

PLANS FOR NEW YEAR MADE AT C. OF C. MEETING

Plans for the coming year were discussed at the called meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held Monday night.

A committee to nominate officers for next year was appointed, consisting of D. N. Massay, E. J. Lander and T. A. Landers.

It was fully understood that this committee report would be in the nature of recommendations only. Other nominations may be made from the floor election night, if desired.

A budget committee to apportion dues for 1926 was appointed. It was the sense of the meeting that business men should pay dues on a basis of yearly income, and the following men were asked to serve on this committee and report at the first meeting in January: C. C. Bogan, O. G. Stokely, Searcy Douglas, F. H. Bourland, M. D. Bentley, D. N. Massay, J. A. Mendor, T. J. Coffey, Claud McGowen, H. P. Wingo, Arthur Erwin, C. A. Strandler, Curg Williams and T. A. Landers.

This committee was also asked to investigate the feasibility of organizing a retail credit men's association in McLean.

The matter of using cottonseed hulls as fertilizer was taken up, and Geo. W. Sitter gave his experience with hulls, both as a help to the soil and as stock food. Mr. Sitter said that he could winter on hulls alone, and that horses and mules would eat them, but perhaps the greatest value could be obtained by placing them on the land. Hulls not only enrich the soil, according to Mr. Sitter, but they keep the land from blowing during the high winds. The land does not need care, if farmers can make money, and all business depends upon the farmer's success.

Claud McGowen told of land farther south that had come under his operation that was too poor to grow corn, when two tons per acre of hulls were put on the land for three years and the land became as fertile as any land about McLean.

M. D. Bentley, W. S. White, J. W. McAdams, D. N. Massay and others spoke in favor of using hulls as fertilizer for our sandy soils.

Searcy Douglas, manager of the Chickasha Gin, stated that he would be glad to discontinue the practice of burning hulls at the gin, if farmers would haul them away, and asked that permission be given to use part of the street to dispose of hulls during the ginning season. This matter would properly come under the jurisdiction of the city council, but three councilmen being present stated that there would be no objection to using the street for this purpose, and asked that farmers be urged to haul hulls away as fast as they accumulate.

D. N. Massay and O. G. Stokely stated that the time would come when farmers would require renters to haul as many hulls back to the farm as they haul to the gin.

The practice of sledging cotton was mentioned, and it was thought that landowners would forbid this practice, as well as perhaps the pulling of cotton in any way.

Searcy Douglas mentioned a recent invention of a boll extractor that can be moved from farm to farm, leaving the hulls on the place.

Among those present and taking part in the discussions were: M. D. Bentley, D. N. Massay, W. S. White, J. W. McAdams, Searcy Douglas, O. G. Stokely, Earle Shell, Claud McGowen, C. C. Bogan, E. J. Lander, Geo. W. Sitter and T. A. Landers.

C. J. Cash orders The News sent to Mrs. Leroy Freeman at Dalhart and Mrs. T. A. Bodine at El Paso, as a Christmas present. Mr. Cash states he knows no better way to remember his relatives at Christmas time than to send them the home paper.

E. J. Lander returned the first week from Oklahoma City, from a visit with Mrs. Lander, who recently underwent an operation. Mrs. Lander is reported recovering nicely.

Ed Stokely of Oklahoma is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. E. Lander.

CHRISTMAS

1925



HERE is more wealth in the world than ever before and conditions for most of us are easier. There are large numbers of men and women living in this greatly blessed land who can well remember Christmas times when there was devout thanksgiving for enough to keep the wolf from the door. Is the world growing better? The answer is to be found in our own hearts and in the manner in which we have treated our fellow men.

We have no claim on happiness, on prosperity, on comfort, except as we earn it by well-doing.

However proud we may feel of our achievements, it is for us to reflect that all blessings are merely granted to us and not created by us. Possibly they are only loaned to us, our reward here or hereafter, depending upon the way we have used them. The daylight, the sunshine, the beauties of nature, the pleasures of the seasons, the comforting rains, the crops and practically everything else that contributes to our welfare, come as gifts from Nature under the dispensation of an Authority we may not question and can but imperfectly conceive. There was One, however, who greatly cleared that conception and held up a light to guide us on the way. Under the constantly extending influence of His example and teaching, it is not possible to think of a time when His birthday will not mean an anniversary of joy.

Christmas delightfully excites one's imagination and films one's tenderest emotions. On this day we seem to see Father Time with a face less grim and leaning less heavily on his scythe. The merry laughter of children extends our faith and recreates our spirit. Love, peace, good will crowd out hate, suspicion, strife and gloom. So, bring forth the yule log or whatever serves as a substitute for it. Hang the holly and the evergreen. And, lest romance suffer from want of fostering, hang also the mistletoe, that sprig which times innumerable has worked magic in backward affairs of the heart. Our wish is that the day may be a completely happy one for all.

THE PUBLISHERS

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COMMISSIONERS COURT VOTES 3 TO 1 AGAINST AGENT

At a meeting of the Gray county commissioners at Lefors, Monday, the proposition of continuing the office of county agent was voted down, with three votes against to one in favor of it.

This vote is not taken to be final, according to one commissioner, but it is thought that the court might be persuaded to change this action at some future date.

N. R. Tisdal, agent of Carson county, was present at the instance of District Agent Edmonds, in behalf of the work in Gray county.

Mr. Tisdal is the only county agent in the state to have two boys make the trip to Chicago offered by the railroads for good records in club work. Mr. Tisdal won \$600 in prizes at the Dallas fair, which was turned over to Carson county, he paying his own expenses while in Dallas.

A petition from citizens of Alameda presented the court asking that all obstructions be removed from the streets of Alameda, but the court ruled that in its opinion the law only applies to streets and roads 60 feet wide, and as the streets in question are unobstructed for that width, nothing would be done.

The matter of an electric lighting system for the court house was discussed, as was the painting of the inside, that has been recommended by the Grand Jury. No action was taken in these matters.

NEWS SELLS MANY CHRISTMAS CARDS

The News sold more Christmas cards this season than at any time during past seasons. Sales ran all the way from two cards for five cents to hundreds of cards to the customer.

Those who bought cards of The News have the satisfaction of knowing that their friends received something just a little better than the average card.

The News handles only exclusive, distinctive lines that make the Christmas remembrance possible.

News from Heald

Special Correspondent.

The weather has been cold; seems like winter time.

Frank Bailey, who was operated at Amarillo last week, is doing fine, and will soon be able to come home.

Prof. Dorman and Vincent Younger left Saturday for Fort Worth and Dallas to spend the holidays with home folks.

J. A. Haynes visited in Amarillo Saturday with his son-in-law, who is in a sanitarium there.

Oliver Elliott of Wynnewood, Okla., and Miss Winnie Lee Bailey surprised their friends Sunday afternoon by getting married. They left Monday morning for Wynnewood to spend the holidays with his parents.

J. A. Haynes and T. F. Phillips made a trip west in search of a Christmas tree Tuesday.

Heald will have a tree Christmas Eve.

The ladies club met with Mrs. Barlow Landers Friday, with a pot luck dinner.

The community was very sorry to hear that Mrs. Nida Green was not so well, and had undergone an operation. We hope she will soon recover and be home again.

Mrs. W. L. Litchfield was on the sick list part of last week.

Roland Litchfield left Monday for Wynnewood, Okla., to spend the holidays with his mother.

A. P. Rippey left Saturday for Marlin to be at the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. Nida Green.

Mrs. W. L. Hinton and Miss Calla Rneau were in McLean Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. Chilton was shopping in Shamrock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Harbison entertained the young folks with a fruit supper and party Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kramer went to Amarillo Tuesday to visit Mrs. Kramer's brother, who is in a sanitarium there.

Miss Minnie Morse is home for the holidays.

CITY POWER USERS OUTGROW PRESENT PLANT POSSIBILITIES

We are informed that there are now prospective electric power users who have made application for current to the amount of about 75 horsepower in small motors that could be placed on the lines in the next thirty days if the city could furnish the juice.

The new engine recently installed will take care of the peak loads during the summer while the ice machinery is running, with the present installation of motors in town, and could take care of the extra motors, probably during the winter, but could not promise to furnish current for any more customers when the ice season starts.

The city has motors amounting to 50 h. p., and other motors in the business district run up the total to about 75 h. p., and as the new engine is only rated 120 h. p., the rest of the power delivered is easily taken up with washing machine motors, etc., in the residence district.

The loss of the new customers is to be regretted, as the convenience is due those who desire to take advantage of electric service, but they will have to wait until the city installs a larger engine.

When the plant was installed a few years ago, it was thought that the two 75 h. p. engines would deliver all the power needed for a long time, but the needs soon outgrew this equipment and the new engine was added this year, and now a larger engine, still, is needed.

WILKERSON MAKES POULTRY AND COW PAY ON CITY LOT

M. T. Wilkerson, engineer at the city power plant, has a cow and 45 hens that bring in an income of from \$8 to \$11 each week. For the past two months he has marketed over 12 dozen eggs per week, last week selling 15 dozen.

The remarkable thing about it is that Mr. Wilkerson keeps his hens and cow on three city lots, a space 75 by 115 feet. The chickens are kept in at all times, in accordance with the city ordinance, and, according to Mr. Wilkerson, a hen that costs \$1 may be kept a year, making \$1 profit above feed cost and then sold for \$1.

A few square feet of land handled in this manner beats a cotton crop.

JORDAN CLAIMS TO BE OLDEST NEWS SUBSCRIBER

R. S. Jordan tells us that he has taken The McLean News every since the paper started, about 22 years ago. We may have other subscribers who have taken the paper that long. We have some who are paid nearly that many years in advance, one ending in 1942 and another in 1938.

If we have other readers who can equal Mr. Jordan's record, we would be glad to learn it.

SHAMROCK MAN DROWNS; 2 HURT IN SAYRE ACCIDENT

Shamrock, Dec. 21.—Scott Pinkerton, Shamrock painter, drowned, and L. B. Abbott, Shamrock merchant, and "Slim" Ellerd, unknown here, are seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident at the Red River bridge south of Sayre, Okla., this morning.

They were driving across the bridge at a high rate of speed and in making a sharp curve at the south end of the bridge, lost control of the car, which plunged 30 feet into a body of water.

Pinkerton met death by drowning, according to a coroner's verdict.

Abbott was seriously injured, suffering bad cuts and bruises. Ellerd was less seriously, though painfully hurt.

Dr. and Mrs. Craven of Excellence Springs, Mo., and F. L. Baber of Pahasuka, Okla., visited in the city of the Jovner home Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Craven is Mrs. Joyner's niece and Mr. Baber is her nephew. They were on their way to California.

L. O. Floyd and Fred Landers made a business trip to Shamrock Monday night.

FACULTY PLAY PLEASES AUDIENCE

The Play, "Why Not, Jerry?" given by the faculty of the McLean school last Thursday evening was very pleasing to the large audience that gathered at the school auditorium.

The players portrayed the characters represented in a manner that showed careful preparation and quite a little ability.

Another showing of the play was given at Alameda Friday night.

The proceeds were used for athletic goods already bought.

FONDREN FARM SALE

B. D. Fondren will hold a public sale at his farm in the Gracey neighborhood next Tuesday.

Mr. Fondren is moving to Littlefield.

See list of articles offered in the sale on another page.

News from Liberty

By Special Correspondent.

A large number enjoyed a party at the Lather Petty home Saturday night.

A. L. Morgan and family were McLean visitors Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and children spent Sunday in the A. L. Morgan home.

Mrs. Saloane visited in the Lather Petty home Sunday.

On account of the bad weather Sunday there was no Sunday school.

A. L. Morgan went to Clarendon Tuesday. Jason returned with him to spend the holidays.

S. B. Fast handed us \$1.50 for The News another year, yesterday, and ordered the small wanted he has run for the past few weeks discontinued. Mr. Fast states that he got an answer to his ad from far away as Sherman

CHRISTMAS A TIME OF GOOD WILL

Regardless of one's belief in the ancient customs that go to make up the various phases of modern Christmas celebrations, we must admit that it is a time of good will.

In our advertising pages this week you will find that the business men of McLean are paying good money for space in this paper just to express to you their appreciation and good wishes.

When cold business will stop for a season to give way to human sentiments, we must admit that it is a pretty good old world after all.

When you need to buy anything, it will pay you to consider these men who are our friends and neighbors, who enter into our joys and sorrows, who strive at all times to give satisfactory service to their customers.

News from Ramsdell

By Special Correspondent.

W. T. McCann made a business trip to Shamrock Thursday.

Miss Ollie Terry, county home demonstration agent, met with a few of the ladies at the school house Thursday afternoon. Miss Terry gave a short talk on poultry.

After the talk, sandwiches and cake were served to all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson and little daughter, Joyce, of Amarillo visited in the R. L. Jones home Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Bones, Mesdames Ferd Bones and E. Exum made a business trip to Shamrock Friday afternoon.

The Ramsdell school closed Friday for Christmas and will take up again next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCann left Tuesday morning for Colbert, Okla., to visit Mrs. McCann's sister.

Miss Martha Stokely is home for the Christmas holidays.

STORES WILL CLOSE CHRISTMAS DAY

It is pretty generally understood that no business will be transacted by McLean merchants on Christmas day.

The cotton gins will not open again until Monday morning, but other business will be as usual Saturday morning.

PIE SUPPER HELD AT SCHOOL MONDAY

On Monday night a pie supper and beauty contest was staged at the school auditorium, realizing a nice amount of money to apply toward purchasing sweaters for the Tigers.

Miss Lorena Ashby was the successful candidate in the beauty contest.

PARTY AT DISHMAN HOME TUESDAY NIGHT

The younger set enjoyed a party at the E. E. Dishman home Tuesday evening.

Various games were played and refreshments served at a late hour.

BAPTIST LADIES SHIP BOX COOKIES TO ORPHANS HOME

The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church shipped a box of cookies and a coop of chickens and turkeys to Buckner Orphans Home Tuesday, as a Christmas offering.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

Christmas programs have been arranged by the Sunday schools of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches, which will be given at each church tonight, with a Christmas tree or other suitable entertainment for the children.

Oliver October

By George Barr McCutcheon

SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Oliver October Baxter, Jr. was born on a vile October day, his parents were prominent in the commercial, social and sporting life of the town of Rumley. 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 goes to a party and leaves the house in a taxi 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.

CHAPTER II.—Ten years elapse and Oliver's father is the owner of a business block in the town. Mrs. Baxter divorces when Oliver was seven on Josephine Sage, wife of the minister, because a sensation when she leaves Rumley to go to the stage. She becomes a "star" and later goes to London where she scores a hit. Her daughter Jane and young Oliver become greatly attached to each other. After finishing college, young Oliver accepts a position in Chicago with an engineering company. He goes to China on an important mission for his firm. Upon his return he enlists in the Canadian army.

CHAPTER III.—The war over Oliver returns to Chicago and is told by his employers that his services are no longer required. He returns home. He hears Jane is in love with Doctor Lansing. Jane and Oliver meet again. Oliver is reproached by his father for not getting another position. Oliver threatens to leave home.

CHAPTER IV.—Despite Mr. Baxter's pleading to Oliver to remain in Rumley, Oliver decides to accept a position in Chicago. Mr. Baxter accompanies Oliver through a swamp on the way to the State home. On the way they quarrel over Oliver's refusal to stay in Rumley. Mr. Sage tells Oliver his father fears the thing the gypsy predicted and wants his son to stay home where he can watch over him. Oliver decides not to leave. Mr. Baxter falls to return home and is believed by some to have perished in the swamp. Oliver tells the authorities of the quarrel with his father, but they do not accept him as having anything to do with his father's disappearance. Oliver takes charge of his father's business. Three months remain of the last year allotted to Oliver by the gypsy queen. Uncle Horace Gooch announces himself as a candidate for senator. Friends start a boom for young Oliver as candidate for state senator against old man Gooch. Jane forces Oliver to enter the race against his shylock uncle.

CHAPTER V.—Oliver employs ditch diggers to drain part of the swamp where his father is supposed to have disappeared. Mr. Gooch's campaign manager urges him to work "swamp" the race for senator, as this means that Oliver is the most popular candidate. Mr. Gooch refuses to quit. Richard Sage is happy when his actress-wife cables him that she is sailing for home. Mr. Sage and his daughter go to New York to meet her. Mr. Gooch, convinced he would lose the election to Oliver, plans to try and limit Mr. Gooch's vote by demanding a thorough investigation into the disappearance of Oliver's father.

CHAPTER VI.—Hundreds of persons gather at the depot in Rumley to greet Mrs. Josephine Sage after an absence of 22 years. Oliver notices that she is not in the throng at the station and is told by Sammy Parr that something is a political matter. Oliver goes to the depot away. Oliver goes to the Sage home.

CHAPTER VII.—The sheriff unwillingly serves papers on Oliver as a prosecutor refused to lay the matter of Mr. Baxter's disappearance before the grand jury while the opposition press prints sensational reports of the search for old man Baxter. Oliver informs Malone he intends to put it up to a committee from headquarters as to whether he should withdraw from the senatorial race. Malone tells him to stay in the contest.

CHAPTER VIII.—Oliver threatens to strike Malone if he ever insinuates again that he had anything to do with the disappearance of his father. At a reception given at Oliver's home Oliver tells Jane he loves her. She promises to marry him. While out on the porch they hear mysterious footsteps. Oliver tells Jane Peter Hines booped up his cane in the swamp and had slipped down. They see a light in the castle. Jane's engagement to Oliver is announced at the reception.

CHAPTER IX.—Oliver spends a busy three weeks "questioning" and "speculating" while the opposition press prints sensational reports of the search for old man Baxter. Oliver informs Malone he intends to put it up to a committee from headquarters as to whether he should withdraw from the senatorial race. Malone tells him to stay in the contest.

"How do you know you are not going to find it?" was Oliver's surprising question.

Malone started. "What has caused you to change your tone like this, Baxter?"

"It's getting on my nerves, Malone—I don't mind saying so," said the younger man, frowning.

"I get you," said Malone, sympathetically. "It does give a fellow the shivers. But now about this getting off the ticket. Don't you do anything of the sort, Baxter?"

"Malone, I can feel it in the air that a great many people believe I know what became of my father."

Mr. Sikes, who had shuffled around the corner, overheard the remark. He fairly barked:

"It don't make a particle of difference what they believe provided nobody is able to find the corpus delicti. They've got to dig up your father's corpus delicti before—What in thunder are you laughing at, sir?"

Malone, to whom this question was addressed in Mr. Sikes' most aggressive manner, put his hand to his mouth and succeeded in replying with as straight a face as possible:

"I've been reading an awfully funny book, Mr. Sikes. It's about detec-

tives. There is no telling what Mr. Sikes would have said to Mr. Malone about detectives in general if the delegation from headquarters had not arrived a minute or two later.

CHAPTER X

The Corpus Delicti

The automobile came swinging up the drive on the tail of Mr. Malone's defensive explanation. Oliver hurried off to greet the occupants of the car, Mr. Sikes hobbling along in his wake. Malone ruffled his pipe as he strode across the stable yard. In the lee of the barn he clutched his fingers. His gaze was fixed on the swamp. Far out in the "danger zone" a number of men were compactly grouped. A solitary figure was running toward the Baxter house, while from the main highway to the right of the slough a dozen or more scattered people were picking their way gingerly across the intervening space. The detective dropped the charred match and started briskly down to meet the runner. He was no longer bored. He was an alert, vital, keen-sensed hunter of men.

Mrs. Grimes stood on the front porch as the three committeemen entered the house. Mr. Sikes snubbed up as they disappeared through the door. He stopped short in the gravel walk just below where Mrs. Grimes was standing. He felt that it was necessary to lower his voice.

"We've only six more days to go, Serrepty," he said. "This is the ninth tenth."

"Yes. He will be thirty on the twenty-fifth. I hope you'll be satisfied, Joe Sikes."

He pondered gloomily. "Setting back there on the kitchen steps I got to thinking about the last time I was up here before old Ollie disappeared. I wonder if you remember what he said to me and Silas, setting right here on this porch."

"I remember the poor old thing saying he couldn't go to sleep nights because he was afraid a mob would come up to the house and take Oliver October and hang him for something he'd never done."

"I guess maybe that was it. And another thing: Didn't he say he wouldn't blame Oliver if he up and beat his brains out for letting that gypsy queen lift the veil and cause all this worry?"

"What are you trying to get at, Joe Sikes?"

"Oh—nothin' particular. I just thought I'd warn you not to say anything about our talk that night, especially what he said about Oliver beating his brains out. I mean," he added sternly, "that you and me and Silas never heard him say anything like that—then or any other time."

"That's got into you, Joe?"

"The best thing you can do is few instructions. Serrepty, in case anything does happen. You're so darned good and conscientious, as the saying is, that I've worried myself sick over you. I mean about evening to a lie."

"I would swear to a million of them," she cried. "If it would be any help to Oliver October."

"Birds of a feather," said Mr. Sikes, rather proudly.

"Come in and have a cup of coffee, Joe," said she.

She came down from the porch and together they started for the rear of the house.

"Look out yonder, Joe—in the swamp," she cried suddenly, pointing through the fringe of trees. "There's a crowd."

"Serrepty," he moaned. "They—they have found something out yonder. I feel it in my bones. The corpus delicti. I guess I won't have any coffee. I'll just money out there and see what's happened."

"Wait a minute. Isn't that Silas Link coming across the swamp?"

They stood and waited. In due time Silas started his way up the incline and came shuffling toward them. Mr. Sikes stroked forward, followed by Mrs. Grimes.

"Well?" demanded the former.

"They—fished—up—a—catcass," puffed Mr. Link.

Absolute silence—except for the painful wheezing of the last speaker.

"Ollie's?" asked Mr. Sikes at last.

"No being. Unrecognizable."

"It must have had clothes on," put in Mrs. Grimes stoutly. "Wouldn't you know Ollie Baxter's clothes if you—"

"Hain't got any clothes on."

"No clothes on?" demanded Mr. Sikes. "Then it can't be Ollie. He had his new suit on."

Mr. Link hesitated. "That detective says the chances are that whoever did the killing stripped the body and burnt the clothes," he said slowly, weightily.

A longer silence than before. Mr. Link's listeners seemed turned to stone. Finally Mr. Sikes moistened his stiff lips.

"What do you mean, Silas, by—by killing?"

"If you feel sort of squeamish, Serrepty," began Mr. Link considerably, "maybe you'd better—"

"I'm not squeamish," retorted the redoubtable little woman. "Go on."

"The top of the skull is smashed in—split wide open," announced the news-bearer in a husky, sepulchral voice. Then, apparently eager to get it over with, he hurried on: "Couldn't have died a natural death. Couldn't have committed suicide. Somebody hit him over the head with a heavy instrument. Most likely an ax or a hatchet. Buried six or eight feet deep in a mudhole. They pulled up a hand first with one of them poles with a hook on it. Then they set to work scooping out the hole with shovels. Wasn't long before they got down

where they could— "Don't tell any more—don't tell any more!" quaked Mrs. Grimes.

"Lean on me, Serrepty," said Mr. Sikes, who, if anything, was weaker than she.

"They've sent for the police and for my men," went on Mr. Link. "And they're telephoning for the sheriff and coroner and everybody else. Look at the automobiles rushing down that way—and people running on foot—and—oh, my Lord, Joe! If it should turn out to be Ollie it will—it will look mighty bad for Oliver October!"

The news spread like wildfire. Before nightfall everyone in Rumley knew that the body of Oliver Baxter had been found and that he had been foully murdered.

And then came the startling rumor that old man Baxter had gone to his safety deposit box in the vaults of the bank three days before his disappearance and had removed five \$100 Liberty bonds! Rumor, pure and simple, yet accepted as fact by those who owned the streets. A grave, unanswered question, too, had to do with the money so lavishly spent by young Oliver—several thousand dollars in cash. Where had it come from? Simple as rolling off a log! There wasn't much doubt as to where and how Oliver got his ready cash! But to split his own father's head open with a spade, and throw him into a supposedly bottomless pit, and burn his clothes!

For now all those who thronged the streets were saying that Oliver October had murdered his father.

The street leading to the Baxter residence was alive with people—curious, silent, awestruck men and women who stared intently at the windows.

The sheriff had returned to the county seat after cautioning Oliver to keep his head and await developments.

"It looks pretty bad for you, Baxter," he had said at the end of a long interview, "but there's only one thing for you to do. People don't want to believe you killed your father, and that's a big advantage. So it is up to you to stand your ground and face whatever comes. Don't talk. Keep your trap closed. I called your uncle up on the telephone just before I came here this evening. He is coming over tomorrow morning to see if he can identify the body. Of course he can't. You seem to be dead sure that it isn't your father. So is Mr. Sikes and Underdrinker Link. You all claim that your father was shorter by several inches and had lost several of his teeth. But your lawyer will look after all these points. Just sit tight, Baxter, and keep cool. Don't leave town. Understand?"

The company in Oliver's sitting-room included the respectable and venerable Messrs. Sikes and Link, Judge Shortridge, Mr. and Mrs. Sage and June Doctor Lansing and Mrs. Grimes. Sammy Parr was expected. He was to bring in the news of the streets.

Oliver, a trifle pale, but with a stubborn frown on his brow, listened calmly to the animated conversation that went on about him. He sat beside Jane on the sofa in the corner of the room.

"I don't see how you can be so unmoved, so calm, Oliver, dear," whispered Jane in her lover's ear. "Just think what they are talking about—and as if you were not here at all!"

(Continued next week)

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gray.

BY VIRTUE OF A certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 20th day of November, 1925, by Charlie Tait, 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's and F. B. Dillard's household 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 1 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 Lufkin, 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.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The McLean News, a newspaper published in Gray County, Texas, my hand, this 1st day of December, 1925.

E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff, Gray County, Texas.

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

E. J. Lander has renewed his subscription to The News.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. Ross Biggers and all those claiming or owning an interest in the J. C. Biggers estate, Defendants.

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E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas. By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

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WHEN A SCHOOL TEACHER MARRIES

A neighboring city has had the case come up as to whether the married woman is to be allowed to teach. The city has a rule which makes a teacher's contract void provided she takes a husband during the time for which she made. Back of this rule, of course, is some justification. Probably the first and best reason for this is that it induces eligible young men on the teaching force to set their wedding during the summer months, instead of interrupting their work for the festivities and reactions incident to becoming a wife. Marriage and the prelude to marriage are something of a solution in the habits of living any newly married person. But it is a vastly more upsetting experience for the woman than for the man. It would doubtless be possible for a set of mathematical calculations for the blackboard to remain in order and clarity at the same time with fitting thoughts of how lovely chimes will look at the windows of the little love nest when George gets enough saved up to rent or buy one. Bridesmaid duties and parasol business are common. Announcement parties and examination papers will get in each other's way. And all of these things the school boards of this country have become cognizant through experience.

But the reason of the rule and the administration of it ought to keep in halting distance of each other. The reason for the rule is that there is such a personal relation between teacher and pupil that it is a part of the value of the teacher to the school that she shall render eight to ten months of consecutive and uninterrupted service. In that particular, teaching is different from many other skilled positions. In addition, it involves a drain on nervous energy which calls for a fairly even tenor of life during off-duty hours. Never against all this is to be considered that good school teachers are rare. When the school board asks one, the incident of marriage in itself should not make a difference. A woman who has been married long enough to have "settled down" is frequently a better teacher than she would have been had she continued in maidenly relation to the world.

So long as a married woman can give the kind of service a school requires, she should be allowed to give it, provided she is otherwise satisfactory. School authorities, however, find it easier to make an ironclad rule and enforce it than to undertake to explain to one woman why another woman was given the benefit of an apparent exception. Explanations of that sort are rarely convincing to the person who requests them, or pleasant to the school board which has to make them.—Dallas News.

CITY ORDINANCES NEED CODIFICATION

Childress.—Judge John W. Davidson says there is one important thing the city council should do immediately, that being to codify the city ordinances and have them printed. Judge Davidson is the only person in the city who has a complete list of the ordinances and should it become lost or destroyed many ordinances would have to be enacted again and published.

"It will cost perhaps \$800 to codify the ordinances and have them printed in pamphlet form," said Judge Davidson. Every lawyer in the city needs these ordin-

ances. It would also be wise to have a sufficient number of pamphlets printed to issue to whoever desires them."

It is sometimes difficult for the city attorney to prosecute cases, and the inability to show to the jurors that such an ordinance is in existence. When unable to produce the ordinance it is useless to file complaints. Many of the ordinances are on record in the minute books, but it takes much time to find them.—Childress Index.

DON'T BLOW WHISTLE

Do you remember Lincoln's story about the little steamer with the big whistle? Every time they tooted the whistle it blew off so much steam that the boat stopped sailing. That's the trouble with lots of people today. If they would only use their energy to drive the paddle wheel of opportunity instead

of eternally blowing the whistle of discontent, they would find themselves going up the stream of success so dazed fast that the barnacles of disaster wouldn't have a chance in the world to hook onto their little craft.

Did you ever notice that the town's busiest men are always asked to head all the community enterprises?—Crosbyton Review.

A POWERFUL MOSQUITO

A contributor from Kansas writes gratefully to thank us for the story on our Miscellany Page that described the kidnapping of one of our contributors in a steam boiler by mosquitoes. It explains something, he writes, that has always been a mystery to me. Some time ago I had occasion to purchase a boiler of a certain type. Attracted by the advertisement of an Eastern firm, I ordered one

from them. When it arrived, I found attached to it by the bill, which was thrust through a hole in the boiler and clinched, a large mosquito apparently dead. When I released it, however, I found that it was not dead, but only weak and exhausted from hunger. In fact, the poor thing was nothing but skin and bones. I ministered to its needs and turned it into my pigeon fly, intending to keep it for a while—here in Kansas we seldom see mosquitoes larger than a crow. The mosquito had a number of bruises, acquired in shipment, on its body. On these I poured soothing liniment. The next morning, being too busy to attend to it myself, I sent my little boy out to put more liniment on the mosquito. He made a mistake and used Doctor Siskum's body restorer instead of liniment. In the course of a few days the mosquito was covered with fine, soft, curly hair. Last week I sheared thirty pounds of high-grade wool from it. You may not be-

lieve this. I wouldn't believe it myself if anyone else was telling it. And I can't prove it because the mosquito is dead. It got loose yesterday and swallowed a Missouri male that had straped across the state line. The male kicked as he went down its throat and broke its neck.—Youth's Companion.

S. M. Castleberry of Amarillo was a business visitor in McLean Monday.

MAY YOUR

Christmas be Merry
and the New Year
Prosperous

The Texas Cafe

The Season's Greetings
with the best of wishes for
Christmas and the New Year

O. G. STOKELY

Lands Life Insurance Loans

With full appreciation of the many courtesies shown during the past year, we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

McLEAN BLACKSMITH SHOP
CHAS. EUDY, Manager

At this Yuletide Season, we greet you with sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Farmers Co-operative Gin
D. M. Davis, Mgr.

The season is at hand when We gladly welcome the opportunity to extend to you the

WARMEST HOLIDAY GREETINGS and to express our appreciation of that intangible and invaluable asset, Good Will, that you have so kindly bestowed on us during the past year, and which we fully reciprocate.

W. E. CLEMENT PRODUCE

To Our Friends and Patrons

The year of 1925 is nearing a close, and in a few days we shall enter upon a New Year. We want just at this time to express to you our appreciation of your liberal patronage during these past years. Our business relations have been pleasant, and we hope that the service rendered has been satisfactory with you. We hope that we may have a continuation of your patronage, Good Will and Friendship, and that the New Year will bring you Joy, Happiness and Prosperity. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 1926. We are yours very truly,

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.
W. T. WILSON JOHN C. SAUNDERS

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wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year

SNAPPY SERVICE STATION

BEST WISHES

for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Hamberger Inn
J. A. Meador, Prop.

Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year

Haynes & Ledbetter
Insurance

The American National Bank extends the compliments of the Season

with the wish that yours may be

A Christmas of

Happiness and Contentment and a

New Year which will bring to you a

satisfying measure of Prosperity

The American National Bank

Christmas Greetings

We appreciate the kind reception given our store by the people in this community, and we are glad of this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and to express the hope that the New Year will be bigger, brighter and more prosperous than any before.

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Claud McGowen, Mgr.

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SERVICE TAILOR SHOP
Hansel Christian, Prop.

Merry Christmas

and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

T. N. HOLLOWAY
Reliable Insurance



Yet in spite of the fact that billions of snow crystals were maimed and soiled and melted, as a result of their Christmas Day mission, the chief received many replies:

"We have given a child happiness, and would rather do that than stay in the clouds forever," said one.

"Enabled a boy to play with his old sled," said another, "and would not come back if we could."

"Has been a great Christmas. We have given much but have received full measure in return."

These and similar bulletins were posted in the court of the clouds, and every snowflake held in reserve felt a sense of regret that it had not been a participant in providing so much of the joy and jollity of Christmas. Only a snowflake!

Yes. But it rendered service. And this was the snowflake that was glad.

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A MATTER OF MONEY



He—I'm going to give you a Christmas present this year that no money can buy.

She—I prefer one that some money can buy.

MAY COMPEL PAPERS TO ACCEPT MAIL ORDER HOUSE ADS

Washington.—The Federal Trade Commission has begun an investigation, under cover as usual, of a complaint registered by mail order advertising interests against local merchants detaching the advertising policy of local newspapers by giving them the choice between accepting local or mail order advertising. Smaller newspapers, it is alleged, are particularly affected by a standing threat of local business men's organizations that if mail order advertising is carried, local merchants will withdraw their announcements.

It is hinted unofficially that the commission may seek to require newspapers to accept mail order advertising despite the objection of local merchants, and it is said that some newspapers have already indicated that they would welcome such an official order from the commission. The commission, it is stated, has been so informed by officials of a number of newspapers and may soon issue a complaint.

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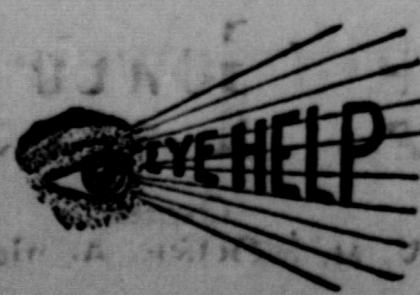
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515 Polk St.
Amarillo, Texas

rules, the complaint would not be made public until an answer was filed or decision rendered.

WHEN THE NORTH WIND BLOWS

"We used to 'jack 'em up' for the winter in my day," says Grandpa.

But in these winter days of bobbed skirts, low necks and gale stockings, the motor car is just as sturdy, if not more so, than our women. And so "jacking up a motor car for the winter" isn't done. It doesn't need to be.

But just the same the same precautions should be taken with an automobile as with a human. Both must be protected against the elements.

The "can't start" trouble in cold weather is due to improper carburetion. Because low temperatures hinder evaporation of gasoline, it is necessary that the carburetor be adjusted for a cold weather mixture. A fully charged battery never freezes. Make positive that yours is fully charged before the cold snap comes. Then you will have nothing to worry about.

Frozen radiators are the bazaar of winter driving. And yet there is no reason for this, because there are various antifreezing mixtures for sale in the accessory departments. As an additional protection a radiator cover is a good investment.

Skid chains, though hard on tires, are an absolute necessity when street and road is ice covered. Since the rear tires receive the most wear, it is often advisable to switch the rear tires to the front before winter sets in. And bear in mind that proper inflation during the winter months is even more important than in summer.

Because of the more frequent use of the choke in winter and the resultant greater dilution in the oil, the crank case should be drained more often in winter than in summer. And because cold oil is too heavy to circulate properly, racing the motor on cold mornings

to warm it up is liable to result in serious damage. But then one should never race the motor.

These things and an intelligent caring for the car through the winter will result in longer life, more dependable service, and greatly reduced repair bills.

What could be sweeter?

QUESTIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARDS

Just why should schools be closed from one-fourth to one-half the time?

In what other business do you find the practice of completely disrupting the working organization and reforming it annually?

Why should capable, experienced, scholarly married women not be allowed to teach?

Do you know whether the teachers in your school are sufficiently alert and progressive to maintain regular membership in the professional organizations of teachers?

Why build such a fine school building and then pay such poor

salaries that few, if any, really good teachers can be employed?—The Texas Outlook.

INCLUDING NEWSPAPER CRITIC

Isn't it queer how so many people will believe that a man who doesn't know how to manage his own affairs can tell them exactly how to manage theirs?—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

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McLean, Texas

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GREETINGS

for
Christmas
and a Happy New Year

McLean Vulcanizing Shop
L. D. Preston, Mgr.

To Our Friends

As we approach the dawn of a new year, and throw off our burdens to join in the universal greeting to **Old Santa Claus** and share in the gladness of the children who are filled with the spirit of Christmas, we pause to extend to our friends the compliments of the season and convey to our many customers our heartiest appreciation for their courtesy, loyalty and good will during the year now closing.

We are happy in the thought as we approach the season of mutual cheer and fellowship, that has made us many new business friends and more closely cemented the old ones, for the privilege to pass along that ever new salutation, "**A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!**"

T. J. Coffey & Bro.

The Store Where Your Dollar Buys the Most

It Was the Night Before Christmas

Little Snowflakes Glad to Be of Service on Greatest of All Days.

By W. D. PENNYPACKER

IT WAS one of the tiniest things imaginable. In all the whitened fields of late December it could scarcely be reckoned with. It was a snowflake. Fleeting was the span of its existence. Today, here, tomorrow possibly drawn into the moisture of the atmosphere, depending upon temperature, and where it chanced to fall.

Some say fairies fashion snow-crystals in wonderful workrooms and laboratories which man has not explored. It may be. They are more exquisitely cut than the rarest jewels.

It was the night before Christmas. There was the usual sense of quiet which comes over things when the pre-holiday rush and confusion ends—the sense of peace—perhaps the echo of that old song which man has so often and so ruthlessly heard and forgotten. It seems that the snowflake knew.

In the land whence snowflakes come there is a great chief. The country, if one speaks of it as such, is an absolute monarchy. But it is different from those our geographers name under Political Divisions. It is a monarchy ruled by love, where a desire to give happiness is the prevalent ambition.

So, on that night before Christmas, as the snowflakes danced about in great billowy clouds, some of them thought of companions already fallen to earth. Yes, some had fallen, and their beauty had lasted for a while, then disappeared.

Then the chief spoke:

"Follows," he said, with an appealing note in his voice—a voice that had much of the plaintive sound of the north wind, "there is a service to perform. This is the night before the birthday of our King. Millions will worship Him when the morrow comes, but more, ignorant of its source, will seek to revel in the gladness which His coming brought and many millions more—" he went on.

"The nations of the world wait for that gladness. Once a year they seek to know the spirit and the significance of the Christmas time. They see vaguely what the carolling of angels and the song of shepherds was all about—and then forget. "Perhaps," he said, "in the chaotic strivings of man's life he is not so much to blame."

Silence profound. A stillness like unto the silence of the plains before the angels uttered their refrain of "Peace, on earth, good will toward men."

"Comrades," said the chief.

"Aye!" answered the crowd in a note that had the shrill keenness of the winter wind and yet was warm with an eagerness to serve.

"Down, just below us, there are boys and girls dreaming of Santa Claus, and snow, and sleighs, and sleds. To some, your going would give life and joy and happiness to Christmas. You may stay here, or go to give them joy.



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

The sheriff of Potter county has ordered all slot machines removed from places of business in Amarillo. Slot machines appeal to the gambling spirit only, and should have no place in a law-abiding town.

There is no use in complaining about the cotton situation. Any one-crop proposition is bound to meet disaster sooner or later. The farmer who has raised his living at home and has a few hogs, some chickens and a few head of milk cows has no cause to worry about the cotton price. Our community has not developed into the one-crop system as yet, and maybe this year's experience with cotton will serve as a timely warning. Cotton is all right as a part of the farm's diversification plan, but not otherwise.

When our present light and power plant was installed, many people asked the question if the city engines would last for 20 years or more. When this question was answered by stating that the engines would last as long as they were needed, it was seldom believed, yet we outgrow the engines in two years time, and the new engine installed this summer is now too small to take care of possible users who would be glad to take advantage of the service. Things that were considered luxuries yesterday, become the necessities of today.

J. E. Kirby takes advantage of our bargain rate on The News and Star-Telegram this week.

Tennessee Red peanuts for sale. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement

THE "BUSTED" MERCHANT

Did you ever notice that the merchant or business man who does the most aching about business being dull and the country being "busted" is the one that does not believe in the virtues of advertising? It's a fact. The first thing he thinks of to cut down expenses is to stop his advertising. Another good way to reduce his operating expenses—which he probably hasn't thought of—is to let his store remain closed five days a week, thus saving light and gas bills and a considerable sum for clerk hire.—Pampa News.

UNSHELTERED MAN

I heard of a couple who live not far from this place, who have been married for forty years, and during all that time peace and harmony have prevailed. It seems when they first started out on the sea of matrimony that they agreed that when one of them got mad the other, without saying a word, should leave the house. The result is that the husband hasn't spent much time at home, but the outdoor life has made him robust and healthy, and his wife, not being pestered with a man constantly around the house, has been able to do her work without worrying, and is also fair, fat and sixty.—Palestine Herald.

The story sounds exaggerated, as well as exasperating. When a man gets married, and establishes a home he is entitled to live in it at such times as he ought to be around the house. A husband, in the first flush years of his husbandhood, should be strong enough not to enter into such a contract as the alleged husband above mentioned went into. He might know that under such a condition he would have to leave his domicile at any moment, often in inclement weather, and find shelter in the barn or the garage or the dog house. Such a situation might readily injure his health. No man with a face full of whiskers would consider such a bargain. As this column has heretofore urged, men

must wear beards if they expect ever to come back into rulership of their homes. The fad for clean shaving has resulted in the subjection of the husband by the wife. Only once in a great while do you see a man with a face full of hair, but when you do see one like that you behold a husband who is boss at home. If Solomon had been gump enough to scrape off his majestic spinach, his three hundred wives would have reduced him to umorous futility. As it was, he wore his whiskers longitudinally and latitudinally. He put them in curl papers at night and chewed on them when angry. They waved like a banner in the wind, and his wives called him lord and acknowledged him master. We need more whiskers in this country.—State Press.

HERE'S THE SECRET

I am 68 years old. I feed and attend to all my stock, and make more on 22 acres than many farmers make on 75 or 100 acres. Shall I tell you the secret?—legumes, peas, vetch, velvet beans, etc., with all the manure I can get. From a field of three acres sowed last fall I mowed 10 large two-horse oads of oats, vetch and wheat combined. I sow 1 1/2 bushels of oats, a peck of wheat and 10 pounds of vetch to the acre.

Keep what stock you can and remember cotton alone will never make you rich.

Try to be a free man, Do not depend on cotton, And you will live and laugh the longer When the other man's forgotten.—A. L. Eubank in The Progressive Farmer.

PITIFUL IGNORANCE

When a business man tells us that he doesn't believe newspaper advertising will pay him, it always makes us feel bad. We can't

help but think how unfortunate it is that Henry Ford, Dodge Bros., General Motors, Post Toasties, Sears & Roebuck, Cream of Wheat, Hart, Schaffner & Marx and so many other fairly successful business concerns have wasted so many millions of dollars on newspaper and magazine advertising. Such ignorance is not wise.—Its pitiful.—Pampa News.

IN BAD AGAIN

Husband—"Didn't I telegraph you not to bring your mother with you?"
Wife—"That's what she wants to see you about."

NON-SMOKERS WIN WALKING RACE IN PORTLAND

Portland, Ore.—Smokers and non smokers walked a race on Dec. 6 from Portland to Forest Grove and return, fifty miles. Paul Gallicott, former sailor, and non-smoker, came in ahead, making the return trip in less than eleven hours.

Following Gallicott was George Cruikshank, another non-smoker. Harry Floeter, a smoker, was third. He smoked cigarettes, cigars, or a pipe constantly during the hike.

The condition was that the smokers smoke at least ten cigarettes during the hike.

GOOD LANDLORDS HAVE GOOD TENANTS

In my opinion, one of the principal causes of dissatisfaction between landlord and renter is that in many instances the landowner will not go to the expense of making such improvements on his land as will insure the comfortable housing of those who rent from him.

Quite often it is the case that the houses are entirely too small to conveniently accommodate the family of the renter, and then again, the roofs will be full of holes and

a general air of decay and discomfort will prevail. Often the roofs are tumbledown affairs, without ample shed room or any place to suitably take care of sufficient stock feed.

I have always favored the policy of keeping a good renter as long as I could, telling him that the longer we worked together, the better we understood each other and the better each could assist the other.

We try to see to it that all our rent houses are well-roofed, kept in good repair and so constructed as to afford warmth and comfort in the winter.

We try to see to it that they have barns with plenty of shelter for their stock and farm machinery.

We have tried to impress on their minds that it was not best to place their sole reliance on one crop, but that it was to their interest to be sure to try to raise an ample supply of such things as they and their families would have to have to do by doing that, we have probably not made as good an income out of our land as we might have, had we forced them to plant mostly cotton. (In the long run you will.—Editor.)

Of course, there are good renters and bad renters, as well as good landlords and bad landlords. We try to treat our renters like human beings and in many instances we think we have been benefitted by so doing.

We have found out that, by taking an interest in those renting of us and showing them some favors, they will reciprocate the favors shown them, and in the long run we are both benefitted.

It is a great mistake any renter

receives at this office a few days ago. That is to say, a letter from a very indignant man. We had spelled his name wrong, which is, of course, an inexcusable error. The letter said, "I don't want anything to do with your paper if you spell my name wrong when there is no excuse for you not spelling it right."—Independence (Mo.) Examiner.

MAYBE IT WAS WRIGHT

A very indignant letter was re-

We desire to extend to you the Compliments of the Season and express our sincere wishes for your prosperity the coming year with a continuance of the cordial relations existing between us.

McLEAN BAKERY

With sincere Christmas Greetings accept also our cordial wish for Abundant Prosperity and Contentment as your lot during the New Year

Toby's Comedians here this week
Zane Grey's "Thundering Herds" Friday and Saturday nights

Legion Theatre

W. L. HAYNES, Manager

WE WISH

you a Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
W. C. Dunnaway
New and Second-hand
Furniture

In appreciation of your Good Will we extend the Season's Greetings and wish for you a most prosperous New Year

Chickasha-Douglas Gin Co.

Searcy Douglas, Mgr.



Quality determines whether the price is economical

Highest quality materials and construction alone give you fine car performance over a long period at low cost for upkeep.

Only the most modern body design and a finish of permanent lustre can keep your car looking well for years.

And that's what you get in a Chevrolet! Quality design, quality construction, quality appearance—and many quality features the equal of which you cannot find in any other car at Chevrolet's price.

You get Duco finish in smart colors. You get Fisher bodies on all closed models. You get smart, modern, snappy good looks plus the power, permanence, and dependability that make Chevrolet meet your highest ideals of economy.

Come in—let us show you why half a million Chevrolets were bought this year.

SHELBURNE-ARCHER CHEVROLET CO.
McLean, Texas

QUALITY AT LOW COST

The Coach \$695

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

ALL PRICES F. O. B. FLINT, MICHIGAN



Tuesday Dec. 29, 1925

at my farm 4 miles east and 10 miles north of McLean, 1-2 mile east of old Gracey school house site.

Sale Starts Promptly at 1 p. m.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

- 2 kitchen cabinets
- 1 safe
- 1 coal high oven range
- 1 4-burner oil stove, almost new
- 1 small heater
- 1 dining table
- 1 wood bedstead
- 1 dresser
- 1 organ
- 1 washstand
- 3 rocking chairs
- 2 sets springs
- 2 center tables
- 1 incubator

Other things too numerous to mention.

- 1 sorrel horse, smooth mouth
- 1 brown horse, 6 years old
- 1 gray mule, smooth mouth
- 1 bay mule, smooth mouth
- 1 saddle horse, 8 years old
- 2 sets chain harness
- 4 collars
- 2 saddles
- 1 broad tire wagon
- 1 narrow tire wagon
- 2 cultivators
- 3 sled go-devils
- 1 P. & O. lister
- 1 section harrow
- 1 sulkey plow
- 1 oil barrel

TERMS—All sums under \$20, cash in hand. Over \$20, 5 per cent discount for cash, or 10 months' time, 10 per cent interest, bankable note.

B. D. Fondren

Owner
V. H. MOORE, Auctioneer

Wants

WANTS—One insertion, 2c per word.

Free 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 printing matter. Black-face type double rate. Initials and numbers count as words.

No advertisement accepted for less than 25c.

All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with the News.

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.

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

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

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

Service Truck. Call Riley Scott. Phone 16. Advertisement tfc

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

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GROCERIES ARE cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tfc

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

LOST.—2 fives and 1 \$20 bill. Phone, collect, Allen Meadows, Gageby, Okla., or write C. L. Linton, Gageby. 1p

LOST.—Girl's knit cap, tan, brown trim. Finder please return to News office. 1t

LOST.—Dull gold pin, inscribed P. P. W. Return to Ruby Cook. 1c

FRUIT trees for sale. S. A. Cobb. 1c

HIGH SCHOOL students, don't fail to see our beautiful line of Commencement Invitations, printed or engraved, way below solicitors' prices. Glass pins, 10 K gold, very reasonably priced. News office.

LAST CALL.—Our bargain rate on The News and Star-Telgram closes January 1st. See that your figures are moved up by that time. News office. 1

STRAYED.—Red hog, weight about 125 lbs. Marked left ear fork, right ear cropped, tail bobbed. Geo. R. Reneau. 1p

E. E. Dehman says to keep The News coming to his address.

J. A. Haynes has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.

All Aglow



(Copyright, W. N. D.)

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The McLean school closed Wednesday afternoon for the holidays. Christmas trees and appropriate programs were staged in each room at school Wednesday afternoon.

School will resume work Monday, January 4.

Miss Eunice Floyd left Tuesday for Plainview to spend the holidays.

Miss Marguerite Merriman left Wednesday for her home at Wheeler to spend the holidays.

Ed Castleberry of Alanreed was in town Monday.

T. N. Holloway was called to the Amarillo postoffice to help during the Christmas rush.

Ralph Jackson of Elkton, Colo., is home for the holidays.

Searcy Douglas orders his subscription figures set up another year.

Miss Barbara Windom is spending Christmas with home folks here.

Jason Morgan is home for the holidays.

Miss Mary Anderson is home for Christmas.

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

The Good Will of our patrons and friends is one of our most valuable assets.

The Spirit of the Season brings to us renewed appreciation of old associates and of the value of new friends.

May your Christmas be a happy one and success attend your New Year, is the cordial wish of the

McLean Telephone Co.

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

Greetings

We just want to wish you a good old Merry Christmas and to extend a hearty wish that the New Year will bring you all the prosperity and happiness that you can wish for yourself.

McLean Hdw. Co.
W. B. Upham, Manager

Greetings

Our biggest asset is the good will of our customers, and we sincerely value the business you have given us. May your Christmas be Merry and the New Year Bigger, Better and more Prosperous than ever before.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson & Son

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meador went to Clarendon Monday. Mrs. Meador will stay with her sister, who is ill, until after the holidays. Mr. Meador returned home Tuesday.

W. E. Freeman of White Deer is a new reader of The News.

Tennessee Red peanuts for sale. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement

E. R. Sheppard of Alanreed was in McLean Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. Collier orders The News sent to her grandson, Cliff Crump, at Lubbock this week.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson has our thanks for subscription renewals for H. C. Wilson of Abilene and H. A. Hofer of Denton.

FURS WANTED

We will buy your furs and pay the highest market price. Fur season just opening. Call for prices.

W. E. Clement
Produce
Phones 152 and 155

V. H. Moore

Auctioneer

Wheeler, Texas

Dates made at News office or call me collect.

At this Holiday Season we wish to express to you our appreciation of past favors and sincerely wish you and yours a Joyful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Smith Bros. Gin

The Spirit of the Season prompts us to wish you increased Happiness and Prosperity the coming year. May your business dealings with others be as pleasant as ours have been with you.

The Citizens State Bank

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

To You

We extend our heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous Nineteen Twenty-Six

We assure you of our sincere appreciation of the cordial relations which have existed between us during the past year, and of our earnest efforts to the end, that the same friendship and good will may be continued throughout the coming year.

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

Santa Hears from the Kiddies



Lean, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. Walter Miller, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$23.43, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against the said Walter Miller, No. 1291 on the docket of said court, I 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 1 in Block H and west 1/2 of Lot 3 Block J in the City of McLean, being out of Survey No. 22, Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 8th 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.

E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.
By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

Vernon Johnston is home for the holidays.

Roscoe Rudolph is visiting home folks during the Christmas holidays.

NEW HEATING METHODS

It is reported that New England home owners are taking to heart the recurrence of coal strike conditions and are turning to oil and gas as logical substitutes for heat.

The people are satisfied that they need fear no shortage of these fuels and are becoming educated to their convenience. They need only the certainty of failure of agreement between miners and operators to convert their furnaces from coal to oil or gas.

Shoes and Work Clothes

We have added a line of work shoes and men's work clothing.

See us for harness.

Bible Shoe Shop
Shoe and Harness Repairing

Miss Floycie Jordan is home for the holidays.

Vernon Rice is visiting home folks during the holidays.

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

ADVERTISING PAYS PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS

Wishing you the Season's Greetings and assuring you of keen appreciation of your good will and patronage.

Texhoma Oil & Refining Co.
L. L. Rogers, Agent

INSURANCE AT COST

The People's Mutual of Clarendon, Texas, has more insurance in force than any other Local Mutual Aid doing business in our territory. It has never refused to pay a just claim and has never been sued. Take Life Insurance in the People's Mutual for protection.

Thos. J. Allen and Son, Secretaries
Clarendon, Texas 52-2p

With grateful appreciation of all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless, though intangible, asset, your good will, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence and aim to serve you faithfully in the future

McLean Supply Co.

CHAS. LESTER, Manager

Appreciation

Appreciating your business and hoping that the pleasant relations now existing between us will continue, we wish for you much happiness and prosperity for the New Year.

Shell's Pharmacy

At This Holiday Season

We think of our customers as our friends.

We like to feel that in a broad sense our customers are our partners—that our success is but the reflection of theirs.

And so on the eve of the New Year, we extend to you our hearty good wishes.

Wallace & Company

—Service With Pep—
McLean Phone 153 Texas

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Owner, Defendant. Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$37.50, in favor of the City of McLean, Texas, and against the said unknown owner, No. 1290 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described property situated in Gray County, Texas, and belonging to the said unknown owner, to-wit: The north 1/4 of Lot No. 1, in Block No. 1 in the City of McLean, Texas, and being out of Survey No. 22, in Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th 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 sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of said unknown owner in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

Dated at Lefors, Texas, this 9th day of December, 1925.
E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.
By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. A. R. Piersall, Defendant. Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$14.19 in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against A. R. Piersall, No. 1297 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Gray, State of Texas, and belonging to the said A. R. Piersall, to-wit: Being Lot No. Seven (7) in Block No. Forty-six (46) in Survey Twenty-two (22) Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, A. D. 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 of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said A. R. Piersall in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

Dated at Lefors, Texas, this 9th day of December, 1925.
E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.
By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

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

Mel Davis of Pampa was a McLean visitor Monday.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of Mc-

WILL SACRIFICE

Will sell on easy terms 64 acres of land in northeast corner of Alanreed Townsite section, and eight blocks, all adjoining, in the southeast part of the Alanreed Townsite section. If you are interested, write for price and terms to

W. M. PARDUE, San Antonio, Texas
147 1-2 East Woodlawn Avenue
52-2p

Your kind co-operation has contributed materially to our success and we appreciate it most cordially. Accept our best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year.

McLean Filling Station
Floyd Phillips, Mgr.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray, in the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. A. Jackson, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 9th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$22.81, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against said A. Jackson, No. 1292 on the docket of said court, I 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 A. Jackson, to-wit: Lots 8, 9 and 10 in Block 10 in the City of McLean, Texas, and being out of Survey 22, Block 10, Gray County, Texas; and on the 9th day of January, 1926, during the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. 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 A. Jackson in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

Dated at Lefors, Texas, this 9th day of December, 1925.
E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.
By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray, in the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. J. S. Stephens, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 9th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$74.84, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against J. S. Stephens, No. 1319 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described land, and belonging to the said J. S. Stephens, to-wit: All of Blocks Nos. 8, 9, 11, 29, 30, 79, 80, 81, 82 and Lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Block 105 in the City of McLean, Texas, and being out of Survey 22 Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, A. D. 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, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. S. Stephens in and to said land, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

Dated at Lefors, Texas, this 9th day of December, 1925.
E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.
By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray, in the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. Rita Rosenbaum, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$18.31, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against the said Rita Rosenbaum, No. 1289 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described land, and belonging to the said Rita Rosenbaum, to-wit: Beginning 1925 feet west of the east boundary line of Section No. 190 Block E, and 567 feet south of the north boundary line of Section 190 Block E; thence west 420 feet; thence south 210 feet; thence east 420 feet; thence north 210 feet; being in Block 13 McLaughlin Addition, McLean, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, 1926, 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 in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment,

interest and cost of sale.
E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.
By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray, in the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. C. W. Brown, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 14th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$44.48, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against the said C. W. Brown, No. 1361 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described land and belonging to said C. W. Brown, to-wit: Being 2 1/2 acres lying south of Blocks Nos. 61 and 62 and adjacent to Donley street, and being out of Section 22, Block R, Gray County, Texas, in the City of McLean; and on the 5th day of January, 1926, 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 C. W. Brown in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

Witness my hand at Lefors, Texas, this 9th day of Dec., 1925.
E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.
By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

THE COTTON CRAZE

A Memphis banker says that the low price of cotton has slowed things down a little in his town. Correct. Any town that depends upon one industry will meet with hard times. Any country that depends upon one crop will suffer. Hall county is one of the best agricultural counties in Texas. It could be a great diversified farming country, but the farmers, merchants and boosters have gone cotton crazy

When the bankers of Memphis, Eastland, Turkey and Lakeview awake to their plight and begin talking poultry, dairy cows and greater plantings of row crops, just that soon will Hall county become more settled. Fellows, one cropping cannot succeed in any man's country.—Childrens Index.

SWINDLE-PROOF PEOPLE

Whether to be sorry for the victims of swindlers, or glad that they are getting experience; whether to desire a spineless population never tempted to folly, or a strong people who are proof against it; these questions occasionally arise. Scientists who have fought rust in wheat and blight in corn are now considering whether it is not better to grow wheat that will resist the rust, and corn that will defeat the blight. If rust-proof wheat is a possibility, surely folly-proof people are equally possible. The swindlers who take millions a year from the people would fall if people were swindle-proof. And most of them would be if they refused to heed tales of something for nothing.—Henry Ford.

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

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The types of boys and girls which we find in the schools are three: The overly energetic, the normal and the subnormal student. Would not the ideal program of health include every type from the first grade through university life? Should not our program be so inclusive as to guide the enthusiasm of our best activities, interest the masses of boy and girls to participate in wholesome recreation and give individual attention to those who have been advised by the physician to refrain from taking exercise? When this type of pro-

gram is followed, the teachers of physical education will have their hands more than full and there will be neither time nor energy left for training a team for competition. He or she can do only one thing at a time. Are we who are interested in educational advantages for all going to allow our trained leaders to waste their time training 15 or 20 athletes who do not need more physical development?—Miss Anna Hiss, in address before National Conference P.-T. Association.

PARENTS TO BLAME

That some of the boys and girls of the town are, not being properly looked after by their parents is demonstrated in almost every church service in the city. There are young boys and girls in Tahoka who have evidently not learned that it is highly improper to talk and laugh and disturb members of the congregation during religious services. The parents of these boys and girls should take a few of them across their laps a few times and their demeanor at church thereafter might be more decorous. If you do not know how your son or daughter is behaving, it might pay you to take the trouble to find out.—Lynn County News.

BROKE FARMERS

A farmer recently remarked that "a farmer is a man who can go broke every year and keep right on in business, whereas any other has to close his doors." Yes, but the farmer who does not go broke each year is the one who succeeds in life, builds a nice home and barn, and educates his children. And no one has ever succeeded in

GREETINGS

and Best Wishes for Christmas and the Coming Year
E. E. Dishman
Fine Confections

doing this with the one-crop idea running wild on his farm.—Terry County Herald.

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.

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

ACCEPT OUR

best wishes this Holiday season and our thanks for the favors received from you the past year

THE CITY MARKET
The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

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There is at least one day in the year when we are naturally and genuinely human; when we open our hearts to one another and feel that every generous thought will find a generous response; when the things that annoy are forgotten, the things that make glad are called to mind. That day is Christmas, and though it will not stay with us long, may the spirit of it abide until another Christmas shall come with new impulse of joyous and generous living.

Erwin Drug Co.

At the Holiday Season we express to you our appreciation of past favors and wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Cobb's Variety Store

Welcome Welcome

At this Holiday Season we wish to express to you our appreciation of past favors and sincerely wish you and yours a Joyful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Elite Barber Shop

Everett & West, Props.

Appreciating your business and hoping that the pleasant relations now existing between us will continue we wish you much happiness and Prosperity for the New Year.

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We Appreciate

the business given us since coming to McLean, and we take this opportunity to express the hope that the pleasant relations existing between us will continue.

We extend to all the Compliments of the Season, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Williams Motor Co.

Lincoln **Ford** Fordson

McLean Texas

