



Oliver October



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CHAPTER I—Oliver October Baxter, Jr., was born on the site October day. His parents were prominent in the commercial, social and spiritual life of the town of Rumbley. His father was proprietor of the hardware store. The night that Oliver October was born a gypsy queen reads his father's fortune and tells him what a wonderful future his son has before him. But after the reading, the gypsy queen is angry and leaves the house in a rage after telling Mr. Baxter that his son will never reach the age of thirty, that he will be hanged for a crime of which he is not guilty.

Oliver was strangely restless during dinner, and immediately after the company rose from the table at its conclusion he asked Jane to come with him for a little stroll in the open air. "I want to speak to you about something," he urged. "Better throw something over your shoulders. The night air—"

They heard footfalls—the slow, regular tread of a man walking in the road. They stood still listening. Suddenly the footfalls ceased. "He knows we have stopped," said Oliver. "He's listening to see if we are following."

shortly before three o'clock by the arrival of Oliver October. The two had become quite good friends. "Say, Malone, would you mind calling off those gravediggers of yours for half an hour or so? I am expecting a committee here at three o'clock."

BY VIRTUE of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 30th day of November, 1925, by Charlie Thut, Clerk of said Court, against F. W. Dillard and F. B. Dillard, for the sum of Seven Hundred Thirty-nine and 30-100 (\$739.50) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1270 in said Court, styled E. E. Reynolds versus F. W. Dillard, et al, and placed in my hands for service, I, E. S. Graves, as Sheriff of Gray County, Texas, did, on the 1st day of December, 1925, levy on a certain oil and gas lease and all of said defendants, F. W. Dillard and F. B. Dillard's leasehold interest in and to the following described land situated in Gray County, Texas, as follows: One certain oil and gas lease executed by E. E. Reynolds and wife, Amanda Reynolds, and Phoebe A. Worley, and covering the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 24 in Block No. 3, I. & G. N. Ry. Co. Survey, Gray County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of said F. W. Dillard and F. B. Dillard. And on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1926, at the Court House door of Gray County, in the town of Lefors, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said oil and gas lease at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said F. W. Dillard and F. B. Dillard by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

DR. J. A. HALL Dentist Of Shamrock, Tex. Will be in McLean on Thursday and Friday after the first Monday in each month. Ora Oliver Gooch Graduate Optometrist Glasses Correctly Fitted All work first class and guaranteed. First National Bank Building Shamrock, Texas. 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. Reliable Insurance T. N. HOLLOWAY Reliable Insurance Hall's Catarrh Medicine is a Combined Treatment, both local and internal, and has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over forty years. Sold by all druggists. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.



He Started Violently, the Words Dying on His Lips.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

We will be in McLean Dec. 30 and 31, 1925, to collect car license state and county taxes. All applicants for car license must have headlight test certificate not over 30 days old, before license for 1926 can be issued. We will be in Alanzed for the same purpose Jan 1, 1926. F. S. GRAVES, Sheriff and Tax Collector, Gray County, Texas. Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement t/c

Ford Christmas Suggests This Judicious Purchase The Fordor Sedan is an ideal Christmas gift for the whole family—an attractive and practical all-year car. It is finished in Deep Windsor Maroon, with interior upholstery to harmonize. Nickled radiator, low, deep seats, wide doors, hooded sun visor and large fenders. See this good-looking car at the salesroom of the nearest Authorized Ford Dealer. Easy terms gladly arranged. Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Mich. THE FORDOR SEDAN \$660 Runabout - \$260 Touring Car \$290 Coupe - \$320 Tudor Sedan \$350 Closed cars in color. Demountable rims and starter extra on open cars. All prices f. o. b. Detroit

# Hello!— Anybody Home?



### WERE TWICE TOO SMALL

A colored woman demanded a refund on a pair of hose recently purchased. The floorwalker asked: "Madam, did they not come up to your expectations?" "Lawdy no, whitefolks; dey hardly come up to mah knees," she replied.

### FAST BLACK

A colored citizen, after a visit to a hen roost, heard that the sheriff was after him. Hastening to the railroad station, he demanded a ticket on the fastest train, to the end of the line. "Our fastest train left ten minutes ago," said the agent. "Well, gimme a ticket," said the colored man, "and show me which way she went."

### VALUE VS. PRICE

Don't try to buy a thing too cheap from those with things to sell—Because the goods you'll have to keep, And time will always tell. The price you paid you'd soon forget. The goods you get will stay; The price you will not long regret. The quality you may. They ought to cut this "price" word out of dictionaries, too; *THE VALUE* what men talk about, Not what the price will do. In your machines as well as foods, Remember this advice: Don't let the price control the goods. But goods control the price. —"Georgia Highways."

### TELL IT FIRST

A story is told of two fruit vendors, whose push carts were loaded on opposite corners of a busy thoroughfare. One was an Italian, the other a Scandinavian. The Italian shouted: "Oranges! Sweet, juicy California oranges!" The Swede shouted, "Same tang over here! Same tang over here!" Which one do you think sold the most fruit? You would say, "the Italian, of course." The Italian created business, the other reaped the benefit to a certain extent. If the Italian was too busy to wait on a customer who was in a hurry he crossed the street and got quick service because the Scandinavian had the same thing over there. If a man was on the same side of the street that the Scandinavian was on, he stopped and patronized him because he had a convenient location.

Too many merchants are following the tactics of the Scandinavian fruit vender of the story and too few those of the Italian. After a person has sent away for an article of merchandise the home merchant is apt to say he could have furnished the same thing, if he had known the customer was in the market for it. The thing to do is to cry your wares first, and thereby create business.

### ISN'T IT FUNNY?

Man wakes up in the morning after sleeping under an advertised blanket, on an advertised mattress; takes off advertised pajamas; takes a shower in an advertised tub; shaves with an advertised razor; washes with an advertised soap; powders his face with an advertised powder; dons advertised underwear, hose, shirt, collar, shoes, cuff, handkerchiefs; sits down to breakfast on an advertised cereal, drinks advertised coffee; puts on an advertised hat; rides to his office in an advertised car on advertised tires; where he refuses to advertise on the grounds that advertising doesn't pay.—Bellevue Gazette.

### STYLES IN THE HEREAFTER

A revival was raging in a Virginia colored church. The fruits had been considerable. One obdurate soul, however, resisted the efforts of the elder. Called to account for his reluctance, he re-

plied:

"Yo' see how it is, Elder. I see got a problem. I don't see how I gwine git mah shirt on ovah mah wings when I gets to Glory." "Dat ain't yo' problem," retorted the exhorter promptly. "Yo' prob-

lem is how yo' gwine git yo' hat on ovah yo' horns."—Everybody's.

### CRUMS OF COMFORT

"Mr. Chairman," complained the speaker, stopping in his address.

"I have been on my feet nearly ten minutes, but there is so much ribaldry and interruption, I can hardly hear myself speak." "Cheer up, gov'nor," came a voice from the rear, "you ain't missin' much."—Capper's.

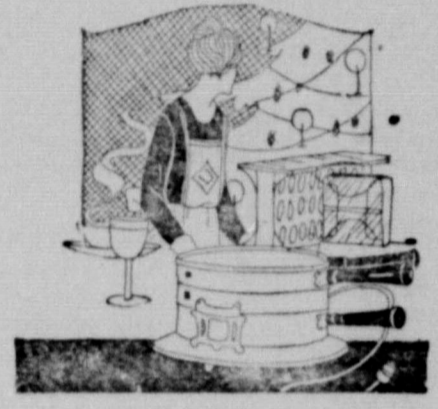
## ACCEPTABLE PRESENTS



### Practical Gifts

Are Always Appreciated

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Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 17c.

### THE GIFT SHOP

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See our hand tinted Christmas cards.

MRS. EARLE SHELL  
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Do not wait to bring your car around to our shop until you break down; have it examined now and save roadside misery later on. We will give it the "once over" for a very small amount of money and you can be sure of making your trip with pleasure.

### CRIGSBY'S AUTO SHOP

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ALL NEXT WEEK

### Toby's Comedians

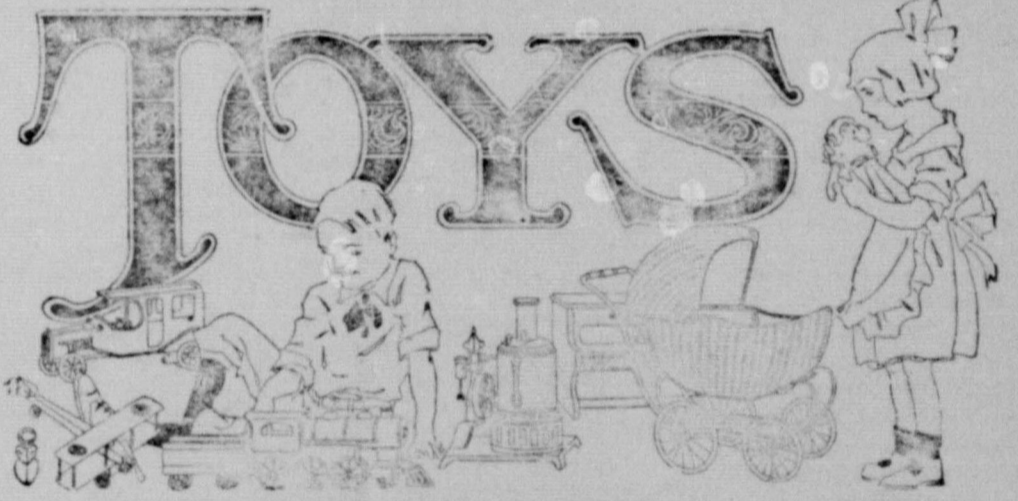
Opening Play Monday Night  
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An entire change of program each night

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## Legion Theatre

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### GIFTS FOR GROWN-UPS

Older people like Christmas gifts, too, and "she" will appreciate a Cedar Chest, Floor Lamp with colored georgette lining, fringed shade; the new Amber ware, a small rug, or many other things to be found here. For "him" a Smoking Cabinet and Stand would be sure to please.

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**News from Liberty**

By Special Correspondent.  
Frank Bell took a bale of cotton to McLean Saturday.  
Mrs. Della Craig of McLean visited in the Cunningham home last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty and children took dinner with Mrs. J. K. Stockton at McLean Sunday.  
Mrs. Frank Bell and children were McLean visitors Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit of north of McLean attended Sunday school here Sunday and called at the A. L. Morgan home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and children called at the Morgan home Sunday.  
Mrs. Luther Petty and son, Francis, attended conference at the Baptist church at McLean last Wednesday night.  
We were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Myatt and children at Sunday school.  
Mrs. Mattie Bell was somewhat ill last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pearce called at the A. L. Morgan home Sunday afternoon.

**IS COLLEGE FOOTBALL FUN OR HARD WORK?**

Do boys like to play football? That seems a foolish question to ask when you think of the thousands of school and college boys who plunge into the game every fall. But one of the greatest of football players, an All-American had look for two years, George Owen of Harvard, has made the question a real one by saying publicly that he himself never enjoyed playing football in college and that most of the men he played with did not enjoy it, either.

As we understand Mr. Owen, he is not criticizing football itself, but football as it is played in the colleges of the country. The game is so lively and vigorous a sport that strong, healthy boys who relish a bit of physical struggle in the exhilarating air of October or November, and who get a lot of satisfaction out of the co-operation with their fellows, in defiance of an equally co-ordinated opposition—the characteristic of any "team" game—ought to like to play it. No doubt most such boys do. But the seriousness with which it is taken in college, the tedious drudgery of training, the savage temper to which many coaches exhort their men, the nervous strain of a game played before thousands of excited spectators, the aspects of commercialism and of unhealthy publicity, which insist on creeping in, in spite of every effort to keep them out, all tend to disillusion and offend the young man who loves his sports for the wholesome pleasure and healthful exercise they give him. College football has grown to be a spectacle offered for the amusement of crowded bowls and stadiums. The players bear a certain uncomfortable resemblance to the gladiators who furnished the people of Rome with the excitement they craved.

So, at least, Mr. Owen says, and he is only saying what a great many other thoughtful persons have said before. He only happens to be the first famous football player who has spoken above a whisper to that effect. The newspapers have hastened to interview a number of distinguished backs, or ends or tackles, and truth obliges us to confess that most of them disagree with Mr. Owen. They say they like the game as it is, drudgery, publicity and all. No doubt for some of them the publicity compensates for the drudgery; for not every young fellow is indifferent to the transient glory of the football field. But if you get them into the confessional of private conversation, enough of them will admit that they went into the football season with aversion, and saw the last of it with relief, to make the question with which we began worth thinking about. Mr. Owen, at any rate, has had the frankness to give his answer out loud.—Youth's Companion.

**HIS SIZE SAVED HIM**

The girl was interested in the yarn the fat old sailor was telling. He had just finished relating his experiences with cannibals, and she said:  
"And so the natives didn't harm you after all?"  
"Bless you, no," was the reply.  
"They didn't have a sauceman my size."

**ELOCUTIONIST'S FINISH**

Llewellyn Leggs, chief game proctor of New York, was con-

demning the brutes who poisoned thousands of fish in Congress lake. "I'd give those fellows," he said, "what Mrs. Malprop proposed to give her daughter."  
"Your daughter reeked 'The May Queen' real well," the minister's wife said to Mrs. Malprop at a strawberry festival.  
"Yes," said Mrs. Malprop, with a pleased titter. "Yes, I am going to give her a course of electrocution."  
"Then she waved her hand and added:  
"Kind o' finish her off, ye know!"

**GOOD RIDDANCE**

A man came into my office once with a nice piece about his daughter's wedding. I was glad to get it and thanked him for it. Then he asked me for some scraps of colored paper for the children to play with. I gave them to him. Then he wanted a copy of last week's paper. I gave it to him. Then he asked the price of 500 envelopes. I told him. He called me a darned robber and said he would use a rubber stamp before he would be held up in such a fashion. I knocked him in the head with the poker, buried him in the back yard, and no one ever missed him.—Ola Back in the Harvard (Neb.) Courier.

**PROPHETS?**

The Youth's Companion gives the opinions of two men who seek to be known to posterity as prophets wise along weather lines. The item is as follows:  
"Mr. Herbert Brown, who believes he can forecast the weather for a long time ahead by consulting the records of the solar radiation, says we are in for a very long, very hard winter. Mr. Edward Rogan, custodian of a Massachusetts park reservation, basing his opinion on the conduct of the migrating wild geese, says we shall have a very short, very mild winter. Well, we shall soon know which—if either—is right."  
Here are two men, wise in their day and generation—that is, wise in their own eyes—who are predicting on the same subject, and their predictions are as far apart as the poles. One may be right and the other may be wrong, and both may be wrong—but both can't be right.  
The one is basing his opinions on luminaries millions of miles away from the scene of operations, while the other is, at least, much nearer home. Both are welcome to their own opinions. One man's guess is as good as another—and neither

knows any more about it than we do ourselves—and that is nothing at all.  
Weather prophets have flourished in the world for untold ages. They have been eternally at it ever since Adam was a boy, and, presumably, they will continue to look wise until Gabriel blows his horn and time shall be no more.  
They are now recasting a time way back in the nineteenth century when old King Frost held sway, and they are busily predicting some such calamity in the near future. Some say that this winter is going to be the one that will be a repetition of eighteen hundred who froze to death—or some such phrase—while others tell us that this dire calamity is going to be with us next winter. And we don't believe any of them.

Only three or four years ago some one of these wise guys predicted that we were going to have awful weather during the winter in question, with the temperature running down to 90 below zero. On account of this fakir's predictions, some people were just about half scared to death, and in some

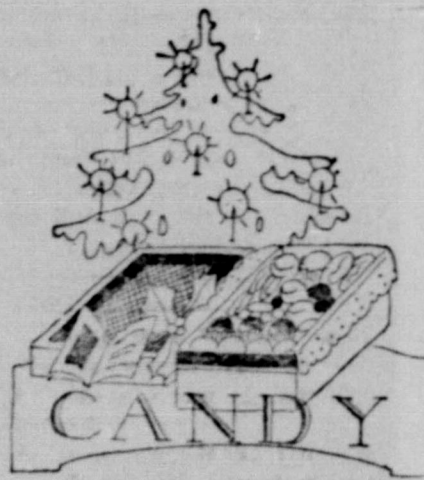
cases great preparations were made to meet the emergency. One man, not a thousand miles away from Higgins, dug a big cave, filled it with coal, bedding, provisions, in fact with everything that might be needed in such a case, and, lo and behold, the prophet was a false one.  
Anybody can make weather predictions—and nobody can foretell.

—Higgins News.

**NOT IMPORTANT**

School teacher (applying for a job in a consolidated district)—  
"We took the county athletic meet this year over 10 other schools. Our girls basketball team won the championship in the district meet and the boys were runners-up at the state. One of my boys was all-round athlete at the college, and the girls won both singles and doubles in tennis. Two of my former pupils now have jobs as coaches in other schools. I was assistant coach myself before I finished college. I won letters in football, basketball and—"

School Board Member (interrupt-



**CHRISTMAS TIME IS CANDY TIME**

Sure enough, what's Christmas without candy? Might as well have Christmas without Santa Claus, and toys and trees! And Christmas calls for ALL SORTS OF CANDIES—

CHOCOLATES, EON BONS  
HARD CANDIES, CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

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**Gins Close for Christmas**

The cotton gins at McLean will close Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25-26 for the holidays. Will open for business Monday Dec. 28.

**Smith Bros. Gin Chickasha Gin  
Farmers Gin**

**Goes Easily**

The bank is as necessary as typewriters to the modern business. And this particular bank has proved itself indispensable to most local businesses.

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HOUSE SLIPPERS  
GLOVES  
BELTS  
DRESS SHIRTS  
WOOL HOSE

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STETSON HATS  
SUSPENDERS  
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SWEATERS  
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month. When five issues occur in  
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The city commissioners of Char-  
leston have passed an ordinance  
fixing the rates to be charged by  
the Telephone Company at the  
rates that have been in effect for  
the past few years. It seems that  
the telephone company announced a  
raise and the city dads got busy.

McLean merchants have their  
show windows attractively decorated  
for the holiday season, giving  
our business streets a decidedly up-  
town appearance. Show window  
advertising is right next to news-  
paper advertising in value return-  
ed to the merchant. Statistics show  
that newspaper advertising  
pays better than any other form,  
show windows next, and direct-by-  
mail third. All other forms of ad-  
vertising fall far below any of the  
three in results obtained.

The State Fire Marshal issues a  
warning against fires during the  
holidays. While we have never  
had a fire at Christmas time in  
McLean yet it is a very worth men-  
tioning at this time. Parents should  
not allow their children to attend  
Christmas tree exercises where can-  
dles are used on the tree, or doors  
to the building open inward. It  
is better to be safe than sorry.

Cottonseed hulls are a valuable  
fertilizer and every farm in this  
community should be benefitted by  
a liberal application of hulls. Time  
was when cottonseed was burned to  
get them out of the way. Their  
value now is such that such a  
wasteful method would not be thought of.  
The sooner the value of hulls is  
known the better for all concerned.

It is not a question of what we  
would like to do, but a matter  
that demands attention. We refer  
to additional quarters for our  
school. The only thing that should  
concern us right now is the best  
way to secure a new building, for  
we must have it if every child in  
the community is to have equal op-  
portunity.

Next year being election year,  
every citizen should pay his poll  
tax and be prepared to cast a  
ballot for the best interest of the  
country. In all county, city and  
school elections any good man who  
offers himself for office should be  
encouraged to make the race in  
order that the voters may have a  
chance to make a choice. For a few  
want politicians to select a slate  
and no other name allowed on the  
ticket, should not be tolerated. Let  
every man run for office that  
wants to run, and the voters will  
take care of the outcome.

Several beggars have been at  
work in McLean this week, taking  
advantage of the Christmas spirit  
to gather in a little easy coin. The  
busy man has not time to inves-  
tigate the merits of each individual  
case, and many times donates a  
small sum of money, just in order  
to get rid of them. How much bet-  
ter it would be if before giving a  
nick to any outside solicitor,  
they would be required to get the  
endorsement of the publicity com-  
mittee of the Chamber of Com-  
merce. That this is not done in  
every case, is due, perhaps, to  
thoughtlessness, as we noticed one  
of the committeemen's name on one  
list of contributors to a possibly  
worthy charity the first of the  
week.

H. H. Lee has employed Melvin  
Young of Tulsa, Okla., to help in  
his bakery during the holiday  
season. Mr. Young is an experi-  
enced baker and Mr. Lee says he  
will be able to handle the trade  
fine with the extra help.

Bob Roach was a Shamrock vis-  
itor Saturday.

L. Palmer of Alanreed was a  
McLean visitor Saturday.

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

SPRAY THE HEN ROOSTS

Egg profits from hens in winter  
depend largely on sunshine and  
sanitary quarters in which no  
vermin are harbored. Not only  
should the poultry houses be dry at  
all times, but they should be warm.  
In warm weather will help, but  
in winter a sprayer should  
be used at least once a week to  
spray the roosts, nests and floors  
with an insecticide.

RADIO FOR BEGINNER—  
CARE OF BATTERIES

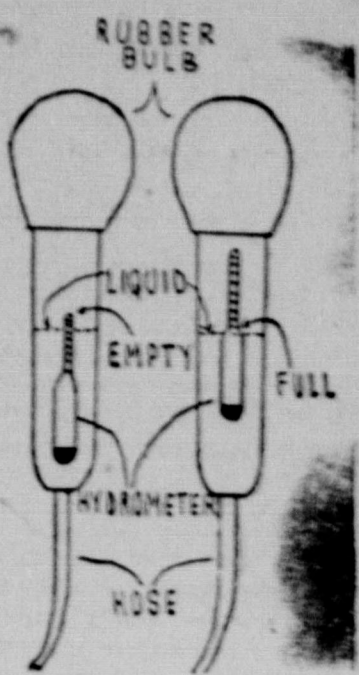
Typical radio sets do not have  
batteries, although when a carbon-  
zinc detector is used, a battery  
in connection with a potentiometer  
is necessary to get signal strength, but  
this type of detector is seldom used  
today.

In any radio or tube detector,  
we use two batteries known as A  
and B. The A battery is used for  
circuit heating and the B for  
the plate. A C battery is used in  
some sets to take the place of the  
grid coil and lead lead, to get the  
best grid bias on the radio and  
also to power amplifiers and to  
control the plate current.

The A battery is the one require-  
ing most attention and in the case  
of dry cells, renewal. We will  
talk about the storage battery first.  
They are usually of the lead-acid  
type. The plates being lead and  
the solution, known as electrolyte,  
being diluted sulphuric acid. The  
temperature of the electrolyte with  
this type of battery are to  
add pure distilled water to the  
electrolyte regularly to the solu-  
tion remains from 1 to 4 inch  
above the plates in the cells; charge  
the battery to 1.8 volts and  
keep the electrolyte clean.

How to know whether the storage  
battery is charged or run down  
is a simple matter if you have a  
hydrometer. The latter is a de-  
vice for testing the density of  
liquids and can be purchased in  
any radio or automobile accesso-  
ry shop. It consists of a gradu-  
ated scale reading from 1.100 to  
1.300. This scale is built in the  
hydrometer proper and the latter  
is in a glass tube, with a rubber  
bulb on one end and a small rub-  
ber hose on the other. The small  
hose is placed in the filler cap of  
the battery and the bulb squeezed  
and released. This action draws  
the electrolyte out of the  
cell and the hydrometer will float  
when enough solution is withdrawn  
from the battery. The higher the

density the higher the float will  
rise and the nearer your battery is  
to being charged. When the float  
barely rises the solution is weak  
and the battery should be charged.  
In practice the battery is fully



charged between 1.250 and 1.300,  
depending on the make of battery,  
and discharged around 1.150. If  
you have a charger at home, and  
it is cheaper to have one, the bat-  
tery should be kept at least 1.200.  
Never add acid to the solution. To  
do so may ruin the plates. Water  
is all that evaporates.

When dry cell A batteries are  
used, the only test to give them  
when you first buy them is with  
an ammeter. They should read  
between 30 and 35. Do not hold  
the ammeter to the battery termi-  
nals more than a second. After  
they have been in use several  
weeks you can take voltmeter  
readings while the tubes are lit.  
Each cell should measure around  
1.4 volts, but it is best to take the  
entire readings such as about 4  
or 5 volts per 3 cells.

Storage B batteries are treated  
similarly to A batteries but the  
charging rate is much lower and  
they do not require charging often-  
er than several months.

Most everyone uses dry cell B  
batteries, and they should test full  
voltage when new and should not  
be tested frequently while in use,  
once a month is sufficient because  
the frequent testing of them takes  
just that much energy from them  
and they do not have very much  
energy to begin with. If your set is very  
noisy it may be due to a defective  
cell in the B battery. When a  
dry cell B battery drops to 1.7, it  
is not of much use and should be  
replaced.

HOT DOGS!

What is a hot dog? Well, it is  
mostly beef; bull meat mixed with  
pork, highly spiced, steam cooked  
and smoked over hickory smoke.  
It originated in Bologna, Spain, so  
long ago that only the main facts  
may be recalled. They used to  
slaughter an enormous number of  
bulls in the arenas of Spain in the  
times when bull-fighting was more  
popular and more brutal than it  
is today.

It looked like a great economic  
crime to see so much prize beef  
wasted. But nobody wanted bull  
meat just so; bulls are tough and  
not so delicious as cows and steers  
are. A butcher in Bologna had an  
idea and bought bulls that were  
killed in the bull ring and made  
the meat into a sausage, mixed with  
pork and highly seasoned. Bologna  
sausage appealed to the popular  
taste.

German immigrants borrowed the formula,  
put the same sausage into small  
buns, and Bologna became  
"Frankfurter" in Frankfurt and  
"Wiener" in Vienna. Coney Island  
was the name of hot dog and  
"wiener" it.

One stand in Coney Island that  
has been selling hot dogs for half  
a century is reported to have a  
sale of five to ten tons of Frank-  
furter in a day in the busy season.  
Somebody has to sell a lot of 'em  
to get out of that 600 million pounds  
a year.—Collier's.

A SILVER LINING

Mrs. Knowall took a great in-  
terest in the doings of all the  
neighbors. It was a great day for  
her when a new arrival came to  
the house on the opposite side of  
the street, and she watched with  
interest as the furniture was re-  
moved from the van and carried  
into the house.

"Well," said her husband, when  
he returned from business in the  
evening, "have you found out any-  
thing about the social standing of  
the new folks across the street?"

"Not yet," was the reply. "They  
have no car."

"No?"

"Yes," and they have no pen-  
cils, no typograph, no radio, and not  
even a grand piano! I can't  
imagine what they have got!"

"Humph!" remarked friend hus-  
band, sarcastically, "perhaps they  
have a bank account."—The Fore-  
cast.

CHARITY AT HOME

"Fashion me, sir, I am soliciting  
for our Christmas rummage sale.  
What do you do with your old  
clothes?"

"Why, I burn them and sell  
them carelessly at night, and I put  
them on again in the morning."

GRATE

The bride started the cookbook  
out of the window. After it went  
the remains of a Christmas pie.  
"Now," said she, "just let me  
get one crack at the fellow who  
stole the pie from my pie."

WHEN ONE IS SIX

Scrump had been looking over  
the cards of greeting on the coun-  
ter for some time when the sales-  
lady suggested: "Here's a lovely  
sentiment, 'To the Only Girl I  
Ever Loved!'"

"That's fine," said Scrump,  
brightening. "I'll take five—no,  
six—of those."—Legion Weekly.

BRINGING NEW HOME ALIVE

Pat was visiting a friend in the  
lion country. Borrowing a gun, he  
set off one day in search of game.  
Some time after, his host heard a  
distant report, and going to the  
window, spied in the distance Pat  
hot-footing it for home and behind  
him a huge lion, gaining with  
every step. Neatly spent, Pat  
reached the door in time to cry,  
"Quick, quick, Mike, open the door;  
I'm bringing him home alive."  
Exchange.

Geo. Coishank renews for The  
News this week and also orders  
the paper sent to Mrs. E. L.  
Minix at Ysleta.

McLean Filling  
Station

Oils, Gas and Accessories  
Sudden Service  
Magnolene Food Oil will make  
your Ford run better.  
Floyd Phillips, Mgr.

PASTRIES

We are making daily a nice line of pastries, doughnuts,  
soft-fingers, white buns, butter rolls, cookies, etc.  
Fresh pies every day.

McLEAN BAKERY

SANTA CLAUS COMING!

Old Santa will be at our store at 3 o'clock Saturday after-  
noon for a short stay. All boys and girls are invited to  
meet him and give their Christmas orders.  
Don't forget! Be on hand at 3 o'clock.

Cobb's Variety Store

Welcome Welcome

LIFE INSURANCE  
FARM AND RANCH LOANS  
LANDS FOR SALE

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

O. G. STOKELY McLean, Texas



The Perfect  
CHRISTMAS GIFT

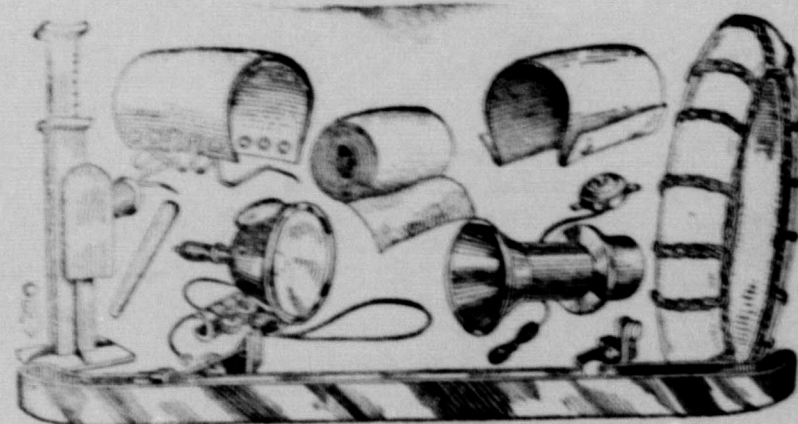
Give your young friend a Certificate  
good for a pair of

W. L. Douglas Shoes

AT THIS STORE

Let him select his own from our splendid stock  
A present that will please any man you know

John Mertel



Something for His Car

The way to a man's heart nowadays is through  
his car, so if you are especially anxious to please him,  
make your gift something that adds to the comfort  
of motoring.

Come in and let us suggest accessories for his  
Ford that are sure to please.

The Best Gift of All—a New Ford.

Williams Motor Co.

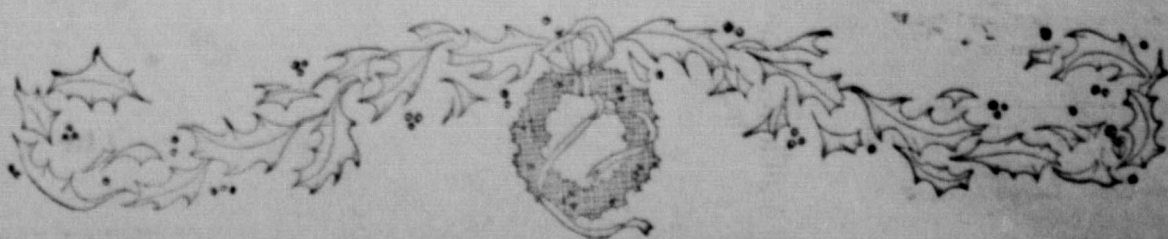
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Texas



# Wants

## WANTADS

**PATES**—One insertion, 2c per word.  
Three insertions, 4c per word.  
Or 1c per word each week after first insertion.  
Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as reading matter. Black-face type double rate.  
No advertisement accepted for less than 25c.  
All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with this News.

**GOOD** bundled sorghum with heads, 4c. Good bundled kafir with heads, 5c. See E. T. Rudolph on Belmont place. 1p

**PLENTY** of Christmas cards in stock, from 24c to 15c each, or you may have your name printed on them for a little extra. If you neglected to order early, come in and let us give you some quick service on printed cards. Envelopes furnished free. News office, 1

**LOST**, or strayed, last Tuesday, Jersey heifer, coming 2 year old, dehorned. Finder notify U. G. Lane. Phone 43, 11. 1p

**MERCHANTS**—Our 1927 line of calendar samples will be here within the next few days. Hold your order until you see what we have to offer. Buy at home, as you advise your customers. The McLean News.

**1 1/2** ton Reo speed wagon truck for sale, or trade for milch cows. Phone 56, 141. 1p

**LOST**—Crank for Essex car. Reward. L. O. Floyd. 1p

**MATTRESSES** renovated and re-covered. 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-tfc

**FOR SALE**, cheap, buggy with double harness, at Hanson's Blocksmith Shop. T. M. Wolfe. tfc

**GREEN** roof paint, suitable for business building, for sale. See Dr. Ballard. 1p

**FOR RENT**—160 acre farm. Renter must buy teams and tools. Also 60 acre farm for rent. Or will sell either. R. S. Jordan. 1p

**WILL** buy your chickens Saturday at the car. Top prices paid. Call for prices. Phone 152 or 155. W. E. Clement Produce. 1c

**ERASURES** easily made. Finest work does not show erasures, if you use our special students' typewriter paper. Large pads for 25c at News office.

**THE BEST** Christmas gift is a subscription to The McLean News. And you not only please the folks "back home," but at the same time you are helping boost our community. Try it this year. 51-2

**Service Truck**. Call Riley Scott. Phone 16. Advertisement tfe

**FOR SALE**—Fine, bright broadcast cane, baled or bundled. W. W. Wilson. 50-2p

**LET ME** butcher your hogs. Will call for and deliver in city limits. T. B. Roby. Phone 182. tfe

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**FOR SALE**—640 acres 4 miles north of McLean. Will sell all or cut to suit buyer. Price and terms are very attractive. Come quick if you want it. S. B. Past, Owner. tfe

**GROCERIES ARE** cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tfe

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

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

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

**PICTURES** suitable for framing make acceptable Christmas gifts. Select from our line of calendar samples. Prices from 10c up. News office. 56-2

## THE FAT MAN

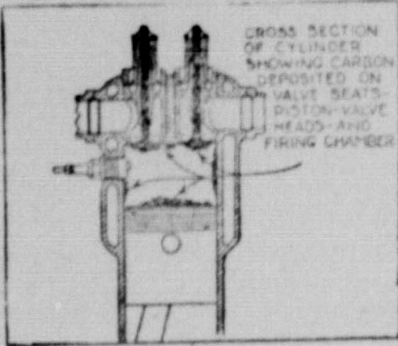
A very fat man, having to wait some time at a railway station, decided to weigh himself on the slot machine. As he approached the machine, he noticed two small boys watching him with great interest. The machine proved to be out of order, and the arrow moved slowly around until it indicated fifty pounds on the dial, where it halted and refused to go further. "Gosh, BR!" exclaimed one little chap, "he's holler."

## DEMON CARBON GAS EATER

An important detail to watch, and that which keeps the engine running efficiently, is compression. An engine with faulty compression may appear to run fairly well when the car is rolling at a reasonable speed or when it is working hard. Lost compression shows up when the car is being driven at comparatively low speed.

Under either of these conditions the engine will run with an irregularity that makes the car jerk or jump instead of running steadily as it should. This condition indicates that there is considerable loss of power and that much more gasoline is being burned than when the engine is developing its full power.

Thousands of gallons of gasoline are wasted every day by motorists because of the inefficient operation of their engines. In fact gasoline mileage may be cut in half through compression loss, and still the engine may continue to run fairly well, according to the ideas of the amateur driver.



If the engine is not running well and a compression loss is suspected, the easiest way to detect it is to use the crank and turn the engine over by hand, thus feeling the compression in each cylinder. You will nearly always find that some pistons will go over compression much easier than others, and this means that somewhere there is a leak in this cylinder.

The number of miles which a car should run without having the valves reground varies greatly, depending upon oiling and other conditions.

With the average car under normal running conditions, it is probably wise to have the valves ground at least once every 5,000 to 7,000 miles, depending upon the running condition of the engine.

N. S. Ray of Gracey was in town Saturday.

L. F. Wilkins of Panhandle was in McLean Monday.



S. Goldberg, who conducted the jewelry sale at Shell's Pharmacy last week, says he got better results from his advertising in the McLean News than any other paper tried this year.

Born, Wednesday, Dec. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wallace of Clarendon, a girl.

Scott Johnston was called to the bedside of his father at Arlington, who fell and suffered a broken hip last week.

Miss Ruby Cook attended the funeral of Mrs. Hamner at Claude last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Standefer of Wichita Falls are visiting Col. and Mrs. N. E. Scifres of Heald this week.

H. T. Wilkins of Alameda was a business visitor in McLean Monday.

Among those attending the Association B. Y. P. U. convention at Wheeler Saturday were Misses Laeuna Holloway and Floye Landers, Rev. S. A. and John Cobb, and Fred Landers.

P. E. McMeans moved to Canadian this week, where he will have charge of a 320-acre dairy and poultry farm belonging to Judge H. E. Hoove, of Canadian and J. Brinker of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Reid made a trip to Clarendon Wednesday evening.

## PLACE KNOWN TO GOD ALONE

Publisher of Clark's Hill, Ind., News Sings Satirical Swan Song as Closed up His Shop

The Clark's Hill (Ind.) News is no more. L. L. Bewsey, an experienced newspaper man, finally felt compelled to throw up the sponge after repeated effort to arouse his merchants. The story is best told in the following editorial which appeared on the first page of the last issue of the News:

**We Don't Advertise**  
The town that has arrived. We have reached our goal. No boosters needed here. We are no up-and-coming city. We have already reached the utmost pinnacle of our vaunting ambition. Nothing more to seek for. Now we can sit back and rest with our laurels, enjoy them and in the words of a popular song, "let the rest of the world go by." "Go by" is right. Again, to quote from that popular song, "a place that's known to God alone." We have every public improvement our village could wish for. Our merchants and their goods are so well known, that they

don't need to advertise. You can buy cheaply, very cheaply, here, because the cost of advertising is not added to the goods. As a business man in our township told us, "I have run this place for fifteen years and my father thirty-five years before that; I don't need to advertise!" So in this township when we need anything, we run our fingers through our hair and say: "Well, now, let's see. Sam, has been here only two years; Jim, that's Sara's boy, he's been here twenty years; Dick, though, he's been here right on to forty years. Still, come to think of it, Methuselah Goldberg's been here fifteen years before that. I need a cake of soap. He sold my father a cake once; I'll take a piece of it to him; he may have another cake to offer for."

That's the way we do it. Why advertise and bring enterprise and strife and sighs? We are happy and contented. Don't rouse us. We live in "a place that's known to God alone, let the rest of the world go by."

**Dead Beats**  
If you owe the News, keep away from us. If you are honest, pay up at once. Advance subscriptions refunded in cash. Com. in and get your money. The News dies with this issue.

Clark's Hill will miss the News in all probability more than the publisher will miss Clark's Hill.

## HIGH SCHOOLS ELIMINATED

In the Sunday issue of the Dallas News was found the following item under an Austin file's line:

"Some twenty high schools have been eliminated from the championship race in the University of Texas Interscholastic League football contest because ineligible players were used in games, according to Roy Bedichek, chief of the league. The executive committee is making a determined effort to see that the high schools of Texas live up to the football creed, he said."

This is a disgrace to the twenty or more schools of Texas, and under no condition can these schools be excused, but rather the teachers and athletic directors should be condemned in the strongest terms. It is a disgrace to every student, and a disgrace to any school which will permit it. The superintendent can have no excuse. He should know without question the standing of every member of the team of his school. He should make it his business to find out and be sure that no contest could be brought upon that ground. Otherwise he is teaching his pupils to be dishonest and the teachings he gives them

will run through their lives. Be it was.—London Tit-Bits.

honest and above board in the athletics of the public schools. The Index is happy to state that there has never been a dishonest member of the athletic squads of the Childress High School, and we hope there never will be. It is more honorable, by far, to make an honest effort to win by qualified members than to win with a team that is organized through fraud.—Childress Index.

## JUGGLING WITH LIFE AND DEATH

A man with an uncanny knack for juggling with figures produced pencil and paper and said to a friend "Put down the number of your living brothers. Multiply it by two. Add three. Multiply the result by five. Add the number of living sisters. Multiply the result by ten. Add the number of dead brothers and sisters. Subtract one and fifty from the result." The friend did it. "Now," said the other with a cunning smile "the right-hand figure will be the number of deaths, the middle figure the number of living sisters, and the left-hand figure the number of living brothers." And so

To mail your parcel post packages, they must be properly tagged. You can get printed tags in any amount at the News office.

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

## Magnolia Petroleum Co.

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

## FURNITURE

New and Secondhand Furniture  
Bought and Sold  
See Us First

W. C. Dunnaway  
Walker Building

## QUITTING BUSINESS

I offer my stock of ladies' dresses and hats at below wholesale cost as long as they last. I have moved to Mrs. W. T. Wilson's store, and it will pay you to see what I have to offer at these prices.

Mrs. D. C. Carpenter  
C. S. Rice Building

## Christmas Gifts

We offer you an assortment of gifts that will please every member of the family.



- PURSES
- TOILET SETS
- IVORY
- JEWELRY
- VANITY CASES
- RAZORS
- COMBS
- CANDY
- BRUSHES
- FOUNTAIN PENS
- HAND PAINTED CHINA
- PENCILS
- PERFUMES
- BILL FOLDS
- MANICURE SETS
- POCKET KNIVES

DOLLS FOR THE CHILDREN  
SHELL'S PHARMACY

# CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HINTS

Visit our store and see the values we are offering to the Christmas shopper. Every gift selected here means a useful gift that will be most appreciated.

### FOR MEN

- Ties
- Hose
- Supporters
- Suspenders
- Shoes
- Shirts
- Collars
- Sweaters
- Mufflers
- House Slippers

### FOR CHILDREN

- House Shoes
- Baby Blankets
- Juvenile Sets
- Tobogans
- Dolls

### FOR WOMEN

- House Slippers
- Hats
- Dresses
- Handkerchiefs
- Gloves
- Oxfords
- Towels
- Wool Blankets
- Purses

Our Prices Will Please You

# Wallace & Company

—Service With Pep—  
McLean Phone 153 Texas

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the auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said C. W. Brown in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

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did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described property and belonging to the said Walter Miller, to-wit: S. W. 1/4 of Lot 2 Block H and west 1/2 of Lot 2 Block J in the City of McLean, Texas, being out of Survey No. 22, Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 9th day of January, 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Walter Miller in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

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DANGEROUS SPOT

An officer was showing an old lady over the battleship. "This," he said, pointing to an unexploded mine upon the deck, "is where our gallant captain fell."

TACT

He (just introduced)—"What a very homely person that gentleman near the piano is, Mrs. Black." She—"Isn't he? That is Mr. Black."

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H. E. Miller renews for The News this week.

CAFE SERVICE. We endeavor to give our customers the kind of service they have a right to expect in an up-to-date cafe. Good food cooked and served in a clean, sanitary manner. Give us a trial. The Texas Cafe

Christmas Presents. Every car owner will be pleased with an accessory for his automobile as a Christmas gift. Our stock of tires, tubes and all kinds of accessories is complete. SNAPPY SERVICE STATION

Save now for a Chevrolet. We Pay You 6%. Get ready to drive a new Chevrolet. It's easy to do the Certificate way. Come in tomorrow and choose the model you prefer. Make the first down payment—say \$5—and we issue to you a Chevrolet Purchase Certificate that pays you 6%. Weekly or monthly you keep adding to your Certificate savings. When your payments plus this 6% interest equal the cash delivery payment, you drive the car away and take care of the balance in regular monthly installments on the lowest time payment plan in existence.

SHELBURNE-ARCHER CHEVROLET CO. McLean, Texas. QUALITY AT LOW COST

Christmas Meats. You will need the best of meats for your Christmas dinner. We have them in both fresh and cured. Phone us your needs. THE CITY MARKET. The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

When Buyer Meets Seller. How easily goes the money when you have it about you. But there's economy, safety and satisfaction in putting away a part of your earnings in the bank. We shall be pleased to talk to you about the benefits of a bank account.

The American National Bank

Christmas CANDIES. THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING. will not be enjoyed unless there is a lot of candy. You will be pleased with our assortment of candy. Next to candy are nuts; and you are assured of this year's fresh, full-meated nuts in all the favored kinds here. Better telephone your order today, or come in and look over our stock. Plenty of Christmas groceries. Telephone 23. McLean Supply Co. CHAS. LESTER, Manager

at parking tags in office. storage Inquire. Phone. ay. T. of. ery. SA

**News from Gracey**

Special Correspondent.  
Everyone enjoyed a party at the Johnson home Saturday night. T. J. D'Spain spent Saturday night and Sunday with his family at McLean.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dougherty spent Saturday night in the Johnson home.  
Mrs. Bill Webb and children returned Sunday from a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bush.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Fondren spent Sunday in the A. L. Lee home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kinard visited at the M. H. Kinard home Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Saye and Mrs. J. W. Gilmore left Thursday for a visit to Hereford.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sparks spent Sunday in the Carville home.  
The singing class met at the Bidwell home Sunday night.

W. D. Wiley of Lutie was shaking hands with friends in McLean Wednesday.

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

**THE COTTON REPORT**

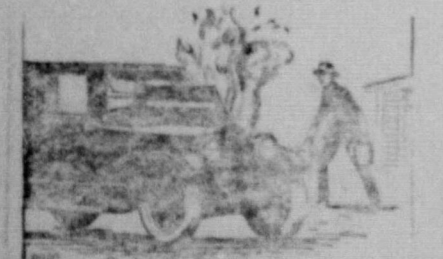
The Government report on the cotton crop has brought our farmers to their knees. This Government report lost to our farmers several million dollars on their crop. When our farmers do well everyone else does well, and when our farmers fail, eventually everyone else is bound to fail; then why should the Government butt in and cause the loss of millions of dollars to our farmers? This Government does not butt in and tell the year's production of other commodities every two weeks, causing other businesses to lose money. This was a dirty Irish trick perpetrated upon our farmers and the farmers should band together and see that the officials responsible for this work are thrown out of office and that in a hurry. We do not need them and they are a detriment to any civilized nation on earth.—Claude News.

**BE OWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

How gasoline burns or explodes is what puts fear into the average man and makes him stand at what he considers a safe distance while he watches his car or truck go up in smoke. If the fuel tank contained twenty, ten or even one gallon of ordinary black gunpowder, his fear would be exceedingly well founded, since whenever fire touches any part of a mass of gunpowder, it all explodes in a small fraction of a second. Fortunately gasoline alone is not only non-explosive but will not even burn unless it is first evaporated and the gas in contact with the oxygen of the air.

Even if the gasoline tank is under the car or under the front seat, there is little danger of its contents being ignited from a carburetor fire unless it is allowed to burn for several minutes. If the gas tank has its screw cap in position, the walls of the tank must be almost red hot above the liquid surface line before the fuel inside the tank will be set on fire. Hence it is perfectly safe to fight the carburetor fire before it has had time to heat up things too much.

The first thing to do, of course, is to close the valve in the pipe line between tank and carburetor. The next is to smother the fire.



Pouring on water is worse than useless because it will simply float the lighter gasoline and oil to the surface and make it burn better. A wetted cloth or bag, however, is effective and may be used. Anything that will not itself burn very rapidly will do to shut off the air supply from the burning gasoline.

Wool does not burn so fast as cotton, hence a woolen coat, overcoat, laprobe, rug or blanket may be the handiest thing to push up around and over the burning fuel. If wool is not at hand, cotton fabric of any kind if fairly thick will answer. Road dust, sand, even sugar, salt or flour, wheat, barley, or other threshed grain, in fact anything that will stop or greatly slow down the flow of air will do the business. Usually a small carburetor fire, if put out

promptly, will not do enough injury to the machine to prevent readily starting after things have cooled down enough to permit turning on the gasoline again.

**THEN—AND THEN ONLY**

Not until we have done away with certain classes of automobile drivers, either by educational means or force, can the average motorist take the road in safety. When we have

Bliotted out the drunken driver. Abolished the under-age driver. Out-ran the beat-the-train driver. Shot down the highway robber driver.

Forced the road-hog into a bottomless ditch. Taught the no-signal driver sign language.

Caught the hit-and-run driver for good and all time.

Whipped the smartness out of the smart aleck driver. Thrown the bootlegger driver behind the bars for twenty years.

Convinced the speedster that he is not in such a hurry after all. Stepped on the loafer driver's rear bumper to speed him up a little.

Equipped the one-light driver's car with three lights instead of two.

And just naturally pounded some common sense into the bone-head driver's head, with a sledge hammer if necessary.

Then, and not until then, can the average man drive out to a nearby lake for a picnic supper or a fishing trip with reasonable assurance that he will return home fit and whole, and not to a hospital maimed and mangled.—Marshall (Minn.) News-Messenger.

**NOW—**

"Ma," said the newspaper man's son, "I know why the editors call the news 'now'." "Why?" "So's the man that doesn't like the article will think there are too many for him to lick."

**TO FREEZE OR NOT TO FREEZE**

To start an automobile engine in zero weather is quite a problem, the difficulty of which depends upon the construction and size of the engine, the quality of fuel used, the strength of the spark and, of course, the height of the mercury in the thermometer at that particular time.

As a first aid in starting, priming is probably the best way out of the predicament. There are many ways of priming an engine. The best idea of priming is to get a rich, explosive mixture that will fire the instant it touches the spark gaps. After the engine has been coaxed into starting it will—if so inclined—get up enough speed to run upon its customary allowance of gasoline. To make doubly sure, it is advisable to pull out the primer a short distance to make the usual mixture slightly richer than normal until the engine attains sufficient heat for average carburetion.

Take time in warming up the engine. Don't stomp your foot down upon the accelerator and allow the engine to race like a broken-down Lewis gun, for with the poor lubrication, and especially at this time of the year, it usually results in serious damage. It is bound to have a bad effect if practiced regularly. Run the engine slowly for three or four minutes before setting it to work, and you can economize not only in repair bills but also in oil and gasoline.

When you start your car these cold mornings have you noticed that the self-starter whirrs a longer time than it did in summer before the engine starts? The self-starter is designed to start the engine, and will, if the battery is in proper condition. But bear in mind that the current consumption is not by any means proportional to the time that the self-starter consumes to start the engine.

The greater viscosity of cold oil in winter will make the starting torque so great as to demand three

to four times the amount of current from the battery than it did in summer. Therefore, assist the starting motor by providing the rich mixture mentioned. All of this mixture does not reach the cylinders, as much of it will condense on the cold walls of the intake manifold. In doing this you remove a goodly portion of the burden that would otherwise be demanded from the battery.

**WATCH YOUR STEP**

The average young man does not realize the extent to which business men watch him as he grows up. Nor does he understand how closely his daily life is observed. Nor how much his manner of living and his deportment have to do with men's judgment of him. It is a man's habit, largely peculiar to him only, not to make open comment on the men and boys about him. He adapts an attitude that says, "How he lives is his own affair," and he wrongly leaves the boy to work out his life alone. But, wrong or not, it places the responsibility squarely on the young man, who has ideals of life that are high and noble, to order his coming and going and his doing and not doing so that good opinion of him is constantly growing. Don't conclude, young fellow, that because they say nothing to you, men are not interested in your making a man of yourself. They are only waiting to see if you are "going to make a mess of it."—Guldreas Post.

**DEAFENING**

Mrs. Newby-Bich was recounting to an acquaintance the thrilling scenes of the evening before, when the house had been burgled. "As a matter of fact," she said, "we were eating our soup." "Then, of course," interrupted the candid friend, "none of you heard anything."—Tit-Bits.

**TAUT IS ESSENTIAL**

"Taut," said the lecturer, "is essential to good entertaining. I once dined at a house where the hostess had no tact. Opposite me sat a modest, quiet man. "Suddenly he turned as red as a lobster on hearing his hostess say to her husband, 'How inattentive you are, Charlie. How must look after Mr. Brown better. He's helping himself to everything.'"

**MAN WANTED**

Under this heading, Motor West offers the following: WANTED.—A man for hard work and rapid promotion, who can find things to be done without the help of a manager and assistants.

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**THE CHURCH BELLS**

The passing of the church bell is to be regretted more than any death of today under which the present generation has come. Church architects and a few nervous souls who caught no music in the notes when pealed from the throats of the bells, the bells, have probably killed them, if not forever, at least until the passing of the present generation. As a boy, reared in the shadow of churches in many towns and villages, there was always an inexpressible appeal to us in the Sunday morning song of the bells. Each had its own voice; each uttered its own invitation, and in concert they blended their voices to make of Sunday morning the Day or Days—God's Day. It is not unlikely that the manhood of the church bell has taken toll of the rightful sacredness and solemnity of the day. The bells ring Sunday a day different to the week-days.—Chidress Post.

**SAFE THEN**

The bride was exchanging her bridal costume for her traveling dress, and the chief bridesmaid was assisting her. "Did I appear nervous during the ceremony?" she asked. "A little at first, dear," said the other, sweetly, "but not after Charlie said, 'I will.'"

C. H. Nicholson was in town Saturday.

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**A PROFIT FOUR WAYS**

Some people make chicken-raising pay; others find it a losing venture. But hardly any one of whom we have heard ever did so well with them as the boy, Dawkins by name, of whom the Cleveland Plain Dealer tells.

Someone asked his father whether chickens really paid.

"They pay my son," said the old man. "I bought him the chickens, I supply the feed, I buy the eggs from him, and he eats them."—Youth's Companion.

Misses Gladys Blair and Bertha Council were Shamrock visitors Saturday.

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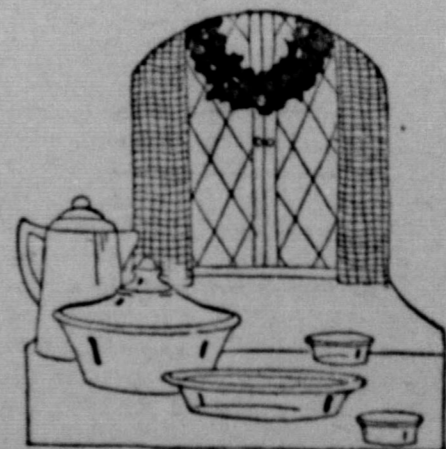
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