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Chick Hatchery Is Endorsed by C. of C. Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the McLean Chamber of Commerce was held Monday night with C. C. Bogan presiding as president pro tempore.

Secretary E. J. Lander read a communication from K. L. Craig of Duke, Okla., asking for information as to the advisability of a location for a grocery store in McLean. The writer stated that he passed through McLean a few weeks ago and was very favorably impressed with our town and community.

The following bills were read: Greer-Smith Lumber Co. \$55.55, City of McLean \$5, The McLean News \$90, Shell's Pharmacy \$18.50, R. R. Brannon \$6, C. S. Rice \$30, McLean Bakery \$1.85, Birwin Drug Co. \$3.81, H. Palmer \$7.25, E. E. Dishman \$16.30, T. J. Coffey & Co. \$2.

The telephone committee reported that the new manager of the Telephone Company would be here about the 20th of this month and an agreement had been reached to wait until he arrived to put on the new rate, and that plans might be worked out whereby 24 hour service can be maintained.

The road committee reported the north road repaired and people satisfied with the condition of the roads generally.

The fair committee made no report and it was urged that they report as soon as possible in order that the amusement features for next year's fair be secured in time to insure clean entertainment and avoid the criticism engendered by allowing carnivals at our fair.

The entertainment committee reported no progress made and O. G. Stokely was appointed to the committee, taking the place of Rev. W. C. Garrett, who has moved to Amarillo.

The sidewalk committee reported some progress made. Most of the citizens affected are willing to put in walks if certain conditions are met.

The committee to revise the constitution and by-laws made no report and was granted further time.

C. H. Harbison stated that he was willing to put in a chick hatchery of 12,000 egg capacity in McLean, provided he has the proper co-operation. An incubator of this capacity would cost about \$2,000 to install and Mr. Harbison feels that \$30,000 chicks could be placed in our community the first season.

M. D. Bentley said he was the first man to ship poultry from McLean and he had seen the business grow from shipping two coops a week to from \$12,000 to \$4,000 worth in carload lots, as it is at the present time.

C. C. Cook recalled the time when eggs brought 5 cents per dozen and chickens 15 cents each.

C. C. Bogan told of a number of farmers who make regular bi-weekly trips to market with poultry and produce with incomes from such sources from \$40 to \$50 per week. In this speaker's opinion a commercial hatchery would mean a great deal to our community.

P. E. McMeans told of mortgages being given on chickens in Canadian last year, farmers using chickens as collateral to borrow money the same as other farm stock.

F. H. Bourland spoke of the natural advantages we enjoy as a poultry raising community and stated that commercial hatcheries were universally successful in the Panhandle.

T. J. Coffey suggested a committee to assist President W. S. White in taking the necessary steps to secure a hatchery here. T. J. Coffey and F. H. Bourland were appointed.

Rev. J. L. Joyner stated that one of our greatest needs is to influence land owners to cut up their holdings into small farms, saying that he knows many farmers who would like to come here if they could buy in small tracts. This speaker humorously remarked that about two-thirds of the farms in the Panhandle look like the goose that was set on 40 eggs and told to spread herself, many of them looking like a widow woman's farm whose owner had been sick all the year.

M. D. Bentley spoke in favor of small farms.

F. H. Bourland said that most land owners were coming to realize

In the Danger Zone



FORTUNE TELLER CAUSES TROUBLE

Several McLean people had their fortunes told at the fair last month and seemed to get a kick out of it, while last summer a sermon was preached in one of the churches in the town, in which the preacher stated that fortune telling was the work of the devil.

This would indicate a diversity of opinion on this subject, but there is a case mentioned on page two of this issue of The News where a Gypsy fortune teller caused a lot of trouble because she got mad and predicted some happenings that almost became true.

This is a story of people we meet every day and is full of action, humor, romance and mystery. It is short, it will only run a few issues, and you will enjoy every minute of it.

George Barr McCutcheon is one of the most popular of present day authors, and Oliver October is one of his latest and most delightful stories.

The publication rights to this story cost us a considerable sum of money, and we urge our readers to begin reading the story today; it is too good to miss.

The first chapter of the story and a sketch of the author is printed on page two of this issue of The News.

that their land is entirely too valuable to use for grazing purposes any longer.

C. C. Bogan stated that most of the larger holdings are under loans and that the land could not be cut up until such loans are paid in full. However, land owners are waking up to the fact that something must be done in the matter.

C. H. Harbison gave some instances coming under his personal observation in which good livings were made on small farms.

D. E. Dean asked that the school supervisor's report on the condition of the McLean school, printed in this issue of The McLean News, be read and studied by every citizen. The speaker stated that the school is one of the most important of the community's interests and that the school superintendent is just as important as any preacher in town and it takes just as big a man to fill the superintendent's place as it does a preacher's. The right kind of a school is one thing that we cannot afford to be without, and we can have such a school if we make up our minds to have it.

C. S. Rice stated that in an essay writing contest at the West Texas State Teachers College, three former McLean students were among the four winners.

P. E. McMeans reported as to our success with exhibits at the Amarillo and Dallas fairs, and after giving a condensed statement of the facts published in last week's issue of The McLean News, he stated that we won \$429 in prizes.

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SCHOOL GIRL VICTIM CAR DRIVER WED.

Oma Lee Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Abbott, who live west of town, was a victim of a car driver, it is alleged, Wednesday evening.

The little girl rides horseback to school and the horse had gotten loose and started home. We are told Oma Lee was walking toward home across the railroad land southwest of town when she said a man in a big roadster stopped and asked her to ride. When she refused, the man threw a sack over her head and started on the old "North" road toward Alameed.

On the failure of the girl to return home, parents and friends scoured the country hunting for her, and at about 1:30 in the morning she came running home. According to her story, she became conscious about 1 o'clock, finding herself near the Jordan farm about a mile from home.

She was able to give a good description of the man and a suspect was arrested at Amarillo, who drove into that city about 10 p. m. The girl was accosted about 5 p. m. Sheriff Graves took the girl and her father to Amarillo today to identify the suspect.

A QUIET HALLOWEEN

Halloween was one of the quietest ever experienced here. No property damage was reported, and very little roughness of any kind was in evidence.

Four small boys were seen to push over an outhouse, but they seemed properly ashamed of themselves when noticed a few minutes later.

A BIRTHDAY DINNER

A surprise dinner was given last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kunkel, the occasion being in honor of Mr. Kunkel's 89th birthday and his great granddaughter, Clara Fay Carpenter's 9th birthday.

Mr. Kunkel was taken for an auto trip over town about twelve o'clock and when he returned he found all his children, grand children and great-grand children awaiting him with a sumptuous dinner.

There were eight children, 24 grand children and six great-grand children present, among whom were: Nugent Kunkel and family, Sidney Kunkel and family, Hugh Kunkel and family, T. N. Holloway and family, W. L. Haynes and family, M. H. Kinard and family, Burette Elnard and family, and Mrs. T. W. Hudgins.

The latest government report shows Gray county to have ginned 247 bales of cotton up to Oct. 18, against 104 last year.

Ed Brock is a new reader of The News.

NORTHFORK P. O. TO BE DISCONTINUED AFTER NOVEMBER 14

The Northfork postoffice will be discontinued after Nov. 14, according to orders from the Postoffice Department at Washington.

Northfork is the oldest postoffice in Gray county, being established on what is now the S A Cobb ranch, where it has been every since, with the exception of about two years when it was moved to a neighboring ranch.

Northfork has never been a town and for a long time daily mail was delivered there from Mobeetie, but of late years mail has been carried from McLean three times a week. The discontinuing of the postoffice will inconvenience those who live along the star route, perhaps, more than those who receive mail at the office.

SNAPPY SERVICE STATION INSTALLS NEW GASOLINE PUMP

The Snappy Service Station has installed a new visible gasoline pump that adds to the attractiveness of this station.

J. I. Hall of Boise City, Okla., has bought a half interest in the station and is now on the job.

FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The McLean Tigers will play the Wheeler high school on the local field Friday, Nov. 6, at 3:30 p. m. Wheeler was successful against the Tigers 10 to 0 at Wheeler last week, and the Tigers are after revenge.

Both teams are in good shape and a warm game is promised.

FARM BUREAU MAN TO SPEAK SATURDAY

According to R. S. Jordan, A. F. Wischemper, Farm Bureau Cotton Association board man for this district, will speak at the Chamber of Commerce hall Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 p. m.

All members and others interested are invited to be present.

COLLIER CHILD DIES

Ruth Elizabeth, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collier, who live in Amarillo, died at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were held at the Second Baptist church by Rev. Griswold of Claude, Wednesday afternoon. Burial in Llano cemetery.

The father of the deceased is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collier of this city, and the mother is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Phillips, also of McLean.

Among those attending the funeral from McLean were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collier, Mrs. Ethel Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Phillips, Mrs. C. J. Cash, Mrs. J. A. Sparks and Floyd Phillips.

School Supervisor Makes Report on McLean Schools

BAPTISTS CALL AGEE AS PASTOR

Rev. A. F. Agee was called as pastor of the First Baptist church at the regular monthly conference of that body Wednesday night.

There was only one name placed before the church when it was voted to go into the call of pastor.

Rev. Agee is now pastor at Martha, Okla., and it is not known whether he will accept the call or not, but it is hoped that he will do so.

Rev. Agee was pastor of the McLean church for over two years, during 1919, 1920 and 1921, when he resigned to take work elsewhere. He was one of the most successful pastors the McLean church ever had; the church was strengthened and a foundation laid for a sound constructive program. The church never contracted a debt of any kind during those years, but was able to pay cash for everything, and every cause fostered by the church was represented.

Not only the members of the First Baptist church will be pleased to have Rev. Agee as pastor again, but many friends outside the membership are congratulating the church on their choice, and expressing a hope that the preacher will be on the field at the earliest possible moment.

is not at all satisfactory.

That two teachers be added to the high school faculty and one to the elementary faculty.

Conditions are crowded in the high school, as indicated under 4, and the fact that there are three rooms in the elementary grades with an attendance of over 40 in each is sufficient to indicate that relief is needed. Some pupils are forced to sit two in a seat—even in single desks. The people of McLean should begin planning for a new building to relieve crowded conditions.

That the present library arrangement be remedied.

a. Pupils are allowed to take books from the library without a record's being made.

b. The library is not catalogued.

c. A librarian should be in charge at all times and a room provided that can be locked when an attendant is not in charge. See Bulletin 192, pages 11, 12, 14, 15.

d. Anthologies should be provided for English classes.

e. Source books should be provided for each history taught.

f. Suitable magazines should be provided.

g. That the minimum requirement be met for books in the elementary grades (\$25 worth for each room.)

7. That maps be provided for modern history.

8. That all state books be covered. This is the state law and should be complied with.

9. That those maps in use in the elementary grades that are worn out be replaced with new ones.

10. That the building of a modern high school building be given serious consideration.

The present building is crowded from top to bottom, and some rooms are so dark that there is danger of permanent injury to the children's eyes and health. It is to be hoped also that modern equipment will be provided throughout. The present benches are both unsightly and uncomfortable.

12. That accrediting be applied for in Spanish, two units; stenography, one additional unit; economics, one-half unit.

Accrediting in Spanish and in stenography will be endangered by the crowded schedule of the teacher of these subjects.

13. That pupils and teachers be commended for their excellent order and good work under crowded conditions and with inadequate equipment.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 31, 1925.

Supt. D. E. Dean,
McLean, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Dean:

I take pleasure in enclosing the official report of the supervisor who recently visited your high school. A copy of this report is also sent to the president of the school board for his information. As this report is official, it should be filed for future reference.

The Department of Education is very anxious to render real, constructive service to the high schools and any requests or suggestions from teachers or school officials will receive very careful consideration.

Thanking you for your co-operation in the improvement of the schools of the state, I am

Very truly yours,
MARY JO POPPLEWELL,
Chief Supervisor of High Schools.

The work of classifying and accrediting the public schools of Texas is under the direction of the State Committee, composed of six members chosen by the public schools and six by the colleges. This committee determines the conditions upon which high schools are classified and accredited for the purpose of establishing educational standards, encouraging schools to attain these standards, and certifying those that have attained them so as to facilitate the transfer of students to any other school or college.

The regulations as prescribed by this committee are administered by the State Department of Education through high school supervisors. In the visits of the supervisors and in their report to school authorities, recommendations are offered in the spirit of co-operation and helpful suggestion, with the earnest desire that all school authorities will join with the State Department of Education in their efforts to maintain the necessary standards of secondary education in Texas.

In order that the schools may be properly certified it is essential that minimum requirements be met. To that end the supervisor who recently visited your school makes the following recommendations:

1. That the school be commended for the following:

a. One teacher has been added to the elementary school faculty and the seventh grade taken out of the hands of the high school teachers.

b. About five acres, contiguous to the school grounds has been purchased at a cost of \$500 for an athletic field.

c. Two new stoves have been added to the heating equipment at a cost of about \$200.

d. Sanitary drinking fountains have been provided.

e. Sheds will be built this year to protect the horses of pupils.

f. \$4000 has been applied on an old debt.

2. That additional laboratory equipment be provided to bring it up to the minimum requirements. See Bulletin 193, pages 70 to 86 for lists and Bulletin 195, page 35 for requirements.

The State Department of Education should be notified when this minimum requirement has been met and invoices should accompany the notice. Failure to provide adequate laboratory apparatus will endanger classification.

3. That two full periods per day be provided for bookkeeping. This is necessary to hold affiliation.

4. That proper tables or desks be provided for the bookkeeping and typing and the commercial teacher's program arranged so that she can give attention to each class as it meets.

Pupils are very badly crowded under the present arrangement. Seven or eight pupils were working in the typewriting room without the supervision of a teacher.

Some of the bookkeeping students were doing the second period of work in that subject while the teacher was teaching Spanish. This



OLIVER OCTOBER

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George Barr McCutcheon.

The ability of Mr. McCutcheon to invent novel, baffling, highly interesting plots seems to be without limit. In each of his novels there is an unusual situation or unique idea. In "Graustark" it was the tantalizing position of a patriotic American who loved and was loved in return by a family-controlled and politically-bonded European princess. In "Brewster's Millions" the hero was confronted with the necessity of spending a million dollars in a year without giving any of it away making useless purchases or indulging in wild extravagance. In "Viola Gwyn" two young people, ardently in love with each other, but whose birth records were confused, were confronted with the possibility that they might be brother and sister. In the present story, "Oliver October," you will find an even more original and remarkable situation. George Barr McCutcheon, born on a farm in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, began his writing career as a reporter in Lafayette, Ind., shortly after graduation from Purdue university. His first novel, "Graustark," was published in 1901. Its popularity was instantaneous. It seems to have struck exactly the right chord with romance lovers, and continues to be a favorite. Its annual sales still yielding its author substantial royalties. It resulted in a series of several novels, in which many of the same characters appeared, and which were received no less graciously than the first one. For a number of years Mr. McCutcheon has been almost the king of romance in America. He has written upward of 40 novels, mostly romantic in character. Besides a large number of short stories, the latter chiefly of a humorous nature. It has been said that no one excels McCutcheon in ability to portray beautiful heroines and make them real. It is a certainty that his girls are all captivated in the highest degree, while not one of them seems too much so to be human. He is also an excellent master of humor and character drawing, and is an expert in the art of fitting tense dramatic situations into his stories. "Oliver October" is a thoroughly interesting story and probably different from anything you ever read.

CHAPTER I

Oliver, Born in October

Oliver October Baxter, Jr., was born in the town of Rumley on a vile October day in 1890. Rumley people were divided in their excitement over this event and the arrival of a band of gypsies, camped on the edge of the swamp below the Baxter house. Oliver's parents were prominent in the commercial, social and spiritual life of the town. His father was the proprietor of the hardware store, a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, and a leader in the local lodge of Odd Fellows. His mother, Mary Baxter, a comely, capable young woman, was beloved by all. No finer "youngun" than Oliver October had ever been born, according to Mrs. Serepta Grimes, and Serepta was an authority on babies. It was she who took command of Oliver, his mother and his father, the house itself, and all that therein was.

As the story of Oliver October really begins at 7 o'clock in the evening of his birthday, we will open the narrative with Mr. Joseph Sikes, Mr. Baxter's old and trusted friend, hovering in solitary gloom over the baseburner in the sitting room of Baxter's house. He was interrupted in his gloomy meditations by the slamming of the kitchen door. His brow grew dark. This was no time to be slamming doors.

Rushing to open the door, he was confronted by a pair of total strangers—a tall man with short black whiskers and a frail little woman with red, wind-smitten cheeks.

"I am Oliver Baxter's sister," announced the woman, "and this is my husband, Mr. Gooch. We drove all the way over here from Hopkinsville to take charge of things for my brother."

"Well, I guess if you are his sister you'd better come into the sitting room and take your things off," said Mr. Sikes, leading the way.

Mrs. Gooch, having divested herself of coat, scarf, bonnet and overshoes, straightened her hair before the looking glass, while her husband surveyed the room and its contents with the disdainful air of one used to much better things.

Gooch typified prosperity of the manner kind. Over in Hopkinsville he was considered the richest and the stingiest man in town. He was what is commonly called a "tax shark," deriving a lucrative and obnoxious income through his practice of buying up real estate at tax sales and holding it until it was redeemed by the hard-pressed owner, or, as it happened in many instances, acquiring the property under a provision of the state law then in operation, whereby after a prescribed lapse of time he was enabled to secure a tax deed in his own name. No one, not even his fellow church members, had ever been known to get the better of him.

"I shall take charge here," Mrs. Gooch announced to Mr. Sikes. "Is this the way upstairs?"

Mr. Sikes nodded. "But if I was you," he said, "I'd ask Serepta Grimes before I took charge here."

"I will soon get rid of Mrs. Grimes," said she, tossing her head.

As she started to leave the room, a loud knocking at the front door rose above the howl of the wind. Sikes, rearing his office as master of ceremonies, pushed his way past Mrs. Gooch and opened the door to admit a woman and two men. The first to enter the sitting room was a tall man wearing a thin black overcoat and a high silk hat. This was Rev. Herbert Sage, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Rumley. The lady was his wife.

The other member of the trio, a fat, red-faced, jolly looking man of indeterminate age, was Silas Link, the undertaker, upholsterer and liverman of Rumley. "Reverend" Sage was a good-looking young man of thirty, threadbare and a trifle wan, with kindly brown eyes set deep under a broad, intelligent brow. His wife was, surprisingly enough, a handsome, dashing young woman. She was tall, willowy and startling. She wore a sealskin coat—at least it looked like seal—with sleeves that ballooned grandly at the shoulders; rather stunning coral earrings made up of graduated globes and a slikey satin skirt of black.

"Good evening, Mr. Sikes," she drawled, as she scuffled past him into the sitting room. "Nice balmy weather to be born in, isn't it?"

Mr. Sikes, taken unawares, forgot himself so far as to wink at the parson, and then, in some confusion, stammered: "St-step right in, Mrs. Sage, and have a chair. Let me make you acquainted with Oliver's sister, from Hopkinsville. Reverend Sage, Mrs. Gooch, Mr. Link, Mrs. Gooch. And this is Oliver's brother-in-law, her husband, also of Hopkinsville."

Everybody bowed.

"How is your dear brother, Mrs. Gooch?" inquired Mr. Sage.

"I didn't know there was anything the matter with Oliver."

"There isn't anything the matter with him," said Mrs. Sage, "that a good, stiff drink of whisky won't cure."

"Ahem!" coughed her husband. He had the worried manner of one who never knew what is coming next.

His wife looked up into his face and smiled—a lovely, good-humored smile that was slowly transformed into a mischievous grimace.

"I'm always making breaks, am I not, Herby dear? It's a terrible strain, Mr. Gooch, being a parson's wife."

"Umph!" granted Mr. Gooch.

At this juncture the sitting room door was opened and the proud father, followed by Serepta Grimes, entered the room. Beaming, he surveyed the assembled gathering.

"He's got the finest head you ever saw," he announced. "Got a head like a statesman."

Reverend Sage had moved over to one of the windows, while the other occupants of the room surrounded Baxter, and was gazing out between the curtains across the gale-swept porch into the blackness beyond. He shivered a little, poor chap, at the thought of going out again into the bitter, unbelievable night—at the thought of his cold little home at the farther end of the village.

He was thinking, too, of his wife and the mile walk she would have to take with him into the very teeth of the buffeting gale when this visit was over. She had come to this wretched little town from a great city, where houses and flats were warm and snug. He thought of the warm little room on the third floor of the boarding house where he had lived and studied for two full years. It was in this house that he had met Josephine Judge. She was the daughter of the kindly widow who conducted the boarding house—a tall, slim girl who used slang and was gay and blithesome, and had ambitions! Ambitions? She wanted to become an actress. She was stage-struck.

He was not a theater-going youth. He had been brought up with an abhorrence for the stage and all its iniquities. So he devoted himself, heart and soul, to the saving of the misguided maiden, with astonishing results. They fell in love with each other and were married.

He pressed his face against the cold pane, striving to rid his mind of the doubts and worries that beset it.

Suddenly he drew back with an exclamation. The light fell full upon a face close to the window pane, a face so startling and so vivid that it did not appear to be real. A pair of dark, gleaming eyes met his for a few seconds; then swiftly the face was withdrawn. He leaned forward and peered intently. Two indistinct figures took

shape in the unrelieved darkness at the corner of the porch—two women, he made out.

"Joseph," he called, "there are two strange women on the porch. Perhaps you—"

"Go see who it is, Joe," commanded Mrs. Grimes crisply.

Sikes hastened to obey, and returned presently in great excitement.

"Say, Ollie," he burst out, "there's a couple of women out here from that gypsy camp. They claim to be fortunetellers. One of 'em wants to tell the baby's fortune. She says she knows a couple of weeks ago that he was going to be born today, that's what she says."

"Well, I'm not going to allow any gypsy woman to go nigh that infant," cried Mrs. Grimes.

"She says it ain't necessary to even see the baby. She says the only reliable and genuine way to tell a baby's fortune is by reading its father's hand."

Mr. Baxter arose. "Bring her in, Joe. Now, don't kick, Serepta. My mind's made up. I'm going to know my son's future."

Mr. Sikes rushed from the room. A moment later he returned, followed by two shivering women who stopped just inside the door.

The host, with a nervous sort of geniality, beckoned to the strangers. "Better come down to the fire, Queen," he said.

The elder woman fixed a curious look upon Mr. Baxter.

"I am the queen of the gypsies, Mister, but how came you to know it?"



The Light Fell Full Upon a Face Close to a Window Pane.

she asked in a hoarse, not unmusical voice.

"Always best to be on the safe side," said Baxter. "But look here. Do you mean to say, Queen, that you can look at my hand and tell what's ahead of my boy upstairs?"

"First, you must cross my palm with silver."

The company drew their chairs closer as Baxter dropped some coins into the gypsy's palm. Silence pervaded the room. Every eye was on the dark, impassive face of the fortuneteller as she seized Ollie's hand and began:

"I see a wonderful child. He is strong and sturdy. I can see this son of yours, mister, as a leader of men. Great honor is in store for him, and great wealth. I see men in uniform following your son—many men, mister, and all of them armed. I see him as a successful man, as the head of great undertakings. He has been out of college but a few years."

"That will please his mother," said Baxter, sniffing.

"Sh!" put in Mr. Sikes testily.

"I see him," continued the fortuneteller, "as he is nearing thirty. Rich, respected and admired. He will have many affairs of the heart. I see two dark women and—one, two—yes, three fair women."

"That would seem to show that he's going to be a purty good-looking sort of a feller, wouldn't it?" said Baxter, proudly.

"He will grow up to be the image of his father, mister."

The gypsy leaned back in her chair, spreading her hands in a gesture of finality.

"I see no more," she said.

"Is that all?" Mr. Baxter sniffed.

"Well, Queen, I guess you took us all in purty neatly."

Outraged royalty turned on him.

"You scoff at me. For that you shall have the truth. All that I have told you will come true. But I did not tell you of the end that I saw for him. Hark ye! This son of yours will go to the gallows. He will swing from the end of a rope for a crime of which he is not guilty." She was now speaking in a high shrill voice; her hearers sat open-mouthed, as if under a spell that could not be shaken off. "It is all as plain as the noonday sun. He will never reach the age of thirty. That is all. That is the end. I have spoken the truth. You forced me to do so. I go."

CHAPTER II

Ten Years Later

Ten years passed, years of change and growth—Rumley had not stood

still during the decade. It was the proud boast of its most enterprising citizen, Silas Link, that it had done a great deal better than Chicago; it had tripled its population.

Oliver Baxter, Sr., owned one of the new business "blocks" on Clay street. It was known as the Baxter block, erected in 1890.

Mary Baxter died of typhoid fever when young Oliver was nearing seven. Her untimely demise revived the half-forgotten prophecy of the gypsy fortuneteller. People looked severely at each other and in hushed tones discussed the inexorable ways of fate. It was the first "sign" that young Oliver's fortune was coming true.

Of an entirely different nature was the agitation created by the unrighteous behavior of Josephine Sage, who had finally succumbed to the lure of the stage, leaving her husband and child, in order to gratify her life's ambition. Half the women in town, on learning that she was going to Chicago for a brief visit with her folks, went around to the parsonage to kiss her good-by. Excoriation and a stream of "I told you so's" were bestowed upon the pretty young wife and mother when it became known that she was not coming back.

Herbert Sage was stunned, bewildered. . . . She wrote him from Chicago at the end of the first week of what was to have been a fortnight's visit to her mother. She was leaving at once for New York, where she had been promised a trial by one of the greatest American producers. A month later came a telegram from her saying she was rehearsing a part in a new piece that was sure to be the "hit of the season."

"You will be proud of me, Herby," she wrote, "because I will take mighty good care that you never have any reason to be ashamed of me or for me to be ashamed of myself. You know what I mean. I don't suppose I will say my prayers as often as I did when you were around to remind me of them, but I will be a good girl just the same."

That was four years ago. Her confidence in herself had been justified, and for all we know, the same may be said of Herbert Sage's confidence in her. She had the talent, the voice, the beauty, and above all, the magnetism, and so there was no holding her back.

For two successive seasons she appeared in a Chicago theater, following long New York runs of the pieces in which she was playing.

Finally, in one of her letters announcing a prospective engagement in London, she put the question to him: "Do you want to get a divorce from me, Herby?" His reply was terse and brought from her the following undignified but manifestly sincere telegram: "Neither do I, so we'll stick till the cows come home. Sailing Friday. Will cable. Much love."

She made a "hit" in London in the big musical success of that season. They liked her so well over there that they wouldn't let her go back to the States.

She was greatly missed by little Oliver October. For some reason—perhaps she did not explain it herself—at any rate, she did not go to the trouble of speculating—she had taken a tremendous fancy to the child. This small boy of five or six was the only being in town with whom she could play to her heart's content, and she made the most of him. Her own tiny baby, Jane, interested but did not amuse her.

Oliver was always to have a warm corner in her heart for the gay Aunt Josephine, but now diverting games reduced his passionate longing for her to a mild but pleasant memory. Perhaps, too, her own daughter had something to do with Josephine's fading from Oliver's mind.

For Jamie Sage, at the age of six, was by far the prettiest and the most sought after young lady in Rumley. Oliver was her chosen swain, and many were the battles he fought in her defense.

The time came when Oliver October Baxter, age ten, had to be told what was in store for him if he did not mend his ways. For, he it here recorded, Oliver not only possessed a quick temper, but a surprisingly sanguinary way of making it felt.

He was a rugged, freckle-faced youngster with curly brown hair, a pair of stout legs, and a couple of hard little fists, with which he made his temper felt.

It was after witnessing a particularly ferocious battle between Oliver and Sammy Parr, that Joseph Sikes and Silas Link decided that the boy must be warned of the fate that awaited him if his awful temper was not curbed.

And so it came to pass that young Oliver October learned what was in store for him if his "fortune" came true. In the presence of his father, his good friend, Mr. Sage, who had opposed telling the boy, and the Messrs. Link and Sikes, he was made to realize the vastness of the dark and terrifying shadow that hung over him.

When they had finished, he cleared his throat. "I wish my ma was here," he said, his lip trembling.

(Continued next week)

For real satisfaction in baking, use Yukon's Best and Southern Star flour. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement tfe

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement tfe

Genuine Colorado coal, Aztec quality—none better. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement tfe

SENIOR R. Y. P. U.
Opening exercises conducted by the president.
Subject—The Christian's Armor.
Leader—Mildred Landers.
The Soldier's Belt—Lee Wilson.
The Soldier's Coat of Mail—Arlie Grigsby.
The Soldier's Shoes—Ernest Abbott.
The Soldier's Shield—Versie Grigsby.
The Soldier's Helmet—Robert Mathis.
The Christian's Sword—Merle Grigsby.
Concluding Thoughts—Fred Landers.

NOTICE FOR BIDS
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF GRAY.
Notice is hereby given that bids for the construction of a vault at the Courthouse at Lefors, Texas, will be received by the Commissioners Court of Gray County,

W. Sherman White
Attorney-at-Law
McLean
Texas

COLD WEATHER FOOD
There is no better cold weather food than meat. Our fresh meats make the best part of the meal. Order what you need every day.
THE CITY MARKET

Dr. Montgomery will be in McLean every two weeks on Friday.
If you have trouble with your eyes or need glasses see him at the Erwin Drug store.
Dr. Montgomery & Croft
515 Polk St.
Amarillo, Texas

CAR TROUBLES
If your car gives you trouble, better let us fix it. Don't wait for a breakdown that will mean a big expense. A repair in time saves lots of trouble.
GRIGSBY'S AUTO SHOP
"A Square Deal Always"

A Big Dollar
is your first dollar.
Deposit that first dollar in our bank and keep putting other dollars with it at regular intervals.
It will be a wonderful pleasure in seeing the steadily increasing balance in your bank book.
A substantial bank account enables you to take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. Don't delay, start now!

The American National Bank

Texas, on the 9th day of November, A. D. 1925, at Lefors, Texas. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the Courthouse at Lefors, Texas.
T. M. WOLFE, County Judge of Gray County, Texas.
Need a typewriter? The Remington Portable has all the advantages of any machine made. The cost is small. See the sample machine at the News office

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

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

FRESHMAN CLASS ORGANIZES

The Freshman class met last Monday afternoon for the purpose of organizing. The following officers were elected:

- President—Johnnie Villa Haynes
- Vice president—Bernard Hester
- Secretary—Dorothy Cousins
- Treasurer—Ira Alexander
- Reporter—Winnifred Howard
- Pianist—Margaret Johnston
- Social chairman—Beatrice Kinard
- Program chairman—Mergie Fields
- Yell leaders—Anna Wingo and James Cobbs
- Poet—Mildred Richardson
- Class colors—Pink and green
- Class flower—Rose
- Class motto—"Swim little fish or die."

L. F. Coffey returned from Amarillo today. He reports Miss LaVene as improving rapidly.

Wanted

FOUND.—Fountain pen. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this notice. Inquire at News office. 1

I HAVE four fat hogs for sale, weigh about 300 lbs. each. Call 76, 111. B. L. Webb. 1p

WANTED.—Quilts to quilt, by Baptist W. M. S., at \$1.00 per spool. Phone Mrs. N. E. Savage. 1p

PURE Ribbon Cane Sugar Syrup for sale at Searcy Produce. 1fc

MATRESSES renovated and recovered. Will call for and deliver at McLean once each week. Leave orders at News office or write Economy Mattress Co., P. O. Box 171, Shamrock, Texas. 40-9p-1fc

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

GARBAGE and trash hauled from any part of the city at reasonable rates. Phone 40, 2. Frank Haynes.

THESE little ads bring results. Try one. 25 words for 25c.

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KLEANALL, a dry shampoo and Canduff remedy for ladies' and children's home use. General cleanser for the head, hands and bath, clothing and furniture. Troy West. 42-4p

BOOKKEEPING supplies, ledger sheets, journal and cash book sheets for high school commercial class at News office.

BAEGAIN DAYS on The News and Star-Telegram are here. \$8.45 for The McLean News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram one year, with the Star-Telegram from now until December 1st, free. Subscribe now.

RHODE Island red cockerels. I have 24 fine cockerels for sale at \$1.50 each. Will have some of them in McLean Saturday. I want to buy a gasoline lamp. F. P. Wilson. 45-2c

FOR SALE.—Majestic range cook stove with reservoir, and large heater. Both like new. Mrs. T. J.otts, Shamrock, Texas. 1p

FOR SALE or trade. Good used Chevrolet car. Would trade for livestock. Six miles east of McLean, on highway. E. McDonald. 45-2p

LOST.—Black handbag on streets south or west of depot. Return to Hindman Hotel. Jno. Harris. 1c

CHRISTMAS will soon be here. Better order your Christmas cards now. Exclusive selections, printed to order, at the News office.

NOTICE OF SALE.—Ford truck known as C. C. Campbell No. 1, motor No. 5572884, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, Saturday, November 14, 1925, for storage and labor liens. Cousins Motor Co. 43-3c

LAST CALL for calendars for 1926. Better let us show you our exclusive line of calendars. Practice what you preach and buy calendars at home. No high powered salesmanship used, just neighborly service. Phone 47. The McLean News.

STORAGE.—Clean dry storage under daily supervision. Inquire at News office.

A new high peak in the production of Ford cars and trucks was made for the week of Oct. 17-23 when the domestic production amounted to 49,004. The biggest day for the week was Tuesday, when 8,466 cars and trucks were produced.

C. A. Myatt of the Heald community is a new reader of The News.

Roy Robinson orders his address changed from Altus to Lawton, Okla., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meador are business visitors in Amarillo today.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jordan returned Friday from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Roy B. Orrill, at Perryton. A baby daughter, was born to the Orrills on Oct. 27.

Miss Helen Fromwalt, who is attending school at Canon, spent last week with home folks at Alanreed.

Born, Tuesday, November 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes, a girl named Dora Belle.

Rev. W. C. Garrett, former pastor of the First Baptist church, now of the Second church Amarillo, is preaching each evening at that place this week.

C. H. Nicholson, was trading in Amarillo Wednesday.

W. H. Davies returned the first of the week from South Texas, where he went to secure cotton pickers.

Miss Jessie Tucker of Denton is a new reader of The News.

Mr. and Mrs. Kid McCoy were in town Tuesday.

Fred Ludwick of Great Bend, Kans., is a new reader of The News

E. H. Browning takes advantage of our bargain sale on The News and Star-Telegram this week.

Miss Barbara Window of Canyon spent last week end with home folks here.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 1c

MAIL ORDER ADVERTISING

The mail order houses are trying their best to break into the advertising columns of the small town papers. The Post has had some attractive offers from them, but thinking it best to not encourage the sending of money out of town which rightfully belongs to the home merchants, we have refrained from accepting their propositions. They will always pay far in excess of the regular rate. What they want is to get before the people in the weekly papers. And this fact should prove the value of advertising. Concerns like mail order houses never spend their money unless they see many returns coming in for every penny invested. They do not deal in sentiment, but look at the matter in a cold, calculating manner. The fact that they are anxious to break into the circulation of the weekly and semi-weekly papers shows they think the subscribers of these publications read them.—Paducah Post.

YE ED FLEES TEMPTATION

"All my life there have been a few people who get on my nerves. I never could figure it out, but once in a while I meet a man or a woman who rubs me the wrong way. I have often watched dogs when they meet for the first time. One walks around the other one and the bristles on his back rise up straight and both growl cuss words at each other. Some men and a few women affect me that way. My bristles rise and I feel like cussing. A physician friend of mine says it is the magnetic repulsion; just as a magnet will attract or repel a piece of iron, so people are full of magnetism, either attract or repel. This may be correct theory; I do not know. I am simply stating facts. There is one woman I know who sets my nerves going every time I come into the room. She is a fine woman and a useful woman, but somehow I do not want to be in the same room with her. On the other hand, I

am often so attracted to women that I go right home where my wife is and keep out of temptation."—William Southern in The Independent (Mo.) Examiner.

CHILD LABOR ON FARMS

The National Industrial Conference Board finds that about 87% of children under fourteen years old that work in gainful pursuits do so on the farms. Their work may frequently be of vital importance to the great number of small farmers in this country. Many things go to cause this situation. Economic necessity drives many families to require the young ones to work on the farm. Lack of easy access to the school discourages others, although this cause is not so common as it used to be. Lack of interest in school work plays an important part, but probably no more than in the city. What does prove a big cause, however, is the fact that the city child today really has to have more of the higher education in order to obtain work than does the country boy or girl. And this ought not to be.

CHICKENS AND THE MOON

It has been estimated that the chicken population of the United States is 400,000,000, and would make a procession 100,000 miles long. They could lay enough eggs each year to reach from the earth to the moon and back again! And still we have some farmers who are almost ashamed to admit that they sell eggs. A dozen eggs may look like small change, but the poultry business has grown to such magnitude that there are few farm

products to equal it. Corn, cotton, hay and wheat were the only crops last year that had a greater value than eggs. In a season of drought poultry can prove a godsend. Even the bankers in many farming communities co-operate to the extent of advising their customers about this type of insurance policy against farm adversity.

PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS

Claimed posterity should help pay for our improvements, which is perhaps one reason why posterity yells like thunder and has to be carried around the house about 2 a. m.

Formerly the boys had to assure the safety of the girls by seeing them home, but in many cases now the girls would be safer to go home alone.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

A big stock of new Christmas goods now on hand. Our illustrated Toyland catalog will be mailed in a few days. Compare our values with your favorite catalog. Come in and see what we have to offer.

Cobb's Variety Store

Welcome Welcome

Turkeys Wanted

We will buy your turkeys six days in the week at car price at our Produce House. We do this for the convenience of our customers. There will be no long waits, or any necessity to take your turkeys back home this year. Highest market price paid.

APPLES! APPLES! APPLES!

Carload of handpicked apples in the house. Buy apples now and take advantage of the car price. These apples are going fast. Better supply your needs before they are gone.

W. E. Clement Produce

Phone 152 or 155

NEW PUMP

We have installed a new vesble pump at our station, and are prepared to render better service.

Don't fail to try our service when you need anything in our line.

SNAPPY SERVICE STATION
E. L. CUBINE, Mgr.

INSURANCE

Everyone should carry life insurance. Life is uncertain. Are your loved ones protected? Better let me write you a policy today.

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REPAIRING

Shoe and Harness Repairing
Modern Machinery
Modern Methods
Reasonable Prices

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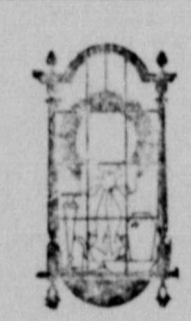
Shoe and Harness Repairing

Look Your Best


Keep your clothes neatly cleaned and pressed at our shop and you will always look your best.

Service Tailor Shop

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



WE invite you to see our new Christmas line. Our Greeting Card stock was never so fine. There's Distinction, Quality, and Good Value here. In every card we are offering this year. And your own special taste we can gratify too. To carry your Christmas Greetings for you.



SAMPLE CARDS ON DISPLAY HERE

The McLean News

Ladies' Hats

Some new models just in. You will like them. Lu-Ko hose, every thread pure silk, with the looks and wearing qualities you have a right to expect. See our ladies coats and dresses.

Mrs. D. C. Carpenter

C. S. Rice Building

Bred Into Our

Bread

The quality of our bread is put there on purpose. We make it the best, we know how—every day.

McLEAN BAKERY

Herman Lee, Mgr.

Oil Stoves

The Barler oil heater has a brass oil fount, with nickle trimmed top and base. This heater burns with an intense heat, 18 hours on one gallon of kerosene. We have them in all sizes.

The famous Nesco oil cook stove, approved by Good Housekeeping Institute, in all the most wanted styles and sizes.

The mammoth blue ribbon KEROGAS oil range with built in oven and three giant burners, cast duplex cooking top, which takes the place of a six-burner oil stove, at a price of only \$65.00. Let us demonstrate this one.

New Perfection oil stoves and ranges in various sizes.

Our line of coal burning heaters, stoves and ranges will please you.

Call on us often. You are welcome, whether you buy or not.

Hamilton-McGowen Hardware and Furniture Company

Claud McGowen, Mgr.

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

The government orders postmasters to save every piece of twine on incoming mail and use it again. This sounds mighty foolish in the light of the money lost through government printed envelopes.

The churches, the school and the newspaper are the three greatest forces for community betterment. If anyone of these lack proper support, the others suffer. The better part of the citizenship of any community will be found supporting all three.

Government cotton reports may be all right, but cotton growers get tired of being made the goat with reports of big crops. To the casual observer there seems to be no occasion for alarm in a big crop this year and growers should not be made to suffer loss on account of such reports.

Pampa is to be congratulated on her school superintendent, R. C. Campbell, who believes in clean athletics and good sportsmanship. Supt. Campbell stated in last week's Pampa News that he is not one of those who think that athletics should "wag the school," but that the school should always wag the athletics. We can expect properly balanced school athletics, only as men like Supt. Campbell enforce the proper rules.

Next Wednesday is Armistice Day. It is fitting that we think for a moment of the first Armistice Day, when the welcome news was flashed to us that the war was over. Man's life on this planet is so short that it is sad that he should be influenced to make war on his fellow men, but if the great war should turn out to have been a war to end war, its lesson has not been in vain.

It is said that in some parts of Oklahoma this year 90% of the cotton ginned is snapped cotton. Under certain conditions snapped cotton lowers the grades to such an extent that the farmer loses money. The uncertain weather in this section is mainly responsible for snapping cotton, for a spell of bad weather might mean a greater loss than the difference in price between snapped and picked cotton.

The school supervisor's report published in this issue of The News makes interesting reading and every recommendation should be adopted as far as possible. The report stresses the need of a new building, and our citizens should be planning for a new building in the very near future. The matter of cost should be lost sight of, as the need is imperative. This idea should be kept in mind in the selection of trustees next spring; only those men who are in favor of keeping our school in the front rank should be considered for trustees.

McLean's crying need right now is for more residences. Never a week passes that someone is not asking for a place to rent in McLean. More houses must be built and plans should be worked out to make possible a building program. We have had a healthy growth in building this year, but nothing like enough to supply the demand. We need a building and loan association and it can only be organized by local people, as the larger systems do not operate in the small towns. There are enough men with money in McLean to start a building and loan fund, who could be acclaimed public benefactor, and at the same time make good interest in a safe investment.

Hedley is to vote on water bonds this month. Hedley is one of the best towns in this country, but she sometime ago reached the place McLean was in a few years ago. Progress can only be made so far without modern conveniences, and water means perhaps more to a town than anything else, combining fire protection with convenience. A town must have water and electric

lights to attract the right kind of citizenship. The next step is a sanitary sewer system; something that we must think about here in McLean before very long.

Mrs. J. D. Merriman Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Turner and little daughter of Wheeler visited in the R. C. Patty home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty visited the lady's father at Groom last Sunday. They report Mr. Francis' condition unchanged.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement fee

News from Gracey

By Special Correspondent.
Several from here attended the show at McLean Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb and children spent Sunday in the W. B. Bush home.

Mrs. Sam Shelton of McLean visited in the B. D. Fondren home Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. D'Span and children of McLean spent the week end with home folks.

Bro. Ingram preached at the school house Sunday morning.

Luther Johnson and sister, Mrs. Jewelle Norman, Misses Birdie, Lorena and Opal Derrick spent Sunday in the Bidwell home.

The singing class met at the A. L. Lee home Sunday night.

Miss Leeta Bush visited a few days last week with Miss Alta Quarles.

Willard Blevin made a business trip to East Texas after cotton pickers last week.

Simon Bush of Amarillo visited his parents Sunday.

Buren Loyd went to Lipscomb last week.

Mrs. Clyde Ware and children visited in the A. L. Lee home Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Della Craig is a new reader of The News.

J. L. Hess was in from the Sittee ranch Tuesday.

F. E. Robinson was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson of Altus, Okla., are visiting in McLean this week.

O. G. Stokely went to Shamrock Friday of last week.

J. M. Carpenter was in McLean Tuesday.

Miss Mary Anderson of Canyon visited home folks here last week.

SANDWICHES

Sandwiches, Hamburgers, Pies
Hot Coffee and Chocolate
Sweet Milk
Candies and Cigars
Your Business Appreciated
Hamburger Inn
J. A. Meador, Prop.

Red Bottom Tanks

Warranted 5 Years
Come in and examine these long-life stock tanks for yourself. Notice the reinforced construction—patent tube top and double lock seam bottom. You will see they are built to outlive their guarantee. Mfd. by Columbian Steel Tank Co., Kansas City, Mo.
SEE THEM AT
HAMILTON-MCGOWEN HDWE. & FURN. CO.
McLean, Texas

If You Are Interested in

Furniture

We Will Make It Interesting to You

CASH Talks at Our House

Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Co.
Phone Fifty

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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which, with the \$200 furnished by the county commissioners, paid all expenses. Other prizes won at Dallas were \$23 to A. T. Wilson for Apples and \$6 to Slim Burks for hay.

C. S. Rice stated that Deaf Smith county placed \$1700 at the disposal of their county agent to show exhibits at four fairs. Gray county won over Deaf Smith with a \$200 expenditure.

C. H. Harrison spoke in favor of the various fairs; there is no better way to advertise our section, or to attract the needed settlers than well placed exhibits at our own and the regional fairs.

O. G. Stokely thought that it would be a good idea to have exhibits in all the regional fairs next year.

A motion was made to ask President W. S. White to express the appreciation of the Chamber of Commerce to the county commissioners for their donation to the expenses of the exhibits to the state fairs.

Among those present were: P. E. McMeans, O. G. Stokely, J. F. Heasley, J. R. Hindman, D. N. Massey, C. S. Rice, T. N. Holloway, G. K. Reneau, W. T. Wilson, C. H. Harrison, A. A. Callahan, C. C. Cook, D. E. Dean, E. J. Lander, C. C. Bogan, M. D. Bentley, T. A. Landers, T. J. Coffey, J. L. Joyner, F. H. Bourland, Mack Harrison, A. Sparks, Clarence Harrison, Walter McAdams, J. W. Slaughter and Searcy Douglas.

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Magnolene Ford Oil will make your Ford run better.
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A clear smooth skin is to be desired by everyone. If your complexion is "muddy" try one of our hand massages—you'll look and feel your best.

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For Value and Service Use
TEXHOMA PRODUCTS
Amalie Motor Oils 100 per cent Pure Pennsylvania.
L. L. ROGERS
Agent
Phone 131 McLean, Texas

UNFAIR COMPETITION

From time to time bill posters and advertising men come to Pampa with window cards, posters and other advertising matter. The good natured easy-going people here usually accommodate the advertising men. They give window space free of charge and other facilities without even a free pass to the entertainments. The business of this paper is advertising. It has a sales value. For some person in town to give away advertising is just as unfair competition with the newspaper as it would be for us to give away or sell at cost hardware, tires, shoes, clothing or any other commodity. The next time somebody asks you to take their advertising matter and place it in your window for nothing, why not inquire the reason for not using the

local paper for advertising. Our business, we repeat, is advertising; when it is given away, except to charity, it is unfair competition. Without advertising, no newspaper can exist. Think it over.—Pampa News.
LEDGER paper for the book-keeping class in stock at the News office.

Big Shipment

Just received of: Overshoes, men's dress shirts, bed blankets and comforts.
Come in and look over our big stock of shoes and men's furnishings. The goods will please you.

John Mertel

Shoe Repairing Done While You Wait

Honey

New crop, guaranteed pure, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover Honey, fresh from the apiaries. This honey is of the best flavor and will please you. Order a pail on our recommendation.

Pickles

Pickles in bulk, keg and bottles. This is the time of year when good pickles can be appreciated. We have them in both sour and sweet. Whatever your taste in pickles, you will find them here.

Telephone us your grocery order. You will be pleased with the service.

McLean Supply Co.

CHAS. LESTER, Manager

Magnolia Petroleum Co.
C. J. CASH, Agent
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When you are hungry, think of the Texas Cafe. We serve good food in record time, day and night.

The Texas Cafe

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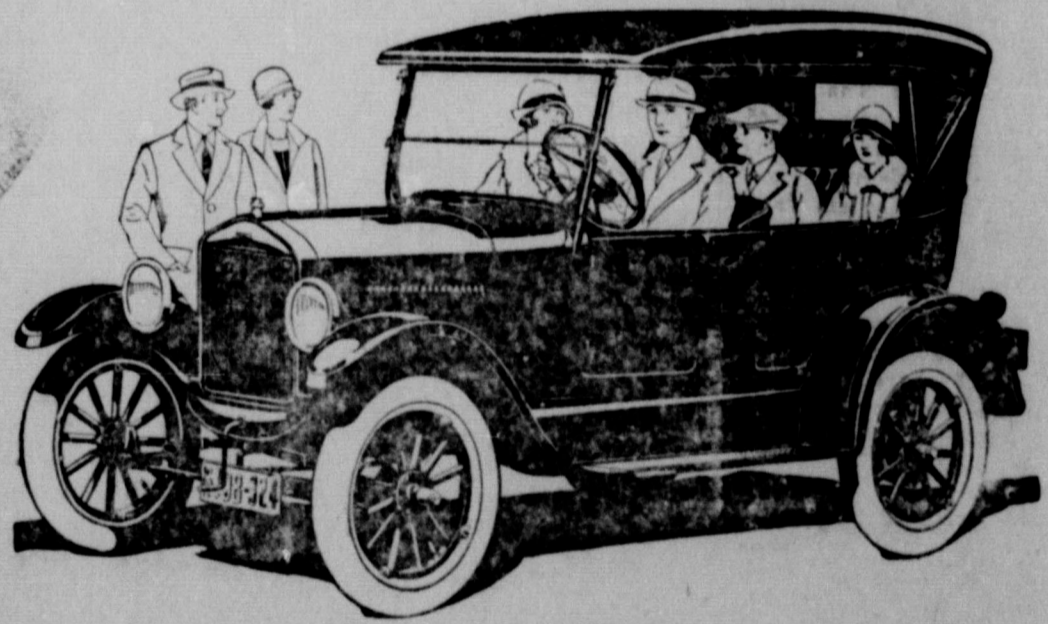
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Soldering Done
All Work Guaranteed

McLean Vulcanizing Shop
L. D. Preston, Mgr.

BLACKSMITHING

We are prepared to do your blacksmith, wagon and woodwork promptly, at reasonable prices.

Give us a trial.
McLEAN BLACKSMITH SHOP
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Touring
\$290

Runabout - \$260
Coupe - 520
Tudor Sedan 580
Fordor Sedan 660
Closed cars in color. Demountable rims and starter extra on open cars.
All prices f.o.b. Detroit

All-steel body; heavy crown fenders; fuel tank filled from outside; low, graceful body lines; nickel-plated head lamp rims; comfortable, low seats; large steering wheel; powerful, positive brakes. Standard equipment includes four cord tires, rear-view mirror, extra tire carrier and windshield wiper. Balloon tires \$25 extra.

Greater Demand for the Improved Ford Cars

The recent improvements in Ford cars have created a demand that is establishing new sales records.

Back of this growing demand is the knowledge that Ford cars have gained their universal recognition through dependability and economy of operation. The recent improvements enhance value that has been definitely established.

See today's greater Ford value at your nearest Authorized Ford Dealer's. Place your order now to insure early delivery.

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Detroit, Mich.



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Supplement to The McLean News, Thursday, Nov. 5

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Screen Scrapbook

Buy Christmas Cards of the McLean News



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From the dawn of the first day to the present instant, there have been a million changes
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Moses appears before Pharaoh, the Ruler of Egypt



MOSES (Theodore Roberts)



PHARAOH (Charles De Roche)



MIRIAM (Estelle Taylor)

"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"

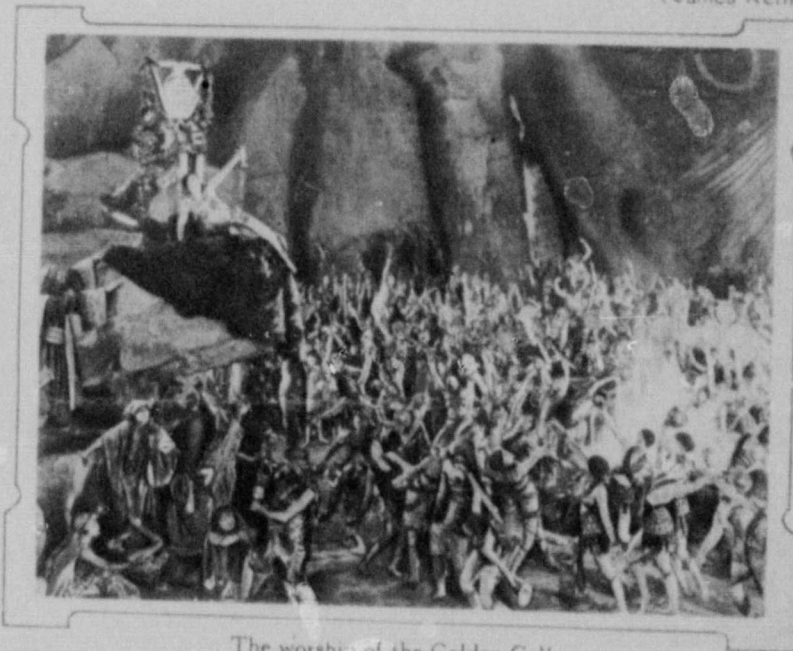
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AARON, PRIEST OF ISRAEL (James Neill)

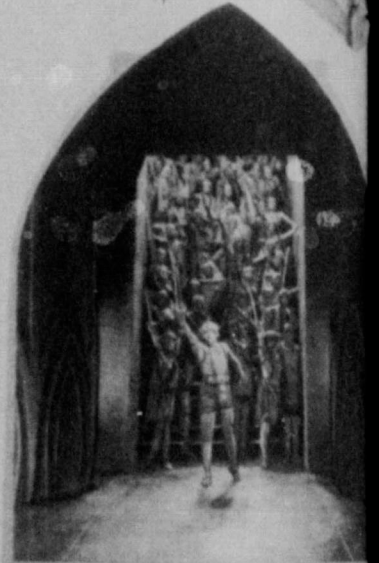
WIFE OF PHARAOH (Julia Faye)



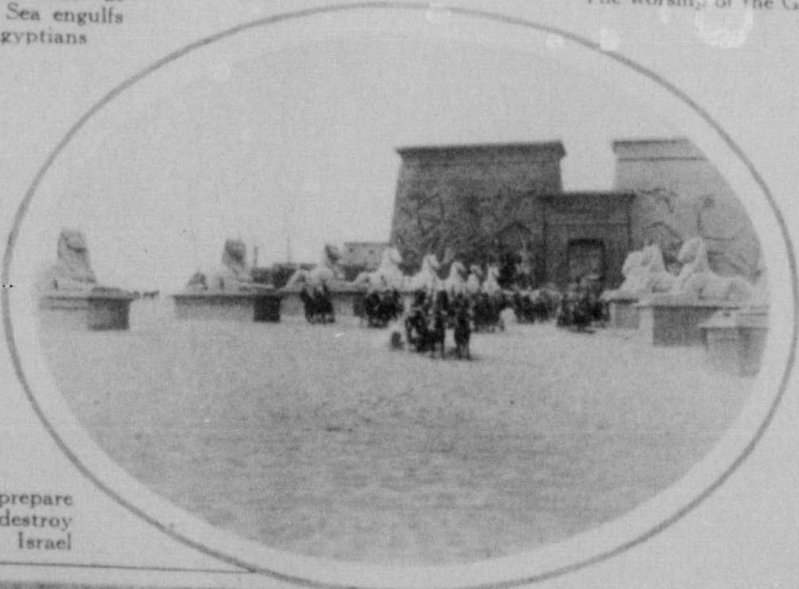
Moses watches as the Red Sea engulfs the Egyptians



The worship of the Golden Calf



"Hail—the Mighty Pharaoh"
Moses prays for the deliverance of his people



The Egyptians prepare to pursue and destroy the Children of Israel



FACTS ABOUT THE MAKING OF "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"

AFTER eight months of preparation, production was started in desert locales closely duplicating Israel's exodus from Egypt and stay in the Sinaitic Wilderness.

More than 2,500 people were employed in the Biblical scenes of the picture.

Fifteen tons of modeling clay, 300 tons of plaster, 550,000 feet of lumber, 25,000 pounds of nails, and 75 miles of cable and wire were used in building the immense sets.

Sixteen miles of cloth were used to make 3,000 costumes. Three tons of leather, made into 250 sets of Egyptian chariot harness.

Ten tons of hay were required to feed 900 horses, 200 burros, 50 camels, 500 sheep and 1,000 cattle.

The nationalities of the players included Arabians, Palestinians, Turks, Caucasians, Mesopotamians, Greeks, Roumanians and Moors—thirty nations represented in all.

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All-steel body; heavy crown fenders; fuel tank filled from outside; low, graceful body lines; nicked head lamp rings; comfortable low seat.

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The Ten Commandments is the most wonderful production ever made since the motion picture was first projected before the eyes of Man

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- 16 weeks - Melbourne, Australia
- 14 weeks - Boston
- 10 weeks - Paris, France
- 10 weeks - Auckland, New Zealand
- 4 weeks - Berlin



SALLY LURG
(Nita Naldi)

MARTHA MCTAVISH
(Edythe Chapman)



DAN MCTAVISH
(Rod La Rocque)



MARY
(Lestrice Joy)



JOHN MCTAVISH
(Richard Dix)



The Red Commandment



"Honor thy Mother"

Cecil B. De Mille, who directed "The Ten Commandments"



John (Richard Dix) discovers the crumbling of the church wall



Jealousy—the forerunner of trouble



"You can't get away with it!"

'Ten Commandments' Is De Mille's Great Picture, Says Nell Brinkley



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DIRECT FROM FACTORY
CEMETERY

Ten Commandments of Business

1. Don't be perfunctory. Every test is a task.
2. Remember that the most serviceable of all assets is reputation.
3. Think! Practice your mental daily dozen.
4. Exercise your imagination.
5. Bide your time, but be prepared.
6. Be hard-headed, but not hard-boiled.
7. Work hard, but don't permit yourself to become a machine.
8. Take an interest in public affairs.
9. Meet your fellow man with confidence.
10. Avoid ostentation. Abhor purse-pride and arrogance.

Ten Commandments of Health

1. Keep your mouth closed when breathing.
2. Drink cool water with your meals, also between them.
3. Bathe daily.
4. Eat slowly, which leads to eating sparingly.
5. Exercise daily, but avoid overexertion.
6. Never read or transact business while eating.
7. Work ten hours, sleep eight and balance for rest and recreation.
8. Ever keep a contented mind. Equanimity means longevity.
9. Have a physical examination at regular intervals.
10. Moderation in all things.

Ten Commandments of Success

1. Be honest.
2. Work hard.
3. Live cleanly.
4. Have a hobby.
5. Use imagination.
6. Help others.
7. Keep studying.
8. Avoid conceit.
9. Stay smiling.
10. Don't weaken.

Ten Commandments of Thrift

1. Work and earn.
2. Make a budget.
3. Record expenditures.
4. Have a bank account.
5. Carry life insurance.
6. Own your home.
7. Make a will.
8. Invest in safe securities.
9. Pay bills promptly.
10. Share with others.

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Texhoma and Amalie Quality Products
Don't fail to visit us during the big show.
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Hamburgers, Pies, Coffee, Sandwiches
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Gasoline stoves and American heaters. Burns like natural gas.
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WHY GASOLINE TANK WAGGONS DRAG CHAINS

Citizens these days are noticing a chain dragging from the seat of gasoline tank trucks. Probably you have thought that it had broken loose from some part of the running gears of the truck, and that the driver of the truck was not aware of it. If you will take notice you will find that all trucks used to convey large tanks of gasoline, other than the small tank to supply the motor, have a chain dragging from the rear.

Those dragging chains are in the nature of safety valves, to carry off any electricity that may be stored from the magneto or battery of the truck. Should a spark be thus produced there is no telling what might result if it ignited the gasoline. If it should be communicated to the tank of gasoline a frightful explosion would result. More respect will be had for those dragging chains when their purpose is fully understood.

LAMP CHIMNEYS, CURLING IRONS AND BATHS

Electricity since the building of Elson's first central station, has reconstructed man's whole scheme of existence. The United States has the best electrical service in the world, and makes the wisest use of it. It is being constantly improved and as electric and gas appliances are more widely used in the home, our standards of living advance, household work becomes easier and the American wife and mother has more time to devote to study and her children.

When we hear a lot about the wonders of the past, at a period when the family washing required two days of hard labor, when the old wood stove or coal furnace kept someone busy shoveling in fuel and carrying out ashes, when the lamps had to be filled and cleaned every day, toast made over hot coals which scorched one's face, hot water for a bath heated in a teakettle or a wash boiler and the curling iron covered with soot in a coal oil lamp, it is time to be thankful for the conveniences which electricity and gas have put into the modern home.—Texas Commercial News.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

No. 138.
THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray county, GREETING:
J. W. Agee, administrator of the estate of Ellen Marie Agee, deceased, having filed in our County Court his FINAL ACCOUNT of the condition of the estate of said Ellen Marie Agee, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration;
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED. That by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the county of Gray, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the November term, 1925, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Courthouse of said County, in the town of Lefors, Texas, on the 3rd Monday in November, A. D. 1925, when said account and application will be considered by said court.
WITNESS Charlie Thut, Clerk of the County Court of Gray County. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the town of Lefors, Texas, this 10th day of October, A. D. 1925.
CHARLIE THUT, Clerk County Court, Gray County, Texas.
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THE EDITOR WAS JUSTIFIED

A North Carolina editor put it this way:
He came into the office Monday morning with what he called a "news item." It was really a write-up of his married daughter's second child's birthday party, in a distant town. We agreed to print it for him.
Then he asked us if we had some old papers he could use under a carnet. We gave him an arm load.
He wished to know next if we had some old scraps of cardboard that his daughter could use in her school work, and we gave him some.
And then he asked for a copy of last week's paper. We gave

him that.
'And then he asked what we would charge him for 500 printed letter heads. We told him. "That's too high," he said, "I'll use a rubber stamp."
And then we killed him and tenderly deposited the remains in the alley back of Jones' store.—Ex.

MAIL ORDER ADVERTISING

We have a few merchants in Pampa who are not thoroughly convinced that newspaper advertising will pay them big dividends. They say that conditions are not ripe for advertising. That there is not much cash among prospective buyers and a dozen other reasons why advertising, they think, would not pay them. They are undoubtedly sincere, but wrong. In this issue of the Pampa News will be found an advertisement of Sears, Roebuck and Co., and for the next thirteen weeks a different ad will be carried each week. The executives of this big mail order firm know the people of Pampa and community like every other section of the United States, are going to spend money during these 13 weeks for merchandise, and they have decided to use these ads to help a part of the gods bought by Pampa people. They have built a big business upon the fact that they go after the business and spend money to get it. If Sears, Roebuck & Co. can afford to advertise in Pampa and the Pampa merchant can't afford to advertise in his own field, then our guess is that he is going to lose some business who do advertise, whether located here or some other place. We don't only believe advertising pays—we know it. While writing along this line it might be noted that Sears, Roebuck & Co. are paying the regular standard for their advertising just the same as advertisers in Pampa. No or anywhere else.—Pampa News.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. advertisement 1fc

Need a typewriter? The Remington Portable has all the advantages of any machine made. The cost is small. See the sample machine at the News office

When you butt in on another's troubles, you do not lessen his, but add to your own.

Not merely should the public halls have ample exit facilities for use in case of fire, but the same are needed for the orators do not know when to stop.

AND THEN

"I read an account of a man who slept past time for his wedding."
"That's nothing. Lots of men don't wake up till after marriage."
Los Angeles Times.

MERCHANT CREDIT TO FARM IS OFTEN UNSATISFACTORY

Farmers in many parts of the United States are unable to obtain from banks all the short-term credit they need. They are often obliged in consequence to accept additional credit from merchants and dealers. But merchant credit is often costly and unsatisfactory. Both farmers and merchants would be benefited if farmers could obtain most, if not all, of their credit from specialized credit institutions.

Merchant credit is most extensively used in the South. In some regions a large percentage of the tenant farmers, and often a large number of owner farmers, are more or less dependent on it. There are areas in which merchant credit is used more extensively than bank credit.

Farmers who use merchant credit often do not know what it costs them, because ordinarily the cost is not based on a fixed interest rate, but is covered in a higher price paid for supplies purchased on credit. Farmers in certain areas in North Carolina in 1921 paid an average of 22.3% for their merchant credit. In Georgia a corresponding average rate was 24.3%.

While some merchant credit is advanced on an account, a great part of it is secured by chattel mortgages or crop liens. In parts of Tennessee 31% of the merchant credit advanced tenant farmers in 1923 was secured by crop liens. In Georgia in the same year 60% of the merchant credit advanced to tenant farmers was secured in a similar manner.

Under such conditions borrowers are often placed in a position in which they cannot freely market their crops. Although merchant credit does not often meet immediate agricultural needs, it is a poor substitute for adequate bank credit. In parts of the the merchant credit system has retarded the development of co-operative marketing.

Similar objections are raised by the department to certain features of the system whereby credit is extended by dealers in agricultural produce. Livestock commission firms that extend credit to cattle feeders often not only purchase the cattle for the farmers, but require that the cattle be sold through them.

Like conditions exist in the truck crop and fruit growing industry. Growers in specialized crop and fruit-producing centers are often unable to obtain necessary credit locally. They are obliged in consequence to seek aid from fruit and vegetable commission dealers and brokers in distant cities. Often they cannot obtain such help without relinquishing control over the marketing of their crops.

It is better to overcome our opponents with reason than to try to overwhelm them with noise.

GOOD POUTERS

The ultimate in pouting has been discovered by a New Yorker in a little town in Vermont. A woman there became peeved 52 years ago and has kept to her bed ever since. In New York there are two brothers in business who differed over installing a telephone some 20 years ago and have not spoken to each other during all the ensuing years.

A young girl driving a big automobile ran over a man last week and killed him. Anyone with common sense knows that there is more danger in a swiftly driven auto, running anywhere about the country and town than there is in a locomotive on a carefully constructed steel road. Yet the railroads of this country do not employ any twelve and fourteen year old engineers.

EITHER IS BAD

Disconsolate One—"I wish I were dead!"
Crueler—"Why, can't you marry her—or did you?"—Newark Dispatch.

COLD MOTORS

demand the best oil and gas to make them start properly. We have the oils and Tex-Homa gas, sure fire and full of "pop." Drive in and let us serve you.

STAR FILLING STATION
"Headquarters for Service"
L. L. ROGERS, Prop.
Phone 131

REAL DRAY SERVICE

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

Kunkel Bros.

THE BLESSING OF SLEEP

"Blessings light on him that first invented this same sleep," wrote Covantes. "It covers a man all over, thoughts and all, like a cloak; it is meat for the hungry, water for the thirsty, heat for the cold and cold for the hot. It is the current coin that purchases all the pleasures of the world cheap; and the balance that sets the king and the shepherd, the fool and the wise man, even."

NO DOUBT OF IT

Father—"Are you sure he loves you that it isn't your money?"
Daughter—"He swore he worshipped me since he first saw me."
"Where was that?"
"At the beach last summer."
"Were you in a bathing suit?"
"He's after your money."

Strangers often complain that they are not called on when they move into a new town, but probably someone will call on them soon to get them to sign a subscription paper.

READ THE ADS

V. H. Moore Auctioneer

Wheeler, Texas

Dates made at News office or call me collect.

INSURANCE

Fire, Hail, Tornado Health, Accident

You are fully protected when insured in the strong companies we represent.

Haynes & Ledbetter Office Theatre Building

LIFE INSURANCE FARM AND RANCH LOANS LANDS FOR SALE

Improved farms or unimproved raw land suitable for farm or stock-raising purposes. Reasonably priced with attractive terms.

O. G. STOKELY McLean, Texas

Watch Repairing

We Pay Postage Both Ways Quick Service—Reasonable Rates

McCormack Brothers

Shamrock, Texas

Leave Work at Shell's Pharmacy or Send Direct

Quality

determines the pride you take in your car

Quality in its design and finish makes you proud of its fine appearance.

Quality in its chassis construction gives you a brilliant performance of which you may well be proud.

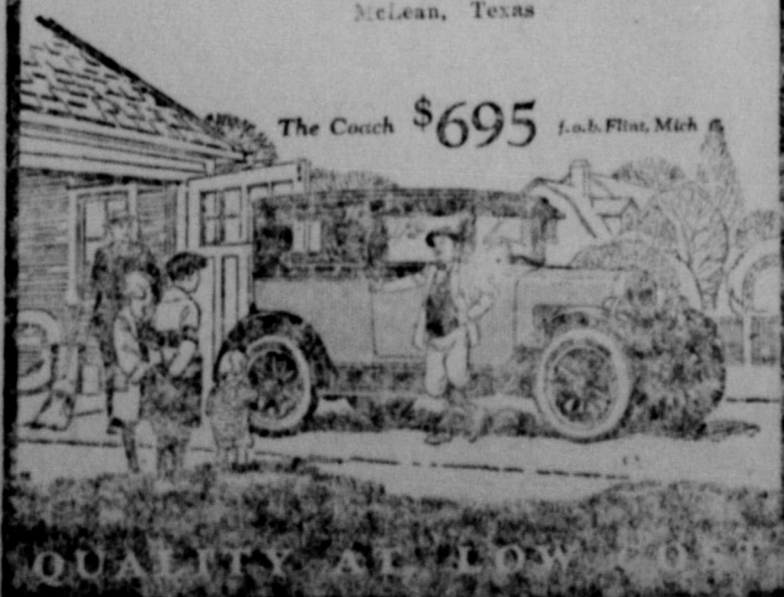
Because of the lasting pride to be found in its appearance—and a performance worthy of much costlier cars—more than two million people have become Chevrolet owners.

Come in and let us show you some of the quality features that make Chevrolet preferred by millions. Let us explain how inexpensive it is for you to become the owner of a fine new Chevrolet.

Touring	\$525	Sedan	\$775
Roadster	525	Commercial Chassis	425
Coupe	675	Express Truck Chassis	550

ALL PRICES F. O. B. FLINT, MICHIGAN

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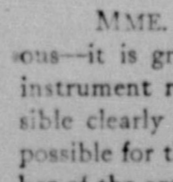
The New Orthophonic Victrola

PEOPLE have never heard anything like it. You have never. There has never been anything like it. There is nothing to compare with it. That is why you should hear it.

It is here. It is an entirely new instrument. New in principle, new in construction, new patents, new cabinets.



JOHN PHILIP SOUSA, the March King, heard the new Orthophonic Victrola play a march. He was enthusiastic. "Why gentlemen," he said, "That's a band!" It was the highest tribute he could have paid.



MME. ERNESTINE SCHUMANN-HEINK said, "It is marvelous—it is grand!" Paul Whiteman, King of Jazz, said, "This instrument reproduces not only artistic music, in which it is possible clearly to distinguish every instrument, but it has made it possible for the listener to discern the individuality of each member of the orchestra."



KREISLER, WERRENRATH, JOURNET, and many others of the huge family of famous Victor artists have hailed the new Orthophonic Victrola as the greatest musical instrument since the invention of the first Victor.

You will agree with them. Demonstrations all this week. Come in—you are invited.

Erwin Drug Co.



MONUMENTS

DIRECT FROM FACTORY TO CEMETERY

Write Us for Prices

Clarendon Monument Works

Clarendon, Texas

CROOKED COMPETITION

A veteran traveling salesman was recently asked how far he had to meet crooked competition.

The questioner related a story that had come to him, about a member of a certain firm of architects in a large city. This man had a wonderful gift for getting orders. He would invite some build-er whose contract he wanted, to dinner at some swell hotel. The wine would flow freely and at a late hour the architect would emerge with the signature on the dotted line.

"See much of that kind of thing now?" the traveling man was asked.

"No," was the reply. "The buyers of business concerns, so far as I know them, do not usually like to feel that they owe obligation to any salesman, and they do not commonly care to accept invitations from them. I know buyers who will not even accept a cigar from a traveling man. They do not want to get too friendly with them, or feel that they are expected to do anything for them.

Of course, there are some who are not so particular, and some who are crooked clear through. They sometimes ask me direct what there is in it for them personally. But those fellows are not common.

"You must have your goods right and your prices right, and if you have, you can do business, and if you haven't, you can't. That's my experience," he concluded.

A man may think he can make this or that clever stroke of business by some crooked trick. But every time he does, he gets in the habit of depending on these methods. This insensibly leads him to ease up on efficiency and intelligent service, the only means by which one can build up a substantial business.

FREE SPEECH

Some of our thinkers claim there is no free speech in this country. They feel that a fearless thinker is put down by interests that profit by existing wrongs. Citizens of McLean have been heard to express such views.

Of course, if some leather-throated orator gets up on a soap-box, and tells the crowd to "rise, throw off the shackles," and overturn the government by force, he will be invited to move on, or retire into seclusion. Only a weak government will tolerate those who openly defy it.

Though it is not often that free speech is stopped because of actual seditious utterances, yet it is asserted that through subtle forms of business and social pressure, such liberty of speech is often prevented, so that it becomes difficult to accomplish reforms. Many editors and publishers, it is declared, are prevented by various influences from speaking their minds. Ministers, it is said, are often similarly hushed up. Business men, it is claimed, often fail to say what they think, for fear of losing trade.

There is a shameful streak of cowardice in human nature. It forces many to keep silent when they ought to speak. Yet while the pioneers in crusades against wrongs may have some unpleasant experiences, eventually the people honor them with high respect.

But before one admires himself too much as a hero and martyr, he should question his own motives and methods. Possibly the community disapproves of him, not because of

his outspoken sincerity, but because he gives out little but aimless knocking and futile criticism. His independence may not be so much devotion to a lofty ideal, as the gar-rulous utterance of a man who likes to hear himself talk.

Free expression of honest thought is a fine thing. We need it, and commonly get a good deal of it. Yet the people who say little, but do the things that need to be done in their home towns, may be quite as useful.

CAN'T REFUSE ADVERTISING

Some newspapers over the state are boasting that they refuse advertising which is in competition with local firms. Some of these newspapers have discovered that they are violating the postal laws by doing so. A newspaper is classed as a public utility. It must have a definite and set rate for its subscription and for its advertising. It must accept advertising from all classes alike at the same rate. Dry goods advertising, whether from the home town or from Honolulu must be accepted. Advertising may be rejected as a class, or if in the opinion of the publisher it is questionable and fraudulent in nature. A public utility is made to serve the public generally, and so long as the customer pays his account the public utility must render the service for which it is created. In many instances a newspaper has published advertisements which did not agree with the editorial policy, but the publisher has no choice in the matter.—Randall County News.

UNKIND

"Ah, we doctors have many enemies in the world."

"Yes, and more in the next."

When a man says he'll never marry, it is just because he doesn't know what kind of girls there are in the world.

FRIENDS

When you have made a mistake or fortune goes against you, you discover your real friends. You also discover those who are friendly simply because they think you have enough punch to come back, and you discover those who hope you stay down.

The first are to be treasured above material things, and it is sometimes a surprise to find just who they are. It is often the man who is only casually friendly in fair weather that stands back of you four square in times of stress. Such friends are to be remembered and loved.

But the friends which are the most valuable, not the most comforting, are those who are friendly simply because you can help them. They make you realize you must keep working, succeeding and advancing in order to hold their esteem. They are not entirely sin-

cere, but they keep you struggling to go forward. If everyone were your staunch friend—a friend of the first class—you would have little incentive to improve yourself, little urge to do right, for your friends would stand by you regardless of what you did. But nine-tenths of them are not that way, and thus you strive from young manhood to the beginning of second childhood to gain those things which make your status, namely: character, position, reputation, work and wealth.

And the third class of friends—your enemies. Really, are there any such things as enemies? If they are, they are only temporary. One year nations fight. The next they are allies. One day men fight. The next they are on the best of terms. But the enemies, serve as standard of which you can judge yourself. Sometimes you become a better man and a more individual human by making an enemy.

One more observation and the preacher will close. To be in opposition is not to be in enmity. You sometimes find that your competitors are of the best friends you have, for they are working for the same principles.—Wellington Leader.

MERCERIZED COTTON

Some confusion exists in the minds of many housekeepers as to distinctions between "mercerized" cotton goods and those fabrics having more or less temporary glossy finishes produced by paste mixtures. "Paper cambric" is an example of a fabric with the paste finish. Artificial silk, or rayon, is a more lustrous fabric than either of these, but should not be mistaken for mercerized cotton.

Many years ago, John Mercer, for whom the process is named, discovered that when cotton yarn or cloth was dipped in strong solutions of lye for a short time and then washed, neutralized, and dried, it became much stronger. In later years it was noted that if the yarn or cloth was held under well-regulated tension during the process it was rendered glossier as well as stronger. Hence mercerization is a process that adds not only durability but beauty. There

SPEED BROS.

General Contractors and Builders
Sidewalks, Paving, Stucco
CLARENDON AND McLEAN TEXAS

are today on the market many cotton fabrics in which the entire cloth is glossier and stronger than ordinary cotton materials or in which light mercerized yarns have been introduced to form stripes, checks or figures. Some of the best known mercerized fabrics are batiste, mull, cotton damask, cotton foulard, sateen, venetian and cotton poplin. Each of these is valuable for some special purpose, according to its character—the sheen, fine fabrics like batiste for underwear and infants' dresses, and the heavier ones for linings or household uses.

RUBBER STAMPS. Order rubber stamps, dates, etc., at the News office. Prompt service and the best of work.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement etc

News from Liberty

By Special Correspondent.
Howard Hardin and family, A. L. Morgan and family, Frank Bell and family, Noah and Orville Cunningham attended the Halloween party at the J. F. Corbin home at McLean Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and children, Miss Clarabell and Oma Lee, attended Sunday school Sunday.

Miss Ola Robinson attended the party at the J. F. Corbin home at McLean Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Lee were dinner guests in the A. L. Morgan home Sunday.

Y. B. Lee is repairing their house this week.

READ THE ADS

Ora Oliver Gooch

Graduate Optometrist
Glasses Correctly Fitted
All work first class and guaranteed.
First National Bank Building
Shamrock, Texas

Can You Afford

to carry insurance on your house, barn or automobile? If not, how can you afford to stand the entire loss if not insured? Better let my companies stand that loss.

Harold C. Rippy

J. F. Thomas of Whitefish was in McLean Wednesday.

Attorney H. B. Hill of Shamrock was in McLean Wednesday.

NO CAR TRADES

Dealers in England will not trade in a used car, and the owner being compelled to dispose of it himself if he wants to change to a new one.

The news-sighted person may find that the brilliant red, green or yellow object is not a girl dressed in the fashionable bright colors, but merely a gasoline pump.

Patronize Advertisers

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

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

The automobile speeders should not drive so fast that when they stop, they have to make their exit through the windshield.

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

Notice

I will grind Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays only, until after the first of the year.

McLEAN MILL
Geo. Colebank, Prop.

Prices Reduced on All RADIOLAS

Let me demonstrate the Radiola Super-Heterodyne in your home. Needs no antenna or ground.
Priced complete at \$170.00.

E. M. RICE

We Are Selling

More goods every day, so our customers must be pleased. We appreciate this patronage greatly and wish to invite others to join the great throng that visits our store daily.

Courtesy Is Our Motto

Shell's Pharmacy

Saturday Special

Several colors in men's velour hats, \$3.50 value for \$2.95, \$5.50 value for \$3.95, \$6.50 value for \$4.95.
A real knockout price made on all other men's hats.



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