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of C. Banquet Friday Evening Very Successful

The Chamber of Commerce semi-annual banquet staged last Friday evening was one of the most successful ever held in McLean.

After the singing of the national anthem, the occasion was given by Rev. Rives, followed by a vocal solo by Miss Ruby Cook. Visitors were then introduced. Editor Percy Bones of the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce, with President Davis as spokesman. Mr. Davis' remarks were enjoyed and the greetings from his town were appreciated.

Miss Ethel McCurdy favored with piano solo, and W. P. Dial of Memphis made a short talk in which he stated that he had seen McLean grow from a small village to its present size and hoped to see it grow until it will outrank Amarillo. Mr. Dial had a sample bottle of oil from the Crews-Dial well and said that it had good indications of making a big producer of fine oil.

After a piano solo by Miss Floye Sanders, which was encored, E. Bee Athroy of U. S. Highway 66, the speaker of the evening, was presented.

Mr. Guthrey began his speech by saying that it is not a matter of location that builds a city, but the character of the folk who get together on the location. Natural resources need not be taken into consideration in city building, for McLean can equal Amarillo, Oklahoma City or Kansas City in a few years with proper vision and cooperation, regardless of resources.

The speaker paid his respects to the man who grudgingly gives to the C. of C. or church. "Such things are not donations," said Mr. Guthrey, "they are investments and a man should expect dividends in the money invested."

McLean now has a most wonderful opportunity to grow, and if we have any men here who are big for the town, they should one of two things: either help town up to their level, or move."

The U. S. Highway No. 66, "The Main Street of America," was the central theme of Mr. Guthrey's speech. This highway is now a name, but with proper cooperation of the towns along the route it will be an actuality in the future. According to the speaker, it is now the shortest route across the United States and the most paving done, is the scenic and only needs cooperation to make it the first transcontinental paved highway. "It is the biggest road project in the world today," said Mr. Guthrey. "It means more to McLean than any other field, and its benefits will be permanent."

The gentleman complimented McLean in supporting the highway, and that McLean gave more than any other in the Panhandle.

Mr. Guthrey insisted that a bond issue is the only fair and just way to build roads and permanent community improvements, and stated that his home county in Oklahoma, Gray County, has a paved road to its postoffice in the county, and 27 counties in Oklahoma that have voted bonds for paved highways. Tax reduction has been possible in every one of them.

Vote for road bonds, if you are entitled to the things you are entitled to with lower taxes," said Mr. Guthrey. "Communities are degraded and cities are built by the man who vote 'yes.' The 'no' vote has never accomplished anything."

Secretary-manager O. H. Foster presented his semi-annual report at the banquet, which is printed in full elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. McMillen gave a burlesque that made such a hit with the humored crowd that he was asked to return for a final bow. President L. G. McMillen made a address in which he reviewed the conditions of the C. of C. had functioned the past six months and stated the fact that the work of the C. of C. cannot be done without Mr. McMillen's cooperation. Secretary D. C. Jones also raised the budget for the next six months. Mr. Jones, speaking on the subject that the C. of C. business to build

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THE KNOCKOUT



Bonds Will Be Used As Needed Says Commissioner

By M. M. Newman

Some people who are in favor of bridging McClellan Creek, building good lateral roads and making Highway No. 66 paved, may be wondering if this is the time to do it in fact of the dry weather.

"In my assurance, I want to say that no tax levy will be made for 1927 because the commissioners court has already done that. Therefore, this bond issue cannot affect your taxes to be paid in January, 1928. Therefore you can make another crop before any additional tax levy will come."

Another thing to consider is that we will have another year for the oil field to develop and increase values and thereby reduce the rate.

Another point to be considered here is that during the first year it won't be necessary to sell more than \$45,000.00 worth of bonds. We are to sell these bonds just as needed. Therefore, even for January, 1929, the levy will still be small and we have another year for the oil companies to lower our rate by increasing values.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY SOCIAL

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Tuesday afternoon for a social gathering at the home of Mrs. C. S. Rice.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. G. W. Sitter, followed by a reading by little Miss Sarah Virginia McGowan. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in various games and contests, after which refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Alvah Christian, John Sparks, Mont Noel, W. L. Haynes, (Scott Johnston), Charles Jordan, L. Moody, R. H. Keese, W. W. Wilson, J. E. Kirby, Gaunt, C. C. Cook, Tom Massay, W. L. Campbell, Harold Rippey, Byrd Guill, Sam Hodges, S. W. Rice, John Harris, W. E. Bogan, O. B. Byars, Don Jones, B. W. Wilkins, S. A. Cousins, G. W. Sitter, C. S. Rice and Ross Biggers, of Bethany, Okla.; Misses Lillie Guir of Memphis, Vera Rice, Shirley Johnston, Rachel Hodges, Betty Jones; Masters Fred Wayne Harris and J. E. Kirby Jr.

MRS. LYNCH ENTERTAINS

Mrs. J. E. Lynch entertained a number of the Baptist young people and their friends last Friday evening. Games and various forms of entertainment were indulged in and delicious refreshments served. A good time is reported.

Class Entertains C. of C. Luncheon Tuesday Noon

The regular Chamber of Commerce luncheon was held Tuesday at the American Cafe, and the affair was opened by singing America, with invocation given by Pastor B. W. Wilkins of the First Methodist church.

The tickets for the luncheon were sold by the members of Mrs. Ted Glass' class of the First Baptist Sunday school, and the class also furnished the entertainment.

The first number consisted of a song by the class, followed by a reading by Miss Odessa Kunkel. Mrs. Glass then favored with a piano selection and made a short talk in behalf of the class. This part of the affair was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Secretary-manager O. H. Foster was requested to take charge of the meeting, by President L. G. McMillen, and after introducing visitors, A. A. Tampke, vocational teacher of the McLean high school, made a short address.

The meeting was then turned into a road booster meeting, and Rev. K. R. Rives, minister of the First Presbyterian church, was elected chairman. Rev. Rives made a talk in favor of supporting the road bonds in the election Saturday, and talks were also made by L. G. McMillen, M. M. Newman, T. A. Landers, L. V. Lonsdale, and others.

It was voted to hold the next regular meeting of this kind at night and ask every farmer and artisan to be present and meet Mr. Tampke.

Those present were: J. C. Clem, A. A. Tampke, W. C. Montgomery, T. A. Landers, R. C. Davidson, M. M. Newman, C. E. Truitt, C. M. Carpenter, B. F. Gray, J. J. Cobb, L. G. McMillen, O. H. Foster, S. D. Shelburne, D. C. Carpenter, L. V. Lonsdale, Perry Everett, B. W. Wilkins, R. R. Rives, G. W. Harral, M. D. Bentley, T. B. Roby, D. C. Jones, J. W. McAdams, J. R. Back, W. L. Campbell.

TWO NEW BRICK BUSINESS BUILDINGS

S. O. Cook of Dallas is erecting two new brick business buildings on Main street adjoining the two bricks recently erected next the Rice-Cousins building.

The new buildings will have modern fronts and be of similar construction to the buildings adjoining.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Carpenter and Supt. Geo. Tummins and family were in from the ranch Tuesday.

Masonic Temple About Completed; Credit to Town

A representative of The News was shown through the new Masonic temple yesterday, through the courtesy of M. D. Bentley, chairman of the building committee.

Three locations suitable for stores are on the ground floor with two office suites on the upper floor with large lodge hall, with suitable anterooms and Eastern Star room.

The deputy grand master for this district was in McLean inspecting the building a few days ago and remarked that "the Grand Lodge of Texas has something to be proud of in McLean."

The whole structure would be a credit to a town many times the size of McLean, and much of the credit is due Mr. Bentley and his committee for their untiring efforts in supervising the construction of the building.

TAMPKE BUILDING MODERN HOME

Reported.

A. A. Tampke, high school teacher of vocational training, had been in McLean less than one week when he had bought a lot on which to build a home and had contracted for the lumber. Mr. Tampke started work on this new home Wednesday of this week.

The secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce believes that McLean could easily fill 500 new homes as fast as they can be built, and recommends that people build now while labor is plentiful, and get ready for the influx of people who are sure to come as a result of more city water, sewer system, paving, oil development and the putting on of a co-operative agricultural program.

"People are going to move to this side of Gray county, so get busy and build them houses in McLean, and let McLean grow," says Mr. Foster.

RICE NOW HAS LICENSED EMBALMER

C. S. Rice now has a licensed embalmer in his undertaking establishment, in the person of G. V. Koons.

Mr. Koons has had a number of years experience as an embalmer in other states and has secured a Texas license entitling him to do business in this state.

Supt. Geo. Tummins and family were in from the ranch Tuesday.

Luncheon Will Be Held Tuesday Noon, July 26

Reported.

A. A. Tampke, who is to teach vocational subjects in the McLean high school and do club work with the McLean Chamber of Commerce will outline his work at a get-together meeting at noon, Tuesday, July 26.

Mr. Tampke wishes to speak to the patrons of the school, members of the Chamber of Commerce, farmers, ranchmen, housewives who raise chickens, gardens or flowers, and any and all who desire to take night lessons in carpentry, concrete building and various subjects. Mr. Tampke also wants to organize clubs for boys under high school age.

The fact that the Federal Government thinks enough of McLean and Mr. Tampke to pay half of his salary should be recommended enough. Mr. Tampke came here under the recommendation and is to be under the supervision of the Texas State Department of Education.

At the time that Mr. Tampke is to be introduced to McLean people, the Methodist ladies will serve an old fashioned Methodist dinner. The affair is to be entirely informal and any man who wears a coat will be very unpopular. Any speaker who gets long-winded will be made inert at once.

A full program is to be announced later, as well as the place of meeting.

TAMPKE CONSTRUCTS BULLETIN BOARD

Reported.

A. A. Tampke has just constructed a bulletin board 6 feet wide and 7 feet long, containing 66 spaces 8 by 12 inches, for the purpose of displaying bulletins of information on all agricultural, industrial and home improvement enterprises. This board is supplied with about 750 different bulletins and contains material all farmers, housewives, tradesmen and business men may enjoy in promoting their respective businesses or vocations.

Most of these bulletins are available at all times in the Chamber of Commerce building and everybody is cordially invited to come and read them at the office. However, there are a few which are available for free distribution. The files of this bulletin board are so arranged that most any child could find the bulletin he wishes, in a moment. The board is self-explanatory. If anyone wishes to secure any of these bulletins, Mr. Tampke will be delighted to furnish you the address on any subject. In fact if you come to the office and do not find what you want just ask for it and he will make a desperate effort to serve you.

MRS. BROOKS HONOREE AT BRIDAL SHOWER

A shower was given by the high school senior class at the home of Supt. and Mrs. Geo. Tummins, last Friday afternoon, honoring Mrs. H. W. Brooks, a recent bride.

Piano solos were given by Misses Floye Landers and Lois Kirby and readings by Misses Floye Rowe and Sarah Virginia McGowan.

After viewing the many beautiful gifts to the bride, delicious refreshments were served to the following: Misses Irene Hays, Floye Rowe, Vida Colebank, Letha Ashby, Floye Landers, Mabel Mae Miller, Jewell Glass, Doris Corbin, Lorena Ashby, Ima and Clara Anderson, Johnnie Villa Haynes, Lucille Rice, Lorene Sparks, Dorothy Cousins, Ozella and Naomi Hunt, Sarah Virginia McGowan, Verna Rice, Lois Kirby, Frances Briggs, Irene Hodges, Maurine Tampke, Merle Tummins, Rachel Stratton, Josephine Foster; Mesdames Claud McGowan, S. A. Cousins, C. S. Rice, Geo. Tummins, T. A. Landers, B. N. Henry, J. E. Kirby, Chas. Jordan, E. J. Lander, J. A. Sparks, Pete Fulbright, Allen Wilson, L. Moody, E. D. Jordan, J. E. Bentley, Chas. Carpenter and A. A. Tampke.

William Ferrister of Bloomington, Ill., is a new reader of The News.

Road Bond Election Saturday

The road bond election called for this precinct will be held Saturday of this week.

The polling place for McLean will be at M. D. Bentley's office with A. A. Callahan presiding judge. Alanreed will hold the election in the S. L. Ball building with S. R. Loftin in charge.

The issue calls for \$250,000.00, of which \$160,000.00 is to be used in paving 16 miles of Highway 66, \$6,000.00 for a bridge across McClellan Creek at the Palmer crossing, \$22,500.00 for a bridge on McClellan at the Beaver Dam crossing, \$25,000.00 for a bridge on the Lefors road north of McLean, \$10,000.00 for road machinery for this precinct, and \$25,500.00 for the improvement of lateral roads in the precinct.

A two-thirds majority is required to vote road bonds, and only resident property taxpayers will be allowed to vote.

NO PROTEST AGAINST McLEAN BOND ISSUE

By L. G. McMillen

I feel it my duty to comment on the article printed in The McLean News last week, which was taken from the Pampa News dated July 3rd.

There was no comment on this article by any of our citizens, and it might cause some to feel that the same thing exists in our precinct.

If you do not recall the particular article, I will state that it was a protest against a precinct election. Not only a few, but 116 people protested against the precinct being set aside.

I wish to state that there was not a single protest in this precinct, and the bond issue as set out by a representative body composed of merchants, bankers, farmers and ranchers, was such an equitable and fair arrangement that it looks as though this will carry unanimously. People who never voted for bonds look on this with favor. While there may be a few people who do not thoroughly understand how much it will mean to every citizen of this precinct, will vote against even this issue.

It is the duty of every citizen to vote, especially the property owning tax payers, on a bond issue of this kind. I own more property in McLean than the average person, and it is a pleasure to me to urge my friends to not only vote for the bonds Saturday, July 16th, but to urge your friends to do the same. It means dollars to you in many ways. It is paid over a period of years, and will not be burdensome to anyone, in fact it has a tendency of bringing so many new people to a community that the tax rate is generally lessened. It enhances the value of your property, it puts you in a progressive community that is the envy of your neighbors who cannot see the wisdom of progressing with the times.

If you are not familiar with this issue, talk to some of your friends who have studied the matter and can point out to you the fairness of it. No community has been neglected; everyone has been considered. Every citizen will be benefitted by the bond issue as it stands today.

LITTLE CHANGE IN OIL ACTIVITY

Very little change in the oil wells now drilling is reported this week.

The Cubine No. 1 is below 3000 feet and is still showing some oil from the 2715 foot level.

Neudigate No. 1 Chapman has been given additional time to complete the well and is drilling below 2200 feet.

St. Clair Crews No. 1 shut down the first of the week for a test. Oil was found at 2630 feet. This well also has a heavy gas flow.

Mr. and Mrs. Curg Williams returned Friday from a tour through Old and New Mexico.

C. H. White made a trip to Groom Tuesday.



The LEADING LADY

by GERALDINE BONNER
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What human being does not love a mystery story? Especially one of those affairs in which a puzzling crime suddenly disturbs the lives of a group of people who have been going along in a normal way, doing their daily tasks and with no thought of anything more terrifying than the ordinary problems of existence. All at once a deed of malevolence is committed which turns their placid little world topsy-turvy. No one knows the perpetrator of the crime, but circumstances are such that any one of the apparently honest, sincere members of the group may come under suspicion. New angles of the affair and new mysteries develop, and a period of the most wracking suspense exists for all.

In this case there is no super-detective with his mathematics, his chemicals, his measuring devices and his methods of deduction to trap the criminal and, by the very completeness of the case against him, force him to a confession. No one but a few confused civilians and a couple of fairly astute law officers, both of the latter working in different directions and by the variance of their theories obstructing rather than aiding a solution. It was one of those crimes which seemed likely to remain a mystery unless some accident occurred to clear it up. And the accident did occur: one of the strangest accidents ever written into a mystery plot, and so terrifying in its effects that it brought a voluntary and quite unexpected confession from the guilty party. And then the reader gets another surprise, a real and satisfying surprise, but it would spoil the pleasure of the story to reveal it here.

Geraldine Bonner has written many clever stories and established herself as a master of thrill fiction with her famous tale, "The Girl at Central." In "The Leading Lady" she has produced an even more compelling novel and one in which she makes a blend of romance and mystery that is highly agreeable.

PROLOGUE

One of the morning trains that tap the little towns along the sound ran into the Grand Central depot. The passengers, few in number—for it was midsummer and people were going out of town, not coming in—filed stragglingly up the long platform to the exit. One of them was a girl, fair and young with those distinctive attributes of good looks and style that drew men's eyes to her face and women's to her clothes.

People watched her, noting the lithe grace of her movements, the delicate slowness, the froth of blonde hair that curled out under the brim of her hat. She appeared oblivious to the interests she aroused and this indifference had once been natural, for to be looked at and admired had been her normal right and became a stale experience. Now it was assumed, an armor under which she sought protection, hid herself from morbid curiosity and eagerly observing eyes. To be pointed out as Sybil Saunders, the actress, was a very different thing from being pointed out as Sybil Saunders, the fiancée of James Dallas of the Dallas-Parkinson case.

The Dallas-Parkinson case had been a sensation three months back. James Dallas, a well known actor, had killed Homer Parkinson during a quarrel in a men's club, and fled before the horrified onlookers could collect their senses. Dallas, a man of excellent character, had had many friends who claimed mitigating circumstances—Parkinson drunk and brutal, had provoked the assault. But the Parkinson clan, new rich oil people, breathing vengeance, had risen to the cause of their kinsman, poured out money in an effort to bring the fugitive to justice, and offered a reward of ten thousand dollars for his arrest. Of course Sybil Saunders had figured in the investigation, she was the betrothed of the murderer, their marriage had been at hand. She had gone through hours of questioning, relentless grilling, and had steadily maintained her ignorance of Dallas' whereabouts; from the night of his disappearance she had heard nothing from him and knew nothing of him. The Parkinsons did not believe her statement, the police were uncertain.

Her taxi rolled out into the sweetening heat, incandescent streets roaring under the blinding glare of the sun. Her destination was the office of Stroud and Walberg, theatrical managers. Mr. Walberg offered her a friendly hand and a chair. Mr. Walberg, a kindly Hebrew, was kinder than ever to this particular visitor. He was sorry for her—as who in his profession was not—and wanted to help her along and here was his proposition:

A committee of ladies, a high society bunch summing up in Maine, wanted to give a play for charity. Thomas N. Driscoll, the spool-cotton magnate who was in California, had offered them his place up there—Gull Island was the name—for an outdoor performance. The ladies had wanted a classic which Mr. Walberg opined was all right, seeing the show was for charity, and people could stand being bored for a worthy object. "Twelfth Night" was the play they had selected.

The ladies had placed the matter in Mr. Walberg's hands, and he had at once thought of Sybil Saunders for

the ones in crowded districts or those in secluded byways, the safest? I was like walking through grass where live wires were hidden.

A ring at the bell made her leap to her feet with wild visions of detectives. But it was only Anne Tracy come in to see if she was back from her visit on the sound. It was a comfort to see Anne, she always acted as if things were just as they had been and never asked disturbing questions. She was Sybil's best friend, was to have been her bridesmaid. But she knew no more of Sybil's secrets since Jim Dallas had disappeared than any one else. And she never sought to know that was why the friendship held.

They had a great deal to talk about, but chiefly the "Twelfth Night" affair. Anne was immensely pleased that Sybil had agreed to play. She did not say this—she avoided any allusions to Sybil's recent conducting of her life—but her enthusiasm about it all was irresistible. It warmed the sad-eyed girl into interest; the Viola costume was brought from its cupboard, the golden wig tried on. When Anne took her departure late in the day, she felt much relieved about her friend—she was "coming back," coming alive again.

Anne occupied another little flat on another of the mid-town streets in an other of the brownstone houses. Hers was one room larger, for her brother, Joe Tracy, lived with her when not pursuing his profession on the road. There were hiatuses in Joe's pursuit during which he inhabited a small bedroom in the rear and caused Anne a great deal of worry and expense. Joe apparently did not worry, certainly not about the expense. Absence of work wore on his temper not because Anne had to carry the flat alone, but because he had no spending money.

She folded the pages back at the personal column and settled over it, bent, motionless, her eyes traveling down its length. Suddenly they stopped, focused on a paragraph. She took a pad and pencil from the desk, drew a small table up to the divan, spread the newspaper on it, and copied the paragraph onto the pad. It ran as follows:

"Sister Carrie:
"Edmund stoney broke but Albert able to help him. Think we ought to chip in. Can a date be arranged for discussing his affairs?"

"Sam and Lewis."
She studied it for some time, the pencil suspended. Then it descended, crossing out letter after letter, till three words remained—"Edmonton, Alberta, Canada." The signature she guessed as the name he went by.

She burned the written paper, grinding it to powder in the ash tray. The newspaper she threw into the waste basket where Luella, the mulatto woman who "did up" for her, would find it in the morning. She felt certain



Now He Had Grown Bolder, Telling Her Where He Was.

Luella was paid to watch her. But she had continued to keep the evil-eyed creature, fearful that her dismissal would make them more than ever wary, strengthen their suspicion that Sybil Saunders was in communication with her lover.

The deadly danger of it was cold at her heart. She had heard directly from him once, a letter the day after he had fled; the only one that even he, reckless in his despair, had dared to send. It had told her to watch the personal column in a certain paper and had given her the names by which she could identify the paragraphs. She had watched and twice found the vetted message and twice waited in sickening fear for discovery. It had not happened. Now he had grown bolder, telling her where he was—it was as if his hand beckoned her to come. She could write to him at last, do it this evening and take it out after dark. Lying very still, her hands clasped behind her head, she ran over in her mind letter boxes, post offices where she might mail it. Were

ted an abrupt "Hello" and snatched off his hat:
"Little Anne's got a caller. Howdy, Bassett? How's things?"

He was like Anne, the same delicate features, the same long eyebrows and the same trick of raising them till they curved high on his forehead. But his face had an elfish, almost malign quality lacking in hers, and the brown eyes, brilliant and hard, were set too close to his nose.

He launched forth with a suggestion of pouncing eagerness on the "Twelfth Night" performance. He had heard this and that, and Anne had told him the other. His interest surprised Anne, he hadn't shown much to her, only a few laconic questions. And she was wondering what was in his mind, as she so often wondered when Joe held the floor, when a question enlightened her:

"Have you got anybody to play Sebastian yet?"
"No. I wanted that boy who played with her on the southern tour last year, but he's in England. He gave a first-rate performance and he surely did look like her."
"That was a lucky chance. You'll search the whole profession before you get anyone that looks like Sybil's twin brother. Why, Mrs. Gawtree, the English actress, when she was over here, had a boy to play Sebastian who looked as much like her—well, not as much as I look like Sybil."

Bassett had seen his object as Anne had and was considering. He had been looking forward to the week at Gull Island with Anne, it loomed in his imagination as a festival. There would be a pleasant, companionable group of people, friendly, working well together. But Joe among them—

Joe proves he can act in the next chapter, and Wally Shine, official photographer, learns something of the jealousy existing in the company. Don't miss next week's installment.

Misses Leora and Loree Kinard of Gracey were shopping in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. Buck Cooke of Vega visited friends and relatives here Friday and Saturday.

E. J. Lander left Thursday for a visit with relatives in Alva, Okla.

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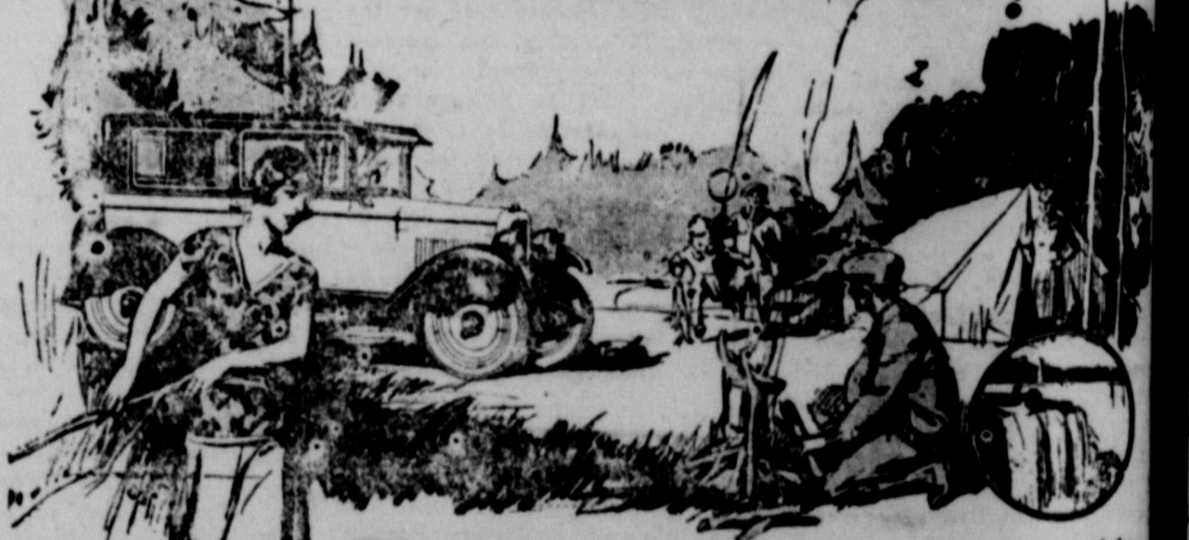
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(Continued from first page) community, asked for those were willing to continue their subscriptions to the budget stand, and some 20 people indicated their willingness for the primary-manager to continue drawing on them for their monthly subscriptions.

SMITH SHOWERED THURSDAY, LAST WEEK

Mesdames Geo. Colebank and T. Landers were hostesses at a shower given at the home of the former last Thursday afternoon, honoring Mrs. W. E. Smith, recent bride.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor The pastor has returned from a 10 days revival meeting and will be in charge of the services Sunday. Please remember that your presence is always appreciated, and really, your absence always detracts something from the value of the day.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

R. R. Rives, Minister Services next Sabbath at the usual hours: Bible school 10 a. m. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—A Flood, a Rainbow and Promise. Group No. 1 in charge. A Wicked World—Edna Mae Kunkel.

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TOBEY AND TYKE

By Redner



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

D. H. Brynoff, Pastor Announcements for Sunday, July 17: Sunday school at 10 o'clock. We had a fine attendance last Sunday.

Preaching at 11 o'clock, subject "Fishing."

Seven new members were received last Sunday morning. There are others who should positionize themselves with the church.

Our revival meeting will begin the fourth Sunday, July 24.

Evangelist Geo. W. McCall and his singer, T. D. Carroll, will be with us for this campaign. Let us all remember the date and make our plans accordingly.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Subject—The Mission of the Church. Introduction, and the Twofold Mission of the Church—Lillian Carpenter.

The Church Ought to Keep Itself Pure—Alma May Foster. The Church Ought to Train Every Member—Jack Mathis.

The Church Ought to Help the Weak—Kent Carpenter. The Church Ought to Restore the Wayward, and the Church Ought to be a Band of Workers—Odessa Kunkel.

The Church Ought to Be the Center of Our Life—Fern Landers. Poem, Two Kinds of People—Bernice McCanties.

Miss Lillie Gull of Memphis visited friends and relatives here Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brooks left Sunday for a visit in Mineral Wells.

R. H. Keesee and family returned Friday from a tour through New Mexico.

Mrs. John Taylor and children of Frederica, Okla., are visiting in the W. T. Wilson home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson of Cronan spent Sunday with home folks here.

Buck Campbell spent the week end in Crowell.

Vernon Johnston left Saturday night for a trip through New Mexico.

Joe Rady of Clarendon was in McLean Thursday.

Victor Back left Saturday for Carlsbad, N. M., and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hamilton Jr. were in Mangum, Okla., Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Williams of Cronan visited in McLean Sunday.

LeRoy Landers visited in Canyon he first of the week.

Ben Pearson of Tulsa visited friends here Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Latson of Amarillo spent Sunday in McLean.

N. E. Savage and family were in Mobeetie Tuesday.

Dave Williamson of Wichita Falls was in McLean this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hefner of Frederick, Okla., visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. John Carpenter and daughter, Miss Alice, returned Tuesday from a visit to New Mexico.

J. B. Paschall of Breckenridge came in Wednesday for a visit with friends.

Mrs. Geo. Tummins and daughter, Miss Merle, visited friends at Wellington this week.

Lenard Howard left Saturday night for a tour through New Mexico.

Curg Williams went to Oklahoma City Monday on business.

Enoch Bentley went to Magic City Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Braxton, Friday, July 8, twin boys.

Homer Wilson handed us a check for The News a year Tuesday.

Texaco Gasoline Oils and Greases Tires and Accessories Vulcanizing

Star Filling Station and Vulcanizing Shop Ted Glass, Prop.

A GOOD PLACE TO EAT TULSA CAFE A. M. Clardy, Prop. Lefors, Texas

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BENTLEY INSURANCE CO. Phone 99 McLean, Texas

CHURCHES SHOULD ADVERTISE TO BEAT DEVIL

Churches must use plenty of space in advertising if they want to successfully compete with the devil and worldly things. This procedure was advocated by J. Claude Wells, editor of the Memphis Democrat, at the Thursday afternoon session of the Texas Press Association convention.

His theory was that the way for churches to keep one jump ahead of the devil and the world was to advertise in such a way that persons would immediately have the desire to attend the services.

"Doctors," Mr. Wells said, "should advertise when they have something which will cure human ills. They owe it to the public," he said, "to enlighten the people on what they can do and the cures they can make."

"The quack gets the business by advertising. If the doctor himself cannot do this ethically, he should get his fraternity to do it. The public should be made acquainted with the class of service it can get. It is time for doctors to let people know what they can do for them."

"Those who have merchandise and service to sell," he stated, "should be regular advertisers."

"I figure," Mr. Wells stated, "that when a man does not advertise to his limit, he is not filling his place in the community as an advertiser and business man."

Farmers, he said, should advertise and get the buyers to go to them. Papers should keep acquainted with the lines of nationally advertised articles carried by merchants, he stated, and have the latter "tie" up with the national advertising campaign.—El Paso Herald.

Claud McGowen and family spent from Saturday until Tuesday visiting in Lawton and Medicine Park, Okla.

Revs. D. H. Brynoff and S. A. Cobb attended the Northfork Baptist workers conference at Mobeetie Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Riley of Quanah visited their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Whorton, the first of the week.

Miss Mattie Lee Whorton is visiting friends in Oklahoma City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hodges visited relatives in Clinton, Okla., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kemp were in from the ranch Friday. Editor Reavis of the Alanreed Herald was in McLean Tuesday.

Today's bread is tomorrow's pudding.

FULLER PEP



We Cannot Tell You All About the Chrysler Car, but We Will Tell You a Few of the Many Good Points

The body is smart and beautiful—it is constructed with hydraulic brakes—it is constructed with oil filter and air cleaner. It is lubricated with full pressure lubrication.

The luxurious bodies with beautiful upholstery makes the Chrysler a leader in the auto field. We will be glad to show you this handsome car at your convenience.

Snappy Service Station Cubine Bros.

"Marie-Mac" Tourist Cottages

McLean should be proud to state that we have the finest Tourist Cottages between Oklahoma City and Tucumcari, N. M. This is the word brought to us by many tourists. Others state they are the best between St. Louis and Los Angeles.

L. G. McMillen "I SELL McLEAN"

O. E. Lochridge, Local Representative CONTINENTAL OIL CO. OF TEXAS

GOOD FLOUR

Since flour enters into so many items of food, its purity and wholesomeness is of the utmost importance. A good way to make sure of good flour is to order Yukon flour of us.

CHENEY & COLEBANK We Handle the Best

Does it Pay--

to Bake at Home? When you can get

Nice fresh cinnamon rolls 20c per doz. Parker House rolls 15c per doz. All kinds of fruit pies 25c each. A nice assortment of cookies 20c per doz. Both white and whole wheat bread fresh each day.

CALDWELL BAKERY Bread Is Your Best and Cheapest Food

The McLEAN NEWS
Published Every Thursday

T. A. LANDERS, Publisher
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Phone 47

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
In Texas

One Year	\$2.00
Six Months	1.25
Three Months	.65

Outside Texas

One Year	\$2.50
Six Months	1.50
Three Months	.85

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Panhandle Press Association
National Editorial Association

Many expressions have been heard since the C. of C. banquet regretting that every voter in this precinct did not hear Mr. Guthrey's address. That it was a logical, forceful presentation of the road subject, everyone who heard it will agree.

The showing of the 80 foot roll of paper containing clipped articles about McLean from the state press made quite a hit at the C. of C. banquet. This is one of the most important parts of the C. of C. work, and Mr. Foster has been very successful in getting recognition for our town. All this was secured without cost to the C. of C.

Every voter should go to the polls Saturday and cast a vote in favor of the road bonds. A curious provision of the law requires a two-thirds majority, and the ordinary stay-at-home voter usually decides the question. No other bond issue requires more than a bare majority, but Saturday's election must carry by two-thirds. There is no good argument against the proposition, and everyone should see that a full vote is polled.

In numbering the houses in McLean, it was found that those people who have once lived in towns having houses and streets numbered were more than glad to have their houses numbered. We understand that numbers were placed on each house in town, regardless of whether the owner paid the 25c fee, unless objection was raised. Numbers are a necessity in a growing town, and there is no valid objection to them in any size town.

The business man's ability to succeed is dependent upon the farmer's ability to buy his goods. The farmer's ability to produce sufficient revenue to keep his family in comfort is dependent upon soil fertility and improved methods of farming. A community fair is one of the best ways to encourage the farming and stock raising industry. A fair means lots of hard work for a few individuals, but it is worth all it costs in time and money.

There is something new under the sun. Every paper receives enough "please print" stuff each week to fill the paper, but we had one handed us this week that stated that provided we could not print all the article, if we would only mention the essential facts in the article, the writer would personally see that the editor would get a free bath in some wonderful mineral water upon visiting the writer's city in a nearby state. Fortunately, the editor of The News has none of the troubles the wonderful water is supposed to cure, and, besides, we do not like the implication that an editor needs a bath. We are always glad to print news that is free from advertising that might be of interest to our readers, and we do this without promise of a free bath, or anything else—but propaganda and advertising must be paid for to get in our columns.

The Canyon News gives an experience with a clothing peddler in which the peddler stated that he did not know what is the matter with newspaper men as they all seem to trade at home. Good newspaper men, as well as all good business men are like that. They realize that the only way to build a community is to keep their money at home. This paper has many opportunities to do printing for people in other towns where there are good printers, but such business is never solicited, for we know that such customers are only price hunters and need to be educated to support their home institutions. A town cannot prosper for long without close co-operation between its

citizens, and this goes stronger for business people who are supposed to take the lead in civic matters. Every merchant who advertises and otherwise supports home institutions has a right to expect his neighbor's trade.

W. C. Phillips returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cooke and children returned Friday from a visit in Dallas.

Mrs. Joe Hindman of Vega visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bush visited relatives in Clarendon Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Lander left Thursday for his home at Alva, Okla., after an extended visit with relatives here.

Miss Thelma Gatlin was a Clarendon visitor Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. Lander visited her mother in Erick, Okla., Sunday.

J. R. Phillips went to Clarendon Sunday.

Sam Pakan of Slavonia was in McLean Saturday.

Dwight Upham was in Clarendon Sunday.

Roger Powers went to Wichita Falls Sunday.

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

and Mrs. Sam Brown of Alanreed were McLean visitors Saturday.

Bruce Ladd returned Thursday from San Diego, where he has been attending a sailors training school.

McCleskey returned Saturday from a visit at Mobeetie.

Clyde Wheat Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Herman Phillips was a Clarendon visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Crews of Matador were in McLean last week.

Everett W. Atkins of Borger was in McLean Friday.

Charles Jordan left Sunday for Dallas on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther McCombs were in from the ranch Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooke visited relatives in Childress last week.

Miss Ruby Reeves of Alanreed was shopping in McLean Friday.

Mrs. T. F. Phillips of Heald was shopping in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. J. L. Collier of Amarillo is visiting in McLean this week.

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

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by W. E. Bogan, City Clerk of the City of McLean, Texas, until 2:30 o'clock p. m. on the 20th day of July, 1927, for the construction of Sewers, manholes and appurtenances, and Sewerage Disposal Plant and appurtenances in the City of McLean, Texas, involving the following approximate quantities:
1945 lin. ft. 6" V. C. pipe.
21,000 lin. ft. 8" V. C. pipe.
16,000 lin. ft. 10" V. C. pipe.
2,155 lin. ft. 12" V. C. pipe.
4,982 lin. ft. 15" V. C. pipe.
400 dia. ft. manholes.
Imhoff Tank.
Dosing Chamber.
Sludge Bed.
Sand Filters.

Certified check in the amount of \$2,000.00 must accompany each bid. Plans and specifications are on file in the office of the City Clerk and in the office of the Consulting Engineers, Hasie & Rady, County Court House, Memphis, Texas. Contractors desiring plans and specifications for their individual use may secure same from the Consulting Engineers upon payment of \$10.00, which will be refunded upon return of plans and specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
C. J. CASH, Mayor.
Attest: W. E. BOGAN, City Clerk.
25-4c

Roy Franklin of El P also is visiting relatives here this week.

REPAIRING
Shoes and Harness
Car Tops and Curtains
All work done neatly and with dispatch.
Give us a trial.
Bible Shoe and Harness Shop
Cecil Bible, Prop.

PROTECTION
from Fire, Hail and Tornadoes
Insure in a strong company.
Better see me today.
A. T. Young
Insurance

(Mrs. F. G. Patching returned to her home in Clarendon Sunday after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Speed of Clarendon were McLean visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Powell of Ramsdell were McLean visitors Saturday.

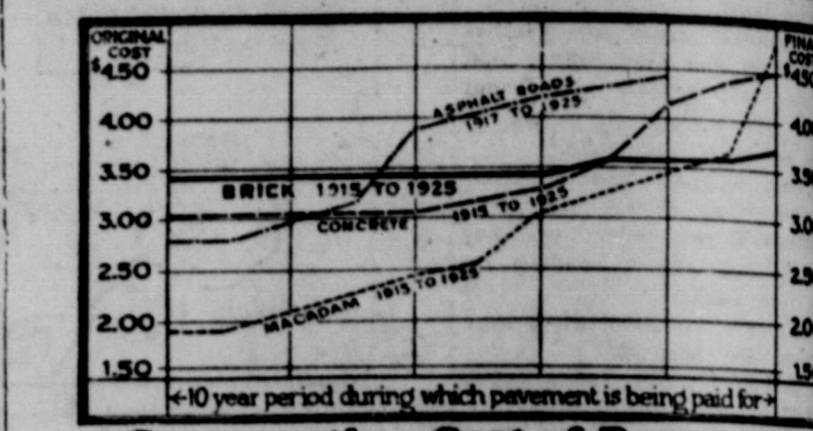
Buy fruit trees of Bruce and Sons, Alanreed. Advertisement

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Burks returned the first of the week to their home in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Burdine Alanreed were in McLean Saturday.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.
G. J. CASH, Agent
Buy Plans Right Place

MEATS YOU LIKE
We are careful to handle just the quality of meats you like. We endeavor to give the utmost in quality and service at our market. Give us your next order. We handle fresh, pure Jersey milk.
THE CITY MARKET
The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats



Comparative Cost of Pavements Over a 10 Year Period
This chart shows the accumulated costs per square yard of different pavements over a period of ten years. To the average original cost is added repair and maintenance costs for this period. Note that while brick pavements cost more in the beginning, they cost less in the end because maintenance is so low. You can profit by the facts shown in these figures, based on official records compiled in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Send for the complete analysis of paving costs of which these figures are a part.
Time Proves It Best!
PAVE WITH BRICK
It Outlasts the Bond
WESTERN PAVING BRICK MANUFACTURER'S ASSOCIATION
Dwight Building, Kansas City, Missouri

Trustees of Confidence

We want our customers to see us in the same light in which we see ourselves—trustees of confidence, as well as custodians of funds.
Every matter pertaining to the personal welfare of our depositors may be freely discussed with us, with the full assurance that we will hold in strict confidence the affairs of our customers.

The Citizens State Bank
CAPITAL, BOND AND SURPLUS \$60,000.00
J. S. MORSE, President
C. C. BOGAN, Cashier



Pure and Wholesome
Ice Cream and Cold Drinks served at our Frigidaire Fountain are pure and wholesome. They are made right, for only the purest ingredients are used. Try a dish of Steffens ice cream or a cold drink at our fountain.

Erwin Drug Co.
the Retail Drug Store

25 Per Cent off

on All
Refrigerators
and
Water Coolers

Now is your chance to buy a standard refrigerator or water cooler at a heavy reduction. A refrigerator is practically a year round necessity and the warmest part of the year is just before us. We had rather sacrifice all thought of profit than to carry any refrigerator or cooler over. Come in and talk this over with us. It means money saved for you.

The clock has been wound again. Watch for announcement when it stops.

Hamilton-McGowen Hardware and Furniture Company

Complete Home Furnishings
Phone 184
McLean, Texas

Your Home Should Come First

SECRETARY-MANAGER
MAKES SEMI-ANNUAL
REPORT TO C. OF C.

By O. H. Foster

At the banquet in McLean at the beginning of my work, Feb. 22, 1927, the Chamber of Commerce set out to do things as a goal:

1. Road to Magic City. This road was quit through the efforts of County Commissioner M. M. Newman.

2. Road to Hedley. The road to Hedley is financed and will be completed when the ground is wet enough to dig post holes and grade the road. The money is in the bank. This piece of work alone, if the Chamber of Commerce had done nothing more, is worth all the money and effort spent on the whole C. of C. for the whole six months. The reason it is so important is because it connects the U. S. 66 and the Colorado to Gulf Highways making McLean the gateway to the McLean oil field from the south and east where most of our oil investors must come from. It reduces the distance of McLean from the Colorado to Gulf from 85 to 26 miles. It is hoped that this will finally become a link in a north and south Federal Highway just as important as the U. S. 66. It is mainly through the efforts of O. G. Stoenly that this project was launched.

3. More residences. That the C. of C. is responsible for all building that has taken place in McLean during the last six months we do not claim, but we do claim to have stimulated and encouraged more buildings, especially residences. Since January first, Mr. Bentley's record as Street Commissioner shows 41 residences built and repaired at a cost of \$97,945, seven business houses built, containing 391,188, church at \$10,000; a total of \$208,625 spent in building in McLean since January first.

4. Modern Hotel. As to a modern hotel, the Hindman Hotel has been added to and completely overhauled and made modern with Sealy mattresses in every room and running hot and cold water in every room. We believe you will find it as good a hotel as most towns of this size afford. We know there are no finer people than the Hindmans who run it. But McLean should be looking forward to the time that is as near as the recovery in the price of oil and the price of oil will come back—when we, if we take the lead as the hub of the Gray-Wheeler oil field, will need a real city hotel that will make McLean the mecca for all weary travelers who want the best and have the money to pay for it.

Much work and thought has been put in an looking forward to the time when McLean people can see the advantage of having the best hotel in the east end of the Panhandle oil field. Oil men have money and are going to have a good bed at night if they have to drive miles to get it. Where oil men sleep they transact business, and at that point grows up the center of the oil business. Wichita Falls has the hotels, Burkburnett and Electra have the oil, but Wichita Falls gets the trade.

Oil men who know, say McLean is going to get a big play from this oil field. I am glad we are getting ready for this great growth. A sewer system. A sewer system has been voted, with only 5 votes against it, and contract to be let July 20. So much for a live Mayor and City Council. Without sewer, more water, paving, a larger hotel and more residences, we were not ready for a large expansion.

6. Fave down town district. A contract for all the down town district to be paved is to be let July 27. More good work by the City Council.

7. Bridge McClellan Creek. As to bridging McClellan Creek there is the road. We have done more work on this than any one item and have less to show for it. But here is hoping that everyone who goes home, get out your poll tax receipt and July 16 make that bridge a reality.

Our Chamber of Commerce has spent much time in holding mass meetings trying to get roads and bridges. Many trips and long meetings have been held working for these things. If the coming bond election carries, this time has been well spent. Creditable mention is due D. N. Massay, the President Road Association and L. G. McMillen in this work.

"The Bridge Builder"
An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him.

But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength by building here,
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again will pass this way.
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide;
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,
"Good friend, in the path I have followed
followeth after me today," he said.

"A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim."
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

8. Every citizen a booster. As to every citizen a booster, I think everyone is a booster by now except those that are knockers, and more are becoming boosters every day.

"Only One"
I'm only one, what do I count
In this wide world so full and teeming?
I'm lost in surging crowds that mount
To millions through great cities teeming.
But one; who, pray, my life would miss
Amid earth's monarchs and its millions?
Whether my task be that or this,
On plodding feet or soaring pinions?

Yes, only one, but I am ONE,
And each one helps or hurts some other;
We sway or speed their feet who run
Igh hopes we kinde or we smother.
One, only one; yet from this day
Let me, at least, more truly labor
That I may lend a hand to aid my neighbor.

"When the Creator had made all the good things, there was still some dirty work to do, so He made the beasts and reptiles and poisonous insects, and when He had finished, He had some scraps that were too good to put into the rattlesnake, the hyena, the scorpion and the skunk, so He put all these together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it in jealousy and marked it a knocker."

"This product was so fearful to contemplate He had to make something to counteract it, so He took a sawbeam and put in the heart of a child, a brain of a man, wrapped it in civic pride, covered it with brotherly love, gave it a mask of velvet, a grip of steel, made it a lover of fields and flowers and many sports, a believer in equality and justice, called it a Booster, and since then mortal man has had the privilege of choosing his associates."

You are the fellow who has to decide whether you'll do it or toss it aside.
You are the fellow who makes up your mind.
Whether you'll lead or will linger behind,
Or be contented to stay where you are,
Leave it or leave it; here's something to do:
Just think it over; it's all up to you."

I want to recommend that no merchant sign a subscription list unless endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce board of directors unless he just wants to give his money away. What I am getting at is that we stand between the merchants and so many drives. As to the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, local charities and the like, we should include them all in a community chest and have a Civic Board look after that.

What I am trying to say is let us look ahead and plan our main activities, take care of them sensibly and protect our merchants from professional beggars and eternal merchant imposers. A community chest should have its annual drive. As to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention trip next

June, I recommend that it be financed as we financed the road fund, by a separate subscription. Mr. Stoenly and Mr. Tummins have subscribed \$100 each to this fund. However, I think memberships to the extent of 10 in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce be paid out of our budget and that \$100 be added to same for that purpose. Also that \$100 be added to the budget for 20 memberships in U. S. 66 Highway. In this way we get rid of two drives that annoy the merchants.

For the consideration of the McLean Chamber of Commerce, as your secretary-manager, I offer the following suggestions regarding a community fair:

Coming to the fact that a fair entails a lot of expense and that this expense is usually paid for by the royalty on carnival concessions that are objectionable to many of the citizens because they encourage lottery and games of chance usually run by a low type of people who carry too much money out of a community in proportion to the small profit they turn into the treasury of the fair directors, it has been suggested that we not have a fair in McLean, but substitute an agricultural and commercial harvest celebration that would embrace all of the essential functions and benefits of a fair eliminating all the expense and questionable features of a fair and adding several new and unique features that would, in two days of entertainment, education and harmless amusement, tend toward the socializing and uniting of the agricultural and commercial people in all of McLean's trade territory.

With this in view, I recommend that this harvest celebration embrace and partake of the nature of a fair, basket picnic and barbecue, political speaking, school exhibition, band concert and odd games each day, with any and all garnishments, decorations, and embellishments that the talent and ingenuity of the people of McLean trade territory might invent.

For instance, someone has suggested amelon slicing for one day. That "Ladies' Grove" to D. C. Jones and me.

My best suggestion I offer is that this be done without one cent of expense to any merchant. McLean merchants have put up for everything, and I am not in favor of riding a free horse to death.

I have to offer only the frame of a program on which may be hung almost any argument that anyone's imagination might suggest. My suggestion program is as follows:

Friday
10:00 a. m. School Pageant.
12:00 noon. Picnic dinner and band concert.
1:30 p. m. Address, Congressmen.
3:30 p. m. Free ball game.
Exhibits of all nature to be set up Friday a. m. and judged Friday afternoon.

Barbers
Expert barbers at the Elite is what makes better service to you. You will find courtesy, appreciation, sanitation and modern equipment here.
Elite Barber Shop
Perrett and West, Props.

Saturday
Morning, viewing exhibits; band concert.
1:30 p. m. speech by A. A. Tamke on vocational teaching and farm club work.
2:30 parade.
3:00 p. m. Free ball game.

During the less than six months that I have been here, the C. of C. has sent out 366 letters and received 234 letters. We have sent out a large amount of publicity. News items sent, of which we have record, number 295. Many were sent of which we have no record. Many news items were sent by telegraph, of which we have no record.

We advertised McLean to some 40,000 people in the parade at Wichita Falls. How many more read of McLean through the daily press as a result of this trip, I have no way of knowing. At the Amarillo U. S. 66 road convention saw the band on the streets and many thousands more read of us. I don't know how many of the papers carried the name of McLean to many thousands. A magazine, "The Nations Highways," carried a picture of the McLean band on the cover page along with a write-up and also a write-up on the inside. This magazine has a Los Angeles to Chicago circulation. "Texas Commercial News" with a circulation of about 20,000 carried our article on agriculture.

This roll of paper will give you some idea of the number of news items printed about McLean during the last six months. (Long roll of paper containing clippings). But this does not include many clippings from daily papers that we were unable to secure. This does not include publicity given by the McLean News.

I recommend that we continue our oil publicity and do not let up on it one bit; but with the coming of Mr. Tamke we should put on a strenuous campaign of poultry raising, orcharding, farm terracing and better live stock. I believe that the one item of grapes, if properly handled, would make McLean famous. Cherries also are worth investigating. McLean needs canning plants and a co-operative marketing system on these items.

McLean needs one or more chick hatcheries and a co-operative system of production and marketing of poultry. When maize sells for \$9 per ton and six fat hens for \$9 and most of the maize is shipped away, something is wrong. Speaking of chickens, reminds me of the following:

The widow of a farmer had some difficulty with her hens and wrote the following letter to the Board of Agriculture:

"Something is wrong with my chickens. Every morning I find two or three lying on the ground old and stiff, with their feet in the air. Can you tell me what is the matter?"

After a little while she received the following reply:
"Dear Madam: Your chickens are dead."
As to the aims for the future, I would sum them up as follows:
1. Pave U. S. 66 Highway.
2. Bridge McClellan Creek.
3. Clay lateral roads.
4. Buy road machinery.
5. A new modern hotel.
6. Municipal band tax supported.

I would like to say here that next to a Chamber of Commerce, nothing advertises a town more than a good band. Most people like good music, and especially good band music. Mr. Geo. Tummins, superintendent of our school, has started a good work by bringing Mr. Robt. Davidson here. Few towns are as fortunate in having such a high class musician as Mr. Davidson, and especially would I commend him as a Christian gentleman, a descendant of a well known family; viz. Father Buckner, the founder of Buckner Orphan's Home at Dallas.

I want also to pay tribute to the fine character of the young men and women who make up the band, both as to their high morals and their faithfulness to their leader. But I want to say that the burden is too heavy to be borne by a few, and in view of the fact that the band lessons are free and that the merchants who are supporting the C. of C. become doubly assessed when they support the band, too, I recommend that inasmuch as Texas has an excellent band law that we support the band by taxation and thereby distribute the cost equally as we so wisely do with our public schools.

7. Secure chick hatchery.
8. Mass marketing of grapes.
9. Developing cherry raising.
10. Raise better livestock.
11. Terrace farms.
12. Mass marketing of apples.
13. Build fruit cannery.
14. Build more homes.

15. Lubbock to Miami highway.
16. Build cotton mill.
17. Build cotton mill.
18. Secure gasoline plants.
19. Fewer drives.
20. Harvest celebration.
21. Continuous budget.

What I mean by the last is to quit financing your Chamber of Commerce every six months, but finance one and for all and let all subscriptions be continuous. Of course, a committee can be had that will call on all new people and secure new memberships, but put your Chamber of Commerce on the same basis as your schools and churches and let it be a continuous, living, growing institution with a real aim and then your town will grow and thrive and your farmers will thrive and you shall say this is a prosperous happy community: "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

In conclusion:
"It Isn't Your Town, It's You"
If you want to live in the kind of a town
Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new,
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town,
It isn't your town, it's you!
Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead.
When everybody works and nobody shirks
You can raise a town from the dead
And if, while you make your personal stake,
Your neighbor can make one, too,
Your town will be what you want to see,
It isn't your town, it's you!

Foxworth-Galbraith
Lumber Co.

Building Materials Rig Timbers
Come in and Get Acquainted
A Share of Your Business Appreciated

Only \$30,000.00 in Shares Left to Be Sold
Only \$40,000.00 offered for sale out of \$100,000.00 capital stock in
Lefors Petroleum Co., Inc., No. 1 Well
now about ready to be supped in about a mile from the Texas No. 2 and about 1 1-2 miles from the Roxana and Magnolia producers.
You may buy stock at par value \$10.00 per share and place your check in escrow at the American National Bank of McLean until the well is spudded in.
Investigate our prospects. Talk with our board of directors, all men you know, who will see that every stockholder gets a square deal. No money paid to anyone except for labor and materials for this well.
No officer of the company draws a salary.
An honest effort for profits. Ask any officer or write
Lefors Petroleum Co., Inc.
Lefors, Texas
A. W. Coffield, President; J. M. Shaw, Vice President; R. N. Baker, Secretary, Geo. M. Clardy, Treasurer; Charlie Thut, Geo. Thut, Mel Davis, F. H. Bourland, E. B. Hedrick, Directors

The Doctor Says:
"Your care for your health prompts you to seek the skilled advice and expert medical attention of a reputable physician. You can afford to be no less careful in selecting your druggist."
The doctor prescribes. We follow his formula, but both he and his patient must depend upon our skill and knowledge if proper results are to be obtained. Quality plus Accuracy is our watchword.
Bring your prescriptions to us.
The Russell Drug Store
Cut Down Your Drug Bill

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TIBBETT A BABBITT! AND YOUNG STAR OF OPERA GLORIES IN IT

BABBITT-BAITERS, flee to your holes!

Main Street deriders, hie to your lairs!

For young Lawrence Tibbett, baritone Marion Talley of the Metropolitan Opera Company, is on your trail!

"I'm a Babbitt, a Main Streeter, and proud of it!" declares this long, lanky westerner who, though he never ate spaghetti abroad, never gargled his throat with French vowels and never learned to kiss his boy friends on both cheeks, came out of the west and sang the golden horseshoe into the wildest tumult that habit of the bloated plutocracy has ever known!

Didn't Believe It

That was a couple of years ago. Lawrence Tibbett was about 26 then when, all unknowing of what he had done, he went below to his dressing room and let the rabbi-ho!—for Scotti, he thought!

For almost two years Lawrence Tibbett, who did then what Marion Talley is doing now, has been "operating."

And he's "fed up" with "some of these fool European notions" that he is fed morning, noon and night in operatic circles.

"It's supposed to be smart to laugh up our sleeves and outside our sleeves at everything American, at our Babbitt citizens, and our Main Street ideas," he says. "But I cannot laugh. I am too much Babbitt, too Main Street myself!"

This Is His Home

"I have never been out of America. I speak no other language. I have no college degree. I eat roast beef and apple pie with cheese rather than blanc mange and a la things. I'm just an average middle-class American, like all the Babbitts the sophisticates laugh at!"

"But Babbitt is worth some-



Lawrence Tibbett, outstanding opera find of the day, is a Main Streeter and proud of that fact. He is shown here with his twins.

thing, everything, in art. Art can't get away from the people, from Babbitt himself. Babbitt is distinctly American. He is our soil.

"And if Babbitt is not interested in art, the opera, the theater, it is because the opera and theater have failed to be an expression of the life he knows, his adventure of life.

"They laugh at the great open spaces, too, and I'm as much for them as Babbitt and Main Street. I can't bear this cooped, hotel, apartment life."

New Fields

Tibbett, Main Street champion, has no particular yen to even go abroad and study with maestros. He likes places "in the making," not "so made that they're musty and dusty."

He thinks that he gets along in opera rather nicely, thank you, without knowing too much language other than good old American.

He's out to show the world that there is a need and place for plain, red-blooded American Babbitts in opera sung in this country.

And he would rather sing to an audience of "low-down Babbitts than any others in the world."

"If I go over with them I know I'm all right. If I don't register with them, I'm all wet."

News from Heald

This community had another shower Sunday night and Sunday, which will be of great help.

A number of ladies from this community left Tuesday to attend the Wheeler county encampment, which meets with Collingsworth county in a two days outing at Wellington. The following attended: Mesdames M. R. Landers, Nida Green, Paul Ladd, L. McCombs, W. H. Rutledge, M. F. McRea, Edgar and Bill Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Landess returned Tuesday from a visit with their daughter at Texola, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Austin and two sons from Childress visited a few days with the lady's sister, Mrs. T. F. Phillips.

J. T. Litchfield came in Monday from Alvoid and Iowa Park, where he has been visiting for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Harbison of Sweetwater visited a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harbison.

J. T. Litchfield and son, Walter, and wife were in Shamrock Tuesday.

Geo. R. Reneau and daughter, Miss Edith, were in McLean Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett of Vernon visited the lady's sister, Mrs. Arvel Phillips from Saturday until Tuesday.

W. L. Hinton was in Magic City Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Farren went to McLean Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Litchfield and sons were in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Hinton was in McLean Saturday.

U. G. Lane and J. W. Dougherty went to Shamrock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey visited with their brother, Edgar, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kramer and little daughter, Margaret, and Miss Willie Lee Bailey of McLean visited here Friday afternoon.

The ladies club held a call meeting with Mrs. T. F. Phillips Friday afternoon.

Benster and Jack Litchfield visited Jim Bill Curry Sunday afternoon.

Josh and Ben Chilton visited their mother in a Hollis, Okla., sanitarium Tuesday.

Hubert and Miss Fay Chilton visited their mother at Hollis, Okla., Sunday.

C. H. Harbison received a message of the death of his brother-in-law, Dr. Beck, Tuesday at Quail. He left Wednesday morning to attend the funeral.

Supt. Geo. Tummins says to keep The News coming to his address.

EXTRA PRESSURE

Keep up the summer advertising. This is the time of the year when the average merchant lets up in his advertising and when the mail order house begins to get in its deadliest work.

It is hard for the merchants in the smaller towns to understand that it pays to advertise during July and August just as well as it pays in November and December.

The chain stores, the big department stores and all other well-managed businesses never let up in their advertising when business begins to slack up a little. That's the time when their advertising departments run "full blast."

Cut down your overhead, yes, cut off all unnecessary expense, but for mercy's sake don't cut off your advertising, whatever you do. And the editor of The Journal does not say this from a selfish standpoint, but for the good of every merchant and business house in Sayre. Advertising is not an unnecessary expense. Good, persistent, all year 'round advertising is absolutely essential to the success of any business.

People will buy from you regularly if you ask them to regularly.—Sayre (Okla.) Journal.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

An editor who is humble and likable and teachable; saying what pleases everybody and saying it in a few brilliant words; never asking for new subscribers but sending the paper free to everybody out of his own purse; publishing everything sent in without any blue-penciling; able to draw honey from the flowers of pastoral inertia; never scolding anyone; able to explain how the present pastor has just had "the greatest revival campaign in the history of the church" without seeming to reflect in the least on the former pastors; one able to take orders from everybody and still keep his independence; able to create space that does not exist and to get in belated stuff that comes after the paper is already being delivered; one who can read all the new books without betraying the old; who can keep the new theological ideas safe in the old wine skins—we know where such a man can get a job.—Methodist Protestant.

Butterscotch flavor is made by melting together 1 cup of brown sugar and 2 tablespoons of butter until the mixture is waxy. It can then be used to sweeten and flavor many desserts such as ice cream, cornstarch pudding, custards or gelatin.

"AGINNERS"

Old Si most always kicks a fuss. About some move or some darned cuss.

That he thinks sure will bankrupt us.

No church can hold Si in its way. Because the preacher's "seen his day."

"Consolidated schools," says Si. "Are schemes that soon will fade and die."

The roads we have is good enough. For though they're full of holes and rough. They beat the load that we would get.

If we should saddle on a debt. The good old days was always best. A man could then lie down and rest.

Without this county agent pest To butt in with some fool request." Sometimes Si makes me awful mad, Sometimes I think his motives bad, Sometimes I hope he'll move away, So he won't always block the way. But when I cool to normalcy, I'm bound to say I plainly see

We need a few folks that's "agin' To whet our wits up so we'll win. They always smash our bummiest schemes, They're first class safety valves for dreams.

Old Westinghouse used lots of brains When he put air brakes onto trains The Lord used much the same idea When He moved Si right next to me.

—W. H. Darrow, in Progressive Farmer.

YOURS PINK OR BLUE?

Comes now the pink step-in for the virile American male. In cities throughout the country there are being sold delicate underthings to encase the bodies of the grandsons of those hardy pioneers, who wore no underwear at all.

Of course, it's all right. After all, is there any logical reason why a man shouldn't wear pink or blue silk underwear if he wants to? No, there isn't. And yet—well, in our mind's eye we can see the sunburnt neck of Mr. Average American emerging from the silken folds of a dainty orchid chemise, and the effect is ludicrous.

MUST BE INVITED

A merchant out in the "sticks" in another state told an editor: "I ain't got no use for advertising. The last time I put an advertisement in the paper I got woke up every time I started to take my noon nap in the store."

Business must be invited. It is a guest, and no guest goes where he doubts his welcome.—Exchange.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

RATES—One insertion, 2c per word.

Three insertions, 5c per word. Or, 1c per word each week after first insertion.

Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as reading matter. Black-face type double rate. Initials and numbers count as words.

No advertisement accepted for less than 25c per week.

All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with The News.

FOR SALE

COLORADO land, any size tracts, ranches and farms, improved or unimproved. Easy terms. D. C. Christopher. 1c

FOR SALE.—2 new 5 room modern homes, 5 blocks from school. Terms. A. B. Wood. 1p

GOOD coal cook stove to trade for Jersey cow or calf. Mrs. J. R. Stockton. 1p

FOR SALE.—Shoats, bred sows and boars. Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

MISCELLANEOUS

EXTRA COPIES THIS PAPER—5c.

RUNS in silk hose carefully picked up by an experienced mender. Mrs. Thomas Ashby, 411 Commerce St. 1p.

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

BETTER cows mean bigger cream checks. Breed to Waterloo Jersey bull. Phone me first. Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

WHY experiment with second-hand out-of-date machines when you can buy a new Remington Portable typewriter on easy terms at News office?

EMBROIDERY carbon, blue, red or yellow. Large sheet for 25c at News office.

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

STORAGE.—Clean dry storage under daily supervision. News office.

Groceries are cheaper at Packett's Cash Store. 1c

FOR RENT

OFFICES for rent in new Masonic Temple. Bentley Insurance Co. 1p

BEAUFRE-MAYFIELD

Married, June 22, at Covina, Calif. Miss Maybelle Marie Beaufre and Mr. Otto Mayfield.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Beaufre of Covina. The groom is a resident of Long Beach, Calif., and a former McLean boy.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—The Office of Deacon in Our Churches.

Leader—Loyse Caldwell.

Two stanzas of "Jesus Lover of My Soul," sung and a prayer, when the other stanzas sung.

A Talk on Deacon's Duties.

Introduction by leader.

Origin of the Office—Jack Gray.

Back to the Story in Acts—Ted Matthews.

Qualities Required of Deacons—Floyd Landers.

A Well Rounded, Christian Character—Evelyn Phillips.

Deacons as Servants, not Rulers—Chester Savage.

Training Schools for Deacons—Jesse Cobb.

SINGING IN CRACKS

A foreign pianist was engaged to act as accompanist to an aspiring amateur singer. The singer had bounding ambitions, but her technique was faulty. This defect became manifest at the first rehearsal.

After the poor woman had flatted and flatted until she had flatted practically all her notes, the accompanist waived her to silence.

"Madam," she said mournfully, "it is no use. I gif up der chob. I blay der black keys, I blay der white keys—and always you sing in der cracks!"

FINDING FUTURE LEADERS

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for July 17: Discovering Future Leaders.—I Samuel 16: 4-13.

Text: I Samuel 16: 4-13.

And Samuel did that which the Lord spoke, and came to Bethlehem, and the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou here peaceably?

And he said, Peaceably. I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord, and I have brought seven of the best of the flock of the Lord. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.

And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.

But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel.

And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.

Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.

Again Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.

And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

NOW a new kingly figure comes into the story of Israel—a man of strange contrasts. David, father of Solomon.

David, however different from Saul, eventually beat down the evil that was in him and the good triumphed. Through his life David has become a world figure in traditional interest and greatness.

Psalm 18: His Story

The varied character of the Psalms is representative of the strange contrasts in David himself. "The sweet singer of Israel." There are psalms that are terrible in their wrath and grandeur; there are others which reflect the sweet and beautiful.

David's life is like the Psalms. With this lesson the shepherd boy begins a career as king, man of war, great builder, but an adulterer and murderer, too.

David stands out as an example of the way in which the highest aspirations of men often have been associated with the most tremendous temptations.

Seeking God

The truth and fairness of the Bible is attested by the facts it gives on David—the indictments against David as well as his good works. The study of this man's life is calculated to produce in men a rare spirit of discernment on their quest for good. It is the power to see good in the hearts of men who seem wicked that wins men most nearly to the vision of



Christ, Crucified Jesus exclaimed: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

Even an adulterer and murderer may have strongly marked upon his soul the image of his Creator. Deep in his heart, below the temptations and the falls, there may burn the appreciation of good and the aspiration for the higher life.

Future lessons will tell more about David and his development in both good and evil ways.

PAMPA BOND ELECTION POSTPONED 60 DAYS

An error in the proceedings of the Pampa special road district petition and a counter petition against the measure came before the county commissioners court Monday, resulting in turning back the road petition.

It will be at least 60 days before an election can be held, if a properly presented petition is acted upon favorably by the court.

Double poultry yards give you a fresh supply of growing feed and keep the soil clean and unpolluted. This helps in the control of parasitic worms.

A MOONLIGHT PICNIC

A number of McLean people enjoyed an outing at Beaver Dam Tuesday night. Supper was prepared over a camp fire, after which fishing, music and other amusements were enjoyed until a late hour. Those present were: Roy McCracken and family, C. E. Hunt and family, Misses Elizabeth Wilkerson and Eunice Stratton, Messrs. Charles Bennett and James Anderson.

Hundreds of big Texas ranches have been broken up into farms in recent years, but Texas still has many ranches of more than 100,000 acres.

We Have a Full Line of Building Material

Let Us Figure on Your Bill

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

Phone 3

W. T. Wilson, Mgr.

Negro Minstrel

Friday, July 22, 8:30 p. m.



High School Auditorium

Proceeds to buy

big Sousaphone for

High School Scotch Band

Admission 25c and 35c

NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF GRAY,
To the resident property tax paying voters of Road District No. 4, Gray County, Texas:

Gray notice that an election will be held on the 16th day of July, A. D. 1927, with Road District No. 4, Gray County, Texas, to determine if said Road District No. 4 shall issue bonds and if a tax shall be levied in payment thereof, in accordance to an election order entered by the commissioners court on the 13th day of June, 1927, which is as follows:

On this, the 13th day of June, A. D. 1927, the commissioners court of Gray County, Texas, convened in the regular session at the regular meeting place thereof in the courthouse at Lefors, Texas, the following members of the court, to-wit:

- T. M. Wolfe, County Judge.
- C. W. Bowers, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1.
- W. A. Taylor, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2.
- T. O. Kirby, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3.
- M. M. Newman, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4.

Present, came on to be considered the petition of D. N. Massey and one hundred eleven (111) other persons, praying that bonds be issued by said Road District No. 4 in the sum of \$250,000.00 bearing a rate of interest to be fixed by the commissioners court not exceeding five and one half (5 1/2) per cent, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the commissioners court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed 30 years from date thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said district, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity, and praying that the funds derived from the sale of said bonds shall be expended according to the following schedule:

Highway No. 75, also known as Postal Highway, now designated as Federal Highway No. 66, 16 miles at \$10,000.00 per mile, or \$160,000.00.

One bridge crossing McClellan Creek northwest of Alanreed, Texas, at a point known as Palmer Crossing, on the highway or turnpike leading from Alanreed to Lefors, Texas, county seat of Gray county, \$6,000.00.

One bridge crossing McClellan Creek northeast of Alanreed, Texas, at a point known as Beaver Dam Crossing, on the highway or turnpike leading from Alanreed to the oil fields northeast of Alanreed, thence to Lefors, Texas, Gray county seat, \$22,500.00.

One bridge crossing McClellan Creek north of McLean, Texas, on the highway or turnpike leading from McLean, thence to Lefors, Texas, \$25,000.00.

The sum of \$10,000.00 for machinery to be used for improving and maintaining all highways in said Road District No. 4.

The sum of \$26,500.00 to be used for the construction, maintenance and operation of lateral turnpike roads in said Road District No. 4; in addition thereto any premium or premiums derived from the sale of said bonds to be used for the same purpose.

Said petition having been first duly presented on May 23rd, 1927, at which time the commissioners court ordered a public hearing to be had on June 13th, 1927. Said hearing having been duly held and there being no protests against the ordering of the election as requested by said petition, and furthermore, it appearing that said petition is signed by fifty or more of the resident property tax paying voters of said Road District No. 4, and due notice of said public hearing having been given, and the proposed improvements being for the benefit of all taxable property situated in said Road District No. 4, and

it further appearing that the amount of bond to be issued will not exceed 1/4 of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District No. 4.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED AND ORDERED BY the court that an election be held in said Road District No. 4 on the 16th day of July, 1927, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. 4 shall be issued in the amount of \$250,000.00, bearing interest at the rate of five and one half (5 1/2) per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the commissioners court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from date thereof; and whether or not a tax shall be levied and collected upon the property of said Road District No. 4, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; and whether or not the funds derived from the sale of said bonds shall be expended according to the following schedule:

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals addressed to the County Judge of Gray county for the building of certain bridges in Gray county, will be received at the office of the County Judge at Lefors, Texas, until 10 o'clock a. m. July 25, 1927, and then publicly opened and read.

Work consists of the construction of three wooden pile trestles in the vicinity of Alanreed and McLean, Texas, in Gray county; consisting of one bridge N. W. of Alanreed at Palmer Crossing over McClellan creek, 300 feet long with 16 feet roadway; one bridge N. E. of Alanreed over Beaver Dam Crossing of McClellan creek, 900 feet long with 18 foot roadway; one bridge crossing McClellan creek north of McLean, 1000 feet long with 18 foot roadway.

Detailed plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination, and information may be obtained at the office of C. L. Hasie, county engineer, at Memphis, Texas, and at the office of the County Judge at Lefors, Texas.

A certified or cashier's check for 5% of the total contract price bid will be required. The usual rights are reserved. 26-4c

Miss Minnie Morse was a Shamrock visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris were visitors in Clarendon Sunday.

Fresh vegetables every morning at McLean Supply Co. Advertisement. 1c

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

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by W. E. Bogan, City Clerk of McLean, Texas, until 2:30 o'clock p. m. on the 27th of July, for paving, grading, curbing and otherwise improving First Street and Main Street, involving the following quantities:

- 10,174 sq. yds. pavement.
- 2,640 lin. ft. curb and gutter.
- 980 lin. ft. concrete header.

Certified check in the amount of \$2,000.00 must accompany each bid. Plans and specifications are on file in the office of the City Clerk and in the office of the Consulting Engineers, Hasie and Rady, County Court House, Memphis, Texas.

Contractors desiring plans and specifications for their individual use may secure same from the Consulting Engineers upon payment of \$10.00, which will be refunded upon return of plans and specifications. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

C. J. CASH, Mayor.
Attest: W. E. BOGAN, City Clerk. (SEAL) 26-4c

McLean Filling Station

Off. Gas and Accessories
Sudden Service
Magnolene Ford Oil will make your Ford run better.

Floyd Phillips, Mgr.

Quality Plumbing

Best materials, expert workmanship, reasonable prices. You will find them all here.

McLEAN TIN AND PLUMBING CO.
E. W. Braxton, Prop.
Phone 72 McLean, Texas

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Buffett's Baked Chocolates
Magazines and Books
Cigars and Tobacco

Come to us for everything in our line.
E. E. Dishman
Confectionary

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of THE CITIZENS STATE BANK

at McLean, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1927, published in The McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 14th day of July, 1927.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security.....\$112,016.80
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good.....1,114.06
Bonds, stocks and other securities.....27,758.11
Real Estate (banking house).....5,600.02
Other Real Estate.....10,070.06
Furniture and Fixtures.....3,708.00
Cash on hand.....14,915.78
Due from approved reserve agents.....25,417.35
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....1,111.50
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....5,176.88
Other Resources.....1,081.99
Total.....\$207,230.55

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....\$ 25,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund.....8,750.00
Individual Deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid.....141,706.34
Time Certificates of deposit.....16,466.00
Public Funds on Deposit (city).....7,731.77
Cashier's checks outstanding.....1,966.32
Rediscounts.....5,600.00
Other Liabilities.....10.12
Total.....\$207,230.55

State of Texas, County of Gray.

We, J. S. Morse, as president, and W. E. Bogan, as assistant cashier, of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. MORSE, President.
W. E. BOGAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, A. D. 1927.
JOHN C. HAYNES, Notary Public,
Gray County, Texas.
(SEAL)

Correct—Attest: C. C. BOGAN, M. E. MORSE, S. B. MORSE, Directors.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

at McLean, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30th 1927.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, including rediscounts acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement of this bank (except those shown in Item 1-b).....\$181,637.05
Acceptances of other banks discounted, excluding those sold with indorsement reported in Item 1-a.....48,352.74
Total loans.....\$229,989.79
Overdrafts, secured none; unsecured......94
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc., owned.....8,160.02
Banking house, \$7,500.00; furniture and fixtures, \$3,500.00.....11,000.00
Real estate owned other than banking house.....8,627.39
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....18,431.75
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....39,306.99
Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9 and 10).....11,761.07
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank, (other than Item 12).....1,674.17
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.....52,641.23
Miscellaneous cash items.....64.04
Other assets.....7,726.56
Total.....\$336,641.72

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund.....5,000.00
Undivided profits.....\$ 14,639.07
Less current expenses paid.....8,814.24
Cashier's checks outstanding.....4,546.38
Total of Items 24, 25, 26 27 and 28.....4,546.38
Individual deposits, subject to check.....263,522.51
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....1,713.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, items 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.....265,235.51
Other time deposits.....31,035.00
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, items 35, 36, 37 and 38.....31,035.00
Total.....\$336,641.72

State of Texas, County of Gray, ss:

I, F. H. Bourland, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
F. H. BOURLAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, 1927.
(SEAL) C. C. BOGAN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: GEO. W. SITTER, ETNA B. CLARK, J. M. CARPENTER, Directors.

Condensed Statement of THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

At the Close of Business June 30, 1927
In response to a call from the Comptroller of the Currency

Assets	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts.....\$188,897.07	Capital Stock.....\$ 25,000.00
OVERDRAFTS......94	Surplus and Und. Profits.....10,824.83
Federal Reserve Bank Stock.....900.00	Deposits.....300,816.89
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....11,000.00	
and Real Estate.....8,627.39	
Cash.....17,216.32	
Total.....\$336,641.72	Total.....\$336,641.72

The Above Statement is Correct. F. H. BOURLAND, Cashier.



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Picture Hats Dominate Summer Styles

GRACEFUL, FLOPPY HORSEHAIR OR SWISS BRAID STRIKES POPULAR NOTE—MILAN SECOND IN FASHION'S LIST

BY HARRIET

SUMMER hats have cast conservatism to the winds and grown into exaggerated sizes.

The well-dressed woman grooming herself for a tea or garden party invariably puts her make-up on to suit a picture hat. For nine out of ten smart women this season have at least one chapeau of considerable proportion, more likely two or three.

The most popular big hat of summer is the graceful, floppy horsehair or Swiss braid—usually matching in tone the color of the frock Milady wears with it.

Two-tones does this type of hat usually incorporate in its makeup. If the straw matches the gown, flowers, feathers or a flat bow of ribbon may lighten or darken the effect.

Lace Used in Plan

Newer than the plain horsehair braid hat is the one that takes points from evening gowns and uses lace in some form in its plan. Such a hat is shown today.

Eccu lace, in the soft parchment color, entirely veils the under brim of a woodland brown Swiss braid hat and partially covers the rounded crown in cut-out appliques.

This lovely hat takes an inch-wide binding of brown around its flopping brim and a quill of the same tone sticks jauntily through the right side.

Hats of such large, almost evenly proportioned brims, must have crowns that hug the head, fitting perfectly, as this does. It is absolutely different from the usual plain straw hat, is suitable for the most formal of high teas served out in the garden of some rich estate or hotel and is especially appropriate for the woman of considerable height. It is just the hat to enhance the beauty of a cream lace frock.

Milan comes second in popularity to the thin braids this summer for the hat of large proportions. Black milans and milans of dark blues, purples and browns are appearing at the smart resorts.

Small Milans

While small milans are taking inserts of felt, lace, contrasting straw and silks to form unique figures and patterns in their smart crowns, the big milan stands on its own merits and seldom stoops to camouflage.

Milan hats either have irregu-



Here are two stylish summer hats. At the top is a creation of ecru lace and woodland brown horsehair. The yellow hat below has the creased crown and bent-up back brim so chic this season.

lar brims or crowns that are higher on one side than the other. For a regulation even height and even width milan would be too stiff.

The milan today is the new and charming citron yellow that is stunning on a brunet and one of those rare blonds with amber eyes.

Its crown, rising high on the left side, doubles under and shortens itself on the other. The brim, starting out to be a drooping picture hat, doubles its back up three times and curves its front brim up into a semi-poke effect. It is just wide enough to sway gracefully when its wearer

walks. Trimming this is a banding of black velvet with a big flat bow laid against the brim with a deft touch that suggests studied carelessness.

This hat, topping a frock of the same shade of yellow, made of ribbons of silk and chiffon forming stripes, gives a finish and dash to the wearer.

The autumn days with chill winds may bring the small dress hat back for good. But while the sun shines on a holiday summer world, it is the big hat that well-dressed women are affecting when they would look their smartest.

News from Ramsdell

E. Exum made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday.

Mrs. C. A. Linkey of Pagan and daughter, Mrs. L. F. Shaw, of St. Paul, Minn., visited Mrs. J. I. Bones Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Viola Jones, county home demonstration agent, met with the ladies and girls at the home of Mrs. J. N. Phillips Thursday afternoon, and both clubs were re-organized. The following officers were elected: Women—Mrs. J. D. Davidson, president; Mrs. A. W. Martin, secretary-treasurer. Girls—Miss Lena Davidson, president; Miss Lena A. Exum, secretary-treasurer.

Roy Franks left Sunday for Oklahoma City to enter a veteran sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Bones, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Grogan and daughter, Maybelle, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davidson Sunday.

Misses Lena Davidson and Mary Grogan were dinner guests of Mrs. Lewis Powell Sunday.

Miss Iva Davidson was a dinner guest of Miss Frances Schneck Sunday.

Rev. John Crow filled his appointment here Sunday afternoon. He was accompanied by Mrs. Crow and son, Jack.

Mrs. Jesse Kinard and children returned to their home in Dalhart Sunday after a visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williams of Mobeetie visited relatives in McLean Saturday.

Andrew Jordan of Amarillo visited in the R. S. Jordan home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jordan left Sunday for their home in Dallas for a visit with relatives.

L. V. LONSDALE

Attorney-at-Law

McLean, Texas

A MIRROR

The newspaper of today aims to be a mirror of the important events of the community in which it is published. It does not follow that the unusual, the unexpected, the surprising are not news. The light and amusing, the strange and the fantastic have their proper and important place in the newspaper, the pages of which they brighten, but newspapers that exploit the oddities of life to the neglect of the great moving force are merely running sideshows to real journalism. Well directed journalism is one of the greatest forces in society today.—Sayre (Okla.) Journal.

J. E. Lynch, manager of the McLean Gin, was at the News office Tuesday to inspect the calendar line. Mr. Lynch says he believes in trading at home and complimented the complete line of samples, saying that he will place a nice order in September.

Fred Landers, editor of the Estelline News, has been elected secretary of the Estelline Chamber of Commerce.

John Mertel has returned from a seven day trip to Dallas, Houston, Galveston and other southern points. Mr. Mertel says conditions are better here than at any place visited.

Miss Maxine Scott left Sunday for a visit with her sister in Amarillo.

Mrs. Ross Biggers and children of Bethany, Okla., visited relatives here Monday and Tuesday.

Groceries are cheaper at Packard's Cash Store. Advertisement for the store.

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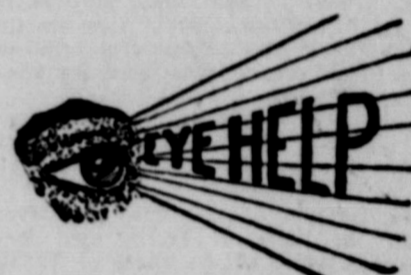
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News from Liberty

By Mrs. Luther Petty

Miss Clarabell Hardin spent Saturday night with Misses Doris and Geneva Corbin southeast of McLean.

A good singing was enjoyed by a large crowd at the Morgan home Sunday night.

Byron Gregory and Frank Bell and families spent Sunday with their cousin, L. W. Davidson, and family at Shamrock.

Clarence and Mensel Stokes of near Pampa visited the first of last week with their cousins, Travis and Buster Stokes.

Rev. D. H. Brynoff of the McLean Baptist church held his regular service here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lively visited with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith, at Slavonia Sunday.

Mrs. Luther Petty and son, Francis, dined at the Fred Hankins home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Corder, Ward and Lois Ault attended services here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nettle Lou Roberts spent Monday night with Miss Clarabelle Hardin.

Several families enjoyed a party at the John Lively home Saturday night.

Wiley Nelson and family of Gracey, Dexter Glenn and family visited at the Nelson home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Mathis and the latter's father, C. A. Alderson, took dinner Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mathis, at McLean.

Mrs. Leo Irvin of White Deer spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Kate Stokes. She was joined Sunday by her husband.

Watt Hardin and sons of Clarendon visited with their cousin, Howard Hardin, Sunday. They were accompanied by Grandpa Hardin, who had been visiting at Clarendon.

In last week's issue we stated that the young men's foot race was won by Travis Stokes, when we should have said Floyd Lively. Travis is second.

Miss Alta Lee visited the first of the week with her sister Mrs. Vester Smith, at McLean.

An extra crew of men have been working at the station for several

days, leveling up the ground and preparing to fence same.

Saturday afternoon while Mrs. J. W. Lively was at McLean and Mr. Lively was in the field, some uninvited guests stopped at the place, broke into the house and stole several articles, besides some from the cellar. Sunday night during the singing at the Morgan home, thieves were caught in the act.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stokes and children of near Pampa spent Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. Kate Stokes, and family.

Miss Ollie Mae Irvin of McLean visited Miss Clarabelle Hardin a few days last week.

Mrs. Henry Dorsey and small children called on Mrs. J. W. Lively Monday afternoon.

O. B. Byars of McLean was a visitor in this community Monday.

IT DON'T PAY—HE TRIED IT

A week ago a local merchant told the free press editor that "advertising don't pay." He said in part: "I have watched it when I was clerk at a grocery store in town and the money spent for advertising was just thrown away," or worse to that effect.

To which the editor replies, "Yes, that grocery store he referred to may not have found its advertising profitable. That grocer buys not more than one small ad in three months—one ad in twelve weeks—and the balance of the eleven weeks people are supposed to REMEMBER that he's in business without being reminded, are supposed to know that he carries "staple" and fancy groceries, flour and meal, fresh groceries, produce, etc." Yes, people are supposed to remember what his telephone number is. And any fool ought to know that he wants his patronage. What's the use of keeping on, and keeping on, inviting people to trade with you, anyway? What's the use in saying, "Thank you" for your patronage. Folks know I'm of a grateful and appreciative nature, without my telling them.

Little stores can continue business without advertising, absolutely they can. But no little store ever became a big store that had for its motto: "Advertising does not pay."—DeLeon Free Press.

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