

## Band Tax Election Carries 2 to 1 Merchants Co-operate Community Building Program

### Merchants' Co-operative Program Messages Community Betterment Are Contracted

A number of merchants and business men of McLean have contracted for a year's run of full page advertisements in The McLean News carrying messages on community betterment.

This is one of the most notable things yet undertaken by McLean merchants, as this advertising is along the lines of Chamber of Commerce work, and no one expects to reap any direct benefits, but the advertising will be run in the interest of the whole community. The advertisements will be run at intervals during the year, and already enough contracts have been secured to insure some 14 pages. Every business man will be given a chance to co-operate in this campaign, and it is possible that more pages will be run.

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### S. R. LOFTIN RETIRES FROM LUMBER BUSINESS

Special to The News. Alanreed, Feb. 6.—S. R. Loftin, owner and manager of the S. R. Loftin Lumber Company here for many years retired from the lumber business today when the ownership and management of this yard formally passed into the hands of the Galbraith-Foxworth Lumber interests. The trade was made some time ago, but the invoicing has just been completed.

It is reported that the new management will probably materially enlarge and improve the yard. Since the recent grading of roads and the completion of two large new bridges across McClellan Creek make the potential oil field north of here easily accessible from Alanreed, it is rumored that the Galbraith-Foxworth company may make the newly acquired yard here a distributing point for lumber for oil operations north of here, as well as for locations south of Alanreed.

Mr. Loftin, who voluntarily retires from the lumber business on account of advanced age, will still make Alanreed his home and attend to his other interests here.

### RETURNED WATCH PLEASES OWNER; WRITES NEWS

The owner of the lost watch found through The News columns last week brought a letter of thanks from the owner, who lives in Oklahoma. An extract from his letter says, "With great joy I read that my watch was found and in your office. I see all honest people have not died yet."

The gentleman is right, as results prove from our lost and found column from time to time.

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

Mrs. W. J. Foster spent Sunday and Monday in Pampa.

### Band Concert Pleasant Affair

What was admitted one of the best evening's entertainments offered in McLean was given by the high school band, assisted by the glee clubs, piano and expression departments of the high school.

Every number given by the band under the direction of Prof. Davidson was done in a professional manner and the selections were pleasing and of a variety that would not ordinarily be expected of a small town band.

The trombone solo by J. J. Cobb was enjoyed to the fullest extent and the audience demanded an encore.

The Girls Glee Club gave three selections that showed careful training and aptitude, and the Boys Glee Club also gave three enjoyable selections.

Miss Floye Landers gave a piano solo and Vern Harris obliged with a reading.

### AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM HERE TODAY & NIGHT

The Rock Island agricultural program began this morning at the school auditorium and will continue all day, with free moving pictures tonight.

This train is a regular yearly event with the Rock Island lines, and expert speakers along agricultural and horticultural lines are in attendance.

Moving pictures tonight are of educational value and no admission price is charged, but everyone interested is free to attend all the program.

### SCHOOL CLASSES ENJOY PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT

The Home Economics class and the Vocational Agricultural class enjoyed a party at the T. A. Landers home Saturday night. Games were played and refreshments served at a late hour.

### GUSS IRVIN OPENS VULCANIZING SHOP

Guss Irvin has opened a vulcanizing shop at the McLean Motor Co., and is ready for business.

Mr. Irvin is an experienced man in this line and will appreciate any business given him. Read his announcement on another page.

### B. W. M. S.

The Baptist Women's Missionary Society met at the church Wednesday for a business session and Bible study conducted by Mrs. D. H. Brynoff, with 18 ladies present.

Mrs. Ruel Smith was elected personal service chairman to succeed Mrs. J. J. Simmons, resigned. It was reported that there were practically enough funds in the treasury to install bathroom fixtures in the parsonage.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. W. Finley for manual study.

### DANCIGER BUYS AMERADA

The Danciger Oil and Refining Company has bought the southwest ¼ of section 2, block 26, from the Amerada Petroleum Corporation and has made a location for its No. 1 Morse.

This location is ¼ mile from the McCauley No. 1 Morse, which is now making around 100 barrels.

The Amerada location made recently has been abandoned by the company in favor of the new location.

### Court House Mass Meeting Held Tuesday

### Officers Elected and Four Committees Appointed

M. D. Bentley was made chairman and L. V. Lonsdale secretary of the mass meeting held here Tuesday night to discuss the court house election, when an organization was effected to endeavor to keep the court house at Lefors.

Four committees were ordered appointed, consisting of finance, publicity, speaking, and one to see that every voter has a chance to express his preference at the polls.

Talks were made by citizens of Lefors and McLean and facts given to show that the removal of the court house at this time would add an extra burden on taxpayers and inconvenience those attending court.

It was also stated that McLean and Alanreed do not want the court house, and that the election order calls for the removal to Pampa or remaining at Lefors, and only the two towns will appear on the election ballot.

The fact that a new court house can be built by the commissioners court and paid for by warrants without consulting the voters was brought out, and if the court house is moved it will probably mean some half million dollars expenditure for the taxpayers.

The need of the county site being on a railroad is no argument, said the speakers, in this day of automobiles, and within the next few months, Lefors may be the largest town in the county, due to oil developments.

Every speaker insisted that the voters be presented with facts and that every effort be made to see that nothing illegal, irregular or unfair tactics be employed in any way, but that the committees use proper means in presenting arguments for the court house remaining at Lefors.

Mass meetings will be held from time to time until the election. The next meeting will be held Monday night, Feb. 13, at Alanreed.

### BIG STEER GAINS WEIGHT

Carl Hefner, who is feeding a fine Hereford steer to enter at the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, weighed the animal Friday and the scales showed 1390 pounds, or a net gain for the past 24 days of 86 pounds.

Three and one-fourth pounds per day is considered exceptional, and if this rate is kept up until show time he should pull down the prize money at Fort Worth.

### FACULTY PLAY FRIDAY

The faculty play, "Anne What's-her-Name," will be given at the high school auditorium Friday evening of this week.

The play is under the direction of Mrs. Black and Mrs. W. E. Egan, and a pleasant evening is promised all who attend. Read full cast of characters in our advertising columns.

Mrs. Harvey Lamb is in Geary, Okla., this week for medical treatment.

Mrs. Ted Glass returned Wednesday from a visit with her mother at Shamrock.

### C. of C. Monday Evening

### Various Things Under Discussion Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was opened Monday night by President W. E. Bogan in L. G. McMillen's office.

Secretary L. V. Lonsdale suggested a membership drive and stated that about 100 had been placed on the roll since the \$1.00 per month plan had been inaugurated, and that a drive should not about that number more.

A motion was made that a committee assist Mr. Lonsdale in making the drive, and it was suggested that the directors compose the committee.

Mr. Lonsdale reported that the promoters of the international foot race to be held next month had asked that McLean donate \$250 toward the race, but that \$50 had finally been agreed upon as the amount to ask from McLean merchants.

A vote of thanks was tendered by the body to A. A. Callahan as chairman of the poll tax committee for efficient work done in connection with getting poll taxes paid in this precinct.

The court house question was thoroughly discussed and a mass meeting called for the next evening.

Those present were: W. E. Bogan, B. W. Wilkins, M. D. Bentley, B. B. Rattan, Claud McGowan, T. A. Landers, Loyse Caldwell, L. V. Lonsdale, L. G. McMillen, E. J. Lander, W. B. Andrews, Arthur Erwin, A. A. Callahan, John Harris, B. F. Gray, Troy West, R. C. Davidson, J. J. Cobb.

### K. E. KLUB

A very enjoyable social event of the past week was the bridge party for the K. E. Klub on Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. L. E. Caldwell, president, presiding as hostess.

The club met at the home of Mrs. Ted Matthews, sister of Mrs. Caldwell.

The business meeting was very interesting. New by-laws were read and approved. The same officers will preside for one year. Dues of ten cents each month will be paid and a fine of ten cents will be collected from members who are late.

After the meeting adjourned, two tables of bridge were in progress until a late hour. Mrs. Arthur Tally was fortunate in winning high score and Mrs. E. E. Filer was consoled with low score.

At the close of the games, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ted Matthews, served an appetizing plate lunch to the following: Mesdames O. B. Shaw, Witt Springer, E. E. Filer, J. E. Peters, J. R. Nichols, Arthur Tally and J. E. Cubine.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. E. Cubine, West First St., Thursday afternoon, Feb. 9.

H. W. Brooks left Tuesday for the St. Louis and Chicago markets.

E. H. Browning has our thanks for a subscription to The News.

Mrs. Scott Johnston spent the first of the week in Amarillo.

Clyde Wortham of Shamrock was in McLean Sunday.

### Hospital Planned; Opens Wednesday

Dr. John V. Guyton of Perryton will open a hospital in the rooms east of the stairway over the Citizens State Bank next Wednesday. Dr. Guyton has just sold a hospital at Perryton. He also built the mainview hospital and operated it for a term of years.

Dr. Guyton is a physician and surgeon and comes to McLean well recommended. He considers the present quarters temporary, and a modern building will be erected for a hospital just as soon as a suitable location can be secured.

### BAPTIST WORKERS TO MEET AT ALANREED

The monthly workers conference of the Northfork Baptist Association will meet at Alanreed Tuesday, with lunch served at the church.

The meeting will open at 9:45 a. m. and a full program carried out through the day, including a sermon at 11 a. m. by Dr. Yates of Amarillo.

Pastor D. H. Brynoff of the McLean church will speak on Consecration at 2 p. m.

### HOSPITAL CHILDREN PROGRESSING NICELY

Reported.

D. W. Johnson and Mrs. Luther Petty returned Wednesday from a trip to Oklahoma City, where they took their children, Noleta Johnson and Zora Idabel Petty, Monday to the Crippled Children's Hospital to have their casts removed. Both children had to remain at the hospital. The doctors had not removed Noleta's cast and were sure that a new one would have to be placed on her, and only removed Zora Idabel's but had made no examination. They wanted several days in which to make observations.

They visited Miss Ophelia Cunningham, another McLean patient, and found her doing nicely after a spine operation. She is now able to go anywhere in the hospital in a wheel chair, and will undergo an operation in a few days on her limbs.

They were unable to see James Cobbs, as he had been removed to one of the doctor's private hospital, where he is recovered enough to act as the doctor's helper.

### LYCEUM NUMBER SATURDAY

The final number of the lyceum course will be given at the school auditorium Saturday night.

George Emerson Francis will deliver a humorous lecture, "The Jazz Jangle," which is said to be one of the most interesting subjects offered by this rapid fire, convincing speaker.

The admission prices for the evening have been reduced in order that everyone may have the privilege of hearing this lecture, which is especially appealing to young people, but at the same time holds the interest of those of more mature age.

The T. A. and M. R. Landers families went to Estelline Sunday and with Fred Landers visited the railroad tunnels south of Quitaque.

Mesdames Geo. Colebank, R. L. Aodine and H. W. Finley were in Clarendon Tuesday.

F. P. Wilson of Groom was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Miss Marguerite Merriman visited in Amarillo Saturday.

### Band Tax Election 102 to 52

### Good Majority Given Municipal Band Issue

The municipal band tax election held Wednesday resulted in a victory for the measure with 102 votes cast in favor to 52 against.

The measure calls for a levy of not to exceed 3 mills on the dollar valuation for the upkeep of a band and this levy will not be available until next year; however, it is thought that provision will be made by the city council to take care of the band proposition this year.

The band has been financed by public subscription for the past year, and it has now reached the point where it is a credit to the band and can take a place occupied by bands much older in other towns.

To Supt. Geo. Tummins belongs the credit of a band in McLean, and difficulty was experienced in securing a proper director at the beginning, but with the arrival of Prof. R. C. Davidson, the present director, the band has made steady progress.

It is planned to enter the band in the contests at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Fort Worth this year, with a good chance of winning a prize.

McLean citizens have consistently voted for every measure of community betterment offered, and the band tax is a much needed step in the progress of the town.

### MATAG LAUNDRY OPENS FRIDAY

R. O. Quance of Pampa is opening a modern laundry at the old McLean Laundry stand.

The new laundry will be called the Matag Laundry and Mr. Quance will operate the laundry and sell Matag machines.

Read the opening announcement on another page.

### BUSH-DENNIS

Miss Leeta Bush and Mr. E. A. Dennis were married at Panhandle Sunday, Feb. 5, 1928.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bush of the Gracey community, and has numbers of friends in McLean.

The groom is a son of Col. and Mrs. J. W. Dennis of Erick, Okla. The young people will make their home at Berger.

### SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Do not forget the Daily Bible Reading contest.

Introduction—Loyse Caldwell. Jesus Teaches by Stories—Relia Sharp.

Parable of Beauty and Pathos—Laeuna Holloway.

Subject Worthy of Study—Lettie Sheekler.

The Prodigal's Mental Processes—Jesse Cobb.

A Little Study of Salvation—Mrs. Jesse Cobb.

The Great Forgiveness—Herman Lee.

Look on page 57 in quarterly.

Hugh Cantrell of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Porter of Wheeler was in McLean Sunday.

# The Bat

A Novel from the Play

By Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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## THE STORY

CHAPTER I—Daring all efforts to capture him, after a long series of murders and robberies, a super-crook known to the police only as "The Bat" has brought about a veritable reign of terror. At his wit's end, and at the man's own request, the chief of police assigns his best operative, Anderson, to get on the trail of the Bat.

CHAPTER II—With her niece, Dale Ogden, Miss Cornelia Van Gorder is living in the country home of the late Courtleigh Fleming, who until his recent death had been president of the Union bank, wrecked because of the theft of a large sum in currency. The cook and housemaid deserted the Van Gorder household, leaving only the Japanese butler, Billy. Miss Van Gorder receives a note warning her to vacate the place at once on pain of death. She feels the warning is from the dreaded Bat, but determines to ignore it. Dale returns from the city, where she had been to hire a gardener.

CHAPTER III—Miss Cornelia tells Lizzie Allen, her faithful Irish maid, who is decidedly nervous, that a detective is coming that night. The gardener arrives, giving his name as Brooks. Miss Van Gorder leads him into a trap and he admits he is not a gardener but needs work. She allows him to stay. Dale comes from the country club with a friend, Doctor Wells. Miss Cornelia tells them of the threatening note. They are interrupted by the smashing of a window in the house.

CHAPTER IV—They find a stone has been thrown through a glass door, weighting another massive warning them to leave. Doctor Wells urges Miss Van Gorder to obey, but she firmly refuses. The detective, Anderson, arrives, is told of the situation and announces he will stay on watch that night.

The moment the door had closed on them, Dale sprang into action. She seemed a different girl from the one who had left the room so inconspicuously such a short time before—there were two bright spots of color in her cheeks and she was obviously laboring under great excitement. She went quickly to the alcove doors—they opened softly—disclosing the young man who had said that he was Brooks the new gardener—and yet not the same young man—for his assumed air of servitude had dropped from him like a cloak, revealing him as a young fellow at least of the same general social class as Dale's. If not a fellow-inhabitant of the select circle where Van Gorders revolved about Van Gorders, and a man's great-grandfather was more important than the man himself.

Dale cautioned him with a warning finger as he advanced into the room. "Sh! Sh!" she whispered. "Be careful! That man's a detective!" Brooks gave a hunted glance at the door into the hall.

"Then they've traced me here," he said in a dejected voice. "I don't think so."

He made a gesture of helplessness. "I couldn't get back to my room," he said in a whisper. "If they've searched them," he paused, "as they're sure to—they'll find your letters to me." He paused again.

"Your aunt doesn't suspect anything?"

"No, I told her I'd engaged a gardener—and that's all there was about it."

He came nearer to her. "Dale," he murmured in a tense voice. "You know I didn't take that money!" he said, with boyish simplicity.

All the loyalty of first-love was in her answer.

"Of course I believe in you absolutely," she said. He caught her in his arms and kissed her—gratefully—passionately. Then the galling memory of the predicament in which he stood—the hunt already on his trail—came back to him. He released her gently, still holding one of her hands.

"But—the police here?" he stammered, turning away. "What does that mean?"

Dale swiftly informed him of the situation.

"Aunt Cornelia says people have been trying to break into this house for days—at night."

Brooks ran his hand through his hair in a gesture of bewilderment. Then he seemed to catch at a hope. "What sort of people?" he queried sharply.

Dale was puzzled. "She doesn't know."

what you think?" said Dale at her wits' end. "That Courtleigh Fleming took the money and that it is still here?"

Her lover's face grew somber. "He'd take me into custody at once—and I'd have no chance to search."

He was searching now—his eyes roved about the living-room—walls—ceiling—hopefully—desperately—looking for a clue—the tiniest clue to support his theory.

"Why are you so sure it is here?" queried Dale.

"Brooks explained. 'You must remember—Fleming was no ordinary defaulter—and he had no intention of being exiled to a foreign country. He wanted to come back here and take his place in the community while I was in the pen.'"

"But even then—"

He interrupted her. "Listen, dear—He crossed to the billiard room door, closed it firmly, returned.

"The architect that built this house was an old friend of mine," he said in hushed accents. "We were together in France and you know the way fellows get to talking when they're far away and cut off—"

He paused seeing the cruel gleam of a star shell—two figures huddled in a trench, waiting away the terrible hours of waiting by muttered talk.

"Just an hour or two before—a shell got this friend of mine," he resumed. "he told me he had built a hidden room in this house."

"Where?" gasped Dale.

Brooks shook his head. "I don't know. We never got to finish that conversation. But I remember what he said. 'You watch old Fleming. If I get mine over here it won't break his heart. He didn't want any living being to know about that room.'"

Now Dale was as excited as he. "Then you think the money is in this hidden room?"

"I do," said Brooks decidedly. "I don't think Fleming took it away with him. He was too shrewd for that. No, he meant to come back all right, the minute he got the word the bank had been looted. And he'd fixed things so I'd be railroaded to prison—you wouldn't understand, but it was pretty neat. And then the fool nephew rents this house the minute he's dead and whoever knows about the money—"

"Jack! Why isn't it the nephew who is trying to break in?"

"He wouldn't have to break in. He could make an excuse and come in any time."

He clenched his hands desperately. "If I could only get hold of a blue print of this place!" he muttered.

Dale's face fell. It was sickening to be so close to the secret—and yet not find it. "Oh, Jack, I'm so confused and worried!" she confessed with a little sob.

Brooks put his hands on her shoulders, in an effort to cheer her spirits.

"Now, listen, dear," he said firmly. "This isn't as hard as it sounds. I've got a clear night to work in—and as true as I'm standing here that money's in this house. Listen honey—"

"It's like this," he pantomimed the old nursery rhyme of the house that Jack built. "Here's the house that Courtleigh Fleming built—here, somewhere is the hidden room in the house that Courtleigh Fleming built—and here—somewhere—prayer heaven—is the money—in the hidden room—in the house that Courtleigh Fleming built. When you're low in your mind, just say that over."

She managed a faint smile. "I've forgotten it already," she said, drooping.

He still strove for an offhand gaiety that he did not feel.

"Why look here?" she followed the play of his hands obediently like a tired child. "It's a sort of game, dear. Money, money—who's got the money? You know!" For the doubtful time he stared at the unrevealing walls of the room. "For that matter," he added, "the hidden room may be behind these very walls."

He looked about for a tool—a poker—anything that would sound the walls and test them for hollow spaces. Ah! he had it—that driver in the bag of golf clubs over in the corner. He got the driver and stood wondering where he had best begin. That blank wall above the fireplace looked as promising as any. He tapped it gently with the golf club—afraid to make too much noise and yet anxious to test the wall as thoroughly as possible. A dull heavy reverberation answered his stroke—nothing hollow there, apparently.

As he tried another spot, again thunder beat the long roll on its iron drum outside in the night. The lights blinked—wavered—recovered.

"The lights are going out again," said Dale dully, her excitement sunk into a stupefied calm.

"Let them go! The less light the better for me. The only thing to do is to go over this house room by room." He pointed to the billiard room door. "What's in there?"

series of spirit raps was certainly to be heard coming from the region of the billiard room.

"Oh, my God!" she wailed, and the next instant the lights went out, leaving her in lanky darkness. With a loud shriek she bolted out of the room.

Thunder—lightning—dashing of rain on the streaming glass of the windows—the storm hallooing its bounds. Dale huddled close to her lover as they groped their way back to the living room, cautiously, doing their best to keep from stumbling against some heavy piece of furniture whose fall would arouse the house.

"There's a candle on the table, Jack. If I can find the table," he said, stretched hands touched a familiar object. "Here it is." She fumbled for a moment. "Have you any matches?"

"Yes." He struck one—another—lit the candle—set it down on the table. In the weak glow of the little taper, whose tiny flame illuminated but a portion of the living room his face looked tense and strained.

"It's pretty near hopeless," he said. "If all the walls are paneled like that." As if in mockery of his words and his quest, a muffled knocking that seemed to come from the ceiling of the very room he stood in answered his despair.

"What's that?" asked Dale.

"They listened. The knocking was repeated—knock—knock—knock—knock."

"Some one else is looking for the hidden room!" muttered Brooks, gazing up at the ceiling intently as if he could tear from it the secret of this new mystery by sheer strength of will. "It's upstairs!" Dale took a step toward the alcove stairs. Brooks halted her.

"Who's in this house besides our selves?" he queried.

"Only the detective—Aunt Cornelia—Lizzie—and Billy."

"Billy's the Jap?"

"Yes." Brooks paused an instant. "Does he belong to your aunt?"

"No. He was Courtleigh Fleming's butler."

Knock—knock—knock—knock—the dull, methodical rapping on the ceiling of the living room began again.

"Courtleigh Fleming's butler," he muttered Brooks. He put down his candle and stole noiselessly into the alcove. "It may be the Jap!" he whispered.

Knock—knock—knock—knock! This time the mysterious rapping seemed to come from the upper hall.

"If it is the Jap, I'll get him!" Brooks' voice was tense with resolution. He hesitated—made for the hall door—tipped out into the darkness around the main staircase, leaving Dale alone in the living room, beset by shadowy terrors.

Utter silence succeeded his noiseless departure. Even the storm lulled for a moment. Dale stood thinking—wondering—searching desperately for some way to help her lover.

At last a resolution formed in her mind. She went to the city telephone.

"Hello," she said in a low voice, glancing over her shoulder now and then to make sure she was not overheard. "1-2-4—please—yes, that's right. Hello—is that the Country club? Is Mr. Richard Fleming there? Yes, I'll hold the wire."

She looked about nervously. Had something moved in that corner of blackness where her candle did not pierce? No! How silly of her!

Buzz-buzz on the telephone. She plucked up the receiver again.

(Continued next week)

Mr. and Mrs. Phagan of Lubbock visited the lady's sister, Mrs. W. O. Moring, this week. They and Mr. and Mrs. Moring visited the McLean school Tuesday.

IN MEMORIAM  
Donald Moring  
A dear, true friend of ours is gone. And, too, a pupil tried and true. Our souls feel sad and grieved alone Because friends like D- are few.

There is a vacant desk in the senior room of McLean high school today, and a dearly loved face is missing. That feeling of completeness and joy of companionship is no longer prevalent, for one of the most loved seniors is gone.

Although Donald had been a member of our class for only a few months, we had learned to love and value him as a true friend and classmate.

There was not one who was a more earnest supporter of his school or more diligent in the preparation of his work. He took an active interest in athletics and was a member of this year's debating team. The teachers, the senior class, and the entire McLean school grieved at the tragic passing of Don, and all of us shall ever honor his memory. We know that his radiant soul faced the sunset with shining trust, and that he crossed the bar with eyes fixed upon the Pilot's face.

The Senior Class of 1928.

CARD OF THANKS  
We wish to thank the people of McLean for their kindness, sympathy and help in the death of our loving son, Donald. When sorrow comes to you, may you meet with just such friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Moring, Mrs. Phagan, Donald's Auntie.

C. T. Calvert of Shamrock was in McLean Sunday.

Archie Carpenter of Lefors was a McLean visitor Saturday.

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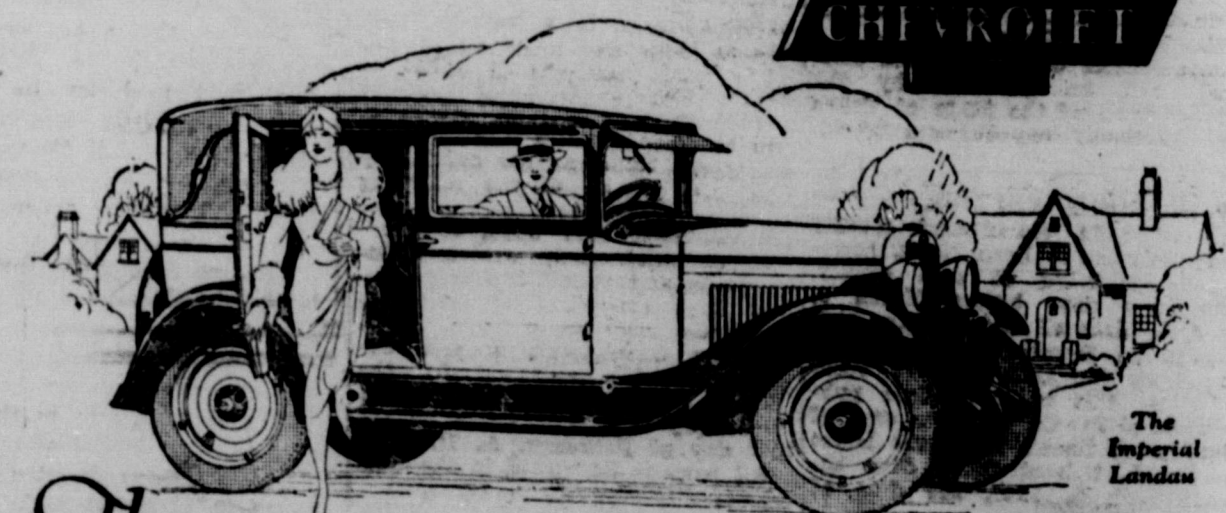
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**Next Sunday's Lesson**

Outlined by Rev. B. W. Wilkins  
Lesson text—Mark 4:26-34.  
Golden Text—"Thy Kingdom come  
thy will be done in earth as it is  
in heaven." Matt. 6:10.  
Lesson subject—"How the King-  
dom Grows."

**I. Some Leading Thoughts of the Lesson:**

1. Jesus now comes to be prominent as a teacher.
2. In this chapter great and important truths are presented.
3. The Master's method of teaching was often by parable.
4. In today's lesson He uses a parable to illustrate some truths regarding the Kingdom of God.
5. Jesus has the following truths for His followers:

- (1) There is such a thing in the earth as God's Kingdom.
- (2) He recognized this in the prayer which He taught His followers to use.
- (3) Kingdom may be likened to seed sown in the ground, in which the SOWER is His follower, the SEED is His message, and the FIELD is the world.
- (4) Kingdom's growth may be silent, unnoticeable, imperceptible, nevertheless like the corn—first the blade, then the ear, then the full grown ear in the ear.
- (5) Small in the beginning and great in the ending is fully illustrated by the parable of the mustard seed.

**II. Some Thoughts for Today:**

1. The Kingdom of God is no indefinite matter. It is manifest by every good work and attested by every Christian worker. Not only that, but dedicated buildings, dispositions of philanthropy, fraternal organizations and a growing inclination toward world brotherhood declares that there is a mighty working force in the world which could be no better designated than "The Kingdom of God."
2. Developments relative to the progress of the Kingdom may sometimes seem slow, yet according to Christ, good seed sown will materialize.
3. To recognize the origin of every good thing as being somehow founded in the Kingdom of God, and in the message of salvation brought through Christ is to be able to comprehend some of the great eternal truths.

**WHY A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?**

"My home and my business are found in My City. She gives to me and mine the protection of Law and Order, that my property may enhance and my rights secured. I vote here. My City gives my children a superior schooling. Good neighbors are mine. Truly, My City is a 'home spot' for me.  
"I owe My City my full measure of civic loyalty. If I pretend a manly and fair conception of reciprocity, I must, upon every occasion, give to My City a full measure of loyalty through intelligent co-operation with others of similar sentiments.

"My City does not want my parsimoniousness, my selfishness, my dissension, my criticism for my indifference. Rather, My City expects of me qualities of high citizenship, tolerant friendship, willing co-operation, heart-given sympathy and intelligent support.  
"I may economize or retrench whatever I choose, but I must not withhold my support from My City's greatest organization, her Chamber of Commerce, which exists only for the good it does.  
"As a prideful man, the thought of withholding support from My City's Chamber of Commerce would be abhorrent, as the stigma of being a parasite upon my business neighbors, and the shame of advertising myself as willing to ride free upon their public spirit would be more than I could stand."—City Builder.

Ois L. Wiene has been made editor-in-chief of McCall's Magazine at the age of 22, but will not accept the increased salary due to his promotion from assistant editor until he has demonstrated that he can make good. Which is a fair indication that he will make good.

Lillian Kersten, a 6-year-old Minneapolis musical genius, is a proficient pianist and singer, who composes her own songs. Her musical gifts were observed when she was only about 14 months old.

**SISTER WAS THERE WITH KIND REMARK**

"A lot of modern writers—Samuel Butler, Bernard Shaw, Wells and so on—preach that family life is a farce, that relatives are more apt to hate than love each other, and therefore down with marriage.  
The speaker was Lester Scott, executive secretary of the Camp Fire Girls. He continued:

"These writers are all wrong of course. I told one of them so the other day, and the best he could do was to come back at me with an anecdote. But anecdotes, as I told him, prove nothing.  
It was an anecdote about two sisters. They sat on a moonlit pier, and a wealthy bachelor sat between them. The older sister looked up into the bachelor's eyes and said in a far away voice:

"I have always had a presentiment that I would die young."  
"She drew a deep breath and nestled closer to the bachelor, and then the other sister said dryly in the silence:  
"But you didn't, did you?"

**Excellent Reason for Boy's Chivalrous Act**

A Franklin woman attended a picture show, and noticed the eleven-year-old son of a neighbor escorting his younger sister with all the civility of an adult. Soon after, when she was calling on the neighbor and the family had assembled, thinking to please the parents as well as the boy, she said:

"Well, I saw something at the show the other night that pleased me immensely. It was your son accompanied by his sister. It was such a sweet sight, for it seems so many brothers rebel against taking their younger sisters with them. Why, he was so polite, he was even carrying her umbrella."  
The parents were pleased, and were about to comment on how their son was different from most lads of today, when the polite son interrupted them with:

"Well she paid my way in the show, and I had to take her."—Indianapolis News.

**Sun-Kissed Bath Water**

Every person who has boarded has come in contact with the devices used by the landlady to curb his too frequent use of hot water. Nor is the problem confined to the renter of rooms in the city.

A woman who was on vacation rented a room in a small country town, in which no house boasted modern conveniences. The second morning after her occupancy of the room she went downstairs in seeking means of obtaining hot water for a bath.  
"I have a little here in the tea-kettle which you may have," graciously offered the landlady. "You know in the summer we usually set water out in the hot sun, and in a few hours it is hot enough for a bath. That saves fuel, you see."

**Reward Goes Begging**

Back in 1883 Mme. Anna-Emilie Guzman left 100,000 francs to the French Academy of Science to be awarded to the first scientist who would communicate with another planet, Mars excluded. During the 34 years since this prize, it has caused more trouble for the academy than all its other duties combined. Thousands have claimed the award. Letters have come from all parts of the earth purporting to prove the writers had communicated with other worlds. The academy would like to get rid of the money, but doesn't know how, legally.

**Strange Individual**

An East Grand boulevard resident received a shock recently when a motorist, who proved to be from out of town, knocked at the door and said he had accidentally collided with a parked car in front of the house. In answer to the motorist's request to make it right the resident said: "I can see that the car isn't hurt much, but if it were, I wouldn't charge you a thing. You're the fifth man to hit that car but the first one to stop and own up to it."—Detroit News.

**Diminutive Babies**

English parents are vying with one another for the honor of having the lightest weight baby. One entry from Paddington was a little girl who for three weeks was fed with milk from an eye-dropper. She has now graduated to spoon feeding. The child is the tenth in the family. From Christ church, New Zealand, came a mother's claim that her fifteen-year-old daughter weighed 14½ ounces at birth and was also fed with an eye dropper.

**Saved by Her Hanger**

Mme. Florestina Huebear's appetite ruined her funeral at Madrid Spain. The madame, supposedly dead suddenly sat up en route to the cemetery and demanded nourishment. The funeral attendants fed for their lives and Mme. Huebear, deserted, calmly walked home to get a bite to eat.

**Getting Off Easy**

Mandy—Did you tell de ministab dat I don't want him to kiss me when he marries us?  
Rufus—Yes, an' he done said in dat case he take jus' half de usual fee.

**Cause and Effect**

Penley—I think the majority of people sleep too much.  
Mrs. Keen—And yet you keep on

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor  
Services were good last Sunday. Attendance is growing every Sunday.

Mrs. Louis Clement conducted the evening service, assisted in the program by splendid vocal and piano numbers rendered by Miss Carmen Elm, Miss Jewel Shaw and Mrs. Willie Boyett. Also Mrs. Porter from Wheeler spoke words of encouragement and enlightenment to the women and their work. The installation of the officers of the woman's missionary society was the object of the evening's program. Mrs. Clement's presence was much appreciated, not only by the women of the church who are active in the missionary work, but by all who were present. She is proving herself to be not only a capable leader but an agreeable one.

Three names were given for membership in the church last Sunday. Four members are expected to be given church reception next Sunday.

Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

R. R. Rives, Minister

Your attention is called to the services at this church next Sabbath:

Bible school 10 a. m.  
F preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Young people 6:30 p. m.

You and your friends are cordially invited to worship with us at all the services. Come praying for the presence of the Lord.

**Trade in McLean!**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

D. H. Brynoff, Pastor

The following will be the order of services at the Baptist church next Sunday:

10 a. m. Sunday school. Last Sunday we had 152 present for Sunday school. Let us all plan to be back next Sunday, and if possible, bring someone with us.  
11 a. m. preaching service, subject, "The Believer's Two Natures" continued.

6:30 p. m. the B. Y. P. U's meet for their programs. Our young people are glad to have visitors. Come and be with them.

7:30 preaching service. The pastor will give his concluding message on "The Believer's Two Natures."  
Visitors and friends are always welcome to worship with us.

Among these bits of more or less useful information which we find interesting for the moment is one to the effect that Americans spent \$300,000 for Santa Claus whiskers last December. Quite a sum to blow in for something even the kids don't believe in any more.

**THE BEST MEATS**

Fresh or Cured

Free delivery with grocery orders.  
Your Trade Appreciated

The City Market  
W. S. Copeland, Prop.

Miss Charlotte Leitch of Dundee, Scotland, was given a jail sentence of two months because she told a falsehood in court.

F. C. Rand of Amarillo was in McLean last week.

Bob Turner was in Pampa Sunday.

Edward J. Mulligan, recently elected secretary of the Westinghouse Electric Company, was an office boy 25 years ago.

Jack Gray motored to Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cooke were in Shamrock Sunday.

**CUSTOM HATCHING**

We are preparing to do custom hatching. We will increase the capacity of the hatchery as business increases. We will set eggs every Tuesday. Let us hatch your eggs or contract you baby chicks.

McLean Hatchery  
W. H. Floyd, Mgr.

**Announcement**

I have opened a vulcanizing and tire repair shop at the McLean Motor Co., and will appreciate any favors shown me.

Let me fix your tires and tubes. All work guaranteed.

Guss' Tire Shop  
Phone 105

**Faculty Play**

Friday, Feb. 10, 1928, 8 p. m.

"ANNE WHAT'S-HER-NAME"

**Cast of Characters**

Anthony Wheat (Tony), a victim of circumstances... Cecil Moore  
Hurks, his valet, faithful to the end... R. H. Corum  
Marjorie, a very modern young woman... Lorene Meek  
Aunt Julia, the judge's sister-in-law... Mrs. Sligar  
Barbara, a flapper who flaps... Margaret Johnston  
Mooney, the temperamental maid, with nerves... Mrs. Black  
Willie Peabody, the boy from next door... Roland Wingo  
Doran, a plain-clothes detective... R. H. Corum  
Gran'ma, aged 82, but with young ideas... Geneva Russell  
Louise Byers, her companion... Anne Spillman  
Judge Bunby, the head of the house... C. S. Rice  
Doctor Aked, a friend of the family... A. A. Tampke  
Nancy Brown, a girl from Rosedale... Floye Landers  
Ebenezer Whittle, the judge's nephew... Norvin Ashby  
Mrs. Ebenezer Whittle, looking for Ebenezer... Eileen Partlow  
Two little Whittles.

Admission 15c and 25c

**"THE JAZZ JUNGLE"**

a satirical and humorous treatise of modern appreciation by

George Emerson Francis

Final Number of Our Lyceum Course

Mr. Francis has been defined as a sure cure for those people who "do not like lectures." Once heard he is never forgotten.

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Tickets 15c, 25c and 35c

High School Auditorium

Saturday Evening, Feb. 11, 1928

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**Whippet**

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We have secured the agency for these fine cars and have a carload of Whippets in transit. Don't buy any car until you have a chance to ride in one of these new models. We will be glad to demonstrate.

We wash, grease and store cars.

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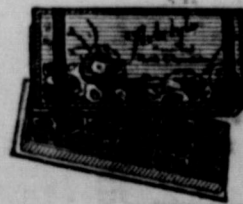
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City laws, as well as all laws, should be obeyed by everyone alike, or else the law should be taken from the statute book. It is the intention of the law to protect everyone alike, and this cannot be done if there are to be favored ones, who do not have to obey.

The business men of McLean are loyal to home institutions, and help in every way possible to further the interests of the community. This fact was forcibly brought out this week in securing contracts for the page advertisements to run in The News on community subjects.

The rain of Sunday night put a different complexion on things, even if it is too early to be absolutely needed. It is strange how much better one feels to have an occasional shower. While we have never had a complete crop failure in this section, we all like to see it rain at times.

It is a fact that we cannot like just everybody, even when those we dislike are just as good as we are; however, we should not allow our dislike to keep us from business dealings with honorable men. The man who gives a square deal is entitled to the business, other things being equal.

It was the opinion of every speaker at the mass meeting Tuesday night that the coming court house election will have the same results as have the previous attempts to remove the county site. It is unfortunate that the question should come up at this time when the county is in the making, but cool judgment and the sense of fair play will prevail and the court house kept at Lefors for the next two years.

W. P. Wetzel left Sunday for a visit in New Mexico.

Oils Olson of Oklahoma City was a McLean visitor last week.

Ralph Price of Amarillo was in McLean last week.

Ted Merkerson of Shamrock was a visitor in McLean Sunday.

Dave Turner of Alanreed was in McLean Monday.

Bill Armsstrong of Amarillo was in McLean this week.

Mervin Marshall of Groom was a McLean visitor Sunday.

**Th' Ole Grouch**

"YEAH, I'M AN OL' GROUCH, AND A KNOCKER TO BOOT, BUT I AIN'T SUNK SO LOW AS TO KNOCK OUR HOME PAPER, WHICH IS ALWAYS TRYIN' TO MAKE THINGS BETTER, AND EVER SINCE 'TH' PRAISES OF 'TH' HOME TOWN AND 'TH' HOME PEOPLE"



**News from Pakan**

This community had a thunder storm with about a half inch rain Sunday night.

Henry Ryan made a business trip to Magic City Thursday.

The Godfrey Krc test spudded in Thursday and is reported at 200 feet at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith were shopping in Shamrock Thursday.

J. J. Sparlin has returned from Fort Worth, where he took his brother, who is critically ill, to a hospital.

Mike Mertel, John Hrciar and Henry Ryan were in Shamrock Tuesday.

The water from the C. A. Linkey test was bailed out Wednesday night. Mr. Shallor reported that while he and Mr. Swain and the Linkey boys were watching the drillers bail out the water, the gas blew the water out. The water appeared to be black, which caused them to think they had struck oil, but the water soon cleared. The well is making 40 million feet of gas at 2165 feet.

Paul Macina was helping Mr. Smith pipe his house for gas last week.

The Pakan basketball teams played Ramsdell Friday at the Ramsdell court. The junior boys won by a score of 22 to 3, and the senior boys by a score of 18 to 6. The girls lost by a score of 20 to 4. They will play Twitty at the Pakan court Feb. 17. Everybody is invited.

Those that were seen on the streets of Shamrock Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. R. Janota and family, Sam Pakan and daughters, Anna and Christina, and son, Miro; Henry Ryan, Joe Valencik, John Hrciar Jr., Carl and Godfrey Linker.

Carl Linkey is on the sick list this week.

THIS WEEK.  
The Smock test is down about 1960 feet and expecting gas at any time.

**ON RADIO BOARD**



Harold A. LaFont of Utah, who has been appointed by President Coolidge to be a member of the federal radio commission, succeeding John F. Dillon, who died.

Mrs. C. A. Watkins has renewed Mrs. Georgia Williams' subscription to S. Bellingham, Wash.

W. B. Gregory has our thanks for a subscription to The News this week.

**THEN WHY DID HE KEEP ON?**

She—"I wasn't so anxious to marry you. I refused you six times."  
He—"Yes, and then my luck had to give out!"

Andrew Sanlin of Thomas, Okla., was in McLean Saturday.

Dwight Upham motored to Clarendon Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lester visited in Wheeler Sunday.

Jim Sullivan motored to Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer went to Amarillo Sunday.

W. H. Craig of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. E. E. Dishman visited in Erick, Okla., Monday.

Hansel Christian motored to Clarendon Friday.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement t/c

**MEET THE MISSUS**

Only a few autos have rumble seats, but most every one has a grumble seat.—Buffalo Evening News.

Jess Grogan of Ramsdell was in town Saturday.

L. G. Matthews of Hereford spent the week end with his brother, Ted

Claude Harrison of Canyon was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Fonnie Boggers of Leslie was in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Clement of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Sunday.

W. R. Webster left last week for Geary, Okla., for medical treatment.

W. P. Wetzel was a Childress visitor last week.

**Johnnie R. Back**

Insurance

Fire, Hail & Tornado

**REAL ESTATE**

We have some good real estate bargains to offer. Buy now and be ready for the advance that is sure to come.

Try us when you are in the market. You will like our service.

**Massay, McAdams & Stokely**  
Phone 44

First Street Entrance, Citizens State Bank Building

**Shoe Repairs**

Harness Repairing  
Expert Workmanship  
Quick Service

**Bible Shoe and Harness Shop**  
Cecil Bible, Prop.

**White Leghorn Setting Eggs**

\$5.00 per 100  
White Leghorn pedigreed eggs  
\$10.00 per 100  
Jersey black giants eggs  
\$5.00 per 100  
Baby Chicks ready Feb. 23  
3 incubators and 1 coal oil brooder for sale.  
Mrs. Luther McCombs

**A GOOD PLACE TO EAT**

**TULSA CAFE**  
A. M. Clardy, Prop. Lefors, Texas

**AUTO REPAIRING**

All makes of cars. Work guaranteed. Prices reasonable  
Your trade appreciated.  
**S. E. McCounoughy**  
Rear Rogers Service Station

**New Arrangement**

We have made a complete overhauling of our store arrangement, new fixtures have been added and goods are now better displayed.

Our buyer is now at market, and new goods will be in stock within the next few days. Try our store for bargains.

**Cobb's Variety Store**

"More for Your Money"

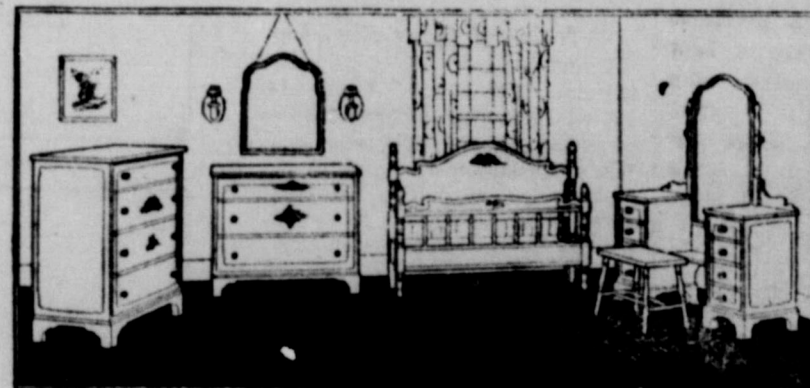
**Fresh Meats**

Our fresh meats can always be depended upon for prime quality, and they are handled in a sanitary manner. Our frigidare equipment insures that our meats are kept just right for the table.

Don't forget our new location, and that we deliver free with grocery orders from Puckett's and Bundy-Hodges.

**McLean Meat Market**

We Sell Better Meats  
Phone 120



**This Beautiful Suite**

of 7 pieces would add beauty and value to any home. It may be seen at our store, and the price will please you.

We have suites for any room in the house, as well as beautiful odd pieces, day beds, pictures, mirrors, book racks and tables, Coxwell and Sleepy Hollow chairs—in fact everything to beautify the home.

The prices are extremely low for this quality furniture. Come in and look over our offerings.

**McGowen Furniture Co.**

Claud McGowen, Mgr.

**News from Ramsdell**

Mrs. L. B. Pickens returned to her home at Clarksdale, Miss., Monday of last week after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pickens. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Purrows and little daughter, Evelyn, were in Amarillo on business Wednesday.

W. A. Lankford was a McLean visitor Thursday.

Miss Viola Jones, county home demonstrator, met with the club girls at the school house Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Lankford visited in the E. Exum home Thursday.

The Pagan basketball teams played the Ramsdell teams on the Ramsdell court Friday afternoon. The score of the junior boys was 22 to 3 in favor of Pagan. The score of the girls was 20 to 4 in favor of Ramsdell.

Mrs. J. G. Davidson and children were visitors in McLean Saturday afternoon.

Winifred Pierce sustained an injured arm Saturday when he was kicked by a car he was trying to crank. He is reported to be doing nicely at this writing.

Miss Hazel Cox spent the week end with her parents at Wheeler.

Mrs. Wilbourne Pierce and son, Winifred; Guy Pharis and Jeff Franks were McLean visitors Saturday.

Miss Nora Lee Gordon spent Saturday night with Miss Zella Mae Lankford.

Mrs. J. G. Davidson and daughters, Misses Lena and Iva, and Miss Edith Mae and Mildred Pharis were visitors in the E. Exum home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rand Griffin left Sunday to make their home at McLean.

A dinner was given in the Ferd Bones home Sunday in honor of the Birthdays of Mrs. Ferd Bones and Winifred Pierce, their birthdays being last Thursday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Bones, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pharis and little daughter, Margaret, and son, Guy; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burrows and children, Mrs. E. E. Fern's and sons, Jeff and Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pharis, Floyd Davidson, Louis Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. W. Phourne Pierce and sons, James and Winifred; Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Bones and son, Elmo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pharis called at the Dee McDowell home Sunday afternoon.

Guy Pharis spent Sunday night with Floyd Davidson.

A good program was delivered at the Epworth League Sunday although it was not very well attended.

Miss Donah May Exum spent Sunday night with Miss Lena Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCann and Will England of Shamrock were callers in Ramsdell Monday morning.

G. V. Koons was an Amarillo visitor Friday.

John Price of Amarillo was in McLean last week.

Dwight Upham motored to Pampa Sunday.

Olie Hommel of Clarendon was here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson went to Shamrock Sunday.

Sam Hodges was in Amarillo Friday.

Bert Smith of Lelia Lake was in McLean Saturday.

**PRINT SHOP FABLES**



Ha! Ha! Old Showpoke is Late Again with his Ad. for the 1492nd Time. Will ye Ed forgive Him and Stop the Press and Make the Paper Late to Squeeze in the Tardy Ad? Not any More. Henceforth the Paper goes to Press on Time, Ad or no Ad.

**It Took Fight to Catch This Giant**



After an hour and a half battle, this 195-pound tarpon was landed by W. H. Debold (left) and Harold Ryder at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The catch was made on the light rod shown here, although a man's hat would fit into the tarpon's mouth.

**THE TOO-SMART AVIATOR**

The officials of a Connecticut town sentenced Bert Acosta, noted aviator, to spend five days in jail for not leaving a sufficient amount of atmosphere between his plane and the ground while doing stunt flying. Acosta was able to obtain his release after serving only one of the five days, but perhaps the lesson will stay with him, and perhaps, also, it will be heeded by other flyers.

There is plenty of room for flying stunts. There is no necessity for aviators' flying too low over towns or performing stunts in such places and at such altitudes as to increase the danger to those below. It is small comfort to those who are endangered to realize that the aviator would suffer most if anything went wrong. Under proper regulatory measures, such flyers' licenses could be cancelled until they were convinced of the wisdom of such stunts.

In the long run, Congress's action in Acosta's case will save some lives.—Wichita Times.

Mrs. Ola Bailey of Wellington was a Sunday guest in the W. A. Webster home.

Clifford Hoffman of Shamrock was in McLean Sunday.

C. P. Frasier of Amarillo was a McLean visitor last week.

**MINE OF THE FIFTH INST**

"Do you really love me?" she wrote.

"Referring to my last letter," he promptly replied, "you will find that I love you devotedly on page one, madly on page three and passionately on pages four and five."

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hardendorf of Guymon, Okla., were McLean visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Campbell visited in Erick, Okla., Monday.

H. E. Samson of Amarillo was in McLean last week.

Jot Montgomery spent the week end in Dallas.

C. M. Jones was in Memphis last week.

**McLean Cafe**

Good Food, Well Cooked  
Service You Will Like  
Eat with Us

**Curley and Al Prop.**

**Announcement**

We have secured a lease on the McLean Laundry building and will operate a modern laundry, opening Friday of this week.

We will appreciate any patronage given us and will endeavor to render satisfactory service at all times.

**Matag Laundry**

R. O. Quance, Mgr.

**Notice Taxpayers**

**A. E. Dixon Company**

Income Tax Consultants

will be in McLean at the Citizens State Bank, February 17th and 18th, 1928

Let us do your income tax work

Eleven years experience in this business

The News had three calls for furnished rooms last week, but no rooms had been offered in our columns, so we were unable to give any information. If you would like inquiries for what you have to sell, try a wanted.

Prof. Toll Moore of the Pleasant Mound school was a caller at the News office Monday and promised to see that we have a correspondent from his neighborhood.

Mrs. J. H. Crabtree and daughter, Miss Pauline, and Miss Alice Carpenter were in Amarillo Saturday.

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

Mrs. T. N. Holloway and daughters, Miss Oleta and Mrs. Ruel Smith, were in Shamrock Saturday.

Mrs. L. W. Wilson and daughter, Miss Audra, visited relatives in Pampa Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Walker of Shamrock visited relatives here Sunday.

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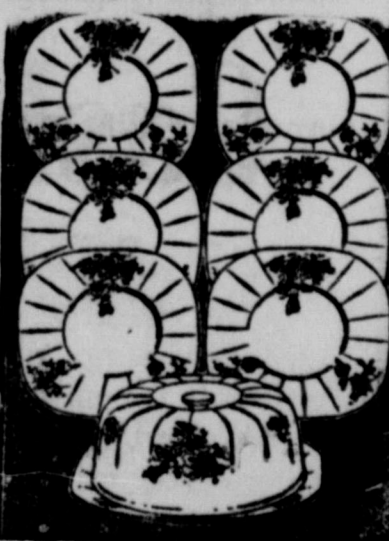
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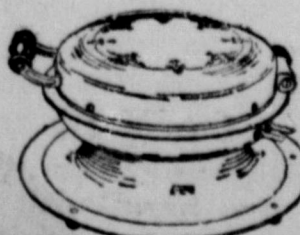
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**NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF COUNTY SEAT ELECTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF GRAY. TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, IN GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 9th day of March, 1928, within Gray county, Texas, to determine whether or not the county seat of said county shall be removed from Lefors to Pampa in said county in obedience to an election order entered by the Honorable T. M. Wolfe, County Judge, on the 30th day of January, 1928, which is as follows:

On this the 30th day of January, 1928, there was presented to me at the court house in Lefors, the county seat of Gray county, Texas, a petition signed by E. A. Shackleton and 260 others, who are freeholders, qualified voters and resident citizens of Gray county, Texas, praying that I, as County Judge of Gray county, Texas, order an election at the various voting precincts in said county for the purpose of determining whether or not the county seat of Gray county shall be removed from Lefors to Pampa in said county, and it appearing that said petition is in due form and is signed by more than 200 freeholders and qualified voters who are resident citizens of said county; and

Whereas, the county seat of Gray county at Lefors has been established for more than ten years before the date of this order;

It is therefore considered and ordered that an election be held in said county on the 9th day of March, 1928, which is not less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the county seat of Gray county shall be removed from Lefors to Pampa in said county.

All persons who are qualified voters under the Constitution and laws of this State and County shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to vote for removal to Pampa shall have written, or cause to be written or printed on their ballots the words "FOR REMOVAL TO PAMPA."

And those who desire to vote for the county seat to remain at Lefors shall have written or cause to be written or printed on their ballots the words "FOR REMAINING AT LEFORS."

The polling places and the presiding officers of said election shall be respectively as follows:

- Precinct No. 1, Lefors, Texas, George Thut; Precinct No. 2, Pampa, Texas, J. M. Dodson; Precinct No. 3, Knorr schoolhouse, Guy Lawrence; Precinct No. 4, Alanreed, Texas, S. R. Loftin; Precinct No. 5, McLean, Texas, A. A. Callahan; Precinct No. 6, Laketon schoolhouse Wheeler Par's; Precinct No. 7, Farrington schoolhouse, Guy Farrington; Precinct No. 8, Hopkins schoolhouse, W. E. Ginn.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the general laws of the State of Texas regarding elections for county officers.

Notice of the election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in the Pampa Weekly News and the McLean News, newspapers published in said county, for thirty days before March 9, 1928, the date of said election, and, in addition thereto, there shall be posted by the County Clerk other copies of this order at four public places in the county, one of which shall be at the court house door, and at least thirty days before March 9, 1928, the date of said election.

The County Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to give notice of said election as required by law and as hereinabove directed.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the seal of the County Court this 30th day of January, 1928.

T. M. WOLFE, County Judge, Gray County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 30th day of January, 1928. (SEAL)

CHARLIE THUT, Clerk of the County Court, Gray County, Texas.

Mrs. W. E. Clement and son, Harold, motored to Amarillo Sunday.

Miss Loyce Clement of Amarillo spent the week end with home folks here.

Miss Hazel Patty visited in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fulbright were in Amarillo last week.

R. H. Keese of Tipton, Okla., was a McLean visitor Sunday.

J. A. Hall of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Mr. Archer spent the week end in Shamrock.

M. L. Williams of Mobeetie was a McLean visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sparlin were in Clarendon Friday.

Mrs. E. T. McCleskey returned from a visit at Mobeetie.

Thelma Gatlin visited in London Friday.

**News from Alanreed**

The Rock Island agricultural opportunity train was in Alanreed Wednesday, and the men accompanying it gave an interesting program at the school auditorium. The visit will be helpful to many farmers of this community.

Quite a number of Alanreed people attended the pie supper given at the Eldridge school house Friday night for the benefit of the playground equipment of that school.

Rev. H. G. Walton conducted chapel exercises in the school auditorium Friday afternoon. His talk on the elements of a successful life was appreciated by the students and faculty.

Supt. Frank P. Wilson of Groom passed through Alanreed Sunday to and from his farm near McLean, and visited briefly with his friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilkins and children visited friends in Clarendon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James and children visited the former's brother in Groom Sunday.

Misses Inez and Zola Blankenship visited their parents in Goodnight Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Blakney visited friends in Clarendon Sunday.

Olan Castleberry of Clarendon was visiting friends in Alanreed Sunday.

Miss Jennie Sherrod spent Saturday night in the H. T. Wilkins home and accompanied them to Clarendon Sunday.

Rev. H. G. Walton preached to a large audience at the Methodist church Sunday.

The ladies missionary society met at the Methodist church Monday afternoon.

The Baptist ladies met at the home of Mrs. J. T. Blakney Monday afternoon.

S. R. Loftin has retired from the lumber yard, transferring the yard to its new purchaser, the Galloway-Roxworth Company. Mrs. M. C. Street has been ill for several days, but is reported improving.

**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP**

OF EDWARD GREENWOOD, A MINOR, No. 159.

In the County Court of Gray County, Texas, Feb. Term, 1928.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, C. E. Greenwood, guardian of the estate of Edward Woodruff Greenwood a minor, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Gray county, Texas, authorizing me as the guardian of the estate of said ward to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may order and direct, of the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said ward, to-wit:

A one-third (1-3) undivided interest in and to all the east one-half (E 1/2) of section No. two (2) certificate No. 1-887, B. S. & F. of Gray County, Texas, said application will be heard by the County Judge at the court house in the city of Lefors, Texas, on the 21st day of February, A. D. 1928.

All persons interested in the welfare of said minor or his estate may appear and contest said application if they desire so to do.

C. E. GREENWOOD, Guardian of the estate of Edward Woodruff Greenwood, a minor.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson of Pampa visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Lena Davidson of Ramsdell was in town Saturday.

Greceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement t/c

**MICKIE SAYS—**

"DON'T PUT OFF TILL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY" IS A GRAND OLE MOTTO FOR US, FOR IF FOLKS WOULDNT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE WITH THEIR COPY FOR 'M' PAPER ALL ORDERS FOR JOB WORK, WE'D GO 'ROUND WITH A SMILE FROM EAR TO EAR.



**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP**

OF THE ESTATE OF JESSIE CASH, A MINOR, No. 153.

In the County Court of Gray County, Texas, Feb. Term, 1928.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, C. J. Cash, guardian of the estate of Jessie Cash, a minor, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Gray County, Texas, authorizing me as the guardian of the estate of said ward to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may order and direct, of the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said ward, to-wit:

All the east one-half (E 1/2) of section No. fifteen (15) in block twenty-five (25) H. & G. N. Ry. Co's. survey in Gray County, Texas. Said application will be heard by the County Judge at the court house on the 21st day of February, A. D. 1928.

All persons interested in the welfare of the said ward or her estate may appear and contest said application if they desire so to do.

C. J. CASH, Guardian of the estate of Jessie Cash, a minor.

Miss Odie Matthews of Hereford is visiting her brother, Ted, and family.

**ON THE STAND**

Lawyer (to frustrated witness)— "Now, sir, did you or did you not, on the date in question, or at any other time, say to the defendant or anyone else that the statement imputed to you and denied by the plaintiff was a matter of no moment or otherwise? Answer me, yes or no."

Bewildered Witness—"Yes or no what?"

W. J. Ball of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Buck Campbell spent the week end in Crowell.

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Miss Sadie Campbell was in Clarendon Friday.

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**JOHN COBB NOW ON BAYLOR FACULTY**

The following article is clipped from the Baylor University Bulletin under the title "Who's Who on Baylor's Faculty":

**Prof. J. W. Cobb**  
Born at Dickens City, Texas, 1902  
Son of a Texas Baptist minister.  
Attended McLean, Texas, high school.

Attended prep and junior college at Wayland.  
Enrolled in Baylor in fall of '25.  
Received A. B. degree from Baylor with class of 1927.

Doing M. A. work at Baylor at present time.

Prof. J. W. Cobb, one of Baylor's newest professors and also one of the youngest, was born in Dickens county, in a small town named Dickens City, in the Western part of Texas, in 1902.

Prof. Cobb spent the earlier part of his life in that place, his father being a Baptist minister. At the age of eight, Prof. Cobb moved with his father to McLean, Texas, where he spent the remainder of his boyhood days. Rev. Cobb, his father, was doing missionary work and also the pastor at McLean.

Prof. Cobb attended the McLean high school and also the grade school. Before finishing his high school work, Prof. Cobb entered the preparatory department of Wayland College at Plainview, Texas, and after finishing his high school requirements, he entered the college department. Prof. Cobb finished his first two years of college work there, graduating with the class of 1925.

At Wayland, Prof. Cobb took an active part in student activities. He was president of the Senior class, as well as serving as editor of the year book of Wayland, "The Traveler." He was a member of the Philomathesian Literary Society and represented that society as well as the school at the state debates.

In the fall of 1925 Prof. Cobb enrolled as a student in Baylor University and remained here as a regular student until the spring of 1927 when he received his A. B. degree. In his A. B. work he majored in Bible and took his minor work in psychology.

Immediately upon receiving his A. B. degree, Prof. Cobb enrolled in the graduate school of Baylor. He is at present working on his Masters degree as well as serving as instructor in the University. He

**Where Nearly 40 Children Were Killed**



The dynamite-torn schoolhouse at Bath, Mich., where 36 pupils and five adults were killed when the building was dynamited by Andrew Kehoe, demented farmer, is pictured above. Kehoe, believed to have lost his mind when mortgages were foreclosed on his farm, was treasurer of the school board. He met death when dynamite in his car exploded after the detonation wrecked the school.

is majoring in psychology for his M. A.

In 1927 after finishing at Baylor, Prof. Cobb was married to Miss Ruby Wilson of Shamrock, Texas, who was also a student of both Wayland and Baylor. He is now in preparation for the ministry and is the pastor of two churches near Waco. He has twice served as president of the ministers group. After receiving his M. A., Prof. Cobb will enter some other school to begin work on his Ph. D., after which he will enter the Seminary.

Sidney Horler, an English writer, who made a brief visit to our shores recently, writes of his impressions, one of which is that "American women are beautiful, but cold." Which leads us to suspect that Sidney is not so hot, either.

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An irritant to be mixed with gas is being developed by British chemists, the idea being to make its inhalation so painful that people cannot use this means of suicide.

Five Paris nurses were discharged for giving patients ink instead of beef tea by mistake.

Helen Witzel, a farm girl living near Hatfield, Wis., is an expert trapper and clears about \$1,200 a year catching muskrats and other fur-bearing animals.

Mrs. Walter Zoll of Popular Bluff Mo., has pieced a quilt containing 21,840 pieces, some of which are less than an inch square, and claims the championship in that line.

Standing up in court when fined \$50 for speeding, Robert W. Galsen of Chicago kissed each of the five \$10 bills goodby as he handed them to the clerk.

Miss Verna Rice was in Shamrock Wednesday.

Mrs. W. S. Copeland visited in Shamrock Wednesday.

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