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## Grand Jury Completes Term Report

### New Oil Well Started on Rowe Land; Cellar Is Dug Monday \$480,000 State and Federal Aid Granted Highway 66

#### Newman Makes Report Highway 66

#### State and Federal Aid Available by Jan. 1

Two-thirds State and Federal aid amounting to \$480,000 was allowed at the hearing before the State Highway Department last week for the paving of Highway 66, according to a report by County Commissioner M. M. Newman, before the Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

There are some minor changes in the route to be considered, and Mr. Newman stated that the state engineer would make an inspection later within the next 60 days and definitely decide upon the best route for the road. Preliminary surveys have been placed before the engineer, but no recommendations have, and as soon as the engineer inspects the route, the money for construction will be available.

Asked as to the probable time to lapse before actual paving is begun, Mr. Newman stated that paving would not be started under six months and probably not under one month.

The money made available by the state and state department will be for the paving of 17 1/2 miles of this precinct.

The fact was brought out in the discussion that no one knows the actual route the highway will take at this time, as this will depend entirely upon the engineer's decision. In discussing the proper route through McLean, a resolution was passed favoring First street.

Mr. Newman said that the department would not pay for the paving through an incorporated town; such payment would have to be paid for by the city.

Mr. Newman also stated that the bridge timbers are here. Two cars are piling for McLean and three for Garfield are now unloaded, and the construction foreman arrived Monday to begin work. The McLean bridge will be 1000 feet long with 18 foot track, giving room to pass on the bridge, which is standard state requirements for highway bridges.

The speaker explained that the reason for not working the oil field road is in order that the hauling of the heavy bridge timbers might be done first, and that claying could not be satisfactorily done in dry weather. The Lefors road was mentioned and it was stated that this road is being put in fine shape.

#### Mann Home Destroyed by Fire

#### Fire Demolishes Mann Home Saturday

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Jess Mann home Saturday night at about the midnight hour.

The family was not at home, and the fire siren blew a fuse when it was attempted to turn in an alarm and when the siren finally sounded the fire department made a run, but the house was too far gone to save anything of value.

It is understood that \$2,500 insurance was carried on the house and furniture.

#### Smith Car Stolen and Wrecked

Vester Smith's car was stolen from the street near the Masonic Temple last Thursday night and was later found at Lebanon, Mo., a complete wreck, having been driven off a bridge. Signs showed that the driver had been hurt, but no one has been apprehended for the theft.

Two characters hung around the depot the night the car was stolen, having asked permission to leave their baggage there until the morning train ran, but later hurriedly removed their baggage about the hour the car was stolen. It is thought that they had some connection with the theft.

#### C. OF C. LUNCHEON HELD TUESDAY

The regular weekly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the Meador Cafe Tuesday.

Rev. B. W. Wilkins, pastor of the First Methodist church, offered the invocation.

The following were present: Rev. Wilkins, Frank Day, O. H. Foster, W. S. Clayton, J. J. Cobb, Prof. Davidson, O. G. Stokely, John Harris, W. C. Cheney, S. D. Shelburne, T. A. Landers, L. G. McMillen, M. D. Bentley, H. W. Brooks, S. M. Hodges, P. A. Blum, H. F. Wingo.

The Texas Bankers Association is offering \$5,000 for dead bank robbers, and notices have been posted to that effect in McLean.

#### Vocational Agriculture Class Busy

#### Full Directions for House Worked by Class

The agricultural class has terraced farms, culled poultry, has done concrete work, studied soils and cut common and shed roof rafters the past two weeks.

The outstanding shop jobs during this period were the construction of four medicine cabinets, three library tables, and removing old varnish and revarnishing 16 old double desks which Mr. Tummins has sold to a nearby school.

Each of the boys were required to cut two rafters in their class work, which aids them in putting into practice the underlying principles in rafter cutting.

Saturday, Mr. Tampke received a letter from Mr. J. A. Winn, who was president of the Huckabay school board when Mr. Tampke taught there. Mr. Winn has bought a farm at Lorenzo and wants to build a home.

He asked Mr. Tampke to advise him what pitch roof to use and full directions to cut the rafters. Mr. Tampke took advantage of this opportunity to give his class practical work by letting them figure the rafters, gave full specifications and had a natural sized pattern made and sent it to Mr. Winn.

The significance in this is that the McLean boys are furnishing the mentality to do the difficult carpenter work on a house 200 miles away. It is quite fortunate that the boys have the privilege to study such unusual, yet useful courses.

The Forest Products Laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture was called upon last month to identify a piece of wood from a railroad tie which had been in a track for 35 years. The wood was found to be a true fir, and was still in good condition.

#### PANHANDLE PLAINS MEETING CALLED

A Panhandle-Plains conference has been called to meet at Amarillo Dec. 8th, when plans for advertising this section with exhibits at northern fairs next year will be discussed.

The McLean Chamber of Commerce voted some time ago to have a representative at this meeting.

Ted Glass was taken to Dallas Saturday for an operation for appendicitis. He was accompanied by his wife and mother. Late reports indicate a successful operation.

#### Oil Test Located Near Town

#### Test Is Started on Rowe Land near McLean

A new oil test is to be made on the Rowe land about 2 1/4 miles from McLean. Digging cellar was begun Monday, and material is on the ground for the derrick.

This well is located in the n. e. corner of the n. e. 1/4 of section 32, block R, and will be drilled by A. C. St. Clair, under the name of the Home Drilling Co.

The contract calls for continuous operation to 3200 feet, and the location is on very favorable structure, according to the geologists.

Another location is reported in section 47, block 23, on the Wallace land, about 8 1/2 miles southeast of McLean. This test to be drilled by A. A. Kaufhold et al of Sayre.

The new back well that suffered the loss of derrick in a gas fire is rebuilding preparatory to going on down for the pay.

The Danciger well in the Bowers pool was brought in a 6000 barrel producer. This well was bottomed at 2967 feet and was drilled entirely with a rotary rig.

Oil activities are looking up, and those interested predict some real developments in the McLean field by spring.

#### Orchard and Poultry Class to Be Held

On Tuesday night, Dec. 6, at the high school building, Mr. Tampke will begin a series of class meetings on poultry study and orcharding. The first four meetings will be for the study and discussion of poultry of all phases. The other four meetings will be on all phases of orchard work. These meetings will be held every Tuesday night until the eight lessons have been given.

Every man, woman and child interested in better and more profitable poultry and fruit raising is cordially invited to come and get this free course.

DAY SELLS BIG TURKEY  
R. F. Day, who lives north of town, sold a 32-pound gobbler to a local cafe Wednesday for \$9.10. This big turkey was of the mammoth bronze variety and brought 28c per pound.

#### Thanksgiving Service Held Thursday a. m.

#### Rev. Rives Preached Community Thursday

Thanksgiving services were held at the First Presbyterian church Thursday morning.

After the opening exercises and singing of America Pastor D. H. Brynoff of the First Baptist church read the 103rd Psalm and offered prayer.

Rev. R. R. Rives Presbyterian pastor, then read the President's Thanksgiving proclamation and made the address of the day.

Rev. Rives said that one of the things to be thankful for is the fact that the leaders in our national life are reverent enough and mindful of the fact that we need to give thanks to a benevolent Creator.

Thanksgiving Day is one of the happiest customs we have in our national life.

The main thoughts of Rev. Rives' address were clustered around the 2nd verse of the scripture read, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

The speaker stated that it seems that our people have lost sight of the spiritual significance of the Sabbath and holidays, and instead of giving God due reverence we think more of the good dinner and the sports we may indulge in; making of these days recreational and feast days.

We need to recognize them as days of spiritual upliftment and opportunity.

While the nation has much to be thankful for, the speaker insisted that the giving of thanks is a personal affair and Thanksgiving Day is essentially religious in its nature and appeals to the religious emotions. There is religious sentiment back of the day which has caused it to become a fixture in our national life.

The nation cannot rise above the individuals who compose it, said Rev. Rives, and his remarks were closed with a regret that in spite of the fact that the proclamation is almost universally obeyed in the stopping of the wheels of industry and commerce, yet the people do not gather in their places of worship or around their firesides for the public offering of thanks.

#### Grand Jury Makes Final Term Report

#### Law Observance Recommended Officers

The Grand Jury duly impaneled, organized and sworn for the November term of the 84th District Court of Gray County, Texas, herewith submit to your Honorable Court the following report:

We have returned into your court 16 true bills of indictment, all dealing with offenses of a felony grade. We have not inquired into any offenses of a misdemeanor grade and have returned no bills covering these character of offenses because of the many felony matters which we have had to deal with.

We have endeavored to investigate every law violation that has been brought to our attention, and in every case we have tried to fairly and impartially view the evidence and do our duty under the law. It has been brought to our attention that our county officers have been collecting fines in misdemeanor cases and at a later date having said causes docketed upon the dockets of the courts.

This practice has been condemned time and time again by other Grand Juries and by the proper court officials of this county and other counties, and consequently we see no reason why such a pernicious system should not have been abolished long ago. A system of this character is not legal and will never in any instance work as a means towards proper law enforcement.

The law violator knows that as long as he is allowed to pay the officers petty fines that he is nothing more than a licensee under the officials to violate the law. This system has been practiced considerably in cases where a violation of the prohibition law was involved and in each case the offender was made to pay a petty fine and then released, whereas, as a matter of law, the offender should either be punished by being confined in the penitentiary or acquitted by the proper court having jurisdiction, in the event he is found not guilty by a jury of his peers. We condemn this practice severely and strenuously recommend that every officer refrain in the future from following same.

We further note that in cases of a felony grade arising before the justices of the peace for preliminary hearing that the justices of the peace are very negligent with all papers in the case. In every instance the justice of the peace should first see to it that an examining trial is not waived by the State. Next, he should see that the testimony for the State is taken down in writing under his direction. Then he should see that all complaints, search warrants, the written testimony and every other paper in the cause are carefully preserved by being placed in a sealed envelope and forthwith forwarded to the Clerk of the District Court to be held by him until the following Grand Jury convenes. Gross negligence has been discovered in many instances relative to the papers and on divers occasions practically all of the papers in a criminal case have been lost. The

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MANY THINGS TO BE DISCUSSED AT LUNCHEON  
By Sec.-Mgr. L. V. Lonsdale  
There will be a business men's luncheon at the American Cafe next Tuesday, Nov. 29th, at 12:15. Bring 60c and you'll be entertained as well as fed.

The proposed Panhandle-Plains fair exhibit throughout the Middle Western States next fall will be briefly discussed, and if time permits, a poll of those present will be taken to find out how they feel about the Highway 66 route through McLean.

Keep in mind the election of officers and directors for the C. of C. which may be held Dec. 5th.

R. H. Keesee and family spent the week end in Tipton, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meador motored to Lefors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Erwin went to Clarendon Saturday evening.

Mrs. C. E. Armstrong returned to her home at Erick, Okla., Friday after a visit with her granddaughter, Mrs. Ed Lander.

A. A. Ledbetter was in White Deer Friday.

Ralph Randall motored to Mobeetie Thursday.

D. C. Carpenter made a trip to Pampa Friday.

Vester Smith was in Groom last Thursday.

N. A. Greer and daughter, Miss Hazel, motored to Wellington Friday.

Miss Nina Jewell Cantrill of Wheeler spent the week end with her sister, Miss Dorothy Cantrill.

Mrs. W. E. Clement and daughter, Miss Loyce, visited in Clarendon Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Riley returned to her home at Erick, Okla., Friday after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Lander.

Henry and Marvin McLarty of Lubbock were guests in the W. L. Campbell home Sunday.

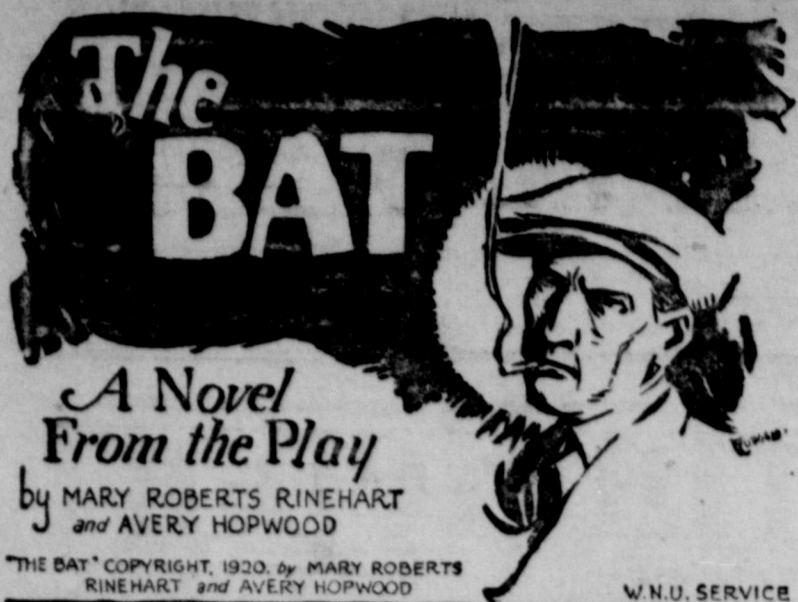
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THE BAT COPYRIGHT, 1920, BY MARY ROBERTS RINEHART and AVERY HOPWOOD

W.N.U. SERVICE

All modern mystery plays date from 'The Bat' written by Mary Roberts Rinehart in collaboration with Avery Hopwood...

The unique thing upon the appearance of 'The Bat' was that its thrilling and mysterious incidents—some of them uncanny and blood-curdling—were relieved by a fine spice of humor...

CHAPTER I

The Shadow of the Bat

'You've got to get him, boys—get him or bust!' said a tired police chief, pounding a heavy fist on a table...

'Get him—to h—l with the expense—I'll give you carte blanche—but get him!' said a haggard millionaire in the sedate inner offices of the best private detective firm in the country...

'Get him? Huh! I'll get him—watch my smoke!' It was young ambition speaking in a certain set of rooms in Washington...

'Get him—get him—get him—get him!' From a thousand sources now the clamor arose—press, police and public alike crying out for the capture of the master-criminal of a century...

'Get whom, in God's name—get what? Beast, man or devil? A specter—a flying shadow—the shadow of a Bat...

From thieves' hangout to thieves' hangout the word passed along stirring the underworld like the passage of an electric spark...

his exploits with bated breath. In tawdry gorgeous apartments, where gathered the larger figures, the prosecutors of the world of crime, cold, conscienceless brains dissected the work of a colder and swifter brain than theirs...

Where official trailer and private sleuth had failed, the newspapers might succeed—or so thought the disillusioned young men of the Fourth Estate—the tireless foxes, nose-down on the trail of news—the trackers who never gave up till that news was run to earth...

Columnists took him up—played with the name and the terror—used the name and the terror as a starting point from which to exhibit their own particular opinions on everything from the immortality of the soul to the merits of the Lucy Stone league...

A city editor, at lunch with a colleague, pulled at his cigarette and talked. 'See that Sunday story we had on the Bat?' he said...

'Well, you're not,' said the chief decidedly. 'I've still some little respect for my own intelligence and it tells me to get all the work out of you I can, before you start wild-goose chasing after this—this bat out of hell...

'All right, sir,' Anderson laughed and turned to the door. 'And—thank you enough, sir.'

The man whose name he whispered, oddly enough, was at that moment standing before his official superior in a quiet room not far away...

'Well, Anderson,' he said at last, looking up. 'I got your report on the Wilherry burglary this morning. I'll tell you this about it—if you do a better and quicker job in the next ten years you can take this desk away from me—I'll give it to you...

'Thank you, sir,' said the tall man, smiling and sitting down. He took a cigar and lit it. 'That makes it easier, sir. Because—I've come to ask a favor.'

'All right,' said the chief, promptly. 'Whatever it is, it's granted.'

—a big one—and that shows how crazy he is—he doesn't love a nickel any better than his right eye—for any sort of exclusive story...

'But look here, Bill—you don't mean to tell me he'll keep on getting away with it indefinitely?'

'I do not.' The editor was emphatic. 'He's the Chapman type—but he's brainier than Chapman. Got a dashy sense of humor, too—look at the way he leaves his calling card after every job—a black-paper bat inside the Marshall safe—a bat drawn on the wall with a burnt match where he'd blundered the Cedarburg bank—a real bat, dead, tacked to the mantel-piece over poor old Allison's body...

'I mean this. The police have been combing the underworld for him—I don't think he comes from there. I think they've got to look higher—up in our world—for a brilliant man with a kink in the brain. He may be a doctor, a lawyer, a merchant, honored in his community by day—good line that, I'll use it some time—and at night, a bloodthirsty assassin. Well—that's our man.'

'I know I've been going around the last month looking at everybody I knew and thinking—are you the Bat? Try it for a while—you'll want to sleep with a light in your room after a few days of it. Look around the University club—that white-haired man over there—dignified—respectable—is he the Bat? Your own lawyer—your own doctor—your own best friend. Can happen, you know—look at those Chicago boys—the thrill-killers. Just brilliant students—likeable boys—to the people that taught them—and cold-blooded murderers, all the same.'

'How about you, Bill—are you the Bat?'

'The editor smiled. "See," he said. "It's got you already. No—I can prove an alibi—the Bat's been laying off the city, recently—taking a fling at some of the swell suburbs. Besides—I haven't the brains—I'm free to admit it. He strutted into his coat. "Well—let's talk about something else—I'm sick of the Bat and his murders."

'Honestly, though, Bill—were you serious—really serious—when you said you didn't know of a single detective with brains enough to trap this devil?'

'I'd like to know, all the same,' said the other, and laughed nervously. 'We're moving out to the country next week ourselves—right in the Bat's new territory.'

'We'll,' said the editor, 'you won't let it go any further? Of course it's just an idea of mine—but if the Bat ever came prowling around our place, the detective I'd try to get in touch with would be—'

The man whose name he whispered, oddly enough, was at that moment standing before his official superior in a quiet room not far away. Tall, reticently good-looking and well, if inconspicuously clothed and groomed, he by no means seemed the typical detective that the editor had pictured in an scornfully. He looked something like a college athlete who had kept up his training—something like a pillar of one of the more sedate financial houses—he could assume and discard a dozen manners in as many minutes, but to the casual observer, the one thing certain about him would probably seem his utter lack of connection with the seamy side of existence.

He stood perfectly easy before his chief for several moments before the latter looked up from his papers. 'Well, Anderson,' he said at last, looking up. 'I got your report on the Wilherry burglary this morning. I'll tell you this about it—if you do a better and quicker job in the next ten years you can take this desk away from me—I'll give it to you...

'Thank you, sir,' said the tall man, smiling and sitting down. He took a cigar and lit it. 'That makes it easier, sir. Because—I've come to ask a favor.'

like—within reason—you've earned it—I'll put it through today.'

'The chief's look grew searching. "I'm," he said. "Well—as I say—nothing within reason. What case do you want to be assigned to?'

'The chief drummed on the desk. Annoyance and surprise were in his voice when he spoke. "But look here, Anderson," he burst out finally. "Anything else and I'll—but what's the use? I said a month ago, you had brains—but now by Jinks, I doubt it! If anyone else wanted a chance at the Bat—I'd give it to them gladly—I'm hard-boiled. But you're too valuable a man to be thrown away."

'Anderson rose. "Thank you, sir," he said in a deep voice. His eyes had light in them now. "I can't thank you enough, sir."

'Don't try,' grumbled the chief. "I weren't as much of a d—n fool as you are, I wouldn't let you do it. And if I weren't so d—n old, I'd go after the slippery devil myself and let you sit here and watch me get brought in with an infernal paper bat pinned where my shield ought to be. The Bat's supernatural, Anderson—you haven't a chance in the world—but it does me good all the same to shake hands with a man with brains and nerve, and he solemnly wrung Anderson's hand in an iron grip."

'Anderson smiled. "The earliest bat flies once too often," he said. "I'm not promising anything, chief, but—" "Maybe," said the chief. "Now wait a minute—keep your shirt on—you're not going out but hunting this minute, you know—"

'Sir? I thought I—'

'Well, you're not,' said the chief decidedly. 'I've still some little respect for my own intelligence and it tells me to get all the work out of you I can, before you start wild-goose chasing after this—this bat out of hell. The first time he's heard of again—and it shouldn't be long from the fact way he works—you're assigned to the case. That's understood. Till then, you do what I tell you—and I'll be work, believe me.'

'All right, sir,' Anderson laughed and turned to the door. 'And—thank you enough, sir.'

He went out. The door closed. The chief remained for some minutes looking at the door and shaking his head. "The best man I've had in years—except Wentworth," he murmured to himself. "And throwing himself away—to be killed by a cold-blooded devil that nothing human can catch."

He turned back to his desk and his papers. But for some minutes he could not pay attention to the papers. There was a shadow on them—a shadow that blurred the typed letters—the shadow of bat's wings.

(Continued next week)

The average annual crop value of Texas is about \$828,000,000, which is \$200,000,000 above that of the second state, Illinois.

About 80,000,000 acres of land in Texas is uncultivated, giving opportunity for enormous expansion of the state's crops.

Rev. A. L. Castleberry is a new reader of The News. Mrs. H. Crawford went to Amarello Saturday. Groceries are cheaper at Pickett's Cash Store. Advertisement for C. S. Rice Funeral Director.

Clem Lumber Co. Building Material of All Kinds. J. C. Clem, Mgr. Phone 236.

Common Sense and Copper Cents. Talk charts and tables showing how money grows all seem fantastic. But there's nothing fantastic about it—it's just linking up copper cents with common sense. And neither will amount to much without the other.

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The Super-Crook of Fiction.

the mail-truck thing—two hundred thousand he got out of that, all negotiable, and two men dead. I wonder how many people he's really killed—we made it six murders and nearly a million in loot—didn't even have room for the small stuff—but there must be more—'

Chevrolet Used Cars advertisement. This Car has been carefully checked and reconditioned where necessary. Motor, Radiator, Rear Axle, Transmission, Starting, Lighting, Ignition, Battery, Tires, Upholstery, Top, Fenders, Finish. Buy Used Chevrolets from Chevrolet Dealers! As Chevrolet dealers, we are particularly interested in Chevrolet performance. We do our utmost to make every used Chevrolet deliver the dependable transportation for which Chevrolet is famous the world over. That's one of the big reasons why it pays to buy used Chevrolets from Chevrolet dealers! Another safety factor is the red "O. K." tag which we attach to the radiator cap of each reconditioned car. This tag shows you exactly what condition the car is in—unit by unit. Look for it on the car you buy—and KNOW that you are getting superior value. McLEAN MOTOR CO. McLean, Texas. QUALITY AT LOW COST.

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**With the Churches**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

D. H. Brynolf, Pastor  
Announcements for Sunday, Nov. 27, 1927:  
Sunday school promptly at 10 a. m. Though the days are getting short, let us not fail to get around for the 10 o'clock Sunday school.  
At the regular preaching services the Volunteer Band from Wayland College will have charge of the services. There will be about 12 or 14 persons in this group, and they will give us some interesting and profitable services.  
The B. Y. P. U.'s. will have their regular services, meeting 1/2 hour earlier than usual.  
There will be a service Saturday evening at 7 conducted by the Volunteer Band.  
We are making good progress on our debt-paying campaign. \$1397 has been subscribed. The amount needed is \$1556.80. Those who have not made their pledges will do so as soon as possible. This money is to be paid in by the first of the year.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

W. Hickman, Pastor  
We are indeed glad to report that last Sunday was a good day for our church. The presence and presence of the Holy Spirit was manifestly felt in all the services of the day. Our enthusiastic Sunday school boys and girls are working in behalf of the school, and great results are being noticed. We had the largest attendance Sunday we have had in many weeks. We were glad to have with us at each service last Sunday Rev. and Mrs. Thompson of Erick, Okla., and several local friends, also Rev. Sherman from Indiana, who brought the message at the evening service. Bro. Sherman is preaching at the evening hour for three or four nights this week. He is an energetic preacher of Bible holiness. Regular services next Sunday. Come and be with us. Subject for the evening service will be "The Sleeping Disease."

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

W. B. Andrews, Minister  
Our two regular church services of last Lord's Day were well attended. We are very thankful for the interest manifested in the work.  
Our young folks' meeting was interesting, too. After next Lord's Day various members of the class will be called upon to take an active part in the work. The spirit of willingness is in the class.  
Our first prayer meeting service was held Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. We want your help in putting this over. Let's all go each Wednesday evening and take someone with us, if possible.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

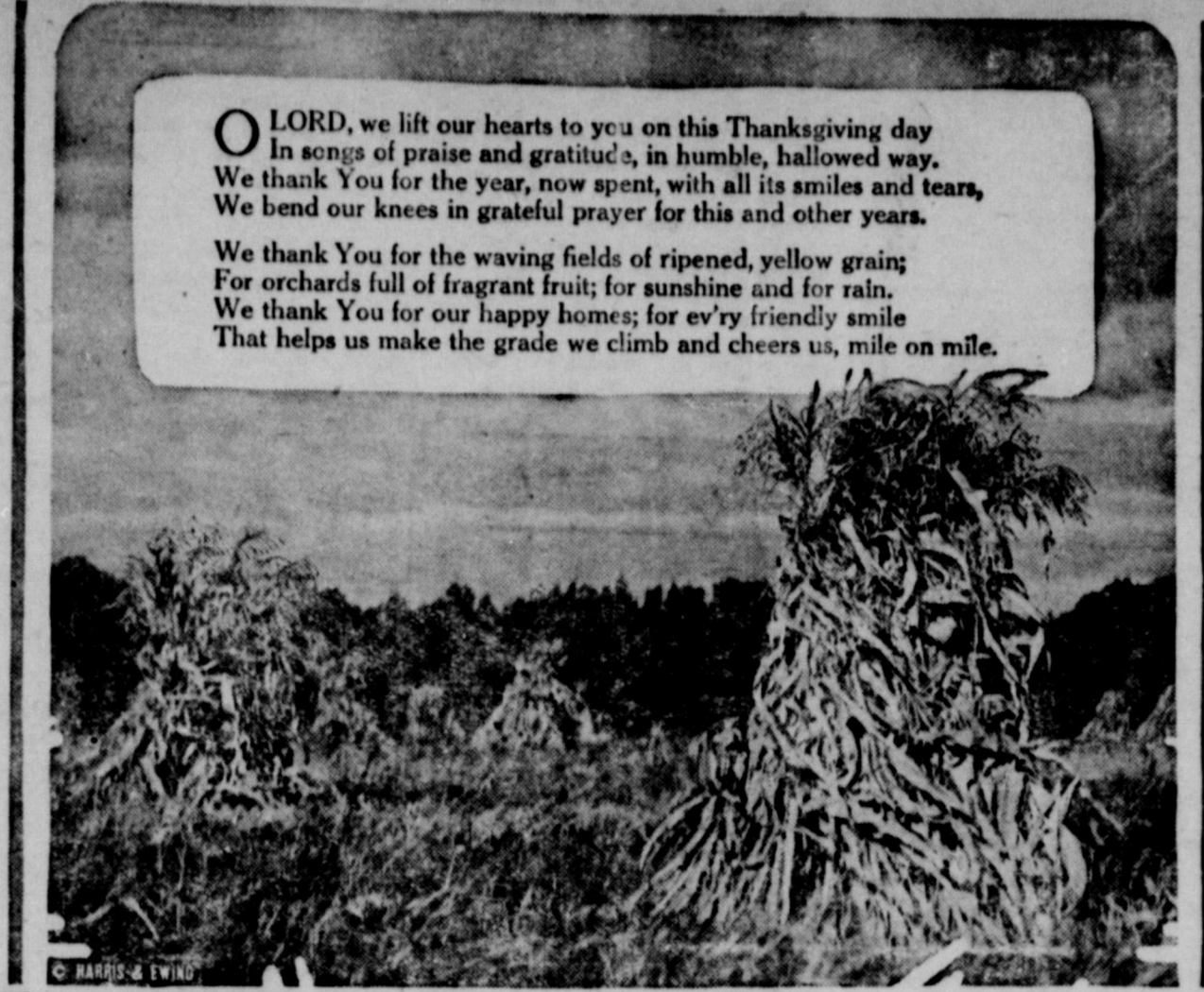
E. R. Rives, Minister  
Services Sunday as usual:  
Bible school 10 a. m.  
Preaching by pastor 11 a. m. and p. m.  
Young people meet at 6 p. m.  
You and your friends are cordially invited.

**SENIOR B. Y. P. U.**

Subject—Some Missionary Motives  
Devotional—Elizabeth Wilkerson.  
Introduction (Lighting the Lamp of Life)—Lettie Sheckler.  
Christ's Command—Frances Foster  
A World-wide Program—Ted Matthews.  
World Need—Jollens Vannoy.  
Poem, The Need of the World—Mrs. H. H. Lee.  
Story of a Stolen Testament—Marie Browning.  
What Can Stem the Tide—Loyse Caldwell.  
First Things First—Truman Loyd.  
Pointed Paragraphs—Eunice Stratton.

**BAPTIST W. M. S.**

Reported.  
The Baptist W. M. S. met with Mrs. T. N. Holloway Wednesday afternoon with 15 ladies and 8 gentlemen present. A fine Royal Service program was rendered, after which refreshments consisting of cake and cocoa were served.  
Instead of meeting in separate circles next Wednesday, all will meet at the church for an all-day meeting, when the week of prayer program will be carried out instead of meeting separate days. A pot luck dinner will be served at the noon hour.  
Any ladies are welcome, and the Baptist ladies should feel a responsibility for giving their attendance.



**O** LORD, we lift our hearts to you on this Thanksgiving day  
In songs of praise and gratitude, in humble, hallowed way.  
We thank You for the year, now spent, with all its smiles and tears,  
We bend our knees in grateful prayer for this and other years.  
  
We thank You for the waving fields of ripened, yellow grain;  
For orchards full of fragrant fruit; for sunshine and for rain.  
We thank You for our happy homes; for ev'ry friendly smile  
That helps us make the grade we climb and cheers us, mile on mile.

**News from Liberty**

By Mrs. Luther Petty  
A. L. Morgan and family called on R. O. Cunningham and family Saturday night.  
Roy Stokes made a trip to the Plains Monday.  
Miss Mattie Mullins of Gracey spent the week end with Miss Gladys Lowmy.  
Mrs. Mollie Francis accompanied Ward Ault to Erick, Okla., Wednesday when he went after his mother and the younger children.  
L. D. Langley and family spent Sunday at the Z. T. Jones home.  
J. B. Porter assumed his duties as teacher Monday after a four weeks' dismissal for work.  
Byron Gregory, Asa Morgan and J. B. Pettit, with their families, were dinner guests Sunday in the Lee home.  
Mrs. Oliver Morris of Amarillo spent the latter part of the week with her father, C. A. Alderson, and sister, Mrs. Prescott Mathis.  
Marion Ratliff and family spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ratliff.  
John Lively and Luther Petty were transacting business at Shamrock Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Burdine and daughters of Alanreed, Mrs. Howard Hardin and daughters enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mrs. Burdine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson.  
Bob Bell and family were callers at the Russ Cunningham home Sunday night.  
Mrs. Jasper Stokes and son of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Irvin and baby of McLean visited Mrs. Kate Stokes and sons last week end.  
Mrs. Luther Petty and children visited at the M. D. Aubert home at Heald Wednesday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Doy Holloway moved to the Jim Bibie place at Skillet Thursday.  
Z. T. Jones and J. W. Lively were in Amarillo Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bodine took Sunday dinner with Mrs. A. A. Christian at McLean.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of southwest of McLean spent Friday night with her brother Prescott Mathis, and wife.  
Miss Lethia Roth spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Floyd Lively.

**News from Alanreed**

F. R. McCracken returned to Alanreed Saturday after a visit of a few weeks at Mineral Wells.  
Miss Zola Blakenship visited her parents in Goodnight Saturday and Sunday.  
The Alanreed girls won from the Goodnight basketball girls Friday, while the boys lost to Goodnight by a small score.  
On Thursday both the girls and boys are to play the Fairview teams on the Alanreed court at 2 o'clock.  
Thanksgiving services in a union program began at ten o'clock Thursday morning at the Baptist church. After the program there was a sermon delivered by Rev. J. L. King, pastor of the local church. Following the sermon was a community Thanksgiving dinner on the ground.  
Rev. H. G. Walton, the new Methodist pastor, preached his first sermon at the local church Sunday, within a few days he and his family will move into the new parsonage, which is nearing completion.  
A. H. Morman was in Clarendon visiting relatives Sunday.  
Steve Donald, of Goodnight visited friends in Alanreed Sunday evening.  
An appropriate Thanksgiving program was rendered by the pupils in the Alanreed school auditorium Wednesday evening at 2:30.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hedrick and Miss Lois Marie Wilkins visited in Groom and White Deer Sunday evening.  
Mrs. M. C. Street and daughter,

**Miss Wenona, were shopping in McLean Monday.**

W. H. Craig was in Pampa Monday on business.  
Miss Willetta Templeton of Shamrock visited friends in Alanreed Tuesday and Wednesday.  
Mesdames Kelly and Taylor of Lamesa are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gray, this week. The ladies suffered injuries in a car wreck on their way to McLean, and also wrecked their car.  
Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray of Hereford are visiting the gentleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gray.  
Mrs. T. H. Pickett and daughter, Miss Pansie, were in McLean Saturday.  
Mesdames Cora Wilson and J. W. Martin left Monday for Paducah.  
A. L. Castleberry went to Amarillo last Friday.  
S. D. Shelburne went to Pampa Friday.

**Grand Jury Report**

(Continued from First Page)  
Grand Jury and officials are totally unable to cope with a situation like this and the result always is that the law violator is released and not made to suffer the penalty of the law.  
Our County Commissioners have been very delinquent in checking over the financial affairs of the county. Every officer in this county who handles the county's financial affairs should be carefully checked. The public funds of this county cannot be guarded too closely and carefully, and we urgently insist that the Commissioners Court require every officer in this county who may be entrusted with the county's funds be made to report monthly as to the funds which he is entrusted with.  
The County Attorney of our county should see that every paper in each criminal cause be preserved. He should prepare these cases for trial when they are brought before him on preliminary hearing and the name of every witness who may appear in behalf of the State, together with his address, should be preserved, and in the event it appears that the witness is a transient, he should be required to make a bond for his appearance. Along the line of officers collecting fines, we suggest that the county attorney refrain from trying the cases and collecting fines but suggest that this matter be handled solely by the court. We suggest that the county attorney, in the future, stay with the Grand Juries as from time to time they may convene. During our recent session, our county attorney absented himself from our body, which necessarily inconven-

enced us because of the fact that he was the only one who was really familiar with the criminal cases presented to our body.

We have endeavored to do our duty as Grand Jurors during our brief session of eight days and in every instance without fear or favor tried to bring law violators before the bar of justice. With this final report, we beg leave of Your Honor for final adjournment for the term.  
Respectfully submitted,  
SILER FAULKNER, Foreman.

Mrs. Miner Ratterree left Wednesday for her home at Shreveport, La.

Claude Lester motored to Pampa Friday.

**NORMA SHEARER'S GREATEST PICTURE**

Norma Shearer has the most diversified role of her entire screen career in her latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production, "After Midnight," which is coming Monday and Tuesday at the American Theatre. The role is intensely dramatic and varies from straight to highly emotional acting. Advertisement 1c

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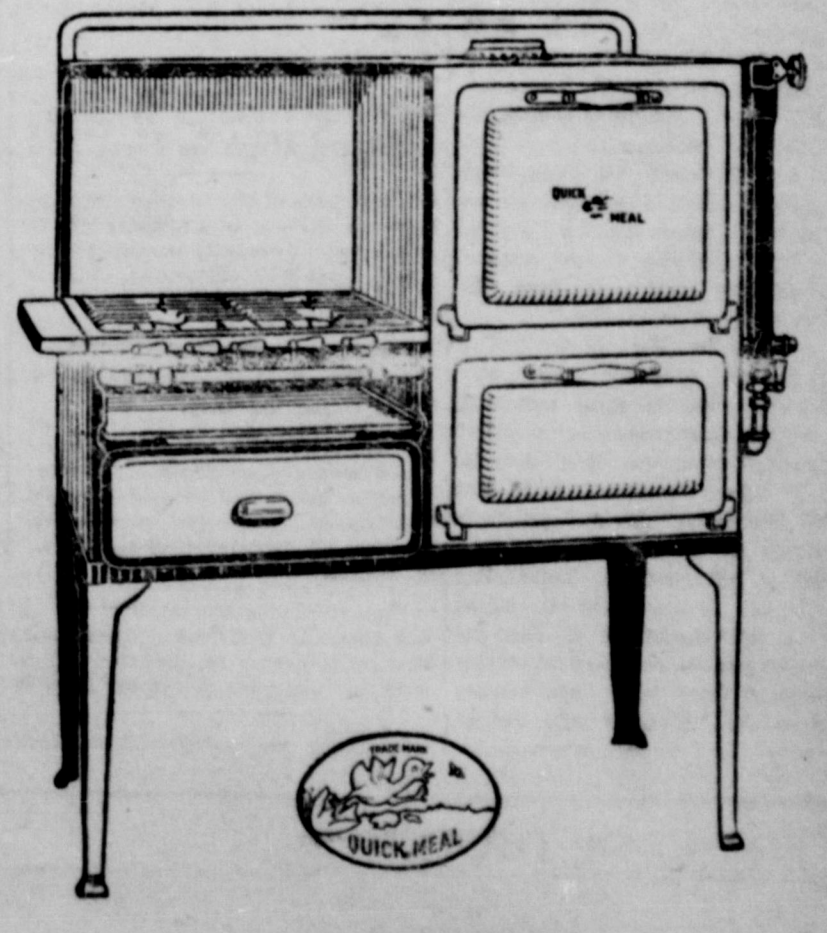
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Christmas is not so far away, and many things remind us of Santa Claus and other pleasant memories.

It would seem that the towns affected should have perfect right to express a preference as to the route a highway should take through their streets. And as the state engineer is supposed to take into consideration the rights of the greatest number, there should be no difficulty in seeing that the route is the best possible through each town.

If the Pilgrims who, started Thanksgiving Day thought they had much to be thankful for, it certainly behooves those of us who live in this age to be thankful. Stated days do not mean much to the average individual, but a day of thanksgiving when we can stop our affairs long enough to think of our blessings is worth the attention of all of us.

In referring to a city that fought off a boom, John Dewey Topping in Nation's Business says: "A boom is a state of affairs in which a whole community shows a surprising lack of business sense. Most growing cities go through one of these periods of financial insanity. The experience of boom visited cities seems to demonstrate the fact that booms follow hard on the heels of prosperity. A rising business barometer indicates the approach. Booms come, tarry a while and vanish, leaving cities overbuilt, overestimated and under-financed. Yet in spite of the glaring examples of the ravages of booms, there are business men who welcome these uneconomical monsters. Booms have their following in the business world. Promoters, high pressure salesmen, 'binder boys' make up the horde of professional locusts that travel with the course of these winds of over-prosperity." We are fortunate in McLean that we do not face a boom, but rather a period of steady growth. The oil business will mean much to the community, but few expect an old time oil boom; the chance for that has passed, as we are rapidly becoming a proven field. If we husband our natural resources, we need not fear the after effects of a "boom."

Few people live in their own times. They live in some imagined past which was just as common and matter-of-fact as the present is, or in some imagined millennial future. Their attitude toward their own times is either one of indifference or discontent. Yet today is the past brought up to date; today is the threshold of the future. If you can interpret today you have a finer view into tomorrow than the visionary who cannot see today for tomorrow's castles in the air.—Dearborn Independent.

**WAR WORK NOT AT END FOR RED CROSS**

**Demands for Service to Disabled Veterans Last Year Cost Nearly \$3,000,000.**

Expenditure of \$2,930,223.86 for services to disabled veterans, and of \$507,832.30 for service to men of the Regular Army and Navy, were outstanding details of the Red Cross appropriations for the past year's activities, and are cited by Chairman John Barton Payne as the continuing importance of this phase of the organization's responsibilities nine years after the end of the war.

Of the total expended for disabled veterans, the National Organization contributed \$1,161,223.86, and the local Red Cross Chapters \$1,769,000. The service to men of the regular forces was shared by the National Organization with an appropriation of \$307,832.30, and by the local Chapters with \$200,000.

During the year the Red Cross as a whole contributed materially to the success of the Government efforts to have every veteran re-instate or convert his war-time insurance before the final time limit expired. Chapters worked in cooperation with local veterans' bodies to assist former service men with their insurance papers, and the application routine, many Chapters keeping open headquarters up to the expiration of the final moment at midnight.

Under local Chapters of the Red Cross, assistance to ex-service men in filing claims for disability and adjusted compensation, securing hospital care for disabled veterans, preparation of social histories for use in treatment of men in government hospitals, assistance in securing proper guardians for veterans adjudged incompetent to administer their affairs, rendering reports on home conditions of service men applying for discharge because of dependency, and many other forms of aid are a part of the Red Cross duty to these men.

An interesting detail reveals the fact that prosecution of ex-service men's claims is becoming increasingly difficult as they grow more involved with each year that passes since the war. The number of death claims is growing constantly, in addition to the fact that there is a steady increase in the number of claims referred to various branches of the Red Cross concerned with assistance to veterans, for aid in bringing them to a close. During the past year, National Headquarters estimated that the Red Cross assisted veterans and service men with cases involving total awards of \$558,681, for disability and death compensation, revival of insurance, adjusted compensation, pensions, medical and burial reimbursements, etc.

Red Cross representatives are on duty with the Army and Navy both in home and foreign garrisons, and contact is maintained in the hospitals and other centers where assistance to these men and women may be needed. Such Red Cross service, it is emphasized, covers only the fields where regular governmental provisions do not apply, and is designed to supplement these benefits of the Government.

It was emphasized that this particular activity of the Red Cross is one of the strongest appeals for the increased membership, which will be asked of the country during the annual enrollment from November 11 to 24.

**Capital's Police Women Stand High in First Aid**

Members of the Women's Bureau of the District of Columbia police department recently completed the Red Cross first aid course. This is perhaps the first women's group of the kind to be awarded the special first aid arm insignia by the American Red Cross in token of completion of the training.

The Red Cross in the past year qualified 24,812 persons in first aid and awarded certificates to members of police and fire departments, industrial groups and utilities employees all over the United States.

The Eleventh Annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross, during which new membership is invited, will be held this year from November 11 to 24.

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**NEW HOME RUN MARKS**



Babe Ruth and the Yankees both established home run records for a season when the 1927 pennant race ended. Ruth's new score was 60 circuit drives, one more than his own mark six years ago. The Yankees made 151 homers, beating their own mark of 121 by 17 and the all-time record of 11. The Chicago Cubs in 1934 set a mark of 140. The photograph shows the center as he smacked his sixtieth circuit chaser.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lander visited in Erick, Okla., Sunday.

Miss Frances Noel visited in Shorrocks Sunday.

Scrapple is a good example of a food combination in which the incomplete protein of a cereal is supplemented by a little of the more nearly complete protein of meat. It is an old-fashioned Pennsylvania-German dish made by cooking corn meal with pork trimmings or lean pork. The U. S. Department of Agriculture will tell you how to make it.

The legs of children's rompers should not bind. They should be straight or have loose bands. The size of the band should be determined by measuring the child's leg 5 inches above the knee. A knitted band or cuff may be used if the bloused effect at the knee is desired.

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**American Theatre**

**DR. MONTGOMERY HERE 29TH**

Dr. T. M. Montgomery, eyesight specialist of Amarillo will be in McLean Tuesday, Nov. 29th, in place of Dec. 2 as advertised. See him at the Erwin Drug Co. Advertisement

Mrs. Jess Mann and children visited in Wellington Saturday.

Ralph Randall spent Sunday in Clarendon.

Mesdames N. W. Foster and Miner Ratterree were Pampa visitors last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith of Pagan were in town Saturday.

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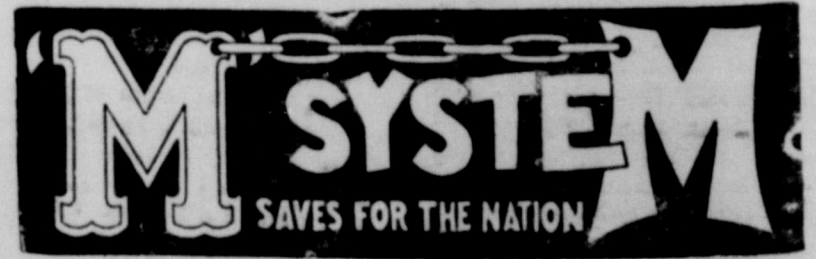
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- 3 lb. can Chase & Sanborn coffee.....\$1.38
- 3 lb. can White Swan coffee.....\$1.76
- 2 1-2 lb. Folger's coffee.....\$1.31
- 2 lb. can Schillings coffee.....\$1.09
- 10 lbs. sugar.....68c
- 1 gallon peaches.....47c
- Good broom, only.....46c
- No. 2 sweet corn.....12c
- 15 lb. or 1 peck Irish potatoes.....38c
- All 10c crackers and cakes.....5c
- No. 2 Van Camp pork and beans.....9c
- No. 2 tomatoes, only.....9c
- No. 2 hominy, only.....9c
- 10 bars Crystal White soap.....38c

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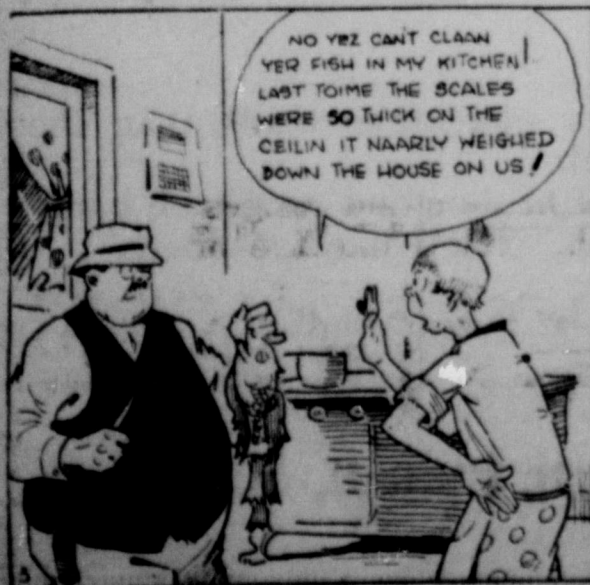


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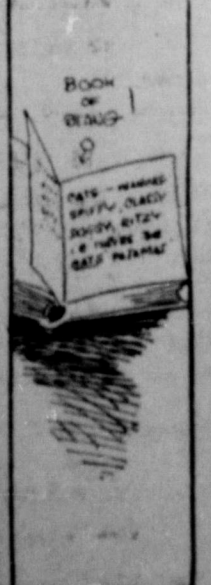
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**CULINARY ATHLETICS**

R. M. sends us the story of a young bride who asked her husband to copy off a radio recipe she wanted. He did his best but got a little mixed up in the instructions at once, one of which was broadcasting the morning exercises, and the other the recipe. This is what he took down:

"Hands on hips, place one cup of flour on the shoulders, raise knees and depress toes and mix thoroughly in one-half cup of milk. Repeat six times. Inhale quickly one-half teaspoon of baking powder, lower the legs and mash two hard-boiled eggs in a sieve, exhale, breathe naturally and sift into a bowl.

"Attention! Lie flat on the floor and roll the white of an egg backward and forward until it comes to a boil. In ten minutes remove from the fire and rub smartly with a rough towel. Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels and serve with fish soup."

**VAUDEVILLE SHOW**

Friday night, Dec. 16th, has been set as the date for the Vaudeville show at the McLean high school auditorium. This show will consist of local talent only, and all who have any ability to entertain by song, dance, etc., are asked to assist in putting on the show. See Mrs. Ed Lander, Mrs. L. F. Coffey, Curg Williams or L. V. Lonsdale.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brooks went to Mangum, Okla., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Watt of Tampa visited in McLean Monday.

**Grandpa Gives Thanks**

When all is said and done,  
The simple things are best;  
Cool rain and goodly sun,  
Hard work and careful rest.  
When one has reached the end  
And these have been bestowed,  
Warm love . . . earned bread . . .  
a friend—  
How fair has been the road!

To sit a while and dream  
Before my open door,  
To watch the sunlight gleam—  
What sane man asks for more?  
To see my garden grow,  
What dearer thing there is?  
To hear the great winds blow  
Child-laughter . . . memories . . .

A hand close-clasped in mine,  
My own green bit of sod,  
And in my soul, divine,  
The living Grace of God.  
—Faith Baldwin in  
Everybody's Magazine.

**The Thankful Heart**

If anyone should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and see it would draw to itself the almost invisible particles by the mere power of attraction. The unthankful heart, like my fingers in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessings—only the iron in God's sand gold.—Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes

**COLD CHILLS!**

**The Bat**

By Mary Roberts Rinehart

IN addition to the weird tangle of plot, with a succession of blood-freezing incidents working into an astounding mystery, there is to be found in this story one of Mrs. Rinehart's finest pieces of character study and humor. There is just the right balance between chills and laughs, and reading the story is better than seeing the play from which it takes its name.

New Serial Starting in The McLean News

**MANY A SWAGGER CLOTH COAT IS HANDSOMELY FUR-LINED**



SINCE it is always best to hear both sides of the question, the subject of coat linings becomes a most timely topic. In fact, gorgeous coat linings are fashion's newest thrill.

With this matter of novelty coat linings the stylist is dealing with a lavish hand. Like the "silver lining to every cloud," coat linings are a revelation this season, of infinite beauty and design. Exotic birds hand worked, or machine embroidered, or gay florals spread their wings and petals in captivity on the inside of many a swagger coat.

When mindy throws back her coat with studied grace and deliberate intent, a display of design, color, and needlework will greet the eye. Perhaps this elaboration will be concentrated on a large inside pocket, for pockets of a fanciful sort adorn many a handsome lining.

For the very most, swagger cloth coat the mode answers the call for

handsome linings by furring the garment both inside and out. Thus the woman of fashion who follows the smart vogue of wearing a fur-trimmed cloth coat does not sacrifice the warmth and comfort which her all-fur coat always provides. The de luxe coat in the picture not only enhances the suede cloth of which it is made with a modish fur shawl collar, but it lines it throughout with exquisite fur.

For evening, reversible coats, velvet on one side, metal brocade on the other, are among the handsomest offerings of the season.

Shirred chiffon also plays an interesting role in the way of lining for the opera coat.

As to sports coats, both fur and bright plaid woolsens enlist as suitable linings.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.  
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Use cold water first on egg stains, then hot water and soap. The yolk leaves a grease spot use carbon tetrachloride or some other grease solvent after sponging with cold water and allowing the stained place to dry.

Eggs represent the only article of animal food produced in a natural package—the shell. So long as the shell is unbroken the egg cannot be adulterated.

J. W. Chilton of Peterson Creek was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Scott Johnston and little daughter, Shirley, visited in Clarendon Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Carpenter were in from the ranch Saturday.

There are two good rules which ought to be written upon every heart. Never believe anything bad about anybody, unless you positively know that it is true. Never tell even that, unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell.—Henry Van Dyke.

E. B. Reeves motored to Canyon Friday.

E. L. Sitter was in from the ranch Monday.

Buford Reed was a Shamrock visitor Sunday.

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SATURDAY, November 26  
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Society and Clubs

STOKELY'S ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE TUESDAY

A very pleasant evening was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Stokely Tuesday when a number of friends were entertained at progressive bridge.

First prize for ladies was won by Mrs. L. V. Lonsdale, second by Mrs. Sammie Cubine and consolation by Mrs. C. E. Cooke. John C. Haynes won first prize for gentlemen, L. G. McMillen second and Merle Bethurum consolation.

Refreshments were served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Donald Beall, J. C. Clem, L. F. Coffey, L. V. Lonsdale, C. A. Gatlin, S. O. Hall, L. G. McMillen, John C. Haynes, Sammie Cubine, S. B. Morse, Everett Watkins, C. P. Hamilton; Mrs. C. E. Cooke, Mrs. Jot Montgomery, and Merle Bethurum.

MOTHERS CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. CAMPBELL

Reported.

The Mothers Club met with Mrs. W. L. Campbell last Thursday afternoon. The study was a continuation of the subject, "Bees and their habits." No one can realize how very interesting this work is unless they attend regularly. All ladies interested are invited to attend and join if they like.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Frank Day Thursday, Dec. 1.

COOKE'S ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE THURS.

Reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke entertained with a bridge party last Thursday evening. The large crowd present was entertained with music until the last guest arrived. Bridge followed, and was enjoyed until a late hour, when dainty refreshments of sandwiches, fruit salad, cake and hot chocolate were served by Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Donald Beall assisting.

High score was won by Mrs. Jack Cooke and Sammie Cubine, second by Mrs. Sammie Cubine and L. V. Lonsdale, while consolation went to Mrs. Donald Beall and John Haynes.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Jack Cooke, Allen Wilson, John Haynes, Roy Campbell, S. B. Morse, Donald Beall, Sammie Cubine, O. G. Stokely, Everett Watkins, L. V. Lonsdale and H. W. Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Campbell, Misses Thelma Gatlin and Sallie Campbell, Messrs. Dwight Upham and Hansel Christian.

K. B. KLUB

Reported.

Mrs. J. E. Cubine very charmingly entertained the K. B. Klub Monday afternoon at her home on West First street.

Shaded lights, which gave a soft, mellow glow, with lovely autumn flowers and Thanksgiving tallies, made the entertaining rooms attractive.

After a short business meeting, bridge playing added to the enjoyment of the afternoon, Mrs. E. B. Clemens receiving high score and consolation falling to Mrs. E. E. Flier.

Assisted by Mrs. Sammie Cubine, the hostess served a delicious plate lunch to the following ladies: Mesdames E. B. Clemens, J. R. Nichols, Arthur Talley, E. E. Flier, G. B. Dudley, Ted Matthews, J. E. Peters, L. E. Caldwell. Invited guests were Mesdames S. B. Morse, Sammie Cubine, John Haynes and Donald Beall.

The club will meet with Mrs. O. L. Lines next Monday afternoon, Nov. 28.

BRIDGE CLUB

Reported.

The Bridge Club met with Mrs. L. V. Lonsdale last Wednesday afternoon. Bridge was enjoyed until a late hour, when a delicious plate luncheon was served to the following: Mesdames Everett Watkins, Sammie Cubine, John Haynes, Roy Campbell, L. G. McMillen, S. O. Hall, J. C. Clem, C. P. Hamilton Jr., Donald Beall, E. E. Dishman, S. B. Morse and W. L. Campbell.

High score was won by Mrs. Sammie Cubine, second by Mrs. C. P. Hamilton Jr., while consolation went to Mrs. Donald Beall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams left Tuesday for Amarillo to spend the week.

Editor J. D. Reavis of Alanreed in McLean Monday.

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

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New Christmas card samples at News office. Make your selection for printed to order cards now.

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

LOST

LOST.—Tuesday, between Alanreed and McLean, white tool sack with car and brick mason's tools. Reward. Claude Reese, Clarendon.

LOST.—Sunday night, at Baptist church or on way home, string of pearls. Finder please leave at News office. Eunice Stratton.

FOUND

FOUND.—Bunch of keys. Inquire at News office. 1c

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Grigsby of Groom spent Thanksgiving in McLean.

Mrs. S. D. Shelburne is visiting in Oklahoma City.

A. J. Wiseman of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Friday.

Floyd Parker went to White Deer Friday.

Russell Grogan of Shamrock was in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hess were in from the ranch Saturday.

J. O. Clark of Heald was in town Saturday.

A. M. Cole of Childress was in McLean Saturday.

Bert Palmer was in Shamrock Friday.

Chas. Speed of Clarendon was in McLean Monday.

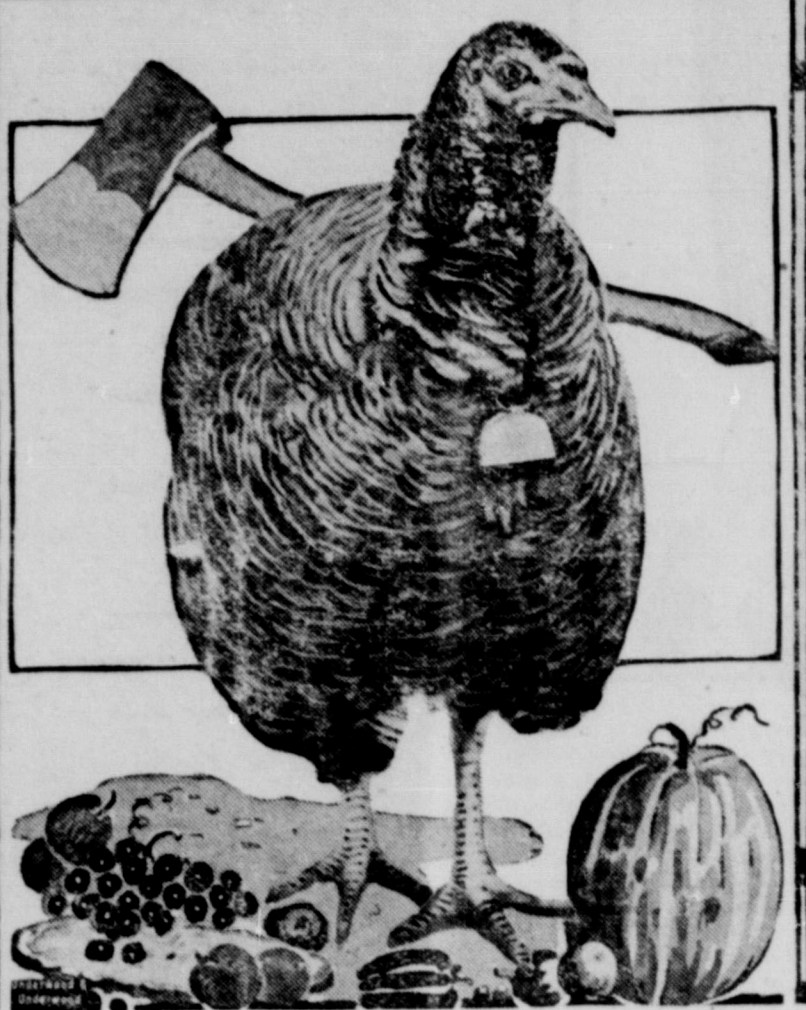
Mrs. M. C. Street of Alanreed was in McLean Monday.

W. Sherman White made a trip to Lefors Tuesday.

Earl Alderson of Clarendon was a McLean visitor Monday.

Donald Beall went to Lefors Tuesday.

Within the Shadow of the Fatal Ax



DOOMED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE THANKSGIVING FEAST

NEW ENGLAND THANKSGIVING



The king and high priest of all festivals was the autumn Thanksgiving. When the apples were all gathered and the cider was all made, and the yellow pumpkins were rolled in from many a hill in billows of gold, and the corn was husked, and the labors of the season were done, and the warm late days of Indian summer came in dreamy and calm and still, and there came over the community a sort of genial repose of spirit—a sense of the something accomplished; and the deacon began to say to the minister, of a Sunday: "I suppose it's about time for the Thanksgiving proclamation."—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SOCIAL

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Wilkins entertained the Epworth League Friday evening with a social. A large number of young people were present.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and hot chocolate were served. A good time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Campbell of Hollis, Okla., visited their son, Dr. W. L. Campbell, last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Misses Vina and Rachel Stratton of Amarillo spent Thanksgiving with home folks here.

Miss Sinclair Rice of Newlin is spending Thanksgiving with home folks here.

Mrs. Bennie Johnston of Amarillo came in Wednesday to visit home folks.

J. E. Speegle and family of Erick, Okla., took Thanksgiving dinner with J. J. Simmons and family.

Mrs. N. H. Greer of Washington, D. C., is visiting her son, N. A. Greer, and family.

J. R. Phillips was a visitor in Amarillo last Thursday.

Protts Fulton of Wellington was in McLean Friday.

Ruel Smith was in White Deer Friday.

J. A. Sparks went to Groom Thursday of last week.

Floyd Phillips and C. J. Cash were Pampa visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud McGwen visited in Mangum, Okla., Sunday.

G. B. Koons returned Tuesday from Amarillo.

TOO SUGGESTIVE

Kriss—"So you felt uncanny while courting that little widow?"

Kross—"You bet. She kept the ashes of her late husband in an urn right before me on the piano."

Kriss—"Oh, that isn't so terrible."

Kross—"Maybe not, but I didn't like the looks of that extra urn she had right beside it."

H. S. Williams and family visited in Panhandle Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Clement went to Lefors Tuesday.

L. G. McMillen and M. D. Bentley went to Amarillo Wednesday.

MICKIE SAYS—

PERSONAL STATIONERY WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON IT IS VERY FASHIONABLE NOW, AND QUITE CONVENIENT AS WELL. DROP IN AND LET US SHOW YOU SOME NICE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN THIS LINE.



N. A. Greer made a business trip to Shamrock Tuesday.

Dave Turner of Alanreed was a visitor in McLean Friday.

Mrs. C. P. Hamilton Jr. visited in Wellington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cash were Pampa visitors Monday.

Loyse Caldwell motored to Wellington Sunday.

Mrs. Vida Johnson visited in Clarendon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Bentley visited in Clarendon Sunday.

FOUND AT LAST!

The harrassed-looking man was being shown over some machinery. "That machine," said his guide, "does the work of 30 men." The man smiled gloomily. "At last," he said, "I have seen what my wife should have married."

Ted Matthews motored to Wellington Sunday.

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

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R. L. Turner

McLean, Texas

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Palatable combination of Creosote and Eucalyptus, recommended for children and adults by physicians everywhere.

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Now is the time to be thinking of planting trees. Bruce trees have a reputation. Call on us.

Bruce and Sons

Trees with a Reputation Alanreed, Texas



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A Novel From the Play

by MARY ROBERTS RINEHART and AVERY HOPWOOD

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Read the opening chapter on page



# DAYS OF THANKS FOR GOD'S MERCY ENGLISH CUSTOM

## Ours by Adoption

Made a Stated Instead of Special Day Is Only Change That Has Taken Place.

Thanksgiving day, like most of what we have, is not our own being English in its origin and receiving merely new significance from its adoption. Englishmen have always followed the custom of setting aside days to commemorate public blessings. The discovery of the Gunpowder plot was marked so and, similarly, special events have been marked. We have made it a stated instead of a special day and that is all of the American character that it has, and it was not until New England had been settled eighty years that it became a stated day, and there it was a stated, annual day for a long, long time before it obtained national adoption in any shape.

The first public thanksgiving observed by the Plymouth colony was in the autumn of 1623. A long drought was met by a day of fasting and prayer. The drought ended, abundant rains came, good crops followed and the Puritans remembered the event in a thanksgiving day. Oliver Cromwell's victories they similarly marked. From that time until the union with the Massachusetts Bay colony in 1631 seven thanksgiving days were observed.

**First Thanksgiving.**  
The Massachusetts Bay colony kept its first thanksgiving day as soon as the last of Governor Winthrop's ships arrived in Boston harbor. "So now," says the chronicler, "all the whole lot of being safely come to their port they kept a public day of thanksgiving, July 8, 1630, to give thanks to Almighty God for all His goodness and wonderful works which they had seen on the voyage." Here was the old English custom of thanksgiving for a special thing. Nearly every year after that a similar public day of thanks was observed in this colony for some special thing. In 1633 it was for "bountiful harvests and a great arrival of persons of special use and quality."

Since 1700 the annual thanksgiving has been observed in all New England, and the clergy with commendable zeal have improved the occasion to "test in their work" on top of which the Sunday sermon would not admit of. It is said a collection of New England Thanksgiving day sermons arranged chronologically would be a complete index and annotation of the social and political questions that have engaged attention for the last two centuries.

**When Dutch Gave Thanks.**  
But New England did not monopolize the custom. The Dutch in New York gave public thanks on extraordinary occasions and the journals of the Continental congress show eight appointments by that body of thanksgiving days, recommending to the executives of the various colonies the observance, and with one exception the congress suspended on the thanksgiving days that it had appointed.

The Protestant Episcopal prayer book, ratified in 1789, appoints the first Thursday of November as a thanksgiving day unless another day shall be appointed by the civil authorities, and it was frequently observed in New York before the civil authorities fell into the custom of appointing similar days. On several occasions bishops of the Episcopal and of the Roman Catholic church have issued letters recommending the observance of such a day and prescribing forms. The plenary council of the latter church at Baltimore, in 1853, recommended that the observance of the day be regarded as a church feast, but nothing further has since been done concerning it and it stands here simply as a civil observance.

**Thomas Jefferson's Attitude.**  
George Washington issued thanks giving proclamations twice and during John Adams' administration two also were issued. Jefferson would have none of them. In a letter to Mr. Miller, in 1808, after setting out that the national government was prohibited by the Constitution from intermeddling with religious institutions not only because of the provision for the free exercise of religion but also because of the powers reserved to the states, with which, if with any human authority, must rest religious discipline, he says:

"But it is only proposed that I should recommend, not prescribe a day of fasting and prayer. This is what I should indelicately assume in the United States an authority over religious exercises which the Constitution has directly precluded them from. It must be meant, too, that this recommendation is to carry some authority, and to be sanctioned by some penalty on those who disregard it; not indeed of this and imprisonment, but of some degree of prosecution, perhaps in public opinion. And does the change in

the nature of the penalty make the recommendation less a law of conduct for those to whom it is directed? I do not believe it is for the interest of religion to invite the civil magistrate to direct its exercises, its disciplines or its doctrines, nor of the religious societies that the general government should be invested with the power of effecting any uniformity of time or matter among them. Fasting and prayer are religious exercises, the enjoining them an act of discipline. Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the times for these exercises, and the objects proper for them according to their particular tenets, and the right can never be safer in their own hands, where the Constitution has placed it."

**Colonial Heritage.**  
But the observance of the day came as an old New England and New York custom, a Colonial heritage. Lincoln appointed November 26, 1863, as a day of national thanksgiving. That was at a time when Gettysburg had been won and Vicksburg had fallen. Before the appointed day came the Southern forces had been flung on Lookout mountain and Missionary ridge, and Bragg's army was retreating. So with the North that year the thanks of the day had the fervor of praise to the God of battles as well as to the Giver of good.

We have kept pace with the custom since and it has become a day of feasting and less of fast; a day of devotion to pleasure and rest, though without a day of thanksgiving marked by scant church attendance and more or less quiet hours.

### Lesson in Observance of Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving day is an American institution. It has come down to us from the sturdy pioneers who on their stern and rock-bound coast found so much even in their lives of privation and hardship to be grateful for, that they set aside this day each year for the offering up of thanks for the blessings that Providence had bestowed.

Through these centuries the custom has been observed, and that very fact reveals a characteristic of the American people. Thanksgiving day is essentially and primarily a day of worship, for to offer thanks to God for His goodness is one of the most noble forms of worship.

The observance of Thanksgiving is an acknowledgment that there is a higher power playing a part in directing the lives and fortunes of men here. Our Thanksgiving is therefore a recognition of dependence upon one greater than our selves, and the contemplation of such dependence can but work toward making us more unselfish, more generous, more charitable toward our fellow men.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

Many farmers in the Louisiana flood area who had previously grown cotton turned to truck and vegetable growing when the flood subsided. The Department of Agriculture is sending marketing experts to that territory to assist co-operative organizations of these planters in grading and packing products. Many of these farmers have never grown truck crops and are unfamiliar with the processes of marketing.

### ESPERANTO PROMOTER



Mrs. Mabel Wagnalls Jones, daughter of Adam Wagnalls, the late publisher, and her husband, Richard J. Jones, of Northport, I. L., have endowed a school of Esperanto in Lithopolis, Ohio, the first of its kind anywhere with the idea of effecting an international understanding which would prevent war. Lithopolis is an isolated village of 700 persons.

Because the United States and Finland have been making cheeses of the Swiss type, the cheese industry in Switzerland, and the Swiss dairymen are turning to butter production. To stimulate butter production the Swiss government has appropriated about \$200,000 to assist the industry. Most of this, it is expected, will be devoted eventually to cover deficits caused by a governmental guarantee of butter prices.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 1/4

### LET'S GO!

South Texas Winter Gardens \$25.00

### Round Trip

Includes everything from the time you leave McLean until you return.

For further information see

L. G. McMillen

### Thanksgiving

For peaceful vales that lie between  
The hills bathed in unclouded light;  
For harvests with their golden sheen,  
The earth's increase that greets the sight;  
We thank Thee, Giver of every true  
And perfect gift that fills our days;  
Our vows to Thee we now renew,  
And lift the voice in tuneful praise

But let not too much thought of self  
Obscure and hide the ones in need,  
In other lands where pride and pelf  
Are placed above the kindly deed.  
We thank Thee for the generous store;  
The fruited bough, the golden grain;  
Nor shall the stranger at our door,  
Knock in distress and all in vain!  
—Alonso Rice.

Miss Adelaide Scott of Canyon spent the week end in the E. B. Reeves home.

Lee Cason was in Shamrock Sunday.

Harold Clement was a Shamrock visitor Sunday.

Miss Audra Wilson spent the week end in Shamrock.

### Your Phone Call

Our Self Starter  
For Service, Phone  
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We haul anything, any time, anywhere.

### ABSTRACTS

Daily Trips to Lefors  
Quick Service

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From the wide diversity of soil and climatic conditions, Texas produces more than 40 crops on a commercial scale, and for the last seven years has ranked first in total annual value of agricultural products.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Huckabee of Perryton spent the week end in McLean.

Mrs. N. A. Greer and little daughter, Peggy Marie, were Clarendon visitors Friday.

### INSURANCE

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I insure anything. No prohibited list.  
I represent some of the strongest companies in the world.  
**T. N. Holloway**  
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We have some good real estate bargains to offer. Buy now and be ready for the advance that is sure to come.  
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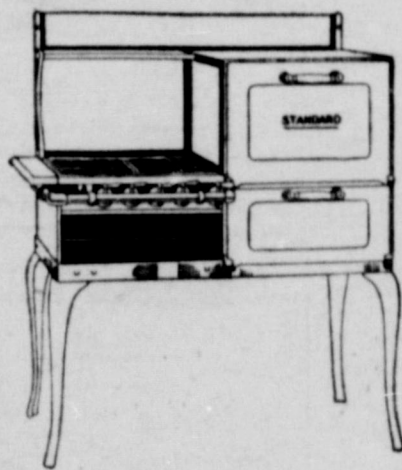
### Buy Here for Economy

By economy, we mean that you are always assured the utmost in quality at the lowest possible prices. Buying meats because the price is low is not always economy. But buying Quality Meats at our market, where the margin of profit is always low, is a real saving.

During Christmas week we will have real buffalo meat.

### McLean Meat Market

We Sell Better Meats  
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## Standard Gas Ranges

Standard gas ranges leave nothing to be desired in attractiveness, good cooking qualities and economical consumption of fuel.

We can furnish these all-enamel ranges in several different colors, with or without oven regulator, at prices ranging from \$32.50 to \$72.50.

### Bring in Your Keys

Saturday is the last day in which to bring in your keys. Be sure and bring them in and see if you have the key that fits the padlock.

## Hamilton-McGowen Hardware and Furniture Company

Complete Home Furnishers  
Phone 104 McLean, Texas

Your Home Should Come First

# Watch for 3 things

FIRST make sure that your gasoline starts easily, then check it for acceleration, its ability to deliver a rapid pick-up, and finally be certain that it delivers real power and mileage.

You can be sure of these things if you fill with Conoco—the triple-test gasoline. Conoco is refined to meet every motoring requirement. It will never fail you. Get it at the sign of the Continental Soldier.

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## THE triple test MOTOR FUEL



- 1 Starting
- 2 Acceleration
- 3 Power and Mileage



### RED CROSS FLOOD RELIEF IN SOUTH COSTS \$17,000,000

Greatest Disaster of History but One of 111 Operations in Year of Calamity.

Tornadoes headed the list of disasters which struck the United States in the past year, the report of Red Cross relief operations for the year ending June 30, showing 29 great storms. Floods were second on the list, 24 being recorded for the same period.

This record does not include the St. Louis tornado which occurred in the current fiscal year, as did a number of other storms and disasters since, in which the Red Cross provided relief.

Included in the list of 111 disasters covered by the record of the past year's relief operations of the Red Cross, are earthquakes, explosions, mine disasters, a cloudburst, a hail-storm, fires, floods, hurricanes, a railroad wreck, a scarlet fever epidemic, typhoid epidemic, tornadoes, and a typhoon. The latter occurred in the Philippines, but is included in the operations at home. In all, the Red Cross extended its services in 77 major disasters in the United States and in 20 abroad, including a hurricane over Havana, Cuba, and the Isle of Pines, one in the Bahamas, and others through various West Indian regions, fire in Porto Rico, another in Haiti, earthquakes in Armenia, Japan and Albania, floods in Jugo Slavia and Mexico.

The organization conducted refugee relief operations in Syria, Bulgaria and China, the latter largely due to factional wars fought over various parts of China the past year.

The two outstanding disasters at home were the Florida hurricane and the Mississippi Valley flood. Rehabilitation operations of the latter disaster are still in progress under the Red Cross. A national appeal for funds was made in both disasters, resulting in contributions for relief amounting to more than \$20,000,000.

The Mississippi flood is the outstanding disaster in the whole history of the Red Cross disaster relief service. In this one catastrophe the organization raised through subscriptions by the people of the country and foreign nations approximately \$17,000,000 for relief use. Aided by this fund it fed, clothed, sheltered or otherwise assisted more than 600,000 human beings, fed and cared for approximately 200,000 head of livestock and established 149 refugee camps. The flood inundated approximately 20,000 square miles and affected 174 counties in eight states. Some 330,000 homeless persons were sheltered in Red Cross camps. When the emergency was at its height the Red Cross was serving more than a million meals a day.

So vast was the work imposed on the Red Cross and allied agencies conducting rehabilitation that this phase of the flood relief task is expected to extend well into the coming year. Up to September 15, 104,441 families in the flood zone had been given rehabilitation assistance by the Red Cross, and 1,700,000 acres of flooded crop land in seven states had been replanted with Red Cross aid. There had been expended or committed for expenditure in connection with this relief and rehabilitation work a total of \$15,560,000.

The appeal for a nation-wide membership increased to 5,000,000 adult members, it was pointed out, is based on the realization that demands on Red Cross service such as occasioned by disaster relief are increasing each year. For that reason special importance is lent to the Eleventh Annual Roll Call of the organization, to be held from Armistice Day, November 11, to Thanksgiving, November 24, during which this membership will be built up.

**14 Disasters at One Time Call for Red Cross Work**

The great size of a disaster does not necessarily mean that it has the stage to itself.

The American Red Cross relief forces were impressed with this fact during the Mississippi Valley flood in recent months. While the relief forces were struggling with this greatest of all disasters in United States history, from April to June they were obliged to furnish relief in 21 other emergencies, including 11 tornadoes. In one tornado approximately 17,000 persons were assisted.

At one period the Red Cross was conducting relief operations in 14 disasters simultaneously, scattered over a wide territory.

Citing the continuity of demands on the organization's resources, Chairman John Barton Payne of the Red Cross has announced the need of 5,000,000 adult members as a result of the Roll Call, Nov. 11 to 24.

The Tenth Anniversary of America's entry into the World War in 1917, is an appropriate time to join the American Red Cross and participate through membership in its peace-time services. Join during the Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 24.

Mrs. W. J. [Foster and son, James, of Shamrock visit to spend the S. W. Rice home

D. Reavis of Alanreed McLean Monday.



#### News from Ramsdell

Mr. and Mrs. E. Exum and family left Wednesday for Hemet, Calif., where they will visit for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Burrows and baby of McLean visited in the Dolph Burrows home Sunday.

The ladies club met last Thursday with Mrs. Dolph Burrows. A luncheon was served and a very interesting program was had. Those present were: Mesdames J. G. Davidson, J. I. and Ferd Bones, Asa Martin, John Grogan, Rand Griffin and Joe Phillips; Misses Viola Jones and Lena Davidson. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Joe Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pharis were dinner guests in the J. G. Davidson home Sunday.

Roy Powell returned Saturday from Panhandle, where he has been for several days.

Mrs. E. E. Franks was a dinner guest in the Ferd Bones home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will England and family from Shamrock visited in the W. H. McCann home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Burrows entertained with a party Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Burrows and children were supper guests in the Ferd Bones home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Longan visited in Magic City Sunday.

Rev. J. S. Huckabee of Perryton was in McLean Saturday and ordered his address changed to Combes. Rev. Huckabee says to keep him informed of his expiration date, as he does not want to miss a copy of The News.

E. S. Parker of Groom was in McLean Saturday.

#### News from Pakan

Much cotton was picked last week. Some farmers are through heading feed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Macina, Tuesday, a 9 pound boy. Mother and child doing nicely.

R. Janota was an employee at the John Mertel store at McLean the past two Saturdays.

The ones that were awarded the prizes for perfect spelling were: Seventh grade, Grace Stauffer, Mary Gordon, Elizabeth Ptak and Emily Hrcniar; sixth grade, John Mertel. Bill Swain of Shamrock was awarded the drilling contract for the C. A. Linkey No. 3 test. He is said to be one of the best drillers in the Shamrock oil field. He also drilled the Linkey No. 2.

Those that were seen on the streets of McLean Saturday were: Sam Pakan and sons, Miro, Sam and Edward; John Hrcniar and son, John Jr.; John Cadra, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith.

C. A. Cash of Peterson Creek was in town Saturday.

Sam Pakan of Slavonia was in McLean Saturday.

**McLean Filling Station**

Oils, Gas and Accessories

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Magnolene-Ford Oil will make your Ford run better.

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**THE BEST MEATS**

The best meats are none too good for our customers. You will like the quality of the meats we sell; whether you buy fresh or cured meats. Try us with your next order.

**THE CITY MARKET**

The Best in Fresh and Cured Meats

**Free!**

A free demonstration and sale of California canned peaches will be given at our store Saturday. Visit us and eat all you want of the cheapest fine quality peach ever sold in McLean. Special prices during the sale.

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Save While You Buy Phone 23

Monday Tuesday.

**EVEN RICE HURT GIRL'S STOMACH**

"I had indigestion so bad I was afraid to eat even rice. Alderika has done me so much good that now I can eat anything.—Ardenia Howard."

Alderika relieves stomach gas and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on BOTH upper and lower bowel, it removes old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Let Alderika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see how much better you will feel. It will surprise you! Erwin Drug Co.

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**Adhesive Plaster**

has 100 uses around the house.

Use it for holding bandages in place and for supporting sprains.

It may also be used for mending many articles, as it sticks to any surface.

**Erwin Drug Co.**

the Rexall Drug Store

Mesdames H. C. Rippey and W. S. White were Clarendon visitors Monday.

Sammie Cubine motored to Amarillo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jordan visited in Shamrock Thursday.

**BARBER SERVICE**

of the best may be found at our shop.

Modern equipment, sanitation, courtesy and appreciation. Try us.

**Elite Barber Shop**

**Sale Bargains**

Only a few more days remain of our big sale and the cold weather reminds us that you will want to take advantage of our bargains in winter wear. Below are a few sample prices picked at random from our stock:

1 lot heavy gray blankets, 64x78, \$2.00 value, **\$1.49**

1 lot heavy plaid blankets, large size, 72x80, \$4.00 value, for **\$2.98**

Men's heavy union suits, \$1.50 value for **98c**

Men's leather and sheep lined coats, prices sharply reduced.

Men's flannel and woolen shirts, sizes 14 1-2 to 17 1-2 **89c to \$4.98**

Big shipment Crosset shoes for men has just arrived. Here's your chance for a real quality shoe at lower prices.

Now is the time to lay in your winter supply of dry goods and shoes while our low prices prevail.

**C. M. Stone & Co.**

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