

THE McLEAN NEWS

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George Washington of Today



NEW SERIAL BEGINS IN THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Our new serial begins on page two of this issue of The News, and to those who enjoy entertaining fiction, it will be a real treat. The story is not a long one, it will run only a few weeks, but every chapter will be of interest. Take our recommendation and begin with the first chapter.

GENE SIMMONS DIED AT CHANNING ON LAST THURSDAY

Gene Simmons, brother of Mrs. R. P. Cunningham of McLean, died at his home in Channing last Thursday morning, at the age of 52 years. Funeral services and interment at Channing Thursday afternoon.

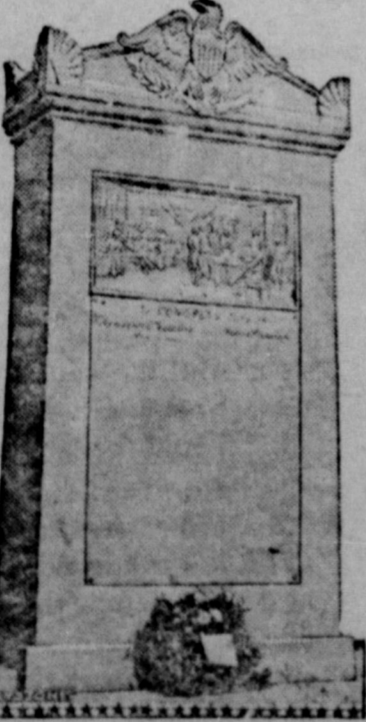
The deceased was serving his first term as sheriff of Hartley county and had announced as a candidate for re-election. He was engaged in the cattle business and was widely known throughout the Panhandle.

PIE SUPPER AT PLEASANT MOUND

A pie supper was held at the Pleasant Mound schoolhouse last Friday night, proceeds to go toward buying a lighting system for the school.

A large crowd was present and a good time experienced by all.

UNIQUE MONUMENT



Almost in the shadow of historic Park Street church, on Boston common, there now stands a unique monument to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It stands 13 feet high—a foot for each colony. On one side the bas relief in bronze—by John F. Paramo, after the painting by Trumbull—shows the representatives of the colonies pledging their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. On the other side is an exact copy of the original declaration including all signatures.

FALSE FIRE ALARM THURSDAY NIGHT

A fire alarm was turned in Thursday night when a big bon fire was used in the Boy Scout celebration in the northwest part of town.

There seems to be no particular person to blame for the alarm, as the persons turning in the alarm thought it was a house burning, and the fire certainly made flare enough to warrant such a belief. The scouts had, as they thought, given ample notice of their intention to build the fire, we are told, but the engineers at the power plant did not know of their intention. The fire hose was rushed to the scene and practically the whole town answered the alarm.

LEGION THEATRE BOOKS NEW PICTURES

C. E. Truitt, manager of the Legion Theatre, has booked the new spring 30, Paramount's latest releases, and will begin showing them next month. Mr. Truitt has made some much needed improvements in the service offered patrons of the Theatre and is endeavoring to show only the very latest pictures.

HARVEY HUDGINS APPRECIATES NEWS

502 St. James St., Peoria, Ill., Jan. 9, 1925. The McLean News:

I wish to thank my kind friends for sending the issues of The McLean News to me here in Peoria, Ill.

As I made my home in McLean most of my young life, I appreciate very greatly to be able to read the news and advertisements of people with whom I am familiar. It is almost like a trip home for me every time the postman brings me my paper.

Peoria, the second largest city in the state, is situated on the banks of the Illinois river and extends far back on the beautiful high bluffs about Peoria Lake. The city with its interesting life and beauty is becoming more pleasant to me every day.

I am also pleased with my school of engraving, watchwork and jewelry manufacturing, as it is one of the best schools of its kind in the United States. There are 2052 students enrolled here at Bradley and we have students here from every state in the Union and 24 foreign countries. Our cross-country, track and football teams have won state championship this year and our basketball team has so far been undefeated in the conference.

I am wishing all my fellow readers of The News the best of luck and would like to meet some of them here in Peoria.

Yours very truly,
HARVEY HUDGINS.

HUCKABEE TO BUILD MODERN RESIDENCE

Rev. J. S. Huckabee of Perryton was in McLean the first of the week looking after property interests. Rev. Huckabee plans to erect a modern five room stucco residence on his lots in McLean just east of his present rent houses. Actual building will begin about the first of next month.

A POT LUCK DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Phillips entertained with a pot luck dinner Sunday, Feb. 14, for their granddaughters.

Those present were: Misses Leora Kinard, Sallie Campbell, Vera Rice, Jewel Shaw, Bonnie Miller, Ruth Clark, Bobbie Hodges, Gladys Holloway, Thelma Gatlin, Fern Upham, Kathleen Copeland, May-Lee Veatch, Lena and Lorene Sparks, and Beatrice Cash; Messrs. Russell Grogan, Charles Jordan, Reuel Smith, Dwight Upham, Sammie and Ercy Cubine, S. B. Morse, John Haynes, Chester Lander and Floyd Phillips.

CARPENTER BUYS LOTS

A deal was consummated last week whereby D. C. Carpenter became the owner of two vacant business lots adjoining the Rice-Cousins building on Main street. We are told that Mr. Carpenter intends to build a modern business building on the lots.

News from Liberty

A number of families enjoyed a supper at the Reuben Woodley home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell and children were dinner guests in the A. L. Morgan home Sunday.

Quite a number were present at Sunday school and preaching services Sunday.

A large crowd attended the singing at the A. L. Morgan home Sunday night.

Herman and Miss Alta Lee of McLean attended the singing.

Reuben Woodley filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Irvin left Monday for White Deer, where they will make their home this year.

Cas Irvin was present Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stokes visited in the home of Mrs. Belle Henderson at McLean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pearce and children took supper in the W. R. Stokes home Sunday night.

Mrs. I. G. Hardin is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Luther Petty and boys were present Sunday.

N. M. Balwin and family left for Ashland, Mo., Wednesday.

Nogent Kunkel has renewed his subscription to The News.

Merchants Agree to Close Stores at Regular Hours

An agreement has been reached by the grocery and dry goods merchants of McLean whereby they will close their places of business each day at 7 p. m., beginning Monday, Feb. 22.

This action is taken to insure their employees equal treatment and to insure uniform working hours.

It is understood that merchants in other lines of business favor the regular closing hour and will undertake to close at this hour. This agreement does not apply to Saturdays, as all places of business will be open as long as trade demands upon Saturday nights. This closing hour will be maintained until warmer weather, when possibly an earlier hour will be suggested.

PANHANDLE EDITORS MEET IN AMARILLO APRIL 9-10, 1926

The annual convention of the Panhandle Press Association will meet in Amarillo Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, it was decided by the executive board last Saturday.

The following tentative program has been arranged:

Invocation, Rev. Fred O'Malley; sing-song led by Harry Albright, Western Newspaper Union, Wichita, Kans.; address of welcome, Newt Riggs, president Board of City Development; response, Homer Steen, Floyd County Hesperian; appointment of committees; payment of dues; annual address of president, J. G. Greaves.

"Changing to 12 Ems, Seven Columns," Harry Koch, Quanah Tribune-Chief; "Insurance on Printing Plants," D. Mills Johnston, Larnhart Bros. & Spindler, Dallas; "Metric," L. D. Shaw, Higgins News; "Mail Order Advertising," W. H. Graham, Melrose (N. M.) Messenger; "Texas Press Weeklies, Inc.," H. L. Grabel, manager, Dallas; "Ethics Among Publishers," T. A. Landers, McLean News; "Obligations of the Press to the Public," Lee Satterwhite, Panhandle Herald; discussion, Dave Warren, Amarillo News-Globe; "My Experiences with Semi-Weekly," Deskin Wells, Wellington Leader, and Fred Story, Childress Post.

Mrs. J. W. Cheney of the Southwest Plainsman will give the annual poem.

HUSTED FOR JUDGE

In our announcement column will be found the name of A. C. Husted for County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Husted is fully qualified for the office he seeks and if elected will endeavor to perform the duties of the office in a satisfactory manner.

The News is glad to present Mr. Husted's claims to the voters, and we feel sure that due consideration will be given him at the polls.

B. L. Gladden of Briggsville, Ark., is visiting his uncle, W. H. Mathis, and family this week.

News from Ramsdell

D. N. Massay has our thanks for \$1.50 for The News a year.

F. B. Landers and family moved to Branson, Colo., last week.

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. 2454. ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CITY DEPOSITORIES.—Provides that the city council of any city in the state incorporated under the general or special laws, is authorized to receive sealed proposals for the custody of the city funds, including school funds where the public schools are under the jurisdiction of the city. Notice that such bids will be received shall be published for not less than one nor more than four successive weeks.

Postal Highway Executive Board Met Tuesday

The executive board of the Postal Highway Association met at Elk City, Okla., Tuesday.

M. D. Bentley, board member from McLean and chairman of the road committee of the McLean Chamber of Commerce, attended this meeting.

While the meeting was to have been purely executive, the enthusiasm was so great along the line that the meeting was overflowed by road boosters from the various towns and turned the meeting into a small convention. The meeting was set for 12 o'clock at the Storie Hotel, and lasted until 2:45. Among the business transacted was the placing of Mr. Lowman, the field man for the Postal Highway, on the west end for 60 days with instructions to complete the gap between Tucumcari and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Plans were made for the annual convention, which convenes at Shamrock this year, about the first of June. Guy Hill of Shamrock was present and stated that Shamrock could care for as many as could get there. This should be the biggest convention that this organization has ever had. Big highway men will be there from Oklahoma and Texas, and Mr. Hill promises plenty of gas for the occasion.

There are some interesting attractions in store for those interested in the highway movement that will be stressed at the Shamrock meeting. Everyone interested in good roads should attend this meeting.

McLEAN GETS FIRE CREDIT OF THREE PER CENT ON RECORD

Notice has been received from the State Fire Insurance Commission that McLean is entitled to a 3% reduction on last year's fire record as indicated from the insurance agents' reports.

Fifteen per cent is the maximum allowed, and up to last year McLean has enjoyed this reduction. Last year reports were not made until October, when a 9% reduction was granted for the remainder of the year.

The small reduction for this year is caused by an increase in fires last year.

KACHELHOFFER OIL WELL DRILLING IN LIME FORMATION

The Kachelhoffer oil well is now drilling in a softer formation containing more lime. It is thought that they are entirely through the granite that has delayed drilling for the past few days.

The drill had reached a depth of 2365 feet yesterday when some tools were lost in the well, but they were fished out last night and drilling resumed.

The gas encountered some few days ago is being used as fuel for the boiler, and interesting developments are expected at any time.

News from Ramsdell

Mrs. M. T. Powell visited Mrs. H. Longan Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Charlie Longan made a business trip to McLean Wednesday afternoon of last week.

J. N. Phillips went to McLean Thursday on business.

The school gave a Valentine program Friday night which was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bolton went to Shamrock Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pharis were dinner guests in the Hershel Miller home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bolton visited in the H. Longan home Sunday afternoon.

Little Misses Lillie Mae and Mildred Pharis visited little Miss Irene Isabell Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Crow preached here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones and son, R. L. Jr., went to McLean Monday.

H. Longan and son, Charlie, went to Wheeler Tuesday.

Sam Hodges and family visited in Dodsonville Wednesday.

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WHAT BINDS?
By D. E. Dean
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W. T. Wilson and J. F. Heasley
a trip to Amarillo Tuesday.
egan and family visited
Sunday.



Whoever named the island Valhalla a sort of paradise in the South Atlantic that figures in this story, must have had in mind some of the strenuous characteristics of Valhalla, hall of the gods in Scandinavian mythology.

CHAPTER I

Dick Van Ness was smoking and idly angling off the end of the private dock, a place where he had no business to be, when a pleasure yacht slipped down the river and came to anchor in midstream nearly abreast of him.

"The Pelican!" he muttered, frowning. "It's the old Beacon. I'm sure of that! I'd recognize her anywhere."

Then came pleasant and unpleasant memories to occupy his thoughts. His fishing tackle was neglected, and when a fish nibbled at the bait he made no responsive jerk.

"Cutler got the yacht in the final breakup, I suppose," he mused. "That's why she's renamed."

Before the financial crash came that ruined his father, Dick had only to signify a desire to take a cruise in the Beacon and it was at his service. Now the yacht was Steve Cutler's, the man who had profited by his father's downfall.

He stopped in his musings to watch a small boat being lowered over the side of the yacht. When it came plunging through the water under the powerful oars of two sailors, Dick gathered up his line.

"This must be Cutler's private dock," he grinned. "Rotten luck to be caught fishing on it. But"—reflectively—"he wouldn't recognize me—never had a speaking acquaintance with him. Guess I'll wait."

There were only two passengers in the boat—a medium-size man, with dark hair and gray eyes, and a nose inclined to hook a little at the end, and a girl in her early twenties, with fair hair and blue eyes. Dick studied them closely from his hiding place.

"If that's Steve Cutler," he mused thoughtfully, "he's younger than dad was by twenty years. Thought he was older."

"He turned his attention from the man to the girl.

"Cutler wasn't married," he resumed after a pause. "Therefore, she"—meaning the girl in the boat—"can't be his daughter. A guest, maybe."

The sailors warped the small boat alongside the float, and the first to come ashore was the one who held the center of the stage. The easy, graceful way in which she jumped to the float, a little recklessly, it seemed at a distance, won Dick's admiration; but her companion, who had leaned forward to forestall her action, appeared annoyed and distressed.

"You should be more careful, Miss Alice," he protested, landing clumsily. "Please don't be so reckless."

For reply the girl laughed merrily. "Oh, fudge! I'm old enough to look after myself. There's uncle waiting to me."

She flaunted a strip of gauzy lace in the air in response to something white fluttering over the rail of the yacht.

Meanwhile, the sailors had been

dismissed and were rowing lustily back to the parent craft. The girl continued watching until the small boat was hauled out of the water and swung to the davits of the yacht.

"I wish uncle had come with us," she observed; then, speaking half petulantly, "I don't see why—"

A sudden gust of wind tore at her face scarf, and in her effort to recover it she jerked both hands upward. Something light and glittering flew in the air and landed with a splash in the water. A little exclamation of dismay escaped her lips.

"Oh, my hand bag!" she cried. "It's in the river. Mr. Blake! Please get it! It's full of my papers and cards—Oh, what shall I do!"

She ran to the edge of the float as if to plunge in after the bag, but a restraining hand detained her.

"I'll signal for the boat to come back and pick it up, Miss Alice," replied Mr. Blake calmly. "Don't do anything rash now!"

"But it's sinking, and the tide's carrying it away. Oh, can't you get it for me?"

"I'm a poor swimmer, Miss Alice," he apologized weakly, "and the tide is strong. I'll have the boat back in a few minutes."

"Oh, dear, it will sink before they get here."

At this juncture both were startled by a voice that seemed to come from the air directly over their heads. Dick had risen from his hiding place, and stood in clear view on the end of the dock.

"I think I can get it for you," he announced calmly.

They glanced up at the tall, lithe figure, as if it were an apparition. Mr. Blake frowningly and Miss Alice with the light of expectation in her blue eyes; but if either thought to see him plunge recklessly into the river the disappointment was mutual.

Dick was calmly gathering in his line for a cast. In more than one casting tournament he had won out against all contestants. The bag was floating down on the tide, fifty feet away, sinking gradually below the surface as the water soaked in it.

The long bamboo pole was not the kind he would choose for casting

tournament, and lacking all pretense of a reel to control it, the line was liable to whip and snarl in the wind; but there was a heavy sinker on the end, and Dick gauged this against the wind before he threw.

The two below watched the hook and sinker describe an arc in the air, hesitate a moment over his head, and



The Two Below Watched the Hook and Sinker Describe an Arc in the Air.

then as if propelled by some invisible force both went hurtling in a graceful curve directly for the floating bag. It seemed for an instant that Dick had overestimated the distance, and something approaching a sigh escaped the girl's lips; but a second later it was changed to an exclamation of pure delight.

"Oh, you've got it!" she cried, clapping her hands.

The hook had caught in the lacy mesh, and as if he were hauling a trout out of the stream Dick lifted the bag from the water, and swung it with in reach of the eager owner.

"If you'll unhook my catch," he said, smiling. "I'll be obliged."

Before she had the dripping bag clear of the hook, Mr. Blake was mounting the steps to the dock. A near view of the man's face was not friendly. He was clearly annoyed.

"That was a lucky throw of yours, my man," he said. "Of course, you know fishing is forbidden on this dock, but as you've done Miss Cutler a service we'll overlook that."

He fumbled in his pocket and drew out a bill. "I'll reward you for saving the bag," he added. "But you must positively leave the dock, and not return. Here, take this!"

Dick glanced from the man's face to the bill extended to him, a slow, sinister smile on his eyes. Then he suddenly smiled and took the bill. Crumpling it in his hand, he made a wad of it, and deliberately thrust the hook through

"This might be good bait for suckers," he remarked. "Anyway, I'll try it."

He flung the money-baited hook back in the water, and calmly resented himself on the pier. Mr. Blake glared furiously at him, his eyes glinting dangerously; but before he could speak Alice Cutler was up the steps and by his side. Dick could see by the amusement in her eyes that she had witnessed the whole proceeding.

"Oh, let him fish here as long as he wants to, Mr. Blake," she exclaimed impulsively. "I owe him that much."

Dick smiled into her eyes, but when she fumbled into her bag for something his face grew red and hot.

"Now please don't use this for bait," she said merrily, "but keep it until some day you may need it. It's more than a card of introduction. I'll redeem it in any way you ask at any time."

Dick looked at the white piece of pasteboard thrust into his hand. It was an ordinary visiting card, with her name engraved neatly across the face.

(Continued next week)

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

Service advertisement for Webster's New International Dictionary, highlighting its utility in schools, offices, and homes.

PREVENTS TURKEYS FLYING

A short piece of light board fastened across a turkey's back will prevent the bird from flying over a fence, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Cut notches or bore holes in the board and tie with a strip of cloth to each wing. When the wings are raised they strike against the board and flying is prevented.

OBVIOUSLY

They quarrelled, and in accents of despair, "I wish that I could see the maiden shrieked and applied: "That's more than I can do."

Insurance advertisement for Haynes & Ledbetter, offering fire, hail, and health insurance.

THE LADY'S LID

To many a man the little lid his wife is wearing only means that he is getting next to nothing for his money. He remembers the day when he could get a thatch-piece covered with gorgeous vegetables for \$8. Those were the good old days.—Sayre (Okla.) Journal.

Large advertisement for Chevrolet cars, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman in a car, and a list of prices for various models.

Advertisement for Fort Worth Business College, offering business training courses.

Advertisement for The American National Bank, emphasizing its service to the community and its growth.

THE EPITAPH
A tomb—a shrine to mem-
bered ashes of a year;
of joys, of sorrow,
of measures, hopes, remorse
of guilt, of glory, and of
of dreams of things that
have been;
of pride, ambition, and of
of barren triumphs won too
of empty vanities, of strife;
of all that makes or mars a
mingled in one heap lie buried
of Virtues that blossomed
of roses sprinkled o'er the
fragrance fated in the rose-
has not plucked a rose, and
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of joy, who has not felt its
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the armor of a simple faith.
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of Hope—what bitter tears
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darling Hope is numbered
the dead;
the grave it yields a bar-
prise,
rends the shroud to look be-
the skies;
may be hopeless, but o'er
y tomb
sheds the fragrance of im-
al bloom;
to these ashes, rest in mem-
your
fatal errors of the vanished
G. Hunter, Christmas, 1886.

for increased transportation costs,
why not invest it in highways and
pay yourself some dividends?
Good roads and streets pay for
themselves in the saving they
effect on the cost of motoring.
Their maintenance cost is so low
that this saving alone returns good
dividends on the investment, year
after year.
You are imposing an unnecessary
tax on yourself from which you
get no return, by failure to work
for more highways.
Not in a long time have general
conditions been so favorable for
carrying on such public works as
permanent highway building.
Your highway authorities are
ready to carry on their share of
this great public work. But they
must have your support.
Tell them you are ready to in-
vest in more highways, now.—"Ad-
vance Guard," Goliad, 12-10-25.

EPWORTH LEAGUE
Subject—Twice-Born Men.
Leader—Jewel Shaw.
Song—Amazing Grace.
Song—O Happy Day.
Prayer.
Scripture, Acts 9:1-20; Luke 8:
35, 36; John 1:12, 13—Leader.
Born Again—Ruby Anderson.
Examples of the Twice-Born:
A Miracle that Is Symbolic of
the Transformation, Mark 5:1-13—
John B. Rice.
A Twice-Born Brother of the
Lord—James, John 7:3-5 with Jas.
1:1—Beulah Lovelace.
From Persecutor to Apostle, Acts
9:12, 17-21—Glenn Wolfe.
A Prepared Soul that Easily En-
tered the New Life, Acts 16:14, 15
—Lorene Sparks.
A Would-be Suicide Born Again
Acts 16:27-33—Lucille Rice.
Many Miracles of Grace in Cor-
inth, 1 Cor. 6:9-11—John Boyd
Coffey.
Born Again as the Result of
Reading the Prophecies, Acts 8:35-
37—Marie Copeland.
Other Examples—Pearl Johnson.
For the Open Meeting—Mrs.
Scoggins.
League benediction.

A "FLOWER SHOWER"
FOR BRIDES AND OTHERS
There are so many different
sorts of showers for prospective
brides, I wish some enterprising
friend would begin with a "plant-
ing shower," if the young people
are lucky enough to start out with
a little home right at the begin-
ning. Can you think of a sweeter
memorial of friendship and youth
than lilacs and sweet syringa and
pyrus japonica and bridal wreath
and all the marvelous bulbs—all of
them lasting although the long
years to come; each spring recall-
ing the giver; each spring flinging
abroad beauty and fragrance yearly
increasing, and so making it pos-
sible to pass on that beauty to
the neighborhood; a beauty that
never wears out or grows old-fash-
ioned as so many gifts do. No
danger or moth and rust there.
Nor is there an necessity for
confusing one's flower shower to
a prospective bride. Older people
moving into a new and bare place
would be just as appreciative and
need the kindly thought even more,
for enthusiasm is lacking with
the gathering of years, and to
have things brought to you in-
stead of having to go for them
means a great deal.
A shower for the school grounds
in return for the entertainments
the teachers and children are al-
ways getting up for the parents
would be a great addition to the
attractiveness of the grounds and
the impression the community makes
upon the passer-by.—Mrs. Lindsay
Patterson, in The Progressive Farm-
er.

SHE VUS
I heard the other day where a
gentleman of Hebrew appearance
stayed at a hotel and ate his meals
next door. When the bill came he
was charged with them. When he
kicked, the head clerk said:
"Well, they were there for you,
why didn't you eat them? You
gotta pay."
So Abie forked over the change,
but thought out a way to get back
on the hotel. The next morning
he showed up and demanded \$10.
He said the clerk kissed his wife.
"No, no," replied the clerk,
"you're crazy."
"Well," replied Abie, "you gotta
pay anyway. She vus there for
you; she vus there for you."



NOT the Valhalla of Scandinavian myth-
ology, the hall of Odin, where war-
riors slain in battle were supposed to
spend their future existence in combat with
each other as their daily sport, but an island
somewhere near the tropics. The actors are
all flesh and blood and of the twentieth cen-
tury, and they stage some plots and combats
of a peculiarly modern character. Here is an
old-fashioned sea story translated into the
atmosphere and conditions of the present
without lessening any of the romantic and
stirring qualities. For entertainment and ex-
citement, you will find it hard to beat.

The First Chapter Will Be Found on
Page Two of This Issue of The News

A Good
Place to Eat
Hamburgers, coffee, pies
short orders
Hamburger Inn
J. A. Meador, Prop.

VULCANIZING
Tires and Tubes
Soldering Done
All Work Guaranteed
L. D. Preston, Mgr.

Good Pictures
"Trouble with Wives" with Florence
Vidor and Tom Moore will be shown
Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22 and 23.
It's a good one. You will like it.
"THE ANCIENT HIGHWAY"
with Jack Holt and Noah Beery, Wed-
nesday and Thursday nights, Feb. 24 &
25. This is the picture you have been
waiting for; not a dull minute in it. A
stupendous production.
"The Bandit Baby" starring Fred Thomp-
son, Friday and Saturday nights, Feb.
26 and 27. You will enjoy this one.
We have booked Paramount's New Spring
30, the latest releases. Watch for
further announcements.
Legion Theatre
C. E. Truitt, Mgr. McLean, Texas

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 pub-
lication of this citation in some
newspaper published in the County
of Gray, if there be a newspaper
published therein, but if not, then
in any newspaper published in the
31st Judicial District; but if there
be no newspaper published in said
Judicial District, then in a news-
paper published in the nearest dis-
trict to said 31st Judicial District,
for four weeks previous to the
return day hereof, W. H. Ellinger,
whose residence is unknown, to be
and appear before me, a Justice of
the Peace in and for Gray county,
at a regular term of the Justice's
Court for Precinct No. 2 of said
county, to be begun and holden at
my office in Pampa, Texas, on the
22nd day of March, 1926, at ten
o'clock a. m., to answer the com-
plaint of Chas. C. Cook in a cer-
tain suit therein pending, in which
Chas. C. Cook is plaintiff and W.
H. Ellinger is defendant. Filed
on the 13th day of January, A. D.
1926, and numbered on the Docket
of said Court No. 653, the nature
of the plaintiff's demand being in
substance: A suit to recover the
sum of \$200.00 for legal services
rendered by plaintiff for defendant
at the special instance and re-
quest of defendant.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have
you then and there before said
Court, at said regular term, this
writ, with your return thereon,
showing how you have executed
the same.
Given under my hand, this 15th
day of February, A. D. 1926.
I. S. JAMESON, Justice of
the Peace, Precinct No. 2,
CCC-7-4c Gray County, Texas.

THAT PERSONAL TOUCH
The college professor had asked
that the students put a little more
of the personal touch in their
themes. So when he next graded
papers, he found this at the end
of one:
"Well, professor, how is the wife
and the three kiddies coming along?
Is the old Ford hitting on all
twelve? And, before it slips my
mind, could you lend me a ten
spot until Saturday?"
There was an old man from Had-
ley,
Whose false teeth annoyed him
sadly
They fell on a chair,
And he sat on them there,
And bit himself really quite badly.
There are now more automobiles
in Texas than telephones.

Dr. Warner, the eyesight special-
ist, will be in McLean again for
three days visit March 1-2-3. Of-
fice with Shell's Pharmacy. Eyes
examined, glasses fitted. Adver-
tisement. 7-2c
Tennessee Red peanuts for sale.
Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement
Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's
Cash Store. Advertisement 11c

CITY TAX NOTICE
An extension of time has been
granted by the city council on
city taxes, but the penalty will
positively be put on Feb. 28, 1926.
B. N. Henry, City Secretary,
J. R. Hindman, Mayor. 6-2c

Horse Shoeing
We have secured the serv-
ices of an expert horse-
shoer. Bring us your work.
We do all kinds of plow and
woodwork.
Hansen's
Blacksmith Shop

INSURANCE
LIFE FIRE MARL
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

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

FOR THE JADED APPETITE
Our cold meats are always in demand by those who have
once tried them—for the midnight snack, the light noonday
lunch, the unexpected-company-for-dinner crisis.
Plenty of fresh meats on hand.
THE CITY MARKET
The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

Here's help for every man,
woman and child
EVERY one who has any
writing to do needs a Rem-
ington Portable—the little ma-
chine that makes all writing swift
and easy.
The New Remington Portable
is built to supply every require-
ment of personal service. It is the
lightest and most compact port-
able machine with standard key-
board. Complete in every feature,
with the longest writing line of
any portable, and accommodating
the standard long envelope, yet
so small and handy you can carry
it and use it anywhere. Its out-
standing merits are strength, dura-
bility, speed, simplicity of opera-
tion, complete visibility of writing,
and surpassing beauty of work.
Call in and let us show you this
machine. One demonstration will
convince you that in general effi-
ciency it has no rival.
Price, complete with case, \$60
THE McLEAN NEWS
Remington Portable

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.



The secretary of the city of Pampa is advertising for proposals from Pampa banks that desire to act as city depository. This is according to law, but we understand it is sometimes violated by city councils. Laws of this character are for the protection of citizens and should be observed.

McLean needs a sanitarium and now seems to be the proper time to secure one. The work of the Chamber of Commerce along the line of securing another doctor for McLean can easily be made to count for a sanitarium, too. Interested parties are investigating our possibilities at this time and further steps may be forthcoming at an early date.

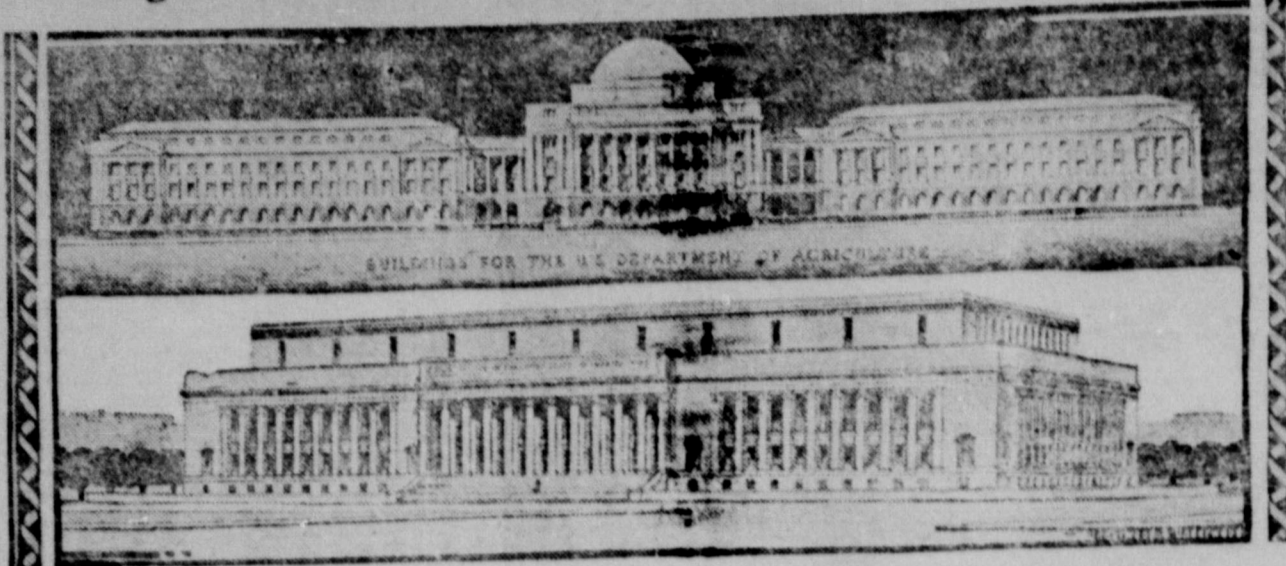
The Claude News says that the present poll tax law is unjust, unreasonable, indefensible and dead wrong; that if there is any poll taxing, poll tax every voter ten dollars for every time he fails to vote and charge him nothing for the right to vote. This would be pretty severe on those who like to tell how to run the government, yet never tell at the polls. However, we agree with the News editor in thinking that the poll tax law is indefensible in a democratic country. A property qualification for voters could just as easily be justified as our present law.

The State cleanup campaign has been set for the week of March 28 to April 3, this year. This campaign is sponsored by the State Board of Health each year and is observed in all progressive towns of the state. City officials, chambers of commerce, boy scouts, parent-teacher associations all endorse the movement and take active part where it is observed. McLean used to observe regular cleanup campaigns, but last year no such campaign was staged. It would be well for our town that some one responsible should take the lead in the matter and see that we have a cleanup campaign in the interest of the health and comfort of our citizens. If we would put on the campaign in earnest and enter the state contest, we might receive a lot of favorable advertising at no cost to our town, that would be worth the effort, aside from the sanitary value of the work.

Nobody gets any pay for helping fight fires in McLean; it is just a neighborly service, and false alarms should be discouraged as much as possible. However, it is never safe to fall to answer an alarm, for usually it means disaster for someone. Minutes count in cases of this kind. There is no use having expensive fire fighting equipment if the warning cannot be given in time to save the property. While we understand there can no blame be attached to anyone in particular for Thursday night's failure to give the alarm promptly, yet it would seem that if we had all night telephone service, with a switch controlled at the central office, much valuable time could be saved in case of fire that might mean the difference in a small loss or a total loss. Fires are the biggest problem to be contended with in towns and cities, and McLean should make every effort to prevent disastrous losses from fires.

The new law regarding election of school trustees may work a hardship on those who have been waiting until the last minute to get their favorite candidate's name on the ticket. It might be well to bear in mind the provisions of the law. A request for a name to be placed on the ticket must be filed with the county judge at least ten days before the election, and in the case of putting another man's name on the ticket, the request must be accompanied with at least five qualified voters endorsement. There should be plenty of men who would make good trustees in the McLean district, and men who are directly interested in the school should be chosen, other things being equal. The man or woman

Agriculture and Archives Buildings for the Capital



The public buildings bill introduced in congress carries a \$50,000,000 appropriation for public buildings in Washington and designs for these structures have been prepared. Above are shown two of them—the Department of Agriculture building and the Hall of Archives.

who has children in school should make the best material for trustee. Let's have plenty of candidates, in order that the voters may have some choice in the matter, and not leave the ticket in the hands of a few would-be politicians.

FARM WOMEN READ HOME TOWN PAPER

The country "weekly" reaches, and is read in more farm homes than any other newspaper. A survey of conditions in the farm home just concluded by Mrs. Mary C. Puncke, show that 67 per cent of the farmers in the eastern, southern and middle western states take their local weekly paper; 54 per cent take the daily city paper; 68 per cent subscribe to a farm paper and 55 per cent have a woman's magazine coming regularly each month, according to Mrs. Puncke.

Through some eight hundred capable, representative farm women, Mrs. Puncke has been able to reach into almost 11,000 homes, to learn what the opportunities for reading, education and recreation are for the average farm wife.

"There is a decided need for traveling libraries," says Mrs. Puncke. Less than half of these women have no public libraries near them and only about 20 per cent of them are making any use of the facilities which their nearest towns offer. The distance, the fact that the library is open only a few hours a day, or a few days a week, and the uncertainty of getting to town to return books are among the reasons given why farm wives do not take out books from the public libraries.

The farmer's wife will be able to solve many of her problems and enrich her life when she learns the value of organization, according to Mrs. Puncke. Scarcely 30 per cent of the women living on farms have joined community betterment clubs. Less than 20 per cent belong to women's clubs, educational or social.

At best the farm woman's life is a full one, and there seems to be little room for recreation. Within the home, radio, reading, fancy work and visiting with one's neighbors even the telephone are the most popular diversions, although 928 out of those 11,000 women remark tersely that their only recreation is work, and 88 say that theirs is gossip. The school and the church entertainment, the Grange and Farm Bureau Clubs, and the many social gathering among neighbors seem to be bright spots in these busy lives.

The automobile has been the greatest source of entertainment and pleasure for these farm families for it has meant more frequent trips to town, movies, band concerts, closer social intercourse with neighbors and a wider acquaintance with the country about their homes. More than 15 per cent speak of the auto as their best and most satisfactory recreation. On the other hand, 1328 of these homes say simply that they have no recreation.

"They are probably not making the most of what their community offers," concludes Mrs. Puncke. "More women's clubs will teach them to use the resources that are at hand."

DECEIT

"My husband is a deceitful wretch."
"How, dear?"
"Last night he pretended to believe me, when he knew I was lying!"

Frank Landers is in Branson, Colo., this week looking after property interests.

Miss Ruby Cook is visiting in Amarillo this week.

Wants

RATES—One insertion, 2¢ per word. Three insertions, 4¢ per word. Or 1¢ per word each week after first insertion. Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as reading matter. Black-face type double rate. Initials and numbers count as words. No advertisement accepted for less than 25¢ per week. All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with The News.

SEED OATS—Cheney & Callahan

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

FOR SALE—Turkeys, Jersey cows and Jersey bull calf. House for rent. Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS at News office.

SWEET MILK delivered anywhere in town. Can also furnish sweet cream to milk customers. A. L. Hibler, Phone 61. t/c

PRINTING, any kind, at News office.

BUFF Orpington eggs, winter laying strain, \$1.50 per setting, \$6 per 100. Mrs. M. R. Landers.

VISITING CARDS at News office.

FOR RENT—2 farms, 145 and 20 acres. R. S. Jordan. t/c

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

BUFF Orpington eggs, \$1.00 per setting. Mrs. N. E. Scifres, Phone 45 14. 6-2p

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS at News office.

FOR SALE, cheap, Leets cream separator. Used one month. Roy McCracken, Phone 83. 1p

NEW GOODS

I have just received a new shipment of Royal Society packages, including voile dresses. All old packages going at half price.

MRS. EARLE SHELL
At Shell's Pharmacy

Rock Bottom Prices

Men's and children's all wool sweaters
\$8.50 Sweaters for \$5.65
7.50 Sweaters for 4.98
6.75 Sweaters for 4.65
4.25 Sweaters for 2.90
2.50 Sweaters for 1.75

20 per cent discount on all men's and women's shoes until March 1st

Mrs. W. T. Wilson & Son

THE OIL GAMBLE

Don't gamble in oil unless you have the money to lose. Amarillo and the North Plains people are said over oil. The oil boom is on in full tilt. Millions will be made in it this year, and other millions will be lost. Unless you have money and plenty of money, you can never afford to gamble in oil. Promoters will tell you that it is a chance for the poor man to get rich. That is pure bunk. It is a scheme to extract from pockets hard earned money which the business man or farmer needs to run his own business. Besides, no one has any business monkeying with the oil game who is ignorant of the game. Stay with your own business, and let the oil men gamble in their own field.—Randall County News.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the State Primary, July 24, 1926.
For County Judge:
T. M. WOLFE
A. C. HUSTED
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:
S. R. KENNEDY
M. D. BENTLEY
M. M. NEWMAN

ECONOMY

Victim—"You've pulled three teeth! I only wanted one pulled!"
Dentist—"Yes, I know. We gave you a bit too much gas and I don't want to waste it!"

BEFORE AND AFTER

He—"You told me there was no fool in your family."
She—"That was before we were married."

John L. Beck and son, Clifford, of Spearman visited in the L. O. city home Sunday.

Gaylord Hodges has returned from an extended visit in Oklahoma.

Hammill Bond and Our Good Printing Will Save You Money

The McLean News

New and Second Hand FURNITURE
Among other bargains, I have a first class piano for sale, for cash or terms.
W. C. Dunnaway

The Modern Way to Write
ANY user will tell you the debt which he owes to this time and labor saving machine.
Call in and let us show you this wonderful little typewriter—the smallest, lightest and most compact of standard keyboard portables. One demonstration will convince you that here is just what you need. Personal writing machine you have always needed.

Provides the longest writing line of any portable; takes the regular long envelope; does beautiful work; and all the writing is always visible.
Price, complete with case, \$60

THE McLEAN NEWS
Remington Portable

Cung Williams has returned from Tulsa, Okla., where he had an operation.

Earle Shell orders the first of the Amarillo first of the week end.

Clay Thompson and family visited relatives in Amarillo visited relatives last week end.

Advertising doesn't jerk.

Advertising doesn't jerk. The best advertisement is the best advertisement.

McLean Blacksmith Shop

Shoe & Top Shop
Expert Shoe Repairing. Auto Top and Curtains.

Huff's Shoe and Top Shop
G. J. Huff, Prop.

owner of the farm grandchild, a yet very pretty mare, were planned by me for my dropped the collar with the narrow end.

sun was boiling his bare head, the that I knew it bare feet, yet he was sitting. The old I grumbled at. I passed each of dropping the collar then he was dropped together, then down in the bottle. And at last we finished the field, right there you've rains together, me this poor grove stalks of corn. I've a notion to go why you can't drop passed on with little boy stood for looking after the writer—the smallest, lightest and most compact of standard keyboard portables. One demonstration will convince you that here is just what you need. Personal writing machine you have always needed.

my arms, and I think me weak with tears mingled with the night of the time without a mother's kind words of a e from the only o the path that I

my, sunny." I am attention to the

BOX SUPPERS

Box supper is more than a social event. It is a perpetuation of an honored custom. It furnishes an easy way to raise money for worthy causes, and an excellent opportunity to the county to display his talents. It is participated in by the younger people out of respect to a day when it was a necessary social function, and it is sponsored by older couples in memory of a time when it furnished romance and pleasure.

He hasn't got a bit of sense. Perhaps I shouldn't have told him that, but it expressed at least a part of what I thought of such a man.

"I've been trying my best to plant it right," the little fellow sobbed, brokenly.

"Yes, I'm a roamer—a bum and an idler, but if in later years, I should find some good woman who would be willing to risk her happiness by becoming the wife of such a man as I am, and help me to keep my wayward feet upon that straight and narrow path, and we should have a son or grandson like Billy—oh, God forbid that I should ever by word or deed cause such a look of discouragement or utter hopelessness upon his face as I saw on the face of Little Billy.

What was one stalk of corn, more or less, compared to the happiness and respect of that little boy, who had no mother to pet and love him, and whose God seemed so far away?—The Progressive Farmer.

THE DOER OF DEEDS

It's not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marked by dust and sweat; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming, but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who does know the great decision; who spends himself in a noble cause; who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while doing greatly, so that his piece shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Jolly the fellow who is down today— Give him a smile for his sorrow. For this old world has a funny way, And you may be down tomorrow.

J. O. Holloway renews his subscription to The News.

John Scott renews for The News and Dallas News this week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the firemen and others for the work they did in saving our house from fire last Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barker.

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 held in the county of Gray on the 1st day of March, 1926, at the Court House thereof in Lefors, Texas, then 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 vendor's lien 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 Bessie 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 \$330.80, dated the 9th 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, providing for ten per cent ad valorem 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 Pampa, containing 2.19 acres of land according to the map or plat of said suburb recorded in Volume 17 on page 114 of the Deed Records of Gray County, Texas, and located in Gray County, Texas.

WHEREIN FAIL 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.

CHARLIE THUIT, Clerk District (SEAL) Court, Gray County, Texas. CCC-4-4c

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF TEXAS, In the Justice Court of Precinct 5, Gray County, Texas.

A. A. Callahan, plaintiff, vs. J. S. Stephens, defendant. Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court of Precinct 5, Gray County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1925, in favor of the said A. A. Callahan against the said J. S. Stephens, No. 545 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1926, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the county of Gray, State of Texas, and belonging to the said J. S. Stephens to-wit: Blocks 81 and 82 and Lots 1, 3 and 5, in Block 105, in the city of McLean, Gray County, Texas, and on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. S. Stephens in and to said property.

Dated at McLean, this 13th day of Feb., A. D. 1926. W. C. CARPENTER, Constable Precinct No. 5, Gray County, Texas. WCC-7-4c

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

McLean Filling Station

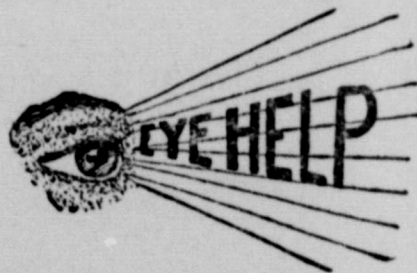
Oils, Gas and Accessories Sudden Service Magnolene Ford Oil will make your Ford run better. Floyd Phillips, Mgr.

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

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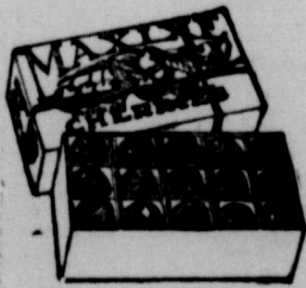


Dr. Montgomery will be in McLean once every four weeks on Friday.

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



What could be more appropriate for Washington's Birthday than a box of chocolate covered Maxixe Cherries?

Superior Whole Cherries in delicious cream, covered with a wonderful quality chocolate. They just melt in your mouth.

Only 59c a pound box.

Erwin Drug Co.

The Rexall Drug Store

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 held 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 the 7th day of January, 1926. W. C. PHILLIPS, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, WCC-4-4c Gray County, Texas.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.

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

REAL DRAY SERVICE

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

D. C. CHRISTOPHER

V. H. MOORE Auctioneer

Get your date at the News office or phone me collect. Wheeler, Texas

Don't Pay Bills Twice

If that collector comes around with a bill you once paid, simply show him the cancelled check. By doing so you will never pay a bill twice, for every check honored is a legal receipt.

A Checking Account here is the easy, simple and modern method of handling personal finances for all. Open yours today.

The Citizens State Bank

CAPITAL, FOND AND SURPLUS \$58,750.00 J. S. MORSE, President C. C. BOGAN, Cashier



Garden Time

Now is the time to make out your list of garden seeds needed for this spring's planting. An early garden helps keep down the cost of living and pays big in health returns.

You can't expect a good garden without good seeds. We have just received a full supply of fresh new seed that will insure a good garden, if properly tended. Come in and make your selection now.

Plenty of onion sets on hand. Telephone 23.

McLean Supply Co.

CHAS. LESTER, Manager

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.

Ora Oliver Gooch

Graduate Optometrist

Glasses Correctly Fitted All work first class and guaranteed.

First National Bank Building

Shamrock, Texas

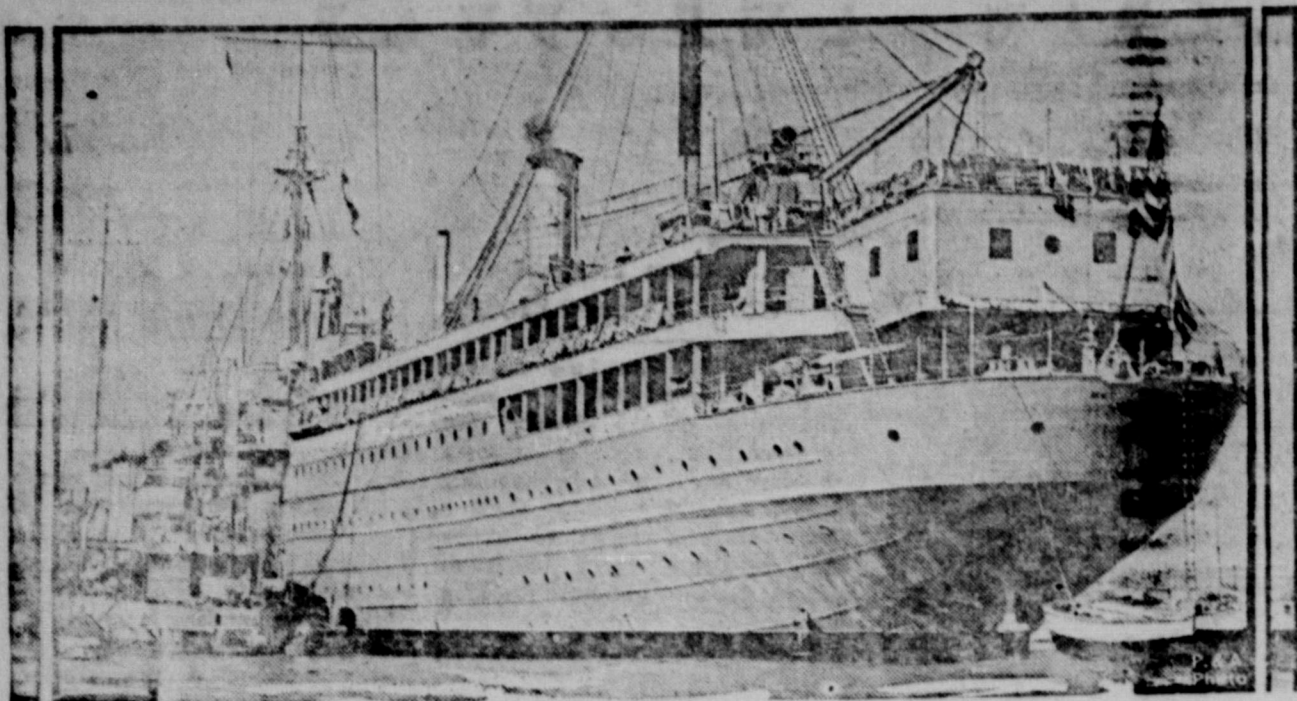
DR. J. A. HALL

Dentist Of Shamrock, Tex.

Will be in McLean on Thursday and Friday after the first Monday in each month.

Vertical text on the left edge of the page, including words like 'Wash', 'Write', 'tell you', 'ch he', 'labor', 'show', 'little', 'best', 'aspect', 'ard', 'tration', 'there', 'mach', 'S', 'able'.

Poison Found in the Medusa's Fresh Water Tanks



The U. S. S. Medusa, largest naval repair ship in the world (shown above), was at Mare Island recently, when poison was found in one of the fresh water tanks. While an official investigation was under way a chief gunner of the crew committed suicide at Vallejo, Cal.

News from Alanreed

Ed McDaniel Injured
Ed McDaniel of this city got his left hand caught in the burrs of a burr extractor of the Alanreed gin last Friday. He was getting a bale of bolls and tried to get a cotton stalk out of the burrs when the saws caught his hand. The three fingers farthest from the thumb were sawed, and Dr. Jenkins of Clarendon amputated two of the nails. Mr. McDaniel has returned to Alanreed, but will not be able to work any more this season.

Reeves Child Dies
Kenneth, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reeves, died in an Amarillo hospital Tuesday at 1:30 a. m. He had been sick with the flu, and Monday became unconscious with spasmodic pains. He was rushed to Amarillo at once, where everything was done for his relief, but to no avail. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Bro. White, the Methodist pastor officiating.

The friends of the family deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement.

Party at Elms'
A party was given at the home of Mrs. George Elms Saturday evening. A large was present and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

A Washington Birthday celebration will be given by the Alanreed school Monday. Everyone is invited.

Carol Burdine has a broken arm this week from trying to crank a car.

Roy Sherrod has a broken nose. A mule kicked him.

Garrett (Buffalo) Hill has a broken arm from cranking a truck.

John Roselius and Miss Burnese Hall were Panhandle visitors Sunday.

Miss Mary Roselius, Mrs. Joe Dunwood and children were down from Panhandle Sunday and Monday.

Everett Hall went to Amarillo Sunday.

Ellen Hall and Harry Gull were over from Clarendon Sunday.

THE ROAD TO HOME

It's just a common country road,
Leading who cares where?
An old rail fence crawls by its side,
Fallen here and there.
A purple thistle stands as guard
To stray strangers venture nigh;
A bursting milkweed sends out ships
That lazily drift by.
A meadow lark calls plaintively,
Bid by the tall green grass;
A saucy sparrow cocks his head
To watch me as I pass.
Why is it that I praise this road
That looks just like the rest?
Because it is the road to Home,
That's why I love it best.

The state highway department of Idaho recently sent out a truck with a big magnet attached to its rear. The magnet picked up 603 pounds of nails, bolts, tacks and other iron scraps in seven miles. It might be possible, these days, for such a magnet to pick up enough stuff to assemble a complete car!—Drivers' Journal.

J. S. Howard has returned from South Texas.

POOR QUARTETS

The old choirmaster came into the office. He had just made a European tour with a choir made up of rather ordinary people. He believes that the chorus is the best vehicle of the singing voice, except in the case of exceptional soloists. He made a remark that set me thinking, perhaps because it chimed in with something I had always felt but did not express it because of that lurking cowardice which so many of us entertain—the fear of being thought uneducated by our more pretentious neighbors. Well, the old choirmaster said that he did not like quartets and had never heard a good one. As he had been hearing them for more than half a century, the remark is worth considering. I never heard a good quartet, either. Because there is no such thing, I suppose—that is, no such thing as a quartet, in the sense of being a fourfold unity. I cannot recall a quartet, of the professional sort, which did not impress me as being four highly individualized singers attempting to perform in concert. There is a church in our city which boasts a famous male quartet, but its work is always quite painful to me. I get the impression of four singers each of whom regards the rest as in some way his accompanists. Now, in a chorus, it is different. There are no individuals; there is the human voice in compass and perfection; there are no performers, there is performance. "Singing," says Sir Hugh Allen, "teaches the singer courage, and combined singing, humility." That is it—there is a humility in a great chorus not found in a quartet. There is a tonal blend in a hundred which is not possible in four. Give me a hundred girls from the shops and a hundred men from the factories, under a plain teacher, and I will make the pomp of quartets look ridiculous. We run to individuals too much in this country. I wish every town had a symphony choir and every city fifty of them.—Dearborn Independent.

AND GOOD RIDDANCE?

Young Mrs. Richgold—"I'd like to get something for my old bed-ridden husband."
Pet-Shop Owner—"Will diphtheria germs do?"—Pittsburgh Panther.

NATIONS MAY ADOPT THIRTEEN-MONTH CALENDAR

Fresh stimulus has recently been given to the reform of the calendar by the action of the committee of inquiry of the League of Nations in calling representatives of the Roman, Greek and other orthodox churches of the East, the Anglican church of Great Britain, and about 100 Protestant churches to discuss the advisability of making Easter a fixed instead of a movable date, dependent on the full moon. The first or second Sunday in April has been suggested.

Further sessions of the committee of inquiry are to be held soon to make definite recommendations to the League of Nations regarding plans for calendar reform. Enthusiastic support has been given in many quarters to the plan that would divide the year into thirteen 28-day months, with an extra year day at the end of the last week in December. Every four years a leap day would be inserted at the end of June. The change, it is said, could be made easily on January 1, 1928, as that will be Sunday.

Prof. C. F. Marvin, chief of the Weather Bureau, of the United States Department of Agriculture, indorses the 13-month year because it would greatly simplify meteorological and other scientific records. He points out also that there are innumerable advantages to economic, agricultural, civic, educational and business interests in having all months and quarters exactly alike, and the numbered days of each month always falling on the same day of the week. Many difficulties now existing in compiling accurate comparative statistics, in accounting, banking or computing interest would be done away

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with. An interesting fact in connection with the proposed calendar is that it harmonizes in many respects with the plan of the old calendar used by the Israelites.

THE OLD HOME TOWN PAPER

Talk about your literature
And papers up-to-date,
About the legislature
And doin's, through the state—
To me they ain't comparin'
Though I look the world aroun',
To the newsy little paper
From the old home town.

There's somethin' brewin' in the air
The day the paper comes;
Ma she goes about her work
And either sings or hums—
But I just get so restless
Till the postman brings it down,
And I'm the first to grab the paper
From the old home town.

Ma comes into the settin' room
And lets the dishes go,
And listens while I read about
The folks we used to know;
For births and deaths and land deals
And weddin's, too, abound—
All are mighty interestin'
From the old home town.

I know it ain't so classical
As these big dailies are,
That tell about the prize fights
And latest movie star;
But jist for my enjoyment,
There's nothin' I have found
Like the little newsy paper
From the old home town.

—Mrs. Effie Crawford.

OUT OF STYLE

Mr. Newlywed—"Why did you take your maiden-hair ferns back to the florist, sweetheart?"

Mrs. Newlywed—"To have their hair bobbed, dear—they're so out of style."

THE CHARLESTON

A South Carolina farmer, armed with a two-tined pitchfork and backed by a hound, found a darky in his chicken coop. The farmer jabbed the black boy with the fork and that brought into being the first step of the Charleston. The hound sunk its teeth in the seat of the chicken thief's trousers, and the second step was evolved. More jabs of the fork and more bites alternated and the climax found the black boy clearing a six-foot stone wall in a single bound.

That's the way the Charleston was invented, and that's the way it is danced today, according to an article in a popular magazine which forecasts the early downfall of the craze.—Sayre (Okla.) Journal.

NEEDED AN ESCORT

It suddenly occurred to the small Boy Scout that he had neglected to perform his daily good deed. He approached the infirm old lady on the corner.

"May I accompany you across this busy street, ma'am?" he asked. "Why, of course you may, you poor little fellow," she beamed. "How long have you been waiting for somebody to take you across?"

Tennessee Red peanuts for sale. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement

MOVIE NOTES

At the Legion Theatre Mon. and Tues. "Tragedy Wives," with Florence V. Tom Moore. Wed. and "The Ancient Highway," Holt and Noah Beery. Sat. Fred Thompson in "dit Baby."

Dr. Warner, the eye specialist, will be in McLean three days visit March 1. Face with Shell's Pharmacy examined, glasses fitted. Advertisement. 7-2c

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