

THE MCLEAN NEWS

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McLean, Gray County, Texas, Thursday, January 14, 1926.

No. 2.

Truck Bought by City Council

At a recent meeting of the city council a fire truck was ordered to be purchased for the sum of \$1800. The equipment consists of a tank and 250 feet of hose, ladders and other fire fighting apparatus mounted on a special truck. The truck will be delivered as it can be constructed and for the city's use. The hose was necessary to present insurance rate, as the hose on hand is dangerous. It has been planned to have a man at the fire station in readiness to answer calls at any time. The credit on insurance rates will be granted when the new truck is in operation.

C. COMMITTEE SETS DUES THIS YEAR

The committee recently appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to set membership dues for this year has reported plans for a retail credit association met last night, and tentative dues worked out for all business concerns. Many representatives of various businesses were present and accepted their quota for the year. The matter of the credit association was the consensus of all that such an association require the services of a secretary that the dues would not be in addition to other expenses budgets. The report of this committee will probably be given at the regular meeting of the chamber.

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the American National Bank held Tuesday, all old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Wesley Knorp, president of the bank, was elected president of the board. Raymond Howard was elected assistant cashier. W. S. Hill is president and Richard Hill is active in charge of the bank.

INJURY IN ACCIDENT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Brake, 13 year old boy, was riding on a horse when he was struck by a car belonging to Marshal J. A. Sparks. The boy was thrown from the horse and the car struck him on the back of the head, leaving the saddle on the ground as the horse jumped to the other side of the road. The boy was thrown from the car, the car completely over the boy, striking him on the head. Attention was given the boy at once, and latest reports no serious complications had. Lena and Lorene Sparks were at the time of the accident but were unhurt. The car and horse were bent from the impact of the accident.

WOMAN TO SPEAK AT EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH

Mrs. Walter Bailey handed us \$1.50 Monday to keep The News coming to their address. Mrs. Bailey says she enjoys the serial stories in The News. D. M. Davis takes advantage of our bargain rate on The News and Star-Telegram this week.

Whoa, There! January



METHODIST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE SUNDAY

Reported. The regular quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in the Clarendon district, will convene in McLean Sunday. Rev. J. T. Griswold, presiding elder, will preach both morning and evening. The conference will be held in the afternoon.

WANTED FINDS GUN

A. B. Wood placed a lost advertisement in The News last week and the lost gun was located Saturday morning, the finder telephoning Mr. Wood that he had his lost gun. The gun was lost on the highway and was picked up by a subscriber of The News, who promptly notified Mr. Wood as soon as he read his paper.

DUNKLE BUYS HOME AT HEREFORD

R. O. Dunkle, former Gray county agent, now holding a similar position in Deaf Smith county, has recently bought a residence in Hereford, according to the Hereford Brand. Mr. and Mrs. Dunkle have taken possession and are now living at their new home.

A. P. RIPPY HAS TAKEN NEWS SINCE FIRST ISSUE

A. P. Rippy is another old subscriber to The News, having subscribed when Editor Boswell started the paper, and has never allowed his subscription to lapse since that time. Mr. Rippy is a successful farmer and stockman of the Heald community and his loyalty to the home paper is fully appreciated by the present owners of The News.

KUNKEL BROTHERS SELL DRAY BUSINESS

Kunkel Brothers sold their dray business Tuesday to D. C. Christopher. Mr. Christopher is not new in the dray business, having worked for Kunkel Brothers for some time. He promises to maintain a high standard of dray service, and shows his progressiveness by ordering a regular ad run in The News. Kunkel Brothers have no definite plans of work just at present; they will work for Mr. Christopher for a short time, however.

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An Apology to Johnnie R. Back

A mistake was made in writing up Johnnie R. Back's announcement for sheriff in last week's issue of The News. Mr. Back stated that if elected, he would make his residence at Lefors, and for some reason we printed McLean. We have no excuse to offer, other than it is one of the things that sometimes happen around a busy newspaper office. Mr. Back gave us the information correctly; it is strictly The News' fault. Mr. Back feels that the sheriff should live at the county site, and if elected to the office, he promises to make his residence at Lefors.

CLAY THOMPSON TO MOVE TO AMARILLO

Clay Thompson has accepted a position as District Manager of the American Central Life Insurance Company with headquarters at Amarillo, and will move to that city as soon as a suitable home can be secured. Mr. Thompson was formerly cashier of the Citizens State Bank here, and he and his family have many friends who will be sorry to see them leave McLean. The News will follow the Thompsons to their new home, and Mr. Thompson says we may consider him a lifetime subscriber.

NOTICE TO HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

I will not be able to meet with my clubs in and around McLean from January 19 to 23, as I will be attending the District Home Demonstration Conference at Dallas that week. Eula Nell Seelbach, C. H. D. A.

A BRIDAL SHOWER

One of the prettiest affairs held for some time was a shower given at the home of Mrs. Claud McGowen last Friday in honor of Mrs. Donald Beall, a recent bride. Meslames J. S. Morse, Wood Hindman and H. C. Rippy were assistant hostesses for the occasion and the rooms were decorated in yellow and white. The same color scheme was carried out in the refreshments that were served to 39 guests.

ODD FELLOWS PRESENT RING TO A. W. HAYNES

At the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows Tuesday night, A. W. Haynes, secretary of the lodge, was presented with a fine gold ring inscribed with the emblems of the order. D. N. Massay made the presentation speech. The ring was given Mr. Haynes in appreciation of services rendered the lodge since he has been secretary. On January 1, 1925, there were 90 members of the local lodge, and on January 1, one year later there were 160 names on the membership roll. Mr. Haynes recommended every one of the new members, never missing a meeting night during the year. The McLean Lodge is enjoying a healthy growth, taking in new members at most every meeting, and Mr. Haynes is given full credit for his efforts in behalf of Oddfellowship by the members of the order.

BENTLEY TO BUILD MODERN DWELLINGS

A deal was made this week whereby M. D. Bentley becomes the owner of the west half of block 107. Mr. Bentley bought this land from J. M. Noel, and it is his intention to erect two modern residences on the lots at an early date. W. B. Upham says to keep The News going to his son, J. L., at Ventura, Calif.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE DISCUSSED THURSDAY, JAN. 21

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for Jan. 21st, at 7 p. m. at the C. of C. building, at which time plans for a new school building will be discussed. All persons interested are expected to be present and give their views on the subject.

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BALLARD MOVES WAREHOUSE

Dr. Ballard has bought the sheet-iron warehouse owned by A. T. Wilson and has moved it just back of the City Market, to be used as a machinery warehouse by Hamilton-McGowen Hdw. and Furn. Co. Mr. Wilson says it is his intention to move all buildings from his lots that do not conform to the city fire ordinance, in order that the insurance rate in this block may be lowered.

MONEY SAVED BUYING HARNESS IN McLEAN

A man who lives near a neighboring town was in McLean Wednesday and bought a set of harness from a local firm. After paying for the harness, he stated that he saved \$17 over the lowest price he was quoted in his home town. The gentleman promised to do more of his trading in McLean.

A SURPRISE DINNER

Reported. A number of friends surprised Mrs. Donald Beall with a pot luck dinner Wednesday. At the noon hour the guests walked in each carrying a dish of something good to eat, which was served cafeteria style. Among those present were: Misses Leora Kinard, Thelma Gatlin, Verna Rice, Kathleen Copeland, Inez and Jewel Shaw, Gladys Holloway, Lena Sparks, Bonnie Miller and Audra Wilson.

Gas Trace Found Kachelhoffer Well

A trace of gas was struck at the Kachelhoffer oil well Tuesday, when a workman struck a match at the mouth of the casing, causing a gas explosion that gave him a pretty bad scare. The casing has been set at the big lime, and Wednesday morning the drill was down 1875 feet in the lime. The gas already encountered is in the nature of a surprise, as it was not expected to encounter gas until a lower depth is struck. With nothing to hinder, it is expected to reach the big gas flow within the next three or four days.

POSTAL HIGHWAY TO BE IMPROVED

District State Highway Engineer Mathis was in McLean Friday evening and stated that within the 60 days a full construction crew will be placed on the Postal Highway between McLean and Shamrock. Three road crews are now working on the highway between McLean and Amarillo, rounding corners, straightening the road, and otherwise improving it.

E. S. GRAVES ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION

I desire to announce to the citizenship of Gray county that I will be a candidate in the coming Democratic primary to succeed myself as Sheriff and Tax Collector of Gray county.

I have served the people of this county as Sheriff and Tax Collector for two and a half terms, and during that time I have tried to the best of my ability to perform all of the duties required by that office in an honest, faithful and conscientious manner. If I have made mistakes, and I am sure that I have as I am only human and not perfect, I want to state that such were not made intentionally and that at all times I have endeavored to perform the duties of my office without bias or prejudice. With a possible voting population of 2,000 in Gray county, it is practically impossible for a candidate to personally solicit the vote and influence of each individual, and as present incumbent of the office I seek, I could not do my office justice and spend all of my time campaigning for re-election, and for these reasons it will be impracticable and nearly impossible to personally solicit the vote of every voter. However, I will appreciate the vote and influence of every voter in the county, and if re-elected, to the best of my ability, I promise to efficiently administer the duties required of me alike to all.

MISSIONARY PREACHES HEALD, LIBERTY AND RAMSDELL SUNDAY

Rev. O. L. Oldham, missionary of the Northfork Baptist Association, will preach next Sunday at Heald 11 o'clock, Liberty 3 p. m. and Ramsdell at 7 p. m.

JOHN HAYNES, ASSISTANT CASHIER OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, HAS QUIT SMOKING

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New High School Building Planned by School Board

A meeting of the trustees of the McLean Independent School District was held at the News office last Friday night to meet Frank McGeehee, representative of a Wichita, Kans., bond-buying firm, E. F. Rittenberry of Amarillo, and E. H. Eads of Shamrock, architects.

Mr. McGeehee took the tax valuations of the district and the present obligations and figured out a plan whereby bonds to the amount of \$50,000 may be voted without any increase in taxation. The architects presented plans for modern buildings to cost about \$40,000, leaving \$10,000 for equipment, such buildings to be constructed to allow suitable additions to be built at any future time that conditions demand.

The tax rate of \$1.00 in the district is already the legal limit and cannot be raised. Fifty cents of this may be used for bond purposes. The present bonds, which will be paid off in 1950, require \$1875 each year for interest and sinking fund. The proposed bond issue will require about \$4000 per year for such purposes, leaving a balance, according to Mr. McGeehee's figures, of \$13,975 for operating expenses, as compared with about \$10,000 operation expense this year.

The proposed \$50,000 bond issue will leave a comfortable margin above what could legally be issued for such purposes, based on our present tax valuations.

J. W. Burrows, W. S. White and J. A. Ashby were appointed as a committee to ascertain present indebtedness, plan a budget for the next term and report to a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, at which time the people of the district will be invited to express their opinions of the feasibility of the plan.

Those present were: H. B. Hill, Supt. Nickell and E. H. Eads of Shamrock; E. T. Rittenberry and Mr. Haynes of Amarillo; Frank McGeehee of Wichita, Kans.; District Highway Engineer Mathis, W. Sherman White, J. S. Howard, N. E. Savage, J. W. Burrows and T. A. Landers.

AMARILLO NEWS SELLS TO KANSAS MEN

The Amarillo Daily News and Evening Post were sold to Gene A. Howe and associates of Atchison, Kans., this week, announcement of the sale being made in Tuesday's issue of The News.

The new owners publish the Amarillo Globe, an evening paper, which will now be published from the News plant. Dr. J. E. Nunn and his son, J. Lindsay Nunn, now retire from the newspaper field and will open a private office in the Nunn building on Polk street within a short time.

\$200,000 was paid for the News and a five year lease taken on the present News building, which was not included in the sale.

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Newspaper Law

This is one of a series of a compilation of laws pertaining to publishing and printing, of which there are over 150 such laws in the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas:

Art. 283. Bank and Trust Companies.—Provides that annually the shareholders of bank and trust companies shall hold a meeting for the purpose of electing a board of directors, notice of which meeting to be published at least once a week for at least two weeks in some newspaper in the city or county in which the corporation is located.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—John Huss, a Reformer Before the Revolution. Leader—Robert Mathis. Passing the Torch of Truth—Arlie Grigsby. Bohemia the Home of Huss—Ernest Abbott. Early History of Huss, and What Wycliffe Handed on to Huss—Mildred Landers. Playing the Supreme Penalty—Maile Grigsby. Lessons from the Life of Huss, and Conclusion—Fred Landers.

NOTICE

To all who are indebted to me, will please make some settlement, otherwise you might need my services and couldn't get it.

DR. W. C. MONTGOMERY. Advertisement 2 -2c

THE TRUTH ABOUT NERO

A Modern School "Essay" of the Jazz Sort

It was some years before Christ (B. C.) when Rome was burnt to a cinder. That night Old King Nero and his pals were settin' on the palace roof, enjoyin' the cool and tryin' to think of some more meanness to do. King Nero was a fat old tub, but his better half wasn't so hard on the eyes. She had "that schoolgirl complexion" and "a skin you love to touch," but she was as mean as they make 'em.

The queen she says, "Gosh, this is an awful dull night, now that they ain't any more Christchuns to burn or any more folks to throw to the lions." These was the lady's favorite indoor sports.

"Yeh," says Nero. "That's me, too."

Right here some gals come in and done a dance that pleased the gents, but didn't cut no ice with the queen. "What is them clumsy crows doin' here?" says she. "Take 'em away and cut their heads offen 'em."

Well, they done this and then Nero he says he would play his fiddle for 'em, but the queen she say no—she feels bad enough already. Then Nero he says, "Let's set fire to this burg and watch the show from here."

"Now yer talkin', kiddo," says the queen. "That's the stuff!"

So they called the soldiers and the queen she says, "Burn it up!" And they burnt it up like she said fer 'um to do.

"Gee whiz," says the queen, "this is grand." And Nero played his fiddle after all, hopin' his wife wouldn't notice it in the fuss that was goin' on.

And so Rome was burned to a cinder and the people couldn't stop it, but they could of stopt it if they had had "Fire Prevention Week," learned in the schools.—Federation News.

SHORT OR LONG, THAT'S THE QUESTION

Mrs. John B. Henderson, Washington society leader, who wages war against short skirts and cigarettes for American girls, seems to have been incited into the fray by secret worry over what happened in Rome.

"America is going the same way that Rome went to her ruin," says Mrs. Henderson. "Remember it was luxury and recklessness, too much thought of pleasure, that caused the downfall of Rome," she adds, all of which may be alarming, but not calculated to cause high blood pressure in 1926. The Washington girls rising coyly in defense of modernism, point out that Mrs. Henderson has had her fling, while they have theirs before them, and ought to be permitted to enjoy it. Nor does Mrs. Henderson's latest effort to gather the country girls around her banner of super morality seem to have caught on. Replying to her critics in the National capital, Mrs. Henderson says: "That sort of talk comes from women of the so-called smart set. The women of the smaller cities and the country villages have higher moral ideas than the average Washington debutante. The women of the so-called smart set are the worst offenders in regard to immoral styles and smoking habits." This thought is in direct accord with that of the proprietor of a New York bannery, who last week stopped a woman smoking in his food emporium, soberly remarking, "Cut it out, girlie; where do you think you are, in the Ritz?"

Fact is, however, that most of the Washington debutantes are girls from the country. Indeed, if it were not for Washington's shifting population and heavy influx of the rural flapper, it is hard to conceive how life would be bear-

able in the great city of statesmen. And the short skirts help not a little.

Mrs. Henderson need have no fear for the morals of the American girls. They are inherent and not to be gauged by the fluctuating use of the tape measure. We all loved Victoria in her day. We admired our Nancy Hanks. But times have changed, and so have skirts and sanitation and human minds. Limbs have become legs, thank God, and hypocrisy is on the decline!—Dalhart Texan.

GOOD AND BAD

There is so much good in the worst of us, And so much bad in the best of us, That it best becomes the best of us, To praise the best in the worst of us, And it ill becomes the worst of us, To mock at the faults in the best of us, Then let the best and the worst of us Extol the good in the both of us, And hide the fault in the lot of us. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE REASON

"Why do they call a girl's lover her suitor?" "Because he never does."

KITCHEN KINKS

Always wash the top of milk bottles before pouring out contents. Insist upon bread coming in oiled paper. Buy butter in cartons and keep in package in ice box. Insist on fresh package goods of a nationally advertised brand. Wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly. Keep salt and sugar jars covered and in a dry place. Wash and sun bread can thoroughly twice or more times a week. Never put fresh bread in with stale.

Salesgirl—"Look at Mr. Smith on that ladder. He's losing his equilibrium!"

Second Salesgirl—"If you were a lady you wouldn't notice such a thing."

A TRIBUTE TO WATER

Judge A. W. Arrington certainly had a true appreciation of water when he wrote the following:

"Look at that, ye thirsty ones of earth! Behold it! See its purity! How it glitters, as if a mass of liquid gems! It is a beverage that was brewed by the hand of the Almighty himself. Not in the simmering still of smoking fires, choked with poisonous gases and surrounded by the stench of sickening odors and rank corruption doth our Father in heaven prepare the precious essence of life, the pure, cold water; but in the green glade and grassy dell, where the red deer wanders and the child loves to play—there God brews it. And down, down in the deepest valleys, where the fountains murmur and the rills sing; and high upon the tall mountain tops, where the native granite glitters like gold in the sun, where the storm clouds brood and the thunders crash and away, far out on the wide sea, where the hurricanes howl music and the big waves roll the chorus heralding the match of God—there He brews it, that beverage of life, health-giving water. And everywhere it is a thing of beauty, gleaming in the dewdrop, singing in the summer rain, shining in the ice-gem, till the trees all seem turned into living jewels, spreading a golden veil over the setting sun or white gauze around the midnight moon, sporting in the cataract sleeping in the glacier, dancing in the fall shower, folding its bright curtain softly about the wintry world and weaving the merry-colored iris, that seraph's zone of the skies whose warp is the rain of earth, whose woof is the sunbeam of heaven, all checkered o'er with celestial flowers by the mystic hand of rarefaction—still always it is beautiful, that blessed life water! No poison bubbles on the brink, its foam brings no sadness or murder.

INSURANCE

LIFE FIRE HAIL

I represent some of the strongest companies in the world. I insure anything. No prohibited list. Money to loan on farms. Reliable Insurance

T. N. HOLLOWAY Reliable Insurance

no blood stains in its limpid glass. Broken-hearted wives, pale widows and starving orphans shed no tears in its depths. No drunkard's shrieking ghost from the grave curses it in words of eternal despair. Beautiful, pure, blessed and glorious. Give me forever the sparkling, pure, cold water."

A STRAINED EFFECT

"I asked her to kiss me, without avail."

"I don't like kissing through those things, either."

THE PRESENT

Marion had been to school for the first time, and she mentioned when she got home that she did not like the teacher.

"When I went into the school-room," she said, "the teacher gave me a chair and told me to sit there for the present. Well, I sat there for quite a long time, but she didn't give it to me." "Didn't give you what?" "The present."

A REAL CAKE

Mrs. Junebride—"Don't you think I've made a pretty good sponge cake?"

Her Husband—"Fine! One can hardly tell it from a real bath sponge."

THE CRAZY BONE

Winnie G.—"Ouch! I just bumped my crazy bone."

Miss Arnett—"Well, comb your hair right and the bump won't show."

FABLE—Once upon a time there was a newspaper published that never made any of its subscribers mad.

PAINLESS

"I'm afraid Bill is suffering from exaggerated ego."

"A man never suffers from exaggerated ego; he always appears to enjoy it."

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

LIFE INSURANCE FARM AND RANCH LOANS LANDS FOR SALE

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

O. G. STOKELY McLean, Texas



Dr. Montgomery will be in McLean every two weeks on Friday.

If you have trouble with your eyes or need glasses see him at the Erwin Drug store.

Drs. Montgomery & Croft 515 Polk St. Amarillo, Texas

The Names that Really Count Are Found on

Victor Records

The whole rich store of the world's greatest music, by the world's greatest artists, is yours on Victor Records.

Every Victor record you add to your collection broadens the home's resources for hospitality and entertainment.

It is now possible to get practically any Victor record you want. Consult your Victor record catalog and ask us about those records you have found it hard to get.



Erwin Drug Co.

WITH AN AX

Humorist (eyeing editor's check)—"I certainly don't get what's coming to me for my jokes." Editor—"You're lucky."

Friend (to fair motorist)—"Mercy! You barely missed running over that man. If he hadn't jumped—"

Fair motorist—"Oh, that's all right. It was my husband, and the doctor said he needed exercise."

DISPLACING LOCOMOTIVES

The motor car is displacing the locomotive.—Detroit News.

However, we were at a grade crossing recently where a motor car had tried to displace a locomotive, but it had not displaced it so that one could notice it. The springs of the motor car had turned up their toes and died. The radiator had split in two and leaked back against the engine in eternal repose. The driver was thrust down over the steering gear and the wheel had to be removed to pull him off. One headlight was

wall-eyed and the other was cross-eyed. The frame had crumpled up like zig-zag lightning. One cylinder was missing. There was do definite sign that the locomotive had been greatly annoyed. The driver of the car was slightly discommoded. His skull was fractured; his back was broken; his chest was lacerated; his legs were limp. The only thing about him that did not seem to be damaged was his self-conceit. He looked as if he might be laid up for several days and give the locomotive a chance to have a puffing spell in its strenuous endeavors to avoid being displaced. If there were fewer attempts at this mild enthusiasm the mortality rate of America would be appreciably lowered. As a life work, displacement of locomotives is not recommended by the best authorities as especially healthful.

It also has a depressing effect on the insurance market.—Los Angeles Times.

Many a married man is out feet foremost because he is in headlong.

PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISER

GOOD TIRES

There is no economy in non-standard tires. Buy tires from us and be sure of maximum service in each case.

Fisk—Michelin—United SNAPPY SERVICE STATION

THE STAFF OF LIFE

Good bread is a real tissue builder. No meal is complete without good bread. We make our bread from the best ingredients that we can buy. Properly baked in our big ovens it is a pure wholesome food. Try a loaf today.

McLEAN BAKERY

H. H. LEE, Proprietor

Are You a Slave?

Harold Lang was. He had a steady position with good wages, yet he was far from being independent. He knew that if he lost his job it would be only a matter of a few days until he would be "hard-pressed." Why? Because he had lived up practically all he earned. He was foolish. Every day his friends were losing their jobs through circumstances or injury. He had been lucky so far, but he knew that some day he would get a few hard knocks. So will you. Everybody does.

Start an account with us now and begin to save.

The American National Bank

THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

at Alameda, State of Texas, at the close of business on 31st day of December, 1925, published in The McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1926.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security. Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon. Overdrafts, undoubtedly good. Bonds, stocks and other securities. Real Estate (banking house). Other Real Estate. Furniture and fixtures. Cash on hand. Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand. Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund. Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund. Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good. Other Resources.

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock. Other Surplus Fund. Undivided profits, net. Individual Deposits subject to check on which interest is paid. Time Certificates of Deposit. Public Funds on Deposit: County (included in Time Certificates). School (included in Individual Deposits). Cashier's Checks outstanding. Bills Payable.

Total. State of Texas, County of Gray.

We, Andy Word, as vice president, and Jennie Sherrod, assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ANDY WORD, Vice President. JENNIE SHERROD, Assistant Cashier. A. D. 1926. S. L. BALL, Notary Public, (SEAL) Gray County, Texas. Correct—Attest: E. B. HEDRICK, C. M. McCLINTOCK, Directors.

S. R. KENNEDY MOVES TO NEW HOME

S. R. Kennedy has moved to the Joe Hindman place recently purchased by Mr. Kennedy from Clay Thompson.

STOP ADV. SAYS JONES

Z. T. Jones ordered an advertisement run in our want column offering some cows for sale. He came in Monday and ordered the ad stopped as he has sold all his cows as a direct result of the little advertisement.

Mr. Jones says he may have some more good cows to sell a little later and he will sell them through The News.

LOCAL REBEKAHS HAVE SUPPER MONDAY NIGHT

The local Rebekah lodge enjoyed a supper at the I. O. O. F. hall Monday night. Each one brought a dish of something good to eat and a social good time was had.

After the supper a degree team was organized with Jess Ledebter as captain and L. L. Rogers assistant. It is the purpose of the lodge to train a team to compete in the associational meet in Amarillo.

BIBLE BUYS HOME

Cecil Bible and family have moved to the residence on First street recently bought of R. T. Harris.

McLEAN TIGERS WIN GAME FROM SHAMROCK

The McLean Tigers were victors in a fast game of basketball at Shamrock last Friday night. The final score was 25 to 18 in favor of McLean.

After the matched game, the Shamrock town boys played the McLean boys. Shamrock was an easy victor in this game, as a number of second string men were used in the McLean line-up and the regulars were tired out from the preceding game.

The McLean girls expected to

play the Shamrock girls the same night, but there was a misunderstanding in matching the game and the Shamrock girls were not there to play.

About ten cars of boosters from McLean accompanied the players and did some good work on the lines during the game.

W. H. Peters of Pampa says to keep The News coming to his address, as they do not want to miss a copy.

O. G. Stokely and M. D. Bentley were Shamrock visitors Tuesday.

HOW SMOKING AFFECTS COLLEGE AND SCHOOL BOYS

After a careful study of smoking among students throughout schools in the United States, the following results were obtained: 31.8% of non-smokers fail to make required

grades, while 62.3% of smokers fail. Inhalers fail more often. Of 23 students dismissed from a certain college, 20 were smokers.

In athletics, non-smokers have a bigger advantage of points than the smokers. Although there is little difference in their physique, with these figures and facts before us, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that smoking is actually a cause of mental inefficiency.—Crosbyton Hi-Chief.

THE FLAPPER

Lem Frisby, who is a bachelor, gives this definition of a flapper: "A flapper is a girl who powders her face, paints her lips and cheeks, bobs her hair and says to herself, 'Clothes, I'm going out; if you want to come along, hang on.'"

THE LAST STRAW

"Why did you divorce your husband?" asked Belle. "Well," replied Ann, "he got mad one morning and pulled my

hair, hit me and then threw me downstairs."

"No wonder you divorced him!"

"Oh, I didn't mind that so much, but to cap the climax, he walked off without kissing me good bye."

USUALLY

Teacher—Ella, in what way does the moon affect the tide?"

Ell—"It has no effect on the tide; it affects only the untied."

AIRPROOF

is guaranteed to stop tire punctures or leaking valves. \$3.00 up will end your tire troubles. Guaranteed not to rot tubes.

You can order from C. H. Rowe under a personal guarantee of satisfaction. Rowe has it in his tires, driving anywhere.

Man -- Talk to Men

Since the beginning of organized society everything without a name has ended with a question mark. The very reason why marriage itself has been able to maintain so much sentiment amongst civilized races is that it gave to our children a name.

There is no virtue in a name itself, except that it throws the light of investigation upon whatever the name stands for.

Now the object of this article is simply to get you to remember the names of the articles you buy, or at least the names of the people you buy them from. Because that is the only way of increasing good business methods in this city.

In this last twenty years business men have discovered a new method of establishing a name. They do it through advertising.

Now again there is no special virtue in advertising except that it does two things. First, it sells goods cheaper, because it sells more of them. And, second, it shortens the time that it formerly took to establish a name. There are just as honest business men who do not advertise as there are who do. That is not the point. The point is that they are not as good business men and that you do not have any way of telling whether they are honest or not.

Now there are a great many advertisers in this paper today who have established for themselves, or for their products, a good name. There is a lifetime of hard effort attached to the signature of many of these ads, so you cannot possibly do better than to read this advertising for whatever you wish to buy.

When a man or a product has an established name, you know where to go, if the quality does not live up to the guaranty.

So turn to the advertising in this paper today; read it, buy from it, and you will know that if at any time the thing you buy isn't right, the man with a name will make it right.

Wants
ADVERTISEMENTS—One insertion, 2c per line; 5c per word each week after first insertion.
 Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as advertising matter. Black-face type 10c per line. Initials and numbers count as words.
 Advertisements accepted for 15 days unless otherwise specified. Cash with order unless otherwise specified. Running accounts with News.
SALE—10 tons fine stem hay, baled \$15.00 per ton at \$16.00. P. O. B. McLean. Wilson. 1-2p
SALE, cheap, buggy with harness, at Hanson's Block with shop. T. M. Wolfe. tfc
STORAGE—Clean dry storage space daily supervision. Inquire News office
 "Topper Tavern."
MATRESSES renovated and re-covered. Will call for and deliver in McLean once each week. Leave orders at News office or write Economy Mattress Co., P. O. Box Shamrock, Texas. 40-9p-tfc
LAND for cash, 3 good farms, 80, 140 and 200 acres. See write W. S. Clayton, McLean, Tex. 1p
 "Topper Tavern."
WE HAVE a January bargain on The News and Star-Telegram that we will be glad to extend to you. If you failed to take advantage of the December sale, ask about the new rate. News office. 1
Service Truck. Call Riley Scott. Phone 18. Advertisement tfc
FAN SAMPLES. Merchants should see our fan samples. There is no need to order advertising fan calendars out of town. News office.
ST ME butcher your hogs. Will call for and deliver in city limits. B. Roby. Phone 182. tfc
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DR SALE—Saddle, bridle blank and spurs. McLean Blacksmith. 1-3c
BOOKS ARE cheaper at Nett's Cash Store. tfc
 "Topper Tavern."
DR SALE—Three five-acre farms, one facing north just west of E. Savage home; two facing back and south of Savage home. Price \$1,000 each; 1/4 cash, two and three years at 8%. Jones, Woodward, Okla. 2-2c
LAND—Section of good level land, all tillable, for sale or lease for property in or near McLean, Texas. Call News office. 1-3
WASTE and trash hauled from part of the city at reasonable prices. Phone 40, 2. Frank Haynes.
WAGON—in city limits, on New Year's day, a wagon sheet. You may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. P. P. Petty. 1c
DR SALE—Young Jersey bull, service, good registered Jersey at my barn for a short time. P. P. Petty. 1-2p
WATCH—12 size Elgin watch. Returned to News office.
THE COPIES of this paper, returned to the News office.
CHERRY—Large bedroom. Two men preferred. Mrs. J. E. Petty. 1p
DR SALE or trade.—Ford equipment, new tires and wheels. H. H. Malwin, Jeweler. 2-3c
FF—Fair cotton scales. Find same here at Chickasha Gin. News office. 1c
DR SALE—A \$50 Jenkins car with A slide. Good condition. Carl Ashby. tfc

THE McLEAN NEWS
Published Every Thursday

T. A. Landers Fred Landers
LANDERS & LANDERS
Editors and Owners

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

Subscription Price

One Year	\$1.50
Six Months	.75
Three Months	.40

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

There was never any real need to import negroes to our community and it is possible that there will never be such a need. Cheap labor is not the solution of any community's problem. The negro brings problems of his own that any community would do well to keep from its borders.

It will be hard for newspaper men to realize that the Nunnas are no longer connected with the Amarillo Daily News, but everyone knows that Amarillo is not yet a large enough town to support rival newspapers. We hope to see the new owners make a financial success of this venture.

This is election year and everyone should see that his poll tax is paid in order that he may be entitled to vote. Good men should be encouraged to run for office, and the citizens should be in position to cast a vote. Not only is this state and county election year, but city and school officials will be elected this spring. Be prepared to vote, or you may be sorry.

Quite a bit of controversy is occasioned by the efforts of officers to enforce the car license law in many towns. We take the position that as long as the law is on the statute books it should be enforced upon all alike. If one man is required to pay before the first day of the year, all should do so or suffer the penalty. There is no excuse under a democratic government for the man who wants to obey only such laws as suit his fancy.

It is now the time of year for fire insurance agents to make their reports in order that the town may have any deserved credit of the insurance rate. McLean lost 15% credit last year on account of failure of some agents to make reports. There are only five firms to make such reports this year, and they should report for 1923 and 1924, in order to secure proper rating for our town. This reduction is easily secured and amounts to a considerable sum each year.

The State Commissioner of Agriculture has issued a call for a statewide agricultural conference to be held at Austin, the 23rd of this month, at which time farmers' problems will be considered. Everyone interested in the reduction of cotton acreage, the building up of the soil, marketing problems, etc., are invited to attend. If only the cotton problem can be solved at this meeting, it will have been well while.

The News received a bunch of neckties by mail this week with the request to buy, or send back at once. As the postage was enclosed the ties were put right back in the mail as soon as they could be wrapped. Enclosing postage might be considered enough, but if very many concerns should practice such selling methods, one's time would be petty well taken up with wrapping and mailing the stuff back. We know where and how to buy goods without being sent stuff on approval by men we have never heard of. We understand that over half of the boxes sent to our postoffice were sent back on the next train, but the profit in the goods offered is probably great enough to allow some money for the senders, even if a very small per cent buy their offerings.

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

WATCH YOUR STEP

Georgia—"What kind of husband would you advise me looking for?"
Sherry—"You let husbands alone, Georgia, dear—you get a single man."

PAMPA C. OF C. ELECTS OFFICERS

Pampa, Jan. 8.—The annual meeting of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce was held at the White Deer Land office Tuesday evening, with a fairly large attendance.

Nominations were placed before the house for seven directors, and resulted in the election of C. C. Cook, W. L. Woodward, Otto Studer, J. E. Murfee, A. H. Doucette, C. P. Buckler and Joe M. Smith. The newly elected board then retired and elected from their number a president, vice president, and secretary, resulting in the old officers being re-elected, as follows:

President—J. E. Murfee.
Vice president—Joe M. Smith.
Secretary—C. P. Buckler.

Membership cards were then signed up for 1926, upon the same basis as last year; \$25 and \$50 memberships for business houses and \$12 for individual membership.

A number of matters were discussed during the course of the evening, probably the most important being the need for work on the oil field road. It was decided to put this road in good condition as soon as it is possible to secure the road-building machinery. One of the bridges on the road will also be rebuilt and another repaired.

A committee was appointed to take charge of this work and push it to completion. Another special committee was appointed to confer with officials of the various railroads now running preliminary surveys through here from the east.—Pampa News.

Donald Beall takes advantage of our bargain rate on the Star-Telegram this week.

M. Roe, drayman, handed us \$1.50 for a year's subscription to the News Wednesday.

Curg Williams of the Williams Motor Company made a business trip to Oklahoma City this week.

IT DEPENDS

Vera—"I wonder how many boys I will make unhappy when I marry?"

Hazel—"It just depends on how many you marry."

PROOF

Mrs. Hen—"Are you sure you used every argument with which to convince your husband?"
Mrs. P.—"Absolutely. There isn't a whole dish left in the house."

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NO SECTION NEEDS "CHEAP LABOR"

As West Texas becomes more and more a cotton country, the increased demand for negro labor will undoubtedly work a change in its population. Even now, a number of counties which in the past have boasted of their total absence of negro inhabitants are quite anxious for what they call cheap labor.

We can't help but feel that West Texas is making a mistake in going into cotton so strong that "cheap labor" must be had. In the first place, there is no such thing as cheap labor. Cheap labor means cheap, slovenly work. Cheap labor means an illiteracy problem for people among whom an illiterate is a rarity. Cheap labor means a lowered standard of living. It means a lowered standard of citizenship.

Some say that cheap labor is absolutely necessary for a farmer to make money. The experience of the Old South does not bear out this statement. It has always had cheap labor and its farmers have not made money. Instead of helping the Old South, cheap labor has been a burden. A crop made with cheap labor usually sells for a cheap price. Furthermore, the presence of a large mass of illiterate shiftless people distributed among educated, energetic people has a tendency to drag down the better to the level of the poorer classes.

West Texas will make a huge mistake if it grows cotton to the extent that it must have "cheap" labor to do its farm work.—The Progressive Farmer.

THE EDITOR'S REWARD

The editor of a newspaper is as indispensable to a community as a banker, physician or lawyer, and he is worthy of as much financial reward.

One of the first things to do if he is to get this reward is to make a fair charge for editorial service. This charge will vary with the size of the paper. It should be based, not on what the editor does, but on what he knows just as the reward of other responsible persons. The editor who knows what to "play up," when to use "soft pedal" and who will do this with an eye single to the well-being of the community, is entitled to a salary commensurate with the services he performs. He is entitled to charge as salary, an amount equal to that received by other community leaders—bankers, lawyers, doctors, school principals, etc. In a few of the smaller towns community leadership is vested in men who receive \$1,200 to \$1,500 a year; in larger towns leaders are about \$2,000 men, and in still

larger towns they are \$3,000 to \$5,000 men. In each case the editor is entitled to similar compensation.

The second thing to do is to charge adequate advertising rates. It is commonly believed that there is a rate which should be charged for each thousand circulation. There is no such rate. Each class of paper must have a different rate per thousand and the smaller the paper the higher the rate.

Will the advertiser pay the small paper a higher rate per thousand than the larger paper asks? The little paper has its 500 prospective customers who can be reached in no better way. The local merchant practically must use it, if he is to reach these prospects, and if the general advertiser can see additional profits in reaching these 500 people, he also will pay the rate.

The rate should depend a great deal on the effectiveness of the paper as an advertising medium. If your readers are interested in your paper from the standpoint of news and editorials, your advertising will be more effective. Again the advertising in a paper with smaller circulation is really worth more than that in larger papers, because there is not so much competition.

The ably edited country newspaper is one of the greatest agencies for the welfare of the nation. And if the country editor is to do this great work, "the laborer is worthy of his hire."—The Country Publisher.

EXPLAINED HIS LOOKS



"Why does buying a new suit make you look so bored?"
"Had to plunk down fifty bucks for it."

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of Democratic Primary, July 24, 1926.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
JOHNNIE R. BACK
E. S. GRAVES

WHY SHE LOVED HIM



He—"Tell me, why you love me, Dot?"
She—"I suppose it's because you remind me so much of my poor pet moon key I lost."

INFANCY LONG PAST



Motorist—Infants outgrow their rattles.
His Wife—Most of them do.
Motorist—Then why shouldn't this old car!

ANIMAL AIDS



"He employs the tactics of the fox
"And also makes use of a little tail"

JUNIOR RED CROSS A PEACE BY BIG GROW

Gains 142,000 Members in Schools Throughout United States.

A new high level in peace membership of the American Red Cross is recorded for 1925, ranks numbering 5,738,648 school and boys—a gain of 142,000.

This unique and powerful child organization started as a war measure, but today is one of the great influences for peace ever known. Increasing participation in local groups of service has featured year's growth. It is indicated that a greater degree than ever before the schools are performing individual and collective acts of service true Red Cross spirit.

The success of the Junior work program, launched last year through cooperation of the Life-Saving Society of the Red Cross, has led to fan termination to make it a regular feature of both these branches. An outstanding feature of the Junior's work this year was their participation for the first time of a Red Cross worker in the disaster relief operations following the earthquake in Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. Schools in many more fortunate cities displayed a keen interest in sending toys and books for the children in the disaster areas.

The Junior Red Cross program flourished not alone in settling war-mutilated, but has been extended to Indian schools, and to native Indian schools where many Eskimo children undertook Junior work. In addition the international correspondence program, launched last year through cooperation of the Life-Saving Society of the Red Cross, has led to fan termination to make it a regular feature of both these branches. An outstanding feature of the Junior's work this year was their participation for the first time of a Red Cross worker in the disaster relief operations following the earthquake in Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. Schools in many more fortunate cities displayed a keen interest in sending toys and books for the children in the disaster areas.

HAMMERMILL BOND and Our Good PRINTING Will Save You Money

The McLean News

A Carload of Farm Implements

We have just unloaded a big car of P. & O. and International implements. We are going to make you a real price and try to give you the service that the public is entitled to.

Before you buy, come in and figure with us.

We have also received a dandy line of Cream Separators—the best that money can buy. If there were a better one, we would have it.

INCUBATORS—yes, we have them, too.

Lest you forget, we have one of the best stocks of furniture, shelf hardware and harness to be found in the Panhandle.

Try our service; you will like it.

WE FURNISH THE HOME COMPLETE

Hamilton-McGowen Hardware and Furniture Company

Claud McGowen, Mgr.

Groceries

An Appetizing Dinner

can be served at a reduced cost if you know where to buy quality groceries.

The thrifty housewife trades here because she knows we handle the finest fresh goods at reasonable prices.

We have all the food and ingredients for cooking and baking to make the dinner a real joy to family and friends.

McLean Supply Co.

CHAS. LESTER, Manager

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News from Gracey
One enjoyed a party at the home Saturday night. Bush left Tuesday for a few days' visit to parents. Fondren left Saturday for home at Littlefield. Price, Christian preacher at Henderson, preached at the house Sunday evening. Mrs. Bill Webb and Mrs. Burette Kinard are in McLean this week. A former class met at the home Sunday night. Mrs. Derrick is on the sick bed. Mrs. Kellar is on the sick bed. Mrs. Webb and children are in McLean this week.

News from Alanreed
Following pupils made the averages in school for the month:
Grade—Mildred Street 1st, McDaniel 2nd, Ernest Oak 3rd, Ernestine Braxton 4th, Roland Gibson 5th, Guendoline Darnell 6th, O'Neal Huger 7th, Monte Gibson 1st, Joe Gonzales 2nd, Juandell Street 1st, Lou Darnell and Elsie Gibson 2nd, Casey Lee 3rd, Willie Dee Hall 1st, Johnnie Carlton 2nd, Doyle Brock 1st, Slavin Jr. 2nd, Jessie Reeves 3rd, Lois Harrie 1st, Wilson 2nd, Margaret Boyd 3rd, Mary Snyder 1st, Loute Calaway 1st, Snyder 2nd.

Mrs. C. P. Hamilton of Okla., spent Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Roy Franklin. Mrs. Roy Franklin have back to McLean from Colorado to spend the winter.

The list of the officers of the local lodge printed in last week's News, three names were due to an oversight on the part of the reporter. They were: Miss Margaret Glass, Miss Ruby Anderson, Miss Inez Shaw.

Hill of Shamrock renews his subscription to The News this week. Frank Moore, a 10 pounder, renewed his subscription to The News this week. Bogan was an Amarillo cowboy.

A. Hall of Shamrock has renewed his subscription to The News this week. Hummelby of Mobeetle sends us \$1.50 Saturday to renew his subscription to The News.

COTTON GROWERS NEED WHAT OTHER FARMERS ARE ALREADY GETTING
Congress will soon be in session, and one of the things our Southern farmers should seek to accomplish is the repeal of the law that prevents the Department of Agriculture from issuing an early spring report showing how many acres of cotton farmers expect to plant. If such a report had been issued early in March last year, and had shown that farmers expected to plant 46,000,000 acres in cotton, it is not reasonable to suppose that many farmers would have cut down their cotton acreage and planted more feed and food crops? "Intentions-to-plant" reports are issued for all crops except cotton. Isn't it apparent that something is radically wrong with someone's mental progress when potato growers, wheat growers, corn growers, and all other growers find these reports a great help, while a few loud-mouthed, self-appointed agricultural leaders here in the South say they injure the cotton farmer? It's time Southern farmers spoke for themselves and let their legislative representatives know their position.

In the spring of 1923, after such a report was issued, cotton prices went down, and immediately a howl went up that the "intentions-to-plant" report was responsible. But in 1924, another slump in price came just about the same time of year, and it came in spite of the fact that no intentions-to-plant report was issued. But even if the report goes to press prices, when it indicates a large acreage to be planted, it will be equally effective in increasing prices when it shows that farmers expect to decrease their plantings. Furthermore, these reports are issued when some of the cotton is out of the farmer's hands, and at that time of year he is not greatly concerned no matter what turn the market takes. It is certainly to the farmer's advantage that the price of cotton be depressed temporarily in the spring before he plants, and after his last year's crop is sold. If this "intentions-to-plant" report will decrease the acreage and prevent a price slump in the fall after the crop is beyond recall and when the farmer has cotton to sell. Every cotton farmer in the South should sit down at once and write his Congressman asking for the repeal of the act prohibiting the releasing of "intentions-to-plant" reports for cotton, but insist that these reports be issued before March 15, so that farmers can change their plans should reports show an intention to plant too much cotton. —The Progressive Farmer.

CROSSING THE GRADE
"Passing the buck" is a great American institution. That is why the motorist curses the railroads for maintaining death traps. Likewise do traffic managers of railroads condemn the motorist for "criminal carelessness." This "buck passing" by motorist and railroad is very unfair. Both are to blame, and yet both are doing their utmost to avoid accidents. There are about 256,362 grade crossings in the United States and nearly twenty million motor cars. To eliminate these grade crossings would cost around fifteen billion dollars—a total impossibility, and yet the railroads are trying to do that very thing—commencing with two classes of crossing—those with unusually dangerous locations and those situated on heavy traffic. The Illinois Commerce Commission has enacted these excellent rules: "All crossings must be constructed so that the road space is flush with the tops of the rails, and sixteen inches outside the rails. Eighteen feet is to be the minimum width or the full width of road if such width is greater. No grade is to exceed 1% for the first twenty-five feet on each side of the outer rails, or to exceed 3% within the right of way. Railways must clear all brush five hundred feet on each side of crossings and highway commissioners three hundred feet beyond. Be fair, motorist—do your part, too. It's your life that you are saving anyhow, so by heeding these few simple rules you can help reduce the death toll at the grade crossings: Should the grade crossing happen to be unprotected and the view on either side obstructed, stop if you can't see ahead or to the sides. Don't take a chance. And if the watchman doesn't happen to be on the job, why don't push ahead on the thought that no train is approaching. He is fall-

ble like yourself—something might have occurred to keep him away. When traveling at night don't mistake the red lanterns on lowered gates for tail lights of vehicles. Stop, look and listen. Don't race a locomotive. Should the road force you to pass ahead of that train you would be—out of luck. Besides the engineer cannot control his ponderous steed as you can yours with four-wheel brakes. Never start across double tracks behind the rear car of a train. Such practice eventually ends in death—by being crushed by a train coming the other way. When you do cross, don't crawl, but step on it and prevent stalling. Never change gears on a railroad track. And above all—watch yourself—all the time.

DANGEROUS FALL
Mrs. Allison—"I fell off a 65-foot ladder today."
Mrs. King—"It's a miracle you weren't killed."

Lister Points
Lister points for all makes of listers, on hand. Let us help you get ready for spring work. All kinds of repair work done.
McLean Blacksmith Shop
1-4c

V. H. Moore Auctioneer
Wheeler, Texas
Dates made at News office or call me collect.

Cut as You Like It
We do not tell you how you should have your hair cut unless you ask our advice. We will cut it the way you specify.
Elite Barber Shop
Everett & West, Props.

Ora Oliver Gooch
Graduate Optometrist
Glasses Correctly Fitted
All work first class and guaranteed.
First National Bank Building
Shamrock, Texas

Mrs. Allison—"But I only fell off the first rung."
THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS
He used to send her roses red Or orchids every day; He said with flowers everything A man could have to say.

And though they now are wed, his Gifts have never ceased to shower; When she brings her for a treat A lovely sack of flour!
—The Cuckoo Nest.

WEST TEXAS—DON'T WEAR OUT THE LAND
It is remarkable how rapidly land wears out when it is cropped year after year to wheat or cotton or any other soil-robbing crop. Farmers migrate to a new agricultural section. The soil is black and gives every indication of being able to hold its productivity in spite of the worst sort of cropping abuse. "The land will never wear out," say the newcomers, and then they

JEWELER
Watches, Clocks, Phonographs, Sewing Machines, etc., Repaired
All Work Guaranteed
Watches for Sale or Trade
N. M. Balwin
McLean, Texas

Shoe & Top Shop
Expert Shoe Repairing
Auto Top and Curtain Work
Modern Machinery Used
Huff's Shoe and Top Shop
G. J. Huff, Prop.

FURNITURE
New and Second Hand
Furniture Bought and Sold
See Us First
W. C. Dunaway

For Good Food
cooked like you want it, come to us.
The Texas Cafe

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

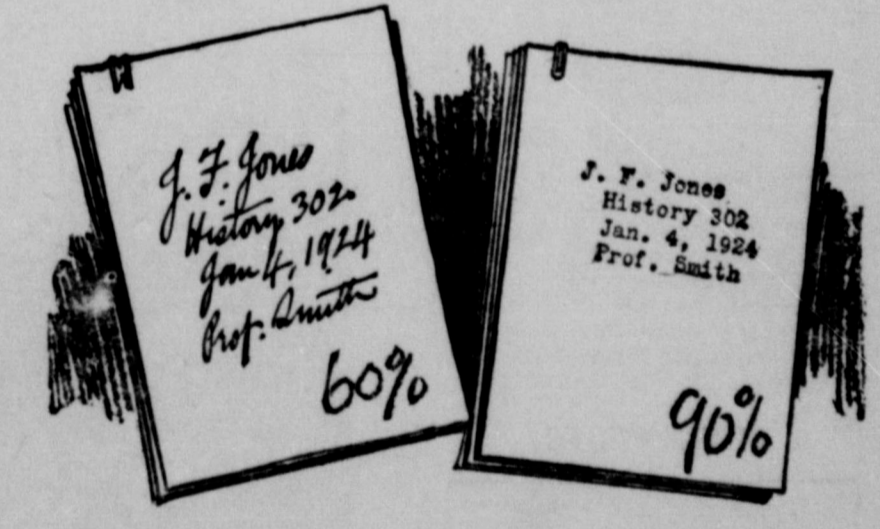
set to work to put it to the test. Some fifty years ago the farmers of the Southeast began to settle up the black lands of Texas. There they found a soil enriched and made black by the accumulation of years on years of decayed organic matter. But it has taken only a comparatively short span of years of cropping abuse to bring this land of exceptional virgin fertility to its knees in an abject plea for organic matter and plant food. Now the grass lands of West Texas are being brought under the plow. Its farmers have not learned the lesson taught by the experience of Central Texas, because already they are talking about the dire necessity for cheap labor in order that they may grow more and more cotton. How long will it be before West Texas has an acute soil fertility problem of its own? Not long, at

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

Unexpected Company
When unexpected company comes just at meal time and nothing in the house to cook, don't forget that our line of fresh and cured meats is complete. We'll cut it just like you say, ready to cook or ready to serve.
THE CITY MARKET
The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

Your Bank and You
If you are a depositor here, know that this is your bank, dedicated to your interests and operated by men who know the needs of the community they serve and who are earnestly and honestly striving for the individual success of every customer. We want this bank to be, not only first in the financial affairs of this community, but first, also, in the hearts of its customers.

The Citizens State Bank
CAPITAL, BOND AND SURPLUS \$58,750.00
J. S. MORSE, President
C. C. BOGAN, Cashier



A TYPEWRITTEN exam, thesis, or theme has many advantages. It is easy to read, and makes a good impression; it is usually more fluent and more accurate, and it saves time. Use a Remington Portable for all your writing. This sturdy, little machine is compact, convenient, and complete, with the regulation four-row keyboard like the big machines, and other "big machine" features. It can be operated on your lap, if you wish, for it carries its table on its back. Price, complete with case, \$60. Easy payment terms if desired.

Remington Portable
The News



Quality Groceries
We are just as particular regarding the quality of the groceries we sell as you are in buying them for the home table. We take pride in offering you only the best and freshest food products obtainable. If you will telephone your order, you may expect quick delivery of quality groceries. Phone fifty.
Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Co.

TOWN PESTS



The Expert broadcasts Free Advice on All Subjects, from Raising Chickens to Running the Town. Because he has Failed at Everything he ever Undertook, the Expert's Advice should be Good, for he Knows all the Wrong Ways to Do Things. Just take his Advice backwards. That's All.

TOWN PESTS



The Henpecked Husband is a Pest of the First Water becauz he can't Do Nuthin' ner Say Nuthin' without first asking his Wife. If the Poor Fish'd only Grow a Backbone, instead of Bleating Plaintively about the Wife, his Friends wouldn't feel So Much Like Knocking Him for a Row of Ash Cans every Lodge Night.

TOWN PESTS



The Slow-Pay Pest has the Money and will Pay Some Time but he just Naturally Hates to Let Go of the Jack. Merchants can't Pay No Bills with Dollars that are Slow Comin' to Work, but the Slow-Pay don't give a Darn, hence his Place in the List of Pests.

TOWN PESTS



The Frank Guy, who Always Says What He Thinks, is a Cheese of the First Whey and a Town Pest than Which there is None Whicher. Here the Post who Always Says What He Thinks has Met Up with the Chap who Always does What He Wants To and the Result is Most Amphibious as the Feller Sez!

News from Liberty

A large crowd enjoyed a singing at the R. O. Cunningham home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan and children spent Sunday in the Al Brewer home at McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and children visited in the Frank Bell home Sunday.

Some of the neighbors and friends gave a birthday surprise to Mrs. John Lively Sunday night by taking good things to eat for supper. All enjoyed the occasion very much.

M. T. Corbin called at the M. F. Corbin home at McLean Sunday evening.

R. O. Cunningham and M. T. Corbin went to Shamrock one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and children of Alanreed visited in the Frank Bell home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson and children spent Sunday in the J. O. Holloway home recently.

W. R. Stokes has moved back to his home in the Liberty community.

O. P. Hommel orders his address changed from Alanreed to Louisville, Tenn. Mr. Hommel will spend the winter in Tennessee.

Money was donated Monday to buy a ticket home for a sick negro. Negro friends were unable to help the sick man, so interested citizens took charge and raised the money necessary for the ticket and expenses.

Mrs. T. A. White of Amarillo visited in the W. Sherman White home Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Curg Williams visited friends at Hollis, Okla., this week.

Tennessee Red peanuts for sale. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement

WINTER DRIVING

Watch your windshield, for glass is easily broken on a morning when the mercury is trying to creep down to the thermometer bulb. The cold makes the glass more brittle, and often a sharp jerk on the windshield to change its position will crack the glass.

When you come in from a long drive and the car top is covered with snow, brush the top by folding it back, and then allow it to dry with the top up. A folded top, if damp, will deteriorate rapidly, and will soon discolor and crack. Don't clean a top with gasoline, for gasoline will ruin any rubber which is in the fabric or construction. When the top does need cleaning, use good castile soap and a scrubbing brush. Soap and water will have an equally good effect on the cel-

luloid windows, too. The driver who fails to equip his car with some form of anti-skid chains for the coming months is neglecting a sane precaution, but these should be used only when absolutely necessary. They should be fitted loose enough so that they will work around the tire and accordingly distribute the strain, but they should not be so loose as to form a "bunade" and bring about the pounding and bumping which is very detrimental to the tread. Chains applied too tight will considerably shorten the life of the tire. They will not prevent skidding if applied in this manner, and will bite into the tread and play the part of a skate.

This is especially true on wet or icy pavements, and the bite in the tread can easily be recognized and the cause determined on account of the chain-link impression on the tread, which is usually in evidence. Chains should never be applied when the carcass of the tire is exposed. Disregard of this point not only proves costly, but the blowout takes place at a most inconvenient time, because chains are usually used on rainy days, on muddy roads, or during the winter after a heavy snowfall.

Don't trust to your chains to prevent skidding on pavements. A skid usually results from the lack of a secure grip of the tires on the pavement. It sometimes happens on a dry roadway, but usually this is due to excessive speed. Some drivers find that their cars skid nearly every time they put on the brakes, especially on a wet pavement. This is probably due to the brakes not being adjusted to the same tension so that one brake takes hold sooner than the other.

A NICKEL A DAY FOR READING MATTER

We can never make the South what it ought to be, we can never make country life what it ought to be until farmers get rid of this idea that their minds are not worth feeding. A man has got to believe in himself more than that, must have more respect for his brain and his mind, before he can amount to anything. He must believe that his own mind and his children's minds deserve the best intellectual food he can find—and plenty of it. He wouldn't let his children go with two meals a day when they need three. Why then should he com-

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pel his children to get along with only an occasional monthly or semi-monthly feast of intellectual food instead of seeing to it that the best papers to be had come to his home every week?

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We should take our best local paper, the best farm paper, the best political and church papers, the best magazines, even if they do cost more—clean, wholesome, wide-awake, ably-edited papers that stand for progress, for improvement, and for high ideals.

No hard and fast rule can be laid down, but a reasonable minimum can be fixed, and we would say that no man is doing right by himself or his family if he averages less than a nickel a day or \$18 a year for papers, magazines and books.—Editor Clarence Poe, in The Progressive Farmer.

A RULE OF THREE

Three things to govern—temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to cultivate—courtesy, affection and gentleness.

Three things to commend—thrift, industry and promptness.

Three things to despise—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to wish for—health, friends and contentment.

Three things to admire—dignity, gracefulness and intellectual power.

Three things to give—alms to the needy, comfort to the sad and appreciation to the worthy.

HER MUSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Little—"Has Mrs. Jamison any education along musical lines?" Beulah K.—"I should say so! Name any record and she can tell you what is on the other side."

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