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FIRE DESTROYS HAYNES GRO. WAREHOUSE

Fire was discovered at Haynes Grocery Company's warehouse at a few minutes after eleven o'clock Monday night that caused between \$3,500 and \$4,000 loss, partly covered by insurance.

There was no way of giving the alarm except what few could be awakened by the telephone, and there were not enough men to man the hose carts in time to save the building, but several cars of coal on the track within a few feet of the burning building and the gasoline tanks just across the railway track were in serious danger until water was available to prevent further spread of the fire.

A considerable portion of the stock was saved by the prompt work with the fire hose.

The fire started inside the building from some unknown cause. One theory is that some thieves may have broken into the building and set fire to it to cover their tracks. As one door fastening gave some evidence of having been tampered with, or a loose match may have been the cause of the conflagration.

There was abundant pressure of water and plenty of hose from two fire plugs to control the fire, and with some semblance of organization to fight fire, this blaze would not have amounted to much.

Fire Marshal J. A. Sparks was signing up volunteers for the fire department early Tuesday morning, and it is thought that an alarm system will be installed at an early date, which, with some practice runs from the volunteers, will make the next fire easier to control.

GOOD OR BAD INFLUENCE OF MOVIES ON PUBLIC

By W. L. Haynes
(Paper prepared for Methodist Social Service program May 11th.)
In our opinion the movie may be one of the greatest educational enterprises in existence, if the proper pictures are exhibited, and with Mr. Hays at the head of the censoring department, we are almost assured of clean pictures.

While it is true that the motion picture industry is operated and controlled mostly by Catholics, still they get what they want and expect in movies, and if the Protestant religion would get behind the movies as the Catholics do, we are sure they would be better satisfied and instructed along this line.

We have to admit that the movies are here to stay, as the financial interest involved is very heavy, and industry is growing all the time. The proper thing to do is to encourage better and cleaner pictures, not criticize, but advise and consult with producers, as well as exhibitors, as to the kind of pictures wanted; patronize picture shows, and we are sure to get what we want.

The motion picture world makes and exhibits pictures that satisfy their customers, and if the so-called better classes don't demand the kind of pictures they want; if they don't patronize the shows, the picture industry is going to make and exhibit pictures that their patrons do demand and patronize.

We are no Catholic, and do not believe in some things in the Catholic religion, but we dare say that sometimes this is the reason for the motion pictures being condemned by some Protestants.

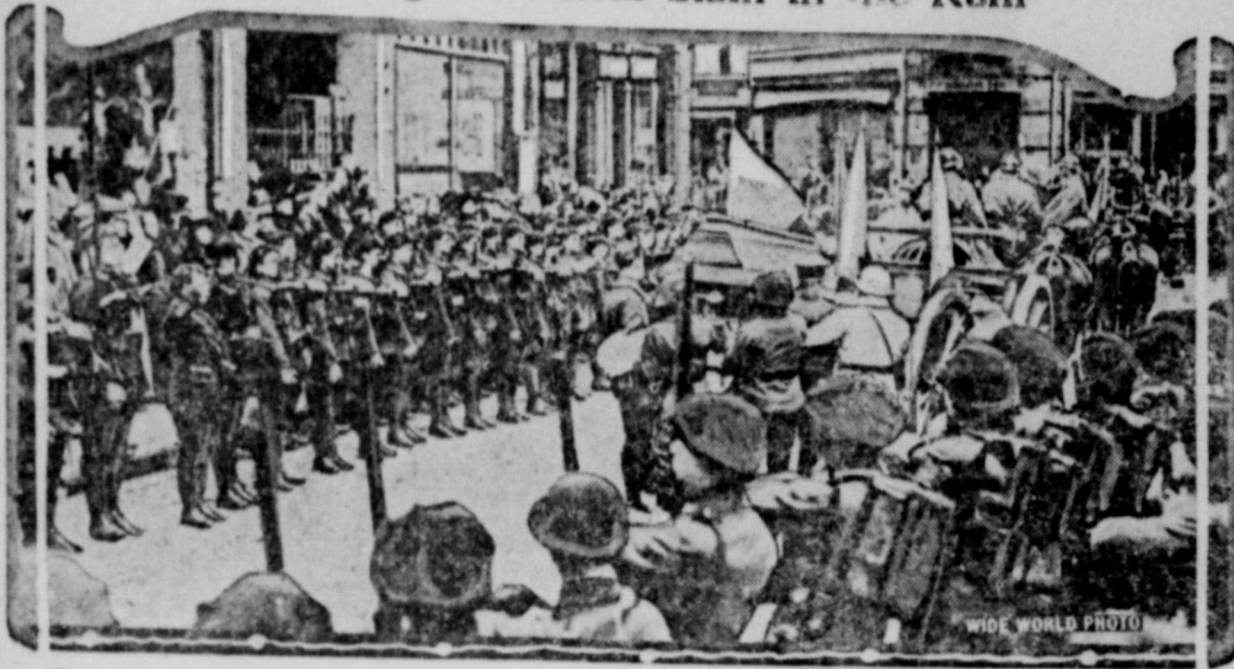
The movies is a business, the same as any other business in our city; your merchant buys merchandise that he can sell at the most profit and do an honorable business, and it is just as foolish to think that an exhibitor is going to try to satisfy people who never patronize him in the movie business as in any other business.

It is impossible to satisfy everyone with any picture. Some will want serials, some westerns, some comedies, and some one kind and another, and no matter how clean a picture may be, if it don't just suit the particular person, they are liable to find fault with it some place.

You have seen books and magazines that you would not like your children to have access to, but why condemn the entire press for what someone may do?

We will admit that some pictures may have had a bad influence in the past in the lives of some young men, especially those looking for adventure in life, and it is easy,

Funeral Cortège of Poilus Slain in the Ruhr



The funeral cortège of French soldiers who were murdered in the Ruhr region a month ago, following which there were reprisals which cost the lives of four German civilians. The cortège is shown passing the spot where the soldiers of France gave their lives, at Buer, Germany.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. J. R. Henson of Clarendon, presiding elder, will be here Saturday and Sunday for the Third Quarterly Conference. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mrs. Alva Alexander is visiting her sister at Alanreed this week.

When a fellow gets into trouble, to say, "Yes, I got this idea from the movies."

But take the other side of the question, and if movies make such an impression in the lives of criminals, think how much more influence for good they can have in the lives of the entire public if they would only patronize and demand the kind of pictures they want.

Take some of our schools for feeble minded, where children can't grasp the meaning by the regular course of instruction, movies are very often used, and it is a proven fact that instruction in this way has a more permanent impression than any other way.

The more the picture industry is studied, and the more you see, the more you can realize the intention of the picture.

At times you may think the picture is going all wrong, but if you will watch it closely, you will see that it always comes out right, and if studied from the intent of the producer, the influence will always be for good.

Human nature demands some kind of entertainment. The business man's duties are about the same every day; the farmer goes to his labors about the same way each morning; the housewife has about the same daily duties; the school faculty and children have about the same work each day; and there is nothing more entertaining and restful than to attend a good picture show, forget the disappointments and mistakes that have been made during the day and have an hour or so of real entertainment.

Yes, you hear of scandal in the movie world, same as in any other vocation of life, but to prove to the minds of the most skeptical, take the case of Fatty Arbuckle. He says he has reformed and our courts have exonerated him. Most anyone would have welcomed him back in any other line of business, but Mr. Hays will not permit his pictures exhibited.

Take Hollywood with its thousands of movie stars and the "City and of Movies," and you hear so much about the lives and character of these people, but take scandal and proof, and there is less scandal and divorce in Hollywood (considering population) than there is in the entire United States.

No; movies are not bad, neither are movie stars. They are people same as other people, and if they don't walk the straight and narrow path, if some little thing happens in the movies that is not just right, the movies know it; where in other everyone knows it; where in other everyone knows there would be no lines of business there would be no one know anything about it.

We contend that motion pictures are morally clean and getting better all the time, and should be patronized and encouraged by all people. We are sure that any suggestion given in the right attitude would be greatly appreciated and helpful to the producer and exhibitor and have a better influence for good on the entire public.

BOGAN IS MANAGER CITY WATER AND LIGHT DEPT.

At a recent meeting of the city council, C. C. Bogan was appointed manager of the city water and light department. Mr. Bogan accepted the position and has entered upon his duties. All matters pertaining to the operation of the new municipal improvements will be in charge of the manager.

WOFFORD'S PLEASED WITH ADVERTISING

Frank Wofford, who sells dry goods and shoes, advertised a sale in last week's issue of The News for Saturday only. Horace Wofford, manager of the store, in a conversation with Newsman, stated that limiting the sale to one day was unnecessary, for they sold out the principal part of the goods offered in less than an hour after the doors were opened Saturday morning. Mr. Wofford expressed himself as being well pleased with the results of his advertisement.

A SEVERE ACCIDENT

Haskell Smith was thrown from his horse during a wolf chase Tuesday morning and suffered a broken shoulder. Mr. Smith was brought to McLean for medical treatment, and at last reports was doing nicely.

SEARCY PRODUCE MOVES

The Searcy Produce Co. has moved to the A. T. Wilson building on Railroad street. The new quarters give this firm lots of room with a much better location. Look up their ad in this issue of The News.

M. D. Bentley and Harvey Grigsby went to Oklahoma City this week to buy Ford cars for the Bentley Motor Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner and baby of Groom visited relatives in McLean Saturday.

Prescott Mathis of the Sitter ranch was in the city on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Glass and children of Alanreed visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Henry, Sunday.

Charles Cousins made a business trip to Clarendon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Glass were in from the ranch Tuesday.

Mesdames J. H. Crabtree and Roy Campbell and Miss Sallie Campbell attended the play at Alanreed Tuesday night.

N. E. Seifres was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. H. C. Rippey left Monday for Electra to join her husband.

Alvin Holmes of Pampa visited in the W. S. Copeland home Saturday.

Messrs. Marion and Lloyd Husted of Pampa visited in the W. S. Copeland home Saturday.

W. B. Upham and son, Dwight, made a business trip to Lefors Wednesday.

SPARKS IS FIRE MARSHAL AND STREET COMMISSIONER

J. A. Sparks has been appointed fire marshal and street commissioner by the city council. These duties, in addition to being city marshal, would keep the gentleman reasonably busy.

SHERIFF NABS DESERTER WHEN HE ARRIVES HOME

Wheeler, May 10.—Sheriff Riley Price captured a deserter from the army Monday afternoon and delivered him to Fort Sill, Okla., that night. Homer Perkins was the boy's name. He deserted from Fort Sam Houston on the 15th of April and had only been at his home near Locust Grove about an hour when he was arrested. He had been in New Mexico during the past few weeks and decided to come home. Sheriff Price says that the guard house at Fort Sill was full of men who were deserters and had been returned by officers over the country who are immediately put on the lookout for men as soon as they desert.—Wheeler News-Review.

SENIOR CLASS HONORED

On last Saturday evening a crowd of friends gave a six o'clock lawn spread at the home of Mrs. J. E. Cubine honoring the senior and junior classes and faculty of the McLean school. A long table was placed on the lawn and piled high with good things to eat. The occasion was enjoyed by all present.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION WILL MEET SATURDAY

A meeting of the McLean Purerbred Livestock Association has been called for Saturday, May 19, at 2:30 p. m. in R. O. Dunkle's office. All members are requested to be present.

FIRE AT ALANREED

Alanreed, May 17.—The H. O. Hudzeitz garage was destroyed by fire last evening. The fire was discovered about 9 o'clock, and four cars, as well as the building and equipment, was burned. Everything was a total loss, as it is understood that no insurance was carried.

Messrs. J. W. Kibler, T. A. Cooke, Buck Cooke and C. J. Cash returned Saturday from a fishing trip.

Mrs. Joe Bowers of Pampa visited Mrs. W. S. Copeland Saturday.

Jack Bird of Pampa was in the city Saturday.

Jesse J. Cobb of Northfork was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Coleash returned last Thursday from a visit with relatives at Electra.

W. J. Ball of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

L. S. Stockton of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Chas. Murphree was a McLean visitor Saturday and Sunday.

H. F. Wingo left Saturday afternoon for Plainview to visit his mother.

TON-LITTER CONTESTS HELP MAKE BETTER HOG RAISERS

Hog growing contests in which the object is to make a litter weigh a ton when six months old have demonstrated the soundness of the recommendations on breeding, feeding and management which have long been made by the various State experiment stations and the United States Department of Agriculture. In one of these contests conducted last year by the Indiana Live Stock Breeders' Association, 555 farmers enrolled and 33 of them raised 36 litters which weighed 2,000 pounds or more at the end of 180 days.

The important facts for pig producers to remember, says E. Z. Russell, in charge of swine investigations of the United States Department of Agriculture, is that all of the winning litters were farrowed and suckled in clean quarters; all were sired by purebred boars; 28 of the dams were purebred, 6 were high grades, and 2 crossbreds; none of the 36 litters contained fewer than 10 pigs; and all of them were farrowed by old sows. On the average, therefore, the pigs in these record litters weighed 200 pounds when they had reached the tender age of 6 months.

Many states are holding similar contests this year, says the department, and it is expected that the results will make a large number of converts to the principles and practices of better breeding, feeding and care, not only for hogs, but for all kinds of farm animals.

APPRECIATION AND FAREWELL

By Supt. W. A. Cain
I have asked The News for a small space in the paper that I might express my thanks and appreciation for the hearty co-operation of the community at large for the three years that I have been here.

I came to you at a time when you wanted a school and needed one—I have given you the best that I possessed. It is not necessary to name those things that we have accomplished, such as classification and affiliation, for we are all acquainted with those things. On the other hand, those things that cannot be seen now are the greatest credits to our school, and will be seen in the future only. Time alone can show us the fruits of our labor.

There are a number of elements in our community that have aided us in our efforts to have a real school. First, there has been a board that backed up the school and stood behind it at all times; I want to thank them at this time, although I have already done so at one of their meetings. I regret, in some respects, that I could not accept the re-election that was unanimously given me.

Second, ordinarily I have had the hearty co-operation and efforts of the teachers who have worked with me. To these I am grateful, also. Third, I wish to especially thank the staff of The McLean News for their hearty support of the school and the invitation to use their columns whenever I wanted them.

Fourth, the community at large has been instrumental in making a success of our school. I mean the individuals themselves, by giving their approbation and approval, have contributed to the success.

I shall leave you and find another home elsewhere, but I am glad to know that I have a goodly number of staunch friends at McLean.

A. E. Quest of Cleburne was in McLean Thursday. Mr. Quest is a representative of The Fellowship Forum, a leading Masonic paper.

Engineer L. J. Brooks of St. Charles, Mo., was in town Thursday to inspect the engines at the power plant.

M. H. Barbour of Alanreed was in our city a couple of days this week.

Chas. Harbison of Heald was in the city on business Friday.

Miss Lucile Stratton of Clarendon College spent Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Susie Bell left Saturday for Sayre, Okla., to visit home folks.

T. J. McLaughlin of Lefors was a McLean visitor Saturday.

TOURIST CAMP GROUNDS TO HAVE LIGHTS

The city council has definitely decided to light the tourist camp grounds with electricity. This is done to add to the comfort of the tourists who are making use of the camping grounds most every night. Water is already piped to the grounds. These conveniences, with the shelter offered, make our camp grounds one of the most attractive in this section. All this makes advertising for McLean, for the tourist talks of the town that appeal to him most. The town that lets the tourist pass by without trying to attract his attention is losing one of its strongest advertising assets.

DANGER OF BAD SHOWS, BAD PICTURES, BAD LITERATURE AND DANCE

(Paper read at a social service meeting last Friday at the Methodist church by Mrs. Scott Johnston, and published by request.)

That there is danger in these things, no student of human nature will deny.

Bad Shows
A bad show has a decided immoral effect upon a town or community. The men and women of these shows are usually loud and bold; their language is coarse and slangy, and oftentimes vulgar. Their conduct is anything but exemplary. Their influence abides in a community after they are gone, and is often seen in the lives of our boys and girls.

Bad Pictures
The widest gate to the soul is the eye-gate, hence the danger of a bad picture. Many of the crimes of late years have been staged exactly as shown on the screen. The undue familiarity of the sexes with each other and the low standard of morals which is often displayed in the picture, is a poison which is slowly but surely destroying the soul of America.

Bad Literature
Much of the literature of the day is shot through with rationalism. Darwinian evolution is prevalent everywhere. Many of the heroes of the popular novels have all the sorrow and tragedy that is possible for one to have in this world, and conquer without the help of God or the Saviour. Many of the serial stories in our daily papers are unfit for our children to read. The sacred bonds of matrimony are often made a joke; few of the characters are fit companions for our young people, and yet many associate with them continually.

The Dance
The dance has an unenviable record in the destruction of human character. Because of this, every church has raised its voice against it. In view of the foregoing facts, I have a resolution which I wish this body to adopt:

Whereas, the bad show, the bad picture, bad literature and the dance are causing so much evil in the world;

Therefore, be it resolved, that it is the sense of this body that they are wrong and should be discouraged and prevented in our community when possible.

(This resolution was adopted almost unanimously by the large crowd present.)

TAILOR SHOP MOVED

Johnnie R. Back, tailor, has bought the shop formerly owned by D. A. Herron and has had the Herron location cleaned and decorated for his use. Mr. Back will move his equipment to the new location, where he will have one of the cleanest and most up-to-date shops in this part of the Panhandle. While this leaves only one shop in town, with the equipment Mr. Back has, there will be no delay in handling the work, for this shop is prepared to do all work promptly and in a workmanlike manner.

Elmer Reeves of Alanreed was in the city on business Friday.

Hugh Miller of Heald was in the city on business Friday.

Melvin Davis of Clarendon College spent Sunday with home folks.

Otto Mayfield of Amarillo spent the week end with home folks.

H. Longan of Ramsdell was in the city on business Friday.

BEHOLD



The Secret Adversary

by Agatha Christie

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Like a spider in a web, but more subtle more concealed and more dangerous than humans than the spider to the fly, sits a secret foe plotting for loot, for power and even for the destruction of nations an intelligence as malign as it is clever and efficient. A brilliant mind—the mind of a natural leader, a statesman—turn by deliberate choice to criminal activities and the undoing of social good.

CHAPTER I

The Young Adventurers, Ltd.

"Tommy, old thing!"
"Tuppence, old bean!"
The two young people greeted each other affectionately, and momentarily blocked the Dover Street Tube exit in doing so. The adjective "old" was misleading. Their united ages would certainly not have totaled forty-five. "Not seen you for simply centuries," continued the young man. "Where are you off to? Come and chew a bun with me. We're getting a bit unpopular here—blocking the gangway, as it were. Let's get out of it."
The girl assenting, they started walking down Dover street toward Piccadilly.

"Now, then," said Tommy, "where shall we go?"

The very faint anxiety which underlay his tone did not escape the astute ears of Miss Prudence Cowley, known to her intimate friends for some mysterious reason as "Tuppence." She pounced at once.

"Tommy, you're stony!"
"Not a bit of it," declared Tommy unconvincedly. "Rolling in cash."

"You always were a shocking liar," said Tuppence severely, "though you did once persuade Sister Greenbank that the doctor had ordered you beer as a tonic, but forgotten to write it on the chart. Do you remember?"
Tommy chuckled.

"I should think I did! Wasn't the old cat in a rage when she found out? Not that she was a bad sort really, old Mother Greenbank! Good old hospital—demolished like everything else, I suppose?"

Tuppence sighed. "Yes. Lou too?" Tommy nodded. "Two months ago."

"Spent."

"Oh, Tommy!"
"No, old thing, not in riotous dissipation. No such luck! The cost of living—ordinary plain or garden living—nowadays is, I assure you, if you do not know—"

"My dear child," interrupted Tuppence, "there is nothing I do not know about the cost of living. Here we are at Lyons, and we will each of us pay for our own. That's that!" And Tuppence led the way upstairs.

The place was full, and they wandered about looking for a table, catching odds and ends of conversation as they did so.

"Funny scraps one does overhear," murmured Tommy. "I passed two Johnnies in the street today talking about someone called Jane Finn. Did you ever hear such a name?"

But at that moment two elderly ladies rose and collected parcels, and Tuppence deftly ensconced herself in one of the vacant seats.

Tommy ordered tea and buns. Tuppence ordered tea and buttered toast.

"And mind the tea comes in separate tins," she added severely.

Tommy sat down opposite her. His bare head revealed a shock of exquisitely slicked-back red hair. His face was pleasantly ugly—nondescript, yet unmistakably the face of a gentleman and a sportsman. His brown suit was well cut, but perilously near the end of its tether.

They were an essentially modern-looking couple as they sat there. Tuppence had no claim to beauty; but there was character and charm in the thin lines of her little face, with its determined chin and large, wide-apart gray eyes that looked mistily out from under straight, black brows. She wore a small bright green toque over her black bobbed hair, and her extremely short and rather shabby skirt revealed a pair of uncommonly dainty ankles. Her appearance presented a valiant attempt at smartness.

The tea came at last, and Tuppence, rousing herself from a fit of meditation, poured it out.

"Now, then," said Tommy, taking a large bite of bun, "let's get up-to-date. Remember, I haven't seen you since that time in hospital in 1916."

"Very well," Tuppence helped herself liberally to buttered toast. "Abridged biography of Miss Prudence Cowley, fifth daughter of Archdeacon Cowley of Little Missenden, Suffolk. Miss Cowley left the delights and drudgeries of her home life early in the war and came up to London, where she entered an officers' hospital. First month: Washed up six hundred and forty-eight plates every day. Second month: Promoted to drying aforesaid plates. Third month: Promoted to peeling potatoes. Fourth month: Promoted to cutting bread and butter. Fifth month: Promoted one floor up to duties of wardmaid with mop and pail. Sixth month: Promoted to waiting at table. Seventh month: Pleasing appearance and nice manners so striking that am pre-

motored to waiting on the Sisters! Eighth month: Slight check in career. Sister Bond ate Sister Westhaven's egg! Grand row! Wardmaid clearly to blame! Inattention in such important matters cannot be too highly censured. Mop and pail again! How are the nights fallen! Ninth month: Promoted to sweeping out wards, where I found a friend of my childhood in Lieutenant Thomas Beresford (how Tommy!), whom I had not seen for five long years. The meeting was affecting! Tenth month: Reproved by matron for visiting the pictures in company with one of the patients namely: the aforementioned Lieutenant Thomas Beresford. Eleventh and twelfth months: Parlormaid duties resumed with entire success. At the end of the year left hospital in a blaze of glory. After that, the talented Miss Cowley drove successively a trade delivery van, a motor-lorry and a general. The last was the pleasantest I've forgotten his name now. I next entered a government office. We had several very enjoyable tea parties. I had intended to become a land girl, a postwoman, and a bus conductress by way of rounding off my career—but the armistice intervened. I clung to the office with the true limp touch for many long months, but alas, I was combed out at last. Since then I've been looking for a job. Now, then—your turn."

"There's not so much promotion in mine," said Tommy regretfully, "and a great deal less variety. I went out to France again, as you know. Then they sent me to Mesopotamia, and I got wounded for the second time, and went into hospital out there. Then I got stuck in Egypt till the armistice happened, kicked my heels there some time longer, and finally got demobilized. And, for ten long, weary months I've been job hunting! There aren't any jobs! And, if there were, they wouldn't give 'em to me. What good am I? What do I know about business? Nothing."

Tuppence nodded gloomily.

"What about the colonies?" she suggested.

Tommy shook his head.

"I shouldn't like the colonies—and I'm perfectly certain they wouldn't like me!"

"Rich relations?"

"I've got an old uncle who's more or less rolling, but he's no good."

"Why not?"

"Wanted to adopt me once. I refused."

"I think I remember hearing about it," said Tuppence slowly. "You refused because of your mother—?"

Tommy flushed.

"Yes, it would have been a bit rough on her. As you know, I was all she had. Old boy hated her—wanted to get me away from her. Just a bit of spite."

"Your mother's dead, isn't she?" said Tuppence gently.

Tommy nodded.

Tuppence's large gray eyes looked misty.

"You're a good sort, Tommy. I always knew it."

"Rot!" said Tommy hastily. "Well, that's my position. I'm just about desperate."

"So am I! I've hung out as long as I could. I've touted round. I've answered advertisements. I've tried every mortal blessed thing. I've scrawled and saved and pinched! But it's no good. I shall have to—"

"Don't you want to?"

"Of course I don't want to! What's the good of being sentimental? You see, there are seven of us at home. It's awful! All housework and mothers' meetings! I don't want to go back, but—oh, Tommy, what else is there to do?"

Tommy shook his head sadly. There was a silence, and then Tuppence burst out:

"Money, money, money! I think about money morning, noon and night!"

"Trading Under the Name of The Young Adventurers, Ltd.; Is That Your Idea, Tuppence?"

I dare say it's mercenary of me, but there it is!"

"Same here," agreed Tommy with feeling.

There was a pause.

"Of course," resumed Tuppence. "marriage is my best chance. I made up my mind to marry money when I was quite young. Any thinking girl would! I'm not sentimental, you know." She paused. "Come now, you can't say I'm sentimental," she added sharply.

"Certainly not," agreed Tommy hastily. "No one would ever think of sentiment in connection with you."

"That's not very polite," replied Tuppence. "But I dare say you mean it all right. Well, there it is! I'm ready and willing—but I never meet any rich men! All the boys I know are about as hard up as I am. No marriage is fraught with difficulties. Remains—to make money!"

"We've tried that, and failed," Tommy reminded her.

"We've tried all the orthodox ways, yes. But suppose we try the unorthodox. Tommy, let's be adventurers!"

"Certainly," replied Tommy cheerfully. "How do we begin?"

"That's the difficulty. If we could make ourselves known, people might hire us to commit crimes for them. Look here, Tommy, shall we really? Shall we form a business partnership?"

"Trading under the name of the Young Adventurers, Ltd.? Is that the idea, Tuppence?"

"It's all very well to laugh, but I feel there might be something in it."

"How do you propose to get in touch with your would-be employers?"

"Advertisement," replied Tuppence promptly. "Have you got a bit of paper and a pencil?"

Tommy handed over a rather shabby green notebook, and Tuppence began writing busily.

"Shall we begin: 'Young officer, twice wounded in the war—'"

"Certainly not."

"Oh, very well, my dear boy. But I can assure you that that sort of thing might touch the heart of an elderly spinster, and she might adopt you, and then there would be no need for you to be a young adventurer at all."

"I don't want to be adopted."

"I forgot you had a prejudice against it. Now listen—how's this? Two young adventurers for hire. Willing to do anything, go anywhere. Pay must be good. (We might as well make that clear from the start.) Then we might add: 'No reasonable offer refused'—like fats and furniture. How would that strike you if you read it?"

Tommy was holding the paper thoughtfully. His face burned a deeper red.

"Shall we really try it?" he said at last. "Shall we, Tuppence? Just for the fun of the thing?"

"Tommy, you're a sport! I knew you would be! Let's drink to success." She poured some cold dregs of tea into the two cups.

"Here's to our joint venture, and may it prosper!"

"The Young Adventurers, Ltd.," responded Tommy.

They put down the cups and laughed rather uncertainly. Tuppence rose.

"I must return to my palatial suite at the hotel."

"Perhaps it is time I strolled round to the Ritz," agreed Tommy with a grin. "Where shall we meet? And when?"

"Twelve o'clock tomorrow. Piccadilly Tube station."

The two young people went off in opposite directions. Tuppence's hotel was situated in what was charitably called Southern Belgravia. For reasons of economy she did not take a bus.

and rustled amongst his papers. Finally he pushed them away, and leaned over the desk.

"Now, my dear young lady, let us come to business." His large face broadened into a smile. "You want work? Well, I have work to offer you. What should you say now to \$500 down, and all expenses paid?"

Mr. Whittington leaned back in his chair, and thrust his thumbs into the armholes of his waistcoat.

Tuppence eyed him warily.

"And the nature of the work?" she demanded.

"Nominal—purely nominal. A pleasure trip, that is all."

"Where to?"

"Paris."

"Oh!" said Tuppence thoughtfully. To herself she said: "Of course, if father heard that he would have a fit! But somehow I don't see Mr. Whittington in the role of the gay cavalier."

"Yes," continued Whittington. "What could be more delightful? To put the clock back a few years—very few, I am sure—and re-enter one of those charming pensionnats de jeunes filles with which Paris abounds—"

Tuppence interrupted him.

"A pensionnat?"

"Exactly. Madame Colombier's, the Avenue de Neuilly."

Tuppence knew the name well. Nothing could have been more select. She had had several American friends there. She was more than ever puzzled.

"You want me to go to Madame Colombier's? For how long?"

"That depends. Possibly three months."

"And that is all? There are no other conditions?"

"None whatever. By the way, you are English, are you not?"

"Yes."

"Yet you speak with a slight American accent?"

"My great pal in hospital was a little American girl. I have so picked it up from her. I can soon get out of it again."

"On the contrary, it might be simpler for you to pass as an American. Details about your past life in England might be more difficult to sustain. Yes, I think that would be decidedly better. Then—"

"One moment, Mr. Whittington! You seem to be taking my consent for granted."

(Continued Next Week.)

Dwight Upham was a Clarendon visitor Monday.

The News printed programs for the commencement exercises at the Alansreed High School one day this week.

ATTENTION!

Automobile, Truck and Tractor Owners

Owing to the intense heat under which your motor operates, it is very important that motor oil that will stand the highest temperature without thinning down quickly should be used.

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GOING SECURITY

By Charles Scanlon

I was riding in Central Nebraska with a friend when we passed a farm house much larger than is usual in that country. It was surrounded by trees, had a nice yard well fenced, and a good barn and other outbuildings. The country is comparatively new and such homes are not common in that part of the state. I remarked that it indicated comfort and prosperity. The man with whom I was riding said, "Yes, and that was mine until a short time ago."

I then asked if he had sold it and why. He replied that he had not sold it but lost it by going security for a man who was thought to be well-off and who bore himself in such a superior manner among his neighbors that they rather regarded it as an honor for him to ask a favor of them. He then continued in substance about as follows:

"My wife and myself came out here more than twenty years ago as young people. We had good health, worked hard and economized severely, hoping to give the children, several of whom had come to our home, a better chance than we had had. We owned this home and it was paid for."

"One day I met my neighbor in the road, and in a casual, matter-of-fact way he asked me if I would do him a favor. I inquired what it was, and he said, 'Well, I need some money for a short time to finance a business undertaking and need some one to endorse for me. Of course, I could get others to go on my note, but it is a matter of form that the bank requires two signers, however good the borrower may be.'"

"I had always refused to go security, but he was regarded highly in the community, seemed to have plenty of property and I simply did not have the courage to refuse him, so there in the road I endorsed his note, and when it came due a few months later, the bank notified me that all his property was mortgaged for more than it would bring, or that he had put it out of his hands so that they could not get it. To say that I was thunderstruck, is to state the case mildly. My wife had helped to earn that property and it belonged to her and the children fully as much as to myself, and yet for lack of a little courage and independence, I had given away the home for which we had worked so long, and turned my wife and children out without a roof over their heads. I then built this new little shack up on the hillside, which, as you see, does not even have a foundation under it, and there I am starting life over again when I ought to be having it easy."

"There is nothing but the district school here and our children are old enough and advanced enough to be sent away, but we do not have the money, and they are helping me on the farm which we have bought on credit, when they ought to be in school, and all because I violated my judgment and went security for a man whom all of his neighbors then discovered was a rascal and unworthy of the confidence and respect which he had gained by strutting among us like a peacock and living and dressing as none of us were able to do. He may have played the same game in some other community before he came here, for all I know."

There are business transactions and relations where it is necessary to get the endorsement of some one. For the most part, however, the practice is more custom or a habit than a necessity. If a man has property let him give a mortgage, in other words, go his own security. If he does not have property, which is sometimes true, especially with young men just starting in business, there are trust companies whose business it is to go on bonds, and they do so when the character of the man seeking the loan is an asset. Public officers are often required to give bond, and in recent years more often than formerly, they do so through surety companies.

I am not recommending an absolutely inflexible rule, but I have known of so much disappointment and heartache and hardship growing out of the practice of going security that I do urge earnestly that a man should be as thoughtful and considerate and loyal to his own family as he is to others, and there is no way of doing this if one makes a practice of going security or even does it occasionally, without investigation, as the man in Nebraska did. If he had consulted his own best judgment or conferred with his wife, or examined the records of the county to see how this man stood financially, he might be living in his own home today.

If the man who borrows the money makes by the investment the one who goes security has no share

in the profit. He takes a risk without any possibility of gain, simply because he is asked to do it. Easy security is like having a charge account at one or more stores conveniently located or carrying extra money in one's pocket when it is not needed; it presents a temptation to buy, because we can, not because we need.—Moral Welfare.

OVERHEARD AT AUTO SCHOOL

"What is the most important nut on an auto?"
Answer: "The nut on the seat."

TOO RISKY!

Goodman—"Resist the temptation."
Weakley—"I would, but it may never come again."—London Answers

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Teacher—"Now, children, how old would a person be who was born in 1890?"
Pupils (in chorus)—"Man or woman!"

HOG EFFICIENT FARM ANIMAL

With few exceptions, says the United States Department of Agriculture, there is enough feed wasted on every farm in the country to make the pork and pork products consumed on that farm. The hog is more efficient than other farm animals in making use of the farm by-products. With the hen, the hog will select and utilize the whole-some parts of unsound and unmarketable grains, refuse from truck crops, and by-products from the dairy. This is one reason why hogs are used on such a large proportion of our farms. But the hog's principal article of diet is corn, and the Secretary of Agriculture has remarked that "our hog crop serves as a slow absorber for the variation in production of our corn crop year by year, thus ironing out the irregularities in corn prices."

AVAILABILITY

"How did you get started in politics?"
"The party needed a candidate," replied Senator Sorghum, "just at a time when everybody except me had a job he couldn't afford to leave."—Washington Star.

OUT AT EYEBROWS

"Phyllis looked a perfect fright when she returned from that hunting trip."
"Yes, there was six weeks' growth of eyebrow on her face."—Life.

NOT ENTIRELY ARTIFICIAL

"I was deceived in you," complained the husband. "Your teeth are hand-made, your complexion is artificial and your hair is another's. Are you wholly artificial?"
"No, not wholly," she replied. "I have a mind of my own, as you very well know."
And he was forced to admit the bitter truth of her statement.—Boston Transcript.

BEATING TRAIN TO CROSSING

Approximately 3,000 automobiles were struck by trains at grade crossings during 1922, killing some 2,000 persons and disfiguring about 3,000 others. The driver of each of these cars figured he could beat the engine to the crossing.

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

J. F. Heasley made a business trip to Lefors Wednesday.

TURN ME OVER



REAL BUILDERS

Last year approximately \$1,400,000,000 was spent in the United States on home construction. It is not possible to state how much of this represents new home ownership, but it is safe to say that this of practical thrift work represented an investment running far into the millions.

In 1920 there were 25,000,000 families in the United States, 11,400,000 of which owned their own homes. Since that time there has been a large increase throughout the country in permits issued for the construction of one-family houses.

Slowly, perhaps, but surely, we are becoming a nation of home owners, and no development in our national life could be so significant of right thinking and right acting upon the part of the people.

There is every indication at this time that a tremendous amount of home building will continue during the year. Very large gains in building permits are being reported in communities where the percentage of home ownership is already large. Now is a good time for those who are not home owners to begin thinking about this matter. There are organizations or institutions in almost every community that will cooperate with those who desire to become the possessor of homes of their own, and, in a broad way, it can be stated that any wage earner in the country who honestly desires to join the ranks of the home owners can secure practical encouragement.

It is, of course, not possible or perhaps advisable in every case. In the congestion of our large cities, it may not prove to be good thrift. But generally speaking, it is universally advisable, and when a man becomes owner of his own home he has laid the corner stone of a happy and successful family life. He has the best tangible evidence of the value of saving. His thrift habits continue even after the home has been paid for. His children grow up in an atmosphere of prudent habits. They become potential home builders and home owners. The work of thrift thus having been started goes on multiplying its blessings in this generation and in generations to come.

Let us have more and more home owners in America.

THE WAY OF A MAN

"My husband is so queer."
"Why so?"
"When he's out with the boys he tells me that he can't be the first one to break up the party, but when he goes to a dance with me he is always the first one to want to go home."

Mrs. T. J. Roby, Bryan, Albert, Miss Annie Belle, Lennie and W. A. Roby and Misses Ruby and Pearl Johnson were Clarendon visitors Saturday.

M. H. Kinard of Gracey was in town Monday on business.

Mesdames J. K. Crews and R. E. Willis were shopping in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Russell and children left Sunday for Memphis to visit her parents.

Mrs. Jim Bird and babies left Friday night for Holiday to join her husband.

We have plenty of ice on hand. Buy ice with your next meat and grocery order. The City Market. 1c

H. B. Lovett of Pampa was in McLean on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Roy Bird left Friday for Holiday to join her husband.

W. J. Keasler left Saturday for Stockton, Calif., to accept a position with the S. P. Railway Co.

SILENT SPEAKING

The man stood in the hotel lobby searching the telephone directory for a number. A man had been in one of the phone booths for several minutes, and, although he held the receiver attentively to his ear, he was not observed to make use of the mouthpiece. The patience of the operator at last exhausted, she turned to the door of the booth and rapped on the glass. When he had opened the door she politely inquired, "Are you speaking to anyone?"

"Yes," sadly replied the silent one. "I'm speaking to my wife."

WATCH THAT DIDN'T VARY

"Henry," said Mrs. Gloomip, at dinner, looking down at her watch, but speaking to Mr. Gloomip on the other side of the table, "my watch hasn't varied a second in a week."
"Remarkable!" said Mr. Gloomip, "how did you get it to vary so little?"
"I broke the mainspring."

BUSINESS SUICIDE

Jerry Hogan says: "Do not for a moment think that when you cut out printer's ink you're saving money on the side. 'Tis merely business suicide."

G. R. Scott of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Monday.

AZTEC GIRL FIRST FLAPPER

Archaeologists, ethnologists, biologists, anthropologists and all of the other "ologists" have been bending every effort to find out the scientific origin of the genus "flapper" and at last they have traced her to her source, says the New York Sun. You may imagine the troubles that confronted them.

At first they thought that it might be Cleopatra, but upon investigation it was decided that it could not possibly be she, as history says that upon the death of her favorite "finale hopper," Mark Anthony, she committed suicide, thus proving that she had a heart after all, and it was impossible to call her a flapper, as flappers are notoriously heartless.

The graybeards kept at work, nevertheless, and at last their search was rewarded. The true original flapper was found in the person of Chachibenenetzin, daughter of the Mexican king, Axaiacatzin. This lady fitted the case exactly, for the records of the Aztec court described her as a vamp par excellence, plainly without heart, and yet withal one of the most accomplished petters in the wide realm of Anahuac. It is said of her that, finding that she had an unlimited field in which to eat cake, drink cold "tea" and pet the boys, she immediately started out to get a collection of momentos. Her methods were unique. After she had thoroughly vamped a likely looking finale hopper and petted him as long as the novelty lasted, she had her servants kill the poor fellow and make a statue that she could keep in her apartment.

From the subsequent history, it appears that she finally acquired such a collection that she was on the point of having to sleep in the streets to make room for her statues, when she got her dates mixed and had three of the candidates for

winding sheets in on '88 evening, with the result that the boys got wise, as did also the paterfamilias, and, manlike, they "snuffed her out."

A STRONG VOICE

Gupp—"Do you believe Mars is trying to talk with us?"

Thompson—"If they do start talking, I'll bet my wife will be able to answer them back."

SCIENTIFIC SALESMANSHIP

Manager—"Why did that customer leave without buying?"

Saleswoman—"We didn't have what she wanted."

Manager—"You are not supposed to sell them what they want. Sell them what we have."

SUSPENDED PAYMENT

Ex-stenographer—"I made the mistake of my life when I married my employer."

Sympathetic Friend—"How's that?"

Ex-stenog—"Before we were married he used to pay me \$30 a week, and now he doesn't even pay me compliments."

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

New Student at Basketball Game (referee calls a foul)—"But where are the feathers?"

Smart Friend—"You goose, don't you know? This is a picked team."

Mrs. Pete Fulbright of Alanreed spent the week end with home folks.

Mesdames J. H. Crabtree, Susie Mae Redwine and Roy Campbell and Miss Gertrude Wingo were Alanreed visitors Sunday.

Alex Chapman of Alanreed was in the city on business Saturday.

The SECRET ADVERSARY by Agatha Christie



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We Thank You

We wish to thank our friends who assisted us Monday night when our warehouse and contents were destroyed by fire. While our loss will be heavy, we would have lost more had it not been for your help.

The loss naturally destroyed merchandise that we sell every day, but we expect a complete stock in a few days to take the place of the loss. When in need of anything in our line we will appreciate a chance to figure on your bill.

Remember the price is what counts, and if you are not trading with us, you might be missing something.

Haynes Grocery Company

We Make the Price—Others try to Follow

IN THIS thoroughly exciting and charming tale of mystery, adventure and love, the game, with the reader, is to try and guess the identity of the arr-criminal, the mysterious "Mr. Brown." He is so vague that he seems to be merely an intelligence without bodily substance. He is the brains of an international band of crooks but his movements are so shadowy that none of his fellow conspirators knows who he is, where he lives or would be able to recognize him upon meeting. At times you will think you have discovered him; at times the author seems almost to reveal him. In the end you are likely to find that the real "Mr. Brown" is a decided surprise to you. It is an interesting game and a remarkably interesting story.

Read This Fascinating Novel as a Serial in

The McLean News

EXTENDING A POLICY
"It is becoming more expensive every day to run an automobile."
"Yes," replied Mr. Chuggins, "some of us motorists won't be able to keep going unless the government comes to the rescue the same as they did for the railroads."

Floyd Phillips and Miss Gertrude Wingo attended the play at Alanreed Wednesday night.

W. N. Jones went to Amarillo Tuesday on business.

Miss Dorothy Tomlinson of Shamrock is visiting Miss Flossie Jordan.

Just received a car of ice. Phone us your ice orders. The City Market. 1c.

S. J. N. Chunn of Clarendon was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Henry left Thursday for their home at Houston.

WHY HE LEFT THE FARM
"Why did you leave the farm, my lad?"
"Why did you bolt and leave your dad?"
"Why did you beat it off to town And turn your poor old father down?"
"I left my dad, his farm, his plow, Because my calf became his cow; I left my dad—'twas wrong, of course—
Because my colt became his horse. I left my dad to sow and reap
Because my lamb became his sheep; I dropped the hoe and stuck the fork,
Because my pig became his pork. The garden truck I made to grow Was his to sell, but mine to hoe."
—Exchange.

Gerald Dickens and Fred Bentley were Alanreed visitors Wednesday.

D. N. Massay left Tuesday for Pueblo, Colo., on business.

Mrs. J. F. Faulkner returned Wednesday from New Castle.

WHY THEY DO IT
A salesman was showing an elderly lady the virtues of the car he sells. He made a number of turns and at the proper times extended his arm as a turning signal. The old lady watched the proceedings for some time. Then she craned her neck and looked at the sky.
"Mister," she said sternly, tapping him on the shoulder, "you just tend to your driving! It don't look like rain, but if it should, I'll let you know!"

MAN'S HOME WOMAN
"I don't mind being a 'home woman' most of the time," said the young wife to the Woman, "but I do resent it when I'm traveling with my husband and the train stops for some unknown reason and my husband puts on his cap and goes forth to see what has happened, and of course expects me to sit still, and when he returns expects that I'll not even want to know what has happened. Woman's place is in the home, all right, but keeping her

place in the seat of a train when there is excitement around is a little too much."—Chicago Journal.

A COMMON TROUBLE
"I got a letter from my husband from Paris."
"How is he getting along with the French people?"
"He says they are very nice and polite, but they don't seem to understand their own language."

NO LAUGHING MATTER
You laugh at prohibition laws; the libertine laughs at the marriage laws; the anarchist laughs at the property laws—watch out that your son does not laugh at all laws. Let's quit laughing at any laws!

Giles Phillips and Byrd Guill were Groom visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Paul Boyd of Alanreed came in Thursday to join her husband.

Wants

SWEET POTATO slips. Between 400 and 500 bushels of choice, high grade Nancy Hall seed bedded. This seed was O. K'd by State potato specialist free from disease. Will have plenty of slips to supply the demand. Price right. T. J. Coffey. 19-4c

PASTURE—Will pasture horses and mules by month, 3 miles east of town. I. X. Kachelhoffer. 18-3p

WANTED—Plain or fancy sewing. Prices reasonable. Mrs. R. F. Sanders, Phone 73. 17-4p.

SERVICE from my registered Jersey bull has been reduced from \$5.00 to \$2.50 for the rest of the season. S. R. Jones. 1p

FOUND—Side curtain for Ford roadster. Owner can have same by paying for this notice. It

WE WILL PAY 17c for hens that weight 4 pounds each this week. Searcy Produce Co. 1c

HOUSEHOLD GOODS for sale. Mrs. S. E. Boyett. 1c

RUSHING THE JOB
"So you are having your house redecorated. How are you getting along?"
"Fine; the painters and paper-hangers worked a full day last week."

SHE WAS MODEST
Ebb—"Why don't you wear calico any more?"
Flo—"Oh, I just hate to see myself in print."

Mrs. John Scott and John Doran returned to Childress Wednesday after a visit with relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. Carl Overton and little daughter, Anna Catherine, and little James Emmett Cooke.

READ THE ADS

Why Business "Freezes Up"

Many men in business do not know

Generally speaking, business has this unbusinesslike habit: When everybody's on a buying "jag," business breaks its back to supply demand. **It buys, hires, builds and borrows.** It expands enormously. Under such conditions, business employs every means that it recognizes to increase output and sales. **And it advertises its head off to a public that needs no buying urge.** Let buying falter, and what does business do?

First—It curtails advertising.

Third—It further curtails advertising.

Fifth—It still further curtails advertising.

Seventh—It STOPS ADVERTISING.

Second—It curtails production.

Fourth—It hacks at "overhead."

Sixth—It hacks again at "overhead."

Then—It tries to explain the situation to the bank.

In other words, when times are good it pours oil—**advertising**—on the already well-oiled selling machinery in an endless stream.

When times are **bad** it uses an advertising squirt-can and wonders why the bearings "freeze!"

People are not much interested in advertising when their pockets are bulging with money to be spent, spent, spent.

But they are **intensely interested in advertising** when what they spend must be carefully spent. Then they buy what they can **afford** and they know advertising tells them where to find it.

Some day, not now, perhaps, but some day, business will learn to **conserve its advertising energy when business is flourishing** so that it may expend it lavishly to **stimulate** business when it lags.

Now's the time to spend it lavishly. Those who are doing it—and some actually are—feel the depression less than the ones who have cut down **expenses** by cutting down **advertising.**

You can advertise to nearly all the people in this territory by using The McLean News, every subscriber paid in advance.

News From Heald

Special Correspondent.
G. L. Armstrong, G. R. Reneau, O. Clark, C. H. Harbison and S. Parker made a business trip to Shamrock Tuesday of last week.
J. A. Haynes, W. P. Rogers, A. P. Lippy and Kid McCoy made a business trip to Shamrock Tuesday of last week.
Misses Lennie and Lettie Flowers were visitors in the Brock home Friday.
Misses Ada and Beulah Parker were visitors in the Harbison home Saturday afternoon.
Those who attended the League rally at Shamrock Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Nida Green, Miss Clara Reneau, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hinton and Paul Stauffer.
Misses Texola Harlan, Thelma Scifres, Winnie and Willie Bailey; Messrs. Frank Harlan, Bill Bailey and Calvin Scifres were visitors in the Dougherty home Sunday afternoon.
Miss Lucile Harlan spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Ada and Beulah Parker.
The Mother's Day program given by the League Sunday evening was enjoyed by all who attended.
The Heald Baseball Club played at Shamrock Saturday afternoon. The score was 14 to 7 in favor of Heald.

News From Gracey

Special Correspondent.
Miss Laura Gilmore visited in the Ware home Friday.
Miss Nellie Carwile and brother, Casser, made a business trip to McLean Saturday.
Emette Fondren made a business trip to McLean Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Robinson spent Saturday and Sunday with their children at McLean.
The young people enjoyed a singing at the Bush home Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Houston Belew visited in the Bush home Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lakey and children of Back visited in the B. D. Fondren home Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bush visited their daughter, Mrs. Bill Webb, Tuesday night.
There will be a pie supper at the school house the night of Friday, May 25th. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Sunday school. You are invited to attend.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Song.
Scripture lesson, Phillipians 2—Jewell Turner.
Leader—Ben Howard.
Robert Raikes—Versie Savage.
William Fox—Merle Young.
Mr. Fox Meets Mr. Raikes—James William Brodie Gurney—Fern Abbott.
B. F. Jacobs—Elizabeth Bird.
Three Other Stars—Mildred Landers.
Our Own Sunday School Board—Harold Clement.
Special music—Floye Landers.
W. R. Upham left Sunday for Amarillo to attend the Panhandle Hardware Convention.

DON'T

let your eyes undermine your health. Come have them tested.

John B. Vannoy
Optometrist and Jeweler

REAL DRAY SERVICE

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

KUNKEL BROS

ORDINANCE NO. 29

An ordinance prohibiting the breaking of street lights, light meters, electric wires, electric insulators, disturbing or damaging any city property in any way, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF McLEAN.

Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to break any street light, water meter glass, light meter or to damage or destroy any city property in any way.

Sec. 2. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the above section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of \$25.00.

Passed under suspension of the constitutional rule requiring all ordinances to be read at three meetings, and shall become effective after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed this the 24th day of April, A. D. 1923.

Approved this the 24th day of April, A. D. 1923.

T. A. LANDERS, Mayor.

A. A. LEDBETTER, Secretary.

News From Back

By Special Correspondent.
Messdames J. M. Noel, C. S. Rice and A. Stanfield of McLean and Harold Rippey of Springfield, Colo., visited Mrs. C. M. Carpenter last Wednesday.
John Allston of Gracey and Bill Tetter of Heald spent the week end with Clyde Holloway.
Day Holloway visited his brother, Clyde, last week.
Misses Birdie and Loretta Norman visited friends in Hedley Sunday.
A good attendance was at Sunday school Sunday. This was the first Sunday, and we hope to have more next Sunday.
Bailey Lakey and family visited in the Gracey community Sunday.
R. L. Appling and family of McLean visited in the Jesse Cobb home Sunday.
R. H. Corum and family were visitors in the Jesse Cobb home Sunday.
Misses Catherine Corum, Lola and Bessie Back visited Miss Vida Colebank Sunday.
Singing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cobb Sunday was well attended and enjoyed by all present.
Albert Lee of Gracey was a visitor in the Henry Pough home last week.

ADVERTISING

Once in a while a business man will say, "It's no use to advertise, the folks just haven't got any money." If that business man would take the trouble to investigate the parcel post and express shipments into his town he would realize that the folks have a little kale all the time. There are not many, no matter how good their financial standing, who can buy on credit at a mail

order house.—Tom Bean Times.

It is worth while to advertise whenever it is worth while to stay in business. The idea that there is no money between crop seasons is unsound. It is untrue, indeed. There is always money in circulation, always deposits in banks, always credit to be had by those who have a good record as paymasters. The store that stops its advertising on the theory that there is no business to be had is only contributing to the condition it thinks is in being. Good business depends on an all-year activity, with constant turnover of goods and salaries and wages. Advertising conduces to such turnover. A stream that overflows in the spring and then stays dry all summer is a poor watercourse to live by. The same with a store that is crowded with customers two or three months in the year and then subsides into cobwebs and fly tracks for the rest of the year. Advertising, when distributed throughout the year, tends to distribute business the same way. Advertising makes business because it suggests their own needs to readers. The more a people need the more they buy, the more they buy the more they produce, and the more they produce the busier they are. Finally, the busier they are the better off they are.—State Press in Dallas News.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ORDER OF SALE—ESTATES

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray county—GREETING:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the county of Gray, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of twenty days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ORDER OF SALE—ESTATES THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To all persons interested in the Estate of M. S. Thompson, deceased, B. E. Finley has filed in the County Court of Gray county, an application for an order to sell the following property of said Estate, to-wit:
All of Survey No. 99 and the North one-half of Survey 118, in

McLean Filling Station

Oils, Gas and Accessories
C. W. GINN, Mgr.

Hill & Ledbetter
Attorneys at Law
McLean, Texas

"At the Age of Sixty-Five"

At the age of sixty-five, 97 per cent of all men are dependent financially.

WHY?

There are thousands of reasons, of course. In some cases it was perhaps not looking before taking the leap, and in others it was because of never taking the leap at all, either of which were fatal.

In any event, the American National Bank can and will render you efficient and practical service, if you desire to be counted among the successful 3 per cent.

What is your pleasure?

The American National Bank

SEE OUR WINDOW OF DRESSES

Frank Wofford

McLean, Texas

A GLASS FREE WITH EVERY \$1 PURCHASE

NOTICE TO STOCK OWNERS

It is against the law for stock of any kind to run at large in Justice precinct No. 5, Gray county. Complaints are being made to my office that this law is being violated. You are hereby notified to keep your stock up or suffer the penalty of the law.

JOHNNIE R. BACK,
Deputy Sheriff.

F. A. Scribner left Saturday for Stratford.

J. G. Walker is a new reader of The News.

Jack Steger was a Groom visitor Sunday.

BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

Notice is given to all property owners that a permit must be obtained from the Mayor before any building may be erected within the city limits. This applies to buildings of all kinds. There is no charge for the permit, but it must be obtained before the building is erected.

City of McLean, Texas.

S. J. N. Chunn left Sunday for his home at Clarendon.

W. B. Upham went to Clarendon Saturday on business.

Rev. J. S. Huckabee and Norman Johnston attended the Epworth League rally at Shamrock Sunday.

Courtesy of
Dinsmore W. Hume—

—Safely saved money is the money that talks. It speaks a language that commands comfortable homes to raise on vacant lots. It argues failures down, and calls fortune to its own door.

—Its words sooth in the days of misfortune and distress. It orders opportunities forth, and summons the wherewithal for successful undertaking.

—The language of safely saved money wisely invested is a universally understood and respected tongue.

—Save and succeed.

—Safe —Sincere —Serviceable

SUMMER OUTDOORING



Plain skirts, side or box plaited, in white, tan, gray or beige, worn with blouses of gay printed silks or chafes, make charming wear for all sorts of informal summer gatherings. The blouses provide beautiful color notes and the skirts are trim and comfortable. The costume pictured reveals the season's foremost style features.

At

WOFFORDS

Saturday you will find merchandise especially priced for this day only. From now on we are going to try to give you a few bargains each Saturday. Read this ad then come and inspect our merchandise. You won't be disappointed.

LADIES' SILK HOSE

\$1.29

A silk hose that is worth much more than we are asking, and especially priced for Saturday—

\$1.29

Colors—Black, tan, gray.

A similar hose, not hardly so good, but a good one at 98c.

LADIES' SLIPPERS

75c

These slippers are not right up-to-the-minute in style and we both know it, but they will give service, and we are closing them out at this ridiculously low price—

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- Powder Puff.....15c
- Talc Powder.....25c
- Shoe Laces, 6 pr. for.....25c
- Face Chamois.....25c
- Dyanshine, black only.....35c
- Dress Pins, 6 papers for.....25c
- Lead Pencils, 6 for.....25c
- Men's white Handkerchiefs, 6 for.....25c
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- Sewing Thread, 6 spools.....25c
- Wire Hair Pins, per pkg.....10c
- Safety Pins, 6 cards.....25c
- Dental Cream.....25c
- Child's Tooth Brush.....25c
- Ladies' white Handkerchiefs, 6 for.....25c

AMERICANISM AND AMERICANS

We Americans are a liberty-loving gang, and we don't like to take orders from anyone; we don't like to be told what we may or may not do, and if someone says we must not do some certain thing, then straightway we have a strong desire to do just that.

Not only do a lot of us feel that way, but we even have a tendency to boast about it, and are a little inclined to feel that we are not quite American unless we do feel thus, and so we talk a great deal more about these independent feelings of ours than they really warrant.

In the first place these so-called traits of independence are not particularly desirable or laudable, neither are they traits by which true Americanism can be distinguished. They are rather deplorable signs that we have not quite grown away from our frontier habits and are signs of waywardness rather than virtues.

True Americanism cannot countenance lawbreaking in any form, and when it takes on some of the forms now quite rampant all about us, it not only is not Americanism, but is even worse and becomes wholly non-American and sometimes criminally so.

Not long ago a Congregational preacher, at a convention in Chicago, is reported to have said that when "the law commanded him not to drink he felt like taking a flask of whiskey and drinking it on his church steps," or words to the same effect. The newspapers made great scareheads about this statement and played it up as if it were a wise and timely utterance by a great man, instead of branding it as a gross insult to all decent Congregationalists and other good people, which is what it was.

Any man who will make such a statement is not fit to be a preacher and it should not be tolerated in any decent community, for to subscribe to such a doctrine means to repudiate all law. What difference does it make whether the law says, "thou shalt not steal," or "thou shalt not commit adultery," or "thou shalt not drink whiskey?"

Even the preacher referred to will not say we should have no restrictive laws governing our general conduct. If that is true, then why dish up the drivel about our personal liberties, etc., when the 18th amendment is under discussion.

Even so, we could perhaps be excused for having a few individuals among us who don't know any better than to make such statements but we can hardly be excused for having a general tendency to publicly damn any existing laws and boast about it. That cannot be what we understand by Americanism, although it is a trait that has been quite common in America.

Our newspapers have a great responsibility and to a very large extent they are to blame for much of this undesirable publicity given statements made by irresponsible individuals. The handling of news items about bootleg raids and the finding of stills, etc., can either convey the impression of sympathy with or disgust over the bootlegger without any definite statement either way.

The newspapers offer the alibi that they supply the kind of news wanted by the bulk of their readers, but that, too, is only an alibi, and that, too, is a non-American statement, for it practically charges the majority of Americans with a desire for news of lawlessness.

Let us realize that the man who carries hip liquor is as definitely a law-breaker as the thief, and that he is even more dangerous and destructive; let us take a definite stand against him and soon this will become a form of amusement that is not tolerated in decent society anywhere.

Let us remember that the ideals of true Americanism are the ideals of true manhood and womanhood and that these ideals embrace all that is good, sweet, brave, bold and clean, but there is no room for intemperance, drunkenness or licentiousness.—The Linograph.

Paul Machina returned Wednesday from Chicago.

J. A. Haynes of Heald was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Judson and George Johnson, Ross Cunningham and Misses Ada Lee and Ruby Johnson attended the play at Alanreed Tuesday night.

Will have plenty of Nancy Hall sweet potato slips from choice, high grade seed, O. K.'d by State potato specialist free from diseases. T. J. Coffey. 19-4c

We have a carload of ice in stock. Order ice with your meats and groceries. The City Market. 1c

ORDINANCE NO. 30

An ordinance prohibiting cars, wagons and other vehicles running upon, over and across fire hose while the same is in use, or while same is stretched out to dry, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF McLEAN.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive or cause to be driven, any car, wagon or any other vehicle, upon, over or across the city fire hose while the same is being used to extinguish a fire, or while the same is stretched out to be dried.

2. Any person or persons who shall violate the above paragraph of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not less than five dollars and not more than twenty-five dollars, but nothing herein shall bar the city from suing any person or persons for damages for injuries to said hose should the same be damaged.

The fact that the city has no law prohibiting the fire hose from being run over, creates an emergency and a public necessity that the rule requiring ordinances to be read at three separate meetings before their final passage, be and the same is hereby suspended, and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication and it is so ordained.

Passed this the 11th day of May, A. D. 1923.

Approved this the 11th day of May, A. D. 1923.

T. A. LANDERS, Mayor.

A. A. LEDBETTER, Secretary.

HOME-MADE ENTERTAINMENT

By Wm. A. McKeever, LL. D. In attempting to direct the social life of the community, it is always highly preferable to use home talent for practically all the forms of public entertainment. To produce its own amateur bands, orchestras, athletic teams, dramatic clubs and performers in an individual capacity is worth ten times more to any community than to hire professional entertainers.

The training of the young as amateur entertainers is an interesting phase of education, is highly enjoyed by the young learners themselves, is a possible means of a great deal of moral direction, and contributes much to the solidarity of the local neighborhood concerned. Indeed, the public school curriculum of this country is slowly taking form as to admit of definite elective studies in all such lines of practice as those above implied. Every normal school child has some kind of entertainment capacity and that should be used occasionally as a service to the public. If he can sing, run, play ball, draw pictures, give readings, blow a horn, whistle a tune, or anything on the long list, he should be counted as a possible entertainer.

"Give the People What They Want" "Give the people what they want" is a phrase made popular by those who have something to sell by way of entertainment, and they proceed to make the people want their own cheap goods. "Give the people what they want," but train them to want the higher forms of social entertainment; this is the model which should inspire every form of social effort. Lemonade may not taste better than whiskey to some depraved appetites, but it proves better in the end as a thirst slaker for the common population. It is especially what the young people need, and what they may learn to be exceedingly fond of—that is the right idea for the director of the Juvenile population. Wherefore, crude, impromptu, home entertainment for the young is far better than the professional, high priced jazz amusement program with which the public market is now flooded. The professional entertainment bus-

ness is now the bane of our growing civilization. We shall never be able to restore juvenile morals to what they once were in this country until we destroy the demoralizing jazz products, root and branch.

The rural districts, as well as the village or the city, may proceed to create its own system of amateur entertainments. The principal or teacher within the public school may simply take down the calendar, run over the long list of possible arrangements and select something that is available and fitting. Boards of education should place the responsibility of training pupils as amateur entertainers above the course usually offered in the traditional book subjects. We are confronted with an emergency. The social life of young America is, at a crisis. Something of a general nature of martial law is now justifiable. There should be created in every school district a most able committee, available for providing the public entertainment programs. This committee should look at once into the possibilities of amateur musical, dramatic and athletic entertainments and should get these into form at the earliest convenient moment.

In course of the arrangements for amateur entertainments, a few very important matters should be kept in mind. First, the committee should think of their work, not as furnishing mere fun and amusement, but as supplying a deep human need as well as an urgent social demand. Thus, their work will at once take on resemblance of both necessity and dignity. Second, let the committee seek to enlist the maximum number of the local children and young people in their entertainment programs. In proportion as they accomplish this purpose, they may expect to have a larger moral support and a reasonable financial backing from the people of the home community.

Since public programs require considerable expertness and serious thought for their preparation, let it be assumed that their management must be taken over by some one who possess both time and interest in the matter. The public entertainment necessary to meet the demands of a healthy citizenship will not happen as a mere incident or take care of itself in any sense of the word. Give all this a place in the most substantial part of the school curriculum and splendid results you will most certainly obtain.—Moral Welfare.

WORK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF

"You are no gentleman," she wrote, "if you think I said such a thing as she said you said I had said."

"Dear girl," he answered, "you must not think I think you think you must be the kind of a girl I think you must be if you said such a thing as you said she said you had said."

It seems that he knew she knew she had said just what she said she heard her friend had heard him say he had heard her say, but with intuitive feminine tact she accepted the apology.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Thompson of Slavonia were shopping in the city Wednesday.

MICKIE SAYS—

"I'M JEST DOIN' THIS TO ATTRACT YER ATTENTION, BUT TO ATTRACT ATTENTION TO YER BUSINESS, YA KIN GIV BETTER RESULTS BY RUNNIN' AN AD IN OUR FAMOUS COLUMNS"



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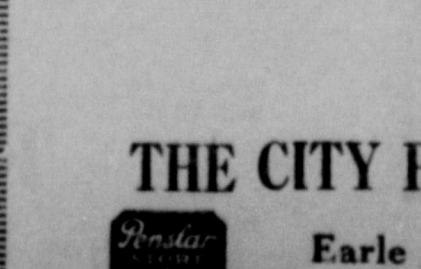
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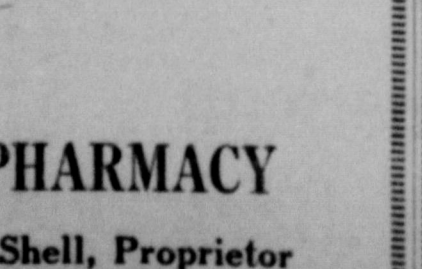
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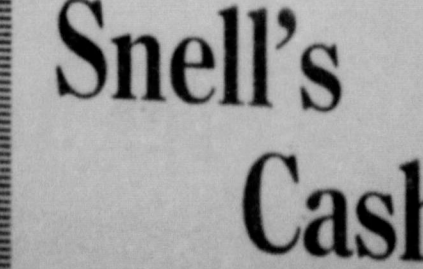
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SUCCESS

SUCCESS is not merely the getting of great worldly wealth. That a man is a success, in our opinion, who at all times is intelligently and efficiently striving to develop all the best sides of his nature; who is acquiring enough worldly goods to live contentedly in the social sphere he prefers; who, furthering his interests, give full value and more for all he gets; who has the love and respect of his home and community; who lends a helping hand, and whose life makes the world better for his having lived in it.—Golden Rule

Misses Frankie Mae Upham, Inez Shaw, Ruby and Mary Anderson and Sinclair Rice attended the Epworth League rally at Shamrock Sunday.

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DR. J. A. HALL
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