

# THE McLEAN NEWS

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT SHOWS HEALTHY CONDITION CITY FINANCES

At the regular business meeting of the City Council on Friday last, in the absence of the City Secretary, W. L. Haynes read the secretary's financial report, which covered the preceding 8 months and showed that the income from the city utilities have lacked only a small amount of paying all expenses connected with the operation of the power plant for that period. The returns from the sale of ice last season amounted to \$3101.45. Permanent improvements in the sum of \$1690.56 were added during the same period.

With this nice showing under the old rates, it is expected that the new rates for light and water will soon put the plant in nice shape, as taxes are levied to pay interest and create sinking funds to retire the bonds.

Among other business transacted at the meeting was instructions to the Secretary to ascertain cost of carrying \$20,000 fire and tornado insurance on the city plant and tornado insurance on the water tank and tower.

W. C. T. U.

## By Reporter.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Joyner last time. We had a good meeting. Several papers were read and discussed.

We will meet next Monday, Jan. 19. We hope all the members will be present.

## AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY; COME

Be there five minutes before 10 o'clock, for Sunday school opens at 10 a. m. You ought to see it and help it open one time. Set your clock, get railroad time; the sun is mighty slow rising these days.

Preaching, 11 a. m., Subject—"Ear Marks of Discipleship."  
B. Y. P. U's., 6 p. m. If you fail to be there you'll miss something good.

Preaching, 7 p. m., Subject—"Pilate Before Christ."

## ALANREED SCHOOL NOTES

The following students in the Alanreed school made the highest average in their respective grades for December:

- Low first—Kathleen Paxton.
- High first—Lorene Gardner.
- Second—Glenn Harris.
- Third—Bonnie Bell.
- Fourth—Ned Craig.
- Fifth—Virgil Elms.
- Sixth—Clyde Slavin.
- Seventh—Lois Harris.
- Eighth—Ione Ball.
- Ninth—Clara Mae George.

## PENTECOSTAL SERVICE

The Pentecostal Holiness will hold a public preaching service at the theatre building on next Monday night. Everybody invited.  
Mrs. Maude Piersall.

## FARM SALE NEXT TUESDAY

Beginning at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning, an auction sale will be held at the Bragg farm east of town. J. E. Parrish and Ed Brock, owners of the goods offered, were visitors at the News office this week and ordered bills printed for the sale. Read the listings elsewhere in this paper.

M. C. Burdine of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Ed D. Smith went to Amarillo Friday on business.

Lee Banks of Pampa was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Nida Green of Heald was shopping in the city Saturday.

Rev. S. R. Jones of Woodward, Okla., sends us \$1.50 to renew his subscription to The News.

Wheeler Foster is a new reader of The News.

Miss R. Back and family of visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

## Step Lively!!



## SERMONS FOR THE CHILDREN AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Feeling the need of a more comprehensive and definite program of religious education and training in Christian service among the children, we are planning to make the third Sunday in each month a children's day. So next Sunday the pastor will preach what is known as a children's sermon. The eleven o'clock hour will be given specifically to the children, and so will each third Sunday during the year.

We most earnestly urge the parents to bring their children to the services next Sunday and let them have some part in the worship program of the church. If we would save this generation to the Kingdom of Christ, it is very necessary that we give them a religious consciousness. And we cannot do this without bringing them into the sanctity of worshipful devotion. I don't believe there is any part of the Lord's work which is more neglected today than the matter of religious instruction of the children. May we not show our interest in our children by bringing them into the church services at least one Sabbath each month.

We hope to have a good program on next Sunday.

Sincerely,  
J. G. THOMAS.

## A BIRTHDAY DINNER

One of the most delightful social affairs held recently was a dinner given Sunday by Mrs. W. B. Upham at the Upham home west of town, the occasion being in honor of Miss Fern Upham's birthday.

A number of gifts were presented to the honoree, and the following were among those who enjoyed the dinner:

Misses Lucile Astracan, Verna Rice, Gladys Holloway, Leora Kinard, Thelma Gatlin and Lena Sparks Messrs. Vernon Rice, Houston Bogan, Vernon Johnston, Charles Jordan, Dwight Upham, J. F. Watkins and Chester Lander.

Misses Gladys, Laeuna and Oleta Holloway visited relatives in Erick, Okla., Friday. Mrs. Holloway returned with them to remain over Sunday.

Fred Thompson of Skillet was a McLean visitor Saturday.

County Attorney John F. Studer of Pampa was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coffey visited the Whittington oil well Sunday.

C. I. Beck returned Monday from Hereford.

Louis Cox of Pampa was a McLean visitor Saturday.

## PAMPA FAIR PLANS NOW UNDER WAY

According to the Pampa News, plans are already under way for their next fall fair. A committee was appointed early last month to lay plans for the next fair and a new administration has been selected to take charge of the work for this year.

Pampa always puts over a successful fair, and early planning doubtless contributes much to their success.

## TAX COLLECTOR WILL BE IN McLEAN NEXT WEEK

Sheriff Graves will be in McLean next Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 20 and 21, for the purpose of collecting state and county taxes.

The sheriff's forces will be in Alanreed Thursday, Jan. 23, for the same purpose.

## News From Back

By Special Correspondent.  
C. M. Carpenter was on the sick list several days last week, but is on the job again.

Bud Back was a McLean visitor Saturday.

W. I. Bacon had business in McLean Saturday.  
Misses Lelia and Beatrice Back of McLean spent the week end at home.

J. E. Cubine has moved into his new home recently completed where the old one burned last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kunkel of McLean visited in the Geo. Colebank home Sunday night and Sunday.

Chas. Back and T. F. Henley were McLean visitors Monday.

R. H. Corum accompanied the county agent to Lefors Monday. We are glad to report Louis Morse out again after several days' tussle with a bad cold.  
Geo. Colebank and family were McLean visitors Sunday.

Mrs. R. S. Jordan gave us \$1.50 last week and ordered The News for another year. Mrs. Jordan also sends the paper to her daughter, Miss Floycie, who is attending school at Canyon.

J. R. Jenkins of Cookville subscribes for The News for six months this week.

R. C. Patty gave us \$1.50 Saturday to renew A. W. Brewer's subscription to The News. Mr. Brewer is at Littlefield.

Archie Farren left Sunday for Ft. Sam Houston after an extended visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cooke went to the Whittington oil well Sunday.

## McLEAN POWER RATES COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH LARGE PLANTS

We are indebted to A. B. Wood for a copy of the Tri-County News, published at Andrews, N. C., in which they boast of having just completed a \$350,000 hydraulic electric plant, claiming to sell power and lights to consumers for less money than anywhere else in that and neighboring states.

It would be reasonable to suppose that electric current generated with water power could be furnished cheaper than with other power, but a comparison of their rates with ours does not sound so cheap to us. Their rates are subject to a minimum charge, and above the minimum on contract the first 10 K. W. may be had for 10¢ per K. W., which is the charge here for any excess of the minimum. Power rate there starts with 9¢ for the first 100 K. W., as compared with 6¢ here.

The paper states that the Mayor of Andrews informs them that their rates were compiled after comparing the rates in various towns and cities and neighboring states and their rates are lower than any place they know.

## News From Liberty

By Special Correspondent.

Henry Dorsey and daughter, Miss Mariene, went to McLean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit and children were present at Sunday school and preaching services last Sunday.

Bro. Garrett surpassed even himself Sunday in presenting the truth.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hardin and children were present Sunday. We were glad to see them.

Misses Opal and Levi Nelson visited in the Dexter Glenn home last week.

A. L. Morgan is hauling corn to market this week.

We were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smith at Sunday school Sunday.

R. O. Cunningham was a McLean visitor Monday.

Reuben Woodley attended Sunday school Sunday.

Reuben Woodley and Wren Terry attended preaching services at the Baptist church at McLean Sunday night.

C. E. Francis, who has been sick for some time, is not quite so well as usual. We are wishing for him a speedy recovery.

J. F. Corbin and family of McLean attended Sunday school and preaching services Sunday.

M. T. Corbin went to McLean Monday.

Don't forget to come to Sunday school next Sunday.

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

## 3,000 BALES COTTON GINNED; 7,000 TONS GRAIN BOUGHT; GOOD PRICES OFFERED

3,000 bales of cotton have been ginned at the McLean gins this season with prospects of at least 600 more.

Corn and grain sorghum also made a good showing in our community this season. It is estimated that upwards of 7,000 tons of these grains are stacked in local yards at this time.

Following is the price being paid on the streets of McLean today:

Cotton—21¢ per pound.  
Kafir and milo—\$28 per ton.  
Corn—\$1.10 per bushel.

Local produce dealers will load a car of poultry on Friday and Saturday of this week, offering 16¢ per pound for hens, 18¢ for turkeys, and other poultry in proportion.

## O. L. ACTIVITIES

The Morse No. 2 test is still fishing, but the lost drill is now loose in the hole and with the arrival of a special string of fishing tools that are ordered, it is expected that drilling may be resumed at most any time. It will be a matter of only a few weeks until something definite is known at this time when it is possible to drill again.

The Whittington well in Wheeler county about 15 miles from McLean is running pipe with the expectation of drilling in. This well struck oil in the shallow sand last week and storage tanks and pipe lines are in readiness for the expected flow when the bit starts down again.

Two companies are interested in leases northwest and northeast of town. One company offers to place \$30,000 cash in escrow with leases until test is completed; the other offers to allow leases placed in banker's hands until contract is completed, or leasees may elect own trustee to take charge of leases and contract. Drilling contracts can be secured in each case with 5 or 6 thousand acre leases, which may be checkerboarded over the block.

The test northwest of town will be drilled near the C. H. Rowe property, while the other will be somewhere near the county line road between McLean and the river.

## BOWEN TO MOVE TO TEXOLA

Estel Bowen, who has been employed at the Western Lumber and Hardware Company, has accepted a position as manager of the Western's store at Texola, Okla., and will move to that place some time next week.

Mr. Bowen says he will have The News follow him.

## News From Ramsdell

By Special Correspondent.

Mrs. H. Longan left Wednesday of last week for Missouri, where she will visit her mother, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Chambers and daughter, Vivian, visited in the J. I. Bones home Thursday night of last week.

Ebert Bone made a business trip to Shamrock Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buren Exum and baby of Plymouth visited in the E. Exum home Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. C. A. Duncan of Shamrock filled his regular appointment here Sunday night.

Miss Ernest Veatch and children of Shamrock visited in the J. H. McCann home Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jess Grogan and children visited in the E. Exum home Sunday afternoon.

W. L. Stockton made a business trip to McLean Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Roxie Hargroves visited her sister, Mrs. J. H. McCann Saturday and Sunday.

(Mrs. D. M. Graham was a Clarendon visitor last Thursday.

Postmaster John B. Vannoy has renewed his subscription to The News to Jan. 1, 1925.

Rev. J. G. Thomas returned Friday from a business trip to Hereford.

## COUNTY AGENTS RETAINED BY COMMISSIONERS

At the first meeting of the Commissioners' Court for the year Monday at Lefors, appropriations were made to continue the work of the County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent.

A number of our citizens met the Court and talks in favor of retaining the agents were made by Miss Hayden, District Manager Home Economics Department; Mr. Edmonds, State Manager of County Agent work; L. O. Floyd, W. S. White, W. T. Wilson, T. A. Landers, R. H. Corum, L. L. Palmer and Mr. Stubbs.

It is not known just who will be engaged to fill these offices, but experienced people are promised.

Among those who were present at the meeting of the Court from McLean were: Judge T. M. Wolfe, Commissioner M. M. Newman, Geo. W. Sitter, F. H. Bourland, T. A. Landers, W. S. White, R. O. Dunkle, L. O. Floyd, J. E. Kirby, W. T. Wilson, A. L. Hibler, C. E. Rice, Barney Fullbright and W. S. Copeland.

## BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ENTERTAINMENT

On last Friday evening, the young people's Sunday school class of the First Baptist church gave a social in their class room in the basement of the pastorage.

Various forms of amusement were indulged in, and refreshments served. Among those present were the following:

Misses Ila Abbott, Versie Savage, Vivian Landers, Fannie Stockton, Eunice Stratton, Ozella and Neoma Hunt and Fern Abbott; Mesdames Vigna Stuckey and Homer Abbott; Messrs. Lee Wilson, Harvey and Arlie Guginsky, LeRoy Landers, Leon Bodine, John Oxford, Homer Abbott and Rev. W. C. Garrett.

## LEE SATTERWHITE IS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Lee Satterwhite, editor of the Panhandle Herald, and state representative from his district, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 39th Legislature on the 6th ballot Tuesday.

Mr. Satterwhite is not considered a Ferguson man, as he did not support Ferguson in the first primary.

## NOTICE TO MERCHANTS

The News' sample line of 1925 calendars is here and a representative of The News will call on you within the next few days. Save us your orders. We have about 200 samples of new calendars and wall pockets. The price is lower than last year.

E. W. Brock of Vernon is a new reader of The News.

## News From Enterprise

By Special Correspondent.  
We sure are having some nice weather for the farmers to finish gathering their crops.

Mr. McIntosh and family left Tuesday for Amarillo, where they will make their home.

All the young people of Enterprise enjoyed the party at the Nicholson home Monday night.  
Eurie Burt, Prescott Mathis, Misses Florence Arnold and Lillie Williams visited in McLean Saturday afternoon.

A nice crowd attended B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Everybody in Enterprise took dinner in the Los Hancock home Sunday.

Ed Grigsby, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grigsby of Ring took dinner in the Los Hancock home Sunday.

Mr. Allred and family visited in the Henry Wood home at Alanreed Tuesday.

Fred Hock, Beatrice McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Nicholson and Miss Lona Nicholson were McLean visitors Saturday afternoon.

Everybody is invited to church next Sunday. Rev. C. E. Brock will preach.

John Miller of Shamrock visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.



# The Mystery Road

By E. Phillips Oppenheim

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## Synopsis

**BOOK ONE—CHAPTER I—**Fleeing from a brutal stepfather, an unhappy home, and a proposed husband she detests, Myrtle, a young French girl, stands in a country road on the verge of desperation.

**CHAPTER II—**Haunted by an exploded tire, two young Englishmen, Lord Gerald Dombey and Christopher Bent are attracted by the girl's distracted appearance. She begs them to take her away from her misery. In a spirit of adventure they do so, conveying her to Monte Carlo and leaving her with friends. Myrtle speaks English, her mother having been an educated woman.

**CHAPTER III—**Gerald sees a beautiful young woman in the gambling rooms, and is fascinated, but can only learn that she is called Pauline. He is unable to secure an introduction. Christopher and Gerald decide Myrtle shall not go back to her home. Lady Mary, Gerald's sister, secretly in love with Christopher, disapproves of the young men's guardianship of Myrtle.

**CHAPTER IV—**Gerald and Christopher arrange for a mutual guardianship of Myrtle.

**CHAPTER V—**Lord Dombey makes the acquaintance of Pauline. He is puzzled by the air of mystery and concealment surrounding her.

**CHAPTER VI—**Myrtle falls desperately in love with Gerald, but he, a natural flirt, is only mildly interested in the girl, while Christopher Bent really loves her and would marry her.

**CHAPTER VII—**A mysterious Russian, Zubin, wins a large sum at the gambling tables. Gerald learns he knows the De Ponieres, but can get no information from him.

**CHAPTER VIII—**Christopher makes little progress in his courtship of Myrtle, who is completely infatuated with Lord Dombey and would gladly become his mistress. He really cares little for her, his interest being all in Pauline.

**CHAPTER IX—**Gerald tells Pauline of Zubin's gambling. She is at once interested, and asks him to find the Russian and bring him to her and her aunt. Gerald finds Zubin. The Russian has lost all he had, and practically everything else he had. On their way to the ladies' Zubin kills himself.

**CHAPTER X—**It is learned that Zubin was the steward of Madame de Poniere, and has lost at the gambling tables 1,000,000 francs, all the money she and her niece possessed. The two women leave Monte Carlo after selling their jewelry. Gerald is unable to trace them. He begins to evince an interest in Myrtle, to Christopher's disquietude.

**CHAPTER XI—**Gerald is giving a convivial party to a few acquaintances of the gay world. Myrtle urges him to allow her to attend. The company is not suitable for a young girl, and he refuses.

**CHAPTER XII—**Lady Mary offers to take Myrtle to England with her and find employment. Christopher accepts the offer gladly. Myrtle goes to Gerald's party. At its conclusion Christopher takes her away when Gerald would have kept her in his room. Myrtle goes to England with Lady Mary.

**BOOK TWO—CHAPTER I—**In London Gerald meets Pauline and her aunt again, but realizes he is held at a distance. Telling Pauline of his love for her, she declares she cares only for one man, her brother, and he is in prison. Myrtle is living with Gerald's father, Lord Hinterslev, and Lady Mary.

**CHAPTER II—**Gerald raises a large sum of money, refusing to explain the reason to his father. Christopher asks Myrtle to marry him. She refuses, confessing her love for Gerald.

**CHAPTER III—**Gerald tells Myrtle of his love for Pauline, and that he is leaving for Russia at once. Pauline informs him her brother is confined in a fortress at Sokol. His father, Major Krossneys, can be bribed to allow him to escape. With the hope that if he can aid her brother to freedom, she can win Pauline, Gerald undertakes the task.

Lady F. picks up her feet, opened the door and shouted to her maid in Russian. Then she took up a battered telephone instrument.

"I will speak with the major," she said. "I am the only civilian in the town with a telephone. It is a great favor. You can wait whilst I speak with him."

There was a good deal of delay before she was connected, and a further delay before the person with whom she desired to speak arrived. In time, however, the conversation was finished, apparently to her satisfaction. She set down the instrument.

"The governor is on his way down," she announced triumphantly. "Come, we will see to this little affair quickly. You can remain."

The maid entered the room, carrying a tray on which were bottles of beer and glasses. The woman eyed them with satisfaction.

"You are not Russian," she said, "so I do not offer you the samovar. Beer every one drinks—the English especially. That is so, is it not?"

"That is so," Gerald admitted. "I shall drink to your good health, madame."

"You may call me Elsa," she invited graciously, coming over to his side with a glass in her hand. "We will drink to the success of our enterprise."

Gerald accepted the glass and exchanged courteous amenities with his hostess. She eyed him with growing favor.

"It is a pity that you are not staying longer," she observed. "We might be some friends. Who knows?"

"In that case," Gerald replied gallantly, "I might have quarrelled with

Major Krossneys, and that would not do at all."

"She snapped her pudgy fingers. A man who had ten thousand pounds to dispose of! What was Krossneys!"

"Do you think," she scoffed, "that I shall stay here with him if I can get hold of half that sum you spoke of? Not! I shall choose a different companion. I shall go to Monte Carlo. I shall never enter this accursed country again. Even to think of leaving it makes me giddy with happiness. It will be you who will be my deliverer. Let us drink again together."

"Perhaps," Gerald suggested, "the governor will not give up his prisoner." Her exclamation of contempt was almost a shout. The very idea, while she scouted it as ridiculous, seemed to infuriate her.

"Give him up? Of course he will give him up!" she declared. "If he refused—why, I would take him by the beard—I would kill him!"

Her eyes were lit with cruelty. The snarl of an animal of prey twisted her lips. Then she burst into a fit of laughter.

"Why do I make myself furious?" she exclaimed. "Why, Ivan would sell every one of his hundred and thirty-seven prisoners for a tenth part of the money you speak of! Come, let us be gay. I will put something on the gramophone. You shall dance with me, see?"

"What about his excellency the governor?" Gerald asked.

The woman made a little grimace.

"You are perhaps right," she acquiesced. "One must wait—wait until everything is arranged. After that I shall snap my fingers at Ivan. He wears me, and he is an old man. Will you take me out of the country, my friend? We might go into Poland—I have friends at Warsaw."

There were heavy steps outside. She held up her hand as though to warn him.

"It is the governor," she announced. "It is Ivan Krossneys who arrives. Mind, he is very jealous. Be careful!"

Gerald, with all his nerves on edge, was yet able to indulge for a moment in a grim smile. The door was opened. The maid poked her head in and muttered something unintelligible. Close behind her entered the governor of the fortress.

The governor was a large, corpulent, unridy-looking man in an ill-fitting uniform, with coarse features and a straggling beard. He clicked his heels together and made some pretense at a military salute, as Elsa introduced her visitor. She whispered a word or two apart with him in Russian, and then continued in French, which she spoke apparently with less ease than English.

"This gentleman," she declared, "has a great affair of business to discuss with you. He was sent here by a friend of mine whose name I may not give. He is an Englishman, but that makes for an American, but that makes for little. He is entrusted with a great sum of money for a certain purpose."

Into the governor's eyes flashed for a moment some reflection of the cupid-ity which had gleamed in the woman's. Money was scarce in Russia; pay was small and irregular in coming. The thought of money whetted his interest.

"Let me hear what this gentleman has to say," he invited.

"I have come with a very bold proposition," Gerald began, "but it is one which I hope you will consider carefully. You have many prisoners in your fortress who are detained largely through misfortune. There are many there whose offenses are trivial, who will probably be released shortly in any case, and who might just as well be free as remain a charge upon the government."

"You seem to know a great deal about my prisoners," the governor remarked graciously. "Many of them are criminals of the worst order."

"It is not one of these whom I wish to discuss with you," Gerald assured him. "It happens that you have a young man there who is not of the criminal class at all. He has very wealthy friends."

"Ha!" the governor exclaimed. "How wealthy?"

The woman broke into the conversation. She gripped her friend by the arm.

"Ivan," she cried, "it is incredible! Do you know the sum which monstieur speaks of? It takes one's breath away! He speaks of ten thousand pounds! It is two million roubles! What do you think of that?"

"G-d!" Krossneys muttered. "A prisoner of mine?"

"A prisoner of yours," Gerald repeated. "I will be quite frank with you, sir. I speak, I know, to a man of honor, but I will ask you to remember that this young man is unconvicted of any crime, and that the government by whom he was sent to you is tottering. This is not a bribe which I am offering you. It is the price of an act of justice. The money is to be paid in cash."

"Who are you?" he demanded suddenly. "And where does this money come from?"

"My name is Dombey," Gerald replied. "I have admitted to Madame Francks that I am an Englishman. This money has been collected in London by friends and relatives of the young man. The desire for his release has not the slightest political significance."

"And what the devil excuse can I make for letting him go?"

"I should put one of your less important prisoners into his cell and say nothing about it," Gerald suggested.

"There is an inspect of state prisons," Krossneys muttered. "He does not often come, but who knows when he might take it into his head to pay us a visit."

"You fool!" the governor retorted. "Of what use is money when your feet dangle in the air and your neck is broken? That for you, and a dozen rifle bullets in my heart! You are a bold man who came to Russia on such a mission," he added, glowering at Gerald.

She turned to her visitor.

"What does this madman mean?" she demanded. "Who is this prisoner whose freedom you seek?"

"I do not know," Gerald replied. "I am only an emissary."

The governor sat up in his chair. "I will tell you," he declared hoarsely. "Number twenty-nine is all the fortress records say of him, but his name is Paul, grand duke of Volostok, prince of Tamboff, hereditary grand duke and ruler of all the provinces of the Dvina, nephew of Nicholas, the late tsar, head of the house of Romanoff—himself, if the people changed their fancy tomorrow, tsar of all the Russias! There, my woman, now you know the secret of my fortress! You can guess where we might be if I traded with this lunatic!"

The woman flopped upon the sofa. She was pale through all her rouge and powder. Her yellow hair had broken loose from its band of ribbon. Her dressing gown had fallen away a little from her ample bust. She sat breathing heavily for several moments. Gerald, of the three, was the only one who kept his head.

"All that makes for nothing," he said calmly. "You excite yourself greatly for nothing. The Romanoff dynasty is past. There will never be another tsar in Russia. This young man has rich friends and they want him out of the country. I should think your government would be glad to be rid of him."

him, as though he had suddenly gone mad.

"Are you out of your senses, Ivan?" she asked. "Twenty-nine or thirty nine—what does it matter? Is not one prisoner like another? Who comes to visit them? Who knows which cell is empty? Bah!"

"So you thought you were rich for life, did you, Elsa?" the man in the chair muttered. "Well, you can just rid yourself of the idea. And as for you, sir," he went on with a malicious glance at Gerald, "you may think your self fortunate if you entered it."

The woman drew a little nearer to him. There was the look of a wild animal in her face.

"Listen, Ivan," she cried. "Are you mad? It is a fortune which this man carries in his hand! What is there amongst the scum that infests your prisons of account against that? You terrify me. The money is for us, to be divided. Cash, Ivan! Money to spend—tomorrow—the next day—every day!"

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Gerald's words were not without their effect, especially upon the woman.

"After all," she muttered, "this man speaks sense. Who cares about grand dukes, nowadays? There are plenty of them who have already escaped. What does one more or less matter?"

"But this one—I have told you who he is!" the man growled.

The woman was beginning to pluck up spirit. She scoffed at him openly.

"When the people of Russia want the days of isardom back again," she said, "they will find one of the brood fast enough. But that day will not come yet. This young man in your fortress is of no account. You are a

"The last time he was here," Elsa Francks reminded him, "you met him at the station and took him to the hotel. Afterward, you brought him on here and he was so drunk that he had to stay for two days. He did not even go near the fortress. Your papers and books were brought down here for him to sign."

"It is true," Krossneys assented, "yet next time another man might come. And again, how will this number twenty-nine get safely out of Russia?"

"Think less of these difficulties and more of what one could do with ten thousand pounds," the woman insisted. "You are not asked, Ivan, to run a risk for nothing. I say that it is worth it."

"For you, yes," Krossneys sneered, "because you risk nothing and you have the spending of the money. For me it is different. I have an official position. I am governor of the fortress; I wear the uniform of the Russian republic."

Elsa Francks laughed loudly and scornfully. She pointed jeeringly at Krossneys.

"Uniform of the Russian republic!" she exclaimed. "A pity they didn't make it to fit you! Official position, indeed! What do you get out of it. I should like to know? Would you not starve if it were not for the contributions of the prisoners themselves?"

"It is true," Krossneys assented gloomily. "It is a dog's life."

"And a dog's country to live in!" the woman proclaimed. "Listen to me, Ivan."

She sat upon the arm of his chair and talked to him in Russian. Soon it was evident that he was yielding. She fetched him beer and then spirits of some sort from a cupboard. Once or twice she turned and winked stentily at Gerald. At last she turned towards him in triumph.

"It is arranged," she announced.

"Not so fast," Krossneys intervened. "Let us hear how this money is to be paid?"

"In cash," Gerald replied. "I have drafts upon your own banks."

"Well, well," Krossneys muttered, "the money is right enough, then. At ten o'clock tomorrow morning," he went on, "present yourself at the fortress. Inquire for me. I shall give you an audience. The affair may be concluded at once. Get back to your hotel now and be careful not to speak of your real business."

Gerald rose blithely to his feet. The idea of leaving the horrible atmosphere of that room was undiluted joy to him. He bowed to the governor. Elsa took him to the door and, under pretext of calling the servant, passed out with him into the passage.

"You can come back later if you like to talk with me again," she whispered. "Be careful, though, for he is very jealous."

She shouted something to the Russian maid and stepped back into the room with a meaning smile. Gerald put money into the hand of the woman who opened the postern gate and stepped into the street with a gasp of relief. The clear air was wonderful. He drew in great gulps of it as he made his way along the uneven pavements, stared at by every passer-by. He could scarcely believe that his task was coming so easily to an end. If all went well, in twenty-four hours he might be on his way back to England.

(Continued next week)

## SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF GRAY.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Gray County, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1924, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Tony Chisam versus W. E. Kennedy and W. J. Ball, No. 1190, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the FIRST TUESDAY in February, A. D. 1925, it being the 3rd day of said month, before the Court House door of said Gray County, in the town of Lufkin, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Gray County, Texas, viz: The same to be Fifty-two (52) acres of land out of Survey No. Thirty-seven (37) R. H. Alexander Grant-ee, in Gray County, Texas, and lying on the South side of the Choctaw Branch of the Rock Island Railway.

Beginning at the original Southwest corner of Survey No. Thirty-seven (37) on the South side of said railway track; THENCE East 347 yards to a stone the Southeast Corner of said Survey No. Thirty-seven (37); THENCE North 432 yards to a stone the elbow corner of said Section No. Thirty-seven (37); THENCE East 536 yards to a stake on Choctaw Branch of right of way of Rock Island Railway; THENCE in a Northwesterly direction with said Choctaw Rock Island right of way, 1055 yards to a stake on West line of said Section No. Thirty-seven (37); THENCE South 435 yards to the place of beginning, containing 52 acres of land of said Section No. Thirty-seven (37) and lying on South side of Choctaw Rock Island Railway in Gray County, Texas, said above described tract of land being the same land as described in a deed of trust dated April 7th, A. D. 1923, and now appearing of record in Volume 11 at page 433 Records of Deeds of Trust Gray County, Texas.

Levied on this 24 day of December, 1924, as the property of



"And What the Devil Excuse Can I Make for Letting Him Go?"

fool, Ivan. You cannot see the truth. You have not thought to yourself what ten thousand pounds may mean."

Krossneys sat back in his chair, biting his finger nails.

"Who are you?" he demanded suddenly. "And where does this money come from?"

"My name is Dombey," Gerald replied. "I have admitted to Madame Francks that I am an Englishman. This money has been collected in London by friends and relatives of the young man. The desire for his release has not the slightest political significance."

"And what the devil excuse can I make for letting him go?"

"I should put one of your less important prisoners into his cell and say nothing about it," Gerald suggested.

"There is an inspect of state prisons," Krossneys muttered. "He does not often come, but who knows when he might take it into his head to pay us a visit."

W. E. Kennedy to satisfy a judgment amount to Six Hundred Seventy-nine and 9-100 (\$679.00) Dollars in favor of Tony Chisam, with interest at ten per cent, and cost of suit.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 24th day of December, A. D. 1924. E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff, JRB-1-4c Gray County, Texas. By JHONNIE R. BACK, D-puty.

Mrs. R. L. Harlan has our thanks for a subscription to The News.

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

Mrs. Guy Taylor of Lelia Lake came in Friday to visit her parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. E. McGee.

Yukon's Best has no superior. Advertisement. etc.

Dr. W. E. Ballard made a business trip to Alanreed Saturday.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our dear friends for their many acts of kindness, words of sympathy and beautiful flowers in this dark hour of sorrow in the loss of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. Fred O'Dell, Guy and Roy.

### VULCANIZING

McLean Vulcanizing Shop

### Magnolia Petroleum Co.

C. J. CASH, Agent  
Day Phone 86 Night Phone 101

## Tax Notice

I Will Be in McLEAN Tuesday and Wednesday January 20 and 21 and Alanreed Thursday, Jan. 22 To Collect Taxes E. S. Graves, Sheriff and Tax Collector

## The Business of Farming

is one of the most important and necessary in the world. Certainly in this great agricultural state of ours farming takes first place among its many important industries. Business methods on the farm are not hard to maintain, and even a simple system will help the farmer to tell the facts about his business. Start a checking account at this bank and keep a record of all your finances.

## The Citizens State Bank

### A Guaranty Fund Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$33,750.00  
J. S. MORSE, President C. C. BOGAN, Cashier

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No. 90 BANKS Official Statement of the Financial Condition of THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

at Alanreed, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1924, published in The McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 15th day of January, 1925.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal on collateral	\$36,369.68
Overdrafts	848.29
Bonds and Stocks	188.50
Real Estate (banking house)	4,900.00
Other Real Estate	660.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,107.50
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	9,499.18
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,087.96
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,240.20
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange	8,098.28
Other Resources	195.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,194.59</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	200.00
Unpaid Profits, net	200.46
Individual Deposits, subject to check	42,765.04
Time Certificates of Deposit	6,086.24
Cashier's Checks	1,332.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,194.59</b>

State of Texas, County of Gray.  
We, C. M. McCullough, as president, and Jennie Sherrod, as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. M. McCULLOUGH, President.  
JENNIE SHERROD, Asst. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, A. D. 1925. J. A. COPPEDGE, Notary Public, (SEAL) Gray County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest: E. B. HEDRICK, M. M. HEDRICK, ANDY WORD, Directors.



THE WEATHER

The first of the week was marked with bright weather, with Wednesday night the warmest night since winter began; the temperature did not fall below freezing all night, but Thursday morning dawned cloudy with threatening rain, turning to a cold north wind with a light drizzle freezing as it fell, at 2 p. m.

DIDN'T NOTICE

"Did you notice that lovely girl in the pretty brown dress, waiting in the lobby?" he asked his wife as they took their seats in the theatre. "What? That frowsy thing with the false puffs, enameled face, gold teeth, made-over dress, imitation mink furs, and torn gloves? No, indeed, I didn't notice her. Why?"

NOTHING LIKE THAT!

A young woman of heroic build met a man who had known her father and mother. As he gazed at this plump Juno the light of memory came into his eyes. "Let me see," he mused, "which side of the house do you resemble most?" "Sir," she cried in accents far from mild, "I don't resemble the side of any house."

WILLING TO HELP

A big darky was being registered during the draft. "Ah cain't go t' wuh," he answered, in re-exemption, "foh dey ain't nobody I look after mah wife." A dapper little under-sized colored brother stepped briskly up and inquired: "Whist kind of a lookin' lady am yo' wife?"

THAT'S JERRY ALL OVER!

Murphy of Tammany Hall, usually thought of as sphinx-like and taciturn, is said to be quite a surprise when story telling starts in the inner Sanctum of his political headquarters. One story going the rounds is his illustration of the way a defeated opponent acted on election night. Murphy told about two hoboes—"An' me friend Jerry alwuz told me to be calm and collected in the face of danger," said Weary Willie. "Thin wan day me an' him wuz crossin' the railroad bridge whin an express train come a whizzin' round a curve right a top of us." "And us Jerry calm?" asked Hoboe Bill. "Yis," answered Weary, "he was calm, but he wuz niver collected."

COST OF LIVING IN CALIFORNIA

The fancy prices charged for fruit in some of the Hollywood stores daze out-of-town folks, despite the fact that California grows fruit in abundance.

Some fine red apples displayed in a vegetable stand on Hollywood boulevard caught the eye of a man from the apple-growing state of Washington and he thought he'd buy a couple.

"Gimme two of those," he said to the clerk, holding out a \$5 bill. "How much are they?"

The clerk thought he knew a rube when he saw one.

"Two dollars apiece," he said, quickly producing the dollar change. "Just keep the dollar, son, and we'll be square," said the stranger. "I ate a grape when you weren't looking."

THINKS THEM TOO BOYISH

There are no girls in the United States. They are all boys.

Hopeless of finding a real woman type in this country after a year's search, Robert Leonard, artist, sent to Germany for the young person who represents real womanhood. He took her immediately upon her arrival to the marriage license bureau and now he has a wife, the perfect model, and the only "woman" in his country.

Leonard, who loves America better than his own Germany, says he despaired of ever discovering the ideal vamp type here. He has had hundreds of American girls pose for him. "But they couldn't let loose, they were never natural. I found I had to draw boys instead of girls."

Maria Wafers is different, he explains.

She was a movie actress in Germany, when Leonard met her two years ago. And since she posed for him, all models have had no appeal whatever.

Maria is willowy, blonde and every movement and pose is a bit of music. Leonard says so himself.

She is a thousand women in one. She is never the same.

This is Maria: About five feet six, with tawny hair pulled straight back from her forehead, oiled and jammed into a stiff, tiny knot at the nape of the neck. For all the world like the sculptured heads of women one sees in the exhibitions of the independent society artists. A futurist type. A head small for her body—egg shaped. One thinks of Fanny Hurst's description of a young woman's head—"like an egg that comes whole from your mouth."

"She is a vamp, but she has a heart," said Leonard.

And Maria said to that something in German, which brought a glow to her enthusiastic husband's face.

Paul Machina of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

J. G. Mann went to Oklahoma City Tuesday night for medical treatment.

C. E. Francis gave us \$1.50 Tuesday to renew his subscription to The News.

Mrs. A. A. Ledbetter and children returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives at Clarendon.

Bethel Christian of Amarillo was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Everett were Shamrock visitors Wednesday.

Bill Bentley went to Shamrock Wednesday on business.

Bryant Henry and Donald Beall visited the Morse ranch Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass of Skillet were McLean visitors Saturday.

A new car of Yukon four just arrived. Cheney & Calahan. Advertisement. tlc

DESK BLOTTERS, large size, at the News office.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Overton were visitors at the Whittington oil well Sunday.

John Cadra of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Sunday.

W. H. Holmes of Amarillo was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Huey was in from the Morse ranch Saturday.

Chas. Paek was in from the farm Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Rector of Abilene were McLean visitors last Saturday.

T. F. Henley of Back was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Wants

FOR RENT—Two farms. One 145 acres, tenant must buy four mules, harness and plow tools. See me at once. Hands wanted to pick 5 or 6 bales of bolls. R. S. Jordan, Phone 99. 1c

FOR SALE—Oak dining table. Looks like new. May be seen at News office. 1c

BARGAIN RATES on the Star-Telegram are now \$6.60 from now until Dec. 1 for daily and Sunday, and \$5.25 for daily without Sunday. This is not a full year's subscription, but only until Dec. 1st next. The sooner you subscribe the bigger bargain you get. This offer good only during this month. Subscribe at the News office, home town agents.

GROCERIES are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tlc

GARBAGE and trash hauled from any part of the city at reasonable rates. Frank Haynes. tlc

FOR SALE—East one-half of southeast quarter of Section No. Ninety-one, Block No. Twenty-three, also three acres out of the northeast corner of northeast quarter of Section Sixty-six, Block Twenty-three, Gray County, Texas. If interested write John Burns, Clemons, Iowa. 40-26p.

CARDBOARD for any purpose at the News office.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS for Remington, Royal and Underwood standard machines. The best ribbon on the market for 60c each. Remington portable ribbons 40c, at News office.

FOR SALE—S. W. 120 acres, section 42, block 23, good well. Price \$2,000. Small cash payment, balance 1 to 10 years, interest 6 1/2%. Inquire of C. H. Biegel, 105 W. Monroe St., Chicago, or Massay & McAdams, McLean. 51-5p

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

FOR RENT—160 acre farm, 4 miles east of McLean on Shamrock road. I. X. Kueheffer. 2-2p

FOR SALE—Registered Hereford bull, high grade and registered Hereford cows and heifers. Jersey cows springers and fresh. Breed to Financial King, the Jersey bull. G. W. Sitter. 2-3p

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

NOTICE

Take advantage of the low prices on high grade glasses fitted by Dr. Claude Wolcott at Amarillo. Save from \$5.00 to \$7.50. This will pay for the trip. Take this advertisement with you. Advertisement 3-4c

Emmett Thompson of Shamrock has our thanks for a renewal subscription to The News.

HE PICKED THE WINNER

Speaking of high prices—Roger Babson, well known statistician, has established a correspondence course division in connection with his institution at Wellesley Hills, Mass. They receive many curious requests for information. One recently is reported to have come from a convict at Sing Sing who had a brilliant idea. He wrote: "Dear Mr. Babson, I am in prison for burglarizing a bank. I have plenty of time to study so I want to prepare myself to do better when I get out. Do you have any courses teaching one to be a plumber?"

VERY FEW HAVE TO!

Over at Honey Grove the other day the citizens of that East Texas metropolis gave Editors Jim Lowery and Moyer a banquet of appreciation for their services to that city and community. That was wonderfully fine for those boys, but that wouldn't do here in Clarendon—there is only one of us, and one couldn't stand it by himself.—Clarendon News.

TWO HALVES EQUAL—

"Pa," said little Robert. "a man's wife is his better half, isn't she?" His Father—"We are told so, my son."

Little Robert—"Then if a man marries twice there isn't anything left of him, is there?"

ADVERTISING PROBLEM

One of the merchants of Childress, in talking over advertising problems with us this week, stated that one of the largest concerns

in the world, manufacturing one of his lines of merchandise, insisted that their dealers appropriate a certain percentage of their gross sales for advertising. Nor did they stop at insisting—he said that unless their customers annual financial statements showed a reasonable amount to have been spent for advertising, this concern "ate them up about it." He said, further, that this big concern was very positive in their assertion that, of all forms of advertising, newspaper advertising secured the greatest results for the money spent. The concern itself spends vast amounts in advertising its products.

Is it a "hard-boiled" concern that seeks to know how its dealers advertise its products? We think not. No merchant questions his jobbers' and manufacturers' right to ask him for the statement that shows his gross sales, purchases and distribution of expense. And if any of them feels that the sales of a customer have suffered in

volume because of failure to advertise, they know that their own sales have suffered in proportion, and, in the case of "exclusive" lines, feel that they have a grievance against the dealer who did not, according to his own statement to them, advertise to the proper extent.

This is not the only big concern that makes such demands of their dealers. There are many, and they are increasing the force of their demands. Nor is it likely that they are deceived as to the advertising medium which brings greatest returns to the advertiser. We thank you for your kind attention.—Childress Post.

ASK TO SEE the new Remington portable typewriters on display at the News office.

Cotton Prices

The price you receive for bollie cotton depends upon how well the gin does its work. Our modern cleaning machinery insures you the best possible sample. Bring us your next bale.

SMITH-COOKE GIN

COMING!

Allston and his five fun-makers. A six-piece orchestra from Amarillo High School will play with the pictures and give a special entertainment Thursday and Friday, Jan. 22 and 23.

- R. L. Allston, Director.....Violin
- Louise Worrel.....Piano
- Nelson Grimes.....Clarinet
- Richard Roberts.....Saxophone
- R. B. Parkinson.....Trombone
- Marion McClure.....Drums

Admission 15c and 35c

LEGION THEATRE

PUBLIC SALE

McLean, Texas

Tuesday January 20, 1925

On the W. H. Bragg farm, 3 miles east and 1 mile north of McLean, Texas. Sale starts at 10 o'clock a. m.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

- 1 good Emerson piano.
- 2 bedsteads and springs.
- 1 wire folding davenport.
- 1 dresser.
- Chairs.
- 1 dining table.
- 1 oil stove.
- 1 4-burner New Perfection oil stove.
- 1 cabinet.
- 1 cook stove.
- 1 heater.
- 10 dozen jars of fruit.

- 1 corn fork.
- 2 sets leather harness.
- 1 set leather harness with chain trigs.
- 2 saddles.

LIVESTOCK

- 1 pair mules 6 and 7 yrs. old, weight 2200 lbs.
- 1 pair horses 8 and 9 yrs. old, weight 2900 lbs.
- 1 pair horses, smooth mouth, weight 2000 lbs.
- 1 bay mare 8 yrs. old, weight 1100 lbs.
- 2 good saddle ponies.
- 1 sorrel mare, smooth mouth.
- 1 bay horse 8 yrs. old.
- 1 bay mare 5 yrs. old.
- 1 mule colt 7 months old.
- 2 good milch cows, calves by side.
- 1 Jersey cow 4 yrs. old, fresh.
- 1 heifer yearling.
- 4 shoats.
- About 3000 bundles of kafir.
- Other articles too numerous to mention.

FARM IMPLEMENTS

- 4 sled go-devils.
- 2 good planters.
- 1 John Deere lister.
- 1 brand new Oliver cultivator.
- 2 other cultivators.
- 2 wagons.
- 5 weeding hoes.
- 2 maize forks.

TERMS OF SALE.—All sums under \$20.00, cash in hand. Over \$20.00, 5 per cent discount for cash, or ten months' time, bankable note.

THERE WILL BE A LUNCH STAND ON THE GROUNDS.

J. E. Parish & Ed. Brock

Owners

V. H. MOORE, Auctioneer

F. H. BOURLAND, Clerk



Every Student Needs One

WHEN you have a brilliant thought, write it down. It may be about biology 1, a new way of handling the forward pass, or a note to Dad. Whatever it is—write it—on a Remington Portable. This little machine is always ready. You can tap out your thoughts far faster and easier than you can write with a pen.

Compact—fits in a case only four inches high. Complete—has the four-row keyboard like the big machines, and other "big machine" features. Convenient—can be operated on your lap if you wish, for it carries its table on its back. Price, complete with case, \$60. Easy payment terms if desired

Remington Portable

The News





**THE McLEAN NEWS**

Published Every Thursday

T. A. Landers Fred Landers  
**LANDERS & LANDERS**  
Editors and Owners

Entered as second class mail matter May 8, 1905, at the post office at McLean, Texas, under act of Congress.

**Subscription Price**  
One year.....\$1.50  
Six months......75  
Three months......40

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

It is impossible to put a monetary value on the work of the County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent, and the Gray County Commissioners' Court is to be commended on continuing the work in our county.

When an oil well near Pampa caught fire, the Pampa Fire Department responded to a call for help, and the drillers were so pleased with their efforts that they sent them a letter of appreciation accompanied by a check for \$100. This is real appreciation for a neighborly kindness.

Agriculture is the most important industry in our community, as it is in most places, but no provision has been made in our public school for teaching the practical side of agriculture. Vocational training could well be given in the McLean school to boys and girls along the lines of their probable life work, and we would be glad to see this question worked out before next term. If our readers would like to express their opinions on this question through the columns of The News, we would be very glad to publish articles along this line, or any other question of school or community betterment.

**FUSS AND FEATHERS**

Again is being raised the cry that too much extra money is being spent by Lubbock school children in the various school activities of the city. If such charges are true, school authorities should take steps to check them.

It must be considered, however, that all work and no play makes boys and girls dull. Also, it must be considered that supervised play, which is really what the activities of the schools amount to, is the best form of play there is, and a child attending a school where nothing is ever gone into except text books is being cheated of many valuable associations and friendships which otherwise they would enjoy.

School activities, whenever possible, should be conducted without any cost to the children. If there is a necessary cost entailed it should be held to the minimum. Too many activities and functions calling for an outlay of money or of clothes are apt to prove injurious to the proficiency of the schools and too apt to give the pupils the wrong light on the affair.

In the cases where families are able to provide additional funds for schooling other than the cost of materials and clothing, activities where money is needed prove no bugbear. For many families, however, the keeping of children in school is carried on through sacrifices. These families should not be saddled with unnecessary expense, in attempting to keep children on the same social basis in schools as are the children of more fortunate parents.

What is needed in the local school system is not a curtailment of activities, but rather a closer supervision of them. In the selection of various accessories, care should be exercised that the accessories are purchased at the smallest possible cost. And when they are purchased, supervision should be made in order that the firms from whom the purchases are secured may get their rightful due. This is one place where the high school, at least, has fallen short in the past.—Lubbock Plains Journal.

**THAT'S ALL SHE DO**

Senator James A. Reed in his recent Missouri campaign for reelection told a lot of stories to illustrate his points. One was about a darkey he interviewed. He wanted to hire the darkey, but Sambo didn't want a job. "Does your wife take in washing, Sam?" questioned the Senator.

**"No, sah."**

"But she did take in washing for a living, didn't she, Sam?" asked Reed.

"No, Sah, Ah guess you's wrong. Ah takes in de washin', sah, and Ah takes de washin' out. All m' wife does is t' stay home and do it, sah."

**IMMOVABLE**

"I was in a pleasure show and it was so dark that a girl seated herself right on my lap."

"What did you do then?"

"Sat through two shows."

**ODE TO A CHIGGER**

When you come home from a picnic, if you are an optimist, you can recite this verse:

If the chigger were bigger,  
As big as a cow;  
And it dug with the vigor  
It digs with now.  
And its digger were bigger,  
As big as a plow;  
Say, Mr. Picknicker,  
Where would you be now?

**POOR DAD**

The village queen, in order to avoid detection, eloped in her father's clothes. The Weekly Clarion's next issue had an account of the elopement headed as follows: "Flees in Papa's Pants."

**THE LATE JOSEPH JEFFERSON'S LIMERICKS**

There was a young lady from Siam  
Who said to her lover, young Priam,  
"If you kiss me, of course,  
You'll have to use force,  
But God knows you're stronger  
than I am."

There was a young sculptor named  
Phidias,  
Whose work most people thought  
hideous.  
He made Aphrodite  
Without any "nightie,"  
Thus shocking the ultra-fastidious.

There was a young woman named  
Banker,  
Who slept when the ship came to  
anchor.  
She awoke in dismay  
When she heard the mate say:  
"Hoist up the top sheets and spanker!"

Continued selling success must rest upon established prestige. And prestige rests upon merit of product and public familiarity with the name of the producer. Therefore: Advertise!—Service Digest.

**TATTLE-TALE!**

A young lady had this shop print her some greeting cards this week, part of the sentiment thereon being: "You're the nicest boy I know," and there were twenty-five of them.—Colby (Kans.) Tribune.

**FATHER OBJECTS**

"Do you like indoor sports?"  
"Yes, but father won't let them stay very long."

**NOT HAPPY AT ALL**

It was one of those cold, raw November days that Northern England knows so well. A Roman pageant was being given, near York. On the second day an elderly but enthusiastic maiden lady from New England went over from the nearby town where she was staying to view the "works." She encountered one of the outposts of the pageant guard, a tall, skinny, raw-boned, countryman, bare-armed, bare-legged and bare-headed, clad only in a tunic of flimsy muslin. "Oh, sir!" cried the lady, clasping her hands in ecstasy of enthusiasm, as she addressed the blue-lipped, shivering Roman. "Are you Appius Claudius?" "Appy as Claudius?" responded the man, his teeth fairly chattering. "No, ma'am, I'm un'appy as 'ell!"

**TAKING NO CHANCES**

Albert Bushnell Hart is one of the America's foremost historians. He is also quite cognizant of modern happenings and the ways of the kiddies. Note this one. It occurred in a New York trolley car. The line evidently ran into a fashionable district and the fashionably dressed lady was not pleased with the little urchin who had sat down in the seat alongside her. She stood his sniffing as long as she could and finally burst forth in haughty tones: "Young man, have you a handkerchief?" The urchin sniffed once more, then answered loudly, "Yes'm, but I ain't allowed to lend it."

**THE LIMIT**

The Y. M. C. A. big man, John R. Mott, with his international experience of course tells a lot about foreigners and immigrants. He tells of an Irish girl. She had come over on money forwarded to the old country by Pat—Pat, the man whom she was to marry. He had told her a lot about what to do and what to expect—but not all. So when Nora got off the boat at New York and boarded the train for the West—and Pat—she was due for experiences. It was her first trip. The conductor came through. "Tickets," he called out. And Nora readily gave up her ticket. Then just as she had settled back, along came the "News-butcher boy" calling "chewing gum." "The devil ye say," spoke up Nora, "kin yez bate that—O'll niver go it—yez c'n take me ticket but not me chewin' gum."

**WISE RASTUS**

Judge Ben B. Lindsay, our most widely known Juvenile Judge, tells of a little colored boy who appeared in his court one morning on a delinquency charge. After the matter was all straightened out the Judge called in one of his friends who needed a boy at his store, and the friend offered to take on the little colored fellow. So he said to him, "All right, Rastus, come around tomorrow morning and I'll put you to work and pay you whatever you are worth." "No, sah, I don want to do dat," hastily replied Rastus, "I'se gittin' mo' dan dat now."

Jim McMurtry of Clarendon was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

Wait for the Michigan salt. Caney & Calahan. Advertisement

CARPON PAPER for embroidering, in large sheets at the News office.

Groceries are cheaper at Pu-ke's Cash Store. Advertisement, etc.

**LIFE INSURANCE**

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

**E. M. RICE**

Agent, McLean, Texas  
Life Accident Health

**McLean Filling Station**

Oils, Gas and Accessories  
Sudden Service  
Magnolene Ford Oil will make your Ford run better.  
FLOYD PHILLIPS, Mgr.

**INSURANCE**

LIFE FIRE HAIL  
I represent some of the strongest companies in the world. I insure anything. No prohibited list.  
Money to loan on farms.

**T. N. HOLLOWAY**  
Reliable Insurance

**SHORT ORDERS**

Anything you want to eat, cooked like you want it.  
Hamburgers, coffee, pies, soups, steaks—You give the order—we fill it in record time, at all hours.

**J. A. MEADOR**

**TAILOR WORK**

"Service" is our motto in the tailoring line. We invite you to try our service during the year 1925. You'll like it.

**Service Tailor Shop**  
Hansel Christian, Prop.  
1st door north of McLean Hardware

**IT WASN'T IMPORTANT**

The junior partner was interviewing a very pretty girl who had applied for a position. The senior partner came in, and after inspecting the vision, called the other member of the firm aside and whispered, "I'd hire her." "I have." "Can she take dictation?" "We'll find that out later," said the junior partner. "I didn't want any obstacles to crop up"

**HOW'S THIS?**

Woman is as old as she looks—a man isn't old until he stops looking.

**CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE**

Manager Tris Speaker of the Cleveland Indians knocked a "home-er" with this one.

"Gr-r-r-r-h, the train drew up with a mighty cash and shock between stations. "Is it an accident? What happened?" inquired a worried looking individual of the conductor.

"Someone pulled the bell cord!" shouted the conductor. "The express knocked our last car off the track! Take us four hours before the track is clear."

"Great Scott! Four hours? I am supposed to be married today."

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

**Ora Oliver Gooch**

Graduate Optometrist  
Glasses Correctly Fitted  
All work first class and guaranteed.

First National Bank Building  
Shamrock, Texas

**groaned the passenger.**

The conductor, a bigoted back-sloer, raised his eyebrows suspiciously. "Lock here!" he demanded. "Are you the chap that pulled the cord?"

From the good you will learn good; if you mix with the bad you will lose what sense you have. When you undertake great affairs, confide in but few.—Maxims of Theognis, the Greek poet of the sixth century B. C.

**EASILY PLEASED**

Here's one that will please the ladies in the audience.

Him—"I suppose when all women vote, the party managers will have to put handsome men on their tickets for candidates."

Her—"What makes you think women will demand handsome men to vote for when you look at the kind most of them marry?"

**WHERE!**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown was the scene of a beautiful wedding last evening when their youngest daughter, Margaret, was joined in holy wedlock to Mr. David Preston.—Morning Star.

**Lumber for Every Need**

Direct from the forest comes the lumber in our yards, insuring you the first grade in whatever you need.

It also enables us to quote lower prices because our cost is less than if we were to buy from indirect sources.

You can supply home needs from our large hardware stock.

**Western Lumber & Hardware Company**  
H. F. WINGO, Manager

**Special! Special!**

We are offering special prices on some lines that can be appreciated by the careful shopper at this season of the year.

**Blankets**

70x84 pure Australian wool blanket, \$7.50 value for only \$5.00.

70x80 woolnap blanket, \$4.50 value for only \$3.90.

64x76 woolnap blanket, \$3.50 value for only \$2.90.

**Ginghams**

32-inch dress gingham, 35c value for only 19c.

**Oxfords**

A line of G. Edwin Smith's two-tone oxfords, a slipper that you may expect long wear from, for school and street use. These shoes have been conservatively priced at \$6.50. We offer them now, while the present stock lasts, at only \$4.50.

"They thought old King Tut was old stuff, but they haven't got anything on some of our accounts. Come on across, now—don't wait for the squire to dig you up."

**T. J. Coffey & Bro.**

The Store Where Your Dollar Buys the Most



**YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY**

Song.  
Prayer.  
Bible lesson—2 Sam. 23:13-17.  
Subject—Friends in the Hour of Danger.  
Leader—Elgin Shell.  
Sentence prayers for the New Year and its work.  
My Gingham Dress, a Bond of Friendship—Frances Roberts.  
Poem of Friendship—Dorothy Cousins.  
The Mother of the Cotton Mill—Johnnie Villa Haynes.  
Hymn—I Gave My Life for Thee. Pledges will be taken.

**GOSPEL FISHERS UNION**

Opening exercises.  
Group No. 2 in charge.  
Sword drill.  
Subject—A Fisherman Who Became a Shepherd.  
Leader—Vernie Savage.  
Scripture reading—Jno. 1:41, 42.  
Introduction—Leader.  
Peter a Fisherman—Elizabeth Wilkerson.  
Peter the Faithless—Lloyd Hunt.  
Peter the Witness—Mildred Landers.  
Peter the Fearful—Merle Young.  
Peter the Shepherd—Floye Landers.  
Peter's Letters—Elizabeth Wilkerson.  
Poem—Loyalty.

**BOX SUPPER AT LIBERTY**

A box supper will be held at the Liberty school house Saturday evening, Jan. 17, at 7:30. Readings will be given by school pupils. Proceeds will be used for school equipment necessary for state aid. Everybody come and bring someone. Advertisement 1c

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kinard of Gracey visited in the M. H. Kinard home Friday and Saturday.

J. M. Carpenter and family were Clarendon visitors last Thursday.

M. D. Bentley attended the Jackson Day dinner at the Amarillo Hotel last week.

Glenn King of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

**WHEN THINGS GET YOUR GOAT**

Did you ever fly into a rage while trying to open a window in a Pullman car? Most people do. These windows usually stick as if nailed shut or imbedded in glue.

They're intended to stick. Otherwise they would keep travellers awake by rattling or permitting drafts of air to enter around loose edges and cracks.

Posted in the corridor of a Pullman car we find a notice instructing us to summon the porter if we want the window opened. "It's his job, anyway," says the placard.

The porter, it develops, carries a special apparatus, a lever that presses the window open easily.

So a lot of us have been annoyed, exasperated, enraged without cause.

Think it over. Isn't that the way with most of the things that "get our goat?" Nine times out of ten the trouble is in our own nerves and attitude rather than in the situation and obstacles that rile our emotions.

For instance, when a man is in a hurry, the sidewalk crowd seems in secret alliance to get in his way as much as possible. It never occurs to him that he is in other people's road quite as much as they are in his.

We blame the porter rather than the obstinate window. That is not fair. We blame the salesgirl who waits on us, if our change is slow in coming—though the clerk cannot help it.

We neglect to vote and then make the air blue if we are not satisfied with politicians who get into office by reason of vote slacker's negligence.

We return a cross word double measure, and are firmly convinced that the other party is entirely to blame if a quarrel results.

It's a fine alibi, the claim that something gets our goat. As a matter of fact, we usually get our own goat.

Generally, at the root of it all is nervous impatience—high blood pressure of a frantic haste without reason for it. A contented, easy-going life is in the formula: "A hundred years from now it won't make any difference."—San Angelo Standard.

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

**DOWNRIGHT BUNK**

The Roswell Record makes some important observations on the wet views of Arthur Brisbane, considered one of America's leading editorial writers. Brisbane dished out the rot recently that "a people whose brains are befuddled by alcohol will win over a sober people," and adds that is the reason why England has controlled the 300,000,000 population of India. "Brisbane is a great writer, but if he serves up much of that sort of mush, he will lose his greatness," says the Record. "England rose to the heights, not because of alcohol, but despite it."

If an individual is handicapped by being a boozier, you may be assured that a Nation, composed of individuals, will also be at a disadvantage, points the Record. Those men trying to break down respect for prohibition and law enforcement don't have our admiration. Such preaching as this to which the Record calls attention is striking at the roots of our government and should be denounced in the pulpit, in the school and in every place where respect for the law reigns.—Amarillo Daily News.

**CONSISTENCY, THOU JEWEL!**

Take the hardest knocker of road bonds in town, the fellow who spends all of his time talking against them, usually he is a man who is consistently against public improvements of all kinds. It is not that he is against these improvements, per se, he only objects to paying out any money. Should he select another place to live in, he is not going to hunt up a backwoods community; no indeed, he wants a town with good schools, sewerage and water works, and above all, good roads, the very things he has been fighting all his life.

The trouble, as we notice with the average man opposed to good roads is that he cannot see a dollar for the nicker between it and his eye. Take such a man who has quit work and is living off his money—he is not interested in progress or public welfare; all he cares for is to make his taxes as small as possible. This may seem all right for that kind of man, but for the majority of us who have to make our living by work, such views are suicidal. If we are to have a country fit to live in, we must incur some expense, there is no way out of that.—Quanah Tribune Chief.

**WHO PAYS FOR ADVERTISING?**

That advertising not only does not increase the cost of the advertised product, but, on the contrary, makes economies possible that benefit customers, dealers, manufacturers, and producers of raw material, is the statement recently made by Dr. J. T. Dorrance, president of the Campbell Soup Co.

In 1898 the output of the Campbell Soup Company was 500,000 cans for the entire year.

In 1898 the expense for salesmen was seven and one-half per cent, and for advertising fourteen per cent of the selling price.

Now—the cost for salesmen is two and one-half per cent, and for advertising less than three per cent, making a total selling cost of about five per cent, or two and one-half per cent less than it cost for salesmen alone in 1898.

The advertised price of Campbell's soup is twelve cents a can anywhere in the United States. This pays for the cost of the materials, the manufacturing charges, the transportation cost and the profits of jobber and retailer.

The cost of advertising in a single can of soup is seventeen

one-hundredths of one per cent. As Dr. Dorrance puts it: "Advertising has assisted us to stabilize our business, to guarantee the consumer a product of uniform superior quality at a low price, to make sure that whatever profit is made on our raw materials is made by the farmer, and to keep our manufacturing organization employed at steady wages throughout the year."

Advertising, and advertising alone has made this possible.—Lubbock Plains Journal.

**THREE KINDS OF CITIZENS**

Every growing, ambitious town is composed of three elements. Those who work patriotically, vigorously and intelligently for the advancement; those who are in a state of apathy or indifference, and those who take a curious delight in discouraging the efforts of others by ridicule, and by a persistent denial that any progress can or has been accomplished, and by boasts of every other town besides their town. The last class are called croakers, but they are really something worse, for their opposition does not rise simply from despondency, but from that unenviable spirit that will neither act itself or suffer others to act.—Pampa News.

It is said that Boston passed an ordinance which forbade bathing unless by the order of a physician, and that this law was actually in the code from 1845 to 1862.

Egbert Freeman of Ramdell was in town Monday.

**Look Your Best**

Come to our shop and get a haircut and shave. You'll look and feel better.

We have the equipment and the barbers to give the best service possible.

**Elite Barber Shop**  
West and Everett, Props.

**REAL DRAY SERVICE**

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

**Kunkel Bros.**

**FIRESTONES**

the tire that renders service. Fabrics, Cords and Balloons at attractive prices. Buy Firestones and know that you get the maximum service.

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

**INSURANCE**

Fire, Hail, Tornado Health, Accident  
You are fully protected when insured in the strong companies we represent.

**Haynes & Ledbetter**  
Office Theatre Building

**A Complete Line of New Cars**

New value—new quality—a new line of Chevrolet models far better than ever before. The public has recognized that Chevrolet represents a high standard of quality at low cost. As a result, Chevrolet has become the world's largest producer of automobiles with modern 3-speed transmission.

Now the Chevrolet quality has been greatly increased. The new Chevrolet embodies quality features such as you would expect to find only on cars of much higher price.

It is easy to pay for a Chevrolet.

**Smith Bros. Chevrolet**

Mrs. L. V. Lonsdale and little daughter returned Saturday from Amarillo.

Mrs. Earl Wilmoth of Wildorado spent from Monday till Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wingo.

H. F. Wingo went to Oklahoma City on business Sunday night.

Mrs. Will Harian and children left Tuesday for their home at White Deer after a visit with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kibler.

George Woodward of Oklahoma City was a business visitor in our city Tuesday.

John Scott renews his subscription to The News and Dallas News this week.

Mrs. E. D. Langley of Glen Rose orders The News sent to her address this week.

Jack Steger, Jack Back, Lee Cason, Charles Jordan, Ralph and James Jackson and Fred Bentley attended the ball games at Groom Friday.

George Bourland of Overbrook, Okla., came in last Thursday on business.

Mrs. Dunkle of Colorado Springs, Colo., is visiting her son, R. O. Dunkle.

Real Michigan meat salt due to arrive soon at Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement 1c

Hansel Christian, Dwight Upham, Misses Sallie Campbell and Thelma Gatlin were Groom visitors Friday.

C. A. Gatlin has renewed a subscription to The News this week.

**Artificial Eyes**  
(Imported Enamel Glass)  
**Sound Conductors**  
(Aid for the Very Deaf)  
**Reading Glasses**  
\$7.50  
(Fitted to Measure)  
Dr. Claude Wolcott, Specialist  
Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat  
Catarrh  
1104 Polk St., Amarillo, Tex.

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

WHAT YOU EXPECT—  
**GOOD LUCK**

WHAT YOU DON'T EXPECT—  
**BAD LUCK**

WHAT YOU'RE SURE TO GET—  
**SOME OF BOTH**

The percentage will probably be about 50-50, with an even break. To make things break IN YOUR FAVOR, then something must be done to HEDGE against that fifty per cent of bad luck that you've got coming.

A bank account is the best hedge we know. And this bank is the best place to have a bank account we know of.



**The American National Bank**

**ECZEMA!**  
Money back without condition if HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES (Hunt's Salve and Soap) fail in the treatment of itchy, scaly, Ringworm, Tetter or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.  
For Sale by  
**Shell's Pharmacy**  
**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 60 years  
**F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio**



**Phone your order if you Can't Come**

We give telephone orders the same personal attention that we'd give you if you came right up to our counters, using the same careful discrimination in selecting the best from our stock that you yourself would use. And your order will be delivered right to your table—fresh, clean and wholesome.

**Free Delivery**

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# Sandpaper

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**The "Good" in Sport**  
 "Our active interest in sports is not a waste of time," says W. E. Myer in the Weekly News Review, speaking of the frenzied excitement that took place at the world series baseball games recently. Anything that lends interest to a day or hour of time and which carries with it no ill effect is a good thing. The great foe to human happiness is boredom. We live too much on a low plane of existence. We snatch too few thrills from the experience of life. Intense concern over the outcome of a ball game transfers a number of our moments to the interesting colorful column. We cannot, of course, build a life about such concerns. We need others.

If one adds to his interest in the sports of the day an interest in political and economic affairs, if he learns to get excited thrills from good books, from strolls through the woods, if he engages in an occupation, the mastery of which furnishes him with daily adventures and victories, then he begins to find most of his moments in the interesting column. He finds the dull, monotonous hours very few. He finds himself getting a "kick" out of the most casual experiences. He finds his interest so broad that he is never bored. He has become, in short, a person of culture.

1. Our active interest in sports is not a waste of time.
2. Transferring the interest in sport to other things in life.

**McLean Teams Defeat Groom**  
 By Thelma Gatlin

"Are we in it? Well, I guess! Our basketball teams, yes, yes, yes!" On last Friday afternoon the Kittens and Tigers motored to Groom, where they defeated the basketball teams of that school 38-7 and 30-6. Good sportsmanship was displayed throughout both games, and a more friendly feeling existed between the two schools as a result of the match.

In the boys' game every man did splendid work, and the outstanding stars of the game were Davis at forward, who threw 18 of his team's 30 points; and Jackson, who did excellent work at center.

In the girls' game Sparks, R. Stratton and V. Stratton did wonderful work for the Kittens, while Suckly and Franklin played brilliantly for the Groom team.

The Kittens displayed their good teamwork from the start, and with the team working like a machine, the Groom girls were unable to cope with the Kittens. From the very start it was easily seen that the McLean girls would be victorious.

Groom boys and girls complimented the McLean teams on their sportsmanship, and we of McLean can return this and say that both games were heartily enjoyed. We expect to do much toward putting out winning basketball teams this season.

**Our Basketball Team**  
 By LeRoy Landers

The McLean High School has never had more favorable prospects for a basketball team. The boys have started the season with several decisive victories, and there is nothing to indicate that the local team will not continue to be victorious throughout the season. There is plenty of excellent material in the school; we have a coach who knows how to teach those who will listen to his instructions.

The boys have been working up some signals and improving their team plays, but they do not work out regularly enough to reach their maximum ability as ball players. If they would only put as much life and pep into their daily practice as they put into a match game, McLean would surely see her team attain a high place in basketball this year.

**The Students' Lament**  
 Guss Irvin

Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the High School. Hath this been in our days or in the days of our fathers? Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell another generation. That which Mr. Dean has left my classmate hath borrowed, and that which my classmate hath left hath special exams required, and that which special exams left hath the library taken. Alas for the day, for the time of the first

**Our Study Hall in 1925**  
 Bright and early Monday morn  
 The old school bell rings low,  
 But today it is not stormy

As it was two weeks ago.  
 Mr. Dean is at the door steps  
 Bidding everyone good morn,  
 With a merry, merry Christmas  
 And a happy New Year born.

The front doors both are open  
 As a welcome to us all,  
 To take up again our studies  
 In the good old Study Hall.

But is this the same old place  
 That we left in twenty-four,  
 With the desks all rough and worn,  
 And the dust behind the door?

There's a surprise on every face  
 As they step inside the door,  
 For in the room there's such a change  
 To what it was two weeks before.

That Mr. Dean's a carpenter  
 Is now beyond a doubt,  
 After a glance up at the stage  
 And at the fixtures all about.

But since everything is finished,  
 It surely is a treat  
 To look upon the fresh oiled floors  
 And everything so neat.

The desks that once were old and worn  
 Are now so nice and new,  
 'Twill inspire us in our studies  
 And make us more loyal, too.

The stage! Oh, what a change  
 The hand and brush has made  
 Upon the once rough walls  
 And on the curtain shade.

The room is now so nice and light  
 From the windows which were made,  
 And the lights no more are blinding  
 As they were without the shade.

All the room's so nice and clean,  
 There's no paper on the floor,  
 And today the stove's not smoking  
 As it has been heretofore.

Everyone seems satisfied  
 With the changes taken place,  
 For just you look across the hall—  
 There's a smile on every face.

Three cheers for the superintendent,  
 The teachers and everyone, too,  
 Who by help and co-operation  
 Have pushed this thing through.

—Guss Irvin

**Both head and ears and feet.**

Another time 'twas dark;  
 No one was in the house  
 But me, and I could mark  
 With my keen eye—no mouse—  
 A big black thing scrooched up  
 In the fireplace, so still,  
 He held in hand a cup,  
 And then began to fill  
 The cup with dark and pour  
 It out upon the hearth.  
 The dark spread on the floor,  
 Then covered all the earth,  
 It seemed to me. My hair  
 Stood up; I jumped and ran  
 From out that house. It's fair  
 To run from such a man.

Once I was going down  
 The road, one summer's night;  
 And right behind a mound  
 I saw an awful sight.  
 It looked white and big,  
 Then grew and grew so large!  
 Then I began to dig  
 The sand with toes and charge  
 The open air away  
 From there—you bet I did.  
 But think! That thing would stay  
 Right at my heels. My lid  
 Went with the breeze that night.  
 I did not stop to pick  
 It up—you bet your light—  
 I left it there real quick.

Note to Editors of the Sandpaper: Copy for the current issue should be in the Sponsor's hands by

day of the month is at hand—  
 Joel 5:24.

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 To the pure all things are pure,  
 and to the crazy all things are crazy.

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 Lee W.—"What a sad looking store!"

Davis—"Why, because it has panes in the window?"

Lee—"No, because the books are in tiers."

§ § § § §  
 Vernon R.—"What sort of time is your brother having on his motor tour?"

Vernon J.—"Great. I've had two letters from him—one from the police station and the other from the hospital."

§ § § § §  
 Speaking of unlucky men, we knew a man who fell out of an eighteen-story building into a wheelbarrow without injury, and then fell out of the wheelbarrow and broke his neck.

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 "There goes the phone," said Mr. Dean, as his wife rumbled it by his dome.

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 Miss Young—"Oran, what is a wizard?"

Oran—"A wizard is a cold spell."

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**Ghosts**  
 Once when I was a kid  
 And lay upon my bed;  
 When all was dark and hid,  
 And not a word was said,  
 A ghost stood there by me—  
 Right close there where I lay—  
 And looked and looked to see  
 Just how to snatch away  
 The covers from my head  
 And grab me up and run  
 Out the door which led  
 Into the yard where one  
 Like him stood there to tear  
 A boy in two and eat  
 Him so quick right there,

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**Scott's Kitchen**  
 Short Orders  
 Chilli and Roasts  
 The Best Pies and Coffee  
 Give Us a Trial  
 RILEY SCOTT, Prop.

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**START RIGHT**  
 Or Get Left  
 Use Texhoma gasoline and motor oils for the best service from your car.  
 SNAPPY SERVICE STATION  
 "Service With a Smile"  
 W. M. Meaders, Mgr.

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**Auctioneer**  
 Wheeler, Texas  
 Dates made at News office or call me collect.

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 Amarillo Puckett Building—  
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**For Land Sakes! !**  
 and the only way to get away from the constant reminder of the wife is to let us call for your clothes and give them a thorough cleaning and pressing.  
**City Tailor Shop**  
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 is your best protection against Fire, Hail and Tornadoes. Let me write you a policy in a strong company that will fully protect you against loss.  
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 W. C. Oxford has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.  
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 Jacob L. Hess of Enterprise had business in the city Tuesday.  
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 A. P. Rippey of Heald was a visitor in the city last Thursday.  
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 C. C. Rogan made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday.  
 A. S. Parker of Groom was a McLean visitor Tuesday and Wednesday.  
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 Yukon cream meal is the best in the world. A trial will convince you. C. & C. Advertisement of

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 And in most instances it will only take a few minutes' time, but if you neglect some minor car trouble, it may develop into a serious one. The safe way is to have us inspect your car regularly.  
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 "A Square Deal Always"

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**Click! and You Have It**  
 It is just that easy to take pictures the kodak way. An Eastman kodak can be enjoyed the year 'round.  
 Pictures taken now become priceless treasures as the years go by.  
 We sell the genuine Eastman kodaks and have a variety of sizes in stock, any one of which will please you.  
 Try our kodak finishing department for pictures of the better kind.  
**Erwin Drug Co.**  
 The Retail Drug Store

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**YOU TELL'EM**  
 The more a man wants to borrow the more he shakes your hand  
 Don't borrow trouble by buying off brand goods. We offer standard brands of known value, in coal and building materials.  
 We appreciate your trade.  
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