

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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No. 5.

## C. Spends Many Hours in Discussion Mon.

Three hours and thirty minutes were consumed in steady discussion of the various subjects offered at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, Secretary Fred Landers presented his resignation, as he plans to leave McLean in the near future.

J. Lender, who held this position during 1925, was elected to fill the unexpired term.

President Stokely stated that the Ed Fellows Lodge had asked permission to use the C. of C. building for a banquet. A motion was carried that the use of the building be donated to the lodge for its purpose.

The committee to secure another doctor for McLean had nothing to report. Discussion showed the need of another physician and a hall sanitarium to take care of the growing needs of the community.

The need of a laundry for McLean was also mentioned.

President Howard of the school board reported that the kind and cost of a proposed addition to the school building would be decided Friday night at a meeting with the architect, after which final plans would be drawn.

W. S. White, trustee, said that every step taken by the school board will be made known to the Chamber of Commerce as the work progresses.

The dues committee made no report, however the president called any who were not present at a committee meeting who had not accepted the quota assigned them. A response was made to the resolution.

The master of fair catalogs that are promised exhibitors in January of this year was mentioned in the matter left in the hands of the directors, with the idea as early work in this direction as possible. A small folder vertizing this section was also mentioned.

The idea of the C. of C. putting a vineyard on the Postal Highway as an advertising proposition to induce others to grow grapes was gone into, and President Stokely mentioned the fact that a highway is now in the Federal System of roads and will be paved within the next 3 or 4 years, and any grapes set now will be in full bearing by that time, making possible a ready market for all produced.

After free discussion by many members a motion was made that the C. of C. furnish 50 plants to try are planted on the highway for 10 miles east of town to increase the west.

J. S. Howard, T. B. Roby, D. N. Searcy and Z. T. Jones were appointed as a committee to canvass possibilities of this business. The idea was expressed that grape growing aritation should be confined to the farms along the highway, but that every farm should be urged to plant a few vines in grapes this year.

President Stokely read a letter from District Agricultural Agent R. Edmonds stating that Gray County's apportionment from state funds for the employment of a county agent had been given to this county and expressed regret that this county was not in position to employ an agent at this time.

After full discussion of the need of a county agent, a motion was made that a committee be appointed to go before the commissioners next at the next term and ask that steps be taken toward securing an agent and that a letter from Mr. Edmonds be published in The McLean News.

Editor's note: The letter had been published in The News at the time of going to press.

The Phoenix of the Kachelhoffer well stated that in his opinion there is enough gas flow in the well to supply the city of McLean and that the company would like to furnish gas to the city.

## The Ground Hog



## CHEVROLET GARAGE BUILDING ADDITION

C. C. Cook, owner of the buildings occupied by the Chevrolet garage and McLean Bakery, is planning an addition to each building.

The garage building will be extended 40 feet, making a full 90 foot building, and the bakery building extended 30 feet, making an 80 foot building.

The Chevrolet garage now has a nicely furnished front office and show room recently beautified. A steel ceiling has been put in the room, with office fixtures, etc.

The new addition to the building will be used for the repair and garage department.

## JOHN F. STUDER FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

John F. Studer was a visitor at the News office Saturday and authorized us to carry his name in our announcement column as a candidate for re-election to the office of county attorney for Gray county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in July.

Mr. Studer has held the office only one term, and seeks re-election strictly upon the record he has made during his incumbency in office.

We bespeak careful consideration of Mr. Studer's qualifications at the polls by the voters of Gray county.

## F. E. LEECH ANNOUNCES FOR TAX ASSESSOR

F. E. Leech called at our office Monday and authorized The News to carry his announcement as candidate for Tax Assessor of Gray county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

Mr. Leech is fully qualified for the office he seeks and knows every phase of the work required of the Tax Assessor. If elected to the office Mr. Leech will give continued close attention to the duties of the position, with the best service possible.

The voters will make no mistake in giving his name careful consideration at the polls.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAY ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The play, "Tea Toper Tavern," given by the Senior class and B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church at the high school auditorium Friday night was said by many who were present to be one of the best amateur performances ever given in McLean.

This class of young people put on a similar play about a year ago that attracted favorable comment, and there was not a disappointed person in the audience last Friday night as far as we have been able to learn.

## Haynes Recalls Early Days of McLean History

J. A. Haynes is another subscriber who has taken The News ever since the paper started. Mr. Haynes has not only taken The News since its first issue, but has also kept the paper going to some of his friends and relatives in other sections.

Mr. Haynes recalls when Editor R. B. Edgell came to McLean some 22 years ago, when one general store, a drug store, lumber yard, barber shop, blacksmith shop, hotel and carpenter shop represented the business section of the town.

Mr. Haynes was associated with John Guthrie in the carpenter shop and their firm offered \$25 bonus, agreed to carry \$5 in advertising a month for the first six months, and donated about five subscriptions each.

It was not long, according to Mr. Haynes, until one of the merchants came to see them and asked what they were thinking of to encourage a newspaper. "Why, don't you know," he said, "that if a newspaper comes to McLean it will start to boosting the town, and pretty soon there will be another store here? There is not enough business here now for my store; we don't need another one." They answered the merchant by saying that no town could grow without a newspaper, and they thought it a mighty good time to start one in McLean.

Enough encouragement was found by the editor to see that a newspaper would be supported here, and The McLean News was established.

The Haynes and Guthrie firm of carpenters and builders built most of the older buildings in the town. Every building in the News office was erected by them, as well as many other buildings, some of which have burned down since.

The 1907 panic stopped all building operations for many years, and Mr. Haynes entered other lines of business.

While there have been many changes since The News was established, Mr. Haynes is optimistic for the future, and sees no reason why McLean should not do greater things in the next 20 years.

## MRS. CARPENTER SELLS MANY PUREBRED EGGS

In last week's issue of The News appeared a display advertisement of Mrs. C. M. Carpenter offering purebred eggs for hatching. Mr. Carpenter told us Saturday that they had already engaged \$165 worth of eggs to be furnished as the season advances, a good share of the orders being a direct result of the advertisement.

## LEGION THEATRE CHANGES HANDS

C. E. Truitt of Comanche, Okla., has bought the Legion Theatre from W. L. Haynes and will give his opening show Saturday night.

Mr. Truitt has several improvements in mind, among them being another picture machine, which will eliminate the waits between reels; another stove will be installed, as well as other improvements in the service offered patrons.

Mr. Truitt is an experienced picture show man and intends to give McLean one of the best and cleanest entertainment houses to be found anywhere.

The theatre will be closed until Saturday night of this week to make some of the changes suggested.

Mr. Haynes says his plans for the future are indefinite.

## CHARLIE THUT FOR COUNTY AND DIST. CLERK

Charlie Thut was over from the county capitol Monday and authorized The News to place his name in the announcement column as candidate for re-election to the office of County and district Clerk.

Mr. Thut is now serving his first term in the office he seeks and he has done his best to serve the taxpayers in the most efficient manner and to render the best possible service to the patrons of the office.

The News believes Mr. Thut's name merits the earnest consideration of the voters at the ballot box.

## NEW PASTOR BAPTIST CHURCH NOW ON FIELD

Rev. D. H. Brynoff, newly called pastor of the First Baptist church, arrived in McLean with his family Sunday afternoon, and is now at home at the parsonage.

Rev. Brynoff comes to McLean from Happy, where he has been pastor for the past three or four years, and is known as a very successful pastor and preacher.

The regular Sunday services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday and each Sunday thereafter. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

## COTTON REPORT

The total number of bales of cotton ginned in Gray county this season up to January 16, was 7,042, as against 3,744 for the corresponding period last year.

Wheeler county figures were 24,251 against 21,173; Donley county 21,650 against 13,944, and Collingsworth 36,319 against 38,982.

S. O. Cook of Dallas renews his subscription to The News.

## 6,000,000 Feet Gas Kachelhoffer Well Boiler Moved Back

### School Board Retains Eads as Architect

At a meeting of the school board last week E. H. Eads was retained as architect for the proposed new addition to the present school building.

It is understood that the services of the architect will not cost the district anything in the event that the vote is not favorable for the creation of the addition.

A meeting of the board has been called for Friday night, at which time it will be definitely decided just what is needed, and the architect will be asked to draw plans and estimate cost of the building, which information will be submitted to the voters in due time.

### DEMONSTRATION CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The McLean Demonstration Club met at the C. of C. building Saturday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers. Thirteen members and visitors were present.

After the house was called to order by Miss Seelbach, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Enoch Bentley; vice president, Mrs. Rish Phillips; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Scott Johnston; reporter, Mrs. R. F. Sanders.

Mrs. Scott Johnston, Mrs. J. M. Noel and Mrs. Enoch Bentley discussed the kitchen contest. Miss Seelbach explained the contest, also the garden contest, which the McLean club has entered. Mrs. Scott Johnston is special demonstrator for some.

### SMITH BROS. BUILD NEW GIN PLANTS

Smith Brothers, who own gins at McLean and Lutie, are building new ginning plants at Goldston in Donley county, ad at Econtusea, Okla.

The new gins will be installed in time for next season's cotton crop.

### JUDGE WOLFE A CANDIDATE

Judge T. M. Wolfe authorizes us to place his name in our political announcement column this week, as a candidate to succeed himself as county judge of Gray county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Judge Wolfe needs no introduction to the voters of Gray county, having lived here a long time and served the people as county judge numerous times. However, he is serving his first term since several years past, and feels that he is entitled to the office another term, if the people see fit to elect him.

The News is glad to commend Judge Wolfe's claims to the voters at the primary next July.

### NEWMAN FOR COMMISSIONER

County Commissioner M. M. Newman authorizes us to place his name in our announcement column as a candidate to succeed himself as commissioner of Precinct No. 9, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Mr. Newman makes no new promises at this time, but he has at all times worked for the betterment of conditions in this county and will continue to do his dead level best in this regard, if the voters see fit to re-elect him to the office next July.

Mr. Newman is in every way qualified for the office, and The News feels sure the voters will make no mistake in giving his claims due consideration at the polls.

J. H. A. Hartman of Alanreed has renewed his subscription to The News.

A good showing of gas was encountered in the Kachelhoffer well at a depth of 2,155 feet, last Friday, and another showing that doubled the flow was found the day of the week at 2,230 feet.

The boiler has been moved back from the well and the gas coming from the well is being used for fuel for the boiler, and drilling was resumed Wednesday morning. Early Thursday morning the drill was at the 2,260 foot level and indications were looking better all the time, according to local oil men.

It is estimated that there is now a 6,000 cubic feet flow of gas escaping from the well. The noise of escaping gas can be heard for some distance and it can be seen rising from the opening at the top of the casing.

Numbers of people are visiting the well every day, and quite a bit of excitement has been engendered over the prospects of striking oil, or at least a big gasser at this location.

Some leases near the well have changed hands at \$20 per acre and quite a bit of activity in this line is expected.

The city council of Clarendon were over Wednesday to investigate the well, with the idea of supplying the city of Clarendon with gas, and the drillers are asking the McLean city council for a franchise for the same purpose.

Work at the well is being rushed with all possible speed and some interesting developments may be expected at any time.

### BANQUET HONORS BAPTIST SENIOR CLASS TEACHER

A banquet was given at the home of Mrs. E. E. Dishman Tuesday night by the Senior Sunday school class of the First Baptist church in honor of their teacher, Fred Landers, who is leaving McLean.

Toasts and speeches were given by the various guests, and a very pleasant time was spent by the young people present.

A nice gift was presented the honoree at the close of the affair.

### GUN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS; HOLDS FIRST SHOOT

The recently organized Gun Club for McLean has elected Perry Everett president and Wood Hindman secretary-treasurer.

The first try-out at the traps was held Wednesday afternoon and the following scores were made, out of a possible 25: Perry Everett 21, Wood Hindman 20, Dwight Upham 16, J. A. Meador 15, W. L. Haynes 15, C. J. Cash 14, O. G. Stokely 13, E. J. Lander 11, F. H. Bourland 10, Searcy Douglas 10, Floyd Phillips 9, A. A. Ledbetter 9, Ted Glass 9, B. N. Henry 9.

Other members of the club who were not present at this shoot are: Sam Hodges, T. J. Coffey, Donald Beall, S. B. Morse, John Haynes, Claud McGowan, M. D. Bentley and Curg Williams.

### 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. 819. ORDINANCES.—

Provides that every city ordinance imposing any penalty, fine, imprisonment or forfeiture shall be published in every issue of the official paper for ten days; if the official paper be published weekly, the publication shall be made in one issue thereof.

**ALL'S NOT GOLD THAT GLITTERS**

A little boy entered a crowded street car and was hanging on to the back of a seat with one hand and holding a basket in the other. Observing that the boy was experiencing some difficulty in maintaining his equilibrium, a kindly-disposed gentleman offered to share his seat with the urchin. He also placed the basket in the bundle rack in order to relieve the little fellow of that burden.

Pretty soon the man felt some water trickling down the back of his neck, which he discovered was coming from the basket.

"Say, sonny," he remarked to the boy, "your pickles are leaking."

"Them ain't pickles," replied the lad, "them's puppies."

**FOOLED**

"Has Meyer changed much in the years he has been away?"

"No, but he thinks he has."

"How so?"

"Why, he is always talking about what a fool he used to be."

**IT'S UNFAIR COMPETITION**

Newspapers, especially the smaller ones of the nation, are just now organizing a campaign to persuade Uncle Sam to refrain from printing return addresses on stamped envelopes at cost, in competition with the little printers. Under existing conditions, Uncle Sam hires salesmen in the persons of postal employees to solicit the business, write up the orders, transmit them to the printer, collect the bill and deliver the printed job at the consumer's office.

Why the smaller newspapers alone should be subjected to that kind of competition from their own government cannot be explained, and there is prospect that the printing service that the government has rendered practically free to users of stamped envelopes, will be abolished by this session of Congress.

Other business enterprises that are perennially threatened with government competition below cost, if taxes and overhead were calculated, should join with the newspapers in the effort to get Uncle Sam out of the printing business for the general public, in competition with private enterprise; and thus strengthen the principle of confining government activities to the functions of government.—Santa Rosa (Calif.) Republican.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County—GREETING:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that you summon by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the County of Gray if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, one in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, E. M. Taber, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the county of Gray on the 1st day of March, 1926, at the Court House thereat in Lefors, Texas, when and there to answer a petition filed in said Court, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1926, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1571, wherein Chas. C. Cook is plaintiff and E. M. Taber is defendant; the nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit:

A suit on two certain promissory notes, the first in the principal sum of \$162.70, dated January 21, 1924, due August 1, 1925, payable to the order of William Churchill and Roscoe Jones, executed by plaintiff and now owned and held by plaintiff; the payment of which was afterwards assumed by defendant; the second in the principal sum of \$320.80, dated the 19th day of July, 1924, payable to the order of plaintiff, executed by defendant, due August 1, 1925. Both of said notes bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from date, the interest payable annually and each to bear ten per cent interest on both principal and interest after maturity, and providing for ten per cent additional as attorney's fees if collected by legal proceedings, and secured by a vendor's lien on all of Plot No. 53 of the Suburbs of Dallas, containing 2.19 acres of land according to the map or plat of said suburbs recorded in Volume 10 on page 114 of the Deed Records of Gray County, Texas, and located in Gray County, Texas.

BEFOREN PAID, NOT and have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Lefors, Texas, this, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1926.

W. C. PHILLIPS, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, WCC-4-4c

**THE OFFICER'S DUTY**

An unsigned letter to a local officer calls for the arrest of a certain local man. Probably these letters come to peace officers often. The writer stated that he did not want to mix in the affair, but it was the business of the officer to do something. That is the way most citizens look upon officers. They are supposed to go out and make arrests upon suspicion. As a matter of fact, a peace officer is only a factor in law enforcement. If the citizens are unwilling to assist the officer in collecting evidence, and if the citizens when called upon to serve as jurors will not convict the criminal, or if when the criminal is convicted and placed in prison will sign petition after petition for a pardon, then the peace officer has very little incentive for exposing his life to the danger of arresting the suspect. If there is crime and too much crime in the country, the citizenship is as much to blame as the peace officers.—Randall County News.

**THE DUMBELL**

The two stood on the darkened porch after the dance. She waited.

"Love is blind," he quoted rapturously.

"Well, can't you tell where I am by feeling?" she asked peevishly.

**CONVERTED**

Jim—"Now that you're back from your motor trip, what do you intend to do?"

Bill—"Devote the rest of my life to the promotion of good roads."

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

J. B. Pettit has renewed for The News and Dallas News.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Gray.  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County—GREETING:  
You are hereby commanded to summon W. J. Moon by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in Gray county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court in and for Precinct No. 5 of Gray county, Texas, to be holden in McLean, in said Precinct and county, on the 12th day of March, 1926, then and there to answer the suit filed in said court on the 7th day of January, 1926, No. 553 on the civil docket of said court, wherein Haynes & Ledbetter are plaintiffs and W. J. Moon is defendant, wherein they allege that heretofore on June 24, 1925, said defendant executed a certain promissory note in the sum of \$70.00, payable to the Citizens Ins. Co. of Missouri; and being due Oct. 15, 1925.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the 12th day of March, 1926, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand at McLean, this 7th day of January, 1926.

W. C. PHILLIPS, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, WCC-4-4c Gray County, Texas.

**REAL DRAY SERVICE**

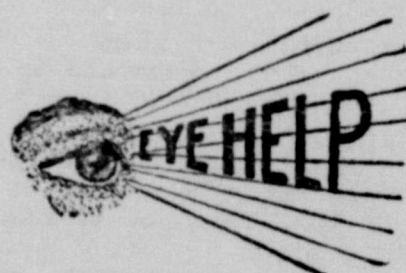
We excel in service because we have more experience and better equipment, so our customers say.

D. C. CHRISTOPHER

**Hotel at Lefors**

I have opened a hotel at Lefors, and it is now possible to get beds and board during court sessions, or at any time. Your patronage appreciated.

P. V. O. WRAY  
Lefors, Texas

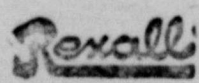


Dr. Montgomery will be in McLean once every four weeks on Friday.

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

**SAVE with SAFETY at your Rexall DRUG STORE**

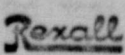


**CHERRY BARK COUGH SYRUP**

Excellent for coughs, hoarseness, sore throat and bronchial catarrh.

A combination of expectorant, soothing and healing agents.

Free from narcotics and alcohol. Therefore can be safely given to all members of the family.



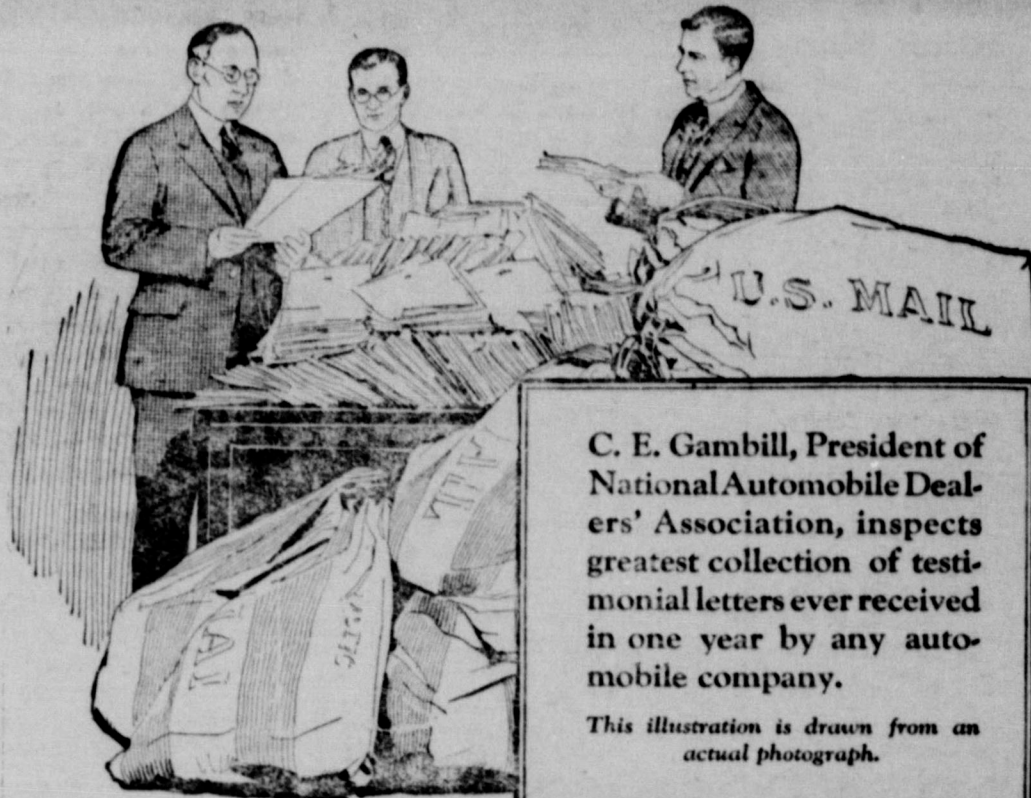
**LAXATIVE ASPIRIN COLD TABLETS**

Clear up the stuffy feeling and fever by keeping the bowels open—a very necessary condition for the successful treatment of colds.

**Erwin Drug Co.**

The Rexall Drug Store

for Economical Transportation



C. E. Gambill, President of National Automobile Dealers' Association, inspects greatest collection of testimonial letters ever received in one year by any automobile company.

This illustration is drawn from an actual photograph.

**50,000 Testimonials!**

**In 1925** Chevrolet had its greatest year. During that time more than 50,000 testimonials were sent to the Chevrolet Motor Company by owners. This tremendous avalanche of evidence indicates the public appreciation of the car and its performance.

**In 1926** Chevrolet offers the Improved Chevrolet at New Low Prices—thus giving the public in greater degree than ever before—**QUALITY AT LOW COST**

Touring . . . . .	\$510	Sedan . . . . .	\$735
Roadster . . . . .	510	Landau . . . . .	765
Coupe . . . . .	645	1/2 Ton Truck . . . . .	395
Coach . . . . .	645	1 Ton Truck . . . . .	550

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Michigan

**Shelburne-Archer Chevrolet Co. McLean, Texas**

**QUALITY AT LOW COST**

BOY SCOUT SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT AT METHODIST CHURCH

Special services will be held in the church Sunday evening, 7 o'clock, beginning the celebration of Boy Scouts of America anniversary week, Feb. 7 to 13. The Scouts extend an invitation to the public, and especially to the parents, to attend this service. Come and acquaint yourself with their work.

J. A. SCOGGINS, Scoutmaster. SCHOOL PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

The senior class of the McLean High School will present a play at the school auditorium tomorrow (Friday) night.

The play, entitled "An Arizona Cowboy," has been well prepared, and all who attend this play will be well entertained.

It is suggested that early attendance will be necessary to insure a good seat.

All proceeds will go for the needs of the class in necessary educating expenses.

BACK COMMUNITY CLUB ORGANIZED

Reported.

Miss Edna Nell Seelbach, county demonstration agent, called a women and girls of Back Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 27, and asked them to meet with her at the pool house, where a women and girls club was organized.

Mrs. C. M. Carpenter was elected president and Mrs. Bud Back secretary.

Year books are expected to arrive soon and every woman and girl who lives close enough is invited to work with the club. They should hear Miss Seelbach give a lecture or see a demonstration to appreciate just how she really is in her work. She gave a very interesting talk on kitchen improvement at this meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the home of Mrs. Back.

CORUM SELLS FARM

L. H. Corum has sold his farm to the Back community to R. W. Benson of Twitty. Mr. Corum's sale is indefinite, but he will reside in McLean for the present.

THE FIGHTING INSTINCT

Parents and educators often question whether or not they should encourage their boys to fight. War is viewed with horror now, and we will carry a pacifist feeling far as to advise their youngsters to avoid physical combat.

Win the friendship of those tough boys by a generous and friendly spirit, and they won't want to fight you. They will be advised out by some parents of a warman. But how would that work? There would be too many bullets in the world to take care in tramping on the rights of a gentle and kindly fellow.

Such young rowdies would probably become all the more arrogant. They would say that the non-resistance boy was a coward. As long as he refuses to accept the challenge of combat, they will taunt and abuse him. He will return with a weeping, bearing many bruises and minor cap and books and other possessions. There is danger that he may grow into a man who cannot stand up or his rights.

These tough boys need a good and loving. Not so much one on them at home in the wood shed, though that would do them good. But a thrashing administered by a hitherto quiet youngster, one they have been roughhousing, old set such a one to thinking.

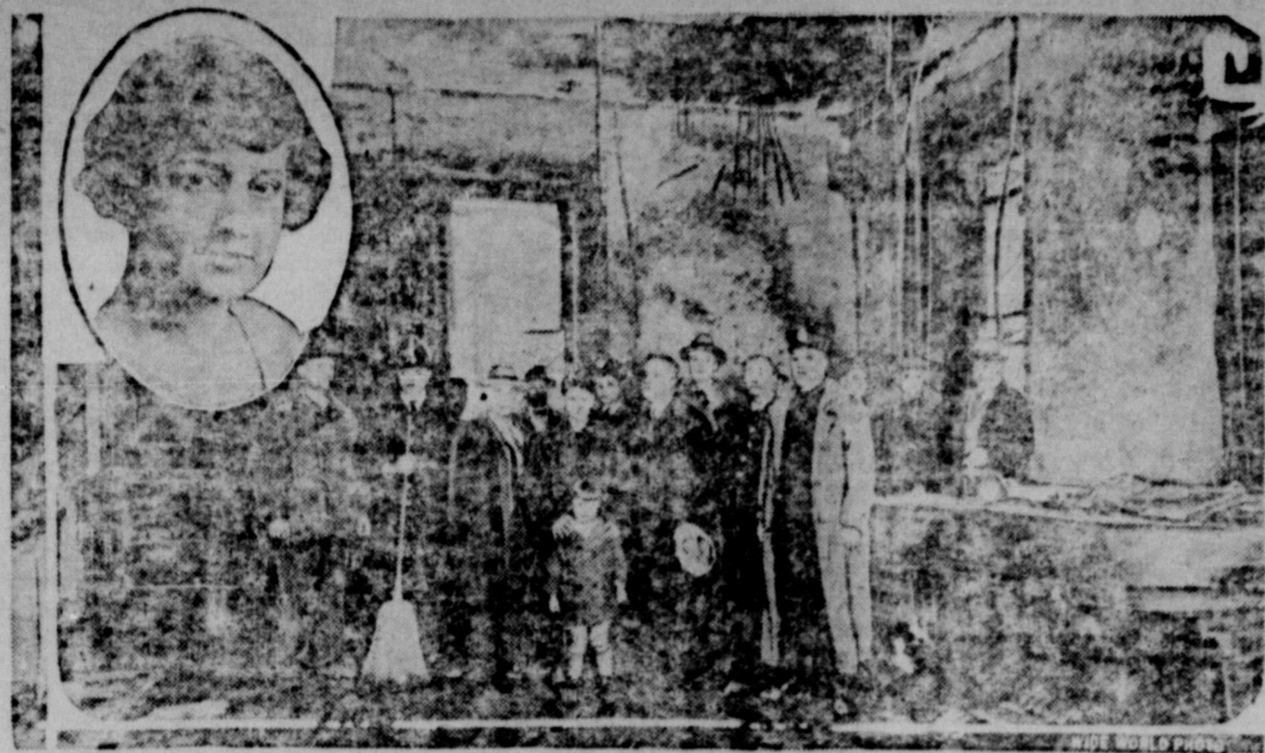
They would show him that he cannot blunder his way through the world. The quiet boy often makes a good fighter when roused, as questions at abuse heaped upon him will strengthen him to stand little suffering. Meanwhile the tough boy in most cases will quit.

The first blow that causes him pain, as he is not used to finding up against anyone who really fight. The quiet fellow will profit by the experience of the tough, and it will give him confidence in his ability to meet the world on even terms.—Spearman writer.

They will drink twenty times as much water in a year.

They are cheaper at Puckett's than at any other place. Advertisement tfe

Virginia Executive Mansion Guttled by Flames



Scene in the executive mansion after the fire. Inset is Mrs. Lee Trinkle, wife of the governor, who was painfully injured in rescuing her little son.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For County Judge: A. M. WOLFE

For County Attorney: JOHN F. STUDER

For County and District Clerk: CHARLIE THUT

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: JOHNNIE R. BACK

E. S. GRAVES A. R. (CAL) CALAWAY

For Tax Assessor: F. E. LEECH

For County Treasurer: MIRIAM WILSON

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4: S. R. KENNEDY M. D. BENTLEY M. M. NEWMAN

PUTTING IT OVER

Nothing can be put over in this world without enthusiasm. Men who have made themselves either famous or infamous have been possessed of a supreme belief in themselves and in their message. Back of that intense conviction has been placed uncounted hours of long, hard work. If you have no project you might as well stop where you are. Nothing but heart and back awaits you down the road of life.

Enthusiasm is the coupling that hitches your little wagon to the star of success. Enthusiasm is your power plant. Enthusiasm is the flame of your personality and that flame burns brighter as your conviction in yourself grows stronger.

It carries you forward with a momentum that overcomes obstacles. It sets down opposition, solves difficulties and wins the goal.

Enthusiasm is the one key on the ring that will unlock the door of achievement when all others have failed. Lacking that slender key all others are as good as worthless. Emerson has said, "Nothing is ever accomplished in this world without enthusiasm." And again, "Every institution is but the lengthened shadow of some individual."

Start from where you stand. Put pep into what you are doing, whether it be work or sport. Give it all you've got of heart and soul as well as of head and heels. It will pay you big or if not big, nevertheless it will go over.

Niagara is a mighty cataract. And it might be, for behind it are the power and pressure of four great lakes. Its waters take the leap with a splash that draws admiring humans from the four corners of the earth. That's enthusiasm symbolized. Lacking such a volume and pressure of waters trying to reach the sea, the most spectacular waterfall in America would be but a dribble.—Selected.

Paul M. Bruce of A. L. Bruce & Sons Nursery of Alanreed was in McLean today and gave us \$1.50 for The News a year.

THEN IT WORKED

"What became of that hired hand you got from the city?" "Aw, he used to be a chauffeur, and the dozedon't idiot crawled under a mule to see why it wouldn't go!"—Santa Barbara News.

Wants

RATES—One insertion, 2c per word. Three insertions, 4c per word. Or 1c per word each week after first insertion.

Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as 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.

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

GUMMED TAPE in 800 foot rolls, 35c per roll, at News office.

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

CARBON PAPER in extra large sheets for transfer patterns, does not smudge like ordinary carbon, 25c per sheet at News office.

GET YOUR seed oats from Cheney and Callahan.

PUREBRED Red Plymouth Rock eggs. \$1.50 per setting of 15. Mrs. Belle Henderson. 1p

TYPEWRITER SUPPLIES.—Ribbons, oil, paper, carbon paper, for all standard makes of machines, at News office.

I HAVE on hand all kinds of fruit trees and shrubbery. Prices right. S. A. Cobb. 1c

VISITING CARDS at News office.

TAKEN UP, at my place, stray sheep. T. B. Hines. 1p

SEED OATS—Cheney & Callahan

GROCERIES ARE cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tfe

FOUND.—Auto license plate. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. Inquire at News office. 1

BUFF ORPINGTON eggs, laying strain, \$1.50 per setting, \$6.00 per 100. Mrs. M. R. Landers.

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

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS at News office.

FOR RENT.—4 room house and garage. Lights and water. Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

GOOD WORK mules for sale, 3 to 7 years old. S. A. Cobb. 1c

SEED OATS—Cheney & Callahan

SEWING wanted, reasonable prices. Mrs. Cecil Bibb. 3-3c

CARDBOARD, most any size, color or thickness, at News office.

FOR RENT.—A five-room house in northeast part of town, with well, overhead tank, orchard and lights. Phone 206. J. F. Corbin.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS at News office.

FOOD DISLIKES OF CHILDREN IS ECONOMICS STUDY

The Bureau of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture is making a study of the causes and remedies of food dislikes of children. Facts are being collected from the mothers of such children by means of a questionnaire circulated through the Merrill-Palmer Nursery School of Detroit and the American Association of University Women. This association was selected as a co-operator because it has organized among its members groups for the study of problems of the pre-school

child, and these mothers are therefore in an excellent position to further this research of the bureau. From the summary of mothers the bureau hopes to work out suggestions that will aid in preventing children from forming food antipathies and will help in overcoming them once they become established.

HE CHARGED BATTERIES

Lady Driver (at garage)—"Do you charge batteries here?" Proprietor—"Sure, we do." "Then put a new one in this car and charge it to my husband."

To Our Customers

We would like very much to continue extending credit to our many customers. But this means hundreds of dollars tied up that we cannot use.

Merchants are being closed up every day by the wholesale houses because they cannot collect enough to pay their bills. So the only way we can continue extending credit to our customers is to ask the return of our money that we have loaned in the shape of merchandise to the trade.

So, friends, on Feb. 10, if you have not paid your account, you must consider yourself placed with the cash customers. The bank has money to loan. We know, because we borrow to carry these accounts.

So let's get busy and square up for a rainy day. Some time you may need credit more than now. Sickness, or perhaps death, which is sure to come to us all, means that credit is a blessing, if it ever is one.

This appeal is general and will be carried through. Hoping you will consider past favors and make good, we are, respectfully yours,

Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Co.

When

a merc'ant sends out his monthly bills on a statement that he has bought at the drug store and printed his name on the heading with a rubber stamp, enclosed in a No. 5 envelope without his return card printed on the corner, you don't have to look in the newspaper for his advertisement to know the size of his business. If his stock was judged by the size of his advertisement, he'd be peddling shoe-strings.

Buy Your Printing of

The McLean News

THE McLEAN NEWS

Published Every Thursday

T. A. LANDERS Editor and Owner

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

Subscription Price \$1.50 per year in advance.



Those who believe in the old ground hog superstition will prepare for more winter, we suppose. The rest of us will have to take the weather as it comes.

It is now too late to worry about your poll tax for this year. If you paid yours, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you may have a voice in the elections. If you forgot to pay, it is a good time to make a resolution to not let it happen again.

The Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated upon refusing to guarantee a Lyceum course, as this would have established a dangerous precedent. Any business might properly have come before that body and asked for a guarantee. Many businesses are very desirable and could just as properly ask that their income be guaranteed, but it is not expected except in certain classes of entertainment. The right kind of talent could come to McLean and make money upon its merits, but the guarantee idea is all wrong.

There should not be any question of the need of a county agent in this county. Work has been started that will be a distinct loss if it is not continued. When it is remembered that the state pays more than half the salary of the agent, and when we have no agent this money goes to another county, there would seem to be a small excuse for not employing such an officer. We understand that the commissioner from this precinct will support a move for a county agent, and it is to be desired that every commissioner will see the question in that light.

Quite a bit of levity is indulged in by many people as to the number of candidates for each office, but that is the only way in which the voters may be assured of their choice. The News would like to see a number of men placed on the school and city tickets each year, for in no other way can the people express their choice. When a ready made ticket with only one name for each office is presented, there is no incentive to cast a ballot, for someone has already selected the winners, without consulting the voters. Let's have several offer for each office this year.

Potatoes are higher in price this year than for many years past, and we suppose that potato farmers will all plant this vegetable this year and such a big crop will be raised that the price will be lower than the cost of raising them. Such is the practice of cotton and grain growers, and one crop farmers. It has been proven time and again that the only safe method of farming is diversification. The one crop idea will break any man, if he keeps at it long enough. There is no get-rich-quick method on the farm, but there is a safety in diversification. Overproduction of any one crop is easy, and such a condition will always be taken advantage of by market manipulators, even if old man supply and demand is left out of the question.

It begins to appear that there will be no question of McLean being supplied with gas this next season. It is understood that the city council is favorable to granting a franchise to the drillers of the Kachelhoffer well, and a rate of 75c has been suggested. This rate would seem to be excessive if it were not for the fact that it will cost as much to put pipe lines in a small town as it would if there was a house on every lot. We are told that many Oklahoma towns have a rate of 45c, and it might be possible, if further development is made near town, another franchise could be granted at a lower rate. Contrary to popular opinion, no exclusive

franchises are ever granted, but any number of companies could be granted franchises to do business in a town. However, there is seldom any demand for more than one public service utility of any one kind.

News from Ramsdell

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harrelson and children visited in the W. M. Bolton home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones and son, R. L. Jr., were McLean visitors Friday afternoon.

Mrs. M. T. Powell and niece, Doris, visited in the Rish Phillips home Friday.

J. G. Davidson and sons, Floyd and Ira, made a business trip to McLean Friday.

Miss Donah May Exum visited Miss Zella Mae Lankford at McLean from Friday afternoon until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bolton visited Mr. Bolton's parents at Wheeler last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Longan were McLean visitors Friday.

Miss Doris Powell visited Mrs. W. A. Lankford Friday afternoon.

W. A. Lankford and son, Arlie, made a business trip to Wheeler Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davidson and children were Shamrock visitors Saturday.

Claude Powell went to Wheeler Saturday.

George Hunt and family of McLean visited in the R. L. Jones home Sunday.

J. W. Dougherty of Heald is loading feed here this week.

J. D. Johnson, residing 11 miles north of Ramsdell, is loading a car of kafir this week.

J. N. Phillips purchased a milk cow from W. A. Lankford Tuesday.

W. N. Pharis and J. N. Pharis were out mu'le trading Tuesday.

John Sublett is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Charlie Longan spent Tuesday with Mrs. Rubert Bradley.

A. T. Hicks went to Erick, Okla., Tuesday.

Ira Davidson has the mumps.

Mrs. J. J. Bones is on the sick list this week.

J. G. Davidson and Hershel Miller made a business trip to McLean Tuesday.

Mrs. Ike Pickins of Clarksdale, Miss, is here visiting her parents.

J. N. Phillips, on returning home Tuesday, found his wife absent, and he returned to the store.

K. T. Richardson of Wellington was here Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Longan visited the lady's parents at Wellington from Saturday to Sunday.

H. E. Franks has returned from a Dallas sanitarium, and is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubert Bradley spent Sunday afternoon in the H. Longan home.

Dorothy Dee, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee McDowell, is very sick this week.

Ed Sublett of Heald was a visitor here Tuesday.

Work on the Ramsdell cotton gin is progressing nicely.

Sam Harrelson and Charlie Longan made a business trip to McLua Wednesday afternoon.

Fred Landers made a business trip to Estelline last week.

Announcement

I have bought the Legion Theatre from W. L. Haynes and have installed another machine, so there will be no long waits between reels. Several other improvements in the service are contemplated. Our opening show will be given Saturday night, Feb. 6. A good Western and comedy.

I am moving to McLean to make my home and will appreciate the patronage of all who enjoy good clean moving pictures.

C. E. Truitt

News from Liberty

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cunningham Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and children visited in the A. L. Morgan home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and children spent Saturday and Sunday in the Bill Hardin home near Clarendon.

J. F. Corbin and family visited in the Frank Bell home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit and children called at the A. L. Morgan home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roth and children attended Sunday school Sunday.

Misses Kathleen Copeland and Lura Fay Ivey of McLean were present Sunday.

Reuben Woodley preached for us Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit visited in the Hardin home Tuesday.

Howard Hardin and family visited in the W. P. Irvin home Tuesday evening.

It is reported that line forty is so greasy that one can hardly talk over it.

Bonnie Bell attended a birthday party at the Appling home at McLean Tuesday afternoon and spent the night in the J. F. Corbin home.

Nora Lee Morgan attended the birthday party at the Appling home at McLean Tuesday.

News from Back

Our Back correspondent has moved from the community, and The News would be glad if someone from Back would volunteer to send in the items from their community. Stamped envelopes will be furnished and a free subscription to The News.

The News is anxious to have a correspondent from every nearby community, the only stipulation we make is that the items be signed and handed us by Tuesday of each week. This is to insure insertion, as late items cause extra work in our office.

There should be someone in each community who takes enough pride in the doings of their people to see that they have recognition in our columns each week. Write, or phone The News about this matter. It will help us and be of benefit to your community.

THE LIBERTY BELL

On New Year's Eve the tones of the Liberty Bell were broadcast by radio for the first time in history, when 1-9-2-6 was tapped out by Mrs. W. Freeland Kendrick, wife of the Mayor of Philadelphia, announcing the dawn of the Sesquicentennial year; a year to be made memorable by the Sesquicentennial International Exposition commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of American Independence, which opens in Philadelphia

Shoe & Top Shop

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

on June 1. The famous relic has not been rung since 1835, when it cracked as it tolled the sad tidings of the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall. Since then it has been lightly tapped twice, once on February 11, 1915, when its reverberations were caught up by telephone and carried across the continent.

The Liberty Bell was originally cast by Thomas Lister of Whitechapel, London, and arrived in Philadelphia in the latter part of August, 1752. It was then known as the Province Bell. It was hung on trusses in Independence Square to try out its tone before it was raised to the tower.

Early in September "it was cracked by a stroke of the clapper during a test without any violence" according to a contemporary account, and was recast. It was recast twice in Philadelphia. For some time it hung in the steeple of Independence Hall, where it remained until the steeple was taken down, July 16, 1781. Then it was lowered into the brick tower, where it remained until 1846. During the following years it was moved several times and was finally placed in its present position in Independence Hall.

Few people realize the dimensions of the bell. The circumference around the lip is 12 feet, around the crown 7 feet 6 inches, from the lip to the crown it is 3 feet, and its weight is 2,080 pounds.

The greatest event in the history of the bell was recorded when its notes pealed forth to announce the proclamation of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776, and by so doing gained for itself the name by which it

has since become famous.

THE PRIVILEGED CHARACTER

I'm the guy. I'm an exception to the rule. Traffic regulations are made for the general public to observe, but not for me.

I'm the privileged character. I don't have to observe the no left hand turn rule.

I'm in a great hurry. I can park my car double and keep the man who observes the parking regulations waiting until I get thru and come back to my car and move out.

I'm privileged to race my car down the crowded streets. The public can look out for me and keep out of my way. Safety speed regulations don't apply to me. I'm a law unto myself.

I'm the wise guy. I'm wiser than the city council, the mayor, the chief of police, the sheriff, the commissioners' court, the legislature. They make and enforce the regulations against the other fellow, but not against me. For I have special privileges, just because I am myself. Laws are made to protect society, but they don't

apply to me, for I'm a regular fellow and if I offend society it's the city's hard luck. Plainville Herald.

HARD TO DESCRIBE

Mother had spanked little M... The minister called and found M... solving in the hall. "Well, we... said the minister in his best... solatory vein, "what's the matter... "It hurts," sobbed Mary. "What, my dear?" "The back of my lap."

G. E. Castleberry of Alamosa... was in McLean Wednesday.

Tennessee Red peanuts for... Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement

Groceries are cheaper at Pucker... Cash Store. Advertisement

Magnolia Petroleum Co.

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

SPRING WORK

Spring will soon be here... Let us fix your farming tools... so that you may be ready for... the spring rush. Plenty of lister points for... all makes of listers.

McLean Blacksmith Shop

Barber Service

We take pride in our service. A clean, sanitary shop, courteous barbers, modern equipment. We strive to please you.

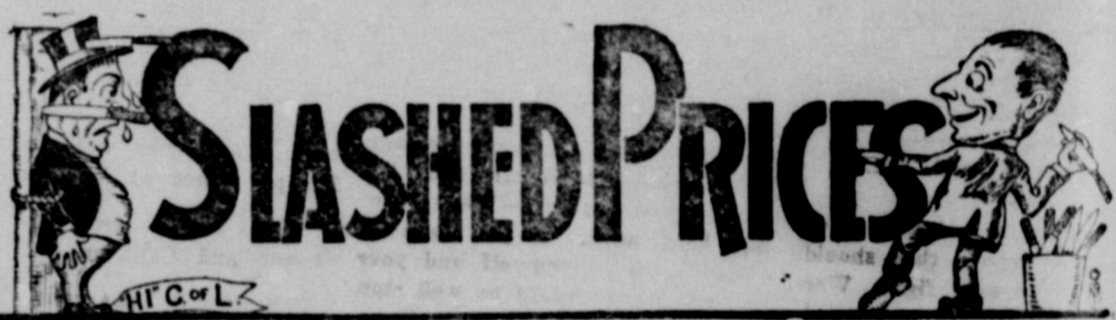
Elite Barber Shop

Everett & West, Props.

Men's Furnishings

Suits, Overcoats, Sweaters, Trousers, Work Clothes, Shirts, Ties, Hose, Shoes, Supporters, Belts—in fact, everything needed for a man's wardrobe. Get our prices first.

John Mertel



We have slashed prices on a number of articles in order to clean up some lines of enamelware, aluminum ware, silverware, chinaware, glassware, etc.

This is your opportunity to save money. Read these prices selected at random from the lines offered:

- 6 aluminum pitchers, 90c value..... 75c
6 aluminum pitchers, \$1.25 value..... \$1.00
8 aluminum percolators, \$1.25 value..... \$1.00
4 gray enamel cabinets, \$1.25 value..... \$1.00
4 white enamel cabinets, \$1.50 value..... \$1.20
30 sets glass tumblers, 50c value, per set..... 25c
10 sets glass goblets, 17 c., \$1.25 value, per set..... \$1.00
15 sets glass, heavy harel, tumblers, 60c value..... 45c
1 lot glass sugars, 35c value..... 25c
1 lot glass sugars, 40c value..... 35c
1 lot glass cream pitchers, 30c value..... 20c
1 lot glass cream pitchers, 35c value..... 25c
6 sets ice tea glasses, 85c value..... 60c
8 clear glass fruit bowls, 45c value..... 30c
10 glass jelly stands, 20c value..... 20c
7 glass jelly stands, with cover, 30c value..... 20c
1 lot glass pitchers, 75c value..... 50c
White enamel stew kettles, \$1.25 value..... \$1.00
White enamel stew kettles, \$1.50 value..... \$1.20
White enamel Berlin kettles with cover, \$1.00 value..... 85c
White enamel coffee pots, \$1.00 value..... 85c
White enamel brackets, \$1.25 value..... 1.00
White enamel dishpans, \$1.00 value..... 85c
White enamel dishpans, \$1.25 value..... \$1.00
1 lot enamel stew kettles, \$1.00 value..... 50c
1 lot aluminum roasters, \$1.25 value..... \$1.00
1 lot tin tea kettles, 50c value..... 15c
White dinner plates, set, \$1.25 value..... 85c
White dinner cups and saucers, \$1.25 value..... 85c
4 sets Community Plate 25 year knives and forks, \$6.75 value..... \$5.50
2 26-piece Community Plate 25 year sets, \$12.75 value..... \$10.85
2 26-piece sets Silveroid, \$2.95 value..... \$1.75
2 folding ironing boards, \$2.50 value..... \$1.75
1 dozen class No. 2 kerosene lamps, 85c value..... 67c
Heavy tin dishpans, \$1.00 value..... 85c

Remember, only a limited supply at these prices. First come first served.

We handle everything in the building and hardware line.

Western Lumber & Hardware Co.

H. F. Wingo, Manager Phone 4

THE STORY

Although leather products... leather manufacture... methods of tanning... Both the Belg... which a... orative, but... wish the... at be used... require strength... is needed in t... re belts for m... the chief sour... ply are oxen... 1 horses, altho... phants, hippo... i snakes are us... tively. One of the chie... instant rise in... ds of leather... ple all over th... less meat. A... ively for their... air hides alone... producing leath... ed the present... es of leather a... umerata; aside... ich are common... used widely in... anufacturing pur... The following i... : production ac... e quoted from... used by the Dep... are in its off... rrent business c... d show 29,659,0... ns and gloves 207... d street gloves... mastic and impor... 2 dozen pairs;... iting worth \$505,0... len of harness. This gives a gene... ematical output... 97. Pages this... % over those of... other industry at... e of the most... operating in the w... The leather indust... d States is located... in Missouri, h... g in Boston and... ports both finished... ets, notwithstanding... e lines, both i... (sanities. FOLKISH QU... Old Colored Mamm... Helen de Floren... Texas Agent (afte... over ra... Floren... dar on... field.

**TAKE MYTHS BASELESS**

A persistent belief in various myths about the habits of the "hoop snake" traditions are these. The hoop snake is said to be sure to die with the power to form a hoop and roll in pursuit of its victim with race-horse speed, the victim dodges and a truck by the hoop snake, day, it is said to be sure to die. The snake could place its tail in its mouth and roll along its body, absurd and anatomically impossible, say biologists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The "hoop snake" myth apparently originated more than 200 years ago. It was based on the appearance of the tail of this snake, which is the shape of a horn or spike. It is quite incapable of piercing anything.

The so-called glass or jointed snake, people think, can break into pieces when struck and reassemble itself later if its head has not been crushed or destroyed. This animal is really a leafless lizard, which, like many other lizards, has the power of dropping its tail in escaping from a pursuer. Because of its food habits, this reptile is of considerable value to agriculture.

The myth of snakes sucking blood is entirely untenable. Anyone who has ever milked a cow knows that the pressure required to obtain a flow of milk is far greater than any snake could exert. Furthermore, a snake has two rows of curved teeth in each jaw which would make sucking impossible.

The spreading viper or puffing snake, known also by other names, is one of the greatest bluffers among snakes. One of its peculiar habits is that of feigning death by lying over on its back. It is harmless, as is also the whip snake, which is supposed to be able to whip a man to death.

**THE STORY OF LEATHER**

Although leather is one of the best products known to man, modern manufacturers have made a few improvements upon the methods of tanning which were employed by the ancient Egyptians. Both the Belgians and the Japanese have invented artificial leathers, which are both useful and durable, but they cannot compare with the real hides which are used for purposes which require strength and durability, such as needed in the manufacture of belts for machinery, etc.

The chief sources of our leather supplies are oxen, sheep, goats, pigs and horses, although the skins of rhinoceros, hippopotami, rhinoceros and snakes are used, but not as extensively.

One of the chief reasons for the recent rise in the prices of all kinds of leather is the fact that people all over the world are eating less meat. Animals are raised chiefly for their flesh, and should their hides alone be used, the cost of producing leather would far exceed the present market. The uses of leather are too many to enumerate; aside from the articles which are common to all of us, it is used widely in machinery for manufacturing purposes.

The following statistics, covering production records of August, are quoted from the last report issued by the Department of Commerce in its official survey of current business conditions: Boots and shoes 29,659,000, leather mitts and gloves 207,796 dozen pairs of street gloves, including both made and imported leather, 68,222 dozen pairs; 352,000 lbs. of raw worth \$595,000, and 218,806 lbs. of harness.

This gives a general idea of the enormous output of leather today. Figures this year average 5% over those of 1913 and the other industry at this time is one of the most lucrative and expanding in the world.

The leather industry of the United States is located in Massachusetts and Missouri, headquarters being in Boston and St. Louis. We export both finished and raw products, notwithstanding the fact that we import both in tremendous quantities.

**FOOLISH QUESTION**

Old Calved Mammy—"Ah wants money for Florence?"  
 Times Agent (after 10 minutes searching over railroad guides) "Where is Florence?"  
 Mammy—"Dar on de bench."—  
 Field.

**STATE TEACHERS ADVOCATE INCREASE IN APPORTIONMENT**

The state scholastic per capita apportionment should be increased \$2.00 per child for each succeeding biennium until it reaches \$24.00, says President J. M. Bledsoe of the Texas State Teachers Association. It is absolute folly to expect Texas to guarantee an efficient system of public free schools for even a short period of six months as provided in the Texas Constitution upon an apportionment insufficient to maintain such a system, he declares. Four dollars per month per child is a reasonable basis for computing school costs.

Securing a \$14.00 per capita apportionment for the 1926-27 school term is the most immediate problem for the state to solve. Only \$12.00 per capita is in sight for 1926-27 unless relief comes through appropriations by the Thirty-ninth Legislature in special session or by the prompt action of the Fortieth Legislature. Scores of schools will be unable to run for six months this year, and 1926-27 terms will be less if only \$12.00 per child is available.

Legislation looking to the ultimate reconstruction of public school education in Texas is to be urged by the Texas State Teachers Association for approval by the Fortieth Legislature. The Association has accepted the invitation to assist the legislative committee of the Texas School Survey Commission in formulating the proposed legislation. This committee, authorized by the Thirty-eighth Legislature, is composed of Hon. Pat Neff, Tom Finty and T. D. Brooks.

The Texas Educational Commission is being formed by the Texas State Teachers Association, and will include representatives of all educational and economic groups of the state, to plan a program of educational progress in Texas.

**NATURAL GROWTH IS BEST**

It is announced that one of the largest real estate firms in America is soon to open offices in the principal cities in the Panhandle-Plains section. This company expects to exploit this section much like California and Florida have been in the past. The Index is not pleased with this news, although it may bring a fortune to the land owners. Every country that is over advertised or boomed is sure to meet with decline. Northwest Texas has had a steady growth for many years and there have been no reactions.

It is not right to fleece the people, and big real estate booms always result in this. A majority of the firms are honest, but the quacks also operate.

Northwest Texas is the best part of America. It contains more good undeveloped land than any other section, and the cheapest farm land in America. Irrigation is not necessary. Crops are raised every year, but it is not a country which makes one-cropping profitable.

The Panhandle country, and all of Northwest Texas, once was not considered as a mineral territory. It is rich in gypsum, clays, oil and gas. It has the greatest gas fields in the world. It has good railroad outlets, but seriously handicapped in that there are not sufficient railroads. The territory is as large as or larger than Illinois, capable of sustaining a population of two or three million people without over-crowding. All we want is a fair chance to grow and develop in a way that will not spell disaster in the years to come.—Childress Index.

Dr. R. Jenkins, pioneer Baptist preacher, died Saturday at the age of 73 years, at his home in Amarillo.

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

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

**Rubber Gouge Explained by Hoover**



The facts on the gouging of Americans by British rubber interests were given by the secretary of commerce, Herbert Hoover, to the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce at the capitol. The secretary informed the committee of the investigations which have already been made by experts of his department. In the photograph on the left, is Representative James F. Parker, chairman of the committee; right, Mr. Hoover.

**RUBBER PRICES DROP**

By Herbert Hoover  
 Washington, Jan. 26.—No amount of discussion can obscure the fact that the spot price of rubber was \$1.09 per pound and three months forward rubber was \$1.05 on Dec. 30 when I asked for the co-operation of the manufacturers and consumers in a drive against the exorbitant price of rubber by conservation and provision of independent American supplies. We have had that co-operation. The spot price has dropped 41c per pound down to 68c yesterday, and three months forward rubber was about 64c.

Our imports of rubber for 1925 were 860,000,000 pounds. If we import the same amount for 1926 and had continued to pay the price demanded last December for rubber, our rubber bill for 1926 would have been three hundred and fifty million dollars more than it will at the present level of prices. We undertook this action because monopoly had put the price to 600% of the cost of production and to 300% over the price that their own committee of producers had themselves announced as a fair

and profitable price. Of equal importance to demonstrating that the American consumer has an ability of resistance to any of these nine governmentally created monopolies in raw materials, our industries have realized and undertaken the serious job of providing rubber supplies free of control.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

The person who walked across the street was once called a "pedestrian." Now, unless he can hit a livelier gait, he is commonly called "the deceased."

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement of the

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

**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**  
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Texhoma Oil & Refining Co.  
 For Value and Service Use  
 TEXHOMA PRODUCTS  
 Amalie Motor Oils 100 per cent Pure Pennsylvania.  
**L. L. ROGERS**  
 Agent  
 Phone 131 McLean, Texas

**Not All Our Services Are "Down in the Book"**

It is our purpose to be useful in the advancement and welfare of our patrons therefore no patron should hesitate to call on us for any sort of service that may be useful to him, whether it is listed in the "catalog" or not.

This is our conception of service that's worth while.

**The American National Bank**

**WE SHOULD SMILE**

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while, that costs the least, and does the most, is just a pleasant smile—The smile that bubbles from the heart, that loves its fellow men Will drive away the cloud of gloom and coax the sun again. Its full of worth and goodness, too, with manly kindness blent; It's worth a million dollars and doesn't cost a cent. There is no room for sadness when we see a cheery smile. It always has the same good look—it's never out of style. It nerves us on to try again when failures make us blue—Such dimples of encouragement are good for me and you. So smile away; folks understand what by a smile is meant—It's worth a million dollars and doesn't cost a cent.

—Anonymous.

R. S. Thompson visited his son, Clay, at Amarillo, Saturday.

Gaylord Hodges went to Oklahoma City Monday for a few days' visit.

Geo. W. Sitter went to Amarillo Saturday.

Advertising doesn't jerk, it pulls.

Miss Marguerite Merriman spent the week end with home folks at Wheeler.

Fred Lankford of Magdalena, N. M., orders The News for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bogan were Amarillo visitors Saturday.

Attorney A. A. Ledbetter made a trip to Wheeler Monday.

Frank Haynes has renewed his subscription to The News.

Sheriff E. S. Graves was in McLean last Friday and Saturday.

M. C. Burdine renews for The News and orders the paper sent to C. A. Burdine at Hedley for six months.

**INSURANCE**  
 Fire, Hail, Tornado  
 Health, Accident  
 You are fully protected when insured in the strong companies we represent.  
**Haynes & Ledbetter**  
 Office Theatre Building

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

**DR. J. A. HALL**  
 Dentist  
 Of Shamrock, Tex.  
 Will be in McLean on Thursday and Friday after the first Monday in each month.

**V. H. MOORE**  
 Auctioneer  
 Get your date at the News office or phone me collect.  
 Wheeler, Texas

**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**

**Fresh Vegetables and Fruits**

A well balanced ration should include some fresh vegetables and fruits, if you and your family would enjoy good health.

We keep a good supply of vegetables and fruits to balance the winter meals, and sell them at reasonable prices.

Any fruits or vegetables not in season may be found in our canned goods department, where quality and prices please.

Telephone orders given prompt attention.

**McLean Supply Co.**  
 CHAS. LESTER, Manager

**C. OF C. SPENDS MANY HOURS IN DISCUSSION**

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President Stokely stated that the C. of C. could only act in an advisory way with the council, but as a member of the city council, he would state that the council favored the proposition.

Messrs. Thomas and McFarland, owners of the well, were officially invited to become members of the C. of C. and to participate in its meetings.

W. S. White was appointed chairman of a committee, with F. H. Bourland and T. J. Coffey, to be known as the Chamber of Commerce oil committee.

The Chamber of Commerce was asked to guarantee payment for a Lyceum course for McLean, and after sharp discussion, a motion was carried to reject the proposition.

T. B. Roby gave a demonstration of sweet potato curing, giving interesting statistics from his own experience on growing and curing potatoes.

M. D. Bentley was appointed chairman of the road committee for the rest of the year and instructed to have a danger sign put on the highway at the grade crossing west of Alanreed. It was suggested that by taking the matter up with the railroad, an overpass might be put in at this place, eliminating the most dangerous crossing on the highway. A motion was carried that a letter of appreciation be mailed Highway Engineer L. O. Cox and his associates for their services in developing the highway, and that a copy of the letter be furnished the State Highway Commission.

A motion carried that President Stokely wire a message of sympathy to Curg Williams, who is in a Hollis, Okla., hospital.

Supt. D. E. Dean of the McLean schools mentioned the fact that no provision has been made for an athletic fund for the school. "If the people want athletics in school," said Mr. Dean, "some provision should be made for finances. No teacher is able to finance athletics out of the salary paid him. The gate receipts from games has never paid the expenses." Mr. Dean said he had a letter from an Amarillo hospital with a bill for \$50 for an injured football player's hospital expenses, and no money with which to pay it. It is obviously unfair to expect a winning team at the county meet with no money for necessary expenses.

This matter was left to the action of the board of directors.

Those present were: O. G. Stokely, Fred Landers, J. S. Hensley, W. S. White, D. E. Dean, B. N. Henry, M. D. Bentley, E. J. Lander, H. F. Wingo, D. N. Massay, J. S. Howard, F. H. Bourland, T. A. Landers, T. J. Coffey, W. T. Wilson, J. E. Kirby, W. J. McAdams, T. B. Roby, Mr. Thomas, Cecil Bible, T. N. Holloway, L. F. Coffey and Searcy Douglas.

**MERCHANTS' SAD EXPERIENCE**

Last year a keen looking woman came to Frisco and talked to some of the business men about a certain scheme that would reap dollars for them in their giving away premiums with coupons. Quite a number of them handed over \$30 cold cash to this keen woman—and not one business man has reaped one penny in return for his investment. The experience of most business men with out-of-town, fly-by-night salesmen and saleswomen has been sad, expensive experiences. On the other hand, there are not many business men in lots of small towns the size of Frisco and larger who would not throw a duck fit if the local editor asked them to sign a contract for a 12-months advertising campaign in the local paper that would cost them as much as \$30. Think it over.—Frisco Journal

It's mostly the people who don't believe in advertising when solicited by the local paper who fall for the skin game schemes. Probably it is well.—Claude News.

**Will Harlan's home at White Deer was burned Saturday. The fire caught while the folks were away from home, and the high wind prevented saving anything.**

Mrs. J. E. Johnson of Byng, Okla. orders The News sent to her address.

W. C. Carpenter Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carpenter, was taken to Amarillo Tuesday for an operation for appendicitis.

**News from Alanreed**

**A SUNDAY DINNER**

On Sunday, Jan. 31, a dinner was given at the home of Miss Georgia Wilson to the Intermediate Sunday school classes. After dinner games were played and songs sung. The day was enjoyed by all present.

Those present were: Misses Lois Harris, Wenona Street, Ruth Greenwood, Lois Marie Wilkins, Ruth Palmer, Vera Roberts, Ruby Reeves, Georgia and Mary Alice Wilson, Claud Ivey; Mesdames Harriet Craig and Frank P. Wilson; Messrs. Houston and Donley Hall, Milburn Gibson, Clark Gracey, Jack and Jesse Reeves, Ned, Harvey and Billy James Craig and Frank P. Wilson.

Three basketball games have been played since the last news was reported.

The Alanreed and Groom girls and boys played two interesting games Friday, Jan. 22. The Alanreed girls won with the score 23 to 9, and the Groom boys won a score of 16 to 13.

The Alanreed and Eldridge boys played a game Friday, Jan. 29. The Alanreed boys won with a score of 15 and 3.

Jasper Elms has returned home from Clarendon, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is reported recovering nicely.

M. C. McCracken, who is spending the winter in Mineral Wells, came in Tuesday for a few days on business.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sherrod is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leland Wilkins, at Panhandle.

Mrs. Dave Turner is seriously ill at her home a few miles south of Alanreed.

H. T. Wilkins and John Hesseey went to Clarendon Tuesday on business.

Miss Jimma Searcy, who is teaching the Hopkins school, spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steger of Vega were Alanreed visitors Sunday.

Misses Doris Paxton, Thelma and Burniece Hall were in McLean Saturday.

Everett Snyder and daughters, Misses Amy and Mary, were in McLean Wednesday.

Woodrow Calaway is sick and unable to attend school.

Miss Wenona Street was sick and absent from school Tuesday.

Mrs. S. L. Ball left Wednesday for a visit with her mother.

**TWAS A PITY**

The young husband could eat no more of his wife's dinner.

"That's a pity," she said, "for if you don't, I shall have to give it to the dog!"

"Yes, it is a pity—it's such a nice dog!"

J. L. Collier has our thanks for a couple of subscription renewals this week.

Luther Petty, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lively went to Wellington Friday.

J. W. Cunningham is a new reader of The News.

**Choice Meats**

There is nothing more appetizing than a cut of our choice meats. Fresh meat is fine for any meal. Order your favorite cut today.

**THE CITY MARKET**

The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

**BREAD AND PASTRY**

of a kind that makes eating a pleasure for the people of this community. They have the home flavor and their use avoids the drudgery of home baking. They invariably bring our customers back for more.

**McLEAN BAKERY**

H. H. LEE, Proprietor

**EPWORTH LEAGUE**

Subject—Our Goal and How to Reach It.

Leader—Lois Clement.

Call to Worship—Proverbs 4:1-13 (read alternately by two hidden persons)—Margaret Johnston and Dorothy Cousins.

Song—"Give of Your Best to the Master."

Prayer, closing with Lord's Prayer.

Scripture, Phil. 3:12-14, 4:8, 9—Leader.

The Value of a Goal—Ruby Anderson.

The Setting of the Goal—Pearl Johnson.

The Striving for the Goal—Marie Copeland.

The Strength to Attain the Goal—Hazel Patty.

Reading, "God of Our Boyhood"—Fayttie Belle Copeland.

**HEART POWER AND THE HOME**

The unit of civilization is a happy home. Back of every business are the homes of the directors, the managers, the employees. And the quality of the homes will pretty well determine the quality of the business.

The man who lives in a home which has all the love burnt out of it, who comes back every night to sit in the ashes can never be either happy or successful. He may be rich, but his money is a mockery if he has no home.

So we must develop our capacity to love, so that we shall be completely men and not fractions, and many other reasons.

The Supreme H. P. is not horsepower, it is heart power. It is the greatest of all prime movers. And I am writing these words as one business man may write another, and not as a poet, a saint nor an idealist.

There will yet come a day when both science and religion shall be wiser; and when men shall see that Love is the Creator—Love is the First Cause—Love is the Law of Life in this universe; and that the most practical thing that any man can do is to develop his capacity to love.—H. N. Casson, in Forbes Magazine.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty spent Tuesday in the C. M. Carpenter home.

Hulon Collier and family spent last week end in the J. L. Collier home.

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Graduate Optometrist

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First National Bank Building Shamrock, Texas

**Snappy Service Station**

Gasoline, Oils, Greases

Tires, Tubes & Accessories

You'll Like Our Service

SNAPPY SERVICE STATION McLean, Texas

**MICHAEL MERTEL TO SERVE TWO YEAR SENTENCE**

Wheeler, Jan. 28.—On appeal of Michael Mertel, his appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals has been dismissed. The appeal was on a conviction of selling intoxicating liquor on which Mertel was given a two year sentence. Mr. Mertel will accept the sentence and will serve his sentence as soon as notified to appear in Austin. There are other cases pending against Mertel and these will probably be attended to at the next term of District Court, which will meet on the 8th of February.—Wheeler News-Review.

Luther Petty and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James at Groom last week. Mrs. C. E. Francis accompanied them and is staying for a few days' visit. They report very little improvement in Mr. Francis' condition.

(Mrs. Ethel Hodges has returned from a week's visit at Groom.

Clay Thompson of Amarillo was in McLean Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

**VULCANIZING**

Tires and Tubes Soldering Done All Work Guaranteed

McLean Vulcanizing Shop L. D. Preston, Mgr.

**AUTO SERVICE**

Everything to keep your car in good running order.

Gas—Oils—Tires—Accessories

STAR FILLING STATION "Headquarters for Service" L. L. ROGERS, Prop. Phone 131

**STAR**

Running-in-oil and Timken Bearings

This new STAR, with either Timken Tapered Roller Bearings or "NO-OIL-EM" Bearings, running-in-oil, has great efficiency as a pumping power in 8 to 10 mile winds.

As you know, any mill will pump water in high winds, but the windmill that will provide water in the lighter breezes is the one you want.

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**FAKE ADVERTISING**

Another advertising scheme that has but little merit as an advertising medium was put over in Memphis the first of this week. The promoter got over \$50 for some two hours work and the local sign painter who painted the advertisement got about \$5—the bulk of it going to the grafter, and out of Memphis.

There are meritorious advertising schemes, but this one didn't have much to commend. The first thing an advertiser should ascertain or reason out is "How many people can I reach with the advertisement and are they people who will trade in Memphis?"—Memphis Democrat.

W. E. James of Groom visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty on Tuesday of last week.

Tennessee Red peanuts for sale. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement

**Get Acquainted**

IT MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS

New residents and new enterprises are welcomed here.

We want your deposits as much as you may need this bank's protection, accommodation and service.

All who bring their business here are assured of courteous treatment and appreciative attention.

**The Citizens State Bank**

CAPITAL, FUND AND SURPLUS \$58,750.00

J. S. MORSE, President C. C. BOGAN, Cashier

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Dr. W. E. Ballard has renewed his subscription to The News.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett Cash Store. Advertisement

**A Good Place to Eat**

Hamburgers, coffee, pies short orders

**Hamburger Inn**

J. A. Meador, Prop.

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