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Future Holds Bright Prospects This Section

By D. C. Jones

The writer of this article has been favorably impressed with the information in the daily papers showing that Gray county oil is topping the market in the Panhandle field and that our next door neighbor, Wheeler county, was a close second, but this was very forcefully impressed upon our minds by a conversation with an experienced oil producer recently, who is planning to drill here soon.

We asked him if he had made a study of the Hutchinson county field, and he said he had. We asked him why he did not invest and drill there; were the opportunities all gone? And he said, "No, but why operate there when it is so much better here? So much better oil." Then he made it clear that a difference of 40 cents a barrel in favor of Wheeler county and 60 cents a barrel in favor of Gray county means much to the owner and the producer of the oil.

It only took a little figuring to show that a 200 barrel well in Wheeler county will produce an income of over \$30,000 a year and one in Gray county, or \$40,000 a year more than the same well in the Borger field. Then there is no wonder that every few days we hear of a new location to the north of us in Gray or Wheeler county.

He gave us some interesting suggestions about the dreaded "granite ridge" also, the substance of which was that mountains under the earth, like those on the surface, are irregular and are made up of peaks and valleys, and one drill might hit the granite the next one in the same line might be between the peaks and make a real producer.

We also asked him how many wells were necessary for the full development of a field, and he said one on every ten acres, which means 64 wells on every section. So, if you will only look with your mind's eye at the Nabob two sections only, or the 128 drills, you will have some idea of what is going to happen to us, especially when you think of the field from here northeast to Magic City, and northwest to Lefors and Pampa, with no telling what is south of us.

What are some of the things we can do here in McLean to get ready for all this activity? First, vote the road bonds next week. We must have roads. We can't afford to have the automobile associations at Amarillo and Oklahoma City direct the people off the Postal Highway because they can't get through Gray county. And, besides, it is the best investment we can make for ourselves. The writer saw a teamster driving four horses pulling one ton of coal. On the very same road after it was paved the writer saw a teamster with two horses pulling two wagons loaded with coal. Then it will pay in the saving of wear and tear and garage bills on our automobiles and trucks.

Second, we should vote for the sale of the light plant. We are getting a good price for it and it will take a big company with lots of money to extend the lines and the power to take care of our growth.

Then we should extend our water lines and put in a complete sewer system and start paving.

These things, together with what we already have in the way of good schools, churches and businesses and our pride, you can't stop us if we all work together, which means we must build up our chamber of commerce and co-operate with it and let the world know who we are and where we are.

Canyon's highway paving bonds voted 8 to 1. The voters were first informed with page advertisements in the home paper just preceding the election.

Mrs. Will Harlan of White Deer was the week with her...

Merry Christmas

WITH 1926 drawing rapidly to a close we can look back over its twelve months as they have passed in this community, and we find in them much that we will wish to remember, and but very little we will want to forget.

The Christmas season of 1926 brings to us a record of twelve months of community peace, of community good will, of community prosperity, and an increased community hope for the dawning year of 1927.

During 1926 we have enjoyed our neighbors, our friends; we have laughed with them in their hours of merriment, and we have grieved with them in their bereavements and consoled them as best we might. This is as it should be. It is such things that the spirit of Christmas teaches us. It is the lesson brought to us by the Man of Gallilee nineteen hundred and twenty-six years ago.

During 1926 we have grown better individually and collectively; we have evinced a greater degree of tolerance, of human kindness, of love and faith, than in any previous year, and this is but an evidence of the increasing betterment of the race.

With a backward glance over the records of 1926 we find every good reason for believing this Christmas season is to be the best we have ever enjoyed. We know that those blessings, faith, hope, love, peace, that were brought to the race with the dawn of the Christian era are with us today in greater degree than ever before. We know we will receive a greater number of hearty Christmas greetings, a greater number of friendly smiles, and what comes to us will come to each and every individual in our community, including our Merry Christmas to each and every one.

THE PUBLISHER.

CHAS. E. COOKE WILL BUILD A MODERN HOME

Chas. E. Cooke is planning to build a modern brick home on lots recently purchased from O. G. Stokely in the west part of town.

The house will contain six rooms and bath with all modern conveniences and a fire proof roof, making perhaps the best residence in McLean when completed.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. ENTERTAINED FRIDAY

The members and friends of the Senior B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church were entertained last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Savage.

Various games and contests were enjoyed by the young people, and refreshments served at a late hour.

FOWLER-BROWN

Married at Wellington, Wednesday, December 8, Mr. J. A. Fowler of McLean and Mrs. Dick Brown of Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler are making their home on the Fowler ranch near McLean.

John, Joudon and Ted Cobb of Baylor University, Waco, are spending the holidays with home folks here.

Vernon Johnston came in Tuesday on Canyon to spend the holidays.

Back Campbell, Emery Crockett and David Gray were in Shamrock Thursday.

Miss Inez and Jewel Shaw were in Shamrock Friday.

STORES WILL CLOSE CHRISTMAS DAY

According to information given us by Mayor C. J. Cash, all the stores in McLean have expressed a desire to close on Christmas Day.

This is in line with an former Christmases, and should not work a hardship on anyone, as very few people do any trading on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS FRIDAY EVENING

We understand that Christmas programs have been arranged by the Sunday schools of the various churches to be held Friday evening, so watch everyone is invited.

Born, Monday, Dec. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rogers, an 8 pound boy.

Miss Vina Stratton of Amarillo is spending the holidays with home folks in McLean.

Mrs. A. Stanfield and daughter, Miss Lola Ruth, were in Shamrock Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Thompson and daughters of Erick, Okla., were visitors in McLean Saturday.

Miss Lois Clement of Clarendon visited home folks here Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. H. W. King left Wednesday to spend the holidays in Dallas.

S. D. Shelburne attended the Chevrolet banquet at Shamrock Wednesday night.

C. C. Bogan made a trip to Kansas City the first of the week.

PIANO & EXPRESSION CLASSES RECITAL ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The recital given by Mrs. Boyett's piano pupils and Mrs. Getter's expression class at the school auditorium last Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair.

A good crowd was present and the following pupils were on the program:

Piano—Nora Lee Morgan, Melrose Richardson, Laverne Pettit.

Readings—Charlotte Truitt, Juanita Brooks, F. E. Everett Jr.

Piano—Laurence Bourland, Vida Colebank, Nerine Smith.

Readings—James Cooke, Irene Smith, C. C. Bogan Jr.

Fisho—Erce Graham, Clara Pearl Gatlin, Margaret and Ruth Hess.

Readings—Nerine Smith, Sarah Virginia McGowen.

Piano—Charlie Mae Carpenter, Lucile Scott.

Readings—Frances Noel, Mrs. Grogan.

Piano—Thelma Young, Sybil Graham.

Readings—Bobbie Appling, Floye Rowe.

Piano—Lorena and Letha Ashby, Dorothy Cousins.

Reading—Burrell Wingo.

Piano—Lois Kirby, Bobbie Appling

Reading—Letha Ashby. Piano—Floye Landers.

Little Miss Charlotte Truitt spent Sunday and Monday with relatives at Claude.

Sidney Kunkel was a Pampa visitor Monday.

New Sheriff Captures Still Last Friday

John Poe of Weewoka, Okla., is the new deputy sheriff for McLean, having been sworn in last Thursday, and on Friday afternoon Mr. Poe captured a still with kegs of wine, hose, jugs and other equipment on a farm west of town.

The suspected owner of the still was placed under a \$1500 bond for appearance at court and the captured articles taken to Lefors Saturday.

BUNDY-HODGES TO MOVE

Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Company will move from their present location to the new Wilkerson building on First street by the first of the year.

Sam Hodges, president of the company, says there will be no change in the policies of the firm, and they will be glad to serve their old customers and make new ones at the new location.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

D. H. Brynoff, Pastor

Announcements for Sunday, Dec. 26:

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Subject, "Christian Love in Action." Lesson found in 1 John 3.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Subject, "His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful."

The B. Y. P. U's. meet at 6 p. m.

Preaching at 7 p. m. Bro. John Cobb will preach for us at this hour.

Friday night at 7 p. m. the Christmas program will be given.

Wednesday night prayer and Bible study.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

E. W. Wilkins, Pastor

Despite unfavorable weather last Sunday, we maintained an attendance and an interest above the average.

We are to have a Christmas program at the church Friday evening about seven o'clock. This will be a program which we think everyone will enjoy. After the program, presents will be delivered from the beautiful tree which is to be erected. Santa Claus, of course, will be present. As has already been stated by our Sunday school superintendent, we invite everyone who may desire to do so to make use of our tree and enjoy our Christmas program.

Services appropriate to the Christmas spirit will be held at the church on next Sunday, both morning and evening. Let's make it indeed a great day.

Our offering for our Methodist Home at Waco begins this week. Make your plans to set apart something for our great home for orphan children.

Our people graciously remembered us with an old-fashioned "pounding" last Wednesday night, fuller mention of which is made elsewhere in this paper.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—General Feng, the Outstanding Chinese Christian.

Topic 1—Herman Lee.

Topics 2 and 3—Buster Nicholson

Topics 4 and 5—Vida Colebank.

Topics 6 and 7—Ernest Abbott.

Topics 8 and 9—Chester Savage.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—The First Americans—playlet.

Group captain—W. C. Carpenter Jr.

Dr. Beagle—Laverne Kunkel.

Miss Leachman—Bonnie Bible.

Junior—Venita Savage.

First Junior—Bobby Appling.

Second Junior—Marvin Mathis.

Third Junior—Edna Mae Kunkel.

Fourth Junior—Bobby Appling.

Indian Boy—Temple Smith.

Indian Girl—Jewell Smith.

New Theatre Will Open January 1st

A new theatre for McLean will open about the first of January in the Christian building.

The front of the building will be remodeled, the walls decorated and 200 seats placed for the new venture.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whorton of Hollis, Okla., will have charge of the theatre, having secured an 18 months' lease on the building.

Two moving picture machines will be installed and pictures of the very highest class will be shown every week day night.

Mr. and Mrs. Whorton are experienced theatre people and expect to make McLean their home and help in every way for community betterment.

METHODIST PREACHER AND FAMILY POUNDED

By B. W. Wilkins, Pastor

Our practice was announced for last Wednesday night at the Methodist church, which terminated in more than a song service. An unusually large number of people were present, many of whom took no part in the choir work, but their actions soon indicated that their purpose in coming was of an entirely different nature. When they returned, after a profane...

at the church, those who had not already gone to the parsonage, turned in that direction. Consequently, very soon practically every room was filled with visitors. The ladies took charge of the kitchen and quickly provided delicious refreshments.

We indeed enjoyed a good hour together. When it became necessary for our friends to go, we found that we were richer because of their coming. No so because of the many articles of provisions placed in the kitchen (and there were many and they continue to come every day) but also because of the fuller realization of the friendly spirit that prompted the movement. We again ask our friends to accept our thanks and to feel assured that we consider our lot to have been cast in the midst of a pleasant people.

The groom is a prominent young farmer who lives south of town.

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OUR ERROR

The News apologizes to L. G. McMillen for accidentally leaving his advertisement out of the paper last week, and while Mr. McMillen was very nice about it, ordering letters printed which were mailed to every box holder, yet we regret the incident and can only offer the excuse that the rush of business caused the oversight.

BUSINESS FIRMS APPRECIATE TRADE

In this issue of The News will be found advertisements of appreciation from the business firms of McLean.

While every advertisement states the same thing in different form, yet there is nothing formal in the best wishes extended, as they come from the hearts of our neighbors and friends.

These advertisements cost the merchants money, but they are the easiest advertisements. The News sells for everyone whether to express his appreciation to you neighbor's patronage.

Our subscribers will get a deal of pleasure in reading the good will advertisements this week.

Lorna's Victory

Begin Here Today

LORNA MALLINGATE is at the seaside with her mother and newly acquired stepfather. She has been writing a letter to her sister, Pauline, who for some mysterious reason has failed to come to her home in London for nearly 18 months.

Lorna's mother and stepfather, Henry Emerson, have just returned to England from a honeymoon in Italy. Lorna has been enjoying the bounties of her stepfather. She has joined her mother on the lawn in front of their hotel and together they have returned to their expensive suite. Lorna tells her mother about the proposal of marriage made that morning by GERALD CRAVEN, a young man who has come down from London to spend a few days near the girl, who thus far has refused his ardent advances. Lorna expresses the belief that Gerald is hurt by her refusal.

Now Go on with the Story

"Oh, well, we'll make it all right with Jerry," said Mrs. Emerson. "Put this hat and sunshade, and my gloves in the other room, will you, dear?"

Lorna obeyed. Then the mother and girl sat on the veranda whilst the waiters busied themselves preparing the luncheon. Once Mrs. Emerson turned to her daughter anxiously:

"I wonder where Henry is? I thought we should find him up here. He told me he would join us on the lawn. He was not very late this morning, and I am just a little anxious about him, Lorna. I hope he has not been playing golf; it is so hot!"

"There are some shady places up on the links, mother," Lorna said hurriedly.

"I do wish I had made him promise he would not go to the golf links!" she said. "He was looking so very poorly this morning."

Simply to please her mother and to still the uneasiness that was growing more surely every moment that passed, Lorna sat down to

the table. As she did so, however, there was a knock at the door and the page boy came in bearing a letter, which he gave to Miss Mallingate. Lorna smiled at her mother.

"From Jerry," she said on the spur of the moment.

And with a faint smile, Mrs. Emerson moved out of the room on to the veranda once more.

Lorna tore open the envelope with trembling fingers.

"Could you possibly come down to speak to me?" the note ran. "I don't want to intrude on you; mother, but it is most necessary that I should see you, and at once."

The note was signed "Julian Emerson."

Just for an instant Lorna Mallingate sat with closed eyes, and with a heart beating so wildly that it almost seemed to choke her. Then she conquered her emotion and called to her mother.

"Just a moment, darling. Jerry wants to see me. I will be back in a minute."

The man called Julian Emerson was waiting close to the lift, standing in the shadows. It was a moment when most of the people in the hotel were engaged at luncheon. He took off his hat as he saw Lorna.

"There is a little room down this passage where we shall be quite alone," he said. "I am so sorry to be obliged to ask you to see me in private."

Lorna followed him into the little room.

"Please . . . please tell me exactly what has happened? Is anything wrong?"

He pushed forward a chair.

"Sit down, Miss Mallingate." And in the same breath he added, "Yes, there is a very great deal that is wrong. I beg you to believe that it is with the greatest reluctance I am obliged to tell you this."

She was conscious that there was a kind note in his voice.

"Please don't mind me; only tell me all. I am thinking of my mother," she added. "Is my stepfather ill?"

When he had first seen her upstairs, she had been radiant, like a flower, and now she had a wan look; a crushed look.

"There is so much to tell you, I scarcely know where to begin. The first thing I have to inform you is that Mr. Emerson has gone away. He has left for London in a motor, and he has deputed me to interview you and your mother on his behalf."

Lorna got up and leaned with one hand on the table.

"Gone away! Left us! Oh, please tell me exactly what has happened? And be quick. I must go back to my mother. She is afraid that my stepfather is ill."

Julian Emerson answered her quickly.

"Henry Emerson is not your stepfather. He is not your mother's husband. He is a married man."

Just for an instant it seemed to Lorna Mallingate as if she had been plunged into icy cold water; as if she were looking on an approaching doom.

She heard him speaking, but she

scarcely grasped the meaning of his words.

"For months," the man was saying, "we have been trying to find Henry Emerson. At last we got a clue and followed it up."

Lorna put out her hand and stopped him.

"Wait," she said. "I want to get everything quite clear. You are telling me that Mr. Emerson had no right to marry my mother? That he already has a wife?"

He nodded his head.

"Oh! My God! What am I going to do? How am I going to tell my mother? It will kill her! I know it only too surely!"

Then the girl sat down heavily on her chair, and her manner changed.

"Of course, I shall want proof," she said as calmly as was possible to him. "We shall want to have facts given us. You tell me you are a relative of Mr. Emerson? You have driven him away, but how do we know you are not the wicked person? That you are not acting for some purpose of your own? You are an utter



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stranger to us, you know."

"You are quite right. You must have a complete explanation, and these I shall be in a position to furnish you with at once. Now, you must look upon me as a representative of my kinsmen. Believe me, I want to help you in every way possible."

"Help me!" Lorna repeated in a breathless tone. "No one can help me!"

He put his hand on her shoulder.

"Don't be so sure," he said. "Can I get you something? You look so white. You are trembling!"

Lorna answered almost voicelessly:

"It is my mother! What am I to say to her? What can I do?"

She had stretched out her hands pleadingly, and he held them in both of his strong, firm, protective hands.

"Leave it to me. She cannot be told the truth all at once. We must prepare her. I understand that Mr. Emerson has not been well these last few days. He has gone up to London in a state of collapse. We must make that our first move. Shall I go up with you?"

"No; that would give her a terrible shock. Just wait a minute or two. I will go up and tell her

that my—I mean Mr. Emerson has been taken ill; that you had to come and see him on business, and that you thought it better to send him straight away to London to a nursing home. I don't know if she will believe me, but, oh, we must make it as easy for her as we possibly can. You might come up with me," Lorna added, as she got up, and wait outside, and if I want you, I will call you."

In a vague sort of way, she felt that she had put herself into this man's hands, and he was working for her.

NEXT CHAPTER.—The stranger takes charge.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this way to thank our friends for their kind words and help in our recent bereavement.

A. L. Lee and family.
B. D. Funder.
G. S. Lyle, Lipscomb.

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

To our old friends, loyal and true;
to our valued friends; and to those
whose friendships we strive to deserve,
we heartily wish unmeasured happiness
and good fortune throughout the
coming year.

Massay, McAdams & Stokely
"We Make Money for You"
Massay Building Phone 44



To you we extend our heartiest wishes for a
Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous Nineteen Twenty-seven.

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

TOTAL RESOURCES OVER \$350,000.00

The American National Bank

Under National Supervision

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Geo. W. Sitter, President
J. L. McMurtry, Vice President
F. H. Bourland, Cashier
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J. M. Carpenter

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I want an air gun for Christmas, but if you do not have that, anything else will please me.
Goody-by,
DENNIS SLOAN.

Dear Santa:
I want an air rifle. Or anything else will do for me.
Yours truly,
ARTHUR SLOAN.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an air gun and three boxes of bee-bees, and if you do not have that, anything will please me.
From
CLIFFOON SLOAN.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing for my little sister. She wants a mason doll. If you don't have that, anything will please her.
Frank Sloan is my little brother. He wants a wind-up train that will run on a track. Anything will please him.
DELIA SLOAN.

Dear Santa Claus:
For Christmas I want an air gun, an automatic cap gun and a set of dominoes, and anything else you want to bring.
With lots of love,
ISHMAEL SWAFFORD.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 7 years old. Please bring me an iron train with track, and a piano. Also bring my twin brothers and twin sisters a toy each and all of us an orange and candy.
Your little friend,
FRANCIS LUTHER PETTY.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an air gun, an automatic cap gun and a set of dominoes, and anything else you want to bring.
With lots of love,
ISHMAEL SWAFFORD.

News from Liberty

By Mrs. Luther Petty
Misses Fannie Stocaton and Clarence Hardin, and Odell Norton called on Misses Opal and Levie Johnson Sunday.

After Mrs. Mome Francis spent the day at home, she was at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Luther Petty.

Frank Kachelhorfer and family of Illinois are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Kachelhorfer.

L. F. Stewart spent several days of the past week at Clarendon on business.

Newton Woodley of Plainview is spending several days in the community on business and visiting friends.

L. D. Langley and family of Memphis spent from Friday until Sunday in the home of the lady's sister, Mrs. Z. T. Jones.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Roth on Dec. 12. Mother and babe are doing very well.

Omer Hawkins of Park, Ark., visited in the home of his uncle, H. C. Nelson, the last of the week.

Travis Stokes accompanied his aunt, Mrs. Stewart, to her home at Burnburnett the first of the week and visited with his sister, Mrs. Ed Lawallen.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Ratliff and children have gone to Ardmore, Okla., to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James and sons of Alanreed took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty and family Sunday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simpson Saturday, Dec. 18. The lady's mother, Mrs. Troxell, is with her.

Gas was installed last week in the school house and the Nelson and Hardin homes. Gas lights will be installed in the school house this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews and baby of Back visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Matthews, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Corder enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Carl Wood and family called at the J. A. Johnson home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alta Lee is visiting at the home of her brother, Herman, at McLean. His wife is sick with flu.

A. L. Morgan and family called at the Cunningham home Saturday night.

Howard Hardin and family called at the Roth home Sunday night.

W. P. Irvin has torn down his residence and is having it rebuilt in McLean.

Richard Henley and family and Mrs. Henley visited at the home of the latter's son, C. E.

Henley, southeast of McLean on Saturday night until Monday morning.

Misses Mettie and Loraine Matthews visited Mrs. Luther Petty Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Z. T. Jones called on Mrs. Walter Simpson Sunday afternoon.

Misses Opal and Levie Nelson attended preaching at the McLean Baptist church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Corder and son, W. K., left Tuesday for Quitaque, where they will make their home.

Robert Mathis, who is attending Wayland College at Plainview, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in McLean.

Mrs. W. B. Upham and W. S. White were Shamrock visitors Thursday.

T. H. Andrews renews for The News and Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

Mr. and Mrs. Covey Ward of Memphis spent the week end in the J. M. Noel home.

LeRoy Landers, who is attending the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon, is home for the holidays.

Miss Cassie Brown of Kyon, Okla. was here last week looking after business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rippe visited in the A. P. Rippe home at Heald Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster left Wednesday for Fort Worth to visit their sister, Mrs. J. W. Moore.

Mrs. J. A. Sparks and daughter, Miss Lorene, were Shamrock visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Calaway left Monday for Vernon.

Miss Mary Noel of Mineral Wells is visiting in the J. M. Noel home.

Miss Mary Anderson has closed her school for the holidays.

J. G. Noel is here looking after business.

Mrs. W. L. Haynes, Mrs. T. N. Holloway and daughters, Misses Laeuna and Oleta, were in Erick, Okla., Saturday.

Mrs. Charlie Williams of Kingmill came in Sunday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. Roy Orrill and little daughter, Margaret Jean, of Ferryton are visiting in the R. S. Jordan home.

A. J. Hardendorf is a new reader of The News.

C. C. Bogan was in Amarillo on business Friday.

Ercy Cubine was a Shamrock visitor last Thursday.

The McLean light and ice plant has been sold to a corporation for \$100,000. The purchasing company proposes to give better service and at lower rate. Wish the management would visit with us along this line for a cash price equal to that McLean received.—Claude News.

NOTICE CAR OWNERS
Have your automobile lights tested now before the last minute rush. You cannot buy 1927 license without light receipt. Williams Motor Co. Advertisement 1c

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

THE CITY MARKET
The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

C. S. RICE
Funeral Director
FUNERAL SUPPLIES
MONUMENTS
Phone 13 and 42

WE APPRECIATE
the business you have given us the past year and hope this Christmas Season will be all you expect and the New Year a Prosperous one.

L. L. Rogers
Continental Gasoline, Oils, Etc.

We Express Our Appreciation
for your patronage the past year and wish for you a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bible Shoe and Harness Shop
Cecil Bible, Prop.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

We take this opportunity to express to you our hearty appreciation for the most liberal patronage you have given us during the past year. We have done our very best to serve you honestly and fairly. If we have not done this, and have one dissatisfied customer, then we have failed to make the goal for which we have striven. We come to you now with this wish from the very depths of our heart, that the year of 1927 may be the most prosperous and happy year that you have ever had; that Good Health, Prosperity and Happiness may reign supreme in your homes, and that our business relations have been such that we may still have the pleasure of your patronage and Good Will. With good wishes and a Merry Christmas,

CICERO SMITH LUMBER COMPANY
and Its Force

"PAY LITTLE BUY LOTS"

The codfish lays a million eggs,
The helpful hen but one;
But the codfish does not cackle
To tell what she has done.
So we scorn the modest codfish,
While the boastful hen we prize—
Which only goes to show, my friends,
It pays to advertise.

If you want to buy or sell—Lots, Homes, Leases or Royalties
"See ME First"

L. G. McMILLEN Rice Bldg.
Wishing You a Merry Christmas

SINCERE APPRECIATION

That's the feeling we have about the splendid patronage you have given us during 1926. We hope that we may continue to have at least a share of your business in 1927.

And let us here express the wish that you may enjoy to the fullest this Christmas Holiday Season.

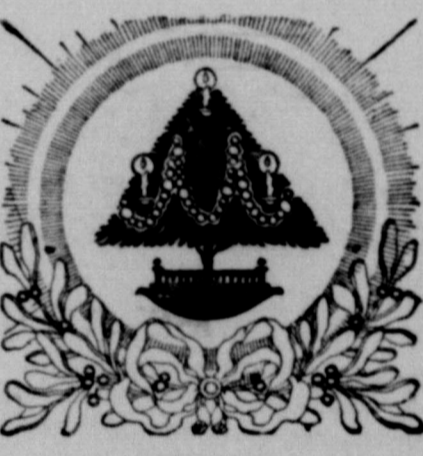
You have our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Cobb's Variety Store

As we approach the coming year let each of us study our successes and our failures of the past, that our experiences may guide us and spur us on to greater efforts and greater achievements.

A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
to You and Yours

Erwin Drug Co.
The Retail Drug Store



May

Each of us find joy and satisfaction in unselfish service and with it all mixed enough profit to be comfortable and enough satisfaction to feel our duty well done. May we strive for a better city, a better business and the spirit of co-operation.

We believe in our city, we believe in our friends, we believe in the future. Let us thank you, one and all, and wish you many joys of Christmas and much progress in the direction you desire during 1927.

The Citizens State Bank

THE McLEAN NEWS

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Editor and Owner

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Our readers have never seen the word Christmas abbreviated in our columns. Such a beautiful word should not be written in any other way.

The Wheeler County Texas is now the Shamrock Texas, a change we are glad to note. The Shamrock Texas has become one of the leading newspapers of this section under the guidance of Bones and Bones, and we congratulate them upon the change in name, which will give better publicity to their name town.

Bernard Shaw says, "All smokers should be prosecuted as nuisances and the manufacture and sale of tobacco prohibited." This would be pretty severe measures but many people in this country think that the time is not far distant when the sale and manufacture of tobacco will be outlawed. And most tobacco users would welcome such a law.

Much has been said about commercializing Christmas, but there is no commercialism in the Christmas spirit. Many people have asked The News this year if there are any very poor that might be helped at Christmas time. Fortunately, we have no very poor in our community, yet the spirit of wanting to help someone is commendable and can be appreciated by every well meaning person.

Pastor Wilkins of the Methodist church pays The News a compliment by saying it is the best paper for a country town he has seen. We appreciate words like this from men like Rev. Wilkins, who are in position to know whereof they speak. The News feels that its mission will be a failure unless it keeps a few steps ahead of the program of the town.

The Mayor of Baltimore, Md., says filling stations are "cropping up everywhere just as saloons did before prohibition," and he is trying to secure ordinances against such stations on certain streets. Maybe there are too many filling stations, but it would seem that the man most hurt would be the station owner who fails to make a living on account of too many in the business. Certainly they do not have the same effect on the community that the saloons did.

According to Postmaster Vannoy, there have been very few mail order packages received at the local postoffice this fall. Mr. Vannoy attributes this partly to the fact that McLean now has plenty of up-to-date stores where it is easy to make selections of goods needed. The postoffice money order business has been as good as usual, but money has not been spent for mail order goods. Another good reason is the consistent advertising done this season by McLean merchants. Mail order houses will not worry the local merchants when they learn to fight them with their own weapon—constant advertising.

It has been a long time since we have heard from Tobe Spilkins Jr. of Bitter Creek, and we are sorry that Tobe is feeling so blue as this Christmas season. It is apparent that Tobe has put most his dependance in cotton this year for if he had had some turk- from \$6 to \$8 each and to sell at 15c per pound, milk cows and chick- would have been in better with the world. Every has its ups and downs, sometimes it seems that the

farmer always gets the short end of the deal; yet the fact remains that many farmers make good money each year. It is like most other avocations, if you guess right everything is lovely and if you do not it is up to you to try for better things next year.

The value of all farm property in Texas is three and a half billion dollars as compared with total of all farm property in seventeen southern states of about fifteen and a half billion dollars.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson has our thanks for renewal subscriptions for H. A. Hefner of Denton, and H. C. Wilson of Abilene.

Little Misses Charlotte and Rosalie Cousins of Amarillo are spending the holidays with their grandparents here.

Ross Cunningham was in Shamrock last Thursday.

Mrs. D. W. Turner of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Want to Reduce?



Walter G. Taber, 23, an oil worker at Huntington Beach, Calif., used to weigh 224. But he swam the 27-mile Catalina channel in 13 hours and 27 minutes and now he weighs 209.

Miss Grace McKnight of Van Nuys, Calif., has renewed her subscription to The News.

Col. V. L. Moore and R. I. Hunter of Wheeler were in McLean Monday.

We want to take this occasion to thank our many friends for their patronage the past year. We wish for each and everyone of you Happiness and Prosperity this Christmas and throughout the New Year

E. E. DISHMAN

Among our assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy— your good will.

And so at this Holiday Season we extend to you—not as a customer alone, but as a friend—the best of wishes for the coming year.

McLean Filling Station

It has indeed been a pleasure to us to serve the motoring public of McLean during the past year, and at this time our hearts go out to you in gratitude for the many favors rendered us.

It has been our sincere aim to render satisfactory service at all times and we hope we have succeeded to the point that you have no cause to regret having traded with us. We shall endeavor during the coming year to improve our capacity for serving you. If you are an old customer we invite you to continue, and if you were not among our last year's customers we invite you to try us.

We wish for you all the Merriest Christmas, you ever spent

Snappy Service Station
Cubine Brothers, Props.

HARD TIMES ON BITTER CREEK

By Tobe Spilkins Jr.
With six cent cotton and ten dollar shoes,
No wonder the farmer has the blues.
With thirty cent corn and ten dollar hay,
How in the world can the farmer pay?
With the family half-clad they labor
And make it, then the speculator
Says "We'll price it and take it."
With cotton so sandy, the ginning so high,
How in the world can the farmer get by?
And the poor farmer's children, I'll say as a rule,
Are forced to pick cotton and stay out of school.

It's no fault of the farmers—they haven't shirked—
But there's too many by-breds that just won't work.
The farmer must feed them, heed them,
And furnish them clothes
And grin and endure it and look down his nose.
With this consolation, you may say what you may,
It will all be settled at the judgement day.
One went to Abraham, one to

Hades,
So it's up to you to do as you please.

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

Magnolia Petroleum Co.

C. J. CASH, Agent
Day Phone 66 Night Phone 101

Season's Greetings

We have tried to be of service to our community during 1926. We hope to be of greater service in 1927.
Merry Christmas to All

BENTLEY INSURANCE CO.

The Season is at hand when we gladly welcome the opportunity to extend to you the

Warmest Holiday Greetings

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

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

Jas. F. Heasley
Notary Public, Conveyancer and Abstractor
Guaranteed Work at Reasonable Prices
McLean, Texas

The Season's Greetings

sent in sincere and cordial appreciation of the only asset that money cannot buy— your good will.

H-H Filling Station
B. N. Henry, Prop.

WE THANK YOU
for past favors and wish for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
McLean Blacksmith Shop

As Ford Values Go up Ford Prices Come Down

In 1904, the Ford Touring Model Sold, Delivered in McLean, for

\$985.00!

- in 1908, the price was \$885.00
- in 1910, the price was \$785.00
- in 1912, the price was \$635.00
- in 1919, the price was \$598.00
- and today, it is but

\$462.00!

—delivered in McLean with starter and balloon tires. Choice of several colors.
A Ford Touring Car is the Santa's Sack item today.
The Ford policy has always been to pass manufacturing savings along to the purchaser—giving lower prices and better quality.

Williams Motor Company

Lincoln **Ford** Fordson
McLean, Texas

Helping

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The Lonely Old Lady's Christmas Valentine

THE lonely old lady sat in the twilight as the evening star looked in through the window and wondered why she seemed so sad. The star was bright enough that Christmas Eve to guide anyone to gladness, but she who sat there did not appear to know it. There were yet a few sparks amid the ashes of the hearth fire, and warmth had not wholly departed from the room; there were remnants of light in the maze of memories that kept the past alive, and at least the silent thinker was not cold; but darkness was creeping over solitude, and time was registering age, and the old lady was lonely.

There was a picture on the wall of one who had been the strength and joy of earlier days, but years had passed over his grave in a distant land.

There were other pictures looking down upon her with young and happy faces, but they were pictures of children who had blessed other homes, placed about to keep company with her dream children, and reminding her now again that she had none.

So the star might have known that there was reason for pensiveness as it tried to penetrate the gathering gloom and the mystery. But whether it learned the secret or not, it witnessed as it watched, a light in the dim room. For she had taken from a portfolio her most precious possession, and she was smiling upon it. It was an old valentine, the last that she had received from him who had never returned. It was inscribed "To My Valentine." Upon it sat Cupid, in a wreath of forget-me-nots, holding a high pyramid of large roses over a large, circular spider web, with two hearts entangled in it!

The star must have recognized that it was shining upon the deathlessness of love, and helping it to share the Christmas fellowship and cheer.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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THE DAY OF DAYS

RING out glad bells herald the earth—Christmas has come again! Ring out the glad tidings from land to land, from shore to shore in peals of sounding joy, in crashing strains of tumultuous welcome, Christmas! the day of days! has come to cheer and gladden the earth again, to bring each and every one of us new hope and new faith. ¶ The old and the young, the grave and the gay, look for its coming with the same eagerness and delight, with the same confidence and optimism. For we never grow too old to catch the message of Christmas; each year but adds to the delight with which we greet it. ¶ Perhaps, as little children this delight manifested itself more plainly, yet, it was not as deep, as heartfelt, as that which comes as we grow older, for each Christmas has added unto itself so many dear associations, so many precious memories that we find ourselves treasuring the day more and more as the years go by. ¶ The love of those around our own home and hearth, the kind remembrance and good wishes of our friends, the host of sweet, unforgettable things that are ours at this time makes Christmas stand out in our memories as a day of happiness untold. ¶ Let the glad bells peal their tidings of joy—let holly and mistletoe hang everywhere—let merriment and thanksgiving and feasting prevail—for Christmas has come again!—Katherine Edelman.

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Helping Santa Claus — Assistants Needed

HER children had had such a jolly Christmas. Their joy and delight had been a joy and delight to see. But that Christmas afternoon she heard of a story that saddened her. A little girl and a little boy had gathered a tree from the woods and had left it for Santa Claus to trim. Eagerly Christmas morning they had gone down stairs to see the tree, but it was just as they had left it. Santa Claus had not come, and they had followed all the rules they had been told about calling up the chimney to him.

Their family were both poor and lacking in imagination. Struggle and ill health had driven any lurking imagination from them.

So she went that evening, her arms laden with tree decorations and odd ends of candles and toys and asked if she might trim the tree. The next morning the children were told that Santa Claus had not forgotten them—he had had to dash over to the next town to do so much that he had been delayed. Santa Claus needs his assistants and no job in the world is much more fun than that of being an assistant to Santa Claus.—Mary Graham Brouner.

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Christmas Greens

The custom of hanging evergreens in the house during the yuletide originally had a purpose beyond that of decoration. In olden days each kind of evergreen was believed to confer special blessings on those who passed beneath its boughs. To pass under holly insured good fortune throughout the year, bay meant victory, while laurel was supposed to impart a spirit of beauty and poetry.

But Once a Year

At Christmas play and make good cheer. For Christmas comes but once a year.—T. user.

Big Ear From Tall Corn Country



Grown in Iowa this year the corn is tall and the ears are large. This ear, being held by Miss Betty Eno of Des Moines, weighs two pounds. Thirty ears make a bushel.

A. P. Rippey renews his subscription to the Star-Telegram at our Goldston spent Saturday and Sunday in McLean.

Clarence Collier of Amarillo was in McLean last Thursday. T. C. Israel of Clouderoft, N. M., is a new reader of The News.

That this Christmas may be packed full of Happiness and Cheer for you and the members of your family is the sincere wish of this market.

May the next year be one of Prosperity and Contentment.

McLean Meat Market

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

At this time we want to let you know that we appreciate your business during the past year. We are trying to increase our capacity for service and to please you in every detail.

We wish you and your family well in the years ahead.

John Mertel

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

Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation, we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity the past twelve months, and we wish you a good old Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Western Lumber & Hardware Company

Roy Campbell, Mgr.

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

Mrs. Scott Johnston and daughter, Miss Margaret, were in Shamrock Friday.

Mrs. T. M. Wolfe of Lefors was shopping in McLean Saturday.

May contentment share with prosperity in all your efforts throughout the coming year.

T. N. HOLLOWAY

Reliable Insurance

At this Yuletide Season

we greet you with sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Hamburger Inn

J. A. Meador, Prop.

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

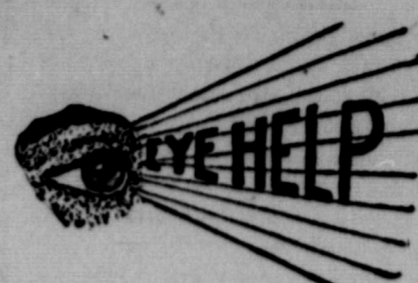
A. T. YOUNG Insurance

Mrs. W. L. Haynes and daughters, Misses Johnnie Villa and Gorda Lou, were visitors in Erick, Okla., Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hefner were in Shamrock Friday.

A GENTLE HINT

The honeymooning couple were approaching their first tunnel. "Now, remember, John," she said, "although you are bound to me by law, your hands are not tied."



DR. THOS. M. MONTGOMERY
Eyesight Specialist

will be in McLean every four weeks. Office at Erwin Drug Company. Next date

FRIDAY, JAN. 14

Now associated with HYDEN'S

Optometrists and Opticians

620 Polk St., Amarillo, Texas

Season's Greetings

The spirit of the Season prompts us to wish you increased happiness and prosperity the coming year.

May your business dealings with others be as pleasant as ours have been with you.

McLean Hdw. Co.

W. B. Upham, Mgr.

McLean Gas Co.

extends the compliments

of the Season

with the wish that yours may be a Christmas of happiness and contentment and a New Year which will bring to you a satisfying measure of prosperity

McLean Gas Company

"A Home Institution"
Office in Massay Building

Phone 236

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The Pine Tree and a Christmas Inspiration

THE creaking, crunching snow under foot, as well as the crisp, frosty air bespeak a temperature some degrees below zero. However, native mid-westerners looked for, anticipated and expected a quantity of snow and cold weather for the Christmas holidays. Their expectations were usually right with an added cold stretch long before the holidays, and long after them.

The hard lines of the massive, bulky, stone Central Administration building of the college was delightfully contrasted against the dead white, fluffy, fairy-like snow all about it. This building, as did four others, faced a huge stretch of campus, with groupings of trees scattered pleasingly about to break the wide expanse. Trees, heavily hung with the most artificial-looking cottony webbing, formed an artistic group across the road and in front of the building. In the center of the group stood a well formed, tall, perfect specimen of a long-needed pine. It was singled out to be the proud possessor of many colored lights distributed about generously among its branches. Deserving of praise was this awesome tree, and its surroundings.

Silhouetted against the sky, forming a background for the proud pine tree stood the campanile, the pride of every student on the campus. In the dull afterglow of the winter twilight the chimneys were extolling the Christmas carols.

At the foot of the narrow winding staircase of iron which leads to the belfry of the campanile, upon close inspection could be seen a maid and young man—not the first time, nor would it be the last time the campanile should witness such a sight. The meeting had been planned in view of their separation on the morrow when both would go to their homes. Moved by the sight of the proud pine, its symbolism, and the chimneys, they bade each other farewell in fond embrace, carrying away with them the spirit of the proud pine tree in their hearts.—Eleanor E. King

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

HAPPY fatigue. Rushing, hurrying, sitting up late. Doing up bundles. Posting packages. Delivering presents. Getting so tired out you don't know how you can ever finish and then a new vigor and energy and Christmas spirit coming over you so that you feel you can continue more than ever. Wondering whether it will snow and the snow arriving just in time for Christmas, the stars twinkling down on the white, white earth. Bright red apples with the real flavor of the country. Memories of other Christmases and New Year's, blurred at other times somewhat, but poignantly vivid in the happiness of Christmas-tide. This is the Christmas season.—Mary Graham Bonner.

Making Others Happy Will Bring Happiness

AUNT ELIZA had lived alone for many years; her finances had dwindled, and her health as well.

It was Christmas Eve and as Aunt Eliza returned from town with a few little things that her scant purse could buy, her heart was a little heavy, for the winter was before her and her strength was failing fast.

"I'm glad I got that knife for crippled Jim; he so enjoys cutting out those animals. Life is worth while so long as we can give others pleasure, and there is always some one that we can help. I'll read to blind Jane tomorrow and that will help her and me pass away the day. Tonight I must try to think of some way that I can earn money. Sister would help me if she knew, so would the church ladies, but I simply can't tell anyone. Well, the only way to be happy is to make some one else happy, so I'll take Jimmy's knife to him. God has never forsaken me." All this was going through Aunt Eliza's mind.

As she opened the door she stood face to face with her only sister. She was overcome with joy.

"Oh, Eliza, all the children want for Christmas is you, and they sent me for you. We have a nice home next to ours, for you. We will start tonight so we can get there for dinner tomorrow. You shall never feel lonely again."

Eliza continues to believe that making others happy brings happiness.—Emily Burks Adams.

For the Tree

Has any one ever tried cutting little stars, circles, fir trees, etc., from a pumpkin rind for the Christmas tree?appa pumpkin with as wide a peeling as possible. Then cut out your circles, stars, etc., with scissors or knife and fasten on a card.

Miss Day Brides

Due to an old belief Christmas brides are inclined to be fond of pleasure.

Read your favorite merchant's Christmas message in this paper and tell him you appreciate his thought of you. This will be a kindness that will cheer him and cost you nothing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ceasarz and baby of Detroit, Mich., are visiting the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Turner.

Miss Madge Tammans of Groom is spending the holidays with some folks here.

Mrs. Ed D. Smith and daughter, Miss Thelma, left Wednesday for Childress to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson of Alanreed were in McLean Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown of Alanreed were McLean visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Carter of Alanreed were shopping in McLean Saturday.

Miss Lorene Meeks spent the week end with relatives at Miami.

Miss Floycie Jordan of Perryton is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reeves of Alanreed were in McLean Monday.

Mrs. L. P. Pope returned Saturday night from Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hunt were Shamrock visitors Friday.

Hulon Collier of Groom was in McLean on business Friday.

Mrs. Jack Calaway was a visitor in Shamrock Friday.

Elton Johnston and S. A. Cousins Jr. were in Shamrock Friday.

Miss Lucile Kennedy was a visitor in Shamrock Thursday.

Miss Wenona Street of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Glenn Wolfe was a Shamrock visitor Friday.

Grandma Hefner returned Friday from a visit in Frederick, Okla.

O. M. and Landon Donnell were Shamrock visitors Friday.

Dave and James Williamson spent Saturday and Sunday in Clarendon.

Sing Heigh-Ho! Unto The Christmas Holly

NOTHING quite so typifies the spirit of Christmas as a bough of beautiful, glistening flogged and scarlet-berried holly. Holly seems the quintessence of Yule and should and generally does occupy the place of honor in Christmas decorations.

There are states where the holly isn't to be found in great abundance. In some sections of the South a limited supply must be made to serve the purpose. For profuse decorations other greens fashioned from sprays of Irish yew whose fan-like and lacy foliage is ideal for this use; and, too, there are the beautiful, waxy leaves from the magnolia as well as cedar.

But the holly bough, of course, of all Christmas green is the loveliest and most popular, not only here but in other lands and in France, in particular, as Brittany grows it in quantities. The holly is of slow growth and propagated by seed which do not germinate until the second year. We think of holly berries always as being red, but some kinds bear yellow fruit, some white, and others even black.

The holly has a commercial value that isn't generally known. Its even-grained and hard wood is ivory white and is used for inlaying and as an ebony substitute for teapot handles and other articles, when stained. The leaves are used in medicine.—Frances Marshall Morgan.

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Miss Madge Tammans of Groom spent the week end with relatives here.

Miss Ruth Greenwood of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Leon Waldrop and Miss Lucile Stratton were Clarendon visitors Saturday.

Miss Alice Carpenter of Gracey is visiting Miss Pauline Crabtree this week.

Miss Bessie Gossett of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Thursday.

Carl Carpenter was in Pampa on business Monday.

G. A. Corder of Quitaque is a new reader of The News.

James Cobbs went to Clarendon Saturday.

Texas has thirty million acres of land devoted to farm crops.

Mrs. Vester Smith visited in Clarendon Saturday.

Miss Lena Davidson of Ramsdell was shopping in McLean Saturday.

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.—Poland China bear, Jersey bull, Jersey cow, cake sacks. Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

GROCERIES are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. 1c

WANTED

WANTED.—Family washing and ironing. Call 73. 1c

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.

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.

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

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

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

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND.—Bunch of keys. Inquire at News office.

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

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

Pete Rice was a visitor in Altus, Okla., Sunday.

H. W. Brooks spent Wednesday in Mangum, Okla.

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

Lenard Howard of Canyon came in Tuesday night for the holidays.

John B. Rice and Harold Clement motored to Clarendon Wednesday.

W. T. Wilson was in Amarillo Wednesday.

Duke Shaw of Shamrock was in McLean Sunday.

Miss Sinclair Rice of Clarendon visited home folks here Sunday.

Chester Lander visited friends in Altus, Okla., Sunday.

LUMBER—TIMBERS—SHINGLES

All Building Materials

Direct from mills and factories to builders anywhere. White Pine, Yellow Pine, Fir, Cypress, Cedar, Hardwoods. Straight cuts, house bills or smaller shipments, by train or truck. High grades, quick shipments, great saving. Write or wire.

Louisiana Lumber & Supply Company

Distributing Yard and Office
1509 W. 6th Street AMARILLO Phone 4290

Our cordial greetings to you in the hope that the New Year will be bigger, brighter and more prosperous than any before.

FARMERS PRODUCE CO.
A. C. Donnell, Mgr.

Phone 158 McLean, Texas

In appreciation of your good will we extend the Season's Greetings and wish for you a most Prosperous New Year

STAR FILLING STATION AND VULCANIZING SHOP
Ted Glass, Prop. McLean, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

That's what we wish for you.

We thank you for your patronage and hope your calls will be many and frequent in 1927.

Modern Tailor Shop
Where Cleaning Is an Art
Phone 223

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

Sincerely,

McLEAN BAKERY
Bread Is Your Best and Cheapest Food

This Means You!

On and after Jan. 1, 1927, the undersigned will sell Gasoline and Oils

For Cash Only

Please don't embarrass us by asking for credit, for this means everybody

McLean Filling Station Williams Motor Co.
McLean Motor Co. Star Filling Station
H-H Filling Station Snappy Service Station

McLean, Texas

Christmas Giving

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The Mistletoe

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The mistletoe... the English... people, in par... many romantic... this interesting... beauty and m... themselves fir... tales and love... true home of t... its very name... Saxon mistle... means twig a... mist, in the s... because of the... the dark sense... There are 7... our favorite... and every one... Marshall Mori... 1926, We...

Mono



"Mother... ing to brin... for Christi... "Well, I... didn't he?... "Well, I... mine?"

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Christmas Giving Is the Year's Opportunity
 Mrs. Boggs stamped a sturdy oxford: "Don't you dare say again you have to give at Christmas!"
 Mrs. Boggs grunted at his sister. "Where's the fun?"
 "If you sit down and explained: "If you sit down and Betty Boggs last year in their play suits, that I have given any other time of without Mrs. Boggs thinking it charity? And what luck it was to give Cousin Eleanor a vase for her when she's always taking me to it."
 "I might give old Hobbs something for his car. He's got a lot of dull hours on the road. I never could think of a way to give him such a favor."
 Mrs. Boggs smiled a little triumphantly and went on: "Then there are the boys at school that I would lose touch with if there were no Christmas. They give me little gifts and appreciate my Christmas cards. I can tell you. Well, if you're so clever, tell me how to make it up to my stenographer who's keeping her late so many evenings? Why, she'd be delighted if you'd get her a new typewriter. It would eliminate overtime and she could keep up her night school work."
 "Tip-top! And I'm going to give the kid that cuddled me last summer the club he needs to round out his golf set. Then—Well, first, let's get that 'opportunity list' you were talking me."—Frances Grinstead.
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The Mistletoe Bough; Seventy-six Species

Our grandmother used to sing the old English ballad about the mistletoe that hung on the wall and the "baron's retainers," who so blithely kept the Christmas holiday and the young bride who, weary of dancing, cried, "Tarry a moment, I'll hide, I'll hide!" We youngsters listened breathlessly and saucer-eyed as the story progressed and the lovely lady crept into the room with the secret lock that went "snap" after she was inside—the joyful company seeing her never again. We were thrilled to our very souls! And then the tragic ending when her skeleton was found fifty years afterward, was almost more than our young tender hearts could bear and after each singing, we wept copiously. It is said that this quaint ballad was based upon a true story.
 The mistletoe, lovely emblem of peace, joy and love in song and story long before Christianity existed. English people, in particular, have woven many romantic myths centering in this interesting plant whose misty beauty and manner of growth lend themselves fittingly as themes for tales and legends. England is the true home of the mistletoe. In fact, its very name comes from the Anglo-Saxon mistletoe, in which "tan" means twig and "mistle" probably mist, in the sense of fog, or gloom, because of the plant's prominence in the dark season of the year.
 There are 76 species of mistletoe, our favorite Christmas decoration, and every one is parasitical.—Frances Marshall Morgan.
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Monopolizing Papa



"Mother, I thought Santa was going to bring me a train and choo-choo for Christmas."
 "Well, he did bring them to you, didn't he?"
 "Well, there's papa's, but where's mine?"

The City of Beem

In Holland the story of the city of Beem is told every Christmas. This wonderful place was famous for its magnificence and beauty, and also for its wickedness and shrewdness. One day the whole city was swallowed up by the sea. It is said that every Christmas Eve the bells of the submerged city are to ring again.

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve refers to the evening of December 24. The word "eve" in general means the evening before. From the Jewish mode of reckoning the day as beginning at sunset.

All He Wanted

Department Store Santa—And what do you want for Christmas, little boy? Youngster—Nothin' but a three-step polyphase heterodyne regenerative unit and a reflex inductive oscillatory tube.

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.

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

Miss Ollie Terry, C. H. D. A. of Wheeler county, resigned last week to take effect Jan. 1, 1927. No reason was given other than that she does not care to continue the work another year.

J. L. Andrews renews for The News and Star-Telegram at our bargain rate.

We wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
 Elite Barber Shop
 Everett & West, Props.

EMBARRASSING

"Isn't Bilson embarrassed by his debts?"
 "No, but his creditors are."—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. F. H. King handed us a check for The News a year, Saturday.

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

Accept

our sincere good wishes for continued Prosperity and Happiness. Also our thanks for the favors received from you during the past year.

City Dray & Transfer

D. C. Christopher, Prop.

Christmas Greetings

and

Best Wishes for the New Year.

V. H. MOORE

Auctioneer Wheeler, Texas

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

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

WHITE AND COLLIER

Office McLean Hardware Co. Phone 90
 C. H. White Hulon Collier
 Res. Phone 219, McLean Residence Phone 80, Groom

Greetings

At this season it is natural to want to send a few words of appreciation to those who have extended any courtesies to us during the year.

We are thankful for your kindness and all the tangible tokens of faith that you have manifested, and we wish you health, happiness and prosperity.

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

Christmas

May It Be the Merriest Ever
 and the New Year the Brightest

That Is Our Wish

To our many friends whom we have had the pleasure and satisfaction of serving, we wish you the compliments of the season. May the Santa Claus of Good Cheer smile on you and your household more generously this year than ever before. As we pass on the Yuletide Season into the dawn of a New Year, may you see before you the open road of happiness, peace of heart and mind, contentment and prosperity.

The FAI Store
 Dependable Merchandise



Christmas Greetings

Our Wish for You

Like the treasure ship in times, full fraught with precious things, so may Christmas and New Year come to you laden with that which will make for Happiness and Contentment.

McLean Supply Co.

CHAS. LESTER, Manager



We take this method of thanking our customers for their liberal patronage since we have been in McLean.

We hope to serve you in the same old way in the same old place during 1927

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

C. M. Stone & Co.

Phone 153

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Boys' Athletics... S. A. Cousins Jr.

Chapel Exercises

The entire school assembled for chapel Tuesday morning, when a debate between the senior English class and the Civics class was had. The question was "Resolved, that Foreign Immigration Should Be Restricted in the United States."

Christmas

By Robert Bryant, grade 5
One night, some shepherds were gathering their flocks of sheep because it seemed as if there were going to be a storm.

shown before, and in its rays of light came an angel who said for them to follow yonder star and it would lead them to a manger where a child lay.

The wise men followed the star to the manger in Bethlehem where lay the child Christ. They bestowed upon him many rich gifts and incense.

Since then we think of Christ's birthday as the best of all holidays, and when a body gives a gift they should give it willingly as did the three wise men.

Why We Have Christmas

By L. F. Stewart, grade 5
1926 years ago Christ was born. He was born to die on the cross for the sake of the people that were sinning then, and for those now, and till the end of the world.

There were three wise men. One night an angel came to the men and told them that their Savior was going to be born. And there would be a star in the east that would lead them to the place where Christ was born.

The three wise men took Jesus gold, silver and sweet smelling things (we call it perfume today), and worshiped him.

We should keep the twenty-fifth day of December as a holiday

We should give gifts in the right way and give them willingly. And we should think of other people and try to make them happy, too.

Dedicated to English IV

In they came,
Down they sat,
Looked at the questions
And up they got.

Little rows of zeros,
Not so very quaint,
Make your graduation
Look as though it ain't.

—The Shamrock.

Buster—"There is a lot of electricity in my hair."
Audra—"Sure; it's connected with a dry cell."

Dallas—"I'd like to see a pair of shoes that would fit my feet."

Clerk—"So would I."

Traffic Officer—"Here, lady, pull over. My speedometer says you were making fifty."

Miss Meeks—"Want me to help you fix it?"

Mr. Tummins—"What did you say your age was?"

Miss Potter—"Well, I didn't say; but I've just reached twenty-one."

Mr. T.—"Is that so? What did you do?"

Miss Dauer—"Bernie, name a collective noun."

Bernie—"A vacuum cleaner."

All a cartoonist has to do is think and then draw around the think with a pencil.

Mr. Williamson—"What is the Grannison—"The ocean, medium of exchange?"

BOOST FOR YOUR HEALTH

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

Heasley Bros.
General Auto Repairing

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

W. C. DUNAWAY
New and Second Hand Furniture

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

CHENEY'S FEED STORE
We Handle the Best

Best Wishes

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

McLean Abstract Company
Donald Beall, Pres.
Office in Rice Building

We wish the people of McLean and community the happiest sort of Christmas and health and prosperity forever afterwards.

Jones-Hodges Realty Co.
D. C. Jones, Mgr.

The good will of our patrons and friends is one of our most valuable assets. The spirit of the Season brings to us renewed appreciation of old associates and of the value of new friends. May your Christmas be a happy one and success attend your New Year, is the cordial wish of

Puckett's Grocery



MAY A MERRY CHRISTMAS SERVE AS A FORERUNNER TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR

This business, since the day of its establishment, has striven for the good will and friendship of the people and has constantly broadened its policies and expanded its facilities to meet the demands of its trade. To merit your confidence, we have striven to serve you in a thoroughly acceptable manner, and it has been our constant aim and desire. And deeply appreciative of the loyalty of our friends and patrons during the year of 1926, we come with this Christmas message. May the joy that comes with Yuletide be sufficient to last on through the days of a New Year which bring to a full realization of the things for which you have striven. Out of a sense of grateful hearts we add our thanks to this Yuletide message.

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Complete Home Furnishers
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