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Bitter Creek Poet Praises McLean Folks

By Tobe Spilkins Jr.
Here's to the public who wish to get gain;
If you want to make money, then come to McLean.
Where we raise everything to eat except the gourd,
And ride in all kinds of autos—even the Ford.
You can move in now without a petition
And buy you a home in Floral addition.
But you must hurry, you just can't wait,
For day after tomorrow may be too late.
Come on now and get first choice
And forever be made to laugh and rejoice.
The town is on a boom; it's growing very fast,
And it's no mush room—it's going to last.
We have electricity, we're not in the dark;
Nor haven't any room for the bootlegger to park.
We make our own ice, and it's good and cold,
And it always melts before it gets old.
With seven garages and others to come,
You won't need to ride in a car that's on the bum.
One modern bakery, everything complete,
That bakes the best bread that's ever been eat.
Two tailor shops that do cleaning and pressing;
They'll order your suit and finish your dressing
With big-legged pants that's just your size,
That will cause the girls to make those goo-goo eyes.
Three barber shops, ah by heck,
They will trim your mustache and shave your neck.
Put clay on your face to take out the tan,
And cool you off with an electric fan.
Their electric shears ain't no toys
For they'll trim a girl's hair just like a boy's.
We've told you all this because it's no scandal
To have the best barbers in the Panhandle.
We have three doctors, neither on bald,
And they always go whenever they're called.
They are all genteel and polite,
And the way they can roll pills is a sight.
When you get sick give them a chance;
They can cure anything except ig-no-rance.
Two hotels with managers polite,
Who take care of the traveler, either day or night.
They'll feed you well if you're a cheerful giver,
And furnish you a bed with plenty of kiver.
Five dry goods merchants, who are here to please,
Who sell ladies' skirts that will reach their knees.
Red neck ties, collars to match,
Black shoe strings by the batch,
Cow boy hats, tops all red,
Festoon hats to fit any head.
Three hardware stores with glass fronts;
And the boss's full of stunts.
Most everything they carry in stock
Is made out of stuff that's as hard as a rock.
They sell this stuff at so much a pound,
And most all of it is made sorter round.
Some of it is heavy, some of it is light,
And some of it soars in price just like a kite.
Two good plumbers that can plumb-plumb fast;
They can plumb your dwelling and fire it with gas.
Two good lawyers that talk loud and long;
They will plead your case, but not for a song.
Six land agents that's always alert;
They'll make it their business to get a diet.

The Great American Home



ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR

JORDAN-SPARKS NUPTIALS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Charles Jordan and Miss Lena Sparks were married Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sparks, Pastor B. W. Wilkins of the Methodist church performing the ceremony.
The bride is a popular member of McLean's younger social set, being president of this year's high school graduating class, and has been society reporter for The News for the past few months.
The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jordan, and is also a member of the high school graduating class and a member of the football team.
The young people left immediately for a short wedding trip to Santa Fe after which they will take their home in McLean.

SLATON BARS CIRCULARS

The city council of Slaton has passed an ordinance forbidding the distribution of handbills or circulars of any kind within the city limits.
The enforcement of the ordinance has resulted in a cleaner, more attractive town with lessened fire hazard.
Life insurance agents about seventeen, and they're the cleverest set you most ever seen.
They'll insure your life against the gout
And won't pay off 'till you pass out.
Don't fail to see them when you move in,
You can tell who they are by the way they grin.
Seven different churches with that many preachers;
One high school with the very best teachers.
One undertaker—now don't get blue
When I say he'll get you when Doc says to.
One town paper, The McLean News,
That will cure anyone of a case of blues.
It publishes everything, even the rhymes,
So why not subscribe for it and keep up with the times.
It has no pets, it has no creed,
It is one newspaper you ought to read.
Two dollars the year with no apology;
Take it read it and grow in knowledge.

Gibson Oil Co. Will Drill Ten New Wells Soon

According to a letter received by Secretary-Manager O. H. Foster of the McLean Chamber of Commerce, the Gibson Oil Co. will drill ten new wells within the next 90 days.
Following is an excerpt from their letter:
For your information and guidance, please be advised that we have brought in a well of considerable size in Section 42, block 24, which will be immediately offset by the Marland Oil Company, location for which has been made, and we understand there will be about ten wells drilled in this immediate vicinity in the next thirty days. While we do not know at this time just how many wells we will drill there is no question but what we will be compelled to drill at least ten wells in the next 90 days.
The Bentley No. 1, recently brought in by the Gibson Co., is preparing to drill deeper in the sand as the first oil was found about two feet in the sand. The well is making about 30 barrels an hour from swabbing, after an initial flow of 83 1/2 barrels. This well is in s. w. 1/4 section 42, block 24, Wheeler county, 15 miles northeast of McLean.
The Linkey well, section 124, block 23, Wheeler county, 10 miles of McLean, is now drilling at 2000 feet.
The Back well, in section 41, block 25 8 miles due north of McLean, is standardizing at a little below 2000 feet.

MRS. JAYES FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Ma Eliza James, who died Sunday morning at the age of 60 years and one day.
Services were conducted by Rev. W. Hickman, Nazarene pastor, at the home of W. R. James, son of the deceased.
Interment in Hillcrest cemetery immediately following the funeral.
Eric Cubine went to Shamrock Tuesday.
Walter McAdams was a Shamrock visitor Tuesday.
Floyd Phillips was a Shamrock visitor Tuesday.

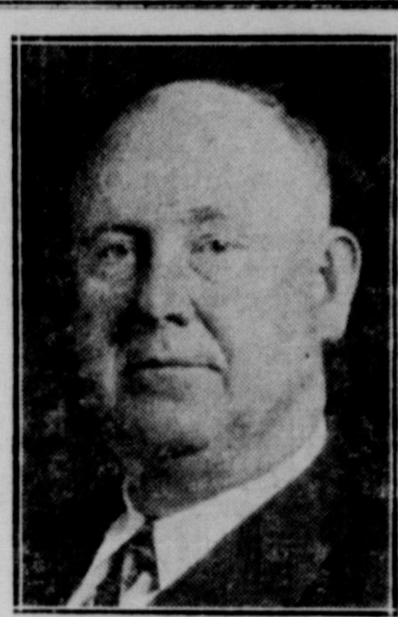
METHODISTS ISSUE CHURCH PAPER

A paper entitled "The Assistant Pastor," published monthly by the pastor of the McLean Methodist church, is the latest paper to reach McLean people.
While there is nothing about the paper to indicate where it is printed, it has a nice appearance, and is filled with writings by the pastor and selected clipped articles.
The subscription price is 50c per year and application has been made for second class mailing privileges.
Following is the complete official roll of the church as given in the official paper:
Bishop—Jno. M. Moore.
Presiding elder—J. T. Griswold.
Pastor—B. W. Wilkins.
Stewards—Alva Christian, chm.; C. C. Bogan, sec.-treas.; W. E. Clement, E. E. Dishman, Harold Rippey, A. W. Haynes, Donald Beall, Lee Wilson, Jake Hess, W. W. Wilson.
Trustees—A. S. Cousins, John Carpenter, O. K. Murphree, Chas. Carpenter, C. E. Anderson.
W. M. S.—Mrs. Alva Christian, pres.; Mrs. Haskel Smith, sec.-treas.; Mrs. Harold Rippey, corres. sec.
Sunday school—R. N. Ashby, supt.; Mrs. Scott Johnston, principal supt.
Music—Miss Carmen Ulm, choir division; Mrs. Boyett, Miss Jewel Shaw and Miss Johnnie Villa Haynes, pianists.
League—Miss Marguerite Merriman, president.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Blizzard did not interfere with a very pleasant surprise birthday party given Mrs. A. Stanfield Saturday.
A number of ladies formed her and the usual good eats of the pot luck dinner were enjoyed by the following: Yeodames J. E. Kirby, J. M. Noel, W. E. Beilard, C. C. Bogan, Geo. Tompkins, S. W. Rice, H. C. Rippey, Misses Lucille Rice, Merle Tompkins, Lois Kirby, Frances Noel and Lola Beth Stanfield.
Mrs. J. A. Sparks and daughter, Miss Lena, motored to Shamrock Wednesday.
Vester Smith was in Shamrock Monday.
W. T. Wilson spent Tuesday in Lefors.

McLean Needs 300 New Residences Says O. H. Foster



O. H. FOSTER
Secretary-Manager McLean
Chamber of Commerce

City Council Hears Petition Dust Control

A petition was presented to the city council at a regular adjourned session Tuesday by south side citizens in regard to the lack of dust collectors at the gins.
It was agreed that the council is opposed to the nuisance as much as the people, but as it is now too late to do much about the matter this season, the city attorney was asked to ascertain law in the matter in order that some action may be taken by next season.
The city attorney was asked to look into the matter of the Gas Company charging over 60c for the minimum rates, as 60c is the limit under the franchise.
The recent election to sell the light and ice plants was declared carried, and current bills allowed.
**REBEKAH LODGE
ELECTS OFFICERS**
At the regular meeting of the Rebekah lodge held Monday night, officers for the ensuing term were installed, following which a delicious supper was served and a social hour enjoyed by the members present.
Following are the officers:
Past grand—Miss Sallie Swafford.
Noble grand—Miss Eunice Stratton.
Vice grand—Mrs. Mamie Harbison.
Secretary—J. W. Burrows.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. R. Wise.
Warden—Mrs. W. L. Haynes.
Conductor—Mrs. W. O. Todd.
Chaplain—Mrs. J. W. Burks.
R. S. N. G.—Mrs. T. N. Holloway.
L. S. N. G.—W. R. Wise.
R. S. V. G.—Mrs. E. L. Minix.
L. S. V. G.—Mrs. Jess Ledbetter.
Inside guardian—Luther Willis.
Outside guardian—Joe Ledbetter.
**METHODIST QUARTERLY
CONFERENCE SUNDAY**
The first quarterly conference is to be held on next Sunday. All Methodists are urged to be present for each service. The Presiding Elder will preach at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. and will hold the business session at 3 p. m., unless otherwise announced.
Please have all reports ready and in full.
B. W. Wilkins, Pastor.
W. L. Haynes was a business visitor in Clarendon Friday.
Siler Faulkner of Pampa was a McLean visitor Monday.
Jim Williams of Lefors was in McLean on business Monday.
J. W. Mitchell left Saturday for Henrietta.

McLean needs 300 new residences that could easily be filled with tenants between now and June first, is the opinion of Secretary-Manager O. H. Foster of the Chamber of Commerce, stated at a luncheon of the officers of that body held at the McLean Cafe last Monday noon.
Mr. Foster said that a merchant who advertises goods that he cannot furnish soon loses the confidence of the public, and if we are to advertise McLean we must have the facilities to take care of the expected influx of population. The gentleman insisted that he did not come to McLean with any pet hobby or have any axe to grind, but to serve our community in the best way possible.
In telling of the need of more residences, Mr. Foster compared our present situation with a dog trying to catch an automobile; the dog would not know what to do with the car if he caught it. McLean could not house the 500 or 1000 people that everyone thinks will be here within the next few months. It is up to the citizens of the town to prepare for the coming boom.
The members present agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the C. of C. at the next regular meeting.
It is the intention of Mr. Foster to keep McLean's possibilities before the people of the state in the daily papers, by sending in all items, and he expressed himself as desirous of having anyone who knows of anything that would make a good news item to feel free to communicate with him at all times.
The luncheon held Monday was in the nature of a get-acquainted meeting, and as President McMillen could not be present at the beginning of the meeting, W. Sherman White was appointed chairman and toastmaster for the occasion.
O. H. Foster, L. G. McMillen and T. A. Landers were asked to draft a suitable map showing McLean's location in regard to the oil field, and other towns, which will be used on the back of the C. of C. letterheads, and the business men of McLean will be asked to have the map used on their letter heads, making a nice bit of advertising for our town.
It was suggested that the roads leading out of McLean to the oil fields are always in passable condition, regardless of the weather, which cannot be said of every place, and this fact should be called to the attention of the oil operators.
O. G. Stokely presented a letter from J. W. Noel of Hedley asking the co-operation of McLean people in getting a north and south highway. This matter was referred to Mr. Stokely, who was asked to give full information at the next meeting of the chamber.
The matter of a banquet for the C. of C. was discussed, at which it is expected that the publicity manager of the W. T. C. of C. will be present as will representatives of the daily press.
McLean's need of a sewer system before we can hope to secure a local building and loan association was gone into to some extent, but as it was the opinion of those present that the city council has a sewer system under advisement, this was deferred until some action is taken by the council.
Those present at the luncheon were: W. Sherman White, Claud McGowan, Jot Montgomery, O. G. Stokely, L. G. McMillen, D. C. Jones, C. C. Bogan, O. H. Foster and T. A. Landers.

Don't Forget to Pay Your Poll Tax

Loves Victory

BY EFFIE ADELAIDE ROWLANDS
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Begin Here Today

FAULNE MALLINGATE has been strangely absent from her home in London for 18 months. Communication with her mother and sister, Lorna, has been by means of a forwarding address in Paris. And now

HENRY EMERSON, her stepfather, has left a summer resort near London under mysterious circumstances. Following his disappearance,

DR. JULIAN EMERSON, who claims to be a relative of the stepfather, has removed Lorna and her sick mother to a strange country house where they are held virtually prisoners.

Julian has told Lorna that her stepfather had no right to marry her mother because he was already married. But Mrs. Emerson has been made to believe that Henry Emerson is seriously ill in London.

GERALD CRAVEN, Lorna's lover, has hurried to London from the seashore, but continued efforts have failed to locate his sweetheart. He has turned to Mrs. Bertha Northwood, a mutual friend, who arranges for a full discussion of the situation at luncheon in her hotel.

Now Go on with the Story

Mrs. Northwood was staying in one of the larger hotels in London, a very fashionable resort, and, although it was after the season, and most people were scattered, the restaurant was full.

Just as luncheon was half way through, two people got up from a table not far from Mrs. Northwood's party and passed quickly out of the restaurant. As she caught sight of them, Mrs. Northwood uttered a muffled exclamation and half rose in her seat. Craven saw instantly that she was excited, if not agitated, but she gave him a smile, sat down again, and the luncheon went on.

It was not until they had parted from the others that Mrs. Northwood had a chance to explain to Craven why she had seemed so startled.

"Do you know who I saw passing out of the restaurant? Pauline Mallingate! You have never seen Pauline? Lorna's sister, I mean?"

"Oh, why didn't I know," exclaimed Gerald Craven. "Of course, I've never seen her, but I might have hurried after her and spoken to her."

"I wanted to follow her myself," said Mrs. Northwood "but that was not possible without attracting a great deal of attention. She didn't see me, or perhaps she did, and that was why she hurried past so quickly. But wait—I will make some inquiries."

She then asked the waiter who had brought their coffee to have the head waiter come and speak to her for a moment.

The man, an Italian, hastened to obey. He was very courteous, but he did not prove of any assistance.

"I'm afraid I don't recollect the young lady of whom you speak, Mallingate? No, I have never heard that name."

"She was sitting at the little table to my left just behind one of the pillars," Mrs. Northwood explained. "I didn't notice her while she was here; it was only when she was passing out."

"The table behind the pillar?" said the waiter. "Oh, that was bought by telephone this morning, by a certain Mr. Greswold. Do you know the name, madam?"

Mrs. Northwood shook her head. She looked across at Gerald Craven. "No I have never heard the name before."

"It was not anyone you knew by sight?" said Mrs. Northwood.

"No!"

"So sorry to have troubled you, Signor Petri."

When they were alone, Mrs. Northwood shrugged her shoulders. "Really, that's quite a story," she said.

The head waiter came hurrying up to them again just as they were about to rise and leave the restaurant. He carried in his hand an envelope which has been opened, and on the back of it were penciled various figures, evidently the departure of certain trains.

"This was found on the floor under the table you indicated, madam. Would it be of any assistance to you?"

Mrs. Northwood took it eagerly. "Thank you so much."

She glanced at the name and

address, and it ran as follows:

To Mrs. Greswold,
The Moat, Barnsley-on-Moor,
Yorkshire.

"I will keep this if I may, Signor Petri," Mrs. Northwood said, and then she and Craven passed on to the car that was waiting. As she got in and sat down, Mrs. Northwood said:

"This is certainly a clue, Gerald, and I shall take it up at once. Barnsley-on-Moor is, oddly enough, only a mile or so distant from my own place in Yorkshire. It is rather a rough bit of country, and a village consisting of some cottages and a store, which is the postoffice for the neighborhood. My household gets some groceries and odds and ends from this queer little store."

"I will get in communication with my butler, and will get him to



She sat on the bed and tried to still the trembling of her hands as she held the telegram in front of her.

find out all he can about this Mrs. Greswold and The Moat.

"Parsons, of course, knows all about the house called The Moat, and he will look into the matter right away and will communicate with me. Now, as you are feeling depressed, dear boy, come along and dine with me."

Gerald Craven thanked her warmly.

Lorna slept but little that night. But that little refreshed her. And when she started up in bed, her first clear remembrance was her mother. Slipping on a dressing gown, Lorna almost ran into her mother's room, and then she gave a great sigh of relief; for Mrs. Emerson was sitting up in bed

a dainty breakfast tray was on the table near her, and she was reading a long telegram. As she saw Lorna, she stretched out her hands.

"Darling," she said, "I wouldn't let them wake you, because I knew you were worn out. But I am so glad you have come! Read—read, Lorna; this is from Henry! Oh, it has taken such a load off my mind! Only I wish he would let me go to him! If he is ill, I should be with him, shouldn't I?"

Lorna took the telegram from her mother's hand. Before she read the message she studied it. It had been sent from London late the night before, and had apparently not been opened until this morning. The envelope, the official indications, were all correct.

She sat on the bed and tried to still the trembling of her hands as she held the telegram in front of her. It ran thus:

"Am terribly grieved have had to leave you so suddenly, my dearest, but I know you will forgive me. Have been suffering a good deal, but did not want you to know. Operation only slight, but very necessary. Shall rejoin you as soon as possible. Know that you are in good hands with Julian, and entreat you to remain where you are until I send for you. Please give my fond love to Lorna and tell her I am in your charge.—Henry."

Before she had dropped to sleep Lorna had prepared herself for every sort of eventuality, but this telegram swept her into a fresh maze of doubt and very real trouble.

Not for one instant did she convince herself that this message was from the man who was supposed to have sent it.

She disguised her feelings cleverly. Going forward, she wrapped her mother in a tender embrace.

"Darling," she said, "I am so glad poor stepfather is all right. I suppose it was necessary for him to have this operation right away. But wasn't it brave of him not to tell you anything about it?"

"Brave—yes—brave!" said Mrs. Emerson in a soft voice, with tears running down her cheeks. "But how thoughtful—but that doesn't surprise us, does it, Lorna? Only I wish I could be with him. I shall be so anxious. You will let him know how anxious I was, won't you, Lorna? I don't feel I can write—my hand is so weak—and I am so stupidly sleepy."

She closed her eyes as she spoke, and her head rested almost heavily on the girl's shoulder. As Lorna spoke to her about having some

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breakfast, she said: "On, I have had coffee and toast. You must have some food, dearest. Give me the telegram, Lorna. If I have that in my hand I shall be quite content."

Lorna took her oath and dressed as quickly as possible. She was thrashing with impatient anxiety to come face to face with Julian Emerson.

Before going downstairs, she tiptoed into her mother's room, and found that she was once again asleep, with the telegram, that long telegram, clasped in her delicate hand and there was a smile on her lips.

Mrs. Brown was moving about the room softly.

"Would you like your breakfast now, miss?" the woman asked. "The doctor has had his some time ago."

"Can you tell me where I can find Dr. Emerson?" Lorna asked. "Oh, he has been called to London, miss. He told me I was to tell you he has to get news of his uncle, and that you will be hearing from him later in the day."

The color rushed into Lorna's face.

"Come to London?" she said. Then she took a bold step.

"You know, of course, that Dr. Emerson is a complete stranger to us, Mrs. Brown?" she queried, "and that we have been brought here without any reference to our wishes?"

NEXT CHAPTER.—Julian deceives Mrs. Emerson.

NOTICE OF BIDS WANTED

The State of Texas.
County of Gray.—Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners court of Gray county, Texas, at its February term, A. D. 1927, will

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McLean, Texas

receive proposals from any Banking Corporation, Association or Individual Banker, in said county of Gray, that may desire to be selected as the Depository of the Funds of said county.

Any Banking Corporation, Association or Individual Banker in said county desiring to bid shall deliver to T. M. Wolfe, County Judge of Gray county, Texas, on or before the 14th day of February, A. D. 1927, a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest that said Banking Corporation, Association or Individual Banker offers to pay on the daily balances of the funds of said county, payable every 30 days for the term between the date of said bid and the next regular time for the election of a Depository.

Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than Two Hundred and no-100 (\$200.00) as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and if his or its bid should be accepted, he or it will enter into a good and sufficient bond as provided by Article No. 2547 of the 1925 Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas; and upon failure of the said Banking Corporation, Association or Individual Banker that may be selected as a Depository, to give bond as required by law, the amount of such certified check shall go to the County of Gray as liquidated damages, and the County Judge shall readvertise for bids. The commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Given under my hand and seal

of office, at Lefors, Texas, this the 17th day of January, A. D. 1927.

(SEAL) T. M. WOLFE,
County Judge, Gray County, Texas.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership lately consisting of and between Donald Beall and R. S. Dunbar, of Gray county, Texas, under the firm name of McLean Abstract Company, expired on the 1st day of January, 1927. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by the said Donald Beall and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment.

DONALD BEALL.
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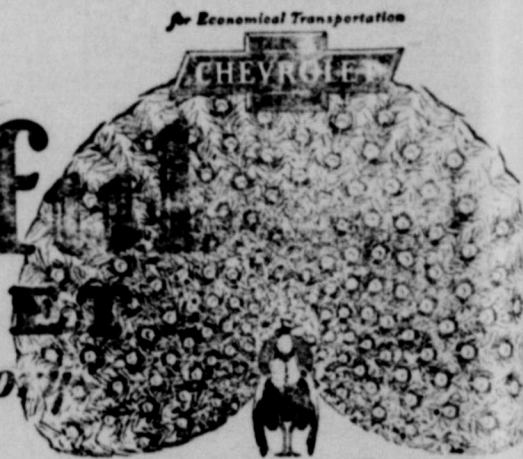
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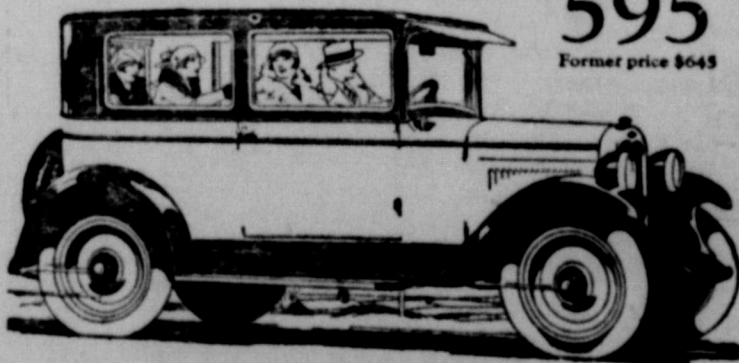
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The COUPE - \$62
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DUTIES OF PROGRESSIVE REAL ESTATE MEN

By L. G. McMillen

What are the duties of a real estate man? Should he list property and praise it to a prospective buyer, to have the owner get in touch with this prospective buyer and close the deal direct without paying the real estate man the commission he has earned? Should the real estate man boost your town, increase the value of your property to have some outsider come in and buy it from you direct without receiving any consideration for his splendid efforts in your behalf? In fact, is a real estate man entitled to any consideration at all? Just what would become of a town without its boosters? And as a rule, who takes the lead in boosting a town? If you ask me, I will answer as follows:

The duty of a real estate man is to list your property, offer it for sale, show the prospective purchaser its merits, close the deal for you, and see that your interests are taken care of in every respect. For this he should receive full commission, even though the buyer comes to the owner direct in an endeavor to save the commission the real estate man has earned. It is the duty of the property owner to list his property with a good reliable real estate man to handle for him, as that is his profession, and if he is progressive he has exerted himself, given time and money to advertise and boost your town. Then why not give him a small portion of the profits he has already earned for you? Any town will die a natural death without a good, progressive real estate man. The property that you have would not be worth fifty cents on the dollar. On the other hand you can get two for one, and in some instances five for one or your investment on account of progressive real estate men. If property owners insist on handling their own real estate sales, not giving their booster support, he will be forced to seek a new location where the citizens are willing to pay a small part of the profits the progressive real estate man has put in their pockets.

WHY HE DIDN'T WIN THE HAT

At an Elks jamboree a silk hat was offered to the man who would stand up and say he had never kissed any woman but his wife. "And you know, Mary," explained a home-coming Elk late that evening to his wife, "the funny thing was, not a man stood up." The lady pondered a moment. "John," she said, "how did it happen that you didn't stand up?" "Well, Mary," he answered, "I came mighty near it. I just started to rise and then happened to remember that I looked like the dickens in a plug hat, so I didn't get up."

The customer is boss in our store. Montgomery Drug Co. Advertisement 1c

Mrs. Walter Foster of Panama visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anderson, Tuesday.

Miss Madge Tummins of Groom spent the week end with home folks.

Floyd Phillips was a Clarendon visitor Friday.

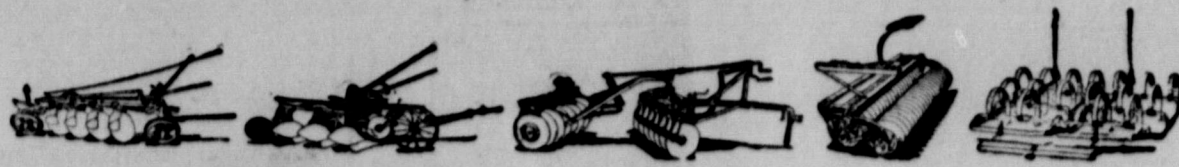
Billie Wilson of Alameda was a McLean visitor Saturday.

BULL BOOSTER SAYS

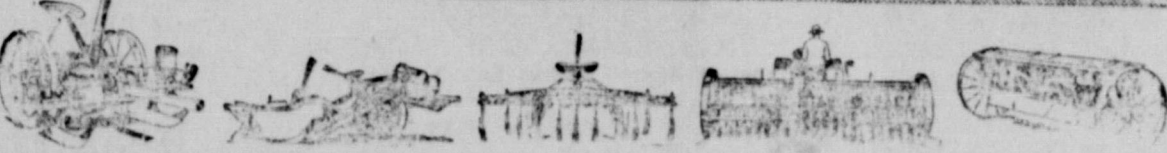
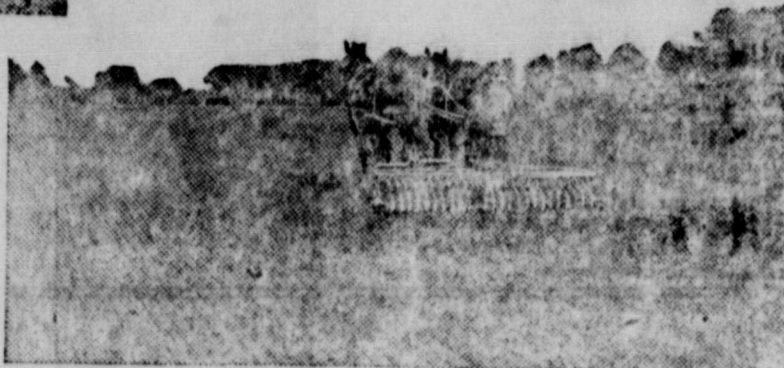
SMILE EASILY - LAUGH READILY - RADIATE CHEER - BE OPTIMISTIC - BE A GOOD FELLOW - CRITICIZE NOBODY - DO THESE THINGS AND YOU WILL BE POPULAR, WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY MONEY OR NOT



18,000,000 Bales of Cotton Shifts the "Belt"



Texas and Oklahoma Machine Methods That Have "Pulled" Cotton Belt to the Southwest Where Cotton Can Be Produced at One-Fourth Cost of Old One-Man-and-Mule System. Mrs. F. O. Masten, a Champion Cotton Grower, in Oval.



News from Gracey

Miss Bertha Quarles returned Saturday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Willard Blivings. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bush.

Mrs. M. L. Kinard, who has been sick, is some better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bailey moved back to their old home the first of the week.

Miss Grace Bidwell spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Jewelle Norman is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Mullins and family moved from the Walter Bailey place to the Graham place Monday.

Fred Dwyer and family moved from the Pondera place to Mrs. Merrick's place this week.

Mrs. Leta Bush is visiting her brother, Simon, and wife at Amarillo this week.

G. S. Loyd and Mr. Brown of Lipscomb visited at the A. L. Lee home one night last week.

Several from here attended a dance at the Walter Saye home at Magic City Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bush moved on the Scott Johnston place Tuesday.

Judson Johnson made a business trip to Hereford last week.

Several from here attended a dance at the Walter Bailey home at Heald Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman McAdams and sister, Blanche, spent Monday at the Henley home.

L. H. Webb made a business trip to Amarillo Saturday.

News from Heald

We have had some real winter here the last few days.

There are quite a few light cases of flu in this community.

Frank Bailey's baby is real sick at this writing. Some of U. G. Lane's children are sick.

There has been quite a bit of moving taking place. Walter Bailey and family have moved back to the Gracey community, and Edgar Bailey has moved back to his farm. We have some new comers also.

Newman Riley and Mr. Beardson were in Wheeler and Shamrock Saturday.

Geo. R. Rencan returned last week from a two weeks' visit with his father at McKinney.

W. T. Litchfield was in McLean Monday.

Mr. J. W. Dougherty is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. W. L. Litchfield visited Mrs. Gregory on the Hugh Miller place Monday afternoon.

Friday was club day. The meeting was held at the A. P. Rippy home, but on account of the weather, only a few were present.

W. L. Hinton was in McLean Monday.

Mrs. J. P. Ewing and daughter, Nannie, were in McLean Monday.

Ed Sablett was a visitor in Childress the latter part of the week.

There was no Sunday school or preaching last Sunday, but we hope to have preaching next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rippy of McLean visited his father, A. P. Rippy, Sunday.

Miss Mary Anderson spent the week end with home folks here.

Montgomery Drug Co., where you will eventually trade. Advertisement

JONES BUYS REMINGTON PORTABLE TYPEWRITER

D. C. Jones has bought a Remington Portable Typewriter for his real estate office. From The News. The Remington Portable offers every improvement to be desired in a standard typewriter at a much lower price than the big machines. The Remington fills every requirement of the modern office.

D. W. McMillen, feed manufacturer of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and C. S. Fergus, overall manufacturer of Van Wert, O., and families visited the former gentleman's brother, L. G. McMillen, here Monday. The McMillen and Fergus families were enroute to California on a vacation and taxied out from Amarillo for a few hours' visit here.

D. C. Jones orders The News sent to O. Short at Portersville, Calif.

Whole wheat bread at Caldwell's bakery. Advertisement 1c

Russell Grogan was a Shamrock visitor last Thursday.

Miss Ima Anderson of Twitty was at home for the week end.

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

CONJUGAL AFFECTION

Wife—"John you do not speak to me as affectionately as you once did; I fear you have ceased to love me."

John—"Ceased to love you? Now there you go again! I love you more than life itself. Now shut up and let me read my paper."

The house with the goods and service. Montgomery Drug Co. Advertisement 1c

Theo. Hensley left Friday for Mineral Wells for medical treatment.

Supt. Geo. Tummins went to Amarillo Saturday.

Miss Essie Payne spent the week end in Texline.

SHORT ORDERS

Waffles for Breakfast

Hamburgers, Coffee, Pie

A Good Place to Eat

Hamburger Inn

J. A. Meador, Prop.

Big Reduction Sale

Begins Saturday, Jan. 29

LASTS 10 DAYS ONLY

See Circular for Prices

John Mertel

Men's Clothing, Hats and Shoes
McLean, Texas

Boosting Together for Our Town

"United we stand, divided we fall." The first week I was in town I started spending my money to help McLean. I expect to keep it up. When I spend my money advertising McLean I am putting money into the estate of every real estate holder here. I am not doing it as a matter of charity. I am doing it because it will help me and because I like to boost. I hope I will never be a knocker or an impediment to progress.

One thing we must all be careful about. We must not put our prices too high. We can spend our money advertising and boosting our city and then kill our own efforts with high prices.

We are getting out-of-town inquiries daily, and believe we can help you get the money out of your property.

We have some real bargains for home owners or investors.

D. C. Jones, Realtor

25 Years in the Real Estate Business We Know Values

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County—GREETINGS. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED That you summon, by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Gray for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, J. A. Klaassen, Anna Klaassen, M. L. Rendleman, J. D. Voyles, E. V. Holman, J. B. Williams, O. L. Williams, E. G. Bodkin, W. P. Cunningham, 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 at the courthouse thereof in Lefors on the 28th day of February, 1927, the same being the 4th Monday in February, 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of January, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1675, wherein S. T. Hardin is plaintiff and J. A. Klaassen, Anna Klaassen, M. L. Rendleman, J. D. Voyles, E. V. Holman, J. B. Williams, O. L. Williams, E. G. Bodkin and W. P. Cunningham are defendants. The nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit: A suit of trespass to try title, for title and possession of lots numbered six (6) to twenty (20), inclusive, in block number thirty-four (34) in the town of McLean, Gray County, Texas, and also to recover title and possession of said lands by reason of the three and five year statutes of limitation.

HEREIN 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, this 26th day of January, A. D. 1927. (SEAL)

CHARLIE THUT, Clerk District Court, Gray County, Texas. WSW-4-c

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County—GREETINGS. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED That you summon, by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Gray for four consecutive weeks

Blacksmithing

Woodworking and General

Blacksmith Work

All Work Guaranteed

Your Business Appreciated

McLean Blacksmith Shop

Chas. Eddy, Prop.

previous to the return day hereof, L. W. Bullock, 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 at the Courthouse thereof, in Lefors, on the 28th day of February, 1927, the same being the 4th Monday in February, 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 26th day of January, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 1676, wherein J. T. Bullock is plaintiff and L. W. Bullock is defendant. The nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit: Suit for divorce, plaintiff alleging that the defendant has abandoned this plaintiff for a period of more than three years with the intention to so permanently abandon her. HEREIN 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.

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CHARLIE THUT, Clerk District Court, Gray County, Texas. WSW-4-c

J. F. Baker, aged 78, died at Quanah Tuesday. The deceased was Mrs. O. H. Foster's father. Mrs. Foster lives at Wichita Falls.



Follow the Crowd Monday

SEE

"MILLIONAIRE FLAPPER"

Big Comedy Show Vaudeville Road Show

Legion Theatre McLean

Monday, Jan. 31

And All Week

Show Starts at 8:00; Be There

1927's Bargain Getter

Watch for Our 19c Sale that Will Soon Be On

Cobb's Variety Store

When You Want

Hardware

We Have It

We invite every person in this community to see our big line of shelf and heavy hardware.

We have everything you need for this season of the year—or any season for that matter.

Plenty of gas stoves in stock.

Dependable hardware at reasonable prices.

McLean Hdw. Co.

W. B. Upham, Mgr.

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.

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Phone 47

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
In Texas

One Year	\$2.00
Six Months	1.25
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National Editorial Association

Muddy streets and high rents make a poor combination. Let's pave the business district!

Only a few days in which to pay your poll tax. Your check must be in the collector's hands before February first. The road bond election is eminent, and every citizen should be prepared to express his sentiments in this election.

As a public servant, the home town newspaper renders a service that cannot be rendered by any other institution, and it is rendered without pay. Space is the only thing a paper has to sell, yet it is freely donated to the various community enterprises that could not function half as well without the help of the newspaper.

We note an advertisement of a drug store in a weekly journal of a nearby city in which attention is called to Christmas goods. We wonder if this is an ad for next Christmas on the "shop early" order, or the merchant forgot to change the copy. We all know that advertising pays, but to pay well, the copy must be timely.

We cannot expect Mr. Foster, the new manager of the C. of C., to bring miracles to pass here in a short time. In fact, he cannot do very much for us without the full co-operation of our citizens. The man who thinks he can now pay his monthly dues and escape all responsibility in regard to attending meetings and helping on committees is due for disappointment. The secretary-manager will be worth money to McLean in direct proportion to the co-operation given him.

Frank Norris' acquittal will be endorsed by many people and condemned by many others, but the fact remains that his influence will be sadly crippled from now on. No man can take the law in his own hands, regardless of the provocation, and live the same life thereafter. Preachers have to stand for many unjust criticisms, and they should be careful in all their actions. There is no scripture showing that preachers should live any different than other good men, but the world looks on the matter in a different light.

The road bond issue carried in Cottle county with an almost 6 to 1 majority. Page advertisements were carried in the county papers explaining the matter to the voters for several weeks preceding the election. Gray county failed to advertise and lost the issue, necessitating another election with additional expense, due to apathy on the part of those who were not opposed to the matter and lack of information on the part of those who voted against the proposition. It is to be hoped that in the coming election the voters may have an opportunity in some way of informing themselves of the value of the road bonds.

A church is strictly a community proposition and expects support, both moral and financial, from local people. The home town paper is glad to do its part by donating space to church activities each week, and surely the church should reciprocate when it has any printing to be done, by letting the home printer have the job. It is hard to understand how a sense of fairness would allow anything else. Then, too, those who feel obliged to donate for advertising in a church publication would at least have the assurance that their money would be spent at home and that their ads would appear just as they want them.

The News had a chance to run two advertisements that have since

turned out to be fakes and the advertisers are now in trouble with the courts. There was no reason for any paper to run the ads, as they did not come through a recognized agency, but asked that they be published and "send bill." One time like this ought to be enough for any newspaper publisher, but as long as building material, petroleum and various other interests can get stuff free by furnishing pictures accompanied by cleverly disguised advertisements published in the country papers, just so long will the home town editors fail to accumulate the business that otherwise would be justly theirs.

The American Legion Legislative committee is trying to get a law passed legalizing boxing contests in Legion exhibitions and to exempt all legion owned property from taxation in the state. If a boxing contest is wrong in other places it should be wrong in a legion hall, and there is no good reason for exempting from taxation a church or any other similar owned property. Churches should be compelled to pay taxes on all property owned by them. This is the only way in which justice can be done to every church alike, for now the church with the most property benefits most. Churches and lodges are many times more able to pay taxes on property than individual owners.

Mail order catalogs are issued twice a year, while the home town paper is issued each week of the year, giving the modern merchant a great advantage of the mail order house, if he is wise enough to use his opportunity. All that is necessary for any merchant to succeed is to sell the people on his store with proper advertising. The merchant who advertises for business with regularity, rain or shine, good roads or bad, is the merchant who is making advertising successful for him. The fact that people know where his store is means little. Folks like to know what the store is doing and why they should buy the merchandise offered. And most every merchant knows the price of success, but many fail to take advantage of it.

A member of the city council suggests that after the power plant sale is completed and the new officers elected a plan might be worked out whereby one man could attend the duties of secretary, run the pumps and collect taxes. This would necessitate contracting extensions to the water mains, but this would happen but seldom, and the matter of collecting taxes alone, would more than pay the salary, at the present rate for collecting, as the renditions for next year will run around a million and a quarter dollars, with 3% allowed for collecting makes a sizeable sum. In the opinion of the alderman, we can have sewers and paving, and still reduce the taxes one-third of the present rate with economical operation of the city's affairs. Some such plan should be worked out for the benefit of the taxpayers.

J. H. Bodine orders The News for another year.

E. E. Filer is a new reader of The News.

All Winners



These roosters, so to speak, have climbed the ladder of fame—and proud enough they look, too. They're five prize winners in the poultry class at the Los Angeles poultry, pigeon and rabbit show. From top to bottom the breeds shown are tantam, buff cochin, white wyandot, light brahmin, barred plymouth rock and Rhode Island red.

And Hunters Can't Do a Thing!



Here's a sight to gladden a duck hunter's heart—but no hunter had better follow his impulses and get his gun out. These wild ducks were photographed after they had taken refuge in the swan pond of the Franklin Park Zoo, at Boston, Mass.

A London musician has trained a number of monkeys to perform as a jazz band. And we opine it business is so small that it cannot afford to take much training, either, afford to advertise. —Sayre (Okla.) —New York Commercial Journal.

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Our first thought is for quality. Nothing but the best ingredients are ever allowed to enter into the composition of our baked goods.

You will not be disappointed in the quality of our bread and pastry. Give us an order today. Save time and trouble.

CALDWELL'S BAKERY
Bread Is Your Best and Cheapest Food

List With Us

List your real estate, oil leases and royalties with the firm that has served McLean people for twenty years without asking for an option or an exclusive list.

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"We Make Money for You"
Massay Building Phone 44

Stronger Home Ties

Students of social conditions everywhere are alarmed at the state the American home is falling into. Assailed on every side by interests which can profit only by attracting people away from their homes; it is becoming not a place to live in, but merely a place to start from.

It is heartening to know that there are also interests whose chief concern is to make the home more attractive and livable.

Foremost among these is the Radio Corporation of America, which, through the operation of the finest broadcasting stations and building of the finest broadcast receivers, brings the nation's best talent and brightest entertainers into your home.

Ask for free demonstration. Telephone 42.

C. S. Rice
E. L. Sitter
McLean, Texas

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

L. L. Morse orders The News another year.

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

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

She'll Be Here Sure
"MILLIONAIRE FLAPPER"
Legion Theatre, Monday, January 31st
with Happy Jack Jenck Varieties
YOU CAN'T BE ABSENT

TEXACO GASOLINE

We sell Texaco Gasoline, Oils and Greases
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Your Car's Life Depends on it

YOU can't afford to take chances with your motor oil. The very life of your car depends upon proper lubrication.

So, instead of asking for a "quart of oil" and hoping that it will do the job, ask for the correct grade of Conoco Motor Oil and be sure.

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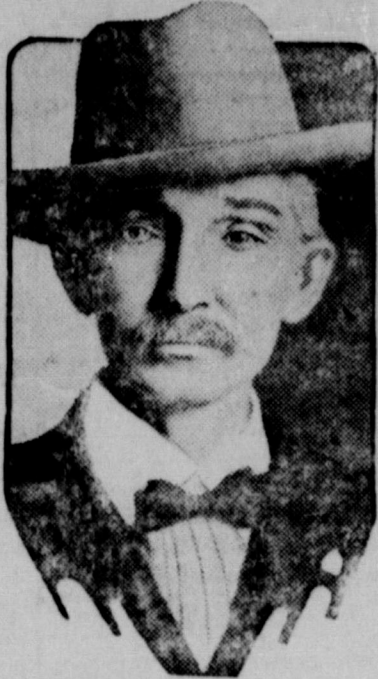
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DROP THE "OBEY" AND MARRIAGES WILL BE HAPPIER, ADVISES "MARRYING SQUIRE"

AFTER performing more than 5000 marriage ceremonies during his 30 years as a "marrying squire," Justice of the Peace David Bruce Deem, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., admits that he knows far less about marriage now than he did when he first became a justice.



Judge David Bruce Deem

"Originally I had fixed ideas about marriage," he says. "I would have eliminated divorce entirely, and would have changed the marriage laws so that no one under the age of 21 could get married under any circumstances."

"Every year I find that my ideas have been battered down by the conditions which have confronted me. I take great pride in marrying a couple that I think will make a go of it, and hesitate greatly where I fear the opposite, but the more experience I have the less certain I am that any of my ideas are right, or that anyone can foretell the outcome of a marriage."

"Many of those couples whom I, in fear and trembling, so to speak, joined, in marriage, have surprised me by making a great success of their venture. And others, where all indications had led me to be confident that they would have a happy married life, have speedily wound up in the divorce courts."

"So the justice admits he doesn't know what is the answer. But he

"It's the bunk," he explains. "The idea of making them swear on oath that they will obey when we all know they won't. Anyhow, I don't believe in the master and servant idea of marriage."

In fact, he goes even farther on the subject of "obey."

"One of the chief causes of divorces is that one of the contracting parties wants to be boss," he says. "Instead of a partnership idea, which should be at the bottom of every marriage, the 'master and servant' idea is developed. One wants to be boss. The other objects. Arguments develop into hatred—and then comes divorce."

Judge Deem warns prospective brides and grooms against expecting perfection of one another.

"God doesn't make perfect men and women, and the sooner everyone finds it out the better," he says. "Here are a few of his suggestions for happier marriages."

"Don't both get angry at the same time."

"Don't nag. Even when you know you are right, it tends to admit you are wrong."

"Continue to treat each other just as you did before you were married."

"Petting parties between husband and wife make better partners."

has one or two strong convictions, gained by his long experience.

Not one of the many couples he has married—the number, to be exact, is 5285—has been requested to "obey" in every ceremony he has performed. Judge Deem has left the word out.

THE BIBLE

This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe in it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in judgment, and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.—Selected.

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HEREIN 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, this 27th day of January, A. D. 1927.

CHARLES THUT, Clerk of the District Court, Gray County, Texas.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL TAXPAYERS

The limit for payment of school taxes has been extended to March 1, after which a 10% penalty will be added.

J. S. Howard, Pres. School Board.

Dr. Spence, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Sayre will be at Dr. Montgomery's office Thursday, Feb. 3rd, prepared to treat cases in his line of work and test eyes for glasses. Dr. Spence is Rock Island oculist at Sayre for the Panhandle division and has recently returned from Mayo's clinic, where he took post-graduate work.

W. T. Heasley left Friday for his home at Whitt after a visit with his brother, Jas. F. Heasley, and family.

WASN'T PARTICULAR

Clarence—"I was out with Jenny last night and she fell down and sprained her ankle."

Oswald—"Did you have to carry her back home?"

Clarence—"Yes, I carried all of her home."—Parakeet.

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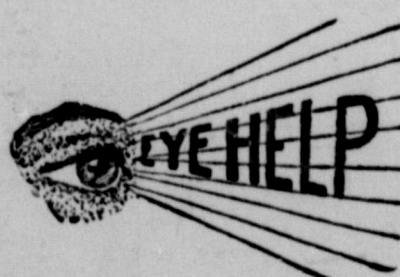
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray county—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Charley Smith by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Gray county to be holden at the court house thereof in Lefors, on the 4th Monday in February, 1927, the same being the 28th day of February, 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of December, 1926, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1654, wherein Esther Smith is plaintiff and Charley Smith is defendant, said petition alleging: that on or about July 8th, 1913, plaintiff and defendant were legally married, and lived as husband and wife until on or about October 1st, 1925, since which time they have not lived together by reason of continued cruel treatment by defendant toward plaintiff of such a nature as to render their living together unsupportable; that there was born to them one child. Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgment dissolving said marriage relations, custody of their child, costs of suit and general relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at Lefors, this 30th day of December, A. D. 1926.

CHARLES THUT, Clerk of the District Court, Gray County, Texas.

D. C. Carpenter left Sunday for Post City to attend the bedside of his brother, Theodore.

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

O. H. Foster orders The News sent to Mrs. Foster at Wichita Falls and also subscribes for himself this week.

W. H. Peters of Pampa has renewed his subscription to The News

Magnolia Petroleum Co.
C. J. CASH, Agent
Day Phone 86 Night Phone 101

DRIVEN FROM HOME
See MILLIONAIRE FLAPPER
Legion Theatre, Mon., Jan. 31st

Vaudeville
LOTS OF GOOD LAUGHS—SINGING

PROTECTION from Fire, Mail and Tornadoes
Insure in a strong company. Better see me today.

A. T. Young Insurance

INSURANCE Life Fire Hail
I insure anything. No prohibited list. I represent some of the strongest companies in the world.

T. N. HOLLOWAY Reliable Insurance

Meat with Tasty Flavor
The housewife who is interested in her home knows that her first consideration should be attractive food for her table.

And, of course, this means that meat plays an important part. Let us serve you the best meat at reasonable prices.

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

New Spring Styles

Ladies' dresses in a brilliant array of fabrics, beautiful colors and splashing patterns. The prices range from

\$9.90 to \$24.50

Ladies' new spring coats, fur trimmed or plain, priced from

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Here's a most pleasing selection of the new spring styles in ladies' hats. You will find your choice at

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OPERATOR INTERESTED IN McLEAN'S WELFARE

McLean News, Jan. 21, 1927. Dear Sir: Have just learned that my friend, Mr. O. H. Foster, has been appointed secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at McLean. I wish to see that the Chamber of Commerce there and the town of McLean in securing the services of Mr. Foster, as he is clean as a whistle's tooth and a live wire, and with the co-operation of the business men and the Chamber of Commerce of McLean, he will no doubt be successful in his work. I hope to contribute to the increase in population of your town by bringing in a well just south of you where I am now drilling. Mr. Foster will no doubt do his part towards increasing your population, as he has a large family. I hope that the good people of McLean will make them welcome. I assure you that they are good people.

Yours truly, W. R. DUKE.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Devotional services. Bible readers drill. Sole—Milford Hodges. Leader—Naomi Hunt. Meeting Place of the Association—Urcie Mathis. The Open Session—Fannie Crokton. Carey Preaches the Sermon—Evelyn Phillips. Bible Background of Text—Mannie Abbott. Carey's Climax, and Application—Lillie Williams. The Outcome—Milford Hodges. Dr. Fuller Co-operates with Carey—Henry Mathis. Conclusion—Leader.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Subject—Girls of the Bible. A Girl's Care for Her Baby Brother—Lillian Carpenter. The Maid Who Did not Forget Her God—Faye Eible. A Father's Prayer Answered—Pauline Phillips. A Mother's Prayer Answered—Bernice McCullies. Rhoda—Glen Kunkel. Paul and Silas Healing a Poor Girl—Jack Mathis.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—A Heroine of Africa. Review of last lesson—Fern Landers. Mary Moves to Akpap—W. C. Carpenter Jr. Her Friend, Chief Edem, Dies—Bobby Appling. Mary Visits Scotland Again—Martha Mathis. At Work Again—Duard Lynch. Deeper into Heathenism—Wilbern Lynch. Into the Land Bibio—Clara Fay Carpenter. Made Vice President of the Court—Cleo Young. She Moves to Use—Laverne Kunkel. Song—My Jesus, I Love Thee.

FRANK NORRIS ACQUITTED

J. Frank Norris of Fort Worth was acquitted of murder by the jury at Austin Tuesday after deliberating about an hour and 20 minutes. This is the third time Norris has come clear on criminal charges. He was indicted in 1912 and 1913 on charges of arson and perjury in connection with the burning of St. Charles church at Fort Worth.

RECIPROcity

A county superintendent in a neighboring county asked every teacher at the county institute who took their local or county paper to hold up their hands, and only six responded. The superintendent expressed great surprise: "You don't spend a dollar a year with those papers, yet you expect them to print free of charge, notices of all institutes, insert long programs, expect them to advertise you, and you don't even pay to climb the ladder to better positions and salaries without a cent in return."—St. Peter (Minn.) Herald.

News from Alameda

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reeves were in Alameda Saturday. They had spent last week in Clarendon. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reeves and daughter, Miss Foy, were in Clarendon Tuesday. Miss Willie Lee Palmer and Mr. Larry Gull were married in Clarendon Saturday. Mrs. Elizabeth Fierrod is at home after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Greenwood, at Wichita Falls. Mrs. Vera Slavin visited Miss Ethel Mcurdy at Shamrock the last of the week. Mrs. J. B. Searcy visited her son, Jack Steger, at Conway this week. Mrs. Jasper Elms was able to go back to her school at Boydston this week after a brief illness. Roy Wilkins and Pearson Sherrard of Fashandle spent the week end at home here. Misses Mannie and Oma Lee Abbott spent Sunday with Mrs. W. W. Whitsett. Frank Calaway of Fort Worth is visiting his uncle, A. R. Calaway, Jasper Elms, who has been helping Blaney Bros. for the past few years, has resigned to accept position with the Alameda Supply Co. W. E. James, who has been working in the First State Bank, has taken Mr. Elms' place at Blaney Bros.

Mrs. Ruth Lindley from We. Merland called, came in Tuesday morning for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Belle Henderson and family. Montgomery Drug Co., where you will eventually trade. Advertisement

TH' OLE GROUCH

MEP, I'M AWARD OLE COOGER 'N AS FULL O' PAULYS AS A GARDEN IS O' WEEDS, BUT I AIN'T GOT AN OUNCE O' ENJOY IN ME I DONT FEEL NO RESENTMENT TOWARD 'TH GUY WHO'S GOY WORREN ME! I DONT KNOCK HIM NEER SAY HIS WIFE IS STUCK UP! I DONT DISCOURAGE 'TH CHAP WHO IS MAKIN GOOD! JOPE! I AIN'T BE AN OLE GROUCH, BUT I AIN'T A POOR SPORY!



Where They Really See Snakes



This is no sight for an inebriated gentleman. It's the famous snake wall, which encloses the sacred city of Muang Narn in northern Siam. Skillfully arranged tiles on top of the wall make the snake's back and scales.

PIPE LINE MAN PRAISES McLEAN POSTOFFICE SERVICE

W. E. Cooper, timekeeper for Prairie Pipe Line Co. Camp No. 3, says the McLean postoffice gives better service than any postoffice in any state in which he has lived. Mr. Cooper called special attention to the speed in which the Christmas mail was handled, very few being lined up at the windows, as the mail was kept moving at all times.

To make a soup more interesting or festive, as well as to improve its flavor, add to each plate at the last minute a little minced parsley or a half slice of lemon, or both. If it is a meat soup, a spoonful of unsweetened whipped cream is good on many kinds of soup. Toasted squares of buttered bread, (croutons), farina balls and other garnishes often seen in restaurants are easily made at home.

The house with the goods and service. Montgomery Drug Co. Advertisement

W. R. Duke of Wichita Falls is a new subscriber to The News.

SHOULD PROVIDE GAS MASK

A teacher found it necessary to send a note home with one of her boys, asking his mother to give him a bath. The teacher got this in reply from the boy's mother: Dear Miss: When I send Johnny to school I send him to be learned and not to be smelt. He ain't no rose.

Soaking any kind of fresh meat before cooking is a mistake. It draws out the juices which give the characteristic flavor and add to its food value. If the meat needs cleaning, wipe it off with a damp cloth or trim it.

The Spindletop oil field near Beaumont produced fifteen million barrels of oil last year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis of Goldsboro were visitors in McLean Wednesday.

Mrs. Porter Smith orders The News sent to Mrs. R. H. Wells at Marshall for a year.

Mrs. J. N. Siblett of Ramsdell was in McLean Tuesday.

Al Smith's Birthday Cake



It may have been mere coincidence, and then again it may not—but Chef Ryoichi Hida, in making a birthday cake for Governor Al Smith of New York, modelled it after the national capitol. The cake weighed 250 pounds.

EVOLUTION

Ambition of 1870—A gig and a gal. Ambition of 1920—A flivver and a flapper. Ambition of 1950—A plane and a Jane.

The customer is boss in our store. Montgomery Drug Co. Advertisement

Wheeler Foster made a business trip to Amarillo Monday.

FOR SALE

Cheap Our Delivery Car Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Co.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PROPERTY IS WORTH?

Are you offering it for less money than others are more than willing to pay for it? Have you consulted a Real Estate man? Perhaps your ideas are in line. More than likely they are either entirely too high or perhaps entirely too low. In either event you are doing yourself an injustice. If you are sick you call on a doctor to diagnose your case. If you have real estate to sell it is just as important to call on a reliable Real Estate man to determine the value of your property. If you want to buy it is wise to consult a reliable Real Estate dealer. He may be in position to give you some valuable suggestions that you have not given the proper consideration.

The Real Estate man gives his entire time to real estate, considering values from every angle. For this reason he is prepared to give you valuable advice.

Even now I am having numerous calls for certain classes of property I do not have on my list. If you have property to sell, place it on my list for real action, courteous treatment and the assurance that you get a fair price for it.

"SEE ME FIRST"

"I SELL McLEAN"

L. G. McMillen

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

RATES—One insertion, 25¢ per word. Three insertions, 20¢ per word. Or, 1¢ per word each week after first insertion. Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as reading matter. Black-face type double rate. Initials and numbers count as words. No advertisement accepted for less than 25¢ per week. All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with The News.

FOR SALE

GROCERIES are cheaper at Cash Store, etc.

YES, I have White Leghorn setting eggs for sale, \$5.00 per 100. Call me by No. 70. Imperial White Leghorn Farm, Lunas Foy, 3-3p

PUT your order in now for baby chicks. Full blood White Leghorns \$13 per hundred. Full blood Rhode Island Reds \$15 per hundred. Mixed chickens \$12 per hundred. Phone 89, 111. Mrs. Clyde Willis, 3-3p

HOME laundry work done; modern equipment, expert colored help; all work guaranteed; prices per dozen, rough dry 35¢, finished 75¢. Call 218. 3-2p

FOR SALE—Five head of horses, two wagons, one lister. Would sell on time with bankable note. Would trade for lots in town or good car. Might take the cash. What have you? If interested, call J. E. Williams, Phone 55 111. 1p

FOR SALE—Wash Leghorn roosters, Ferris strain, price \$2.00. Call 167. 1p

LOST AND FOUND

LOST.—Car license tag 392 569. Finder please leave at News office. Kid McCoy. 1c

COONEY left in postoffice lobby. Call at postoffice and describe 1p

FOR RENT

ROOM for rent. Furnished or unfurnished. Close in. Garage if wanted. R. L. Applie. 1p

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms. Phone 35. Mrs. A. Stanfield. 1c

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms. Phone 161. 1p

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE of impounded stock. The City of McLean will sell to the highest bidder according to law, the following animals taken up at the city pound: 1 gray, heavy set horse, 1 gray sway-backed mare. Sale will be held at the city pound at 2 p. m., Saturday, Jan. 29, 1927. J. A. Sparks, City Marshal. 3-2c

GARbage and trash hauled from any part of city at reasonable rates. Phone 217. Frank Haynes.

MATTRESSES renovated and re-covered. Will call for and deliver work in McLean. Leave orders at News office, write or phone Shamrock 195W, our expense. Economy Mattress Co., Shamrock, Texas.

MERCHANTS, our new 1928 calendar samples are here; the prettiest line we have ever shown. Practice what you preach and buy your calendars at The News.

CARBON PAPER in extra large sheets for transfer patterns, does not smudge like ordinary carbon, 27-30 sheet at News office.

C. S. RICE

Funeral Director

FUNERAL SUPPLIES

MONUMENTS

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FREE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Beginning Monday, January 31, 1927, a present will be given with each purchase made here. We guarantee nice lunches for school boys and girls. Try us.

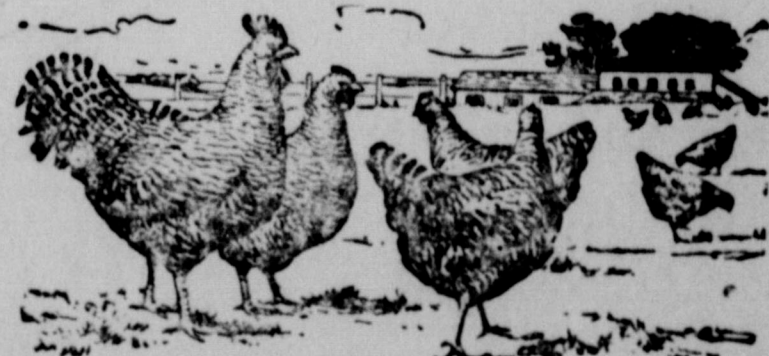
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Gasoline, Oils, Greases, Tires, Tubes and Accessories Storage Car Washing Quick Service Your Trade Appreciated We Sell Chrysler Cars

Cubine Bros., Props.



POULTRY CAR

We will load a car of poultry next Wednesday, Feb. 2. Prices are higher on car days. Call for prices.

FRESH GROCERIES

We handle fresh groceries and we invite your patronage. If we please you, tell others. If not, tell us. We strive to make every transaction satisfactory.

Clement Produce and Grocery

The Old Reliable

W. E. Clement, Mgr.

Phone 152

Anybody Want Any Goat's Milk?



Edmund Powell, farmer of near Marion, Ind., isn't taking any chances when he milks Nanny, so he puts the goat in stocks. This goat gives 4 1/2 quarts of milk a day. The milk is marketed at 50 cents a quart.

JENCKS COMPANY TO PLAY IN McLEAN

Super-Comedy Show Will Play at Legion Theatre All of Next Week

Happy Jack Jencks Company will play at the Legion Theatre Monday night and all the rest of the week.

Something new at last, with laughs, music, high class singing, and high speed comedy with a kind of laughing material that is not too long—not too short—but really fifty minutes of rapid fire, good, smart, witty, new comedy right off the griddle; with a cast of actors, both men and women, that can really put over a New York show, is what you are going to see at the Legion Theatre Monday night.

The show-goer now-a-days demands something different entirely than he has for the last twenty years. What we mean by that is, he wants to laugh. He wants a high class comedy. He doesn't want to sit all night in a theatre to see it. An hour is enough, but he wants it with action, cleanliness and punch. Now, my friends, you will have just this opportunity Monday night, when Happy Jack Jencks and his Famous Variety Players will present that rollicking comedy "Millionaire Flapper." You will certainly get plenty of push, music, harmony, singing, mixed voices, piano solos, chautauqua numbers and all of this will be delivered to you in one neatly wrapped package of fifty minutes of real action. Come along with us at the Legion Theatre Monday night. Take your money. Clean, wholesome fun is good for anybody. A super-comedy show built to play with big pictures. In other words, two big shows for the price of admission. Curtain goes up on the vaudeville at 8 o'clock sharp. Be there.

News from Liberty

By Mrs. Luther Petty
The bad weather and so much sickness causes a scarcity of items. There were no services Sunday.
Dexter Glenn and family of northeast of McLean took dinner the H. C. Nelson home Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lee of McLean spent Thursday and Friday nights with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Lee.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holloway of Back visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Holloway, the first of the week.
Howard Hardin made a business trip to Shamrock and Wheeler Monday.
B. L. Gist visited Luther Petty Sunday.
H. M. Roth is confined to his bed with rheumatism and influenza.
W. R. Stokes and Grandpa Hardin show no improvement in their condition.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit and children enjoyed Sunday dinner in the Morgan home.
Mrs. Allen Wilson of McLean is visiting her sister, Mrs. Byron Gregory, who was quite ill the first of the week.
Mrs. L. D. Langley called on Mrs. Z. T. Jones Tuesday afternoon.
L. F. Stewart spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Holloway, at Back.

TOBEY AND TYKE

By Redner



Misses Opal and Levie Nelson called on Misses Katherine and Imogene Rutledge Sunday afternoon.
Mrs. Lee Avers visited with Mrs. Fred Hankins Saturday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan called on Grandpa Hardin Tuesday afternoon.
Mrs. Walter Litchfield of Heald and Reuben Woodley visited in the Gregory home Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Vester Smith and children of McLean enjoyed supper in the Lee home Sunday.

MAKING GOOD BETTER

Cow-testing association records show that the average yearly production of the first six daughters of one purebred dairy sire was 12,742 pounds of milk and 434 pounds of butterfat. The dams of these six daughters produced on an average 11,554 pounds of milk and 392 pounds of butterfat. Even with such high producing dams, the daughters produced 10.3% more milk and 10.5% more butterfat than their dams.

If the lower part of the kitchen wall, which receives the hardest wear and gets soiled soonest, is marked off four or five feet above the floor by a wooden strip and painted or stained a different tone from the rest of the wall, that part can be cleaned or refinished without making the upper wall look shabby.

Timetables to be issued shortly by Swedish railroads will number the hours from 1 to 24, eliminating a. m. and p. m.

SHE'S HERE

Monday, Jan. 31

Legion Theatre

"MILLIONAIRE FLAPPER"

Happy Jack Jencks Varieties
Laugh with Us
MONDAY

FLOUR COAL FEED

Yukon's Best flour is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or your money back.
Plenty of feed and coal on hand.

CHENEY'S FEED STORE

We Handle the Best

Modern Conveniences

Your family deserves all the advantages that your friends and neighbors provide for theirs. So why not give them the popular conveniences of the modern home.

Free them from the distaste of using old-fashioned equipment — out-of-date methods. Let them enjoy life to the fullest.

We are prepared to install a complete water, or gas system in any home—large or small. Let us figure on plumbing for your home now.

Repair work done promptly, neatly and efficiently.

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

LIFTING WATER LOWERS SPIRITS

Lifting laundry water in and out makes wash day no harder of all in many rural homes. The latest publication of the United States Department of Agriculture contains a hint for reducing this task to a minimum. Pipe the water to the tubs by means of a flexible rubber hose, if possible, and by all means siphon out the waste water with a hose when ready, to empty the tubs. To make such a siphon, fill a short length of the hose with water, close the ends and invert it, placing one end under the surface of the water and the other at a lower level. Open without removing the shorter end from the water. A faucet soldered into the end of the wash boiler facilitates emptying it.

Too much water in a washing machine causes excessive splashing and often reduces the efficiency of the machine. Observe where the water line is and also be careful not to overload the machine with clothes.

Miss Ozella Hunt of Shamrock spent the week end with home folks here.

BACK TO THE SOIL

Where manure is used as fertilizer, cows on home-grown feeds, under proper management, will return to the soil about 80% of the fertility taken from the land in growing their feed.

In making quick breads and cakes allow in general 1 to 1½ teaspoons of baking powder for each cup of flour. Butter cakes that have a great deal of egg white may, however, need less. Pop-overs and sponge cakes are the exception and require no baking powder at all.

Roger Powers was in Shamrock last Thursday.

C. E. Hunt was a Shamrock visitor Friday.

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Gasoline, Oils, Greases, Tires
Tubes and Accessories

Try our service. You will like it.

B. N. HENRY, Prop.

Phone 58

Tender—Juicy—Savory ROASTS

You can't find a more tender roast than one of our fine roasts—all from healthy, corn-fed beef. Why not have one of our nice roasts for Sunday dinner? Everything carried in a first-class market.

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The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

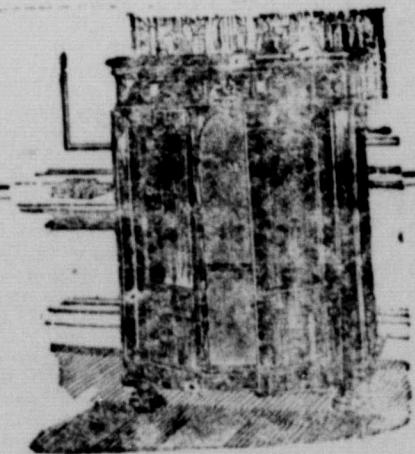
Country Produce

We buy poultry, eggs and cream and always pay the highest market price. Our feeding batteries enable us to pay "car prices" every day in the week for poultry. Bring us your produce. We are not satisfied until you are, for we strive to make each transaction pleasing to our customers.

FARMERS PRODUCE CO.

A. C. Donnell, Mgr.

Phone 158
McLean, Texas



THE VICTROLA BRINGS LASTING ENJOYMENT

The moment the Victrola enters your home is the moment from which a new happiness will date for all. It will open a vast new world of music and, more than this, every one of the family can hear the very music that he or she loves most.

There are Victrolas to suit all purses. Come in today and hear the latest Victor Records.

Erwin Drug Co.

The Small Drug Store

Yes, He's a Lucky Dog



This big St. Bernard dog, "Pal," is owned by a Long Beach (Calif.) millionaire, and he has a chauffeur and a limousine at his disposal every day. And when on the beach he shows his good sense by making a friend of Miss Marie Douglas.