

## Court House Election Tomorrow, 9th

### Business Men Give Page Community Announcement

#### Smile Week Merchants Message

#### Second of Series Community Helps

The second of a series of a year's run of community advertising messages is given in this issue of The News.

This advertising is contracted for by the progressive firms of McLean who believe in the future of this section and want to show their appreciation and the spirit of cooperation in helping to build up the community.

The message this week is on the value of smiles and what causes a smiling community. It is well worth reading, for "Smile and the world smiles with you." A truer statement was never made. Test it out for yourself. When you get up in the morning, get up with a smile, meet your family and your friends with a smile—see what a big improvement it makes in your day.

Smiling will get work done quickly and efficiently. Smiling is much easier to do than frowning. The frown of determination may well and profitably be replaced by the smile if willingness to serve. Smile at Neighbor Jones and he will smile at you.

Smiles tend toward happiness in the home and in the community. It carries with it its own reward—a knowledge that each day we are doing our share toward making this a better and happier place in which to live.

Smiles make little troubles out of big ones, and little troubles disappear entirely when met with a smile.

Let's make this a town of miles and miles of smiles.

#### ALANREED SCHOOL

Following is the highest average by grades in the Alanreed school for February. Requirements for the Honor Roll are an average of 90 on literary work and a grade of 95 in deportment.

10th grade—Lois Harris 96, Wenona Street 94 (honor roll).

9th grade—Clyde Slavin 89, Rachel Ream 88.

8th grade—Alvin Ream 89 4-5, Erwin Browning 89 3-5, Ruth Duncan 89.

7th grade—Willie Dee Hall 91, Annie Lou Darnell 90 (honor roll).

6th grade—Lena Young 99, Monte Mae Gibson 90, Russell Hill 90 (honor roll), Denton Pool 89.

5th grade—Edna Reavis 93, Guendoline Darnell 91, Charles Young 93, Glen Prock 90, Artie Lee Smith 90 (honor roll).

4th grade—Kelly Howell 93 (honor roll), Thurman Duncan 89.

3rd grade—Laraine Lee 85.

2nd grade—Ealine Sherrod, Pearl Stokton, Jack Bledsoe Maxine Johns (honor roll).

1st grade—Merle Howell, Carl Browning, Myrtle Evelyn Hill (honor roll).

#### JUDGE RICE RECEIVES STATE APPOINTMENT

Judge C. S. Rice has been appointed to report vital statistics from the McLean and Alanreed precincts to the state department.

All births and deaths will be reported through Judge Rice's office hereafter.

#### MRS. FILER ENTERTAINS K. B. KLUB

By Mrs. Jim Back  
As St. Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland and made the people happy, so did Mrs. E. E. Filer drive gloom from the hearts of the K. B. Klub members and their friends when she so beautifully entertained with a St. Patrick's party on last Thursday afternoon at her home in East McLean. Guests arriving at two o'clock were ushered into an artistically decorated receiving room, green and white being the color scheme carried out.

A business meeting with Mrs. Loyse Caldwell, president, in the chair, was first on program. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, also dues paid. Mrs. Taley, secretary, gave the monthly report and quarterly reading of by-laws. Roll call showed all members present with the exception of Mrs. Lines, who is still away, and Mrs. Ted Matthews, whose baby was ill.

At two-thirty bridge playing began. Five tables had been arranged, each spread with a snow-white cover, on which, here and there, green shamrocks peeped out at one so natural-like that it seemed they must have, only an hour before, been plucked from the hills of "dear old Ireland." Score pads and tally cards, which proved a surprise on account of originality and design, were also of white and green. Lovely green baskets fashioned with shamrock handles were heaped high with freshly popped corn for the guests to enjoy while playing. When the games were concluded, the fact was revealed that Mrs. E. E. Dishman won high score for guests with Mrs. S. B. Morse a close second. For the members, Mrs. O. C. Shaw received high, Mrs. Loyse Caldwell second, while Mrs. J. E. Cubine was consoled with low.

At four o'clock the curtains to the dining room were drawn apart, disclosing two large, tastily arranged tables. In the center of each was a lovely fern whose green branches waved a hearty welcome to all. White candles in green holders gave a softened glow to the room as the guests came gayly in to find their places. Place cards original in green and white with a miniature Irishman keeping watch over the names proved a joyful surprise. On these were neatly typed twelve "green conundrums." This delightfully occupied the minds and provoked much thought ere the allotted fifteen minutes had elapsed. In this contest Mrs. W. L. Campbell was the most successful of the guests, and Mrs. Witt Springer the luckiest of the members.

Across the place cards lay the favors; for the guests lovely white rosettes, while each member received a tiny rolling pin (the club emblem) fashioned especially for the occasion by a brother of the hostess.

Mrs. Jim Back assisted in serving a delicious three course luncheon. The enjoyable courtesy was extended to the following guests: Mesdames W. L. Campbell, S. B. Morse, T. E. Dishman, L. G. McMillen, S. O. Hall, C. E. Gatlin, Sammie Cubine, John Haynes, Donald Beall and Su'a Veatch. Members present were: Mesdames O. C. Shaw, L. E. Caldwell, Ray Davis, J. R. Nichols, J. E. Peters, H. S. Williams, Witt Springer, J. E. Cubine and Arthur Talley.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. E. Peters Thursday afternoon, March 8.

Miss Mittie Jones of Enterprise was a guest in the J. H. Saunders home last week end.

#### Laketon Court House Program

#### Good Crowd Grets Lefors Forces at Laketon

Despite the short notice given of a court house meeting at Laketon last Friday evening, a good sized crowd was present to hear the Lefors forces.

T. A. Landers acted as chairman of the meeting, and after music by the McLean band, W. E. Bogan, president of the McLean C. of C., addressed the meeting, advising conservatism in making important changes in boom times.

M. D. Bentley, chairman of the court house forces, spoke of the heavy expenses incident to moving the court house, insisting that it is fair to all concerned to leave the location in the center of the county.

L. V. Lonsdale, secretary of the McLean C. of C., gave some legal points in connection with the election, and said that there is always a tendency to overreach in times of prosperity; the taxes to pay off a bond issue for a new court house will have to be levied for a long time after the boom times are passed.

Secretary Bachus of the Lefors C. of C. stated that a court house does not build a town, that good roads are needed more than a fine court house, and a railroad is not a necessity for the county site. Oil is the greatest factor in town building in Gray county, and a few years should see a radical change in the center of population.

D. N. Massay, prominent realtor of McLean, said that the present location for the court house is best from the permanent taxpayer's standpoint, and that if a new railroad is built up the river it will not miss Lefors.

A Laketon gentleman made a highly humorous speech along the same lines that was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

O. G. Stokely, chairman of the court house publicity committee, distributed circulars showing reasons for leaving the court house at Lefors.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the McLean band under the direction of Prof. Davidson.

#### JOHN F. STUDER ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

John F. Studer authorizes The News to announce his candidacy to succeed himself as County Attorney subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

Mr. Studer has served the county very acceptably in this office for the past four years, and he makes no new promises at this time, but will endeavor to fulfill the duties of the office in an acceptable manner if favored with a return to the position.

The News is glad to commend Mr. Studer's claims to its readers and bespeak careful consideration at the polls.

#### A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Geneva Corbin entertained a large number of friends last Friday evening, celebrating hers and her little brother, Bobbie John's birthday. Games were played and refreshments of cocoa and cake served.

#### Poultry Play to be Given Free

#### Tickets at Chamber of Commerce or Feed Store

A poultry play will be given at the high school auditorium next Monday night. Tickets may be secured free of charge at the Chamber of Commerce and at Cheney and Colebank's feed store. "The Lay of a Hen" is the title of the play, that has been shown in 38 states to over 250,000 people. Mr. and Mrs. Lett M. Russell, Phil R. Basket and Red E. Serviss are the leading characters of the play, which is given in four acts.

The play is not a moving picture, but a good clean comedy that is original, unique, cleverly acted, and carries a wealth of information to all poultrymen or owners of farm flocks.

It is hoped that everyone interested will secure tickets and attend the play. Read the quarter page advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

#### MASS MEETING HELD HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

A mass meeting to formulate final plans in the court house election was held at the Wilkerson building last Thursday night.

M. D. Bentley, chairman of the court house forces, was in charge, and a number of talks were made.

A collection to defray expenses was taken, practically everyone present contributing cash to the collection.

The high school band, under the direction of Prof. Davidson, gave several appreciated selections at the beginning of the meeting.

#### STORES WILL CLOSE EVENINGS AT 7

The dry goods stores of McLean will close at 7 p. m. each day except Saturday, beginning next week according to an agreement reached recently.

This is done to give the clerks a little more leisure time, and it is hoped that the public will cooperate by buying early in the day.

#### A SURPRISE PARTY

Reported.  
A surprise party was in store for Mrs. Minnie Fulbright Saturday, March 3, the occasion being her birthday.

Shortly after reaching home from church, folks started gathering in, each with a well prepared dish of food.

Those who attended the party were: Messrs. and Mesdames Lester Muncie, A. C. Williams of Canadian, M. M. Newman, W. B. Andrews, and Stagers of Berger; Mesdames Jim Saunders John Saunders, Blevins, King, Back, Barney Fulbright; Misses Maudele Alsop, Corrie Lee and Ida Belle Newman and Bonnie Clay Stagers.

#### MRS. SLIGAR ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Sligar entertained a number of young people Saturday evening with a party. Many games were indulged in, and at a late hour dainty refreshments of punch and cookies were served to the large number present.

#### PREACHERS MEETING IS SUCCESSFUL

Reported.  
The preachers meeting at the Church of Christ was from every standpoint a success. The only regrettable part of it was the inability of some of the speakers to meet their appointments. This affected the attendance at the day services. There was a full house every night, and good speakers for every meeting.

Bro. G. A. O'Neal, M. A., dean of Oklahoma Christian College, was present Saturday night and Sunday. His lectures were liked by all who heard them.

Bro. R. C. Jones of Amarillo was with us and spoke twice, though he was not on program. Bro. Wolfrum from Wellington was another of the unexpected, but appreciated visitors.

Saturday morning was one of the best days. A. C. Williams, minister of the church at Canadian, preached on "The Grand Old Book," a lesson that cannot soon be forgotten.

Other speakers helped to make the meeting successful. We are thankful for all such good things.

After the meeting let us be awake and try to stimulate any newly aroused interest we may note.

Remember our services Sunday at 10 a. m. and 6:45 p. m. You are needed at each and every service. Don't forget our prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7 p. m.

We heartily invite all friends of Christ and believers in Christianity to co-operate with us.

#### BIG FOOT RACE NOW UNDER WAY

The big transcontinental foot race to be staged over Highway 66 was officially opened Sunday when the runners started from Los Angeles for the 3400 mile hike to New York City.

\$48,500 in prizes will be divided among the winners, and some 276 entered the race, which will take about two months to finish.

#### FLOYD STOPS AD; TOO MANY ANSWERS

W. H. Floyd, manager of the McLean Hatchery, inserted a small display advertisement last month, with instructions to run during the season, but he called up last week and said to stop the ad, as he had already been forced to turn away over 2,000 eggs.

There is no guesswork about newspaper advertising, if you have what the people want at a fair price.

#### SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER

Miss Dorothy Cousins entertained a number of friends with a pot luck dinner Sunday in honor of Misses Clara Anderson, Lucille Rice and Mildred Richardson, whose birthdays were Friday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

A wonderful time and many good things to eat were enjoyed by the following: Misses Clara Anderson, Lucille Rice, Mildred Richardson, Margaret Johnston, Lorene Sparks, Irma Keese, Jane Campbell, Ruth Gray, Winnifred Howard, Merle Young, Edith Fleming, Dot Payne, Essie Payne, Frances Noel, May Belle Veatch, Cora Greer, Pauline Muncie, Letha Ashby, Johnnie Villa and Gorda Lou Haynes, and Dorothy Cousins.

Mrs. W. E. James and sons of Alanreed were McLean visitors Wednesday.

#### Court House Election Here Friday, 9th

#### Lefors Confident of Victory if Votes Registered

The fourth attempt to move the Gray county court house from the center of the county will be held tomorrow (Friday).

Those favoring leaving the court house at Lefors are confident of victory, if every voter does his duty at the polls.

Workers from Lefors, McLean and Alanreed have been making trips over the county in the interest of leaving the court house in the center of the county, for the past week. They make encouraging reports from people interviewed on the north side of the county. A circular was printed and mailed to every voter who might be undecided, and another circular giving some newly discovered information is being distributed today.

There has been no ill feeling in the matter manifested by anyone, and it is thought that no disturbance will be caused by the election.

The problem will be to get everyone interested to cast a vote and workers will probably be on hand at each precinct to try and get out a record vote.

It will take a two-thirds majority to move the court house.

#### MRS. BOYETT'S MUSIC CLASS IN AMARILLO

Contestants in the music festival at Amarillo from Mrs. Boyett's piano class are in Amarillo today, accompanied by their teacher and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit, Mrs. C. C. Bogan and Mrs. D. M. Graham.

Those entering the various contests are: Sybil Graham, Frankie Bogan, Lois Kirby, Joe Billy Bogan, Narine Smith, Lawrence Bourland, Laverne Pettit, Nora Lee Morgan, Maxine Fowler, Floye Landers and Letha Ashby.

#### EDITH RENEAU WINS TRIP TO WASHINGTON

Edith Reneau of Heald was one of the two state winners of a trip to the 4-H Club encampment at Washington next June.

Edith is a third year club girl who began her work with 45 barred rock eggs, from which she realized \$24.45. The same year she learned to cook, can and sew. In 1924, her second year, her total income from club work amounted to \$346.60. Last year's work was much the same as 1926.

Maurine McNatt, fourth year club girl of Hunt county, was the other winner.

#### FIREMEN ELECT DELEGATES

At a recent meeting of the McLean Fire Department, T. N. Holloway and Frank Day were elected delegates to the State Firemen's Convention that meets at Texarkana this month.

A number of merchants' advertisements this week carry messages on the court house election. Many more would have mentioned it, but it was not suggested until part of the paper had been printed.

J. E. Kirby and family went to Amarillo Wednesday.



# The Bat

A Novel from the Play

By Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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### THE STORY

**CHAPTER I**—Defying 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 variable reign of terror. At his 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, wounding 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.

**CHAPTER V**—Miss Van Gorder tells Anderson she has an idea. Courtleigh Fleming robbed his own bank and concealed the money in the house, but the detective believes the bank's cashier, Bailey, who is missing, is the guilty one. Brooks (who is really Bailey) is sought-for, caught, and Dale's fiance tells the girl he knows there is a hidden room in the house and believes Courtleigh Fleming hid the bank's money there. Dale telephones Richard Fleming, Courtleigh's nephew, asking him to come over.

"I told you I saw a man go up that staircase!" she wailed, jabbing her forefinger in the direction of the alcove stairs.

Miss Cornelia, now recovered from the first shock of the discovery, supported her gallantly.

"That's the only explanation, Mr. Anderson," she said decidedly.

The detective looked at the stairs at the terrace door. His eyes made a circuit of the room and came back to Fleming's body.

"I've been all over the house," he said. "There's nobody there."

A pause followed. Dale found herself helplessly looking toward her lover for comfort—comfort he could not give without revealing his own secret.

Eerily, through the tense silence, a sudden tinkling sounded—the sharp, persistent ringing of a telephone bell.

Miss Cornelia rose to answer it automatically. "The house phone!" she said. Then she stopped. "But we're all here."

They looked at each other aghast. It was true. And yet—somehow—somehow—one of the other phones on the circuit was calling the living room.

Miss Cornelia summoned every ounce of inherited Van Gorder pride she possessed and went to the phone. She took off the receiver. The ringing stopped.

"Hello—hello—" she said, while the others stood rigid, listening. Then she gasped. An expression of wondering horror came over her face.

"Somebody groaning!" gasped Miss Cornelia. "It's horrible!"

The detective stepped up and took the receiver from her. He listened anxiously for a moment.

"I don't hear anything," he said. "I heard it! I couldn't imagine such a dreadful sound! I tell you—somebody in this house is in terrible distress."

"Where does this phone connect?" queried Anderson practically.

Miss Cornelia made a hopeless little gesture. "Practically every room in this house."

The detective put the receiver to his ear again.

"Just what did you hear?" he said, stolidly.

Miss Cornelia's voice shook.

"Dreadful groans—and what seemed to be an inarticulate effort to speak!" Lizzie drew her gaudy wrapper closer about her shuddering form.

"I'd go somewhere," she wailed in the voice of a lost soul, "if I only had somewhere to go!"

pretty soon." Brooks—or Jack Bailey, as we may as well call him through the remainder of this narrative—started to obey. Then his eye fell on Miss Cornelia's revolver, which Anderson had taken from beside Fleming's body and still held clasped in his hand.

"If you'll give me that revolver—" he began in an offhand tone, hoping Anderson would not see through his little ruse. Once wiped clean of fingerprints, the revolver would not be such telling evidence against Dale Ogden.

But Anderson was not to be caught napping.

"That revolver will stay where it is," he said with a grim smile.

Jack Bailey knew better than to try and argue the point. He followed Billy reluctantly out of the door, giving Dale a surreptitious glance of encouragement and faith as he did so. The Japanese and he mounted to the second floor, as stealthily as possible, prying into dark corners and searching unused rooms for any clue that might betray the source of the startling phone call from nowhere. But Bailey's heart was not in the search. His mind kept going back to the figure of Dale—nervous—shaken—undergoing the terrors of the third degree at Anderson's hands. She couldn't have shot Fleming, of course—and yet—unless he and Billy found something to substantiate her story of how the killing had happened—it was her own, unsupported word against a damning mass of circumstantial evidence. He plunged with renewed vigor into his quest.

Back in the living room, as he had feared, Anderson was subjecting Dale to a merciless interrogation.

"Now I want the real story," he began, with calculated brutality. "You lied before!"

"That's no tone to use! You'll terrify her," cried Miss Cornelia indignantly. The detective paid no attention—his face had hardened—he seemed every inch the remorseless sleuth-hound of the law. He turned on Miss Cornelia for a moment.

"Where were you when this happened?" he said.

"Upstairs in my room," Miss Cornelia's tones were dry.

"And you?" badgeringly, to Lizzie.

"In my room," said the latter pertly, "brushing Miss Cornelia's hair."

Anderson broke open the revolver and gave a swift glance at the bullet-chambers.

"One shot has been fired from this revolver!"

Miss Cornelia sprang to her niece's defense.

"I fired it myself, this afternoon," she said.

The detective regarded her with grudging admiration.

"You're a quick thinker," he said—with obvious unbelief in his voice. He put the revolver down on the table.

Miss Cornelia followed up her advantage.

"I demand that you get the coroner here," she said.

"Doctor Wells is the coroner," offered Lizzie eagerly. Anderson brushed their suggestions aside.

"I'm going to ask you some questions," he said menacingly to Dale.

But Miss Cornelia stuck to her guns. Dale was not going to be bullied into any sort of confession, true or false, if she could help it—and from the way that the girl's eyes returned with fascinated horror to the ghastly heap on the floor that had been Fleming, she knew that she was on the edge of violent hysteria.

"Do you mind covering that body first?" she said crisply. The detective eyed her for a moment in a rather ugly fashion—then granted, ungraciously, and taking Fleming's raincoat from the chair, threw it over the body. Dale's eyes telegraphed her aunt a silent message of gratitude.

"Now—shall I telephone for the coroner?" persisted Miss Cornelia. The detective obviously resented her interference with his methods—but he could not well refuse such a customary request.

"I'll do it," he said, with a snort, going over to the city telephone.

"What's his number?"

"He's not at his office—he's at the Johnson's," murmured Dale.

Miss Cornelia took the telephone from Anderson's hands.

"I'll get the Johnsons," Mr. Anderson," she said firmly. The detective seemed about to rebuke her. Then his manner recovered some of its former suavity. He relinquished the telephone and turned back toward his prey.

"Now, what was Fleming doing here?" he asked Dale in a gentler voice.

Should she tell him the truth? No—Jack Bailey's safety was too intricately bound up with the whole sinister business. She must lie—and lie again—while there was any chance of a life being believed.

"I don't know," she said weakly, trying to avoid the detective's eyes. Anderson took thought.

"Well, I'll ask that question another way," he said. "How did he get into the house?"

Dale brightened—no need for a lie here.

He saw his sharp glance travel over to the fireplace—rest for a moment, with an air of discovery, on the fragments of the roll of blueprints that remained unburned among the ashes—return. She shut her eyes for a moment, trying tensely to summon every atom of shrewdness she possessed to aid her.

He was hammering at her with questions again.

"When did you take that revolver out of the table drawer?"

"When I heard him outside on the terrace," said Dale promptly and truthfully. "I was frightened."

Lizzie tiptoed over to Miss Cornelia. "You wanted a detective!" she said in an ironic whisper. "I hope you're happy now you've got one!"

Miss Cornelia gave her a look that sent her scuttling back to her former post by the door. But nevertheless, internally, she felt thoroughly in accord with Lizzie.

Again Anderson's questions pounded at the rigid Dale—striving to pierce her armor of mingled truth and falsehood.

"When Fleming came in, what did he say to you?"

"Just—something about the wealth," said Dale weakly. The whole scene was still too horribly vivid before her eyes for her to furnish a more convincing alibi.

"You haven't had any quarrels with him?"

Dale hesitated.

"No."

"He just came in that door—and said something about the weather—and was shot from that staircase. Is that it?" said the detective in tones of utter incredulity.

Dale hesitated again. Thus baldly put, her story seemed too flimsy for words—she could not even blame Anderson for disbelieving it. And yet—what other story could she tell that would not bring ruin on Jack?

Her face whitened. She put her hand on the back of a chair for support.

"Yes—that's it," she said, at last, and away where she stood.

Again Miss Cornelia tried to come to the rescue.

"Are all these questions necessary?" she queried sharply. "You can't for a moment believe that Miss Ogden shot that man!" But by now, though she did not show it, she, too, began to realize the strength of the appalling net of circumstances that drew with each minute tighter around the unhappy girl. Dale gratefully seized the momentary respite and sank into a chair. The detective looked at her.

"I think she knows more than she's telling. She's concealing something!" he said, with deadly intentness. "The nephew of the president of the Union bank—shot in his own house the day the bank has failed—that's queer enough—!" Now he turned back to Miss Cornelia. "But when the only person present at his murder is the girl who's engaged to the guilty cashier!" he continued, watching Miss Cornelia's face as the full force of his words sank into her mind. "I want to know more about it!"

He stopped. His right hand moved idly over the edge of the table—halfed



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beside an ash tray—closed upon some thing.

Miss Cornelia arose.

"Is that true, Dale?" she said, so rowfully.

Dale nodded. "Yes." She could not trust herself to explain at greater length.

Then Miss Cornelia made one of the most magnificent gestures of her life—"Well, even if it is—what has that got to do with it?" she said, turning upon Anderson, fiercely, all her protective instinct for those whom she loved aroused.

Anderson seemed somewhat impressed by the fierceness of her query. When he went on, it was with less harshness in his manner.

"I'm not accusing this girl," he said more gently. "But behind every crime there is a motive. When we've found the motive for this crime, we'll have found the criminal."

Unobserved, Dale's hand instinctively went to her bosom. There it lay—the motive—the precious fragment of blue-print which she had torn from Fleming's grasp but an instant before he was shot down. Once Anderson found it in her possession—the case was closed—the evidence against her over-whelming. She could not destroy it—was the only clue to the hidden truth that might clear

hile it—get it out of her hands—before Anderson's third-degree methods broke her down or he insisted on a search of her person. Her eyes roved wildly about the room, looking for a hiding place.

The rain of Anderson's questions began anew.

(Continued next week)

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If population centers were allowed to control the seat of government, Chicago would be the capital of Illinois and Washington would not be the capital of the United States.

The car that is not advertised locally does not sell well. Prove it by looking at the new cars in McLean. The sales leaders advertise in The News.

We wonder what the average church member would think if his pastor came to church just when he felt like it. Yet the pastor should feel no more responsibility toward the church than the lay member.

Someone remarked the other day in a joking manner that if the court house is moved to Pampa it should be built on skids so that the majority vote two years from now moving it back to the center of the county would not be so expensive. It will be better to vote our full strength and keep the county site where it is.

We are informed that the city council is at work on a milk ordinance for the city. This protection for the health of the citizens of the town has been sorely needed for some time; in fact, one man in speaking of this matter said that a milk ordinance is needed as badly as a sewer system. There can certainly be no objection on the part of anyone for such an ordinance, if drawn so that it will give absolute protection against communicable diseases.

Regardless of how the court house election goes, it is to be hoped that all may work for the best interests of Gray county. The Lefors advocates seem to have right on their side, and may congratulate themselves on conducting the campaign on a high plane, with malice toward none. Those who vote to move the county site probably are actuated by proper motives, and it is necessary that we all pull together after the question is finally decided, if Gray county is to take her rightful place in the Panhandle.

Revs. D. H. Brynoff and S. A. Cobb attended the Baptist rally at Modway church near Wellington Tuesday.

Adrian Dunkle of Erick, Okla., was a guest in the R. C. Patty home last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson of Pampa visited home-folks here Sunday.

N. H. Greer motored to Wellington Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Webster visited in Pampa Friday.

M. M. Newman was a Pampa visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Bob Anders of Amarillo is visiting in McLean this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hefner went to Lefors Saturday.

Elvin McClain of Amarillo spent last week end in McLean.

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

Miss Hazel Greer was a visitor in Amarillo Sunday.

Henry Benson visited in Pampa Sunday.

There are certain shades of green, gray and tan which look well with many color harmonies, so you can use them for background when you must have a rather limited wardrobe. Black, too, can be worn with almost any combination of colors. Think of your wardrobe as a whole, and buy articles that can be worn together with good effect.

Tin utensils need only be washed in hot soapy water, rinsed in clear hot water, and dried thoroughly. Don't scrape a tin saucepan, even if food sticks to it. Scraping exposes the iron or steel surface underneath, which may rust. If food has dried on the utensil, fill it with a weak soda solution, heat for a few minutes, and then wash.

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

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I insure anything. No prohibited list.  
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**Vote for Lefors**  
Don't forget to vote in the court house election Friday this week. Help keep the taxes down. Ask your neighbor to vote.  
When you need fresh groceries, remember we have them at a price you can afford to pay.  
**Hokus-Pokus**  
H. F. Wingo, Mgr. Phone 23

**Vote for Lefors**  
**Tomorrow (Friday)**  
and ask your neighbor to vote. A vote for Lefors means avoiding higher taxes. Make our place your headquarters on election day. We will have special prices on many items for Friday and Saturday.  
**Palace Meat Market**  
Virgil Threet, Manager  
McLean, Texas

When you want to make a meat loaf, have the butcher cut off a fresh piece of meat and grind it while you look on, or take the meat home and grind it yourself. Use the ground meat the day it was bought if possible.

**PROGRAM**  
at the  
**American Theatre**  
**Friday, March 9**  
"The Whip Woman"  
with Estelle Taylor, Antonio Moreno and Lowell Sherman  
**Saturday, March 10**  
Matinee  
"The Whip Woman"  
Night  
Fred Thompson in—  
"Don Mike"  
**Monday and Tuesday**  
March 12-13  
Carl Dane and George K. Arthur in—  
"Baby Mine"  
A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production  
**Wednesday, March 14**  
Esther Ralston and Lane Chandler in—  
"Love and Learn"  
A Paramount picture  
**Thursday, Friday and Saturday**  
March 15-16-17  
"BEN HUR"

Early spring is the time to get ahead with hot weather clothing. Stores are full of attractive cotton fabrics. Invest in a few dress lengths and make them up at odd moments so you will be prepared when the first warm days arrive.

Jam or jelly tarts, made of left-over pie dough and left-over preserves, will solve the question what to have for desert with very little trouble. Pie trimmings can also be cut into cookie shapes, brushed with egg-yolk, sugar and cinnamon, and used for cookies.

Clay E. Thompson of Amarillo was in McLean Friday.

**Who's Your Barber?**  
You will find the best of barber service at our shop. Courtesy and appreciation extended all customers.  
**Elite Barber Shop**

**THE BEST MEATS**  
Fresh or Cured  
Free delivery with grocery orders.  
Your Trade Apprecated  
**The City Market**  
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**PLANT TREES**  
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

**TAX NOTICE**  
I am now assessing property for state and county taxes for 1928. Please have real property descriptions and personal property inventories in readiness.  
L. V. LONSDALE, Deputy Assessor, Gray County, Texas  
Advertisement 8-Lf  
J. J. Simmons and family visited in Erick, Okla., Sunday.

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**Let Us Help**  
For Service, Phone 165 or 193  
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We haul anything, any time, anywhere.

**Trade at Home**  
**Vote Tomorrow**  
and ask your neighbor to vote for  
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if the meat is bought here, for the quality, handling and storage is of the best. Frigidaire equipment insures all the goodness of the meat perfectly kept.  
Free delivery with grocery orders from Bundy-Hodges and Puckett's. Telephone 120.  
**McLean Meat Market**  
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**Vote for Lefors**  
**Tomorrow**  
**Friday, March 9th**  
It is the duty of every citizen to cast a vote in the court house election tomorrow. A vote for Lefors means avoiding heavy indebtedness. Vote early and see that your neighbor has a chance to vote.  
When you need hardware and furniture, we are at your service.  
A new lister will insure better crops. Better let us supply your needs before the spring rush.  
**Benson-Hamilton Hardware and Furniture Company**  
Complete Home Furnishers  
Phone 184  
McLean, Texas



**News from Liberty**

Mr. and Mrs. Doy Holloway, J. O. Holloway and children visited at the Clyde Holloway home at Lack Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lively and son, Floyd, spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bodine and baby visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bodine, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lee, Vester Smith and family of McLean and Jason Morgan took Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Lee and daughter, Miss Alta.

Mrs. M. C. Cox, Mrs. R. L. Dunkle and children, Miss Adrian and Robert, of Trick, Okla., spent Saturday night and Sunday with the former's daughter, Mrs. W. R. Ault, and family. Mrs. Cox remained for a two weeks' visit.

Several from here besides the basketball boys and girls attended a match game with the boys and girls of Heald school Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Luther Petty transacted business at Shamrock Monday afternoon and attended the W. M. U. at the Baptist church. She called at the Frank Bell home on the return trip.

Mrs. Howard Hardin and daughters and Cleburn Roth spent Sunday afternoon at the H. C. Nelson home.

J. B. Porter, Jason Morgan and Wesley Foster of Gracey attended a teachers meeting at Wheeler Saturday afternoon.

H. M. Roth and family spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Floyd Lively, and family.

J. A. Gibson called on Luther Petty Thursday.

Frank Bell and family enjoyed dinner Sunday with Bob Bell and family at Heald.

Marian Ratliff and family moved Monday to the Noel place at Pleasant Mound.

All are requested to remember that the Wheeler county singing convention will be held at Ramsdell the third Sunday in this month.

Bert Perry of Roswell, N. M., spent Tuesday night in the Lee home.

M-G-MS "BEN-HUR," \$4,000,000 FILM, COMING HERE SOON

Boasts Cast of 150,000; Chariot Race Staged on Huge Scale

**HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Fleet of 100 Ancient Vessels in Big Sea Fight Between Romans and Pirates

General Lew Wallace's "Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ," that was a stage spectacle twenty-two years, and as a book enjoyed a circulation as large as the Bible, will be seen for the first time as a picture at the American Theatre next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It boasts a cast of 150,000.

Fred Nablo directed the production which begins with the Wise Men and the Star of Bethlehem, pictures Jerusalem under the Roman tyranny and the condemnation of the Prince of Hur to the galleys. The battle 'twixt the Roman fleet and the Greek pirates was filmed with a great Ben-Hur navy of antique modeled craft off the coasts of Italy.

**Thrills and Romance**

The celebrated Antioch chariot race, in which Ben-Hur and Messala contest for the palm, occupied three months in the making. Twelve quadrigas are driven seven laps over a course facing a Circus Maximus that holds nearly a hundred thousand spectators. The exquisite love story of Ben-Hur and Esther is intertwined with the thrilling action.

The final scenes deal with Ben-Hur's assembling of legions in the plan to establish a kingdom of Judea, the discovery of his long lost mother and sister in the Vale of Hinnom, the procession of Palm Sunday, and the healing of the sick ones by the Saviour, whereby Ben-Hur and his beloved Esther and kinsfolk are reunited.

Mrs. W. L. Haynes and daughters, Misses Johnie Vela and Gorda Lou, visited in Shamrock Saturday.

County Attorney John F. Studer sends us \$2.00 for The News a year.

Mrs. W. E. Clement visited in Amarillo Sunday.

Frank Bidwell was a Pampa visitor Sunday.

**REVENGE**

A well-known official of a telephone company was rudely aroused from his slumbers by ringing of the telephone. After bruising his knee on a chair, he reached the phone.

"Hello," he growled.

"Are you an official of the telephone company?" asked a voice.

"Yes, what can I do for you?"

"Tell me," said the voice, "how it feels to get out of bed at 2 o'clock to answer a wrong number."

When children say they do not like milk or eggs, they will often take them in other forms and not pay any attention to the fact that they are eating the food they have objected to. Custards, of course, are made of both milk and eggs. Milk-vegetable soups, white sauces served with other foods, and cocoa as a beverage, are all ways of hiding the milk the children need. Eggs in such desserts as whips, Spanish cream, souffles, meringues and even in cake, are valuable additions to the diet and may be given in those ways when eggs are plentiful. Best of all, however, is the method of gradually showing the children why they need certain foods, and so persuading them to eat what is set before them.

Vernon A. Turner, mechanic at Williams Motor Co., has returned from the Ford school at Oklahoma City, where he made second highest grade over Texas and Oklahoma. Mr. Turner has had 11 years experience, including two years and three months in the Ford factory at Dallas. The gentleman is a brother of Mrs. Kid McCoy.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 1/2c

**CURED HIM**

"Jones and his wife seem to be getting along so much better. Had you noticed it?"

"Yes. It all happened after he went to his old home back East this summer and saw the girl he had been dreaming and talking about the last twenty years."

The quantity of hay, silage and grain to feed to dairy cows will depend largely upon the condition and production of each cow. All cows do not produce the same quantity of milk and butterfat, consequently, they should not be given the same quantity of feed. Economical feeding usually demands that cows be fed liberally. Under most circumstances during the winter when cows are in milk and largely on dry feed, they should be given all the roughage that they will eat readily, and the grain ration should be adjusted according to the individual cow's production.

Floyd Morris and family of Wheeler visited in the E. T. McCleskey home Friday.

Mrs. T. N. Holloway and daughters, Misses Laeuna and Oleta, visited in Shamrock Saturday.

A. L. Hibler orders The News sent to his address a year.

Mrs. A. A. Christian was in Shamrock Monday.

Joe Rady of Clarendon was a McLean visitor Monday.

A. J. Mayfield of Amarillo was a McLean visitor Sunday.

Jim Sullivan motored to Lefors Friday.

**THE SLIM LADY**

Husband (reading aloud from a newspaper report of a fire)—"One woman escaped down a waterpipe at the back of the house."

Wife—How lovely to be as slim as that!"

Here's a good menu made from materials nearly everyone can get: Roast stuffed shoulder of lamb, baked cabbage with apples, string beans (canned or fresh), currant jelly, canned pear salad, chocolate pie. With bread stuffing and pie for dessert, no potatoes are needed. But if you are accustomed to having them, they can be boiled whole and browned with the meat.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jordan and little daughter, Elizabeth Ann, of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jordan Sunday.

Mesdames O. G. Stokely and C. P. Hamilton Jr. are visiting in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cash of Amarillo visited here Sunday.

Bud Guthrie of Panhandle visited here Friday.

Judge and Mrs. T. M. Wolfe of Lefors were McLean visitors last Thursday.

Miss Loyce Clement of Amarillo spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Clement.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Trwin were in Shamrock Monday.

Buck Campbell returned Monday from a visit in Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Christian went to Clarendon Monday.

Emery Crockett visited in Clarendon Monday.

O. J. Combest of Paducah was a McLean visitor Tuesday and ordered his subscription to The News renewed.

**Real Service**

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Raymond L. Howard, Assistant Cashier  
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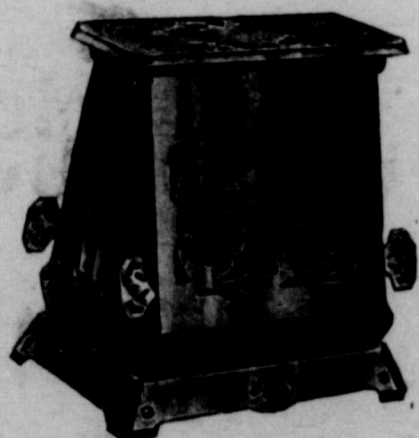
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of all kinds. Let us figure on your bill. You will like our service.

We also have a full line of hardware at reasonable prices. A share of your trade appreciated.

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**Special Offer for March only**

The new Hotpoint Toast-over Toaster with a specially designed Toggle Switch mounted in the base. The Toggle Switch eliminates the removal of the plug when an intermission in the toasting of the bread is desired.

**\$1.00 Down**

including a hand painted bread board and bread knife. Size of bread board 8x14 inches.

Balance of \$5.75 payable \$1.15 per month

**SOUTHWESTERN Public Service Company**

**"The Lay of a Hen"**

A Four-Act Poultry Play

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

McLean, Texas

**Monday, March 12th**

Starting at 8:00 p. m. Sharp

A humorous educational play with vital facts to every farmer or poultryman. Bring your wife and enjoy a good laugh.

After the play there will be given away, a free attendance prize—A DRY MASH SELF FEEDER

No Admission Will Be Charged

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Children unaccompanied by parents not admitted

Special Music

Free Admission Tickets May Be Secured at  
Chamber of Commerce and Cheney & Colebank



**News from Heald**

We are having lots of cloudy misty weather. Some have started to farming and making gardens.

Mrs. Nida Green, Miss Lotta Gill and Prof. Trostle attended Methodist quarterly conference at Dozier Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey were in McLean Saturday afternoon.

There was a large crowd attended the athletic meet at the school house Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Woods and children of Memphis visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dougherty Sunday.

The Liberty school played basketball with our school Friday and beat them badly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. and family, who have been on the Hubert Roach farm, have sold out and will move to Wellington this week. We are sorry to lose them.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Phillips visited their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Bailey, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eastham and children of Hollis, Okla., visited the lady's father, W. J. Chilton, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvel Phillips left last week for Vernon, where the latter will take medical treatment.

Mrs. W. H. Rutledge and son, Clifford, were in McLean Wednesday.

W. L. Hinton finished shelling corn last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey entertained the young folks Friday night with a leap year party. All report a most enjoyable time.

Bethel Cooper came in Monday to spend a few days with his wife at the home of her father, W. J. Chilton. He has been singing in a quartet in Oklahoma for a week or two.

Hubert Chilton visited relatives in Electra last week end.

W. J. Chilton, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Cooper were in McLean Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Lane were in McLean Saturday.

T. J. Litchfield and son, Noland, were in McLean Saturday afternoon.

Geo. R. Reneau was in McLean Wednesday.

Mrs. Sam Dougherty visited Mrs. J. P. Ewing Wednesday.

W. L. Hinton was in McLean Wednesday.

Sam Dougherty and T. F. Phillips were in McLean Wednesday.

**B. W. M. S.**

The Baptist W. M. S. met at the church Wednesday afternoon with 16 ladies present, for Bible study, conducted by Mrs. D. H. Brynoff. A business meeting followed, with Mrs. J. J. Cobb in charge.

A committee was appointed to have charge of conducting services for the colored women on Thursday afternoon.

Twelve sunbeamers met at the basement of the pastor's home under the direction of Mrs. Luther Betty. After devotional and study, the time was spent in preparing scrap books for unfortunate children. Your children from 3 to 9 years of age are wanted.

Both societies will meet next week at the home of Mrs. H. W. Finley at 2:30, for manual study.

A surprise waited those present at the close of the meeting by a program rendered by Miss Floy Lowe's expression class.

Mrs. Kid McCoy orders The News sent to James B. Cassada at Nowata, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. White were Amarillo visitors last Friday.

Henry Kinard of Dalhart visited relatives here this week.

W. T. Wilson was in Alanreed Monday.

O. F. Russell of Clarendon was in McLean Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim Wren and daughter spent the week end in Memphis.

Howard Boyd of Wichita Falls was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

J. B. Paschal of Elsworth, Kans., is visiting here.

A. T. Wilson was in Lefors Tuesday.

Beach Bentley went to Wichita Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grigby visited Sunday.

**B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM AT ALANREED SUNDAY**

A zone meeting of the Northfork Associational B. Y. P. U. will be held at Alanreed next Sunday afternoon, at which delegates from churches in Gray and Wheeler counties will be present.

The meeting is open to the general public, and the following program has been arranged:

2 p. m. Song service, led by Robert Harris, Alanreed.

2:10 Devotional, led by Loyse Caldwell, McLean.

2:20 Special talk as to plans for the future by President of Northfork B. Y. P. U.—Bro. Scott, Wheeler.

2:35 Special song—Mrs. Jack Sailors, Shamrock.

2:40 Joy in Service—Mrs. D. H. Brynoff, McLean.

3 Special music by McLean Baptist orchestra.

3:10 Ready for Service—Mrs. C. A. Baxter, Shamrock.

3:40 Business meeting.

4 Benediction—V. A. Duncan, Shamrock.

Miss Mary Anderson of Roxana visited home folks here last week end.

Mrs. Jesse Kinard and daughter of Dalhart are visiting relatives here.

K. E. Windom and family spent the week end with relatives in Amarillo.

J. R. G. Bird of Pampa was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Floyd Phillips motored to Wellington Friday.

Byrd Guill was a visitor in Memphis Monday.

Miss Ruby Cook visited in Amarillo Wednesday.

Charles Cousins was in Amarillo Wednesday.

Miss Maudelle Alsop of Canadian the week end in McLean.

Estel Bowen of Shamrock was in McLean Wednesday.

W. W. Overton of White Deer was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beall were in Erick, Okla., Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Burdine of Alanreed was here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Savage visited in Wellington Sunday.

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**

**FOR SALE**

COMPLETE cafe outfit for sale, reasonable. E. W. Sheekier at Clement Grocery. 10-4c

FOR SALE.—Residence and wagon yard. Frank Haynes. 8-4c

FOR SALE or trade.—6 room house, well, windmill and storage tank, close in. Will take good car. J. J. Simmons. 1p

Pure single comb dark brown Leghorn eggs, \$1.25 for 15; \$5.00 per 100, postpaid guaranteed. Phone 163, 2. Mrs. Herman Hunt, McLean, Texas. 1p

FOR SALE.—60 White Leghorn hens, \$1.00 each. Phone 14. 4. Mrs. M. D. Curry. 1c

FOR SALE.—Jersey cow with 1 day old calf. N. E. Savage. 1p

FOR SALE at a bargain.—Singer sewing machine, guaranteed in first class condition. Bundy-Hodges Merc. Co. 1c

FOR SALE.—Several hundred yards 6-foot picket fence, also a quantity of woven hog wire in 28-inch and 4-foot widths, used, but in good condition, at one-half price. O. G. Stokely. 1p

EGGS from Hollywood strain White Leghorns, limited amount for \$1.50 per setting. T. A. Massay. 9-4c

**MISCELLANEOUS**

WATER WELL contractor. Deep or shallow. Johnson Bros., Phone 128. 4-12p

POSTED. No fishing, hunting or other trespassing allowed on my property. L. H. Webb. 7-4p

MY DRAY line is not for sale. D. C. Christopher. 1c

REGISTERED Jersey bull for

**Beauty Shop**

to Open Soon

All Kinds of Work Done Experienced Operator to Assist Me

My Home by Presbyterian Church

**Mrs. Paschal**

service. Call me first. Geo. W. Sitter. 9-2p

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

Groceries are cheaper at Packett's Cash Store. ttc

Shall Heald, Gracey, Pakan and Liberty schools be consolidated? Hear the debate next Wednesday night. Heald P. T. A. 1p

MONEY to loan. We are prepared to loan you money on your farm at 7½%. See us. Smith Bros. ttc

**WANTED**

WANTED.—To buy Jersey heifer calves. Geo. W. Sitter. 8-2p

**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT.—4 room house with bath and garage. Geo. W. Sitter. 9-2p

FOR RENT.—One light house-keeping room or one bedroom. Mrs. B. Henderson. 1p

FOR RENT.—6 room house with 2 acre orchard, barn and windmill. Phone 83. 1p

LOST STRAYED.—Black spotted sow, weight about 225lb. Reward. D. C. Christopher. 1c

Buford Reed motored to Erick, Okla., Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Campbell visited in Amarillo Monday.

W. T. Wilson was in Pamp Tuesday.

**Vote for Lefors Friday This Week**

Ask Your Neighbor to Vote

Help Keep Taxes Down

**L. G. McMillen**

"I sell McLean"

**TOP PRICES**

Paid for your poultry, eggs, hides and produce.

We sell fruits, vegetables and feed.

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**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 28, 1928.

For County Judge: T. M. WOLFE

For County and District Clerk: CHARLIE THUT

For Tax Assessor: F. E. LEECH

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: JOHN V. ANDREWS

For County Treasurer: JOE M. SMITH

For County Attorney: JOHN F. STUDER

Mrs. W. B. Upham went to Amarillo Friday.

Mrs. Haskell Smith visited in Lubbock last week end.

John Stratton returned Wednesday from White Deer.

**Star Filling Station**

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Phone 131 Ted Glass Prop.

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Wash Dresses,

\$1.50 value for.....	\$1.00
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\$3.50 value for.....	\$2.75

65c Printed Indian Head @.....50c

\$1.00 Chestwood Chiffon @.....75c

50c Gingham @.....42c

35c Gingham @.....29c

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Men's \$1.25 Work Shirts for.....98c

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We handle the best, and can give you the service you like. If temporarily short we get it quick. Get our prices before you buy.

**McLean Hdw. Co.**

W. B. Upham, Mgr.

**Senior Play**

The Senior class will present

**"Her Step-Husband"**

at the High School Auditorium

**Friday, March 16**

**A Carload of Whippet Automobiles**

**Just Unloaded**

Come in and see these fine cars. We will be glad to demonstrate the model you desire. You may expect the utmost in value for the price in Whippet.

**Road Tire Service**

We are now equipped to give road service on punctures and blowouts. Use the telephone the next time you have tire trouble.

**Rogers Service Station**

W. P. Rogers L. L. Rogers

**Saturday Get Acquainted Sale**

For Saturday, only, we are going to give you your choice of 50 "brand new" dresses from our regular \$12.75 and \$16.75 line, and every one worth the price. But just to get acquainted and have you see our new store, take your unrestricted choice for

**\$8.75**

**Mitchell's**

**Apparel for Women**

McLean, Texas



**NECKING WITH DEATH**

My friend glanced at the crowd of spectators gazing upward at the airplanes overhead, then turned to me with a grin. "Huh," he said, "there will be plenty of unharmed parutes in this crowd tonight."

"But I couldn't see the humor in his remark. A girl's life was at stake."

Suddenly someone shouted, "Watch!" for the ship overhead had signaled by wobbling her wings. I turned my binoculars upward.

A tiny figure crept out upon the top wing and stood erect—held that position. The ship dived and slid down hill at a terrific speed preparatory to entering the loop, and then it happened!

Upside down the girl seemed to lose hold and poised upon one foot, like a toe dancer—seemed to dangle helplessly in the air—the 2000 foot fall being inevitable. But Lady Luck and a competent pilot saved the day by bringing the ship out of the half loop and scooping up the girl with the top wing which broke under the impact of her weight. The landing was made safely.

"I do it yet!" laughed the girl. "There is really no danger—provided the belt holds." I don't agree with her.

Few of you know or care anything about the finer points of the dare-devil's work. You watch without interest the most skillful handling of an airplane. But let a chute fail to open, a wing crack, a scunter slip—and you have got your money's worth.

"A dare-devil differs from ordinary folk," said the girl to me, "only because he or she has mastered fear—the psychology of fear. Add to that the careful consideration of all the factors in your stunt, top it with supreme confidence in yourself, and you can perform what most people wrongly call prodigious deeds. Anyone can walk fifty feet on a plank that is fast on the ground, but lift that plank 100 feet in the air and one must bring reason to bear upon an instinct that doubts the ability to do simple things."

"My life is not the kind that merits low insurance rates. I haven't the least idea how long I shall be able to continue with this work, and I have no illusions concerning the hazards involved. Eventually an accident will happen, and then—

"I will be a memory!"

Many sloping fields could be protected from erosion by terracing, but some types of soil wash too readily for cultivation and should never be used for any purpose other than meadow, pasture or forest. Terracing will become more popular, engineers and soil experts of the Department of Agriculture are confident, when research has developed new methods of soil conservation and when experimental demonstrations have proved that terracing is good business and will result in direct profits to the landowners who provide such care for their fields.

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

**BANKERS GIVE ADVICE**

The advice of bankers is usually good. This from the American Bankers' magazine is worth consideration:

"No business man in any town should allow a newspaper published in his town to go without his name and business being mentioned somewhere in its columns."

"This applies to all kinds of business and professional men. It does not mean that you should have a whole, half or even a quarter page ad in each issue of the paper, but your name should be mentioned, if you do not use more than a two-line space."

"A stranger picking up a newspaper should be able to tell what business is represented in the town by looking at a paper. This is the best possible town advertiser."

"The man who does not advertise his business does an injustice to himself and the town. The life of a town depends upon the live, wide awake and liberal advertising business man."

Waxing or varnishing improves the appearance of linoleum and makes it last longer. Use wax on the inlaid and plain kinds, and varnish on the printed ones, for wax sometimes tends to soften the printed surface. If either of these finishes is applied, the linoleum is then cleaned and cared for like a wood floor so finished. If not given a special finish, linoleum should be swept with a soft brush and dusted with an oiled or dry mop. Occasionally, it should be cleaned more thoroughly with a cloth wrung out of suds made with lukewarm water and neutral soap. Rinse the linoleum with clear water and dry with another cloth. Only a small space should be wet at a time. A linoleum-covered floor should never be flooded. Strong soaps and cleaning powders that contain alkali injure linoleum and should never be used on it. Whenever any kind of cleaning powder is used on a very dirty spot, care should be taken to remove any trace of the water in which the powder was dissolved.

**CITY ELECTION NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gray, City of McLean: To the qualified voters of the City of McLean, Texas:

Take notice that an election will be held on the 9th day of April, 1928, at M. D. Bentley's office in the City of McLean, Gray county, Texas, for the following purpose and none other:

Electing two City Aldermen. Every person who has attained the age of twenty-one years of age and who has resided within the corporate limits of the said city for six months next preceding the date of said election and is a qualified voter under the laws of the State shall be entitled to vote at said election.

No person shall be eligible to any of said offices unless he possesses the requisites provided for voters at such election.

A. T. Young has been appointed to serve as presiding officer of said election, and he shall select two judges to assist in holding the same.

Said election shall be held in the manner prescribed for holding elections in other matters.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 29th day of February, 1928.

C. J. CASH, Mayor, City of McLean, Texas.  
Attest: W. E. BOGAN, Secretary.

Liver that has been fried with bacon and a little onion may be scalloped with rice in a baking dish. Salt pork may be used instead of bacon, and raw potatoes, thinly sliced, instead of rice.

P. V. O. Rhea of Lefors was in McLean Monday and handed us \$2.00 to keep The News coming to his address.

**MEADOR CAFE**

Modern Equipment  
Pleasant Service  
Your Patronage Appreciated

**PERSONAL LIBERTY**

Neither this country nor any other is given to the theory that all men should have all liberty. Certain liberties are fundamental, but surely the drinking of a poison that deprives one of judgment, that inflicts poverty on innocent victims that incites to crime and altogether is a heavy burden on society, is not one of the fundamental, important liberties. Prohibition is a restriction akin to the traffic laws that keep one from driving any way and anywhere he wishes. It is akin to the drug prohibition. It is akin to the law against theft and murder.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Texas leads the entire country in the gain in value of manufacturing, according to the Texas State Manufacturers' Association. The state showed a \$300,000,000 increase in this line in 1927.

C. L. Pettit has renewed his subscription to The News.

**C. S. RICE**  
Funeral Director

FUNERAL SUPPLIES  
MONUMENTS  
LICENSED EMBALMER  
Phones 13 and 42

**CAR SERVICE**

Gasoline, Oil, Greases  
and Accessories  
Lester's Service Station  
Claude Lester, Mgr.

**Bonnie Beauty Shoppe**

Belcano Facials  
Marcelling  
Permanent Waves  
Shampooing, Scalp Treatments  
MABLE WATSON, Operator  
Montgomery Drug Store  
Phone 253

**A HE-MAN'S JOB**

"I want you to understand," said Young Spender, "that I got my money by hard work."

"Why, I thought it was left to you by your rich aunt!"

"So it was; but I had to work to get it away from her lawyers."

**REAL ESTATE**

Oil Leases, Royalties  
City and Farm Property  
Haynes & Lester  
Phone 141

**AUTO REPAIRING**

All makes of cars. Work guaranteed. Prices reasonable. Your trade appreciated.

**S. E. McCannoughey**  
Rear Rogers Service Station

**DR. THOS. M. MONTGOMERY**  
Eyeglass Specialist

McLean every four weeks. Office at Dr. W. Company. Next date FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1928. Now associated with HYDEN'S 620 Polk St., Amarillo, Texas

**Spurgeon Said:**

"God sends every bird its food, but he does not throw it into the nest." Every man is given an opportunity to make money—but it is up to the man himself to accumulate it.

**The Citizens State Bank**

CAPITAL, BOND AND SURPLUS \$58,700.00  
I. S. MOISE, President C. C. BOGAN, Cashier

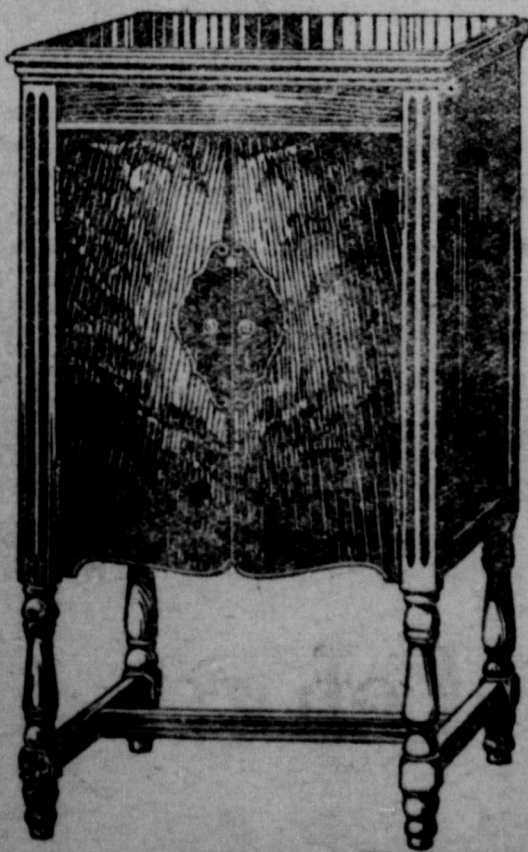
**Abstracts**

We make daily trips to Lefors and can render you the quickest possible service on abstracts.

You can depend upon the accuracy of our work. Let us have your next abstract.

**McLean Abstract and Title Co.**

Donald Beall, Pres.



**Brunswick Panatrope**

The combination of the Brunswick Panatrope and Brunswick Electrically-recorded Records achieves a quality of tone, the charm and beauty of which is not only marvelously reproduced in the instrument, but the clarity of the original is actually improved.

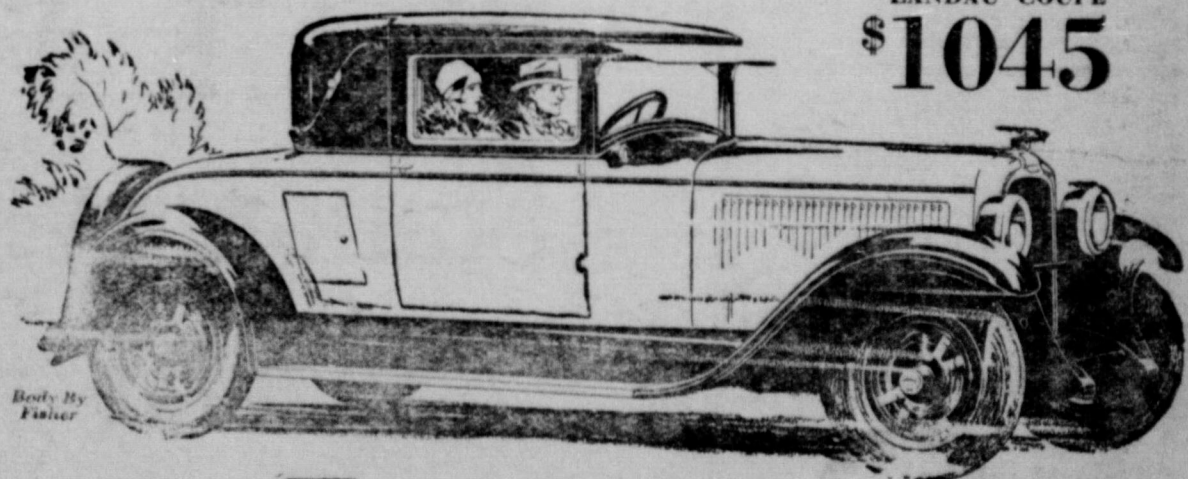
Demonstrations gladly furnished in your home, at our store or anywhere you desire, with no obligation on your part to purchase. Call, 'phone or write!

Sold on Convenient Terms

**McLean Radio Co.**

Phone 271 McLean, Texas

**OAKLAND ALL-AMERICAN SIX**  
PRODUCT OF GENERAL MOTORS



**The Smoothness and Snap That All America is Demanding**

There's no longer any doubt about it. America is demanding more and more from its automobiles. More power . . . more style . . . more speed. And above all else . . . more smoothness and snap.

Smoothness that brings to driving new pleasures and new delights. Snap that responds to the traffic signal as a sprinter responds to the gun. Smoothness and snap that you know are the very essence of motoring satisfaction. Smoothness and snap that you find revealed in the All-American Six.

You find them there because of Oakland's big, impressive brute of an engine which starts so easily 'way below zero. Because of its famous GMR cylinder head . . . force feed fuel pump . . . 79-lb. crankshaft and other vital parts.

Because of its ruggedly constructed chassis . . . its bigger clutch and smoothly shifting gears . . . and the super-precision construction demanded in the All-American principle of design.

Once you've experienced its smoothness . . . once you've witnessed its snap . . . you'll know why the All-American Six is winning such tremendous success!

**PRICES**

2-Door Sedan	\$1045	4-Door Sedan	\$1145
Sport Roadster	\$1075	Cabriolet	\$1155
Phaeton	\$1075	Landau Sedan	\$1265

New Series Pontiac Six, \$745 to \$875. All prices at factory. Delivered prices include minimum handling charges. Easy to pay on the liberal General Motors Time Payment Plan.

**King Motor Co.**



**Next Sunday's Lesson**

Outlined by Rev. B. W. Wilkins

Subject—"Compassion of Jesus for Human Need."

Golden text—"I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35

**I. Prominent Thoughts:**

1. Jesus concerns Himself about the tired condition of life. "Come ye apart—and rest a while."

2. Jesus was concerned about what the people believed. "And He began to teach them many things."

3. Jesus was concerned about physical hunger. He looked upon an assembly of more than 5,000 and said "Give ye them to eat."

4. Jesus presents an example of the possible multiplication of a good thing and the blessing, with it, of many people by the use of the loaves and fishes.

**II. Thoughts for Today:**

1. Humanity is tired today. Rest is needed but often sought from unresponsive sources.

2. Restless, busy, anxious humanity tries every available means for the purpose of finding rest and often to find all delusion.

3. Satisfying rest must be something which relates to the mind and soul as well as to the body.

4. Jesus was ever found correcting error. Today the mission of Christianity is to correct incorrectly held ideas and ideals.

5. Every phase of human life was considered by Jesus. Hunger brought from Him one of His greatest miracles. His consideration of

the 5,000 forms a good basis for many fields of philanthropy.

6. The feeding of several thousand people with five loaves and two fish can be explained only as a miracle. Increased possibilities from small resources show prominently. An encouragement to the undertaking of any worth while task regardless of our often meager resources.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

D. H. Brynoff, Pastor

Announcements for Sunday, March 11:

Sunday school at 10 a. m. We had good attendance last Sunday, though the weather was rather disagreeable. Let us all purpose now to be present next Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. At this service we will likely take our offering for the Conquest Campaign. Let each member come prepared to do his best. A worthy offering from every member will enable us to meet our responsibility to our denominational work.

The B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching service at 7:30 p. m. You are welcome to all these services.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

R. R. Rives, Minister

Services next Sabbath at the usual hours:

Bible school 10 a. m.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Young people 6:30 p. m.

You are cordially invited to all the services.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor

All services at the usual hours next Sunday.

Last Sunday was a very satisfactory day with us. Missionary offering campaign was launched with good results. One additional member to the church, Horace Brooks of C. M. Stone dry goods firm. We are glad to have Mr. Brooks with us.

On Tuesday night of this week

we had our conference and district Sunday school workers with us.

Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Nance, Mrs. W. E. Lion and Rev. C. E. Jamison. Between forty and fifty attended the meeting. We expect good results to follow.

Remember you are cordially invited to worship with us.

Rev. B. W. Wilkins has our thanks for an order to send The News to his mother, Mrs. E. N. Wilkins, at Hale Center.

**Notice**

**Closing Hours**

The dry goods stores of McLean have agreed to close at 7 p. m. each day, beginning next week. We trust our customers will co-operate in buying before that hour.

**Good Locations for Home**

Get yours now. The high grade of Gray county oil puts McLean in a very favorable position. It will continue to grow, and these fine lots with sewer, water, lights and gas are worth quite a bit more than I am asking for them, but I need some money. See Mr. McMillen or Massay, McAdams & Stokely, or write or phone me.

D. C. Jones

No. 7 Stiles Circle Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Don't Forget**

to Vote Friday, March 9th for Lefors for the County Site

and see that your neighbor votes.

When in need of furniture, rugs and linoleums, remember we have it in stock and are always pleased to show you.

**McGowen Furniture Co.**

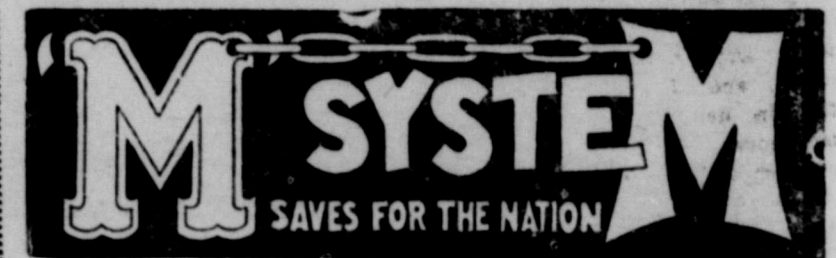
We Lead—Others Attempt to Follow  
Claud McGowen, Mgr.

**"M" System Grocery**

Specials for Saturday, March 10th

- Large head lettuce only ..... 11c
- Large stalk celery only ..... 19c
- 48 lb. Honey Bee flour ..... \$1.80
- 8 lb. Swift's Jewel lard ..... \$1.18
- 10 lb. bag sugar ..... 69c
- 15c Van Camp pork and beans ..... 8c
- 15c kraut only ..... 8c
- No. 2 corn for only ..... 12c
- 15c package seedless raisins ..... 10c
- 100 lb. shorts, good and rich ..... \$2.00
- 100 lb. bran ..... \$1.70

We carry a line of fresh vegetables at all times. Phone No. 9 for quick service.



McLean, Texas

J. C. Ford, Manager

We Lead, Others Try to Follow

**Far ahead**

**Never a car so Beautiful.. and Never a car so Good**

Today's Buick brings to its owners a higher degree of beauty than any other car in the Buick field has ever offered.

Accompanying this beauty—and giving it real meaning—is the superlative goodness and reliability of Buick engineering.

See Buick—drive it—compare it with others—and you'll agree there was never a car so beautiful and never a car so good!



SEDANS \$1195 to \$1995 SPORT MODELS \$1195 to \$1525 COUPES \$1195 to \$1850

All prices f.o.b. Flint, Mich., government tax to be added. The G.M.A.C. finance plan, the most desirable, is available.

MANZER MOTOR COMPANY  
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Oils, Gas and Accessories  
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Magnolene Ford Oil will make your Ford run better.  
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Physician and Surgeon  
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"BEN-HUR," DUE HERE SOON.  
FOATS A GREAT CAST



Ramon Rovarro, Betty Bronson, May McAvoy, Francis X. Bushman and Carmel Myers enact the principal parts on "Ben-Hur," supported by 150,000 extras and great scenic and chariot race magnificence. The celebrated picture epic, made by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in arrangement with A. L. Erlanger, C. B. ... and F. Ziegfeld Jr., ... American Theatre next ... and Saturday.

**Week End Stationery Special**

Regular Pound boxes with gold edged & lined envelopes

**\$1.00 to \$1.50 values for only 59c**

**Erwin Drug Co.**

**Vote for Lefors**

Help avoid more county indebtedness that must be paid by increased taxation. The money transferred from the court house and jail fund cannot be replaced and used for this purpose, but additional taxes must be levied for a new court house.

Good roads are needed in Gray county more than a new court house. A vote for the court house to remain at Lefors means more money for good roads.

Every vote possible is needed tomorrow. Vote early and see that your neighbor does not forget to vote.

**Vote for Lefors Friday, March 9**