

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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## Commissioners Order McLean Deputy Sheriff

A petition was presented to the commissioners court at Lefors Monday asking for a paid deputy sheriff at McLean.

The court acted favorably on the matter and Sheriff Graves requested that a jail be provided at McLean, either by the city or by public subscription, as an officer is badly handicapped with no place to hold prisoners.

It is not known just at this time who will be the new officer for McLean, but will probably be a man who is experienced in such matters.

## SCHOOL DRAMATIC CLUB PLAY GIVEN TO LARGE CROWD

A large crowd was present at the play given by the school dramatic club, assisted by the girls glee club, at the high school auditorium last Friday night. The play showed careful preparation and the girls' singing reflected credit upon their instructor.

Some complaint was made that the players could not be heard in the center of the building, but this is the fault of the auditorium, as the same complaint was made to the professional players who showed immediately following the school play.

## CLEONE WEST WINS SECOND PRIZE IN AMARILLO CONTEST

Cleone West won second prize in the literary contest staged by the Amarillo News last week with the following theme:

### Autumn

Long years ago when the world was new and all the flowers, birds and animals were young, winter never came. Everything was so beautiful and everyone was so happy that no thought of anything but of making others happy.

There lived a witch who was queen of all the flowers, plants and trees. One morning she awoke to find one of her most beautiful roses missing. A council was called, but no one seemed to know anything of the rose. The witch became very angry and declared she would punish them all. The days went by as usual for all but the witch, who would not speak to anyone.

On the first of September there came a terrible change. All the birds began flying away to find warmer climates and all the flowers began to wither.

One morning everyone awoke to a world unknown. There had been no cold weather before, so of course it seemed very queer with a white something all over the ground which was very cold when you touched it.

The witch had kept her promise. She surely did punish all. Now there were no pretty flowers and nothing left to make them happy again.

But a wonderful thing happened. There lived a good fairy called "Autumn," who felt very sorry for everyone. So to keep the people happy, she dressed all the leaves in bright colors and put them to bed. She found warm homes for the animals and put them to rest. She told them that in the Spring they would wake and everything would be beautiful and they would be happy again.

The people called this season "Autumn" in honor of the good fairy. Every year when the leaves begin turning beautiful colors and the animals are seen no more you know that good fairy has paid you a visit.

This was the beginning of Autumn. Autumn is a sad time because all the beautiful things of summer are seen no more. But in the Spring they will wake and everything will be beautiful again.

## PIANO AND EXPRESSION RECITAL FRIDAY, DEC. 17

The departments of piano and expression will give a students recital at the high school auditorium Friday evening, December 17, at 7 p. m. The exercises are free to the public.

## The Great American Home



## SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT PUBLISHED

On page two of this issue of The News will be found a financial statement of the McLean Independent School District.

The State law requires that reports from banks, cities, counties and schools be published at regular intervals.

## HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRESSING NICELY

The high school band, under the direction of Prof. H. W. King, is making good progress. Prof. King hopes to have the members playing in class by about the middle of February.

According to Prof. King, many members of the class show real musical talent, and by next summer we should have a band to be proud of.

## PUBLIC SCALES DONATED TO CITY

A number of business men have bought a set of 10-ton wagon scales and will donate them to the city for the use of a public weigher.

It has been difficult to keep a public weigher on account of lack of public scales, and it is thought that with the city's owning the scales a man may be kept in office at all times.

## BUSY BEE CAFE OPENED TODAY

The Busy Bee Cafe opened this morning at the Bible Shoe Shop location, Mr. Bible having divided his building to accommodate the cafe.

H. L. Cantrell and Everett Alexander are the proprietors of the new concern. These gentlemen are experienced restaurant men, Mr. Cantrell having been manager of the Velvin Cafe at Shamrock for some time.

Further announcement as to their plans is promised in our advertising columns later.

## McMILLEN BUYS REMINGTON PORTABLE

L. G. McMillen, one of McLean's booming real estate men, bought a Remington Portable typewriter of The News last week. Mr. McMillen wanted a machine with all the modern improvements at a fair price, and he has everything needed in the Remington.

David Gray came in Sunday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. C. E. Truitt.

Jack Cooke left Tuesday for El Paso.

## SHERIFF GRAVES TO COLLECT TAXES HERE DECEMBER 30-31

Sheriff E. S. Graves will have the tax rolls in McLean December 30 and 31 to collect state and county taxes, also to issue car licenses. A full notice is given on another page.

## 20 STUDENTS MAKE "A" GRADE CARDS

Some 20 pupils of the McLean school made straight A grades the past six weeks.

Following are the names of the A students:

- 1st grade—J. W. Martin, James Emmette Cooke, Marie Landers, Nola Burr, Lillie Mae Williford.
- 2nd grade—Lillie Lester, Charlotte Truitt, J. L. Mann, J. E. Smith, Juanita Carpenter.
- 3rd grade—Mary Emma Back, Joe McCanlies, Martha Reimer.
- 4th grade—Pauline Ledbetter, Paul Ledbetter.
- 5th grade—Maudelle Corbin, Frank Andrews.
- 6th grade—Fern Landers.
- 7th grade—Sybil Graham.
- 9th grade—Lila D'Spain.
- 10th grade—Frances Noel.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LEE CHILD WEDNESDAY

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lee in the Gracey community Wednesday for their infant child. Rev. D. H. Brynoff, pastor of the First Baptist church, McLean, conducted the services. Interment in Hillcrest cemetery.

## INTERMEDIATE R. Y. P. U.

Subject—Stewardship. Helps—Odessa Kunkel. God Calls for Men—Annie Lou Grigsby. God Calls for Money—Kent Carpenter. My Stewardship—Faye Bible. The Steward of the Gospel—Madge Landers. Offering—Thelma Young.

Ross Biggers of Bethany, Okla., renews for The News this week. Mr. Biggers says they enjoy reading their home paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Booher of Foss, Okla., visited in the Harry Barnes home last week.

W. L. Haynes was an Amarillo visitor Tuesday.

Floyd Phillips left Tuesday for El Paso to visit relatives.

Douglas Wilson of Pampa is visiting relatives here this week.

## FIRE DESTROYS SHOW TENT SATURDAY

The tent belonging to the Allen-Names Players, who filled a two-weeks' engagement in McLean, caught fire about 5:15 p. m. Saturday and burned to the ground before it could be controlled.

The fire caught from one of the stoves used to heat the tent, on the side with the wind, and the flames blew right over the tent in a short time.

The fire department had water on the flames within a few minutes after the alarm was blown, but too late to save the tent.

Trunks, instruments and personal belongings were saved by prompt action of volunteer workers.

The loss, not including the tent, was about \$500.

## STORES TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS DAY

According to the best information we have been able to obtain, the stores in McLean will close Christmas day, as has been the custom here in times past.

## SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE

Subject—The Christmas Spirit. Leader—Floye Rowe. Song—Holy Night. The Lord's Prayer. Scripture lesson by leader. Address—What Christmas Means. Song—Joy to the World. Prayer.

The Spirit of Christmas—Gorda Lou Haynes. The Meaning of Christmas—Elton Johnston.

A Christmas Wish—Mabel Crisen. The World's Savior—Miss Merri-man.

The Message in Song—Clara Anderson.

## SENIOR R. Y. P. U.

Subject—Faith. Leader—Jesse Cobb. Part 1—Laetitia Holloway. Part 2—Fannie Stockton. Part 3—Walker Jones. Part 4—Naomi Hunt. Part 5: (1)—Floye Landers. (2)—Wilma Lee. (3-4)—Jesse Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dillineham of Denver, Colo., visited the gentleman's sister, Mrs. M. R. Landers, Saturday.

E. J. Lander has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.

L. G. McMillen and family were in Amarillo Tuesday.

C. M. Carpenter left last week for Buda to visit his mother.

## City Election Will Be Held January 17th

### BACK NO. 1 OIL TEST SPUDDED IN WEDNESDAY

The Travis and Block Back No. 1 oil test, section 44, block 25, 8 miles north of town, spudded in Wednesday according to contract.

Some part of the machinery has not arrived, but the well was spudded in by hand, drilling some six feet. Operations will begin as soon as the missing machinery arrives, and will be rushed to completion.

Nabob's Morse No. 1 was put on pump early in the week, but cold weather caused trouble with the water lines. As soon as this is remedied, it will again be put on pump, probably this week.

A test is to be begun on the Johnson ranch lands near the old Campbell well south of town by the first of the year.

### NEW JEWELER OPENS REPAIR SHOP HERE

J. E. Smith has opened a jeweler shop at the Dunaway furniture store.

Mr. Smith has had 24 years experience at his trade, the last six years being spent at Dallas. He has come to McLean to make his home and become identified with everything that tends towards community betterment. Read his announcement on another page.

### SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS THURSDAY

The Christmas vacation for the McLean school will begin Thursday of next week, and continue until Monday, January 3.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, Dec. 19th. Bible class 10 a. m. Reading by Bro. F. E. Durham, 11 a. m. Communion 11:30 a. m. Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m. Special song. Quartet.

### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor. Last Sunday was our best day so far. Interest is growing every day and attendance increasing. A fine spirit prevails among the people. There seems to be a determination to grow. One member was received Sunday. Don't forget the fact that your presence will help us—your absence will hinder. We look for you.

### AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Irwin, superintendent of the Presbyterian Children's Home at Amarillo, will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday at the morning and evening hours. The public invited.

### COLD WEATHER THIS WEEK

A touch of real winter was handed us this week. However, no suffering was reported, as the sunshine each day tempered the cold. Plenty of pressure was kept in the gas lines and gas customers are pleased with the service given.

Carl S. MaKeig and Thos. F. Turner of Amarillo, representing the Southwestern Securities Co., were in town Tuesday.

Herman Phillips of Soutland came in Saturday to visit his father, Arthur Phillips.

T. N. Holloway and family and H. W. King were Shamrock visitors Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Noel and Miss Carmen Ulm were Clarendon visitors Saturday.

A city election has been called for Jan. 17, 1927, to decide whether or not the voters of McLean want to dispose of the city light and ice plants.

The election is called for the purpose of disposing of the light plant at a price of \$80,000. No election is needed to dispose of the ice plant, which is figured in the deal at \$20,000.

There will be no sale of the ice plant unless the vote is favorable to the sale of the light plant, as both plants are to be included in the sale for a total price of \$100,000.

The two are kept separate in the election notice, as the law requires an election to dispose of a light plant but does not an ice plant.

The sale will be made to the Southwestern Public Service Co., who own plants at Amarillo, Panhandle, White Deer and Pampa. This company has reduced rates at Amarillo, over the old charges, some 33 1-3%, and at Panhandle and Pampa, where they have been in operation only about 18 months, some 10%. The proposed rates for McLean will be a little under the present rates, as the minimum charge for lights will be \$2 for 11 k. w. per month with a sliding scale, beginning at 18c for excess; while the present rates are \$2 for 1.0 k. w. and starting with 20c for excess. The power rate will be much lower than at present.

This company has never increased rates in any city, but has always reduced the rates as fast as conditions justify. They will reduce the price here just as soon as the customers increase to the point that they can, and they will endeavor to give service to everyone who wants it, regardless of whether the house is in the city limits.

### McLEAN MERCHANTS BUY CALENDARS AT HOME

Our readers may take their choice of a nice selection of calendars bought of The News by McLean merchants this year.

Home town merchants are coming more and more to practice what they preach and patronize home industry themselves. The merchant who orders his printing or other supplies from distant points when he may be supplied by local concerns, has no right to ask people to patronize him on the plea of loyalty to home industries.

Call for McLean printed calendars at John Mertel's, T. J. Coffey and Brothers', Bible's Shoe and Harness Shop, C. J. Cash's, Elite Barber Shop, McLean Tin and Plumbing Co., Star Filling Station and Vulcanizing Shop, H-H Filling Station, Caldwell's Bakery, W. C. Cheney's Feed Store, City Dray and Transfer.

Christmas letters and cards used by Hamilton-McGowan Hardware & Furniture Co., Cobb's Variety Store, McLean Abstract Co. and Citizens State Bank were also printed at home.

### GOOD WILL EDITION NEXT WEEK

The News will publish the annual "Good Will and Best Wishes" edition next week, when the business men of McLean will express their appreciation for the custom accorded them the past year.

We suggest early copy, and a phone call will bring a representative of The News to help prepare your advertisement, any time before Wednesday of next week.

Misses Frances Noel and Ruth Daur motored to Clarendon Saturday.

Mrs. Floye Hudzelts of Skillet spent Saturday and Sunday in McLean.

# Loves Victory

BY ADELAIDE DOWLANDS  
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## Begin Here Today

MA MALLINGATE is at the table with her mother and newly wed stepfather. She has been writing a letter to her sister, Pauline, who for some mysterious reason failed to come to her home in London for nearly 18 months. Lorna and her mother have communicated with Pauline through a forwarding address in Paris. Lorna told her sister about the wonderful things their stepfather is doing. As she finishes the letter, her mother's lover,

ERALD CRAVEN, calls and begs her to consider his proposal of marriage seriously. Lorna tells him that she doesn't want to get married. She begs him to continue being her good friend and to forgive her seemingly brutal refusal.

**Now Go on with the Story**  
When Gerald Craven had conquered his emotion, he loosened his tie and gave her a smile. "Hurry up," he said. "Address your letter and we will go down and join your mother. Will you say tennis this afternoon?" "I will if I can, but I don't know what mumsy has arranged to do. Something was said about motor-ing to Canterbury for tea, but we will settle that when we join mother."

"Well, look here! I'll go on and tell Mrs. Emerson you are coming," said the young man. He gave her a nod and a smile and then he went out of the room.

When she was alone, Lorna sat down and picked up the pen again, but she found curiously enough that her hands were trembling. A few moments before, out on the veranda, she had been possessed with that sensation which the Scotch call "fey." She had not tried to analyze her feelings—she had only felt carried up and up as it were on wings. And then had followed that spell of dreaming in the chair, and now she was awake—fully awake! As she sat tapping the table with her pen, there came another knock on the door. This time it was a page boy.

"If you please, m'as, a gentleman!" He stood on one side as he ushered in the man. Lorna found herself face to face with a youngish man—an evident gentleman. From his dark hair already flecked with gray, Lorna quickly judged him to be not very young. He was certainly good looking, yet something about him gave the girl an uncomfortable feeling.

"You wish to see my stepfather?" she queried. "I am so sorry. I am afraid he won't be here for an hour or so." "I'll wait," said the stranger quietly. "It is most important that I should see Mr. Emerson with as little delay as possible. I have come down from London on purpose to do so."

Lorna said "Oh!" and then added, "Perhaps you will sit down; there are some papers here." The newcomer walked forward towards the window and then he turned and spoke abruptly:

"What is your name?" "I am Lorna Mallingate," the girl answered a little coldly. He nodded his head; then asked: "How far away are the golf links?" "Not very far. I think you could walk it, but there is an omnibus that goes backwards and forwards." "Is there?" he queried. "Oh, well, I'll go in it." "Of course, I am not quite sure if Mr. Emerson is playing golf," Lorna said quickly. "He may come in at any moment. Who shall I say wants to see him?"

The young man turned away from the window and stood looking at her with a rather curious expression in his dark eyes. He had a very curt way of speaking, a manner which rather annoyed and at the same time rather disturbed Lorna.

"My name is Emerson. Julian Emerson." Lorna's heart beat a little more quickly.

"Oh! A relative?" To this he nodded his head. He moved to the door and held it open.

"You are going out?" he queried. And without saying anything, Lorna walked through and made her way to the lift. Julian Emerson followed her, but he went down the stairs, and the girl saw him go with the same curious sense of uneasiness. There was something in his manner, something in his unexpected visit, which suddenly cast

a very heavy shadow over the brilliant sunshine of the day.

In the palm court, Lorna was waylaid by a certain Lady Blyth; a florid looking woman, always very expensively gowned and arrayed. Her sea was one of the young men who allowed the world to see that he admired Miss Mallingate very much indeed.



The newcomer walked forward toward the window and then he turned and spoke abruptly: "What is your name?"

Lorna gave no encouragement to Sir Charles Blyth, and in fact she rather avoided his mother and his two sisters.

"Ah! Here you are at last. Everybody has been inquiring for you. Charles has been in despair. He has gone to sit with your mother. If he can't be with the rose, he wants to be near her." She kissed Lorna several times, leaving little patches of lip salve on the girl's cheeks, which she immediately proceeded to brush off. "You look so sweet," she said. "What a lovely gown. Paris, of course? And what a beautiful little string of pearls! Shall we go and join your mother?"

Lorna always felt overpowered when Lady Blyth pounced upon her in this fashion.

If she could have yielded to her own inclination, she would have preferred to have gone on by herself, and to have sat apart until she had conquered this curious uneasiness and cast away the shadow which was so pronounced. But Lady Blyth would not give her up, so they walked together across the lawns, and Charles Blyth, seeing them coming, got up and went to meet them.

As he reached the girl, he took her hand and kissed it.

With a sigh of relief the girl slipped into a chair beside her mother.

Now, as she sat beside her mother and slipped her arm through hers, Lorna felt soothed and waited back into her happy mood. After awhile, Mrs. Emerson got up and as they strolled along arm in arm, the mother said to Lorna:

"I have ordered luncheon served upstairs, darling. Henry doesn't care about being in the restaurant for every meal, and it is really pleasanter in our own room." "Much pleasanter," said Lorna.

hope you haven't sent him away, Lorna?"

The girl clung to her mother, and as she did so, she whispered: "I hope so, too, but I'm not sure! I am afraid I hurt Gerald, mother dear. But honestly I wasn't prepared. . . I wasn't sure. . . You see, I've never thought about him in that way. . . I've never thought about any man in that way," she said simply.

**NEXT CHAPTER**—Henry Emerson vanishes mysteriously.

A. L. Hibler has renewed his subscription to The News.

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G. E. Castleberry takes advantage of our bargain rate on the Star Telegram this week.  
Mrs. E. H. Kramer has handed us \$2.00 for The News another year.

Financial Statement of the McLean Independent School District for the fiscal year ending September 1, 1926

Maintenance Fund	
Receipts	
Local taxes	\$11,523.67
State and county funds	5,572.00
Transfers	282.65
Tuition	143.25
Other sources	945.97
Amount brought forward Sept. 1, 1925	1,466.13
	<b>\$19,933.67</b>
Disbursements	
Teachers' salaries	\$12,026.48
Taking census	29.73
Repairs, furniture and fixtures	522.93
Fuel, water and supplies	2,173.20
Insurance, postage and printing	452.00
Janitor's salary	894.58
Assessing and collecting taxes	391.24
Supplies and incidentals	2,767.73
Transfers	70.00
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1926	605.19
	<b>\$19,933.67</b>
Sinking Fund	
Receipts	
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1925	\$ 1,836.17
Interest paid by bank	246.08
Taxes collected	1,874.80
Certificate of deposit	6,762.87
Interest on certificate of deposit	304.32
	<b>\$11,024.24</b>
Disbursements	
Paid on bonds series 1910, 1 to 9	\$ 9,000.00
Interest paid on bonds	1,250.00
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1926	774.24
	<b>\$11,024.24</b>

J. S. HOWARD, Pres. Board.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me a dining table with chairs and a surprise stocking with package. We need a trunk for our doll clothes. Please, Santa, come early if you have time, for I'd like to see you very much.  
Thank you for what you brought last Christmas, and I'll like anything you bring me.  
Love, from  
SPENCER SITTER.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a surprise stocking and dining table with chairs. I would like some dishes, too, if it wouldn't be asking too much of you. I want a Bylo baby, too.  
Please come early, Santa. I'll go to bed early so I can wake for my pretties early.  
With lots of love,  
DOROTHY SITTER.  
P. S. I would like to see you, Santa, if you can get here in time.  
D. S.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a bicycle, a pair of spurs, wagon, nuts and apples. Billy wants a kiddie car and fire truck.  
Joe wants a big rocky horse.  
We are three good boys, sometimes, and hope you can get to McLean, Texas.  
JAMES, BILLY and JOE COOKE.

Dear Santa:  
I am going to write a few lines just telling you what I want. I wrote you once but I lost my letter telling you to come to see our room. We have lots of pictures of you. Now I am going to tell you what I want. I want a set of chairs, dishes and a pair of skates and a fountain pen. And I want you to take my Christmas tree to Lawton at 315 Summits. That is my grandma's and grandpa's.  
That is all, by by.  
Your dearest child,  
SARAH VIRGINIA MCGOWEN.

Dear Santa:  
I want a bicycle, erector set, hoe, shovel and rake, and a pair of house shoes. My clown needs a new suit if you have time to make it.  
Please don't forget to leave my things at grandma's if it isn't too bad. By by,  
CLAUD MCGOWEN, JR.

Dear Santa:  
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a Bylo baby doll, a doll buggy and a little red chair.  
Yours truly,  
MARY EMMA BACK.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a pop gun, a bugle, a jack knife and a cap gun.  
Yours truly,  
J. C. CORBIN.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a wagon, a cap gun and a range. I hope I did not ask too much.  
Your little friend,  
WRIGHT WISE, JR.

Dear Santa:  
I want you to bring me a fountain pen, a new coat, and a blackboard to work my arithmetic on. I know it is about Christmas time and you are very busy, so I won't ask for much. I also want lots of candy, fruits, and nuts.  
Your little friend,  
JOE McCANLIES.

Dear Santa:  
I wish you would bring me a little car and plenty of nuts and candy. I hope Christmas will come soon. I think I have been a good boy. I hope I will forget the window light I broke out today.  
Good-by, your friend,  
CECIL JONES.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I thought I would write you a letter. I want you to bring me a big doll, a fountain pen, a china set, a lot of candy, apples and oranges, some bananas and nuts. That is all I want for Christmas.  
By by. Love from  
NADINE CUNNINGHAM.

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me a doll, a buggy, a basketball, a little doll bed, a story book, a trunk and some doll clothes. If you will bring me that much I will sure thank you. I sure did enjoy the letter you wrote to our teacher, and I hope you have good luck getting here.  
Your lovin' friend,  
CLARA FAY CARPENTER.

McLean, Texas, Dec. 7, 1926.  
Dear Santa:  
It is about time for you again; I am so glad. Well, Santa, I want you to bring me a doll cart and some oranges, nuts and candy. That will be all, for you have too many other children to give presents to.  
Well, Santa, I will close. Santa, I bid you good-bye with love and good luck to you.  
From a friend,  
OPAL HOLTON.

Dear Santa:  
I have been good and pulled bolts so I want an air gun, a football and Ford truck that will run.  
That's all, so by by.  
CLAUDE SMITH.

Dear Santa:  
I want a little set of dishes, a piano and a doll and buggy.  
I have been a good girl, so be sure and come.  
With lots of love,  
WILLIE SMITH.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a set of dishes, a little stove and a bed for my doll, and a doll. That is all I will take this year, Santa Claus, because I know you are always loaded because there are more children in this world than me. I know that they all want something for Christmas, and besides you are always busy as a bee I know. Oh, yes, Santa Claus, I want apples, oranges, candy and nuts. That is all I want. Please don't forget me at Christmas.  
BIANCA MAE HALL.

Dear Santa:  
I just wanted to write you a letter not very long. I am 9 years old and in the third grade. I want you to bring me a stocking full of candy, but not very much 'cause it will make me have the toothache. And bring me some oranges, apples and bananas. And then a story book, a little box of tin soldiers and a little rabbit. My box number is 42. I give you a dear kiss.  
So good-by, yours truly,  
LINARD HARRISON.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a football, a bee-bee gun, some candy, oranges, all kinds of nuts and some apples. That is all I want. My box number is 24.  
Many kisses to you,  
KINARD HARRISON.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Christmas is near and I want you to bring me something. I want you to bring me a football and a gun that will shoot rabbits and birds. I would like to have a sled to slide down hills when I get out in the country.  
Yours truly,  
OSCAR REIMER.

Dear Santa Claus:  
It will not be long till Christmas, so I am going to tell you what I want. I want a basketball, a rubber ball and a fountain pen. That is all I want besides some candy and nuts. So by by.  
Your friend,  
MARTHA REIMER.

Dear Santa:  
I would be glad, if you would like, for you to bring me something for Christmas. Santa, do not forget my little sister and my three brothers.  
Good-by,  
LUTHER PARRISH.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will write you before it is too late. This is from Orval and Munroe Parrish. Orval is eight years old and goes to school. Munroe is five. We have a little sister smaller than us. We have a baby brother two years old. Be sure and do not forget us Christmas night.  
Yours with love,  
PARRISH BOYS.

Dear Santa:  
I wish you would bring me a baby doll that goes to sleep, and a stove and a little doll buggy. Will you please bring these three things.  
Yours truly,  
VETA LANKFORD.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll 16 inches tall, with eyes that open and shut and bent arms and legs that will move; a set of tin dishes with the picture of Red Riding Hood, and a toy dining room set. I will be so happy if you bring them to me.  
Yours truly,  
SYLVIA LUCILE FARREL.

Dear Santa:  
I wish you would bring me a wagon, a harp and a watch. I love you, Santa, and I hope you love me, too. That is all I will ask you for. Santa, will you please give my little sister something, too. Santa, my name is Herman Taylor. You need not tell me your name, because I know your name.  
I will close now. Good-by.  
Your love,  
HERMAN TAYLOR.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me a doll and a set of dishes. I am a little girl 10 years old. Please bring my little brother a wagon. I help my mother work and I go to school. I am in the third grade. I am at A. F. Hansen's blacksmith shop.  
Yours truly,  
SYBIL GILL.  
My mother is Mrs. O. Gill.

PEN POINTERS

A Chicago scrubwoman worth \$100,000 reports she was swindled out of \$1200. A drop in the bucket.  
A whistle that can be heard 23 miles has been placed on a building in Avon, O. They must be expecting another war.  
Some of us can meet our creditors and some of us don't want to.  
Pygmies recently discovered in Africa can count only to four. When it's Thursday they think it's Sunday again and take the day off.  
America never will be free of whisky while any of the inhabitants have a little still.  
W. L. Litchfield takes advantage of our bargain rate on the Amarillo News and McLean News this week.  
H. E. Franks has our thanks for a subscription this week.

A good sandwich spread is made by mixing grated orange rind with an equal amount of butter and a small amount of orange juice. These sandwiches are nice for afternoon tea, or for serving with a beverage at an evening party.

Miss Cleo Williams of Mobeetie visited in the E. T. McCleskey home Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Alanreed were McLean visitors Saturday.

Announcement

I have opened a jewelry repair business at the Dunaway Furniture Store and will appreciate a share of your business. I have had 24 years experience. Also have a small assortment of jewelry in stock, will sell cheap.

J. E. SMITH  
Jeweler

Christmas Turkey

Buy your Christmas turkey here. These birds are dressed and thoroughly chilled and in prime condition to grace your table on Christmas day.

FARMERS PRODUCE CO.  
A. C. DONNELL, Prop.  
McLean, Texas  
Phone 158

A Delicious Baked Ham

For Christmas Dinner

For those who do not especially care for fowl, we suggest a Roast Ham for Christmas Dinner—either fresh or cured. You know it will be delicious.  
Plenty of other meats for particular people.

McLean Meat Market

We Sell Better Meats  
Barney Fulbright, Mgr.  
McLean, Texas  
Phone 120

**PEANUTS**  
Plenty of Tennessee red peanuts on hand. Yukon's Best flour is guaranteed to give satisfaction.  
Give us your coal order.  
We handle feed of all kinds.  
**CHENEY'S FEED STORE**  
We Handle the Best

**TEXACO GASOLINE**  
We sell Texaco Gasoline, Oils and Greases  
Tires, Tubes and Accessories  
Tires and Tubes Repaired Promptly  
Try Our Service  
**STAR FILLING STATION AND VULCANIZING SHOP**  
Ted Glass, Prop. McLean, Texas

**Practical Gifts**  
You will find many desirable, practical gifts in our big stock that will be suitable for every member of the family.  
Don't forget we sell the Sunray gas range, one of the best the market affords. Plenty of gas heaters, too. Guaranteed to please.  
**Western Lumber & Hardware Company**  
Roy Campbell, Mgr.

**PRESENTS THAT WILL PLEASE**  
**Useful Gifts**  
Always Please  
Do you realize that we have a wonderful selection of gifts for every member of the family? And that every gift in this store is a useful one? Come in and look over our stock before you buy.  
Haviland China  
Shaving Brushes  
Safety Razors  
Pazor Straps  
Pocket Cutlery  
Tools  
Thermos Bottles  
Boys' Wagons  
Gas Stoves  
Silverware  
Table Cutlery  
Casseroles  
Percolators  
Shears, Scissors  
Dishes  
Aluminum Ware  
Carving Sets  
Lamps  
Cut Glass  
THE BEST GIFT—A Quick Meal Gas Range  
Gifts for Everybody  
**McLean Hardware Company**  
W. B. Upham, Mgr.

**THE McLEAN NEWS**

Published Every Thursday  
**T. A. LANDERS**  
 Editor and Owner  
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**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**  
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**MEMBER**  
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With two important elections within the next 30 days, McLean citizens should inform themselves of the merits of each. The road bond election deserves to carry by a big majority as does the selling of the city light and ice plants, but voters should know just what they are voting for in each case.

The school board is to be commended in having the financial report published as the law directs. Too many public officials take the attitude that they are the sole arbiters of the district's finances and any citizen interested must come to the books to find out how the taxpayers' money is being used. The more publicity given an board's efforts for the taxpayers, the less dissatisfaction.

Calling the city election for the light plant alone should not prove confusing to the voters when it is remembered that the law provides just what shall be voted upon and what does not need a vote of the people. In this particular case, a vote for the sale of the light plant means a vote for both, for the ice plant will not be sold unless the light plant is sold at the same time.

Big Spring is the latest Texas town to vote the city manager plan of government, carrying a board of development provision. A board city development, under this plan is supported by every taxpayer, which is just and right, for everyone is benefitted by a chamber of commerce. Under the voluntary donation plan, too many short-sighted citizens pay nothing, and the burden falls upon the progressive citizens only.

L. A. Mershon of New York, secretary of the American Bankers Association, has the following to say about advertising: "You can send out booklets by the thousand and other literature by the ton, but it is the advertising through the newspapers that will reach the masses." Bankers are hard headed business men, and time was when it was not thought ethical for bankers to advertise, but that is changed, and they make no mistake in choosing the advertising medium that gets results.

It is now claimed that George Washington was bled to death by the doctors of his day who believed blood letting was a cure-all. The practice of medicine and surgery has been a matter of guesswork with an ironbound system of protective "ethics," and it is only of late years that the profession has been lifted to a higher plane, where preventative measures have been considered and the patient allowed to know what ails him.

**TAX NOTICE**

Sheriff E. S. Graves will be in McLean December 30 and 31 to collect state and county taxes and to issue car licenses. Automobile lights will have to be tested same as last year and the 1926 receipt should be presented in order that licenses may be issued as rapidly as possible. Car owners who have 1926 plates may pay their 1927 licenses at any time before the above dates, but will not be expected to use them until the first of the year. Advertisement 50-2c

**MOVIE NOTES**

"La Boheme" Mon. & Tues. "The Quarterback" Wed. & Thurs. next week.  
 Rex Kendall of Hedley visited friends here Saturday.

W. H. Ruffledge renews for the Star-Telegram at our bargain rate.

**ELECTION NOTICE**

BY VIRTUE of an order made and entered by the City Council of the City of McLean, Texas, on the 14th day of December, 1926, an election is hereby called to be held at Bentley Insurance Co.'s office in the City of McLean, Texas, on the 17th day of January, 1927, between the hours of eight o'clock a. m. and seven o'clock p. m., for the purpose of determining whether or not the said City of McLean shall sell to Southwestern Public Service Company, a corporation, for the sum of \$80,000.00 cash, the electric light and power plant and distributing system and all real estate occupied by same and belonging thereto now located in and owned by the City of McLean, in accordance with the written proposition of said Southwestern Public Service Company dated December 14, 1926, and filed the same date with the City Secretary.

All qualified voters within the City of McLean, Texas, are authorized to vote at said election and the ballots will have on them: "For the sale of the electric light and power plant." "Against the sale of the electric light and power plant."

A. T. Young is hereby designated as presiding officer at said election and M. D. Bentley and W. C. Phillips as judges thereof, together with such clerks as they may designate to assist them, and said election will be held and returns made in the same manner as in general elections, and the returns will be made to the City Council of the City of McLean, Texas.

WITNESS MY HAND, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1926.  
 J. I. CASH, Mayor  
 of McLean, Texas.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 11c

**THE RIGHT KIND OF EDITOR**

The late Camp-Clark, who spent his life in the public services and had unusual opportunities to pronounce judgment, said the following tribute to the editor of the best type:

"The right sort of an editor is one of the most useful citizens of the republic. There are three classes of editors. One class abuse everything and everybody they are not paid to let alone. The second class possesses a great, benevolent, humanitarian point of view and try to make the world better and wiser. The men in this class are deserving of all praise and are a great credit to their profession. A third class merely record facts as they

appear; and these cannot properly be classed as journalists. It takes more courage, more common sense, more general intelligence to conduct a good newspaper than any other business a man can get into in this life."—Selma (Ala.) Times-Journal.

**WHERE PEOPLE WILL SEE IT**

It is an amusing thing to the news writers on a newspaper when they hear somebody suggest that they would like to have an item or an advertisement in the paper "where people will see it." The news writers know that people see every item and every ad. People

see a "3" when it should be a "5" and they see every wrong initial, every misspelled name and every omission of items they expect to see. "Where people will see it?" There is no such place where you can put anything in the newspaper that people will not see it.—Crawford (Tex.) Courier.

**NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF**

Froud Father—"I understand, son, our school now boasts of a glee club."  
 The Son—"No, sir, we don't boast of it."

**Magnolia Petroleum Co.**

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

Mrs. Annie Wilkins orders The News sent to her sister, Mrs. N. E. Gamble, at Ft. Worth.

Chas. C. Cook of Pampa has been elected president of the C. of C. of that city.



**For Christmas**

New bathroom fixtures would not only please every member of the family, but would add to the health and comfort of everyone every day in the year.

You could not make a better gift than to decide to put in modern plumbing and gas for the new year.

Come in and talk it over with us. The low cost will agreeably surprise you.

**McLean Tin & Plumbing Co.**  
 Licensed and Bonded Plumbers  
 Phone 72 McLean, Texas

**The West Texas State Teachers College**

CANYON, TEXAS

The winter quarter opens January 3, 1927. Students may enter on this date.

This college offers four years of work above high school and confers standard B. A. and B. S. degrees.

A high school department offers excellent opportunities to students who do not have high schools near home. 11,000 ex-students and a record of sixteen years service convince of the standing of this college.

For information address

**President J. A. Hill**  
 CANYON, TEXAS

**BUY HERE**

Candy, Cold Drinks  
 Hoffman's Boxed Chocolates  
 Magazines and Books  
 Cigars and Tobaccos  
 Come to us for everything in our line.

**E. E. Dishman**  
 Confectionery

**C. S. RICE**

**Funeral Director**

FUNERAL SUPPLIES  
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**Blacksmithing**

Woodworking and General  
 Blacksmith Work  
 All Work Guaranteed  
 Your Business Appreciated  
**McLean Blacksmith Shop**  
 Chas. Fudy, Prop.

**Fruit Cake**

Buy your Christmas fruit cakes here. You will find the quality and flavor you have a right to expect. Let us do your Christmas baking. Look over our line of pastries.

Watch for our announcement of opening day, when every lady in this community will be invited to come in and inspect our new equipment.

**McLEAN BAKERY**

Bread Is Your Best and Cheapest Food



**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Useful gifts of all kinds for the careful shopper.

Gifts for men, women and children that are sure to please.



**Dolls and Toys for the Children**

Remember we give away \$50 in gold Dec. 23. Be on hand at 3 p. m.



**PILLOWS**

Complete line new spring hats and dresses for ladies. Visit our store before you buy.

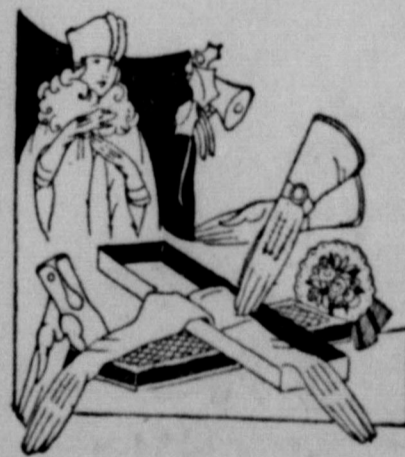
**The FAIR Store**

Dependable Merchandise

**WHERE and WHAT to BUY**

**The Gift Problem**

is easily solved by visiting our store and seeing the values we are offering to the Christmas shopper.



Every gift selected here means a useful gift that will be most appreciated.

Gifts for every member of the family



**Dolls for the Children**

Our quality is better and price is lower. Remember we give away the \$170 radio set December 24. Be on hand at 3 p. m.

**C. M. Stone & Co.**

Phone 153

Better Quality

McLean, Texas

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

THE only kind of trees that interest us at this time of year are Christmas trees. I wonder if you know that a Christmas tree may be a hemlock or a spruce, a fir, pine, cedar, or perhaps some other evergreen, as an arbor vitae. But the ones named are the most popular. Can you tell the difference?

A spruce Christmas tree has stiff needles, sharp as pins, that stand out all ways.

A hemlock Christmas tree has flat needles that lie on the twigs as if they were parted, just as hair is parted. These hemlock needles are whitish underneath.

The fir Christmas tree has needles that are parted very much like the hemlock, only each separate needle seems to be parted on its under side, too. Very likely your tree will be one of these three.

The pine is too well known for much description. It has two forms of leaves—the primary, small and scale-like, and the secondary—long and in clusters of various numbers. There are many species, from a few feet high to over a hundred.

The cedar is of an old family. It is the well-known Cedar of Lebanon. It is of slow growth, very hard wood, and much used in manufacturing lead pencils. All are fragrant, and very popular for Christmas trees.—Frank Herbert Sweet.

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W. W. Breeding has renewed his subscription to the Star-Telegram at our bargain rate.

A. L. Grigsby orders the Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

**Some Hubbies Are Brave**



She—What were you thinking of giving me for Christmas, hubby?  
He—I was thinking of some nice warm woolen stockings dear.

**First Christmas Trees**

Christmas trees became popular in the United States about the same time that they were introduced into England. In England the first Christmas trees were set up in the royal palace of St. James at the time Queen Victoria married the prince consort in 1840.

**SHORT ORDERS**

Waffles for Breakfast

Hamburgers, Coffee, Pie

A Good Place to Eat

**Hamburger Inn**  
J. A. Meador, Prop.

**The Town's Christmas**

—an Enjoyable Affair

IT WAS the town's idea. Of course you may say how absurd that statement is, that a town cannot have an idea because a town is not a person.

But when many people in a town all have the same public-spirited feelings and interest in others, you can almost say that the town itself is different from other towns—more generous, more thoughtful—just as you will speak of a person.

So the town lined its streets with Christmas trees and lighted them with twinkling lights.

And the town invited all the parents and all the children from the surrounding countryside to come to the town any night during the week from Christmas to New Year's when a concert of Christmas music was given by the village band, and when hot soup and biscuits were served to every listener.

And the town never enjoyed itself as much before.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 12

**KNOW WHAT NOT TO PRINT**

A newspaper that undertook to tell all the truth all the time would not last 30 days. It would meet physical as well as financial violence and its editor would end his days either in the hospital or the asylum. Newspapers thrive only as they excel in knowing what not to print. It is what a newspaper omits that measures its progress and success.—Clyde Knox.

**UNCERTAIN**

Maisie—"A certain young man sent me some flowers this morning."

Maude—"Don't say 'a certain young man,' my dear. There is none of them certain until you've got them."—London Tit-Bits.

**HAVE IT PRINTED AT HOME**

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



Men appreciate a practical gift, and it is easy to make a selection from our stock of men's furnishings.

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|----------------|---------------|
| Overcoats      | Ties          |
| Sweaters       | Mufflers      |
| Suits          | Belts         |
| Dress Shirts   | Caps          |
| Wool Hose      | Hats          |
| House Slippers | Gloves        |
| Suspenders     | Handkerchiefs |
| Supporters     | Luggage       |
| Boots          | Shoes         |

These are only a few suggestions. Come in and let us show you through our stock.

**John Mertel**

Men's Clothing, Hats and Shoes  
Phone 110 McLean, Texas

**Richard Dix**

in

**"The Quarterback"**

with Esther Ralston

Huge stadium stands packed with cheering throngs yelling madly for victory. Dix in the thick of the game with his father and sweetheart, Esther Ralston, praying for a touchdown.

And He Makes It!

It's a Paramount Picture

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22-23

**Legion Theatre**

C. E. Truitt, Mgr. McLean, Texas

**Fresh Honey**

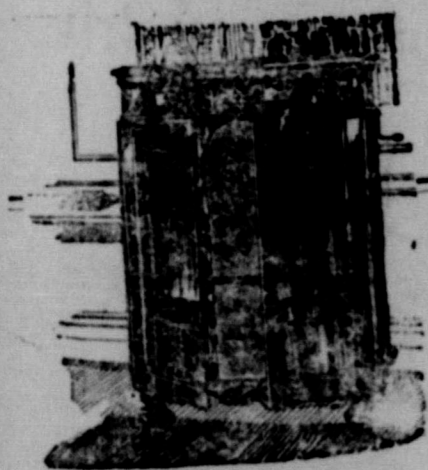
We have a truck load of Roswell-Carlbad mesquite and alfalfa honey at \$1.50 per gallon. Less by the case.

Ajax Cord casings, 30x3, \$8.50; 30x3, \$7.50. Cheap inner tubes to match.

Soda Pop 5c. Bar Candies. Gasoline and Oils. We appreciate your trade.

**LIBERTY SERVICE STATION**  
R. O. Cunningham, Prop.

**The Best Gift**



A New Orthophonic Victrola will be a constant reminder of your thoughtfulness. Many cabinet styles to choose from.

Books make pleasing gifts for every member of the family, from baby who is just learning to look at pictures, to mother and father. You will find books in great variety here.

**BOOKS**



Dolls for the Children

**Erwin Drug Co.**

The Retail Store

**A comfortable Christmas**

Gas in your home means not only a comfortable Christmas, but a comfortable clean, economical and healthful home the year around.

What better gift could you make your family than to install this better heating system in your home?

We make no charge for gas service other than \$10 meter deposit and 60c per 1000 cubic feet of gas used.

**McLean Gas Co.**

"A Home Institution"  
Office in Massay Building

**Provided Breakfast for Old Santa Claus**

"DO YOU think?" inquired small David of his father, "that Santa is coming 'bout this time?"

"Why, not quite so early, son. A little later, perhaps. Still, if you listen carefully, perhaps you can hear his bells."

Small David stood on tip-toe near the window and cocked his pink ears. "I think," he said slowly, "I think I hear 'em!"

The family rather forgot small David in the next half hour. There was much to do. But finally father looked up. "Where's the boy?" he asked.

David had disappeared. They scurried about hunting for him in every room. No David. Then some one heard a faint noise on the front porch. Father stepped out to see what it was.

A small, square figure in very short pants was bending over something.

"Son," called father, "what are you doing out here?"

"S-s-sh!" warned small David.

Father stepped nearer.

"See," said small David reaching up on tip-toe to whisper. "See, I brought out a bowl of breakfast food for Santa Claus. He might get hungry."

Father gathered up his son, amused and pleased.

"That's the very first time I ever knew of any one thinking about Santa's comfort. Bless you, boy! That's the right holiday spirit."

Next morning small David found a note pinned to his stocking:

THANK YOU FOR MY BOWL OF BREAKFAST FOOD! —SANTA CLAUS  
—Patience Eden.  
(© 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

**His Christmas Dream and It All Came True**

HE WAS such a beautiful little darling that his mother looked at him and forgot what she was going to say, when she was about to give him a lecture about pulling the cat's tail. And when he went with her to the hospital with a basket of flowers, and passed up and down the wards with a smile and a Christmas flower for every sufferer, they felt as though an angel had appeared again.

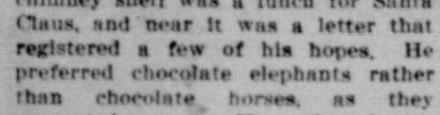
It was in his cozy room at home that he had a dream house. There he had day dreams, as well as night dreams. There he entertained "Mr. Bethlehem," and "Betty Bosbuckle," and her brother "David."

On the chimney shelf was a lunch for Santa Claus, and near it was a letter that registered a few of his hopes. He preferred chocolate elephants rather than chocolate horses, as they amounted to more. He conferred with his white rabbit mascot about the chipmunk skin that served as a rug for his garage, built for the coming automobile. There must have been a radiola in the room, it was so full of happy thoughts and sweet, faint sounds. "Listen," he said to Mr. Bethlehem, "I hear them singing." "Davy," he cried, "he's most here. Look, Betty, look there's the star!"

And it was so. That very night brought all that imagination had visioned, and the darkness fled before the glorious light of Christmas morning.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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**Sounds Reasonable**



"Pop, I want Santa to bring me a razor for Christmas."

"What in the world would you do with a razor?"

"Well, you call me a little shaver, don't you?"

**Singing Christmas Carols**

Christmas carols will, of course, add beauty to the holiday season. Also they will bring about an increase in communal singing.

**Flowers for Christmas**

When flowers are at a premium, why not give a few bulbs or a potted plant as a Christmas present to the woman who likes flowers?

**Children and Christmas**

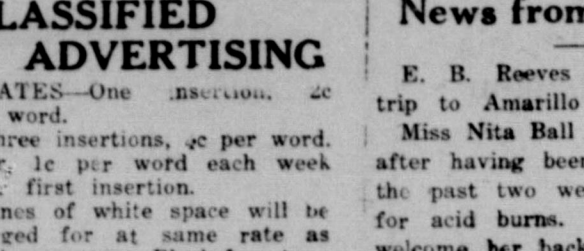
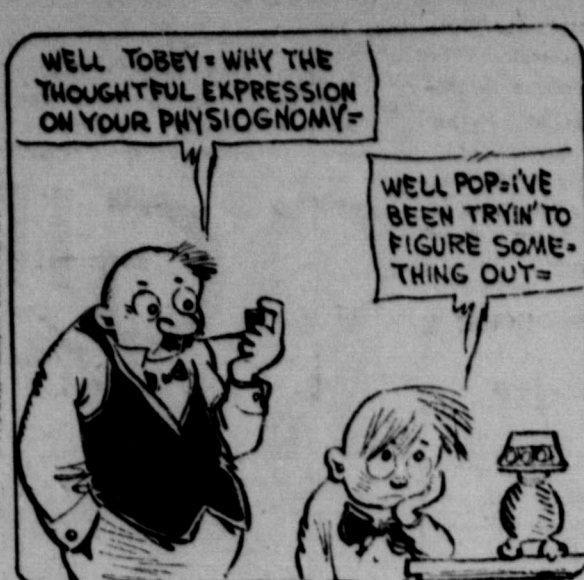
It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.—Dickens.

**All Glory Be to God**

All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Good-will henceforth from heaven to men, Begin, and never cease.

**Christmas Emblem**

As an emblem for Christmas, hang up, with the mistletoe and holly, Dad's crushed pocketbook.



**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**

RATES—One insertion, 2c per word. Three insertions, 3c 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. Initials and numbers count as words. No advertisement accepted for less than 25c per week. All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with The News.

**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE.—Milch cow. Mules to trade for cattle or hogs. R. O. Cunningham, Liberty Service Station

FOR SALE.—Jersey bull, hogs, Jersey cows, cake sacks. Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

FOR SALE.—4-burner oil cook stove, two good heaters, combination heater and cook stove, cheap, at McLean Hardware Co. C. C. Cook. c

GROCERIES are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tfc

**MISCELLANEOUS**

WASHING wanted. Will come to your home. Call No. 152. 1p

MATRESSES renovated and recovered. Will call for and deliver work in McLean. Leave orders at News office, write or phone Shamrock 195W, our expense. Economy Mattress Co., Shamrock, Texas.

GARBAGE and trash hauled from any part of city at reasonable rates. Phone 217. Frank Haynes.

OIL MAPS, Gray county, 50c at the News office.

A GIFT that will be a weekly reminder of your thoughtfulness—a year's subscription to The McLean News. 50-2

CHRISTMAS CARDS.—Plenty of exclusive designs on hand for the late shopper, at the News office.

ARTISTS and picture lovers should see our calendar samples. Each picture for sale at a nominal price. News office.

THE Amarillo Daily News a full year for only \$5.00, or with The McLean News, both for \$6.50, anywhere in Texas, during bargain days only. Subscribe at News office.

THESE LITTLE ads cash with order, unless you have a running account with The News.

**LOST AND FOUND**

LOST.—One white stag hound with a few tan spots, about ten months old. Last heard of at the pipe line camp northwest of McLean. Will pay \$5.00 reward. Finder can phone me through McLean. H. E. Franks. 1p

Russell Grogan of Mangum, Okla., visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

**News from Alanreed**

E. B. Reeves made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday.

Miss Nita Ball is in school again after having been in Amarillo for the past two weeks in a hospital for acid burns. We are glad to welcome her back.

Mr. and Mrs. Staff have returned to their home in Idalou.

Henry Merricks of Boydston spent Sunday in Alanreed.

Mrs. Claud Shaffer of Jericho spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Elms. Mrs. Jasper Elms spent the week end at home.

Miss Willie Bell Palmer spent the week end at home.

Clark Gracey, Misses Vera Roberts, Inez Blakenship, Minnie Seelbach and Ruth Greenwood attended the B. Y. P. U. convention at Wellington Friday and Saturday.

Miss Lola Jones, who has been ill the past week, is back in school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Garvin made a business trip to Lefors Saturday. Mesdames S. L. Ball, S. B. Ball, E. B. Hedrick and W. H. Blakney spent Saturday in Clarendon.

The following B. Y. P. U. program will be given Sunday, Dec. 19: Introduction—Lois Harris.

Faith Taught by a Story—Ruth Palmer.

Repentance and Faith—Lois Marie Wilkins.

Scripture Stresses Faith—Jessie Reeves.

The Great Faith Chapter—Willie Dee Hall.

The Kind of Faith that Saves—Mr. James.

**DID IT EVER HAPPEN IN YOUR HOUSE?**

'Twas eleven o'clock, he had started to go, And his hat he nervously fingered; They stood in the hall, Mary Jane and her beau, And he lingered, and lingered and lingered, And he lingered, and lingered, and lingered, And he lingered, and lingered, and lingered, And he lingered, and lingered, and lingered, And he lingered, and lingered, and lingered, And he lingered, and lingered, and lingered, While his hat he nervously fingered. —Monroe Enquirer.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Johnson of Alanreed were McLean visitors Saturday.

Geo. Layton and family of Centralia, Ill., are visiting in the E. E. Barker home this week.

Miss Ozella Hunt of Shamrock spent the week end in McLean.

Mrs. C. J. Cash returned Friday from Geary, Okla.

Miss Ethel McCurdy of Shamrock is a new reader of The News.

Elmo Phillips of Haskell was in McLean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Patterson of Lefors were McLean visitors Friday.

J. T. Litchfield orders the Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

Miss Kathleen Copeland of Lefors was shopping in McLean Friday.

Bill Porter of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Sunday.

Dave and James Williamson visited relatives in Clarendon Sunday.

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NO DELIVERY AFTER 6 P. M. ANY DAY

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Mrs. J. W. Armstrong and son, Barton, of Hedley were McLean visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williams of Mobeetie were McLean visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Goldston were in McLean Saturday and Sunday.

W. P. Dial of Memphis was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Miss Bernice Hall of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Erey O'ne was a Shamrock visitor Sunday.

Ted Glass visited in Shamrock Sunday.

Mrs. C. M. Carpenter was a visitor in Clarendon Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Kibler visited at Godston Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Wilkins returned to Leola Lake Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Barnes is in Clinton, Okla., for medical treatment.

Miss Opal Sublett of Ramsdell visited relatives in McLean Sunday.

Mrs. M. R. Landers is visiting her parents at Jean.

Miss Merle Tummins visited her sister at Groom Sunday.

Orville and Landon Donnell were Clarendon visitors Sunday.

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**NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION**

STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF GRAY.

THE RESIDENT PROPERTY TAXPAYERS of Gray County, Texas, TAKE NOTICE that an election shall be held on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1926, within Gray County, Texas, to determine if said county shall issue bonds and if a tax shall be levied in payment thereof in accordance to an election ordered by the commissioners court on the 29th day of November, 1926, which is as follows:

1. Highway No. 33, otherwise known as the Southwest Trail, 14 miles at \$16,000.00 per mile, or \$231,000.00  
 2. Highway No. 75, otherwise known as the Postal Highway, 22 miles at \$14,000.00 per mile, or \$308,000.00  
 3. Highway No. 88, otherwise known as the Clarendon Highway, 12 miles from Pampa, south, at \$16,500.00 per mile, or \$198,000.00  
 4. Highway No. 33-A, otherwise known as the Fort Elliot Highway, 20 miles, beginning at the end of the 8 mile section mentioned above, at \$7,500.00 per mile, or \$150,000.00  
 5. Highway No. 88, otherwise known as the Clarendon Highway, 16 miles beginning at the end of the section mentioned above, at \$7,500.00 per mile, or \$120,000.00  
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The sum of \$65,000.00 to be used for the construction of lateral roads; in addition thereto, any premium or premiums derived from the sale of said bonds to be used for the construction of lateral county roads.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Senate Bill Number Two hundred eighty-seven (287), passed by the First Called Session of the 59th Legislature of the State of Texas, and the Constitution of the State of Texas, as provided by and authorized by Section 52 of article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

payable annually, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the commissioners court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty days from date thereof; and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said county, subject to taxation, or the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; and whether or not the funds derived from the sale of said bonds shall be expended according to the following schedule:

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Said election is to be held in Gray county to determine whether or not the bonds of such county shall be issued for the purpose of construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, gravelled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and whether or not taxes shall be levied on all taxable property of said county, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity, and said bonds shall be in the total amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$1,200,000.00) Dollars, and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum, interest payable semi-annually, and that an ad valorem tax to be levied annually on all taxable property within the county sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this county, and who are resident property taxpayers in this county, shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue the bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"For the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."  
 And those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:  
 "Against the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

The polling places and the Presiding Officers of said Election shall be respectively as follows:

Precinct No. 1, at Lefors, the regular polling place of which is the courthouse, with Mr. M. B. Davis as presiding officer.  
 Precinct No. 2, at Pampa, the regular polling place of which is at the office of the White Deer Land Co., in the White Deer Land Co. building, with Mr. J. E. Murfrees Jr. as presiding officer.  
 Precinct No. 3, at Steed, the regular polling place of which is the Grandview school house, with Mr. Lee Fortenberry as presiding officer.  
 Precinct No. 4, at Alanreed, the regular polling place of which is the S. L. Ball building, next door to the Post Office, on the south, with Mr. S. R. Loftin as presiding officer.  
 Precinct No. 5, at McLean, the regular polling place of which is the office of M. D. Bentley, in the west end of the Montgomery Drug Co. building, across from the Post Office, with Mr. A. A. Callahan as presiding officer.

Precinct No. 6, at Laketon, the regular polling place of which is the Laketon school house, with Mr. W. S. Paris as presiding officer.  
 Precinct No. 7, at Farrington, the regular polling place of which is the Farrington school house, with Mr. C. E. Gillis as presiding officer.  
 Precinct No. 8, at Hopkins, the regular polling place of which is the Hopkins school house, with Mr. W. E. Ginn as presiding officer.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the general laws of the State of Texas, regulating general elections, when not in conflict with the provisions of the Statutes hereinabove referred to.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in The Pampa News and in The McLean News, newspapers published in the county, for three consecutive weeks before the date of said election, and, in addition thereto, there shall be posted four other copies of this order at four public places in the county, one of which shall be at the courthouse door, for three weeks prior to said election.

The county judge is hereby directed to cause said notices to be published and posted as hereinabove directed, and said notices shall be posted by the county clerk at four public places in the county, one of which shall be the courthouse door, as hereinabove directed, and further orders are reserved until the returns are made.

Witness my hand and seal of said County, at my office in Lefors, Texas, this 29th day of November, A. D. 1926.  
 T. M. WOLFE, County Judge.  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
 COUNTY OF GRAY.

I, Charlie Thut, Clerk of the County Court of Gray County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original notice of road bond election as same appears of record in Volume 2, pages 278-279, Commissioners Court Minutes, Gray County, Texas, A. D. 1926.  
 CHARLIE THUT, County Clerk, County, Texas.  
 Sam Hodges was in Clinton, Okla., Monday.  
 Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement t/c

of said election are made by the duly authorized election officers and received by this court.  
 Given under my hand, with the seal of the commissioners court affixed, this 29th day of November, A. D. 1926.  
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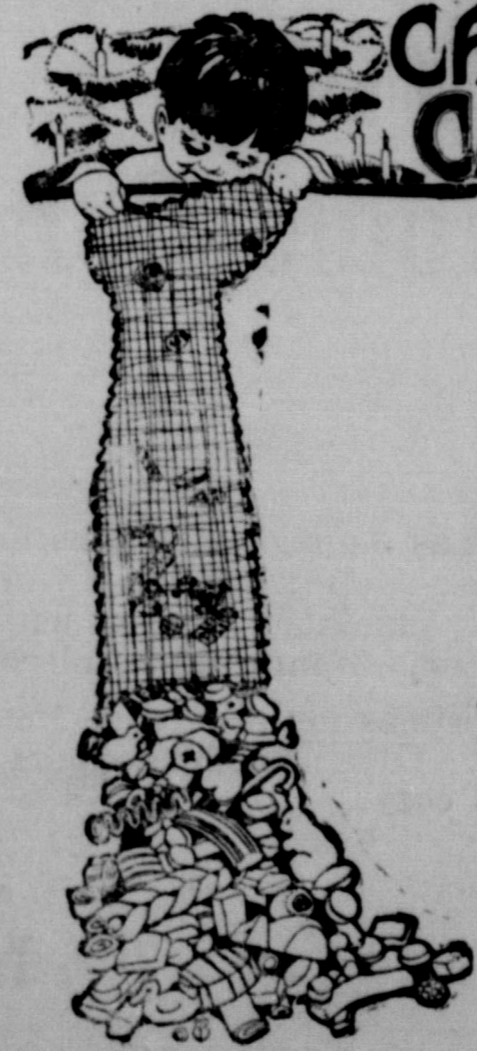
**TOUGH ON PA**  
 The fond mother was showing the baby to the visitor.  
 "Isn't the baby the image of his father?"  
 "Absolutely," replied the visitor.  
 "Same lack of expression, same red nose, no teeth to speak of, and, by George, prematurely bald, too."

**McLean Filling Station**  
 Oils, Gas and Accessories  
 Sudden Service  
 Magnolene Ford Oil will make your Ford run better.  
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**FRESH MEATS**  
 A market is usually judged by its fresh meats, and we welcome your verdict on fresh meats bought here. The quality will please, and we strive to make every sale satisfactory to the customer.  
 Fresh Jersey milk on sale every day.  
**THE CITY MARKET**  
 The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

**Mutual Progress**  
 That which is best for our customers, helps us as well.  
 Just in proportion that our customers prosper, do results show for this bank.  
 Mutual progress depends upon mutual co-operation between our customers and ourselves.  
 Let's talk things over.  
**The Citizens State Bank**  
 CAPITAL, BOND AND SURPLUS \$56,750.00  
 J. S. MORSE, President C. C. BOGAN, Cashier

**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.  
 Plenty of supplies for the Christmas baking. Better telephone your order today, or come in and look over our stock.  
 Telephone 23  
**McLean Supply Co.**  
 CHAS. LESTER, Manager

**PROTECTION**  
 from Fire, Hail and Tornadoes  
 Insure in a strong company.  
 Better see me today.  
**A. T. Young**  
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**V.H. Moore**  
**Auctioneer**  
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 Dates made at News office, or call me collect.

**HOW'S YOUR CAR RUNNING?**  
 Winter weather has problems of its own for the motorist, but regular inspection by our mechanics will solve them. Drive in regularly and let us look your car over.  
 We are always ready when you need sudden service.  
**Heasley Bros.**  
 General Auto Repairing

**LIST WITH US**  
 Oil Leases, Royalties, Real Estate  
 Old Line Insurance, Accident Policies  
 Let us rent and see after your property.  
**WHITE AND COLLIER**  
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 C. H. White Hulon Collier  
 Res. Phone 219, McLean Residence Phone 80, Groom

**"McLean, You Are Next"**

This is what everybody in the Panhandle oil field says. You can hear it at Amarillo, Panhandle, Borger, Pampa or Shamrock. All the traveling men repeat it. Everybody believes it, with the possible exception of some who live in McLean. We wish for a prosperous city, but do not all show our faith by our actions.  
 We all believe that we will have a sure enough "boom" by early spring. Then let us ask, "are you ready?" Have you secured that business location or that home site? Have you made that real estate purchase that you have promised yourself and your family that you would buy before the boom hits us?  
 We have made some money here, and we are going to make a lot more, but we can't buy all the bargains. We know where there is one for you. Will you take it now or wait until the price is double and blame yourself for your indecision. The price will go up as soon as the next well comes in. We believe that will be soon.  
 We can sell you one lot, ten lots or a hundred lots inside the corporation. You can start with a \$25 payment on a \$100 lot. We can sell you ten, twenty, forty, eighty or 160 acres adjoining the city limits for a sub-division. We have some as low as \$100 per acre. We also have some bargains in homes.  
 See us at once.  
**Jones-Hodges Realty Co.**  
 McLean, Gray County, Texas  
 D. C. JONES, Mgr.  
 Phones—Day 50, Night 216 Next to Hindman Hotel

**We Always Have Time to Talk to You**

You can bring your financial problems here, even though you do not have an account with us; our officers will be glad to see you anyhow.  
 Our advice may be beneficial, and perhaps we can help you.  
 The attitude of this bank is to co-operate in every way in increasing the prestige and prosperity of this community, and giving assistance to the people of this community whenever it can.

**The American National Bank**

**The Community Supper**

**Really Like Christmas**

"THESE community suppers are always so stupid!" declared a pretty girl to a small group around her. "I wish we could put some pep and fun into this one and give the people a good time. Something really like Christmas, and not so dull."

The others looked dubious and scratched their heads. "What'll we do?" they asked.

"I know!" declared the pretty girl. "Just got the idea. Now, listen everyone! Why not imitate the way they used to do in olden times? A minstrel in the gallery, lots of minstrels! Singing and playing on horns and things! Hide them by screens covered with greens. Let the people get seated at the tables, then all pipe up with old songs every one knows. Dress the minstrels in gay colors. Then have them come down the stairs singing and playing. Let them wind among the tables. Have a jester in front joking and making fun. A real old English custom. It will help a lot and give the diners a good time."

"And," added another, fired with enthusiasm, "red candles on the tables, wreaths at all the windows, waitresses with red ribbons about their heads and a sprig of holly tucked over one ear."

"Not to mention," laughed a third, "a dinner of roast turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, rolls, coffee and mince pie!"

"Right-o!" said the rest. And so it was done. The very merriest community supper that was ever given in that town.—Patience Eden.

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**ANOTHER FORD FALLACY**

Old Man Necessity, rather than a coy and demure ideal, has caused Henry Ford to inaugurate the five-day week in his factories.

At least that is the impression one gains from inside information filtering out of Detroit for several days.

Two weeks ago the industrial world read that Henry Ford, promoter of the minimum wage, had gone one step farther and established a five-day week with six day pay. Once more Mr. Ford was hailed by industrial idealists as the savior of the working man.

As a matter of fact, Henry Ford's plants have been operating a five-day week for six months—in fact, practically since the early weeks of the year. In recent weeks there have been slight pay increases given to a small percentage of the Ford

employees. This raise has in no sense been general, but follows the line of the official statement that those considered worthy would receive additional compensation. Those favored with increases announce that the increase they received for the week is not equal to a full day's pay.

The prime reason behind the five-day week, it seems, is the drop in Ford sales. The present retail sale of Ford automobiles does not warrant a full week's production. Statistics prove that Ford production in the first six months in 1926 have not kept pace with sales in other years. Chevrolet, Dodge, Essex, and other leading low-priced cars show tremendous gains in production and sales.

Ford virtually quit advertising in country weekly newspapers some time ago. Other companies advertised more than ever. That had

much to do with the unprecedented Ford slump—in production profits and prestige.

Others, in times past have also learned this lesson.—Collingsworth Standard.

J. A. Ashby renews for The News and Star-Telegram and for the Star-Telegram to C. S. Yarbrough of Cumby, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Glass of Alameda were shopping in McLean Saturday.

Congressman Marvin Jones has renewed his subscription to The News.

Mrs. Dollie Harrell came in Friday from Balanger to visit relatives.

Miss Marie Copeland spent the week end with home folks.



**Christmas Candies**

Christmas calls for all sorts of candies, and we have candy to suit all tastes, from hard candies to the finest bon bons.

**Hoffman Box Candies**

Christmas Stationery  
Fountain Pens

Cigars in Christmas Wrappers  
A nice assortment of Christmas cards

**E. E. Dishman Confectionery**

**USEFUL GIFTS**

**For the Christmas Stocking**

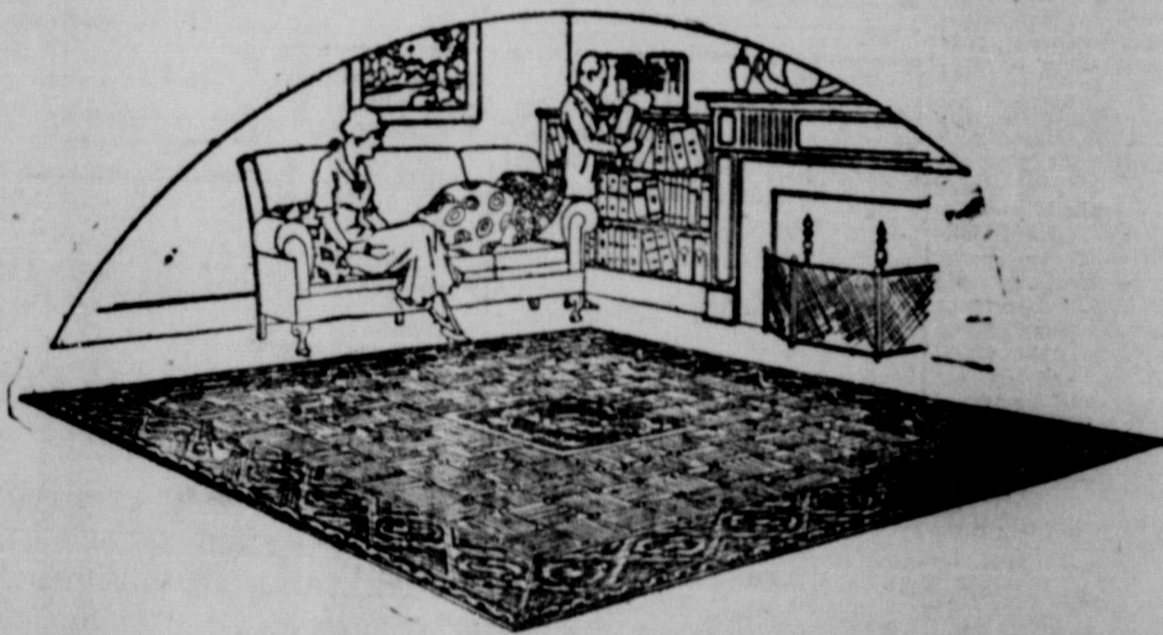
You may come here with the assurance that whatever gift you choose it will be of a quality and style that will appeal instantly to the recipient. Furthermore, it will register a mark of your respect toward those receiving the gift, especially if they know the reputation of this store for reliability.

Don't fail to visit our Gift Shop Department. Here you will find those particular gifts that are sure to please.

**Dolls for the Children**

**Montgomery Drug Co.**

**Your Home Should Come First**



Just as the highest civilizations are built up among permanent home makers rather than wandering tribes, so are the finest families developed from stable, refined home influence. Many of man's most profound influences come from his early childhood environments. Thus it is that more and more the American people are realizing that the home should come first. Comfortable, pleasant surroundings center the family life in the home.

Christmas time is a good time to let us show you how such a home can be built from even the most moderate circumstances. Give something that will last and can be enjoyed by all the family and which will make the home more cheerful and cozy.

**Make this a Furniture Christmas**

**Dolls and Toys for the Children**

"You can look without buying, so why buy without looking?"

Remember we give away the big cedar chest, big all steel coaster wagon and \$5.00 doll buggy on December 24. Be on hand at 3 p. m.

**Hamilton-McGowen Hdw. & Furn. Co.**

Complete Home Furnishers  
Phone 184  
McLean, Texas