit home folks.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson made a business trip to Amarillo Friday.

Public Sale

Dec. 8, 1923, 1 o'clock p. m.

At My Home Place South of Depot McLean, Texas

HERD OF REGISTERED AND GRADE JERSEY CATTLE

Registered herd bull, 4 years old.

2 registered cows.

1 6 weeks old bull calf subject to registry.

5 good grade cows, all milking.

4 grade heifers, coming 2 year old. "Springers."

2 dozen Rhode Island white hens and pullets.

1 good as new No. 12 De Laval cream separator.

A lot of milk bottles.

1 set of chain harness.

1 set of buggy harness.

Saddle and bridle.

Other things too numerous to mention.

TERMS: Cash, no Discount.

S. R. Jones

Owner

COL. N. E. SCIFRES, Auctioneer

Also offer at private sale 5 to 10 acres improved tract.

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.

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Complete and correct Abstracts furnished to all lands in Gray and Carson counties. Let us have your orders.

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Your Blacksmithing

Do not take just any kind of work. Demand the best. We have the workmen and the tools to give you the very best job on your blacksmithing that is to be had anywhere and turn out every job under a positive guarantee of satisfaction. Your business will be appreciated.

The McLean Blacksmith Shop

All Work Guaranteed

Numerous Articles Not Listed

FREE LUNCH AT NOON. I. S. Jamison will be here with his tin cups.

TERMS OF SALE:—All sums under \$10.00, cash in hand. On sums over \$10.00, good bankable notes with 10 months' time at 10 per cent interest, or 5 per cent discount for cash.

W. D. Sims, Owner

Clay Thompson, Clerk

I. S. Jamison, Auctioneer

Public Sale

At My Place 2 Miles South of McLean, Texas

Thursday Dec. 20, 1923

Beginning at 10 O'clock a. m.

1 pair large mules

1 pair small mules

1 pair big black horses

1 pair big gray horses

1 set leather harness

3 sets chain harness

10 horse collars

1 good milch cow

3 cows and 2 calves

1 P. & O. cultivator

1 single-row go-devil

2 two-row go-devils

1 John Deere planter with cotton attachment

1 section harrow

2 wagons

3 feed troughs

99 Buff Orpington full-blood chickens

Chicken coops

3 bedsteads and springs

1 writing desk

3 rocking chairs

6 plain chairs

2 rugs

1 dining table

1 kitchen cabinet

1 safe

1 good heater

1 cook stove

1 iron cot

100 jars canned fruit and vegetables

3 grain forks

2 pitch forks

1 iron wheel barrow

3-8 gallon lard can

3 one-gallon milk jars

2 three-gallon stone jars

1 five-gallon stone jar

1 iron barrel

News From Heald

By Special Correspondent.
Mrs. Johnson of Ada, Okla., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Flowers.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brock and little son and David Brock are visiting in the E. W. Brock home.
Miss Leffie Flowers spent Thursday night with Misses Ada and Beulah Parker.
Miss Ponster spent Friday night with the Misses Brock.
Miss Ethel Harbison spent Friday night with Misses Ada and Beulah Parker.
The young folks enjoyed a party at the E. W. Brock home Friday night.

Miss Leffie Flowers spent Saturday night with Misses Jewell and Ellen Brock.

Some of the young folks spent Sunday afternoon in the Parker home.

Some of the young folks spent Sunday afternoon in the Brock home.

Miss Mildred Richardson spent Sunday and Sunday night with Miss Ethel Harbison.

Mr. and Mrs. Chilton and family spent Saturday night with their son, Josh, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rippey spent Sunday in the A. P. Rippey home.

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

Alvin Brock, Mesdames Henry Brock and Roy Short, Misses Ida Brock and Leffie Flowers were Shamrock visitors Monday.

MONEY FOR ROADS

It is strange that the man who will finance his business sensibly and carefully, who will buy and sell a house with acumen and wisdom, who will choose his bank with meticulous care and guard his personal financial affairs with the utmost skill, frequently throws caution to the winds when considering the raising and spending of money for roads.

It is so pitifully easy to arrange to have someone else pay for a road! A bond issue to run fifty years puts the burden of paying on the men and women who come after us while we use the road! This is bad enough as a matter of unsound economics, but it is worse when the money so raised is so unwisely expended as to produce a road which wears out long before the bonds become due. In such cases—and there are many of them!—the body politic finds itself in the position of paying for roads which no longer exist, and faced with the additional necessity of rebuilding the road and maintaining it, as well as paying the interest and finally the principal on the bonds which built roads which wore out.

There are cases where long term bonds are justified and necessary. But there are no cases where the expenditure of such funds is justified for anything less than a permanent road, so located, so built, so planned as to length, gradient, width and location as to make it of service to the people to come as well as those who now use it.

It has been said that there is nothing permanent about any road except its location, but this is not true when maintenance is an afterthought. It is as unsound to build a road and let it ravel to pieces as it is to build a house and let it go unpainted and uninsured. Paint the house, insure it, repair it, and it may stand for a hundred years or more. Maintain the road as it is used, and it should last indefinitely. Only such roads should be built with bond issue money, and only such roads should be built with money derived from town or county or state bonds, as will serve town, county and state for all time to come.

To do otherwise is to betray the trust of the helpless unborn.

BETTER RULES FOR SPORTSMEN

In New York the Duchess county sportsmen's association has sent the following declaration throughout the region where it has shooting and fishing rights:

- Never in sport endanger human life.
- Never kill wantonly or needlessly or brutally.
- Obey the laws of state and nation;

Unique Feat of Bridge Engineers



When the bridge across the Mississippi river at Hastings, Minn., was built it was found there was not space for the usual long approach. So the engineers designed a spiral approach, as shown in the photograph.

work for better laws, and uphold the enforcing authorities.

Respect the rights of farmers and property owners; and also their feelings.

Always leave seed birds and game in covers.

Never be a fish hog.

Discourage the killing of game for commercial purposes by refusing to purchase trophies.

Study and record the natural history of game species in the interest of science.

Love nature and its denizens, and be a gentleman.

These rules apply to Texas as well as to New York, and they are commended to the 70,000 gunners of this state and the hundreds of thousands who fish. It is gratifying to know that Texas sportsmen are

co-operating with the authorities. In his last report, the Texas game warden said: "It is very noticeable that the public in general are realizing the great benefits they are deriving through the protection and propagation of game and fish." This represents a gain in right public sentiment.

"Be a gentleman," says the last of the rules quoted. The true sportsman is always a gentleman.—Fort Worth Record.

IDLE TALK

Idle talks caused a run on a good bank in Dallas two years ago. Idle talk caused the run on a bank in Wichita, Kans., last week. Idle talk has defamed the good name of many a good woman. Idle talk will

halt most worthy enterprise—building a church, or raising funds for a good community enterprise, or voting school bonds—in fact, any worthy enterprise. If people would only learn to ascertain the truth before they start to talking, and then only discuss the merits of the enterprise, rather than the demerits.—Canyon News.

ADVERTISING A BUYING GUIDE

Public confidence is advertising. The modern merchant knows that he must advertise to succeed. He must let the people know what he has for them. His carefully thought-out advertising brings him results, but his ads must carry faith if he wants to gain permanent results from them.

The day when a merchant could advertise a standard staple at greatly reduced prices and when his customers came tell them that he had sold out, has passed. The merchant thought he was crafty. He used advertising only as a ruse to get the people into his store, and depended on his salesmanship to deliver to them something other than

what he advertised. Confidence can be obtained only by handling meritorious goods and using sincere copy; fraud is easily spotted. A sweeping statement often is not morally wrong, but it does not create confidence.

The modern merchant knows that the buying public depends on advertising as a guide for purchasing. It assists the purchaser and takes a big load off selling effort.

By increased volume the overhead of sales is lowered, and a nationally advertised product is generally better than those not advertised, because the manufacturer must depend on repeat sales and to have these he must put quality in his product. Advertising of his product lowers the price at which it can be sold, for it makes for increased volume of sales and consequent lower cost of distribution on each unit.—Plainview Herald.

Mrs. Kelly-Patterson of Amarillo spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Copeland.

Chas. Roach of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

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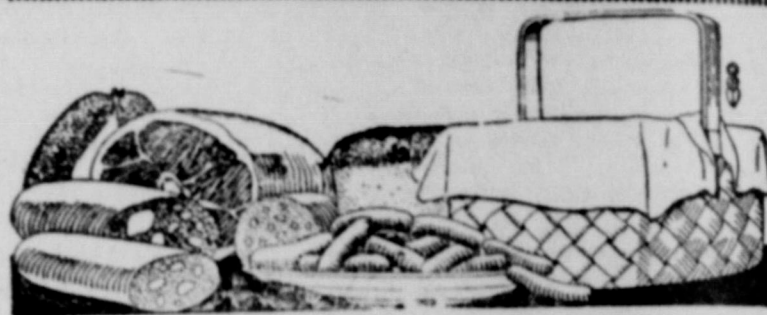
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