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Permanent Prosperity Indicated

By L. G. McMillen

The whole State of Texas is now entering an era of prosperity that will undoubtedly continue for some years to come. People from all over the United States are keeping an eye on the Lone Star State. People more closely in touch with what is really taking place, have had their eyes on Gray county for the past several months, and now the real thing is centering around McLean.

The outside world didn't realize that McLean in the past three or four years was coming into its own from natural visible resources. McLean had really awakened from a fifteen year period of sleeping sickness. For the past three years there has been a steady growth, in fact nearly 50% of the business houses and nearly the same proportion in the residential section have that brand new appearance, that shows signs of life.

The owner of the last business house completed claims that he had 25 or more applicants for the building, the majority of whom were strangers, endeavoring to get a location and become established ahead of the boom that is just ready to strike our thriving little town.

Tributary to McLean are hundreds of acres of sub-irrigated soil suitable for all varieties of vegetables, as well as fruit of several varieties, and many acres particularly adapted to alfalfa, which broadens the field to dairying and poultry raising. In fact, we are in a position to feed the people of the Panhandle right here in the territory tributary to McLean.

Farm lands that can be bought for \$25 to \$50 per acre could be made to produce crops that would sell for more money than land in other sections that could not be bought for \$500 per acre. This is the garden spot of the Panhandle and all we have to do is wake up to this realization and cash in on it. We need more small truck farmers, gardeners, poultry raisers and dairymen. Amarillo would be glad to absorb our surplus, and we would be in position to furnish them daily supplies right from the gardens.

The above mentioned facts are visible, they have been there all the time, but it seems that the word has not been sent out to the world. Many a large canning concern would be pleased to locate here if they should come and look the proposition over.

Now, from invisible resources just recently discovered, we find ourselves almost in the midst of one of the largest oil fields in the world. Not only in quantity, but in quality. Oil men advise that Gray county oil excels in quality that found even in adjoining counties. There is nothing to keep McLean from being an oil town of great importance, but right now is the time to lay the foundation for a permanent city, a manufacturing center. We have, or will have, worlds of natural gas, plenty of factory sites that can at this time be bought for one-fourth of what they will bring in another few months. These are the two essentials at this time.

Today you have an opportunity to vote yes on the road bonds. Surely no public spirited citizen would vote otherwise. January 17 you will have another opportunity to vote yes on the sale of the power and ice plants, which will place this very important plant in the hands of experienced men who have the necessary capital to make the required improvements upon a moment's notice. We must invite you to become citizens of a thriving little town. Perhaps many of us are satisfied with what we have, but since we are being forced out of the small town class, let's go into the city class with good grace.

The Chamber of Commerce will in a sense of the word reorganize immediately after the first of the year. Every man, and perhaps every woman, over 21 years of age will be allowed the privilege of membership in this organization. They will give each of you an op-

JUST LOOK WHO'S HERE!



GLASS-HARRINGTON WEDDING FRIDAY

Mr. Ted Glass of McLean and Miss Faye Harrington of Shamrock were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. John Harrington, on Friday, Dec. 24, at 4:15 p. m. Rev. J. J. Baird, Baptist pastor, performed the ceremony. The bride is a popular and accomplished young lady, who taught in the Shamrock schools last term, and is favorably known in business, social and church circles in Shamrock.

The groom is a prominent young business man of McLean, being proprietor of the Star Filling Station and Vulcanizing Shop.

The young people will make their home at McLean.

PARTY AT COUSINS HOME

A number of the younger set were entertained Tuesday night with a party at the S. A. Cousins home, honoring Miss Elgin Shell of Dallas and Miss Frances Roberts of Canyon.

Many games were played, and an enjoyable time is reported by all.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

- Subject—David Livingston.
- 1.—Annie Lou Grigsby.
 - 2.—Odessa Kunkel.
 - 3.—Lillian Carpenter.
 - 4.—Thelma Young.
 - 5.—Faye Bible.
 - 6.—Oma Lee Abbott.
 - 7.—Kent Carpenter.
 - 8.—Madge Landers.
 - 9.—Jack Mathis.

SHAMROCK MAY SELL LIGHT PLANT

An election has been called at Shamrock to decide whether to sell the city light plant to the Texas Central Light and Power Company for \$177,500.

opportunity to do your bit toward making this a permanent city; one that we will all be proud of. It will take considerable money to do the things that are necessary to make this a substantial city while we are building it.

We don't want a shack town, and we won't have it if every citizen will take an interest in the welfare of our city to be. Consider all new developments carefully and vote yes at the opportune time. Provide the influx with desirable homes to live in, make them feel at home here, and when the all boom is over, if they are called to go, they will send someone to take their place; for we will have a permanent city that will be inviting to new comers, and there are hundreds looking for such a place.

Yours for a greater McLean.

NEW YEAR'S WATCH PARTY

A New Year's watch party will be held at the high school auditorium Friday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the P.T. Association.

A full program has been arranged, consisting mainly of informal games in which all present will take part.

Old time fiddle music, and a spelling match, using the old blue back speller, will probably be features of the evening's exercises.

Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of age or membership in the P-T A.

BOYD FUNERAL AT ALANREED SUNDAY

Funeral services were held for Paul Boyd at the Alanreed Methodist church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Eld. R. R. Price, pastor of the Clarendon Church of Christ. Interment was made in Alanreed cemetery.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor. Notwithstanding the fact that last Sunday followed hard upon the Christmas days when people are more or less disorganized, we had good attendance at each service and there was fine interest.

The Christmas program Friday night seems to have been enjoyed. The tree was beautiful and heavily laden with gifts. Also the entire church gave expression to the beauty of the day represented.

Next Sunday being the first Sunday of the year, the pastor is very anxious to have the largest attendance yet, in order that we may together set our faces to the task of the future. Let everyone who reads these lines become an "inviting committee" to others whom you may see.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—The New Year and Its Challenge.

- Leader—Wilma Lee.
- 1.—Lacuna Holloway.
 - 2.—Walker Jones.
 - 3.—Floye Landers.
 - 4.—Jesse Cobb.
 - 5.—Mannie Abbott.
 - 6.—Leader.

Mrs. T. N. Holloway and daughters, Misses Lacuna and Gorda Lou, were visitors in Goldston Wednesday.

Mrs. W. L. Haynes and daughters, Misses Johnnie Villa and Gorda Lou, spent Wednesday in Goldston.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Orrill and baby returned to their home in Perryton Tuesday.

FARMERS PRODUCE CHANGES MANAGERS

A. C. Dennell, who has been manager of the Farmers Produce Co. here since its inception, has accepted the same position with the Shamrock Butter and Egg Co. of that city and will take charge of the first of the year.

M. Roe will be the new manager of the Farmers Produce Co. at McLean. Mr. Roe is an experienced produce man and will be glad to take care of the needs of the patrons of the firm.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

D. H. Brynoff, Pastor. Announcements for Sunday, Jan. 2.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Let us start the new year off in the right way by being present at Sunday school.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Good singing and music. We desire your presence. Shall we depend on you for this coming year? We trust your answer will be yes.

This is the Sunday when we observe the communion. Let us not neglect this part of the service.

At 6 p. m. the B. Y. P. U.'s will meet for their programs. We will also have some report from them at the preaching hour. The seniors are studying a course in "Advanced B. Y. P. U. Methods" this week, conducted by John Cobb. We wish more would study this book.

Preaching at 7 p. m. Let us all be out in full strength this first Sunday of the year.

Wednesday, Jan. 5, will be our regular conference night. A number of important matters will come before the church. Let the members be present as far as possible.

McADAMS-HENLEY

Married, Saturday, Dec. 25, at the Baptist parsonage, Mr. Herman McAdams and Miss Annie Henley, Rev. D. H. Brynoff officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Henley, who live south of town, and the groom is a young farmer of the same community.

Miss Rosie Mullins returned to Oklahoma City Sunday after a visit with her parents here.

Mrs. Bill Bentley is spending the holidays with her parents in Clarendon.

Mrs. John Harris and children are spending the holidays with the lady's parents at Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Shelburne left Friday for Oklahoma City.

Miss Minnie Morse of Norman, Okla., is at home for the holidays.

Much Good Accomplished by C. of C. Last Year

By Pres. O. G. Stokely. A review of the minutes of Chamber of Commerce records shows considerable achievement and growth of the community during the past year.

Probably of most importance among the civic improvements is the present commodious school building, which was sponsored early in the year and plans begun for remodeling the old building and the now complete addition. Later on, through subscription, a fund was raised amounting to something like \$700.00 for the stage curtain.

Much road improvement has been accomplished, and Gray county's portion of the Postal Highway program has been fulfilled. Through the Chamber of Commerce McLean has the distinction of beginning the movement, resulting in organization of the Gray County Highway Association, which organization has worked out plans for paving the State and Federal Highways in Gray county, and for cross county road improvement and river bridges subject to the election being held today for voting the bonds.

Ways and means for city sewerage and the paving of four blocks of the business section streets have had serious consideration and the solution of these problems this coming year is now evident since the past negotiations by the city council for the sale of the light and ice plant.

Property owners should note the present need for proper attention to civic affairs, and begin the new year with resolve to co-operate each with their full share of support. A full time, experienced man should be employed as secretary in order that we will be able to function properly.

New officers will be elected for the year 1927 at the meeting next Monday night. It is your town, your interests at stake, and therefore your duty to be present and take a hand in the work.

SIXTH GRADE SOCIAL POSTPONED

The social to be given the sixth grade at the home of Mrs. Jim Back Friday night has been postponed on account of the New Year's watch party at the school auditorium at that time.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Reported. The Baptist ladies met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Homer Abbott for a Royal Service program.

Refreshments of cocoa and cake were served to eleven ladies present.

A business meeting will be held at the church next Wednesday afternoon, when it is hoped that every member will be present.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE

Subject—The Bible and Missions. Leader—Lorene Sparks. Bible lesson—Psalm 119:129-136. What Famous Men Have Said about the Bible—Leader.

When the Bible Was a Rich Man's Book—John B. Rice.

Making the Bible the Book of All Men—Dorothy Cousins.

The Bible Goes to the Philippines—Clara Anderson.

The Bible Goes to Japan—Margaret Johnston.

The Bible Goes to Korea—Johnnie Villa Haynes.

A Bible Waits Fourteen Years for a Chance—Frances Noel.

Miss Elgin Shell of Dallas is visiting Miss Frances Noel this week.

Miss Louise Durrenburger of Pampa is visiting Miss Jewell Cousins this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keesee and family spent the holidays in Vinson, Okla.

Carl Ashby of Austin is home for the holidays.

Good Speakers Farm Program Next Thursday

A farmers program will be given in McLean next Thursday, Jan. 6, at 2 p. m. at the Legion Theatre.

H. M. Means, horticultural agent of the Rock Island railroad, will be one of the speakers, as will Frank R. Phillips of the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon, Judge L. Gough, president of the Texas Wheat Growers Association, Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner of Claude, Guy Hill, secretary of the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce; T. R. Broun, Wheeler county agricultural agent, and others.

This program is part of a week's effort on the part of the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce in the interest of the horticultural and agricultural interests of this section, and similar programs will be given at other points during next week; Monday night at Pakan for Heald and Pakan. A date will probably be arranged for Ramsdell also.

According to the Shamrock Texan amusement features, including band and orchestra music, the famous Shamrock quartette, etc., will precede each program.

There will be no admission charge and it is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of the privilege of hearing these lectures.

Following is the program as outlined by the committee in charge:

"Home orchards; their propagation and value"—H. M. Means, horticultural agent, Rock Island Lines, Chicago; 30 minutes.

"Problems of the Women in the rural districts"—Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner, Claude; 30 minutes.

"Dollar and cents value of education of our boys and girls"—Prof. Frank R. Phillips, West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon; 30 minutes.

"Co-operative marketing and what it means to our farmers and business men"—Judge L. Gough, president Texas Wheat Growers Association, Amarillo; 30 minutes.

"Thirty extra minutes a day with the cow, sow and chickens means thirty extra dollars a month"—Wheeler County Agent T. R. Broun; 15 minutes.

MISS COLEBANK ENTERTAINS

Miss Vida Colebank entertained with a party at her home Tuesday evening. After a very enjoyable evening had been spent, refreshments were served.

Among those present were: Misses Lacuna Holloway, Trilby McCracken, Ozella and Naomi Hunt, Mannie Abbott, Floye Landers, Urcie Mathis, Elizabeth Wilkerson, Eunice and Rachel Stratton; Messrs. Robert Mathis, Chester Savage, Joudon and Ted Cobb, LeRoy Landers, J. L. and Ross Nix, Walker Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Grigsby.

METHODIST W. M. S.

The Methodist Woman's Missionary Society met in an all day meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. S. A. Cousins. A delicious dinner was enjoyed and a profitable service was held.

Mrs. E. J. Lander spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Erick, Okla.

Erwin Rice of Matador spent Christmas with home folks here.

When your merchant asks you to patronize him rather than the mail order house he is usually within his rights, for the chances are that he is doing something for you in return. He is probably supporting his home institutions. But, if this merchant is of the mail order kind himself, he has no room to complain if you want to order your goods from any mail order house. All circulars printed by The McLean News for McLean merchants will from now on carry a line of small type at the bottom, "The McLean News." Let this line determine whether the merchant with which you deal supports home institutions.

Lorna Loves Victory

Begin Here Today

LORNA MALLINGATE is at the seaside with her mother and newly returned Henry Emerson. The latter have just returned from their honeymoon in London. Lorna has written her sister, Pauline, away from home for nearly 18 months, to return and join them at the resort. Lorna refused an offer of marriage from

GERALD CRAVEN, a young man who has come down from London to spend a few days near his beloved. She is pondering this and the strange absence of her sister, communicating through a forwarding address in Paris, when a note is brought to their suite in the hotel from a man who calls himself

JULIAN EMERSON, urging her to meet him in the lobby of the hotel immediately. He tells her that Henry Emerson is not her stepfather, that he is married to another woman and has left for London. They agree to tell Lorna's mother that her husband was taken seriously ill and has been rushed to London.

Now Go on with the Story

Julian Emerson watched Lorna with a curious expression on his face as the girl walked across the lobby and took her mother in her arms.

"Darling," Lorna said, "you are going to be very brave. It is just what you imagined. Poor stepfather has been taken ill. A gentleman came down from London to see him on business, and it was thought best that he should be sent straight away to London to a nursing home so that he could be attended by a doctor who knows him very well."

From where he stood, Emerson could see the mother stiffen in the girl's embrace. He saw her face grow ashen white. He heard the cry of anguish in her voice.

"Gone up to London, Lorna! Gone without seeing me! Who? By what right has this been done? I am his wife! I ought to be with him! It is shameful! It is cruel!"

And then suddenly her voice died away in a moan and the young man saw her body sag and fall heavily across her daughter's arms. In an instant he had entered the room and had taken the unconscious woman away from Lorna's hold.

"Shut the door," he said to Lorna. "Is her bedroom inside there?"

In her agony of anxiety, Lorna spoke of calling in a doctor, but he stopped her.

"It is not necessary," he said. "I am a medical man. I know what to do for your mother."

He took from an inner pocket a small case which contained a number of bottles.

"I never travel without this," he remarked. He had sedative ready as soon as he heard a sigh break from the pale lips of the woman lying stricken on the bed. He touched her with gentleness, even tenderness; put his arm under her head and induced her to swallow the mixture, and then as he put her back on the pillow, he drew the coverlet over her and motioned to the girl to follow him out of the room. As the door closed, he said to Lorna almost abruptly: "Now, if you want to, you can break down and cry."

But Lorna gave him a very wan smile.

"It is not the moment to break down," she said.

"Well, if you can't cry, you must eat. There is luncheon here, but you do not seem to have touched it. You have a good deal to go through and you need food."

He pushed a chair forward as he spoke.

"I cannot eat. I couldn't swallow a morsel."

"Stuff and nonsense!"

He spoke with such a tone of command in his voice that Lorna found herself obeying. She ate a few mouthfuls and he made her take a little brandy; and then he, too, snatched a hurried meal.

While he was eating he asked her innumerable questions, and got out of her the entire position of affairs.

He listened in grim silence to what she said, and then he spoke: "Well, it seems to me," he said, "that the first thing to

arrange is to get you away from here. You must hurry. I will settle with the hotel people."

Lorna said nothing immediately; then she looked at him.

"But she is ill. . . ." She broke off. "How can this all be done quietly? There are such crowds of people here."

He looked at her and frowned again.

"Leave it to me," he said. "We will spread a report that Mr. Emerson has been taken suddenly ill and has had to leave for London to go into a nursing home, as in all probability there will have to be an operation."

"Now, the stuff I have given your mother will keep her in a deep sleep for some hours, and I propose to move her while she is still unconscious. We shall get up to London in a little under three hours, and we will make our plans on the way up. Have you money?"

She gave him a nod and pushed aside his hand, as he held out some treasury notes and silver, saying coldly:

"I shall be glad to receive your fullest explanations, Dr. Emerson, with as little delay as possible."

"Quite right! Quite right!" the man answered. He repocketed the

money, slipped the notes into his pocket case, and then paced to and fro a little while, and though she was quite unconscious of it, he directed many a glance toward the girl who was sitting with her hands in her lap staring out to the sea with a fixed pained fashion.

"Well, the best thing I can do," he said, breaking the silence, "is to pay the bill, explain matters to the hotel people, and you can square up with me afterwards. You had better get your mother's things packed together. Ring for the chamber-maid—give her a good tip and that will close her lips. But," he added, as he stood at the door, "the fact that Mr. Emerson has had to go up to London because of serious illness puts the whole matter on a proper basis. I will be back shortly."

Lorna made no sign, nor did she reply to his speech. She simply sat staring out at the sea and the sunshine; and all that had been so radiant was now black. And in her heart there was a cold dread which sent a shiver through her.

If only she could turn to her sister! And at that moment the door opened and Gerald Craven came in. He almost ran towards her, with outstretched hands.

"Lorna—Lorna darling," he said. "I was at the office just now, and I overheard someone—a man I don't remember having seen before—saying that he was deputed to settle up everything, that your stepfather had been taken seriously ill, and that you both were leaving to follow him immediately. My dear, can't I do something for you? Please forget that I worried you with my own feelings. Put all that on one side—just regard me as a friend—one who would do anything in the world for you."

Lorna took his hands and clung

to him. "Oh, Jerry, Jerry," she said. "How good you are, and how good it is to have your friendship! I don't really know where I am; I am so bewildered and I am so unhappy!"

The courage which Lorna tried to maintain seemed to leave her, and all at once, she found herself in Gerald Craven's arms weeping out her grief and uneasiness in his tender embrace. The young man held her as if she had been a child.

"Lorna—Lorna darling," he said. "Does this mean that you really trust me?—that you do care just a little bit?"

She did not answer him at once, and then she lifted her tearstained face and looked at him and gave him a faint smile.

"It is not a little bit, Jerry," she said. "I love you—I love you more than I can possibly tell you! After you had gone away this morning, I thought of what I had said to you, and I was ashamed of myself."

His arms closed tighter about her and his lips closed on hers, and just for a brief spell they drifted away from everything. Then realization came back to Lorna.

"We are going back to London at once. This Dr. Emerson—he is a nephew, I believe—is going to take us."

"I will come with you," said Craven promptly.

A flash of joy went across Lorna's tear-stained face.

"Will you—will you, Jerry?" she said. "That will be good of you. But you are going to play tennis, and they must be expecting you on the court."

"I can send them a message."

"Jerry, listen," said Lorna quickly. "I would love you to come. Yes—yes! I would love to have you but I want to—" She caught her breath. "I must study my mother. I want to stop people talking, and if you fail them at tennis, perhaps they would follow you here and arrive at the very moment we are going. Can't you come up tonight?"

"I understand," said Gerald Craven swiftly. "I see what you want to avoid. Yes, of course, I will come up tonight. Where will you be? The old house?"

Lorna shook her head.

"I can't go there; it is let furnished. I don't know quite where we shall go. Where will you be?"

"I shall go back to my diggings," said Craven. "You've got my address. Look here! I'll go up

quietly by the five o'clock train, and I will wait at my rooms until I hear from you." He took out a pencil and scribbled a few words on an envelope. "This is my telephone number, and that's the address in case you can't remember it. I shan't live up— I see you again. Oh, Lorna, do you really love me?"

NEXT CHAPTER.—Julian falls to take Lorna and her mother to London.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hindman were visitors in Amarillo Thursday of last week.

T. N. Holloway and family visited relatives in Goldston Saturday.

John Haynes, Dwight Upham, Charles Jordan, Russell Grogan, Hansel Christian and Verner Rice were Memphis visitors Saturday.

Clay Thompson and family as Amarillo are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bidwell were Amarillo visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jot Montgomery spent Christmas in Memphis.

Miss Carmen Ulin left Friday for Amarillo to spend the holiday. Groceries are cheaper at Pickett's Cash Store. Advertisement fee

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News from Ramsdell

Mr. Taylor Thomas and little daughter, Leo Estelle, and baby Billy Joe, of Canadian visited relatives here Tuesday and Sunday.

Claude Powell, Jeff and Taylor Franks attended the wedding of Doris Powell at Bucier, Ola. last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibbons and children went to McLean Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davidson went to Shamrock Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Bones and Elmo, were McLean visitors Thursday.

Elbert Bones of Panhandle spent the week end with relatives here.

The following enjoyed Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. E. E. Franks: Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pearle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Bones and son, Elmo; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Thomas and children of Canadian, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Franks and little daughter, Anna Joy; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Franks and children; Jeff and Taylor Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Herchel Miller and little son Joe Jed; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bolton of Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Legg and children and Charlie Legg of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Veatch and children of Shamrock visited in the J. H. McCann home from Thursday afternoon until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Flowers and children of Lela spent Christmas Day in the Elmer Privett home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibbons and children visited in the home of the gentleman's father at Groom Saturday afternoon.

Sam Harrelson left Saturday for Del. O'la., to be at the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bones and son, Elmo, visited in the E. Exum home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Phillips and son, John, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Oles Phillips at Shamrock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Deeds and daughter, Lorraine, of Duncan, O'la. Mrs. E. E. Eason and daughter, Miss Winnie, of Lela, visited in the D. W. Granger home Sunday.

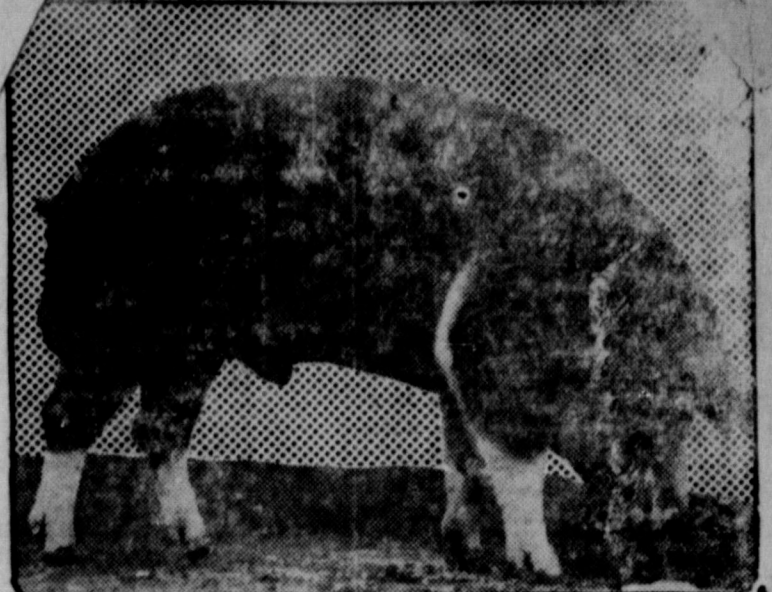
Mrs. Roy Franks and little daughter, Anna Joy, left Sunday for Ok. to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eason.

Five Governors Visit President



When the governors held their recent convention in Washington, the executive committee chosen also visited President Coolidge. They are (left to right) Gov. John Hammond, Iowa; Gov. John W. Martin, Florida; Gov. George B. Thomas, Kentucky; Gov. Nellie Taylor Ross, Wyoming; Gov. Cary Hardee, Georgia.

This Little Pig Is Worth \$6500



This pig went to market for a price of \$6500. That was the amount paid for Night Hawk, America's grand champion black Poland China yearling boar, by the Alberton Farms of Monticello, Ill. Last January the hog was sold for \$800.

Mrs. R. S. Jordan and daughter, Miss Floycie, and Miss Lena Sparks were Shamrock visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McCleskey and daughter, Miss Winnie Mae, left Saturday for a visit with relatives in Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Guinn and family of Pampa visited in the C. E. Anderson home the first of the week.

Tom Alexander and family and Grover Alexander of Amarillo visited in the A. C. Ayer home Sunday.

Spends Three Years Making Table



Infinite patience, and 50,619 pieces of wood, were used by George L. Hathaway, inmate of the San Diego war veterans' hospital, in making this table. He began it three years ago, and his only tools were a pocket knife and a saw. He's shown finishing it.

Necktie? No!



Sid White, the cowboy lawyer from Oklahoma, hates neckties. But when he came before the supreme court at Washington, D. C., to try a case, the doorkeeper made him put one on. White tore it off as soon as he got out of court.

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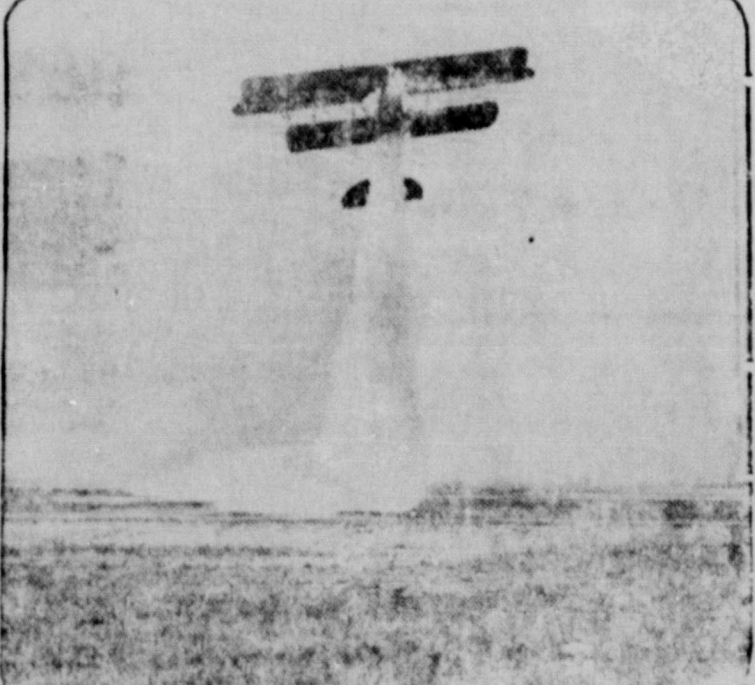


THE OLE GROUCH

HEH! HEH! HEH! LEM GOOCH CUT DOWN THAT BEAUTIFUL BIG ELM TREE IN HIS YARD 'N IT FELL ON HIS HOUSE 'N BUST FOUR WINDOWS, 'N TH' ROOF IS GOIN' 'Y REQUIRE LOTS O' FIXING! I HATE 'Y SEE A NICE TREE CUT DOWN! THEY BEAUTIFY TH' TOWN!



Knocking Out the Boll Weevil.



Here's what an airplane drive on the boll weevil looks like. The picture was taken in the south, and shows an airplane dusting a cotton field with calcium arsenate, sure death to the weevil.

I Thank You

I want to thank my friends and customers for the business accorded my firm since coming to McLean. I have no complaint of any kind to make, for our business has been good the past year.

Mr. Roe will be the new manager and he will endeavor at all times to see that you get the highest market price for your produce.

As a part of our service, we invite you to come in and get acquainted; we may both profit if you sell to us.

A. C. DONNELL, Manager
FARMERS PRODUCE CO.

Do You Advertise?

Do you want the best medium in McLean to put your goods before the buying public?

Do you want to reach any particular group of buyers, or do you want to reach the public as a whole?

Do you want an advertising medium that is read and not one that is discarded in the waste basket?

Do you want a medium that is backed by years of experience and one that you can feel assured of getting just returns for money invested?

If you want all of these and want to advertise in a way that will insure returns—then advertise in

The McLean News

THE McLEAN NEWS

Published Every Thursday

T. A. LANDERS
Editor and Owner

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

Office in News Building
Phone 47

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
In Texas

One Year	\$2.00
Six Months	1.25
Three Months	.65
Outside Texas	
One Year	\$2.50
Six Months	1.50
Three Months	.85

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New Year's resolutions are seldom kept, yet the time spent in pondering over past mistakes and thinking of better things may exert an influence that tends for the better, after all. A man seldom loses anything by trying to do better, regardless of the times he fails to live up to his good resolutions.

The road bond election being held today has been the quietest affair of the kind ever staged. Practically no publicity has been given other than the publication of the notice of election, yet everyone seems to be well informed as to the merits of the question. There has been no doubt among the supporters of the measure as to the vote being favorable.

If the city council should order street paving now it would be late spring before the necessary red tape could be unwound and work started. There is no question of the need of paving, and more than the required property owners have signed the petition, so it would seem that there is no excuse for not ordering paving at an early date.

A noticeable thing about our community this Christmas was the difficulty charitably inclined organizations and citizens had finding objects to bestow gifts upon. Some little money and presents were given deserving poor, but no one was found without some regular means of support. This speaks well for our community, and it is to be hoped that we may never allow abject poverty to exist without timely assistance, regardless of the Christmas season.

Next Monday night is the regular time for the annual election of officers for the Chamber of Commerce, and some thought should be given to selecting the best men for the places. McLean will need a live Chamber of Commerce more, perhaps, the coming year than at any time in her history. Everyone is of the opinion that we are due for a big oil play and we will need a Chamber of Commerce to keep things moving smoothly, for individual effort is not worth much in comparison with organized effort. The men selected to head the chamber for 1927 should not only be men fitted for the job, but they should be men who are real leaders, men whom the community at large has confidence in and will be glad to follow their leadership. In order to have men of this kind, someone will have to sacrifice some time from his private business, but every man owes his community a debt and he should be willing to help in time of need. If everyone present Monday night who should have an interest in our community, the selection of officers will be easy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lowry and baby of Clarendon spent the holidays with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cousins.

Dave and James Williamson left last Thursday for Clarendon to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud McGowan and children spent Christmas with the lady's parents at Lawton, Okla.

Miss Lorene Meeks left last Thursday for her home in Miami to spend Christmas.

Miss Lillian Abbott of Clarendon is spending the holidays with home folks here.

Mrs. Sam Kunkel visited in town Saturday.

Mrs. Essie Payne left last Thursday for Tennessee to visit relatives.

Farmers Cooperate With Corporation In Hefty Power-Irrigation Project

FOR what is believed to be the first time in history a great corporation and the farmers have joined hands in a co-operative enterprise.

The project was fostered in Oakdale, Calif., where the Oakdale and South Joaquin irrigation districts have reached an agreement with the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and the Sierra and San Francisco Power Co.

The irrigation districts furnish the water, while the power companies use it to make electricity and pay the farmers for the cost of the reservoir.

Ends Clashes

Under this first co-operative agreement of its kind, water rights on the Stanislaus river over which there had been clashes for years, are settled forever.

The power companies are to pay the irrigation districts \$5,175,000 over a period of 40 years after which the reservoir becomes jointly the property of the companies and districts. In addition the farmers get 35,000 acres of storage water already impounded by the power companies and free use of all water hereafter stored.

The power companies will get the electrical power derived from the stored water and in addition are at work on two additional dams to cost \$2,000,000 which will give 60,000 more acre-feet storage.

The districts thus will enjoy ample water for all future needs at no increase in taxation. The main dam impounds 112,000 acre-feet of water.

The two districts include 145,000 acres of which 77,000 are under irrigation. They are located in the heart of the San Joaquin valley and irrigation will increase production of grapes, cotton, almonds, grains,



The Melones Dam

fruits and vegetables. Dairying and poultry raising also will be greatly benefited.

Build Power Plant

The power companies are building a plant a mile below the dam, with a connecting tunnel. A turbine will generate 35,000 horsepower will be completed by May 1, 1927.

The dam is arched against the stream, rising 173 feet from the bed of the stream and 214 feet from its foundations. At the base it is 112 feet thick with a crest width of 74

feet. Its length is 595 feet, creating a lake extending back into the hills 12 miles. It is the second largest overflow type dam in the United States, designed by A. J. Wiley, Boise, Idaho.

The dam takes its name from the town of Melones, which water backed by the dam will reach. The town was famous as a mining center of the Mother Lode and the great new lake will cover many old mining claims made famous during the California gold rush.

Pilgrim Hen



This hen is to be one of the world's first air pilgrims. Biddy is being taken from Concordia, Calif., to South America to establish her race beyond the Andes, the trip to be made by airplane. She is a Plymouth Rock, and Dorothy Dryden is holding her.

NOT WATER PROOF

He had called to take his girl friend to church, and was enthusiastic about the new minister. "Why, he moves everyone to tears! You should have heard him this morning—there wasn't a dry eye in the house." "I can't go, then," said the girl, taking off her hat. "I've got the wrong kind of make-up on."

Come to McLean

Use some of the grape juice you have bottled in making deserts, such as grape gelatin, and grape sherbet and ice.

A total of 47 cattle, 29 sheep and 120 hogs move to market in the U. S. every minute.

Misses Madge and Merle Tummins spent Christmas in Fort Worth.

A. A. Callahan left Friday for Baird.

Cecil Bible and family spent Christmas at Hollis, Okla.

"The Magician"

Rex Ingram's Greatest Masterpiece

is here now! The public has waited for more than a year for this film! A thousand mysteries and thrills—and a love story you can't forget!

Don't Miss It!

With Alice Terry and Paul Wegener
Directed by Rex Ingram

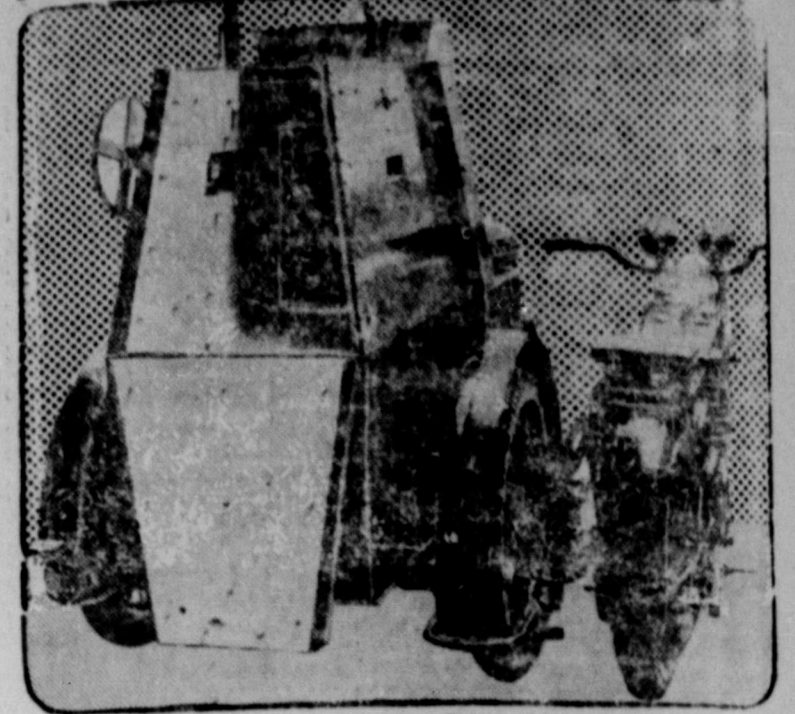
MONDAY AND TUESDAY
Jan. 3 and 4

Legion Theatre
C. E. Truitt, Mgr. McLean, Texas

Two Great American Industries, but—



New Armored Car Carries Radio



During the recent automobile show in Berlin this new type of armored car carrying a radio broadcasting station was exhibited.

The Best Resolution

Your family's health should have first consideration, and the best New Year's resolution would be to buy only the best quality of meats, handled in a sanitary manner, such as we can supply.

Don't trifle with health; buy the best.

McLean Meat Market

We Sell Better Meats

Barney Fulbright, Mgr.

Phone 120

McLean, Texas

THE McLEAN NEWS

AND YOUR CHOICE OF ANY 5 OF THIS LIST OF 20 LEADING MAGAZINES FOR A WHOLE YEAR FOR ONLY \$2.75

Enough reading for the whole family—stories—household hints—a helpful group of magazines at a price you can afford to pay. No need to wait as renewals will be extended one year from date of expiration.

NOW ONLY HALF PRICE CHOOSE YOUR FIVE

MAIL THIS COUPON NOW CLIP ON THIS LINE

Gentlemen: I wish to take advantage of your Magazine Bargain Offer. I am enclosing the above amount in payment for a one year subscription to your paper and the FIVE Magazines I have marked with an X below.

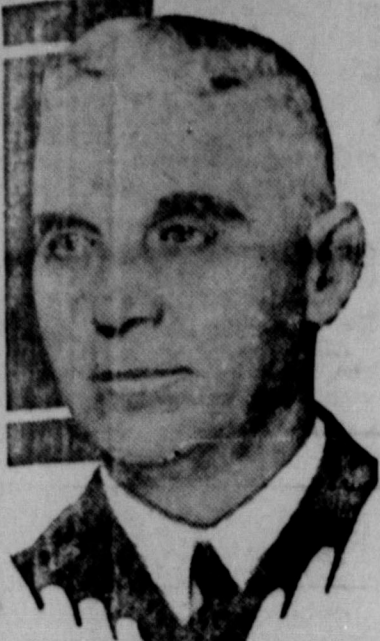
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- Sportsman's Digest
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CHOOSE Mark this coupon now and bring or mail it to our Business Office TODAY!

New Chief



Maj. Gen. Charles P. Sumner is the new chief of staff of the United States army. This picture was taken the day the general took up his new duties in Washington.

IN WOMAN'S EYES

Helen Rowland sez: "When a man's eyes rest on a woman he sees only what he is looking at. But when a woman looks at a man she sees a vision of nobility, beauty, strength, brains and spirituality, such as never inhabited a suit of clothes." Gosh! I didn't know we guys looked like that to 'em.—*Tucumcari (N. M.) News.*

TOBACCO EXCUSE

As an excuse for using tobacco, it has been asserted that the brightest saying ever uttered came from amid a cloud of cigar smoke. The utterance probably was, "Henry, for goodness sake, open a window!"—*Claude News.*

SURE!

Gymn Teacher (to girls)—"Lots of girls use dumbbells to get color in their cheeks."
Bright One—"And lots of girls use color on their cheeks to get dumbbells."—*Kansas Sour Owl.*

PEN POINTERS

A Missouri woman has filed a breach of promise suit against the swain who kept her waiting 28 years after becoming engaged to her. Now if she only wouldn't be so impatient—

Texas girl bandit's "amazing personality" will help her defense, say attorneys. An amazing personality is all right, but a clever lawyer and a good alibi might do her more good with the jury.

An eastern hotel paid more than \$2 a pound for a prize steer, which it will serve as breakfast to its guests. Judging from the price lists a lot of hotels have been buying that kind of meat right along.

A Colorado preacher who is also a salve of the peace marries folk with two circumstances, so that the war will stay longer. What a deal there is for that man in Holy week!

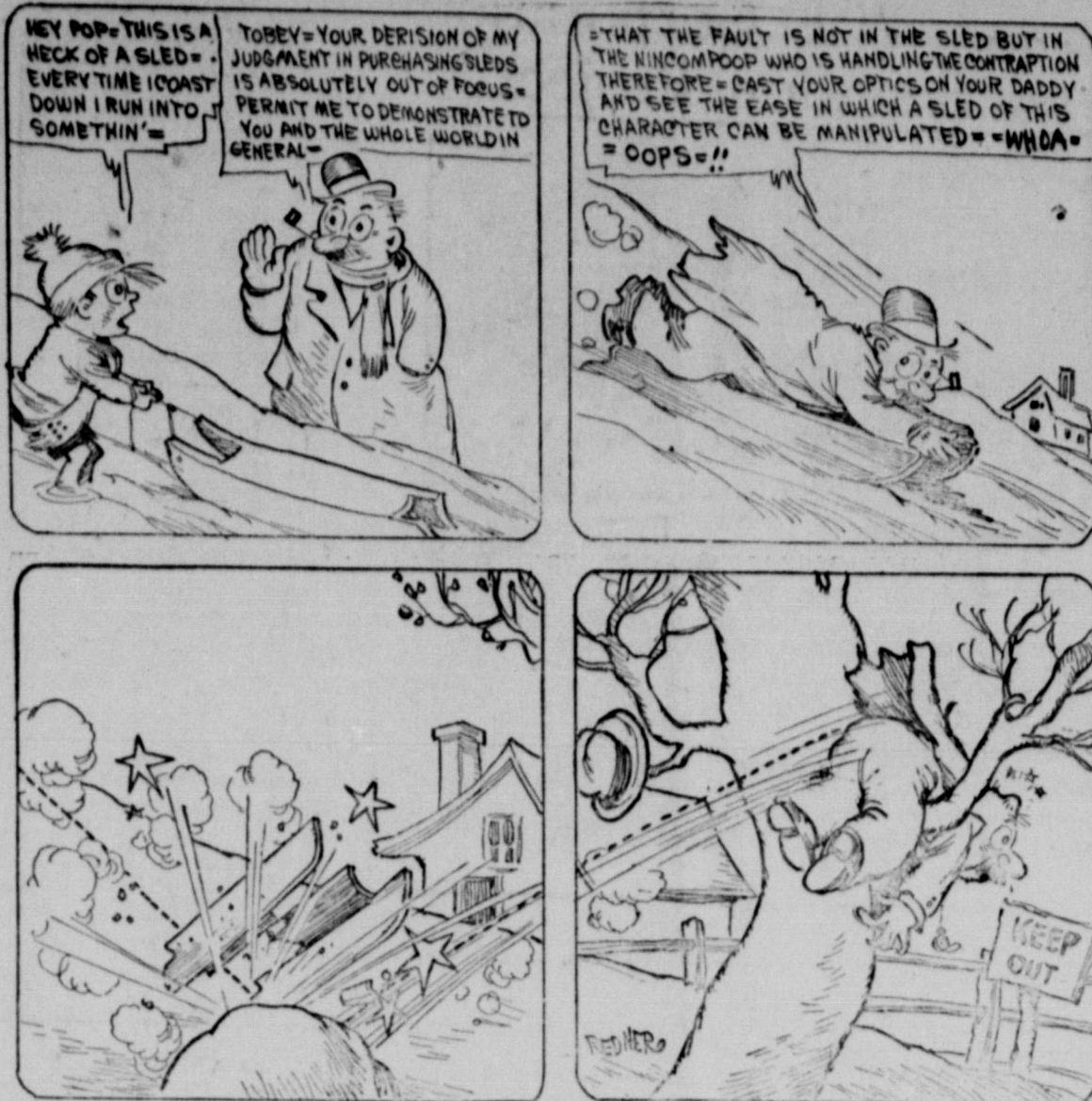
2-Toned Frock



This frock of two colors smartly combined is one of the smart modes recently introduced. The garment above uses two shades of purple. A well-fitting turban of Austrian velvet adds to the smart effect.

TOBEY AND TYKE

By Redner



Green ties are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement in.

Pat Vance returned Sunday night from a visit with relatives in Erick, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Campbell and baby of Lubbock visited in the W. L. Campbell home Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Lear M. Jones of Childress visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

C. S. Rice was in Alameda Friday.

Miss Martha Stokely of Dallas was a McLean visitor last week.

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

If the following list does not appeal to you I have many other listings that will.

A desirable homesite in Floral Addition.

Ten lots on Main street, two blocks from heart of McLean, only \$1500.00.

A very desirable southeast corner overlooking Public Park, and five lots adjoining, \$300.00.

One whole block, five squares from the Postoffice, \$1500.00.

One business lot on Main street \$1000.00.

One new brick business house.

One of the finest homes in McLean for less than you could build it today. Only \$4000.00.

"See Me First"

L. G. McMILLEN

Rice Bldg.

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."
and those favoring said sale will mark their ballots accordingly by striking out the line "Against the sale of the electric light and power plant," and those opposed will mark their ballot accordingly by striking out the line "For 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.

W. E. H. HAND, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1926.

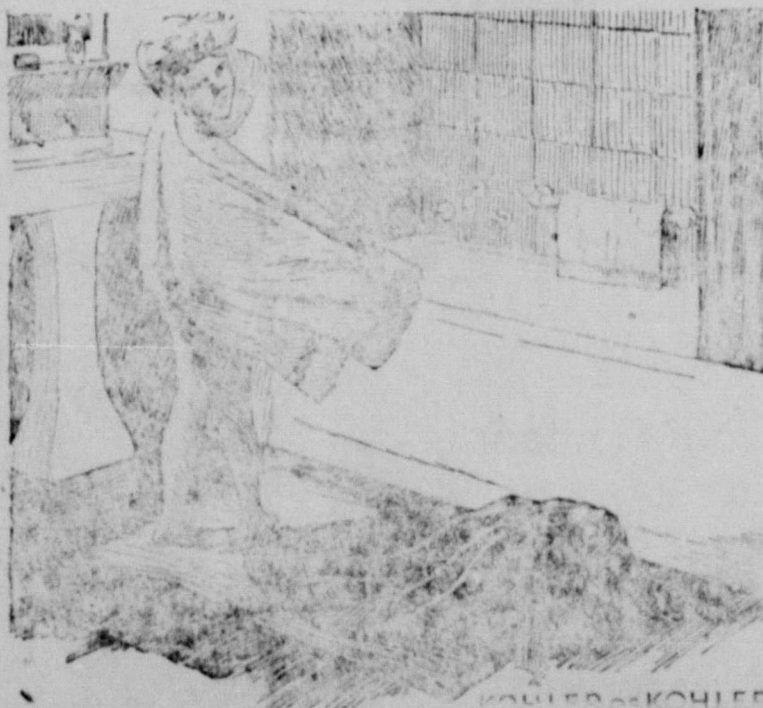
J. CASH, Mayor of McLean, Texas.

Resolve

to let us do your baking this year. Our new oven and equipment means that only the best bread and pastry will be made. You will enjoy our service without the bother and work of home baking. A trial of our products will convince you.

McLEAN BAKERY

Bread Is Your Best and Cheapest Food



You can have a bathroom of which you will be justly proud, yet your investment will be a mighty reasonable one if you will let us figure the job.

No matter whether you are building or just remodeling, we want to show you how quality fixtures will save you money.

Gas heat is mighty convenient these mornings. Better let us figure on piping your house. The cost is reasonable.

McLean Tin & Plumbing Co.

Licensed and Bonded Plumbers
Phone 72 McLean, Texas

PEN

Two of Perryton came in killed for a visit in the R. S. home.

Miss Bertha and Olive Saunders returned to Amarillo Sunday after a visit with relatives here.

Miss Ruth Patching is spending the holidays in Clarendon.

Chester Lander is spending the week with relatives in Alva, Okla.

Lenard Howard was a Clarendon visitor Saturday.

Elmo Phillips of Haskell is here this week.

Vester Smith and family spent Christmas day in Goldston.

V. H. MOORE
Auctioneer
Wheeler, Texas

Dates made at News Office
Or call me collect

MEAT FOR DINNER

Meat should be part of every meal during the winter weather. Whatever your taste demands in fresh or cured meats, we can supply in cuts just like your order calls for. Plenty of fresh Jersey milk at all times.

THE CITY MARKET
The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

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

Abstracts

We offer quickest possible service on abstracts. Daily trips to Lefors. No mailing, no delays. All work intrusted to us receives personal attention. We have the record of every survey in Gray county, and you may be assured of accurate, quick service. Try our service; you will like it.

McLean Abstract Company

Donald Beall, Pres.
Office in Rice Building

A Good Resolution

RESOLVED: TO DO YOUR MARKETING AT THIS GROCERY AND SAVE MONEY.

If you come to this store, pick out the groceries that you want, and take them home with you, you'll not only save money, but you'll be complying with a recognized method of promoting Economy and Efficiency.

Whatever you want in the way of staple groceries and canned goods—or whatever your taste calls for—is to be found at this store. Our best recommendation is our many satisfied customers.

McLean Supply Co.

CHAS. LESTER, Manager

WE'RE ALL ADVERTISERS

By Chalmers L. Fancoast Advertising is the illuminating power and the horsepower of business. Its influence, color and activity is in evidence wherever clever men are striving to accomplish anything.

Everything under the sun is, has been or will some day be advertised in some way—somewhere. The man who dresses well gives himself good publicity. The bum sends forth bum publicity. The store front, show windows, business block street and city all advertise something favorably or unfavorably.

Advertising is the secret of great success; the result of genius; the hope of civilization. It is the light of greater intelligence, the educator of the world, the benefactor of all mankind. Its benefits reach from trees to temples. The tree surgeon advertises to make trees live—the architect to make temples beautiful cities.

Aren't we all advertisers? Aren't we continually advertising ourselves and our possessions? To ourselves we are very important. We want others to think so. We advertise in every conceivable way—speech, dress, manner and mode of living.—American Press.

Miss Ethel McCurdy of Shamrock is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Agnes Abbott of Oklahoma City is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Miss Ruth Dauer is spending the holidays with relatives at White Deer.

David Gray, Buck Campbell, Ercy Cubine and Floyd Phillips were Memphis visitors Saturday.

J. E. Kirby orders his subscription to The News and Star-Telegram renewed at our bargain rate.

Miss Stella Roby of Bethany, Okla., spent Christmas with relatives here.

Vester Smith takes advantage of our bargain magazine offer this week.

Merle Archer returned Monday from a visit with homefolks in Oklahoma.

Judge T. M. Wolfe and daughter, Miss Jeanette, of Lefors were McLean visitors Monday and Tuesday.

C. J. Cash orders The News sent to Mrs. Leroy Freeman of Dalhart and Mrs. T. A. Bodine of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Noel and daughter, Miss Frances, were Hedley visitors Friday.

B. E. Glass and family of Alanreed spent Christmas with relatives here.

D. C. Jones takes advantage of our magazine bargain offer this week.

Scott Johnston left Saturday for Arlington to attend the bedside of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cooke of Vega visited relatives in McLean last week.

Fred Russell and family of Clarendon visited in the M. L. Bush home Sunday.

M. L. Williams of Mobeetie has been added to our list of subscribers.

Miss Frances Roberts of Canyon is visiting friends in McLean this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Turman of Pampa visited in the R. L. Harlan home Christmas.

Mrs. S. L. Cox of Pampa orders The News sent to her address.

Mrs. C. A. Cash left Sunday for Electra to visit relatives.

B. F. Pearson is here from Canyon sitting friends.

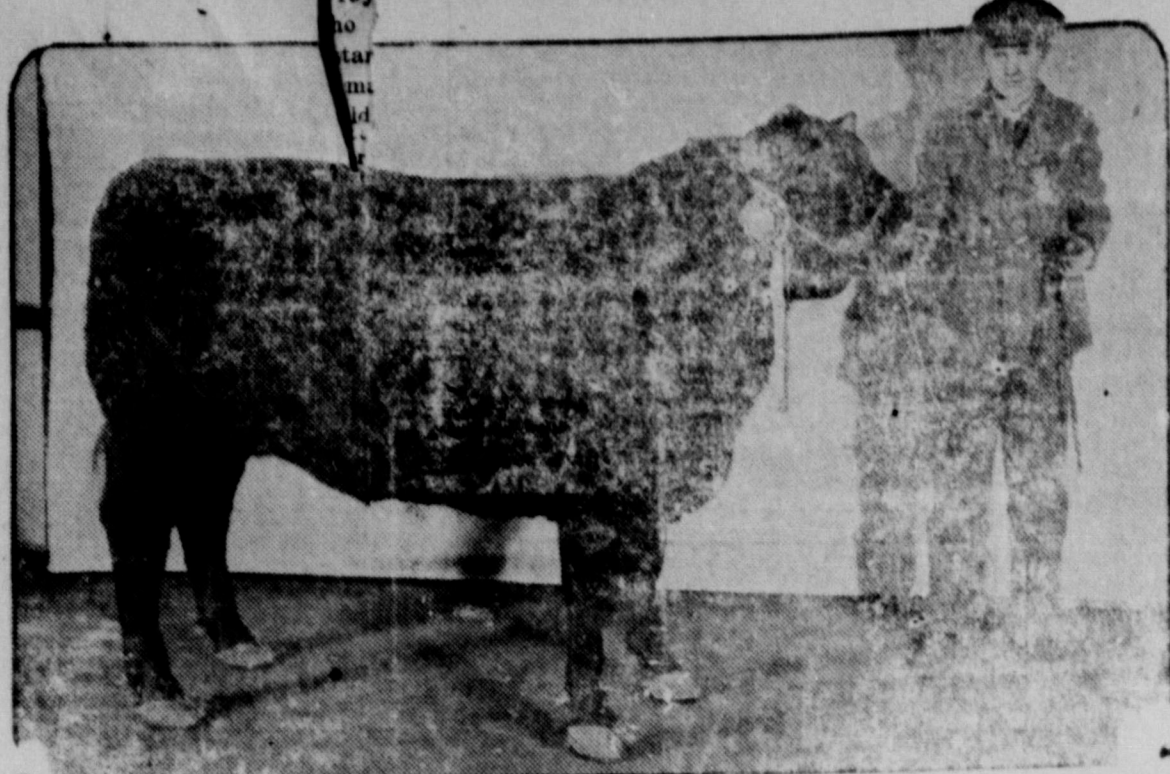
Miss Texola Harlan spent Christmas on the Harlan ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ripp spent Christmas in Electra.

Glen Wolfe is spending the holidays at his home in Lefors.

Shaw of Shamrock was in for labor Sunday.

Do you want a steak at \$3.75 a Pound



A world's record for baby beef—4125—went to a 13-year-old Indiana boy as the result of the grand prize of \$3750 in steers at the Cleveland Live Stock Show. The final bid was \$375 a pound, which is paid for the entire animal. The prize winner and Wyatt Gibbons of Washington, Ind., was named the steers.

HE KNOWS

When better lawn mowers are made, they will be borrowed. Ask the man who loans one.—Washington Dirge.

Miss Thelma Gadin of Matador visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Powell of Ramsdell were McLean visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reeves of Alanreed were shopping in McLean Friday.

Mrs. A. T. Young and children are visiting relatives in Memphis this week.

Glen Nicholson of Fresno, Calif., is a new reader of The News.

Hershel Frazier spent the holidays in Tulsa, Okla.

O. G. Stokely made a trip to Dallas last week.

Miss Kathleen Copeland of Lefors is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Charles Cousins of Amarillo visited relatives here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Betiel Christian of Amarillo spent Christmas here.

B. F. Wallace was over from Lelia Lake Sunday.

Vernon and Elton Johnston were in Clarendon Saturday.

EVIDENCE THIS

"Did you know we had a family skeleton?" "Yes, I saw her in bathing last summer."

Frankish students elected Maud Ine, prize cow at the Ohio State University, as queen of the home coming ball, over ten popular candidates. Then they made preparation to crown the home queen in the bell room, but the authorities said "Undignified; ridiculous. No."

Miss Lillie Williams is spending the holidays with relatives in Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Crews of Matador spent Christmas with relatives and friends here.

Miss Jewel Cousins of Quilley came in Saturday for a visit with home folks.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Smith of Galveston were McLean visitors Friday.

Miss Marie Copeland spent Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. Sid Denson of White Deer visited relatives here Christmas.

Miss Vana Stratton returned to Amarillo Monday night.

Raymond Knippling of Amarillo came in Friday for a few days visit with friends.

THE EXPLOSION

"What started the explosion?" "The powder on father's table when he came home from the lodge meeting."

Mrs. Annie Williams of Lelia Lake is visiting friends in McLean this week.

Tommie Watkins and family of Amarillo spent the holidays with relatives in McLean.

Geo. P. Wilson of Amarillo is transacting business in McLean this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Harlan of White Deer spent Christmas in McLean.

Miss Nan Potter is spending the holidays with relatives in Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clement of Shamrock visited in the W. E. Clement home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Stephens spent the holidays in the C. E. Anderson home.

Mrs. J. W. Kibler spent the holidays in White Deer.

No, It Isn't a Sight-Seeing Car



The new Buick six-cylinder Buick demonstrated recently in San Diego at Camberley, is pictured above. The combination wheel steering and makes for speed on the smooth spots and a sure climb over the rough places.

Ruth—And Baby Ruth



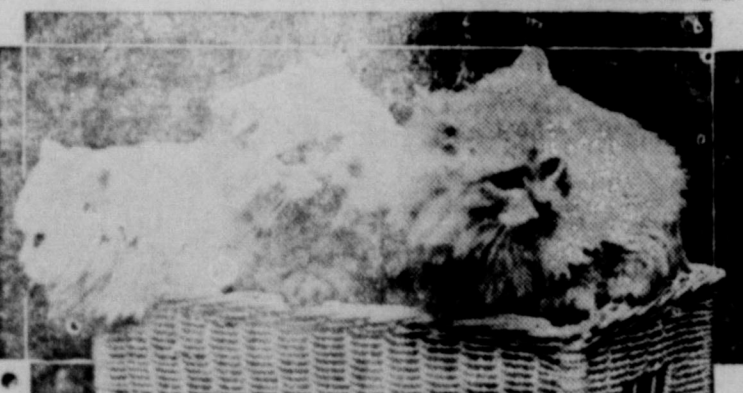
Along came Ruth—two of her. In fact, to win a prize at a Chicago five stock show. The girl is little Ruth Costello, aged 4, of Chicago; the calf is her daddy's "Baby Ruth" and is just three weeks old.

Lots of Woe for the Farmer Here



Miss Ruth Greenwood of Amarillo was a McLean visitor Friday.

These Are No Common Kitties



This basketful of Silver Persian cats, a mother and her two children, was shown at the recent Silver Empire Exposition in New York.

Prize Winner at Sesqui-Centennial



Andrew Soderberg of Onco, Ill., is pictured here with his prize-winning stallion, "Green Meadow Reliance," which took high honors at the Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial. Mr. Soderberg has been a stock exhibitor at six world fairs.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

RATES—One insertion, 25¢ per word. Three insertions, 25¢ per word. Or, 1¢ 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 25¢ per week. All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with The News.

FOR SALE

LETTER FILES, good ones, for 65¢ at News office.

GROCERIES are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. etc.

MERCHANTS should see our line of 1928 calendars before placing an order with a peddler. Help keep McLean money at home.

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

LEDGER SHEETS for bookkeeping system at News office.

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

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

CARD INDEX files and fillers at News office.

LAST CHANCE! Saturday is the last day in which you may take advantage of our bargain rates on daily papers. The News and Star-Telegram both a year for \$8.50. The News and Wichita Falls Record News both for \$5.00. Regular prices will apply to all papers after Saturday.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Last Thursday, on street or in a store in McLean, a five dollar bill. Finder please return to News office for reward.

LOST—Crank for Studebaker car. S. A. Cousins. 1p

LOST—Leather billfold, initials J. R. S. on one side; Odd Fellows emblem on other; containing receipts and papers. Leave at News office.

LOST—In McLean, Thursday, Dec. 22, 7 jewel Elgin, silver case watch, size 16. Reward. W. B. Bush. 1p

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping room, furnished. Call 178. 1p

LEGAL NOTICE

In RE: Guardianship of Bob Bidwell and Grace Bidwell, minors, No. 149 in the County Court of Gray county, Texas.

NOTICE is hereby given that L. Susie Bidwell, guardian of the estates of Bob Bidwell and Grace Bidwell, minors, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Gray county, Texas, authorizing me as guardian of the estates of said wards to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may direct, of the interests of said wards in and to the following described lands: Being an undivided two-sixteenths (2-16) interest in and to all of the section twenty-one (21) in block two (2) five (25), in the H. & G. N. Co. survey, in Gray county, Texas, said application will be heard by the County Judge on the 11th day of January, 1927, at the court house in the town of Lefors, Texas.

SUSIE BIDWELL, Guardian of the estates of Bob Bidwell and Grace Bidwell.

Mrs. A. Starfield and daughter Miss Lola Ruth, are visiting Groom this week.

Mrs. J. P. Lowry of Claude spent Saturday and Sunday in the S. A. Cousins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Harlan of Plemons spent the holidays in the R. L. Harlan home.

Miss Ruth Greenwood of Amarillo was a McLean visitor Friday.

W. M. Hinton is a new reader of The News.

"JUST CRITICISM"

The following letter was received by a small town weekly in the Middle West:

"I hereby offer my resignashun as a subscriber to your paper, it being a pamphlet of such small consequence as not to benefit my family by taking it. What you need in your shete is branes and someone to russel up news and rite editorials an live topics. No men-shun has bin made in your shete of me butcherin a poien china hog weighin 309 pounds or the gapes in the chickens out this way. You ignore the fact that I bot a bran new bob sled and that I traded my bin mule and say noffin about Si Simpkins jersey calf breakin his two front legs fallin in a well. 2 important weddin chiverrees have been utterly ignored by your shete & a 3 colum obituary notice wrote by me on the deafh of grandpa Hinery was left out of your shete to say nothin of the alfabetical pome beginnin "A is for and and also for ark" writ by aunt Subia. This is the reason why your shete is so unpopolar here. If you don't want editorials from this place and ain't goin to put no news in your shete, we don't want said shete.

"I thank you.
"HANK SMITH, ESQ."

HELP WANTED

Sandy and his lass had been sitting together about half an hour in silence.

"Maggie," he said at length, "wasna I here on the Sawoeth night?"

"Aye, Sandy, I daur say you were."

"An' wasna I here on Monday night?"

"Aye, so ye were."

"An' I was here on Tuesday night, an' Wednesday night, an' Thursday night, an' Friday night?"

"Aye, I'm thinking that's so."

"An' this is Saturday night, an' I'm here again?"

"Well, I'm sure ye're very welcome."

Sandy (desperately) — "Maggie, woman, do no begin to suspect somethings?"

BROAD-MINDED THINNESS

This is the day when many persons make a fetish of broad-mindedness. The term saves thin heads the pain of thinking and makes shallow souls content.

Ignorantly meets before the pleasant load. Tradition sinks under the porch with its tail between its ears. One who is boisterously "broad-minded" freely condones every form of crime and muck. He complacently preens himself as being a little better than the meager minority who continue to respect certain standards of conduct and character.

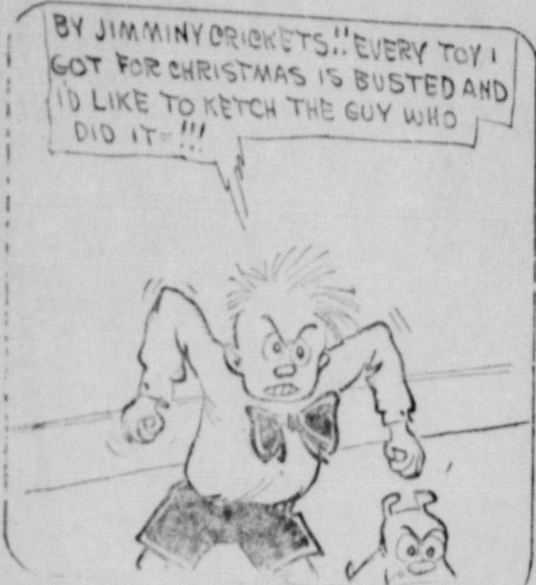
True broad-mindedness requires wisdom, balance, and prespective. The cocksure jazzmaniac of the loud voice and comfortable philosophy scores not at all on this chart.

—Holland.

Dotted



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ing a'ver-on dress from
of Roland in Paris. It is
mousseline de soie of
with large dots of
iron.



Blue Ribbon



"Silver King Tom," one of cotton's aristocrats, poses disdainfully for his picture in the arms of Mrs. J. F. Murry of Fort Jefferson, L. I. He had just appeared in a benefit cat show when the picture was taken.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy during our recent bereavement. We are especially grateful for the many beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings reward each one.

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The News is in receipt of a wedding announcement of Mr. Theodore Callahan Mayfield and Miss Beatrice Evelyn Nicholson at Santa Ana, Calif., on Dec. 7. The groom is a former McLean boy. They will make their home at Long Beach, Calif.

L. O. Floyd takes advantage of our bargain rate on The News, and Amarillo News this week.

Floyd Phillippe returned Friday from a visit in El Paso.

Houston Bogan of Borger is visiting home folks here this week.

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The American National Bank

PEN POINTERS

Twenty thousand people were killed last year in accidents in the home. It is not yet known how many of these accidents were due to those postage stamp rugs that slip over the kitchen linoleum.

Father of 28 children, says Congressman Upshaw, has always been a bone-dry. How in thunder could he afford to be anything else?

Two Kentucky school boys killed their teacher because he called them down. Those boys should move to Chicago after they graduate.

Psychic investigators in London are puzzled by a girl in whose presence coins fly out of people's pockets. Have they inquired whether she is a Follies chorus girl?

A USEFUL THUMB

"Madam, you lost your thumb in this trolley accident, all right, but how can you prove it was worth the four thousand dollars you are suing the company for?"
"Judge, it was the thumb I kept my husband under."

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News from Liberty

By Mrs. Luther Petty
 R. B. Nelson is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. Spurgeon Johnson, near Amarillo.
 Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel James and children of Amarillo took Christmas dinner with the lady's mother, Mrs. Mollie Francis.
 A Christmas tree and program given by the school children, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Fannie Stockton, was enjoyed by a large crowd Christmas Eve night.
 Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Lee spent Christmas Day with the Dyer family at Goldston.
 Mrs. Fred Hankins had the misfortune of getting badly scalded Sunday morning with a pot of hot coffee.
 A singing was given at the Frank Bell home Sunday night.
 Watt Hardin and children and Miss Bonnie Hardin of Clarendon, Jim Colvin and family of southeast of McLean took dinner at the Edward Hardin home Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sullivan of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Ed Lewallen of Burnett, Mrs. Leo Irvin of the Deer, Claude Stokes and family of near Groom, Mr. and Roy Stokes and baby visited parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. , during the holidays.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holloway and Lawrence Watson of Cot-county, Mr. and Mrs. John and daughter, Juanita, of , and Miss Lucinda Ratliff pertained at the J. O. Hol-home at dinner Friday, the on being in honor of Mrs. onway's birthday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henley and family and Hankins enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of the former's C. E. Henley, of southeast .
 Miss Fannie Stockton spent the week end at her home near Alanreed.
 The following pupils made the highest average in their respective grades the past month: 1st grade, Larine Matthews; 2nd grade, Jessie Rubin; 3rd grade, Pauline Matthews; 4th grade, Bessie Maehnie; 5th grade, Bethus Woodward; 7th grade, Weldon Woodward.
 Misses Opal and Levie Nelson and Miss Letha Roth Sunday.
 Misses Edith Fleming and Alta were dinner guests in the A. Morgan home Christmas Day.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Holloway and daughter, , and Mrs. J. O. Holloway and daughter, , spent Christmas Day at their son's home.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ratliff and brother, Clyde, of Back.
 Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty and Mrs. Mollie Francis spent Sunday night and Sunday morning home at Alanreed.
 Mrs. Richard Henley and visited with relatives at Sunday and Monday.
 Ratliff and family of Sham-shielded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ratliff.
 Little Miss Marjorie Wood is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Corbin and Dr. D. H. Brynoff of McLean dined at the Bell home Tuesday afternoon.
 Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Jones and small children spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reneau.
 W. & Stokes is again confined to his bed and is in a critical condition.
 Mrs. J. O. Holloway and daughter, Day and Miss Sunday dinner at .
 and family spent F. Bell home. children visited a home Saturday.
 and Levie Nelson the week in the home northeast of .

The Great American Home



Alexander Baker of Norwich, England, charged with stealing a bicycle, admitted doing so in order to escape from a widow who wanted him to marry her.

The total value of all farm land in Texas is approximately three billion dollars as compared with approximately thirty-nine billion dollars for the entire United States.

Mrs. Mabel McKinzey and children of Clovis, N. M., are visiting relatives here this week.

N. E. and G. W. Savage were Wellington visitors Tuesday.

Sam McClellan and family spent Christmas in Amarillo.

Former First Ladies



This photograph shows two women who formerly lived at the White House. At the left is Mrs. William Howard Taft and at the right is Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. This is one of the few pictures taken of Mrs. Wilson since the death of her famous husband.

THE BIG QUESTION

"You must be growing tired of me," said Mr. Newlywed. "You never call me 'dear' as other men's wives do."
 "Do they?" she demanded.

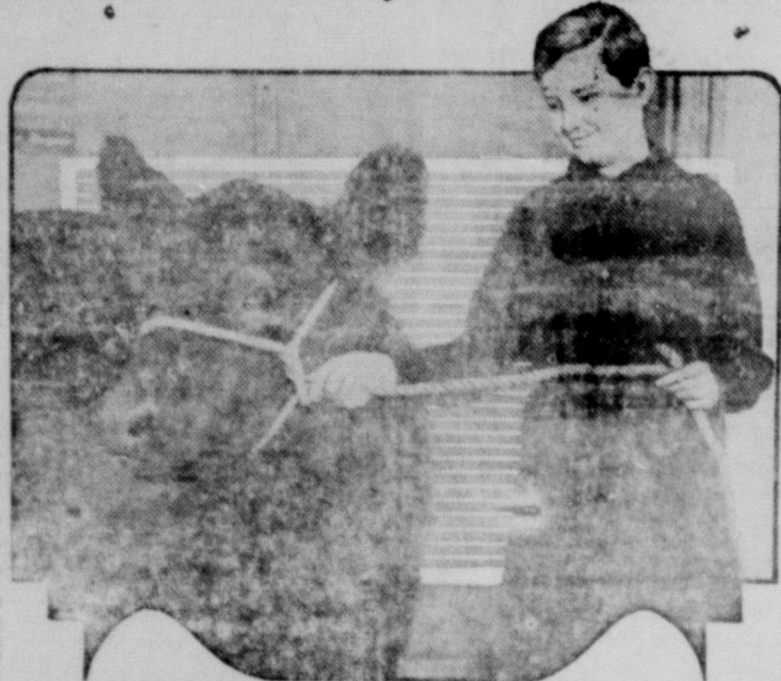
A GENEROUS PROVIDER

The bride of six months timidly approached the husband of her heart:
 "Dearest, will you please give me some money for a new dress?"
 "Sure!" he replied generously.
 "Here's five dollars; get a hat, too."

Mr. and Mrs. Rish Phillips and little daughter, Leta Mae, attended the funeral at Alanreed Sunday.

Miss Lily Marshall, 45, and John Wilsher, 50, have been married at Baintroe, England, after an engagement lasting 25 years.

Modern Beauty and the Beast



Miss Gretchen Brown of Kankakee, Ill. is shown holding the halter of Black Traveler, prize winning steer at the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago. The steer was the entry of the University of Illinois.

Barnyard Prize Winners



Here are two prize winners from Chicago's annual pet and poultry show. Above Miss Vavra is shown with a prize-winning silver-speckled canton. Below Miss Vavra is shown with the champion turkey owned by Mrs. Albert Schmid of Barnard, Kas. It is valued at \$500.

THE UNKINDEST CUT

One (to tourist who is shaving side of his tent)—"Do you shave outside?"
 "Certainly! Do you shave lined?"—Northwestern.

Miss Morse, Thelma Marks, Floycie Jordan, Campbell were in day.

of Fort Worth at home folks.

left Glen at his

Beginning Today
 A Very Important After-Christmas Clean-Up

We are getting ready for inventory and have gone through our stock, throwing out dozens of items that will be sold in the next ten days at a ridiculous price.

Here Are a Few Items from the Many Bargains Offered

- 36-inch satin, \$1.50 values, going in this sale at 98c.
- 1 lot of ladies' silk hose, \$1.50 and \$1.25 values, going in this sale at 79c.
- 1 lot ladies' and children's hats going in this sale at 98c.

Ladies' and Children's Sweaters

- \$7.50 values, going in this sale at \$5.29.
- \$5.00 values, going in this sale at \$3.29.
- \$3.00 values, going in this sale at \$2.19.

Men's Curlee Suits and Overcoats

- \$35.00 suits going in this sale at \$27.50.
- \$30.00 suits going in this sale at \$24.75.
- \$25.00 suits going in this sale at \$19.75.
- \$30.00 overcoats going in this sale at \$24.95.
- \$25.00 overcoats going in this sale at \$19.75.

Men's Dress Shirts

- \$5.00 values going in this sale at \$3.90.
- \$3.00 values going in this sale at \$2.49.
- \$2.50 values going in this sale at \$1.98.
- \$2.00 values going in this sale at \$1.29.

1 lot of men's athletic underwear going in this sale at one-half price.

Men's and boys' sweaters going in this sale at one-half price.

1 lot of wool blankets, 70x80, going in this sale at one-half price.

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