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McCauley-Morse No. 1 Making 360

New High School Building Recommend by Supervisor

Supervisor Recommends Requirements

Several Things Needed to Make Effective Work

Miss Opal Gilstrap, state supervisor of schools, visited the McLean school recently and made the following report:

In order that the schools may be properly certified it is essential that minimum requirements be met. To that end the supervisor who recently visited your school makes the following recommendations:

1. That immediate steps be taken toward the erection of a new high school building. The enrollment is increasing rapidly, and the building now in use is by no means adequate. It is unjust to force children to attend school and stay in the rooms now occupied by the second grade children. Several rooms are crowded and the high school work is suffering from lack of space. The building is not suitable for a modern high school program, including vocational work, but could easily be rendered desirable for a grade building. A new high school building will not require so much space as a new ward building will require. At least fourteen rooms should be provided for the grades.

2. That all seats be arranged in such way that the light will fall from the pupils' left. (See Texas School House Building Laws.)

3. That the school be given one, and only one, year to equip a science laboratory in which creditable work may be done. If this weakness is not overcome before the school is visited next year, the science credits should be cancelled.

4. That the telephone be moved to the superintendent's desk.

5. That shades be provided for all windows.

6. That the following books be added to the high school library: a. Modern fiction, drama and poetry; b. History source books.

7. That all classes of one department be given to one teacher, whenever possible.

8. That two additional grade teachers and one additional high school teacher be employed next year. The superintendent should be relieved of some of his classroom duties, in order that a more effective system of supervision may be organized.

9. That material be submitted for two credits in home economics, one-half in vocational agriculture.

10. That commendation be expressed for the material improvements and additions made in the past year: a. New primary building, \$2,000; b. Home economics equipment, \$700; c. Vocational agriculture equipment, \$400; d. Library additions, \$400; e. New fountain, \$400. Some excellent classroom work was observed. The grade libraries are worthy of mention. It is suggested that an encyclopedia be purchased for the lower grades.

The courtesy extended the visiting supervisor was appreciated.

The regulations as prescribed by the committee are administered by the State Department of Education through high school supervisors. In the visit of the supervisors and in their reports to school authorities, recommendations are offered in the spirit of co-operation and helpful suggestion, with the earnest desire that all school authorities will join with the State Department in their efforts to maintain the necessary

Election for School Trustees

Election Called for First Saturday in April

Election of school trustees for the McLean Independent District will be held at the Methodist church basement Saturday, April 7th.

Due to the fact that there was no election held last year there are seven trustees to be elected, three for a one year term and four for two year terms.

Names of candidates must be filed with the county judge in time to have same printed on ballots.

It is understood that some of the members of the old board have signified their willingness to have their names used on the ballot for the coming term, and other good men, as well as some women candidates are being considered.

The present board has been instrumental in securing much needed improvements in the district, and the school has enjoyed a steady growth the past few years.

Supt. Geo. Tummins and Mrs. Tummins have been employed for their present positions the next term. Mr. and Mrs. Tummins have given the best of satisfaction the past two terms, and the school board is being commended for securing them for another year.

The full text of the election order may be found on another page of this issue of The News.

FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH LUMBER CO. MOVED

According to B. F. Gray, manager of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co., they are now in their new offices formerly occupied by the Clem Lumber Co.

In our news item of last week, it was stated that the Clem buildings would be sold. This was an error, as the company has moved to the Clem buildings. Mr. Gray says he was kept busy this week explaining the error.

FREE LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION APR. 2

Mr. Farrar will lecture at the high school auditorium and give demonstration on the uses of concrete the afternoon of April 2, under the auspices of the agricultural department.

Prof. Tampke requests that all contractors, farmers and others interested be present for the demonstration.

WHEELER COUNTY TO VOTE ON BONDS

An election has been called for Saturday, April 21, in Wheeler county to vote on the question of issuing \$1,000,000 road bonds.

A recent election was declared illegal on a technicality, and if for any reason this election fails, the south part of the county will form a separate road district and vote the bonds.

\$300,000 of the issue asked for will be spent on Highway 66.

Miss Lorene Meek spent the week end in Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Fentley went to Amarillo Thursday.

Standards of secondary education in Texas.

Court House Election to Be Contested

Mass Meeting Decides to Contest Election

A mass meeting was called for property tax payers in this precinct to meet in the auditorium of the First Baptist church Monday night to discuss the advisability of contesting the recent court house election.

A number of enthusiastic speakers addressed the audience, and representatives of the different law firms employed gave opinions of the legal phase of the matter, after which it was decided to contest the election.

A number of things were offered as grounds for a contest, favorable action on any one of which would change the results of the election.

This action followed the denial of an injunction by the District Judge at Pampa last Friday.

Trucks were waiting at Lefors for the judge's decision, and immediately following the news of the injunction denial the county records were loaded and taken to Pampa, where they now repose in the basement of the First Baptist church.

Several court house sites were inspected in Pampa by the county commissioners Monday, ranging in price from \$12,500 to \$20,000, and a number of architects and contractors appeared before the court, but no definite action was taken.

It is intimated that the commissioners will visit nearby court houses before letting a contract for a new building. The fact was brought out that a new court house may be built by a bond issue or the issuance of warrants by the court.

HEFNER BUYS FINE CALVES

Carl Hefner was the successful bidder on three fine calves from the club boys at the Amarillo cattlemen's convention this week.

These fat baby calves will be placed on sale at the McLean Market Saturday, and Mr. Hefner says he can personally recommend the steaks, roasts, etc., sold from these calves.

ERROR IN DR. MONTGOMERY'S AD

Dr. Thomas M. Montgomery will be in McLean April 6, in place of the date mentioned in his advertisement on another page.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dial of Memphis were in McLean Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Campbell went to Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell motorer to Amarillo Wednesday.

Merts Doran of Shamrock was in McLean Wednesday.

J. M. Carpenter was an Amarillo visitor Wednesday.

Misses Alma and Veima Lester of Wheeler are visiting here this week.

C. M. Carpenter was in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ford were in Amarillo Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Davis of Pampa was in McLean Wednesday.

School Play to Be Given Friday

"Her Step-Husband" Title Senior Play

"Her Step-Husband" is the title of an entertaining play to be given by the senior class of the McLean high school Friday evening at the school auditorium.

This play is under the direction of Mrs. Bob Black and Miss Carmen Ulm, and a good time is promised all who attend.

Considerable time has been spent in rehearsing the play, and a full list of the cast of characters will be found on another page of The News.

ARMSTRONG NEW OWNER HOKUS-POKUS

G. L. Armstrong has bought the Hokus-Pokus grocery and will probably be in full charge by Monday of next week.

Mr. Armstrong is a former resident of this community and has been engaged in the grocery business at Hedley for the past two years.

Involving is now going on at the Hokus-Pokus, and full announcement will be in our advertising columns next week.

H. F. Wingo, former manager of the grocery, has not announced his plans for the future.

K. B. KLUB MEETS WITH MRS. SHAW

Reported. Mrs. O. C. Shaw proved an unusually charming hostess to the K. B. Klub last Thursday afternoon at her apartment in the Graham rooms.

Due to the absence of the president and the tardiness of the vice president, no business meeting was held, but members went immediately to the pleasure of bridge.

Tally cards were lovely in green and white in keeping with St. Patrick's day, and on the corner of each table an Irishman's hat when tipped revealed delicious green and white candy for the enjoyment of the guests.

After several hours of delightful and interesting games, Mrs. Sula Veatch won guest high, Mrs. J. R. Nichols high score for members, while Mrs. J. E. Peters held second, Mrs. E. E. Filer lost her "rabbit foot," which was the sole cause of her getting low score.

Miss Lola Shaw and Mrs. Ray Davis assisted the hostess in serving delicious refreshments. Plate favors were unique green pigs that might have been driven from the banks of the river Shannon by Pat and Mike.

Those enjoying the delightful entertainment were: Mesdames Arthur Talley, J. E. Cubine, Ray Davis, J. R. Nichols, E. E. Filer, H. S. Williams, Witt Springer and J. E. Peters. Invited guests were: Mesdames Sula Veatch and Sammie Cubine, and Miss Lola Shaw.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. R. Nichols Thursday afternoon, March 22.

Hubert Roach of Shamrock was in McLean Monday.

B. F. Gray and family visited in Amarillo Sunday.

J. M. Noel and son, James, went to Amarillo Wednesday.

PTA Program Enjoyed at School Tue.

Variety in Good Program Is Rendered

Variety was the feature of the program given by the Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night.

The program opened with a selection by the high school band under the direction of Prof. Davidson, which was followed by antics from the "Circus Kids," representing the old favorite circus characters from the ringmaster and clowns to the fat lady and wild man from Borneo. The various characters were portrayed by C. C. Bogan Jr., Virginia McGowan, C. M. Bogan, Ora Pearl Shainon, Walter Charles Watkins, Narine Smith, Mary Emma Back, Jelly McGowan, Jack Bogan and Catherine Louise Williams.

A short play entitled "Those Husbands of Ours" kept the audience laughing at the clever quips given on local characters. Those taking part in the play were: Mesdames R. L. Appling, E. J. Lander, D. C. Carpenter, J. C. Harris, H. C. Rippey, L. F. Coffey and Bob Black.

A blackface skit given by Mrs. Jim Black and Mrs. E. E. Filer was humorous in the extreme, and ended an evening of enjoyment.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Bogan.

FOOT RACE HERE NEXT THURSDAY

Contestants in the International foot race now being run over Highway 66 will be in McLean about noon next Thursday.

It was planned to have the runners stop here for lunch, but no word has reached here recently to indicate just what will be done by the management.

STEPHEN COBB NEW MANAGER TOURIST FILLING STATION

Stephen Cobb of Wichita Falls is the new owner of the "Marie Mac" store, restaurant and filling station, having taken charge this week.

Mr. Cobb is a son of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Cobb of this city.

W. W. Overton of White Deer is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Crabtree.

Ralph Randall returned Thursday from Fort Worth.

Jess Grogan of Ramsdell was in McLean Saturday.

Marion Reynolds of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Friday.

Mrs. Geo. W. Sitter was in Geary, Okla., Thursday.

Harry Cornelius visited in Shamrock Sunday.

Robert Latson of Clarendon visited here Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Hefner returned Friday from Frederick, Okla.

R. L. Harlan went to Amarillo Wednesday.

Curtis Thompson of Clarendon was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

J. L. Hess was in Amarillo Wednesday.

McCauley Producer at 2407 ft.

New Well Making 15 Barrels per Hour

McCauley-Morse No. 1 oil test in section 3, block 26, drilled itself in this week at 2407 feet and is now making 15 barrels per hour. This well calls for an offset.

McCauley-Morse No. 2, section 2, block 26, that came in recently is now making around 200 barrels.

Empire-Cobb No. 1, section 64, block 25, is drilling at 2525 feet and is expected to hit the pay at any time. A show of oil was reported yesterday morning at this well.

The first offset to Empire-Cobb is drilling around 1600 feet.

Salsbury-Reynolds Hussey No. 1, section 55, block 26, is making 240 barrels. Three offsets are to be drilled from this well.

Material is on the ground for a location in section 1, block 26.

C. OF C. DIRECTORS DISCUSS ROADS

The road north of McLean was discussed at a meeting of the C. of C. directors Tuesday afternoon, and according to a statement from Commissioner Newman, this road will be in good shape from town to the river within the next 20 or 30 days.

The question of oil supply houses locating here came up for attention, and it was agreed to make every effort to induce the location of such businesses here.

Secretary L. V. Lonsdale reported 125 members now paying dues, with an income last month from dues of \$116.00.

MISS DAVIS ENTERS COUNTY TREASURER RACE

Miss Mabel Davis authorizes us to place her name in our announcement column as a candidate for county treasurer subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

Miss Davis has been a resident of Gray county for the past nine years, and has been employed in the postoffice at Pampa and in the Gray County State Bank at that place during this time.

Miss Davis feels that her clerical experience will be of value to her if elected to the office, and she will appreciate any consideration given her at the polls.

The News is glad to present Miss Davis' claims to the voters of Gray county.

MISS BROWNING ENTERTAINS

Miss Marie Browning was hostess to the girls of the senior class of the high school at a luncheon last Sunday.

Place cards were laid for thirteen, and a very pleasant time is reported.

Mrs. Paul Armstrong and son, Bill, of Erick, Okla., were guests in the E. J. Lander home last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Morris of Wheeler visited their daughter, Mrs. E. T. McCleskey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris and children of Wheeler visited here Sunday.

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 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 missive, 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, the sought-for cashier, and Dale's fiancee, tells the girl he knows there is a hidden room in the house and believes Courtleigh Fleming, before his death in Colorado, concealed the bank's money there. Dale's telephone Richard Fleming, Courtleigh's nephew, asking him to come over.

CHAPTER VI—Dale tells Richard Fleming of her knowledge of the hidden room. He gets rid of her while he seeks and finds blueprints of the house. Dale, returning, finds he has the secret in a scrap of blueprint, but he refuses to give it to her, declaring he means to have the money if it is there. Knowing the finding of the money means everything to Bailey, Dale seizes part of the scrap of paper and during the struggle Fleming is shot and killed. Anderson and the rest find her beside the body, with a revolver. Doctor Wells arrives.

"I wish the lights would go out again!" she pattered. "No, I don't either!" as Miss Cornelia gave the clucking hand a nervous little slap.

During the little interlude of comedy, Billy, the Japanese, unwatched by the others, had stolen to the French windows, pulled aside a blind, looked out. When he turned back to the room, his face had lost a portion of its oriental calm—there was a suspicion in his eyes. Softly, under cover of pretending to arrange the tray of food that lay untouched on the table, he possessed himself of the



Pulled Aside a Blind and Looked Out. key of the front door, unperceived by the rest, and slipped out of the room like a ghost. Meanwhile the detective confronted Doctor Wells.

"You say, doctor, that you came back to take these women away from the house. Why?"

The doctor gave him a dignified stare. "Miss Van Gorder has already explained."

Miss Cornelia elucidated. "Mr. Anderson has already found a theory of the crime," she said with a trace of sarcasm in her tones.

The detective turned on her quick. "I haven't said that." He started. It had come again—tinkling—persistent—the phone-call from nowhere—the ringing of the bell of the house telephone!

"The house telephone—again!"

breathed Dale. Miss Cornelia made a movement to answer the tinkling, inexplicable bell. But Anderson was before her.

"I'll answer that!" he barked. He sprang to the phone.

"Hello—hello—"

All eyes were bent on him, nervously—the doctor's face, in particular, seemed a very study in fear and amazement. He clutched the back of a chair to support himself—his hand was the trembling hand of a sick, old man.

"Hello—hello—" Anderson swore impatiently. He hung up the phone.

"There's nobody there!"

Again a chill breath from another world than ours seemed to brush across the faces of the little group in the living room.

A light came into Anderson's eyes. "Where's that Jap?" he almost shouted.

"He just went out," said Miss Cornelia. The cold fear—the fear of the unearthly—subsided from around Dale's heart—leaving her shaken, but more at peace.

The detective turned swiftly to the doctor, as if to put his case before the eyes of an unprejudiced witness.

"That Jap rang the phone," he said, decisively. "Miss Van Gorder believes that this murder is the culmination of the series of mysterious happenings that caused her to send for me. I do not."

"Then what is the significance of the anonymous letters?" broke in Miss Cornelia heatedly. "Of the man Lizzie saw going up the stairs, of the attempt to break into this house—of the ringing of that telephone bell?" Anderson replied with one deliberate word.

"Terrorization," he said. The doctor moistened his dry lips in an effort to speak.

"To whom?" he asked. Anderson's voice was an icicle.

"I imagine, by Miss Van Gorder's own servants. By that woman there," he pointed at Lizzie, who rose indignantly to deny the charge. But he gave her no time for denial. He ratched on, "who probably writes the letters," he continued. "By the gardener," his pointing finger found Bailey, "who may have been the man Lizzie saw slipping up the stairs. By the Jap, who goes out and rings the telephone," he concluded triumphantly.

Miss Cornelia seemed unimpressed by his fervor.

"With what object?" she queried smoothly.

"That's what I'm going to find out!" There was determination in Anderson's reply.

Miss Cornelia sniffed. "Absurd! The butler was in his room when the telephone rang for the first time."

The thrust pierced Anderson's armor. For once he seemed at a loss. Here was something he had omitted from his calculations. But he did not give up. He was about to retort when—crash!—the noise of a violent struggle in the hall outside drew all eyes to the hall door.

An instant later, the door slammed open, and a disheveled young man in evening clothes was catapulted into the living room as if stung there by a giant's arm. He tripped and fell to the floor in the center of the room.

Billy stood in the doorway behind him, inscrutable, arms folded, on his face an expression of mild satisfaction as if he were demurely pleased with a neat piece of housework, neatly carried out.

The young man picked himself up, brushed off his clothes, sought for his hat, which had rolled under the table. Then he turned on Billy furiously.

"D—n you—what do you mean by this?"

"Jiu-jitsu," said Billy, his yellow face quite untroubled. "Pretty good stuff. Found on terrace with searchlight," he added.

"With searchlight?" barked Anderson.

The young man turned to face his new enemy.

"Well, why shouldn't I be on the terrace with a searchlight?" he demanded.

The detective moved toward him, menacingly.

"Who are you?"

"Who are you?" said the young man, with cool impertinence, giving him stare for stare.

Anderson did not deign to reply, in so many words. Instead he displayed the police badge which glittered on the inside of the right lapel of his coat.

The young man examined it coolly. "H'm," he said. "Very pretty—nice neat design—very chaste!" He took out a cigarette case and opened it, seemingly entirely unimpressed by both the badge and Anderson. The detective chafed.

said the young man sulkily. "If you doubt it—I've probably got a card somewhere—" He began to rut through his pockets.

"What's your business?" went on the detective.

"What's my business here?" queried the young man, obviously fencing with his interrogator.

"No—how do you earn your living?" said Anderson sharply.

"I don't," said the young man flippantly. "I may have to begin now, if that is of any interest to you. As a matter of fact, I've studied law, but—"

The one word was enough to start Lizzie off on another trail of distrust. "He may be a lawyer—" she quoted to herself sepulchraly, from the evening newspaper article that had dealt with the mysterious identity of the Bat.

"And you came here to telephone about your car?" persisted the detective.

Dale rose from her chair, with a hopeless little sigh.

"Oh, don't you see—he's trying to protect me," she said wearily. She turned to the young man. "It's no use, Mr. Beresford."

Beresford's air of flippancy vanished.

"I see," he said. He turned to the others, frankly. "Well, the plain truth is—I didn't know the situation—and I thought I'd play safe for Miss Ogden's sake."

Miss Cornelia moved over to her niece, protectingly. She put a hand on Dale's shoulder, to reassure her, and turned to Anderson calmly.

"He doesn't know anything about this," she said, indicating Beresford. "He brought Mr. Fleming here in his car—that's all."

Anderson looked at Beresford for confirmation.

"Is that true?"

"Yes," said Beresford. He started to explain. "I got tired of waiting and so I—"

The detective broke in curtly. "All right."

He took a step toward the alcove.

"Now, doctor," he nodded at the huddle beneath the raincoat. Beresford followed his glance—and saw the ominous heap for the first time.

"What's that?" he said tersely. No one answered him. The doctor was already on his knees beside the body, drawing the raincoat gently aside. Beresford stared at the shape thus revealed with frightened eyes. The color left his face.

"That's not—Dick Fleming—is it?" he said thickly.

Anderson slowly nodded his head. Beresford seemed unable to believe his eyes.

"If you've looked over the ground," said the doctor in a low voice to Anderson, "I'll move the body where you can have a better light." His right hand fluttered swiftly over Fleming's still, clenched fist—extracted from its torn corner of paper. . . .

Still Beresford did not seem to be able to take in what had happened. He took another step toward the body.

"Do you mean to say that Dick Fleming—" he began, Anderson silenced him with an uplifted hand.

"What have you got there, doctor?" he said in a still voice.

The doctor, still on his knees beside the corpse, lifted his head.

"What do you mean?"

"You took something, just then, out of Fleming's hand," said the detective.

"I took nothing out of his hand," said the doctor firmly.

Anderson's manner grew peremptory.

"I warn you not to obstruct the course of justice!" he said, forcibly. "Give it here!"

The doctor rose, slowly, dusting off his knees. His eyes tried to meet Anderson's and failed. He produced a torn corner of blue-print.

"Why, it's only a scrap of paper—nothing at all," he said, evasively. Anderson looked at him meaningfully. "Scraps of paper are sometimes very important," he said, with a side glance at Dale.

again. Then he noticed the roll on the floor, stooped for it and replaced it upon the tray. He looked at Miss Cornelia for instructions.

"Take that tray out to the dining room," she said mechanically. But Anderson's attention had already been drawn to the tiny incident.

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QUALITY AT LOW COST

News from Heald

We have experienced some more winter here the past week, plenty of ice, but we hope the fruit is not damaged.

The Epworth League gave a banquet here Saturday night. All had a most enjoyable time. Rev. and Mrs. John Crow of Shamrock, Rev. Murrell, presiding elder of Clarendon district, and Rev. Wilkins of McLean attended the banquet.

Several from here attended the singing convention at Ramsdell Sunday.

Miss Edith Reneau visited the Bidwell girls in the Gracey community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey spent Sunday in the J. A. Haynes home.

T. A. Landers and family of McLean visited his parents here Sunday.

Mrs. T. H. Pickett and daughter, Fannie, and father, Mr. Redding, were shopping in McLean Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Earl Green returned to her home at Panhandle Saturday after a week's visit with her brother-in-law, W. L. Litchfield, and children.

Mrs. Elmer Ware is at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. O. Clark, sick with the flu this week.

There has been quite a bit of flu in this community.

Mrs. T. F. Phillips had the flu last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Farren both have the flu.

U. G. Lane's children have all been sick.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Phillips visited relatives at Dozier Sunday.

Geo. R. Reneau was in McLean Monday.

J. W. Dougherty was in McLean Monday.

The school will close the 30th of this month.

Raymond Gossett of Pakan visited Earl Lane Saturday night and Sunday.

The ladies club met Friday with Mrs. W. L. Hinton with a pot luck dinner, a good attendance and a fine program.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Elliott visited Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bailey Sunday afternoon.

Misses Catherine Foster and Vivian Gardner of Pakan attended the banquet here Saturday night.

D. W. Johnson of McLean spent last week on the farm with his family.

Mrs. W. H. Rutledge and children were in McLean Saturday

afternoon. Henry and Edgar Bailey were in McLean Saturday. Buster and Jack Litchfield were in Panhandle Saturday. A. P. Rippy was in McLean Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dougherty and little daughter were in Magic City Monday afternoon.

News from Pakan

This community had a cold spell Thursday and Friday, when the north wind brought rain and snow. Some farmers in this community are planning on starting listing this week.

R. Janota, Paul Risian and John Hrcnciar were McLean visitors Wednesday.

O. T. Gordon and nephew and nieces, Fred, Mary and Willena, were guests in the A. A. Ledbetter home at McLean Sunday.

The derrick on the Godfrey Kre place is being torn down, and the Lone Star Gas Co. is laying a six-inch line to the well to use the gas from it.

Carl Linkey made a business trip to Pampa Thursday.

The Pakan boys played a match game of basketball Friday with the Liberty boys at Liberty, and were defeated. This was the final game of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Janota and family and John Cadra were Shamrock visitors Saturday.

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THE STORY

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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 native 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. Anderson goes to Bailey, the sought-for cashier, and Dale's fiancé tells the girl he knows there is a hidden room in the house and believes Courtleigh Fleming, before his death in Colorado, concealed the bank's money there. Dale telephones Richard Fleming, Courtleigh's nephew, asking him to come over.

CHAPTER VI—Dale tells Richard Fleming of her knowledge of the hidden room. He gets rid of her while he seeks and finds blueprints of the house. Dale, returning, finds he has the secret in a scrap of blueprint, but he refuses to give it to her, declaring he means to have the money if it is there. Knowing the finding of the money means everything to Bailey, Dale seizes part of the scrap of paper and during the struggle Fleming is shot and killed. Anderson and the rest find her beside the body, with a revolver. Doctor Wells arrives.

"I wish the lights would go out again!" she pattered. "No, I don't either!" as Miss Cornelia gave the clattering hand a nervous little slap.

During the little interlude of comedy, Billy, the Japanese, unwatched by the others, had stolen to the French windows, pulled aside a blind, looked out. When he turned back to the room, his face had lost a portion of its oriental calm—there was suspicion in his eyes. Softly, under cover of pretending to arrange the tray of food that lay untouched on the table, he possessed himself of the

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breathed Dale. Miss Cornelia made a movement to answer the tinkling, inexplicable bell. But Anderson was before her.

"I'll answer that!" he barked. He sprang to the phone.

"Hello—hello—"

All eyes were bent on him, nervously—the doctor's face, in particular, seemed a very study in fear and amazement. He clutched the back of a chair to support himself—his hand was the trembling hand of a sick, old man.

"Hello—hello—" Anderson swore impatiently. He hung up the phone.

"There's nobody there!"

Again a chill breath from another world than ours seemed to brush across the faces of the little group in the living room.

A light came into Anderson's eyes. "Where's that Jap?" he almost shouted.

"He just went out," said Miss Cornelia. The cold fear—the fear of the unearthly—subsided from around Dale's heart—leaving her shaken, but more at peace.

The detective turned swiftly to the doctor, as if to put his case before the eyes of an unprejudiced witness.

"That Jap rang the phone," he said, decisively. "Miss Van Gorder believes that this murder is the culmination of the series of mysterious happenings that caused her to send for me. I do not."

"Then what is the significance of the anonymous letters?" broke in Miss Cornelia heatedly. "Of the man Lizzie saw going up the stairs, of the attempt to break into this house—of the ringing of that telephone bell?"

Anderson replied with one deliberate word.

"Terrorization," he said.

The doctor moistened his dry lips in an effort to speak.

"By whom?" he asked.

Anderson's voice was a feeble.

"I imagine," by Miss Van Gorder's own servants. By that woman there," he pointed at Lizzie, who rose indignantly to deny the charge. But he gave her no time for denial. He rushed on, "who probably writes the letters," he continued. "By the gardener," his pointing finger found Bailey, "who may have been the man Lizzie saw slipping up the stairs. By the Jap, who goes out and rings the telephone," he concluded triumphantly.

Miss Cornelia seemed unimpressed by his fervor.

"With what object?" she queried smoothly.

"That's what I'm going to find out!" There was determination in Anderson's reply.

Miss Cornelia sniffed. "Absurd! The butler was in his room when the telephone rang for the first time."

The thrust pierced Anderson's armor. For once he seemed at a loss. Here was something he had omitted from his calculations. But he did not give up. He was about to retort when—crash! thud!—the noise of a violent struggle in the hall outside drew all eyes to the hall door.

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Anderson did not deign to reply. In so many words. Instead he displayed the police badge which glittered on the inside of the right lapel of his coat.

The young man examined it coolly.

"H'm," he said. "Very pretty—nice nest design—very chaste!" He took out a cigarette case and opened it, seemingly entirely unimpressed by both the badge and Anderson. The detective chafed.

"If you've finished admiring my badge," he said with heavy sarcasm, "I'd like to know what you were doing down on the terrace."

The young man hesitated—shot an odd, swift glance at Dale who, ever since his abrupt entrance into the room, had been sitting rigid in her chair with her hands clenched tightly together.

"I've had some trouble with my car, down the road," he said finally. He glanced at Dale again. "I came to ask if I might telephone."

said the young man sulkily. "If you doubt it—I've probably got a car somewhere—" He began to rum through his pockets.

"What's your business?" went on the detective.

"What's my business here?" queried the young man, obviously fencing with his interrogator.

"No—how do you earn your living?" said Anderson sharply.

"I don't," said the young man flippantly. "I may have to begin now, if that is of any interest to you. As a matter of fact, I've studied law, but—"

The one word was enough to start Lizzie off on another trail of distrust. "He may be a lawyer—" she quoted to herself sepulchraly, from the evening newspaper article that had dealt with the mysterious identity of the Bat.

"And you came here to telephone about your car?" persisted the detective.

Dale rose from her chair, with a hopeless little sigh.

"Oh, don't you see—he's trying to protect me," she said wearily. She turned to the young man. "It's no use, Mr. Beresford."

Beresford's air of flippancy vanished.

"I see," he said. He turned to the others, frankly. "Well, the plain truth is—I didn't know the situation—and I thought I'd play safe for Miss Ogden's sake."

Miss Cornelia moved over to her niece, protectingly. She put a hand on Dale's shoulder, to reassure her and turned to Anderson calmly.

"He doesn't know anything about this," she said, indicating Beresford. "He brought Mr. Fleming here in his car—that's all."

Anderson looked at Beresford for confirmation.

"Is that true?"

"Yes," said Beresford. He started to explain. "I got tired of waiting and so I—"

The detective broke in curtly.

"All right."

He took a step toward the alcove.

"Now, doctor," He nodded at the huddle beneath the raincoat. Beresford followed his glance—and saw the ominous heap for the first time.

"What's that?" he said tersely. No one answered him. The doctor was already on his knees beside the body, drawing the raincoat gently aside. Beresford stared at the shape thus revealed with frightened eyes. The color left his face.

"That's not—Dick Fleming—is it?" he said thickly.

Anderson slowly nodded his head. Beresford seemed unable to believe his eyes.

"If you've looked over the ground," said the doctor in a low voice to Anderson, "I'll move the body where we can have a better light." His right hand fluttered swiftly over Fleming's still, clenched fist—extracted from it a torn corner of paper.

Still Beresford did not seem to be able to take in what had happened. He took another step toward the body.

"Do you mean to say that Dick Fleming—" he began. Anderson silenced him with an uplifted hand.

"What have you got there, Doctor?" he said in a still voice.

The doctor, still on his knees beside the corpse, lifted his head.

"What do you mean?"

"You took something, just then, out of Fleming's hand," said the detective.

"I took nothing out of his hand," said the doctor firmly.

Anderson's manner grew peremptory.

"I warn you not to obstruct the course of justice!" he said, forcibly. "Give it here!"

The doctor rose, slowly, dusting off his knees. His eyes tried to meet Anderson's and failed. He produced a torn corner of blue-print.

"Why, it's only a scrap of paper—nothing at all," he said, evasively.

Anderson looked at him meaningly.

"Scrap of paper are sometimes very important," he said, with a side glance at Dale.

The doctor motioned nervously.

"As the coroner—if Mr. Anderson is satisfied—I suggest that the body be taken where I can make a thorough examination," he said haltingly.

again. Then he noticed the roll on the floor, stooped for it and replaced it upon the tray. He looked at Miss Cornelia for instructions.

"Take that tray out to the dining room," she said mechanically. But Anderson's attention had already been drawn to the tiny incident.

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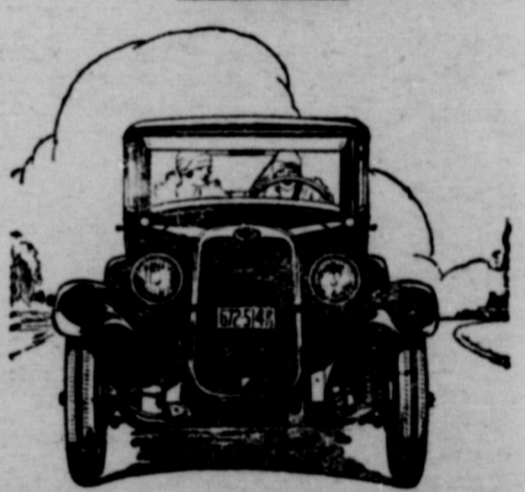
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Mrs. Elmer Ware is at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. O. Clark, sick with the flu this week.

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We handle everything in the building line and will appreciate a chance to figure on your building needs; no order too large, or too small but what it will have our best attention.

We expect our customers to be satisfied with every transaction, and it is on this basis that we solicit your business.

Foxworth-Galbraith

Lumber Co.

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Pampa has an interesting school paper each week published in one of the local papers, that is a credit to the school. Publicity never hurt any school, and the pupils who edit this paper are to be congratulated on their progressiveness.

Why not elect women to the school board? There is no good reason why a woman will not make a good school trustee. Other communities have found women take a keen interest in school affairs. McLean has public spirited women who would make as good trustees as could be found.

It would be nice if we could have a real clean-up and paint-up day this spring, with committees appointed to see that the work progresses in an efficient way. McLean can be the cleanest town in the Panhandle with very little effort. It will pay every citizen to co-operate with the Mayor's suggestion for a clean-up day April 4th.

There is only one way to secure competent men to sit on the city council and school board, and that is for their friends to see that their names are on the ballots. Names should be filed with the city secretary and secretary of the school board in plenty of time. Men seldom seek these positions, but someone must serve, and the community should be interested in the best men possible.

It has now been demonstrated that worms in apples cannot be entirely controlled by following the spray calendar. Experiment stations are recommending that apple growers establish codling moth cages in their orchards over a few branches and watch for the emergence of the moth before applying the first spray, with another 10 days later and a third 20 days later, thus insuring a worm-free apple crop.

Frederick, Okla., is enforcing the Sunday closing law, and groceries cannot be bought in that town on Sunday and filling stations are closed during the morning and evening church services. One of the pastors of the town protested the law, saying that he had run out of gasoline one Sunday and has purchased a supply. There is little excuse for Sunday opening anywhere, but such laws are difficult to enforce unless there is an aroused public opinion.

A lady remarked to the News editor one day last week that she might not have any neighbors by spring, but she was going to enjoy some Sunday chicken dinners, if her garden is not respected by said neighbors' chickens. The garden-chicken problem is ages old, and the city ordinance prohibiting chickens running at large is in recognition of the rights of all concerned. The garden owner can scarcely be blamed for wanting a chicken dinner occasionally if his garden is ruined by the chickens.

It is strange that there must always be a threatened outbreak of small pox to cause people to submit to compulsory vaccination. If the virus is any protection it would appear that it would be wise to require everyone to be vaccinated every so often, but the fact remains that people have to be scared before they will submit to the injection of vaccine in their blood. Maybe it is better so, as there is no doctor in the world who can tell just what effect vaccination will have on any certain individual.

Farming has largely been a business conducted more or less "by guess," but times are changing. Farmers now use business methods in their affairs. This is seen by the attendance at agricultural meetings and the response to the efforts of county agents and others. There are many things to be taken into consideration to make money in farming, and the modern farmer cannot afford to overlook any of them. The law of supply and demand will always govern the markets to a more or less degree, and this fact should be remembered when one is tempted to put the whole farm in any one crop.

A member of the city council, in a conversation with a representative of The News, remarked Saturday that he was in favor of publishing a financial statement at stated intervals, as the law directs. He said that the people have a right to know how their money is spent. The gentleman is right, and this applies, not only to city government, but to school and county affairs as well. There is no getting around the fact that it is the people's money and they have a right to know how it is being used; that it is the sole purpose of the law requiring publication. The councilman also stated that McLean should be under a city manager plan for the most efficient management.

Our readers will find the first cigarette advertisement ever run in this paper since the present publisher took charge. We have not changed our views on the habit, and we have no excuse to offer other than we need the money. We lost more money than we like to think about the past six years in refusing to take this class of advertising, as the tobacco companies know the value of The News as an advertising medium and we have had several sharp tilts in refusing to take their advertising. Carrying this advertising does not mean that we surrender our right to say what we please in regard to cigarettes, as we do not allow our advertising columns to dictate our editorial policy.

The merchant who advertises in The News deserves support from our readers, not because he is a progressive business man helping to build the community in which you live, not because you owe anything to the man who supports the school, churches, Chamber of Commerce and everything that tends to make life more agreeable at McLean; but because it will pay you in dollars and cents to trade with the man who is a live wire and conducts his business in a modern manner. The advertiser must carry quality merchandise, offered at low prices to attract and keep customers. Advertisers have a greater volume of business and can sell on a smaller margin of profit than the non-advertiser. It is easy to prove these statements any day in the week.

Thousands have yelled with laughter at the play, "Her Step-Husband." Come and laugh with the senior class Friday, March 23. Advertisement 1c

Jot Montgomery attended the cattlemen's convention at Amarillo this week.

PROGRAM
at the
American Theatre

Friday
Lois Wilson in—
"French Dressing"

Saturday
Matinee
"French Dressing"

Night
Ranger, the canine wonder, in—
"When a Dog Loves"

Monday and Tuesday
Marion Davies in—
"Quality Street"
A delightful comedy of love and war.

Wednesd'y & Thursd'y
"Now We're in the Air"
with Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton

ELECTION ORDER

Be it ordered by the Board of Trustees of McLean Independent School District that an election be held at Methodist church in the town of McLean, in said McLean Independent School District on the seventh day of April, 1928, for the purpose of electing 7 (seven) School Trustees for said McLean Independent School District.

Jas. F. Heasley is hereby appointed manager of said election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding the same, and said election shall be held in the manner prescribed by law for holding other elections.

The returns of said election shall be made to the Board of Trustees of said Independent School District in accordance with law.

A copy of this order signed by the president and attested by the secretary of this board shall serve as proper notice of said election, and the president shall cause notice of said election to be given in accordance with law.

In testimony whereof, witness the signatures of said president and secretary of said McLean Independent School District and the seal thereof hereunto affixed, this 20th day of March, 1928.

(Seal) J. S. HOWARD, President
McLean Independent School District.
Attest: JAS. W. BURROWS, Sec. 12-2c

Rev. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of the Clarendon district, enroute to Shamrock, spent Saturday night in the home of the Methodist pastor here. At the invitation of the Epworth League, Revs. Murrell and Wilkins attended a League banquet given Saturday night at Heald, which was an altogether pleasant and successful affair.

GUESS WHO WON

Rastus out in a boat with his best girl, Mandy, had been teasing for a kiss, but she refused again and again. Finally he became desperate.

"Mandy," he threatened, "effen you don't lomme kiss yo' I'ae gwine to upset dis here boat."

Getting home, Mandy told her mother all about it.

"An' did you let de gemman kiss you?" her mother asked.

"Well, did you allow see anything in de papers dis mawnin' 'bout two niggahs drownin'?"

W. P. Rogers attended the cattlemen's convention at Amarillo this week.

J. S. Howard has our thanks for a subscription this week.

L. E. Pepper has our thanks for a subscription this week.

BENTLEY INSURANCE CO.
Fire and Tornado
Loans
Phone 99 McLean, Texas

BUICK
Outsells any other 3 cars in Buick's field

MOTORISTS like you invest almost as many dollars in Buick motor cars as in any other THREE CARS in Buick's field

Faith means something when it is backed by dollars

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

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

MANZER MOTOR COMPANY
Arthur Greer, Local Representative
Wellington, Shamrock, McLean Wheeler

HAWK BRAND WORK CLOTHES

THEY WEAR LONGER

Sold by
C. M. STONE & CO.
McLean, Texas

Furniture Specials

We have to offer as special prices for this week:

3 piece overstuffed living room suite—**\$107.50.**
Walnut finish bed room suite—**\$49.50.**
9 piece dining room suite—**\$84.75.**

We carry a very complete stock of springs, mattresses and beds at reasonable prices; and we want your business. Our motto is quality plus service.

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

"Her Step-Husband"

Presented by
The Senior Class

Directors—Mrs. Black and Miss U'm

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Harvey P. Marshall—Mary's permanent husband... S. A. Cousins
Dr. Gerald Niles (Jerry)—Mary's husband pro tem... Roland Wingo
Limp Lannigan—an ex-convict... Frank Corum
Officer Shea—an affable cop... Jack Reeves
Mary Marshall—an incurable romanticist... Floye Landers
Sylvia Allen—Mary's friend... Frances Noel
Miss Emily Paisley (Aunt Emmy)—her aunt... Joeline Vannoy
Florence Ainslee—her cousin... Ruby Reeves
Stella—her maid... Jewell Turner

Admission 15c and 25c

Friday, March 23, 8 p. m.
High School Auditorium

Chick Hatchery
Change Hands
and Is Now in Operation

I want to announce to the public that I have taken over the Shamrock Hatchery and have an experienced poultry man in charge. The first hatch was put on Tuesday. I can furnish day-old baby chicks every Wednesday, beginning March 21st, as I operate the Clinton Hatchery at Clinton, Okla., also, and will continue to operate it through the spring season.

I will do custom hatching at Shamrock for \$4.00 per tray, 112 eggs to the tray. For 5 trays or more the price is \$3.50 per tray.

My prices for baby chicks, all heavy breeds are:
Barred Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, White Wyandottes, White Minorcas—\$14.00 per 100, \$65.00 in 500 lots.
Leghorns, white buff and brown—\$10.00 per 100, \$50.00 for 500, \$90.00 for 1,000.

All of my baby chicks are sold from purebred, healthy flocks, and are from high egg laying strains.

Shamrock Hatchery
C. J. Rikard, Prop. Shamrock, Texas

Erwin Drug Co.

Cotton Absorbent

Highly absorbent. Surgically clean. An absolutely sterile cotton that really is superior. The fibre is long, white and very absorbent.

Erwin Drug Co.

GARAGES TO SOLVE PARKING PROBLEM

Corkscrew-like ramps winding up through centrally located fireproof garages constitute an automobile parking convenience that bids fair to solve the problem of where to place the car during business hours. The complete stoppage of car parking on downtown streets is talked of by many cities and practiced by few, largely because there are no inexpensive facilities for parking other than the city thoroughfares. Resting cars cannot be banned successfully from the streets unless there is some place else for them to go. Consequently the idea is popular. In fact, the downtown garage is coming more and more into vogue. Noteworthy among the projects to provide space for cars is the Motor Mart garage in Boston, the largest building of its kind in the world. This fireproof structure with more the appearance of a mercantile establishment than a garage, houses 2,000 cars. So efficiently is it arranged that when full, it could be completely vacated within an hour, should this be necessary. The gulf between amount of available street space and that required for parking the vast number of cars, varying in length from twelve and a half to eighteen feet and all fighting for a place to stop, is not imaginary. For instance, a recent survey in Chicago showed that, on the average, 314,000 street vehicles daily enter or leave the downtown section. Another study has revealed that if cars remained at the curb for 30 minutes, only 13,222 vehicles could be accommodated during business hours within the area circled by the "Elevated."

There is perhaps no city in the land, including the giant that spreads over Manhattan Island, that does not have considerable property, adjacent to the business sections, of little present utility. By erecting multi-storied garages the ground area is multiplied by the number of parking floors, thereby combating the massed population effect of skyscrapers. Downtown parking is necessary. But since the streets alone cannot carry the burden it is apparent that the downtown fireproof garage will write a new chapter in the life of a convenience-seeking nation.

Age is an important factor in the whipping of cream. Fresh cream which fails to whip often develops into an excellent whipping cream when aged at a temperature sufficiently low (45 F.), to prevent the rapid formation of acidity. Care must be used in aging cream. If the temperature exceeds 50 degrees F. the cream will likely become sour before the desired effect of the aging takes place. It is also likely to become rancid or develop off flavors when aged for more than 48 hours, unless under ideal conditions. The required time for aging varies with the butterfat content and the kind of cream. However, the first 24 hours show the most marked effect upon whipping quality of all cream; and the greatest effect takes place during the first 49 hours, after which the increase in whipping quality is very gradual.

J. M. Noel was in Geary, Okla., last Thursday.
C. T. Lively of Amarillo was in McLean Saturday.

NEWSPAPER INFLUENCE

The country paper has been recognized as one of the greatest of all forces in the fourth estate by various authors, statesmen and writers of California. The editor of a vigorous, well-edited country paper can have more influence for good in his community than the clergy, the teaching profession, or any other single group, he asserts. Each week the editor of the local community paper speaks to a larger audience than could possibly be crowded into any single building in the city. This means tremendous opportunity to accomplish good, and likewise a great responsibility. Mr. Smith also expresses the view, which is widely recognized today, that country papers are most thoroughly read, and have a larger amount of influence and prestige in proportion to circulation than huge metropolitan papers. This is more than common sense. Who can do more than read casually and hastily the ponderous editions of metropolitan journals that are piled high on city news stands every day? But who fails to read carefully his local paper? Let those who doubt this last statement sit in the office of the Journal some day and immediately after publication and hear the complaints that come in because the linotype operator may have misspelled the name of some prominent local citizen.—Sayre (Dallas) Journal.

Tomato juice from canned tomatoes may be substituted for orange juice when the latter cannot be obtained. Children may be taught to drink exactly like orange juice. For a between-meal lunch in winter-time, tomato juice may be heated, seasoned with a little butter, salt and bay-leaf, and served as a warm drink with a cracker.

About 4,000 "combine" wheat harvesters are in operation in the Texas wheat fields in addition to thousands of smaller harvesters. Charlie Mars of Canyon spent the week end with home folks here.

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 3rd 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. ASH, Mayor, City of McLean, Texas.
Attest: W. E. BOGAN, Secretary.

Miss Lucile Stratton visited her sisters in Amarillo Saturday.

W. L. Haynes went to Pampa Friday.

McK Dwyer of Canyon spent the week end here.

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

DRAY SERVICE

When You Want It
Phones 213 and 193
City Dray and Transfer
D. C. Christopher, Prop.
Office Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.

AN EMBRYO OAK

Cub Reporter—"Gee whiz! What is there to this piffing job anyway? Same old grind every day for three weeks and no promotion or raise yet."
Managing Editor—"Easy, son, easy. Don't be in a hurry. Take your time. Think of the mighty oak. Once it was a nut just like you."

J. W. Armstrong and family of Hedley were here Saturday.

M. D. Bentley was in Pampa Friday.

R. T. Harris of Altus, Okla., was a McLean visitor Saturday.

A. A. Ledbetter was in Pampa Friday.

W. T. Wilson was a visitor in Pampa Friday.

John Harris motored to Pampa Friday.

Carpenter's Store

Will appreciate your business.
Dry Goods and Groceries
Lefors, Texas

SEND A Sampler

WHEN you pay a social debt, or send your compliments in a box of confections, "promptness is the politeness of kings." Send it Now; we sell the Sampler and other Whitman candies.

E. E. DISHMAN
Confectionery

WISE GIRL

"Bob told me I was the eighth wonder of the world."
"What did you say?"
"Told him not to let me catch him with any of the other seven."

L. B. Muncie was in Pampa Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Back of Pampa were visitors here Sunday.

Floyd Phillips went to Pampa Friday.

N. A. Greer and son, Mackie, went to Wellington Saturday.

J. J. Cobb left Sunday for Dallas.

Perry Everett was in Pampa Friday.

C. A. Lester was a Pampa visitor Friday.


Spring Special CHINESE ELMS
Yes, we have them. Order now.
Bruce and Sons
Trees with a Reputation
Alanreed, Texas

To Serve
The giving of advice and the rendering of aid in time of need is an important part of the service of this institution which always at the disposal of its customers. We are always very human in our contacts with the public and we believe that a trial of our service will give you a new idea of how helpful a banking institution can be.

The American National Bank

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
Geo. W. Suter, President J. L. McMurtry, Vice President
F. H. Bourland, Cashier John C. Haynes, Asst. Cashier
Raymond L. Howard, Assistant Cashier
J. M. Carpenter, J. L. Hess, Mrs. Etna B. Clark, Wesley Knorpp

for Economical Transportation



CHEVROLET USED CARS
"with an OK that counts"

"O.K.'d" Used Cars are the Best to Buy!

You can buy a used car from us with confidence—with the definite knowledge that all work done on the car was performed by expert mechanics, using genuine parts. And the famous "O. K." tag on the radiator cap still further assures you of its dependable quality. Make sure the used car you buy bears the "OK tag that counts."

McLean Motor Co.
McLean, Texas

QUALITY AT LOW COST

Useless--unless We Work Together

Most successful men use banks in their business. Most failures do not. All banks must have patrons. It's a matter of we use you, you use us. Neither of us can produce best results without the other. Let's work together.

The Citizens State Bank
CAPITAL, BOND AND SURPLUS \$58,700.00

J. S. Morse, President W. J. Bogan, Cashier

A Game No Woman Ever Won

For uncounted centuries woman has staked strength, health, youth—life's precious possessions—against washday. And since the dawn of day, no woman has ever won. But there is a way out, a pleasant path that leads to our laundry. Telephone our agent and lift wearying washday out of your life forever. Our prices are so cheap you can't afford to do your own washing. Family roughdry at 10c per lb., including your flat work, all ironed. We call for and deliver every Monday and Thursday. Phone No. 156, Elite Barber Shop, and our wagon will call for it.

Clarendon Steam Laundry

With the Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor
 Services at the usual hours next Sunday. Every Sunday is a good day with us these days. For this we are glad. Let everyone who knows it to be their duty, come and help make these good days better ones. Do you know that if you do not use Sunday as it was intended that it should be used, you do not give yourself a square deal? Give yourself the benefit of the advantage of Sunday. Here is another thing. I heard today of a man who was complaining because of the fact that he had decided the church was not measuring up to its full responsibility. I happen to know that for the time I have been here this man has not attended services 25% of the time. I'm perfectly willing for the man who comes and helps, to criticize what he sees should be improved, but have little patience with the man who stands off and will not help and then finds fault. Come, help us improve.

Last Thursday was indeed a good day for us because of the number of visitors who gathered here from over the district for the purpose of discussing evangelism. A good presentation from the local church was gratifying. It was a bad day from the standpoint of weather, otherwise we would have had a filled house.

Our meeting is scheduled to begin Easter Sunday. Wednesday night of this week is set aside to the study of methods and plans whereby we can make the best possible preparation for the revival.

Next Sunday night the young people of the church will have charge of the entire service. We are asking that they take over the entire responsibility. Our people and friends are invited to be present, not only for the purpose of hearing a good program, but for the purpose of encouragement as well. We are assured that the young people will be assisted in this program by the Glee Club of the high school. Don't fail to attend.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

D. H. Brynoff, Pastor
 Announcements for Sunday, March 25:

10 a. m. Sunday school.
 11 a. m. sermon by the pastor.
 6:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U.'s meet. Let all our young people plan to be present and on time.
 7:30 p. m. preaching service.
 Bro. J. L. King will preach at this hour. Your pastor will fill Bro. King's pulpit at the same hour.

Our study course in the Sunday school manual will begin Monday night at 7 o'clock. Bro. C. A. Baxter of Shamrock will teach this course. Shall we have a large class? Each individual's co-operation will largely determine the answer.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

W. B. Andrews, Minister
 The usual services were held at the Church of Christ last Lord's Day.

Bro. Barney Fulbright taught the prayer meeting lesson Wednesday night in the absence of Bro. Andrews. A good report comes from that meeting. Let's attend the prayer meeting more. It is one of the best meetings for Christians. The church is largely judged by the attendance at such meetings.

The young people meet at 7 p. m. each Lord's Day now and preaching at 7:45. Note change in time.

Let us not neglect the Lord's work.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

R. R. Rives, Minister
 You will please remember the services at this church next Sabbath Bible school 10 a. m., classes for all.

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 let us worship together.

PENTECOSTAL MISSION

Rev. J. E. Osborn of Carter, Okla., will fill his regular monthly appointment at the Pentecostal Mission Saturday night, Sunday morning and night.

The general public is cordially invited to attend all services.

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

UNBUSINESSLIKE AND EXPENSIVE

If you had a business worth millions that you were unable to look after yourself, would you ask the neighbors to attend to it for you, without compensation? If you did, your business would be sadly neglected! Rather than do a fool stunt like that, you would hire the best man you could get to run the business for you under proper safeguards.

This in a nutshell is the difference between aldermanic government and city management. Take your choice!—Quannah Tribune-Chief

STOPPING THE PAPER

We all know that fellow who stops his newspaper because it doesn't agree with his political views. The majority of the people are not that way, and it's a good thing they aren't, for if they were this would be the most newspaperless country you ever saw—why even the editor would be without a daily newspaper of the southwest, for their editorial staff plumb disgusts us as a rule. But we take a newspaper for what it is—a "news" paper, not for the sake of arguments of its editor. The editors who can congratulate themselves that their editorials are the main attraction for their subscribers are few and far between, and their names are household names in America.

Any editor who tries to please all his readers, editorially would be crazy—if he wasn't crazy when he began to try, he would be a lunatic after trying.

And the funny part of it is that the man who stops his paper because he doesn't agree with the editor, is generally a man whose own views are as inconsistent as the affections of Cleopatra; nevertheless he expects the editor to keep up with him.—Rio Grande Farmer.

WOMAN

She's an angel in truth, a demon in fiction.
 A woman's the greatest of all contradictions.

She's afraid of a cockroach, she'll scream at a mouse,
 But she'll tackle a husband as big as a house.
 She'll take him for better, she'll take him for worse,
 She'll split his head open, and then be his nurse;
 And when he is well, and gets out of bed,
 She'll pick up a teapot and throw it at his head.

She's faithful, deceitful, keen sighted and blind;
 She's crafty, she's simple, she's cruel, she's kind.
 She'll lift a man up, she'll cast a man down,
 She'll make him her hero, she'll make him her clown.
 You fancy she's this, but you'll find she is that,
 For she'll play like a kitten and bite like a cat.
 In the morning she will, in the evening she won't;
 And you're always expecting she does, but she don't.

Here is at least a partial list of the responsibilities of a farm woman, some of which, at least, distinguish her from her city cousin. They include her housekeeping, her material care of her family, and her responsibility to herself, her family and her friends for mental and spiritual growth. She is usually manager of a small farm business such as poultry raising, the home dairy, or the garden. As farming is a true partnership business, she is the farmer's business partner, planning the work with him and deciding with him where the money earned shall be placed to the greatest advantage. "This," a student of relations in farm homes remarks, "gives her an especial opportunity for progress and for happiness, provided she can find time to think about it constructively."

Dr. Hilton returned Wednesday from Mexico.

J. C. Harris was a visitor in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morse were in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt Springer visited in Amarillo Sunday.

Morris Shepherd of Vinson, Okla., was in McLean Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Back of Pampa were McLean visitors Sunday.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS:

"IF I AM POPULAR, LIKE THEY SAY, ONE REASON MAY BE BECAUSE I DON'T THROW COLD WATER ON THE OTHER CHAP'S IDEA WHEN IT DOESN'T HAPPEN TO APPEAL TO ME. AND MANY IDEAS I THOUGHT WORTHLESS HAVE TURNED OUT WELL."



Th' Ole Grouch

"ADVICE IS LIKE TROUBLE—WE ALL GOTTA STAND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF IT, BUT WE DON'T RELISH IT NONE—WHAT'S MORE, WE DON'T LIKE PESSY 'N' BIRDS WHO GO 'ROUND DISHING IT OUT FREE OF CHARGE"



MICKIE SAYS—

"WHEN YA WRITE A LIT' WANT AD, BE SURE ASJ GIVE ALL THE DETAILS! TELL TH' WHOLE STORY ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE OFFERING! KIN YA IMAGINE A SALESMAN ECONOMIZIN' ON WORDS WHEN TRYIN' TO SELL AN ARTICLE?"



PRINT SHOP FABLES

"WELL, BOYS, I SEE BY THE MAKEUP BUDDIE THAT JASPER CITY OR HERE WAZ OVER 'THAR TO SEE HIS GAWB SUNDAY."



The Loner is as Out of Place in a Bizzy Print Shop as a Snail on a Battlefield. He is a Pest in the Chair of the Boss, with his Feet in the Paste Pot, musing up the Exchanges. And we just can't Bear Him when he Tries to Gab with Us Bizzy Lil' Workers.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wolfe of Lefors were in McLean Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Foster are visiting in Dallas this week.

Charles Worthen of Vinson, Okla., was in McLean Monday.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

RATES—One insertion, 2c per word.
 Three insertions, 5c per word.
 Or, 1c per word each week after first insertion.
 Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as reading matter. Black-face type double rate. Initials and numbers count as words.
 No advertisement accepted for less than 25c per week.
 All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with The News.

FOR SALE

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

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

LATE 26 model Ford roadster for sale, or trade for cows. Basil Dougherty. 1p

FOR SALE.—Holstein milk cow, fresh. Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

FOR SALE.—3 burner Keroagas oil stove, priced reasonable. Phone 255 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. 1p

LADIES' silk hose, silk all the way to the top, pointed heels, in best shades, for only 50c per pair. Mrs. W. T. Wilson. 1c

FOR RENT

FOR RENT.—4 room house with bath, water, gas and electricity. Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

MISCELLANEOUS

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

We have moved our office to the Foxworth-Cabral Lumber Co., phone 213. City Dray and Transfer. 11-3c

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

Groceries are cheaper at Pickett's Cash Store. tfe

MONEY to loan. We are prepared to loan you money on your farm at 7 1/2%. See us. Smith Bros. tfe

Letter and invoice box files at the News office.

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Dan Tapley or Lizzie Tapley please write Mrs. Lou Simmons, McLean, Texas. 1p

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Reported.
 The Baptist W. M. S. met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. N. E. Savage, with 23 ladies present, including three visitors. A Royal Service program was given.

The following numbers were given by members of Miss Floy Rowe's expression class: A Homesick Flower, Evelyn Hales; What Rose Said, Marjorie Lochridge; Dear Little Goose, Naomi Mae Sunkle.

A call meeting of each circle was held and each are going to quilt next Wednesday afternoon. The west side circle will meet with Mrs. O. E. Lochridge and the east side with Mrs. J. J. Simmons.

The sunbeams, ten in number, also met at Mrs. Savage's. The 23rd Psalm was given. The story lesson was A Dog that Went as a Missionary, which was followed by work on a scrapbook.

The hostess served refreshments of punch and cake.

Pleasant Mound News

Everyone is enjoying this warm weather, and quite a few are gardening.

Mrs. W. E. Rainwater has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Josephine Knutson visited Miss Nora Lee Gordo Sunday.

W. T. Stotts, it is reported, has been absent from school for the past two weeks.

Gordon DeMent and Will Rainwater were all-day visitors in the Gordon home Sunday.

Mrs. S. B. Malone is spending the week end with her daughter at Erick, Okla.

Mrs. J. A. Gibson visited Mrs. Anna Provine Sunday.

Miss Mattie Mullins visited Miss Gladys Holloway Sunday.

There are quite a number of new pupils started to the Pleasant Mound school. Among them are Gene, Ruby and Clayton Wallace.

Bert Landrum has been on the sick list for some time, but latest reports are that he is regaining health, and we hope for him a complete and speedy recovery so that he will soon be in school again.

What the home management specialists in the Federal Extension Service are trying to do is to help farm women perform their great variety of duties with less expenditure of energy and time. If some household task can be done in one hour instead of two, and with less physical effort, by the use of labor and time saving equipment, extension agents have tried to bring that fact to farm women in an interesting and impersonal way.

Mrs. W. W. Overton of White Deer came in Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Crabtree.

C. J. Cash motored to Amarillo Monday.

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Fat (new shipping clerk)—"O, did, sur. An' for fear they did not see it on the top, OI printed it on the bottom, too."

"Efficient housekeeping," says one of the extension agents of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, "is not necessarily good home making, but usually the two are found in the same home. As better working equipment is installed in homes, the housekeeper finds more time and energy left for interests other than the daily routine duties."

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 23, 1928.

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 CHARLIE THUT
 For Tax Assessor:
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The McLean News

News from Alanreed

(Received too late for last week)
The Alanreed Girls Glee Club, in their new costumes and with their good training, won the commendation of the officials of the music contest at Amarillo last week and added to their last year's championship another victory. Alanreed is justly proud of the singing of these splendid girls.

In the election last week Alanreed voted 234 to 1 for the court house to remain at Lefors.

Misses Lois HARRIS and Ruth Greenwood were in McLean Saturday.

Misses E. B. Hedrick and H. T. Wilkins were shopping in McLean Saturday.

W. J. Ball has a new Dodge coach.

Miss Ione Ball, a student in Clarendon College, visited her parents here Saturday and Sunday.

A house party was given Saturday night by Mrs. H. T. Wilkins in honor of her out-of-town guests, Miss Minnie Seelbach of Groom and Miss Mary Garrett of Claude. Various games were played until a late hour, when the entertainment was converted into a supper party. Mrs. J. T. Blakney, after several weeks' illness, is improving.

Master Ernest James is on the sick list this week.

Miss Ruth Palmer is reported as improving after several days' illness.

Rev. J. L. King of Wellington filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning.

Rev. S. T. Greenwood preached at the local Baptist church Sunday night in the absence of the pastor.

The Epworth League had an interesting program Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

The Norma Zone Associational B. Y. P. U. had its quarterly meeting at the local Baptist church Sunday afternoon. A good representation from McLean, Wheeler, Shamrock, Plainview and other places were present, and rendered an interesting program.

The Chamber of Commerce had an interesting meeting Tuesday night. Misses Julia Dean and Floy Rowe came to present their music and expression students respectively in recital at the school auditorium Thursday afternoon.

THE MAIL ORDER QUESTION

There are always two sides to every question—your side and the wrong side. The question of people patronizing mail order houses is being discussed a great deal in the newspaper world, and it has two sides, too. The merchants' side and their customers' side of it. Both sides have been discussed quite nicely here and yonder, but the most heated discussion may be heard when a merchant sees a customer leaving the postoffice with a big package. Such a discussion forces us to say: "Mr. Local Merchant and Banker, you had better practice what you preach." You may fume and fuss all you can about the mail order business being a poor one, but when your customers know that you patronize a mail order paper house instead of the local printing house, they know you, too, are breaking the rules of the game. Furthermore, the mail order houses that your customers deal with can well afford to advertise and make it worth any publisher's time to take up their advertising contracts.

If every other business in town plays the mail order game to make large profits, then why not the publishers, too.—Mobeetic News.

In a number of States testing cattle for tuberculosis in every county has become so much the rule that eradication is practically on a state-wide basis. North Carolina leads in this movement, and cattle in about nine-tenths of its area have been tested. It is probable that before the end of 1928 the few remaining counties will have finished testing, in which case North Carolina will be the first State to be recognized officially as free from bovine tuberculosis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Glenn visited at Amarillo and Hereford Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lillian Abbott of Clarendon spent the week end with home folks here.

Virgil Threet was a visitor in line Sunday.

J. Cash motored to Lefors Saturday.

Bennett Thompson motored to Lefors last Thursday.

IMPRACTICAL FORM OF CITY GOVERNMENT

The most progressive towns in Texas have adopted or are adopting the manager form of city government as being more businesslike than the old aldermanic form, which has come to us from the Dark Ages. Lovers of olden times have difficulty in reconciling themselves to this change, but practical people everywhere are not slow in recognizing the advantages of this newer system.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

SHOPPERS WOULD BE TOLD WHERE TO GO

"I don't have to advertise because everybody knows who I am, where I am and what I sell," will never make much more than a living.

The average shopper does not care who a merchant is, where he is, or what he sells.

But, the average shopper does care about information as to the cost of what he wants and where to get it without wasting time and steps going from store to store looking for it.—Fayetteville News.

Miss J. A. Wilson and daughter, Ethel Mae, of Knox City, were guests in the Rev. B. W. Wilkins home last week.

J. J. Simmons and family visited in Erick, Okla., and Wellington Friday and Saturday.

A. C. Meier and Misses Vina and Rachel Stratton of Amarillo spent Sunday in the Stratton home.

INNOCENCE ABROAD

"I tell you, I won't have this room," protested the old lady to the bell boy. "I ain't goin' to pay my good money for a pig-sty with a measly little foldin' bed in it. You think just because I'm from the country—"

Disgusted, the boy cut her short. "Get in, lady, get in. This ain't your room. This is the elevator."—Mountain States Monitor.

Misses Elizabeth Wilkerson and Doris Corbin visited at Erick, Okla., and Wellington Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hefner returned Thursday of last week from Fort Worth.

Frank Day returned Sunday from Texarkana.

J. S. Searcy of Roxana spent the week end here.

Chas. E. Cooke returned Friday from Fort Worth.

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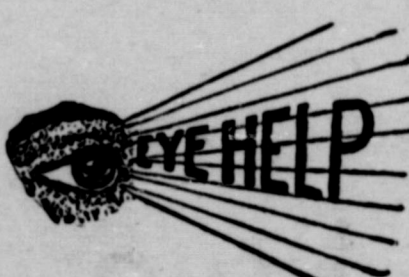
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The state of Texas distributed last year about \$20,500,000 to the public schools based on an appropriation of \$15 for each scholastic.

Ollie Allston of Amarillo was a McLean visitor Sunday.

Harold Clement visited in Memphis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Glass of Alanreed were in McLean Saturday.

D. N. Massay was in Lefors Friday.

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

D. C. Carpenter returned last Thursday from Fort Worth.

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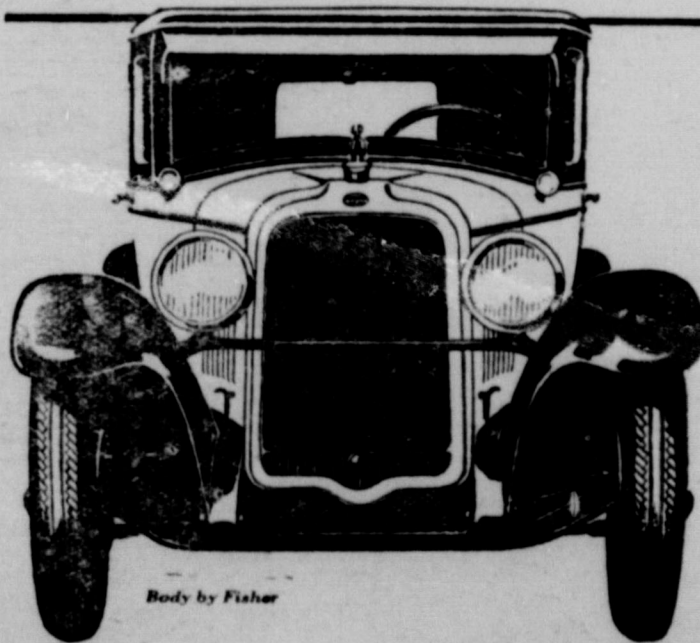
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News from Liberty

(Written for last week)
 Mrs. J. W. Lively and Mrs. Floyd Lively and baby attended the Fulton funeral at McLean Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holloway and daughter of Back, Mr. and Mrs. Doy Holloway spent Sunday in the home of their father, J. O. Holloway.
 W. D. Ratliff called on C. A. Alderson Sunday.
 Mrs. Della Craig of McLean is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. O. Cunningham, and family.
 A game of basketball was enjoyed at the school house Friday afternoon between the school girls and community girls, the latter winning. The McLean boys also played a game with the local boys, the former winning.
 Andy Nelson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones and baby of Gracey spent Sunday at the H. C. Nelson home.
 Messrs. Starr and Porter, Misses Lethia Roth, Clarabell Hardin, Opal and Levie Nelson enjoyed a kodaking trip north of Shamrock Sunday afternoon.
 Mrs. Mollie Francis returned Wednesday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. James, and family at Alanreed.
 Mrs. W. D. Ratliff and sons, Charlie and Marion Ratliff and William Gessler visited with relatives at Shamrock Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stokes and children of Groom spent Sunday with Mrs. Kate Stokes and sons.
 A. L. Morgan and family called at the R. O. Cunningham home Saturday night.
 (This week)
 George Mathinea attended the bedside of a sister at Plainview the first of last week.
 Asa Morgan and family and Miss Alta Lee visited in the Cunningham home Wednesday night.
 The Petty children have all recovered from the measles.
 W. R. Ault and son, Ward, visited in Pampa Sunday a week ago.
 Mrs. Mattie Bell spent Tuesday night with her son, Frank, and family.
 Mrs. Kate Stokes is having her house torn down, preparatory to building a new one.
 Those from here who attended the Wheeler county singing convention at Ramsdell Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lively, Mr. and

Mrs. Floyd Lively and baby, A. L. Morgan and family, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Lee and daughter, Miss Alta, Frank Bell and family, Howard Hardin and family, G. J. King and family, Misses Opal and Levie Nelson and Gladys Holloway, Messrs. Clyde Holloway, J. B. Porter, Ward Ault, Noah and Orville Cunningham, Travis and Buster Stokes. The next convention will be at Plainview school house the third, Sunday in June.
 There was no Sunday school here Sunday on account of the singing convention.
 Mrs. Mollie Francis visited in the Petty home Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Doy Holloway spent Saturday night with his father, J. O. Holloway.
 Homer Wilson and family of southeast McLean took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bodine.
 A daughter was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Copeland. The lady's grandmother, Mrs. Pugh, is staying with them.
 Several enjoyed a party at the Berry home Wednesday night.
 C. A. Myatt and Geo. Mathinea are busy hauling corn to McLean.
 Robert Matthew and family of McLean have moved to the Glover place, which was vacated by N. J. Miller. The Miller's moved in the road east of the Stokes place.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell and daughter, Imogene, and mother, Mrs. Mattie Bell, attended the funeral Wednesday of one of the three-months-old twins of Fred Bell at Wellington.
 Mrs. J. A. Johnson and children and Mrs. J. H. Bodine visited Mrs. Copeland and baby Monday.
 Mrs. J. H. Bodine accompanied Mrs. Scott Johnston and daughters of McLean to Hedley Tuesday to visit a friend.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cunningham

and son, Noah, called at the Lee Woodward home Friday night.
 Mrs. Luther Petty called on little Jesse Dean Cobb at McLean Wednesday afternoon, who was ill.
 Try baked cabbage with apples. Place a layer of chopped cabbage in the bottom of a baking dish, dot with butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and cover with thinly sliced tart apples sprinkled lightly with sugar. Add another layer of cabbage and so on until the dish is full. Buttered bread crumbs are sprinkled over the top and the whole is baked with a cover on until the cabbage is tender and the apples are done. Uncover and brown the crumbs.
 Here are some suggestions for tasty sandwiches for afternoon gatherings, either at home or elsewhere: Finely ground watercress, ceamed with butter, and spread on graham bread; parsley, with a few drops of lemon juice, minced and mixed with creamed butter in the same way; club cheese of sharp flavor, with chopped English walnuts, a few

drops of onion juice, salt and tomato catsup; orange rind, grated and mixed with butter. Cut the sandwiches with fancy cooky cutters.
 Use judgment in selecting a salad to go with any menu. For a hearty meal a light salad, such as a leafy green vegetable and French dressing, is appropriate, or a lettuce and acid fruit salad, with French dressing. With a light meal, one wants a hearty salad with a cooked or mayonnaise dressing. Salads of vegetables, eggs, fish, cheese or

meat, in combination, may be used as the main dish of a light meal, but not as a side dish.
 If a meringue is tough and watery it has been cooked in too hot an oven. The heat toughens the protein and causes the moisture to ooze out in drops of sirup. Cook dishes with meringue tops in a very moderate oven, setting the


food in a larger pan containing water, and see how much better the result is.
 Foreman—"Now, Murphy, what about carrying some more bricks?"
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