

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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## Lions Favor Street Peddler License

### Hospitality and Christmas Spirit, Merchants' Message

#### MESSAGE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

#### Merchants Ask Others to Help Strive for Community

Christmas will soon be with us again, and as it spreads abroad throughout this community its joyous tidings of good will to all, let us join wholeheartedly in its spirit. Let each stranger who enters our gates know that in this community the goodwill spirit of Christmas is not just a passing impulse effective during the holidays, but it is a day by day fact throughout the entire year. On another page of this issue, you will see how the business men of the community have united to present our welcome and a Merry, Merry Christmas to all. We can do our share toward making this Christmas good feeling a year round event, by showing Christmas charity and fellowship to those with whom we come in contact each day. We can make this community renowned for its hospitality—and our reward will come to us here on earth, for it will make the entire community more prosperous and happy.

#### L. V. LONSDALE ELECTED LEFORS CITY ATTORNEY

L. V. Lonsdale, who has recently moved his law office to Lefors, has been elected to the office of city attorney at that place with a salary of \$1,000 per year.

While the salary is nominal, the duties of the office will not interfere with Mr. Lonsdale's private practice.

#### J. A. SPARKS OFENS COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

J. A. Sparks, city marshal and tax collector, has opened an office in the Citizens State Bank, where he can be found every day from now on.

#### JOHNSON-PIPER

Married, November 23rd, at Stinnett, Miss Rosie Johnson and Mr. Temple Piper.

The bride is a popular Stinnett girl, and the groom is a nephew of Mrs. R. P. Cunningham of McLean. The young people will make their home at Wink.

Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Dennis of Erick, Okla., visited in McLean last Thursday.

Miss Kezzia Studebaker of Minco, Okla., visited her sister, Mrs. E. E. Dishman, last week.

Mrs. W. L. Campbell is visiting at Dalhart this week.

Jobe Abbott motored to Clarendon Saturday.

Mrs. Lee Van Sant of Ramsdel, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Bill Bentley spent the week end in Clarendon.

A. P. Rippy of Heald was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyse Caldwell visited in Wheeler Sunday.

Jesse Reeves of Amarillo visited here Friday.

Mrs. C. E. Thompson of Amarillo spent the week end here.

A. T. Wilson visited his sister, Mrs. T. M. Wolfe, at Lefors Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Taylor of Lamesa is at the B. F. Gray home.

#### With the Churches

##### ELD. MULLINS TO PREACH AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

Eld. Mullins of Luke will preach at the Church of Christ next Sunday at the 11 and 7 o'clock hours. Other services at the usual hours. Everyone invited to attend the services.

##### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

R. R. Rives, Minister. The services will be held at this church next Sabbath as usual: Bible school 10 a. m. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young people 6 p. m. You and your friends are cordially invited to worship with us at all the services. Come let us worship together.

##### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor. Services at the usual hours Sunday. Subject for the 11 o'clock hour, "The Joy and Blessings of Going Forward." Subject for the evening hour, 7 p. m., "The Necessity of Confessing Christ." You are cordially invited to attend these and all our services.

##### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

D. H. Brynoff, Pastor. We expect to have all our regular services next Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. All the B. Y. P. U's meet at 6 p. m. At last report on the offering for the church auditorium, it amounted to \$4,289. We are still advancing and will continue to do so till we reach our goal.

##### BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. met Wednesday for all day week of prayer meeting, and to finish the Lottie Moon book. 14 ladies were present. They will meet next Wednesday for Bible study at the home of Mrs. Loyse Caldwell. It is planned to finish the 6th chapter of Romans, along with the Bible study. Mrs. Brynoff will give some startling information concerning religious conditions in our country. All members are urged to be present and bring Bibles.

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

Sunday night we will reorganize our B. Y. P. U. The subject of the program will be "The Greatest Thing in the World." This will be a real live discussion. Come and enjoy it. Everyone cordially invited.

##### News from Ramsdell

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Sant came in Tuesday from Spearman to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. R. A. Burrows, and family. A Thanksgiving program was given Wednesday night. The proceeds from the pie supper netted \$82.75, which will go as an offering to the orphan homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Franks and daughter, Alma Joy, came in Wednesday evening to spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

T. W. Thomas, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. N. Pharis, and family, has returned to his home at Thomp Springs.

Ed Thomas and children of Endee, N. M., are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. W. N. Pharis, and family. Misses Veta and Zelma Lankford were visitors in the E. Exum home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burrows and children were dinner guests in the J. O. Davidson home Sunday.

Miss Donah May Exum visited Miss Zella Mae Lankford Sunday.

#### HIGHWAY WORK TO BEGIN AT EARLY DATE

According to Commissioner M. M. Newman, the only thing holding up work on grading Highway 66 is the securing of right-of-way where the route is changed; however, proper proceedings will be inaugurated toward satisfactory adjustment of this matter at an early date and work begun.

In places where damages are asked by property owners, every dollar paid in this way means three dollars lost to the road, says Mr. Newman, for the state and federal governments match every dollar the precinct puts on the road, and all claims for damages must come out of the precinct's share.

Various things have combined to delay work on the highway, but it is thought that most of the difficulties will be ironed out within the next few days so that the contractor may begin work putting the road in shape for paving.

#### RIVER BED HEARING SET BY RAILROAD COMMISSION

A hearing will be held by the Railroad Commission in the case of the state's attempt to regain title to mineral rights in the Northfork river bed.

Attorney General Claude Pollard will ask that oil companies be restrained from drilling nearer than 1,000 feet from the river banks, while now there is a common agreement in the Panhandle not to drill nearer than 330 feet, despite the ruling that a well may be drilled within 150 feet of a property line.

#### MARIE-MAC CAMP SOLD TO E. E. MCCLAIN

E. E. McClain of Erick, Okla., has bought the Marie-Mac tourist camp from L. G. McMillen and will take charge about the middle of the month.

Mr. McClain is an experienced man and comes to McLean well recommended as a business man and citizen.

#### BAPTIST WORKERS MET TUESDAY

A good sized crowd attended the Baptist Workers Conference of the Northfork Association that met with the McLean church Tuesday. Dinner was served at noon to the visitors and others present.

Mrs. R. P. Cunningham returned last week from a visit with her sister at Clovis, N. M.

Estel Bowen of Shamrock was in McLean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith visited on the Cubine ranch Thursday.

Miss Winnifred Howard visited in Amarillo Tuesday.

J. W. Redding of Mangum, Okla., was in McLean Saturday.

H. B. Lovett of Lefors was in McLean on business Saturday.

Bill Glass of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

A. W. Haynes visited in Shamrock Monday.

Ray Campbell was in Goldston Saturday.

Miss Marie Watt was in Shamrock Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer went to Wellington on business Saturday.

Miss Geneva Russell of Pagan visited friends in McLean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson visited in Pampa last Thursday.

Mrs. J. A. Haynes of Heald was in town Saturday.

#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR BRASWELL MAY BE SPEAKER AT BANQUET

It was decided at the Lions luncheon Tuesday to invite District Lion Governor Sam Braswell and wife to the banquet to be held next Tuesday night. Governor Braswell will be given a place on the program, and as he is an entertaining speaker, his remarks are sure to be enjoyed. Capt. H. S. Williams of the team that is furnishing the banquet, states that some 100 plates will be laid, with two birds to the plate, as well as other good things to eat. All Lions and their wives are invited to the banquet, which is furnished free of cost by the losing side in the recent attendance contest.

#### LEFORS PLANS WATER, LIGHT AND SEWER

Lefors is planning a light, water and sewer system for the town, and several proposals are before the city council. One company proposes to put a \$100,000 light and power plant in the town with the same rates as Pampa, at 15c per k. w. down, for light users.

A water rate of \$2.00 minimum for \$3,000 gallons is also proposed. Nothing has been accepted as yet, but it is expected that contracts will be let by the 15th of this month.

#### COMMISSIONERS TO LET PAVING CONTRACT TODAY

The county commissioners met at Pampa today to let contracts for grading parts of the Lefors-Pampa and the Berger-Pampa roads. Contracts have already been let for the Miami and the oil field roads out of Pampa a short distance.

#### C. OF C. FAILS TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

On account of the cold weather and a slight misunderstanding as to the hour, only a few were present at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night.

This was the regular time for election of officers, and a called meeting will probably be held in the near future for this purpose.

Misses Olive and Bertha Saunders of Amarillo visited their parents here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jacobs of Texola, Okla., were in McLean last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sublett of Albert, Okla., visited in McLean Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass and little daughter, Shirley Ray, visited in Canyon Thursday.

Misses Sallie and Jane Campbell visited in Clarendon Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Upham visited in Clarendon Thursday.

Kit Carrico spent the week end in Wichita Falls.

Lee Cason of Memphis visited here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lander spent the week end in Oklahoma City.

Charles Cousins is in Amarillo this week.

Frank Bidwell was in Canyon last Thursday.

Frank Little of Amarillo visited here Saturday.

Forrest Rogers was in Clarendon Thursday.

Pete Whatley of Memphis visited here Thursday.

Bobby Smith visited in Clarendon Thursday.

#### Letters to Santa Claus

Altus, Okla., Dec. 1, 1928.

Dear Santa: I am eight years old. I want a doll, set of dishes and set of water colors. Be sure and bring them, for I will be a good girl. Yours truly, LAURA CARTER.

Dear Santa Claus: I'd love to have a nice chest of tools. And please put some nails in the chest.

And, Santa Claus, please don't forget my little brother. And please put something in all the little boys and girls' stockings. With love, BILLIE BERT SANDERS.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little car, horn, teddy bear, a tiny baby doll, all kinds of fruit and candy. Your little friend, BOBBY STRATTON.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl four years old and I want a great big doll with hair on it, a large doll buggy, a bath robe, house slippers, and a telephone so I can talk to my auntie and daddy. MAUDIE DALE WOODS.

F. S. Please don't forget my grandpa and grandma. Marshall, Texas.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl six years old. Please bring me a little victrola, a kimona and house slippers, a little table and chairs, a stove, also a baby doll. FABRICE GALLOWAY.

P. S. Don't forget my auntie and Uncle Jake. Marshall, Texas.

My Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll, a little cradle to rock my dollie in, a little telephone so I can talk to my Aunt Myrtle. Please don't forget my little sister and brother. FLORA MAE GALLOWAY.

Marshall, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a good football, an aviators suit, a scooter, Lucky Lindbergh airplane, a little filling station. Please don't forget my Aunt Myrtle and uncle. They live away out in the Panhandle where there is lots of snow. JAMES GALLOWAY.

P. S. Please don't forget my fireworks and fruit and nuts. Marshall, Texas.

#### News from Gracey

Everyone enjoyed a party given at the L. F. Bidwell home Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Busher and children spent Saturday night and Sunday at the J. B. Hart home at McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Belew and children spent Sunday at the Bill Webb home.

Misses Birdie, Lorena, Opal and Christella Derrick are all sick this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Oliver Sr. are visiting their daughter in Oklahoma this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bush spent Saturday night at the W. B. Bush home.

Mr. Evans of Memphis visited his brother-in-law, H. L. Gayden, the first of the week.

Mr. Redding and daughter, Miss Myrtle, of Mangum, Okla., are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. O. L. Derrick.

Rev. Doggett of Zybach preached at the school house Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway of McLean visited at the Carville home Sunday.

Everyone enjoyed a singing given at the W. B. Bush home Sunday night.

Miss Rosie Mullin of Oklahoma City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mullin.

#### PEDDLING DEPLORED BY LIONS

#### City Ordinance Should Be Enforced on Peddling

Street peddlers were rapped at the Lions luncheon Tuesday. Lion Sam Hodges introduced the subject, and stated that the city ordinance in regard to peddling without a license should be strictly enforced. Lion Hodges gave several examples of the practices of peddlers, and said that the man who pays city taxes is entitled to protection. "No business man objects to farmers selling the stuff they raise," said Lion Hodges. "The law should aim at the man who buys and sells on the streets without paying a cent of taxes."

City Attorney W. S. White stated that it is the duty of the mayor and city council to enforce the ordinance and consider any other ordinance that is needed to protect the citizens' interests, and that he would be glad to see that violators of the city ordinances are stopped, if instances were brought to his attention.

Secretary E. L. Sitter was absent at the bedside of his father, who is ill at an Amarillo hospital, and a committee consisting of W. S. White, C. H. White and T. J. Coffey was appointed to draft suitable resolutions of sympathy.

C. H. White and Boyd Meador were elected to membership, and Mr. White was turned over to Tall Twister Dr. Finley, who gave him the usual choice of making a speech or paying a fine. Lion White, among other things, said he had noticed that the members roared like lions at the weekly luncheons, but were more like lambs when at home talking with their wives.

Floyd Phillips was present for the first time as a new member, and the tall twister collected a fine in lieu of a speech.

Acting Secretary T. J. Coffey reported that the lion tamer had failed to turn over to the secretary a ten cent fine collected at a previous meeting. Whereupon, a motion and second was passed imposing a fine on the lion tamer for his negligence.

Lion H. S. Williams reported progress on the supper to be furnished by the losing side in the recent attendance contest, and it was decided to hold the banquet next Tuesday night, omitting the regular weekly luncheon. All Lions will be expected to bring their wives with them to the banquet.

Dr. Campbell's side had the more members present.

Those present were: Floyd Phillips, John Haynes, Dr. Coleman, Arthur Erwin, Sammie Cubine, Ercy Cubine, Sam Hodges, T. A. Landers, H. S. Williams, C. H. White, T. J. Coffey, R. R. Rives, L. Sligar, W. S. White, R. C. Davidson, Geo. Tummins, Dr. Campbell, S. B. Morse, Roy Campbell, Dr. Finley, E. M. Stephens, M. D. Bentley and Dwight Upham.

Thomas B. Huff and family of Memphis spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. Ella Cubine visited in Amarillo last week.

T. B. Roby has renewed his subscription to The News.

Homer Wilson says, "Stop my ad. It got results the first time."

Harold Clement went to Pampa Wednesday.

Theo Heasley went to Amarillo Tuesday for medical treatment.

Harris King was in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Everett were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.



# The Double Cross

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## THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—Jim Stanley, wealthy young New York business man, unable to concentrate in his dictation to his dictaphone, has the machine taken to his home, intending to finish his work there. Rollin Waterman, his business partner and closest friend, comes in. Both men are avowedly in love with Doris Colby. Stanley proposes that they shall, that evening, first ask her to marry him. Waterman wins.

CHAPTER II.—Nina Morgan, Waterman's secretary, also his mistress, has overheard his conversation with Stanley and resents Waterman's plan to desert her. Waterman tells her he is practically penniless and must make a rich marriage. He urges Nina to go to Doris and tell her she (Nina) has been wronged—but by Stanley. The girl consents, on Waterman's promise to take care of her.

CHAPTER III.—Doris admits to her father her interest in both Stanley and Waterman, and is sure they are both in love with her, but she is unable to make up her mind which to marry.

CHAPTER IV.—Nina goes to Doris with her story, securing a promise that Doris will not reveal the source of her information. She convinces Doris of Stanley's duplicity, and leaves her broken hearted, and realizing that it is Stanley she really has loved.

CHAPTER V.—Waterman that evening asks Doris to marry him, and she, believing Stanley unworthy, accepts him. According to the arrangement, Stanley appears, to learn his rival has won. He accepts the situation, and as a wedding present, gives his share of the business to Waterman. Next day he arranges with his secretary, Frank Wilson, to take charge of his other business interests. He is going to India.

CHAPTER VI.—Doris, unable to get Stanley completely out of her mind, tells Waterman part of Nina's story. He promises to "try" to find the girl so that full corroboration can be made. Waterman is deeply in debt to a gambler, Bromfield, and the latter presses for payment. Waterman quieted him by the news of his engagement to the wealthy Doris Colby.

CHAPTER VII.—Waterman makes a financial arrangement with Nina which will insure her silence.

CHAPTER VIII.—Frank Wilson who has long been aware of Waterman's crooked business methods and his debts, sees Nina at the wedding and vague suspicions are aroused in him. He leaves Waterman's employ. The latter begins to importune Doris for money, ostensibly for the "business" but actually for gambling purposes.

CHAPTER IX.—At Waterman's urging Doris wears her magnificent diamond necklace, which had been her dead mother's, to the opera. That night it disappears. Doris's father, an artist, Bromfield's aid in tracing the stonier (the gambler's wife underworld acquaintance making him a likely party to get information about the gem), and is apparently satisfied with the results of Bromfield's efforts.

CHAPTER X.—Stanley returns to New York with an East Indian friend, Swami Ramaswami. Doris realizes now that she loves him, and always has. Made desperate by Waterman's conduct she suggests separation to divorce. Waterman refuses to consider either Stanley calling on Doris, feels all his old love for the girl awakened. He invites her and Waterman to his country home the following Saturday. Tying with the dictaphone which had been in use in Stanley's old office, the machine reproduces the conversation Waterman had with Nina Morgan when the conspiracy was arranged, and Stanley's eyes are opened.

CHAPTER XI.—Doris's father gives Stanley details of Waterman's misconduct, including the theft of Doris's diamonds, which Bromfield had recovered. Waterman had used them to pay gambling debts. Mr. Colby entrusts the gems to Stanley. Doris tells Jim of Nina's charge against him and he convinces her of its falsity. For that both of their lives have spoiled, Stanley determines on exposing Waterman's treachery.

CHAPTER XII.—Saturday evening when Doris had retired, Stanley confronts Waterman with his knowledge of the latter's treachery to him and also with the theft of Doris's necklace, which Stanley shows him. Waterman fervently denies it, but the testimony of the dictaphone convicts him. In a frenzy of rage and despair Waterman secures possession of Stanley's revolver, and the two engage in a desperate physical struggle.

CHAPTER XIII.—In the morning Stanley is not to be found, and the household is aroused. Doris and Wilson urge that the police be sent for, but both Waterman and Swami Ramaswami oppose such a move. During the argument Nina Morgan, with a small boy, whom they all assume is her son and Waterman's, makes her appearance.

"After my wife went to bed and left me here alone with Jim—I—I didn't want to stay. I had a presentiment that something would happen, and I—" "Presentiment?" prompted the Swami.

"Yes—and now I look back upon it. It seems to me that every word he spoke to me from the time I entered this house, shows that he had determined to pick a quarrel with me as soon as he got a chance."

Waterman made another effort. "Well, I tried to get away—said I was sleepy, and tried to go to bed, but he wouldn't let me. So I stayed on."

"You wished to please him?" "Why—yes. Well, the talk ran along till presently he began to say things I couldn't understand, and pretty soon he accused me of something."

"Of what?" "Of—disloyalty to him."

Doris smothered an exclamation. For an instant the Swami allowed his

eyes to rest upon her; then he turned them back to Waterman. "What was the accusation?" he inquired. "Does that matter?" "Perhaps not." "Yes," said Doris sharply. "I think it does." "Well?" the Swami prompted. "I'll tell you if my wife will leave the room." "No," she decided promptly. "I'll stay."

And the Swami said, "You may omit the accusation. I think I know it already."

Waterman cast an agonized glance upon the Hindu and presently struggled on.

"Well, sir, one thing ran to another. I was very angry—I admit it. And finally the lie was passed. Then—then he drew a gun on me."

"Remember," the warning was gentle. "There are finger prints upon it."

"Yes," cried Waterman, spurred to speed, "and they are probably mine. He threatened me with it. I took it away from him—threw it away. Then he fell upon me. As he did so the lights went out—I don't know why. We struggled in the darkness, and fell to the floor fighting. And that's all I know for quite a while. I don't know how long I was out, but when I came to, the lights were on again. Jim was gone. I was so sick and dizzy I could hardly stand up. The room swam before my eyes. I had only one idea—to get upstairs to my room. Little by little I finally made it, fell on my bed, and lay there till I heard Wilson rousing the house. And that's all I know, so help me God! If Jim has disappeared, he went himself. If he's been killed, I didn't do it. I didn't do it, as God's my judge!"

The Swami allowed him a brief interval for self-control, but presently he asked—"The revolver, was it fired?"

"No."

The Hindu moved slowly to the desk, picked up the gun by the barrel, and offered it to Doris. The weapon was still broken as it had been when Waterman cast it away. The Swami dutifully extracted a cartridge and examined it.

"One cartridge only," he said, "which I think has been discharged. Madame, examine the barrel."

"Take care," said Wilson quickly, "the finger prints!"

The Swami smiled. "My friend, we do not need them. Mr. Waterman has told us that he handled this weapon. Well, Madame, is it clean or is it foul?"

"It is foul," she murmured.

The eyes of all three fixed themselves upon Waterman. At this he lost his self-control entirely.

"Oh, my God!" he murmured, sank again into his chair, and buried his face in his hands, moaning.

Wilson was the first to move. He went to the hall door, opened it, and spoke.

"O'Hara there?"

The chauffeur appeared. "Have you searched?"

"Yes, sir. Me and the gardener's been over the whole place."

"Nothing?"

"Nothing."

"Wait with Jefferson in the hall."

The secretary closed the door again, turned and began, "And now, sir—"

"Hush," said Doris softly, her eyes upon the Swami.

The sage was again lying back limply in his chair, his eyes closed, and presently he began again to speak in that same level, emotionless voice:

"I see—I see—"

There was a pause that seemed minutes long, before the level voice went on:

"Darkness—midnight skies—shadows—driving clouds—a glint of stars—they pass—darkness—a struggle—silence—death—"

There came another pause.

"Water—black deep water—something in the water—sinking—turning—twisting—sinking like an autumn leaf—sinking into the black deep water—down—down—darkness—death—"

"Stop him," cried Waterman, in a quivering moan. "For God's sake stop him, he's going mad!"

But the voice went on:

"I see—I see—a room—two men—they are friends—they shake hands—an agreement—one departs—one remains— Ah, a woman—a dark woman—reproaches—threats—an agreement— Him— Another room—another woman—a fair and happy woman—tears—false tears—deceit—treachery—unhappiness— Ah—I see—I see—a marriage—wretchedness—misery."

When the voice went on again it was in a scarcely audible murmur, yet no ear in that room missed a syllable.

"A whisper through the stars—the flutter of the wings of Time on its way to join eternity—agnia, night—and the clouds—and the stars—I see—I see— Ah—again the dark woman—struggling through the night—alone—no—a child—a little child whose hand she holds—nearer and nearer she comes—nearer and nearer—she is at the door—she knocks—"

There came a long silence. Suddenly the Swami's voice rose:

"Let her in!" he cried. For the first time he moved, struggled feebly, opened his eyes and looked about the staring group.

"What have I been saying?" he asked.

Startlingly upon the silence that followed there came a knock at the door. Wilson opened it quickly. The butler stood there.

"There's a young woman asking for Mr. Stanley, sir," he said.

The three stared at each other. Fearing he knew not what, Waterman said hysterically: "Send her away! Tell her he's not at home!"

"Very good, sir."

"Wait," said Doris. Waterman turned upon her savagely. "What nonsense! At this time of the night!" "Send her in," she said. In perplexity, the butler looked at Wilson, who nodded. The three stood as if frozen into silence, until Jefferson returned. He stopped at the door, looked back, and said: "This way, Miss."

And suddenly, framed in the doorway, stood Nina Morgan. By her side, clutching at her skirts for comfort, stood a frightened little boy.

## CHAPTER XIV

Waterman leaped from his chair with galvanic speed. "You! You! You!" The voice rose to a shriek. "Yes, Rollin," said the girl cheerfully. "It's me, old dear. You haven't been around much lately, so we thought we'd come and look you up."

Waterman turned helplessly to his wife: "Doris, Doris," he begged. "Send her away! I can explain it all—all—everything, if you only get her away before she begins her lies. For God's sake, send her away before it's too late!"

But she denied his appeal. "It's too late now," she answered. "When this woman came to me and told me that terrible lie about poor Jim, she did it because you told her to."

"No—no—no!" cried Waterman. Doris turned to Nina. "Isn't that so?" she asked sadly.

"Oh, yes," was the prompt reply. The answer was crushing. Under it Waterman sank again into his chair and lay there, moaning feebly.

The girl went on relentlessly: "I was at my wit's end. I didn't know where to turn. I was desperate. And when I found out that he was planning to marry you, I told him I was going to tell you the truth about us two. And then he tempted me. He said if I came across he'd always take care of me. And you see it wasn't only me—I had this little fellow to look after." She looked down at the boy, whose big frightened eyes rolled continually from one member of the group to another.

"It was wrong,"

awfully wrong, and I've suffered enough for it. But when I heard that Mr. Stanley was back in this country again, my conscience wouldn't let me rest until I had told him the truth. And so I've come, late at night as he told me, when I telephoned him the morning."

Wilson moved up quickly from the door where he had been standing, and said in amazement: "You mean to say that he knew you were coming?"

"Of course," she answered. "Where is he?"

"That is the question," said Doris solemnly. She turned toward her husband, fixed a relentless gaze upon him, and added: "Rollin, where's Jim?"

"I don't know, I tell you. I don't know!" was the feeble response.

He struggled to his feet, and somehow, like a man walking in his sleep, felt his way to the corner of the room, and sat down again with his back to the others.

Again after a moment's thought Wilson took command of the situation. "I think, Miss Morgan," he said, "we must ask you to wait for a time. We have a decision to make and time presses."

The girl nodded in silence and Wilson opened the door for her.

"Please do not go away," he added. As he shut the door on Nina and the child, he turned to the Swami and said:

"And now, sir, I think you will agree that the time has come to call the police."

(Continued next week)

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The Outstanding Chevrolet of Chevrolet History will be displayed in a series of advance showings in the cities listed below:

Washington, Dec. 1-4, Mayflower Hotel... Chicago, Dec. 1-6, Pure Oil Bldg., Wacker Dr. and Wabash Ave... Los Angeles, Dec. 1-6, Ambassador Hotel Auditorium... San Francisco, Dec. 8-13, Civic Auditorium, Larkin Hall... Cincinnati, Dec. 8-14, Hotel Sinton... St. Louis, Dec. 8-14, Arcadia Ballroom, 3515 Olive St... Atlanta, Dec. 18-22, Auditorium—Armory... Dallas, Dec. 18-22, Adolphus Hotel, Junior Ballroom... Portland, Ore., Dec. 18-22, Public Auditorium.

The COACH \$595



The ROADSTER	\$525
The PHAETON	\$525
The COUPE	\$595
The SEDAN	\$675
The Sport CABRIOLET	\$695
The Convertible LANDAU	\$725
SEDAN DELIVERY	\$595
LIGHT DELIVERY CHASSIS	\$400
1/4 TON CHASSIS	\$545
1/4 TON CHASSIS WITH CAB	\$650

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich.

## McLean Motor Co.

### McLean, Texas

QUALITY AT LOW COST



Day Before Christmas;

Saved from Poorhouse

"I wish they came," gasped Maria as she looked at the poorhouse sign.

"I wish they came," gasped Maria as she looked at the poorhouse sign. "Day before Christmas, and a poorhouse sign in the window."

"What?"

"Have you not come to take me there?"

"They started, they laughed—cried. We are from the Pacific coast. This house has been acquired by the Baltimore Family association and is to be furnished and exhibited. We are engaged to offer you the position of housekeeper—everything furnished and a salary. There comes the first load of coal, in half an hour the place will be warm from cellar to garret."

"Even to my vegetables," mused the bewildered Maria. But her tenth cousin saw she had a better Christmas dinner than potatoes.—Edith Minter.

Christmas Morning and Merry Wedding Bells

The party was over, the children and the other teachers had gone. Lois pushed the low, round tables into the study room ready for Christmas morning.

"I tried to make them happy—they did have a good time in spite of my own heavy heart." She sat down, her head in her arms and cried.

Lois was awakened by a whistled measure of "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem." The room was flooded with light; arms were around her.

"Can you ever forgive me, dear, for letting myself get mixed up in that scrape last year," asked Jerry?

"Jerry, dear, there was nothing to forgive. I knew you were innocent. It was your going away without a word that hurt." Lois clung to him.

"But I couldn't come to you with suspicion resting on me. I hunted that rascal, Varney, until he confessed the whole affair. Now I've come to marry you. Are you ready, dear?"

"Yes, I am ready; I have waited a year."

So on Christmas morning Lois and Jerry were married in the primary room where she had taught for years.

And the children, who loved Lois, wished her "much joy" and "Merry Christmas" at the same time.—Anna L. Newman.

CHRISTMAS PROVERBS

TO ISSUE an invitation is to make ourselves responsible for our guest's happiness as long as he is under our roof.

It is a sin against hospitality to open your door and shut up your countenance.

The giver makes the gift precious.

A gift with a kind countenance is a double present.

The charitable give out at the door and God puts in at the window.

There is no grace in a gift that sticks to the fingers. Hearts alone buy hearts. Kindness like grain increases by sowing.—Montreal Herald.

Christmas in Italy

Assembling miniature models of Christ's birthplace forms an important part of Christmas observance in Italy, where the little manger is called a "presepio." Rigid fast for twenty-four hours before Christmas ever marks the religious observance.

A Christmas Superstition

In parts of rural England it is accepted as beset argument that if, on the morning of Christmas day, the sun shines through the apple tree the apple harvest will be good.—Montreal Herald.

Norway Christmas Legend

In Norway they have a pretty legend that on every Christmas eve the little Christ-child wanders all over the world bearing on his shoulders a bundle of evergreens.

Christmas Renews Our Youth

We come nearer renewing our youth at Christmas than at any other time of the year. Alas for us, if we miss its chance for this!

Christmas Gift Giving

The custom of Christmas gift giving has its own significance and very few of us would forego the pleasure of Christmas giving.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS:

THINK A SMALL CITY IS NO PLACE TO CONDUCT A FEUD. EVERY DAY YOU MEET THE OTHER FELLOW FACE TO FACE, WHICH IS EMBARRASSING TO YOU BOTH. IF YOU ARE TIRED OF BEING ESTRANGED FROM SOMEONE, SPEAK THE NEXT TIME YOU MEET, AND SEE HOW EAGER THE OTHER FELLOW IS TO BURY THE HATCHET.



A HELPFUL ROAD SIGN

In a certain section liable to floods there is a notice on a low-lying road which reads: "When this notice is under water this road is impassable!"

Flowers for All Occasions

Canyon has a Children's Theatre which offers juvenile plays for very young children. One of its objectives is to develop the dramatic and literary sense of the child. The plays range from "Red Ridinghood" to "Treasure Island."

Mr. and Mrs. Bryn Burrows spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Ramo.

FRESH MILK and PURE CREAM

Modern Sanitary Equipment Cooled by Frigidaire  
Free Delivery Twice Daily Phone 61

The following firms use our milk:  
Meador Cafe, Montgomery Drug Co., Dishman Confectionery "M" System, Alva's Hamburger Stand

Hibler's Dairy

Quality Plus Service Phone 61

Th' Ole Grouch

SAY, IF YOU'D KEEP YOUR DOGS SHUT UP NIGHTS, SO HIS BARKING WOULDN'T KEEP HIS AWAKE, YOU WOULDN'T GET TH' REST OF US DOG-OWNERS IN BAD, WHO DO KEEP OUR HOUNDS IN AT NIGHT.



BEAUTIFUL BUT WISE

Conductor Hancy—"She seemed like a sensible girl."  
Brakeman Henry—"Yeh, she wouldn't pay any attention to me, either."

NO FRIEND OF HIS

Usher (to cold, dignified lady)—"Are you a friend of the groom?"  
The Lady—"No indeed! I am the bride's mother."

SHORT AND SWEET

At first the world was flat. Then someone discovered that it was round. Now it is crooked.

Goodyear tires are cheaper at King Motor Co. Advertisement etc

FAMILIARITY BREEDS DISBELIEF

"But surely," urged Jones, "seeing is believing?"  
"Not necessarily," replied Johnson. "I see you every day."

SHOE REPAIRING

Every job guaranteed, whether large or small.

We can do anything with a shoe or boot!

Bible Shoe and Harness Shop

Cecil Bible, Prop.

DR. THOS. M. MONTGOMERY  
Eyeglass Specialist  
will be in McLean every four weeks. Office at Erwin Drug Company. Next date  
Friday, Dec. 28  
Optometrist and Optician 628 Polk St., Amarillo, Texas

A REAL CHRISTMAS GIFT  
What better gift can you make than to surprise the family with a new car this Christmas? We have Whippet and Willys-Knight models to suit every taste and purse. Let us demonstrate the model you desire. The most value for the money on the market today.  
Rogers Service Station  
W. P. Rogers L. L. Rogers

C. M. Stone & Co. Talks Turkey

<p><b>TURKEY FREE</b> TELL YOUR FRIENDS A Real Live Turkey Given Away Each Afternoon at 3:30 p. m. at Our Store</p>	<p>It's a Lucky Turkey That Escapes the Ax from Now until Christmas It's a Luckier Piece of Merchandise at Our Store That Escapes a Wearer within the Next Two Weeks We've cut the prices! Out goes the merchandise! C. M. Stone &amp; Co. talks Turkey! Something Different every day during this Sale! Be on hand. See for yourself when the doors are opened on—</p>	<p><b>HOUR SALE</b> 10 to 11 a. m. We will sell 32 inch gingham, all new fall plaids, 25c value, one hour only 8 yards for <b>\$1.00</b></p>
<p><b>SWEATERS</b> We have gone the limit on price-making in our Sweater department. \$1.50 value sweaters, for <b>79c</b></p>	<p><b>TO FIRST CUSTOMERS</b> We will sell the first comers a beautiful dress pattern of three and a half yards Scotch tweed suiting promptly at 9 o'clock for— <b>15c</b> the Entire 3½ Yards</p>	<p><b>BLANKETS</b> 64x76 Blankets, all new block plaids, \$3.00 value Very Special, at per pair— <b>\$1.79</b></p> <p><b>BOYS' FLANNEL SHIRTS</b> \$1.50 value—Turkey Talk price— <b>98c</b></p> <p><b>CORDUROY LUMBERJACKS</b> Here are Lumberjacks, values up to \$5.50, choice— <b>\$3.98</b></p>

C. M. Stone & Co. "Better Quality" McLean, Texas



**THE McLEAN NEWS**  
Published Every Thursday

T. A. LANDERS, Publisher

Entered as second class mail matter May 8, 1905, at the post office at McLean, Texas, under act of Congress.

News Building, 210 Main Street  
Phone 47

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**  
In Texas

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

Outside Texas

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

Advertising Rates Upon Application



There is no question of the need of collecting a city tax from the various peddlers who use the streets of the city for a place of business. If the streets are to be made free for business occupations, the regular merchants might well give up their stores and move into the street. Streets and sidewalks belong to the traveling public, and should not be used for other purposes by anyone.

There has never been anyone who made a measure of success of their business but someone envied them and thought that they could do likewise, regardless of whatever failures they might have made at their own business. The fact is that it takes work to make a success of any business, and the chances are that the man who is a failure at his own business will not do any better in another line.

A successful business man of McLean, one of the sponsors of the community series of advertisements appearing in The News, was approached one day last week by an out-of-town printing peddler, and when he got through telling what he thought of patronizing home industry, the peddler knew something about practicing what one preaches. We are glad to know of instances like this, for that is the kind of treatment

peddlers who handle lines carried by local merchants get in our office.

"What's the idea of sending me a paper that takes a whole week to read?" said a News subscriber to the editor Saturday in referring to the big issue of last week. We explained that when we have the advertising and have to run extra pages we give our readers extra matter in order to hold a proper balance between reading matter and advertising. But the fact is, our readers are just as much interested in the advertising as other parts of the paper, and say so when they fail to get their copy on time.

The Memphis Democrat, in speaking of a practically universal world custom of providing newspapers with free tickets to entertainments, says that this custom is violated in Memphis by local producers, despite the fact that a writeup is expected on each occasion. This custom is well recognized by all outside engagements in McLean, but seldom does the local director say anything to the editor, but when the ticket sellers are turned loose on the town they do not skip the editor. No newspaper can afford to have a reporter at each paid affair unless tickets are provided, yet at the same time a nice writeup is expected. It is probably a lack of thought that makes such a situation, for most local people are willing to tote fair with the paper.

**JEWELRY!** Complete line HIGH QUALITY JEWELRY! Select your Xmas Gifts EARLY!  
J. A. WINCHESTER, JEWELER.  
Corner Drug Store, Shamrock, Texas.  
Advertisement 11c

Mrs. J. W. Crisp of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Thompson were in from the ranch Saturday.

**MEADOR CAFE**  
Modern Equipment  
Pleasant Service  
Your Patronage Appreciated

**JAPANESE SALE**

The Home Economics Club of the high school is planning their annual Japanese sale to be held Dec. 9th. Don't forget to plan to do some Christmas shopping with the girls. The proceeds from the sale will go towards beautifying the new home eco. rooms and helping to provide for much needed equipment. Advertisement 48-2c

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norman of Pampa visited relatives in McLean last week end. They were accompanied by Gene Walker.

Emmet Thompson of Amarillo was in McLean last week.

Misses Bonnie Miller and Jewel Shaw visited in Clarendon Thursday.

Uncle Albert Haynes spent Thanksgiving day with J. E. Cubine on the ranch.

Misses Jewell and Dorothy Cousins spent last week end in Hedley with their sister, Mrs. Charles Lowry.

**Victory Service**

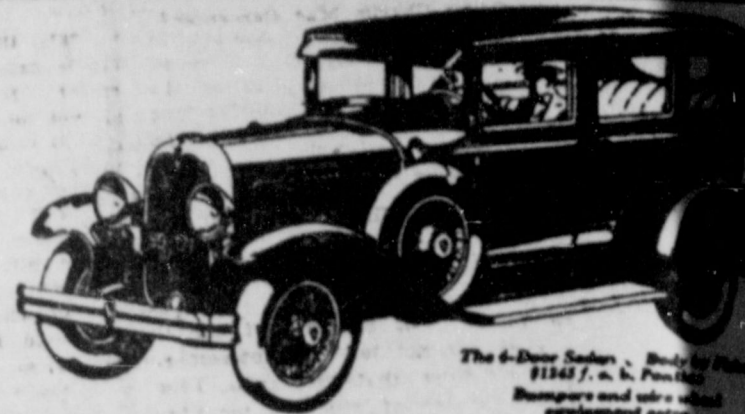
Gasoline, Oils, Greases, Tires, Tubes, Accessories  
Let Us Service Your Car Ladies' Rest Room

**Victory Filling Station**

Hope and Lynch, Props.

Groceries are cheaper at Packet's Goodyear tires are Cash Store. Advertisement 11c King Motor Co. Advertisement

**500 BUSHELS APPLES**  
at Bible's Old Stand  
**WILSON & WOODWARD**



**Here's One New Car**  
With Style that's Really New

No duplicate of this car or that one... the New All-American Six. But a smartly original creation... with specially designed bodies by Fisher... with style that's strictly its own. A car that you recognize instantly... one that stands out in any crowd. Because it has that air of being different... that air which distinguishes a leader from the rest of the field... Just what every American wants in an automobile. Pulse-stirring performance... comfort... luxury... distinctive style. And America is giving it a marvelous reception... a motor-wagon nation's welcome to a new and triumphantly different car.

Prices \$1145 to \$1375, f. o. b. Pontiac, plus delivery charges. Leaning Hydraulic Shock Absorbers and spring covers included in list price. Bumpers and rear fender guards extra. Check Oakland delivery program—they include lowest handling charges. General Motors Time Payment Plan available at minimum rate.

**KING MOTOR CO.**

**A NEW ALL-AMERICAN SIX**  
BY OAKLAND

**"CONSIDERATION"**

The man who is actuated by a keen desire to prosper and to leave his loved ones well protected is a considerate man.

The considerate man considers all possibilities.

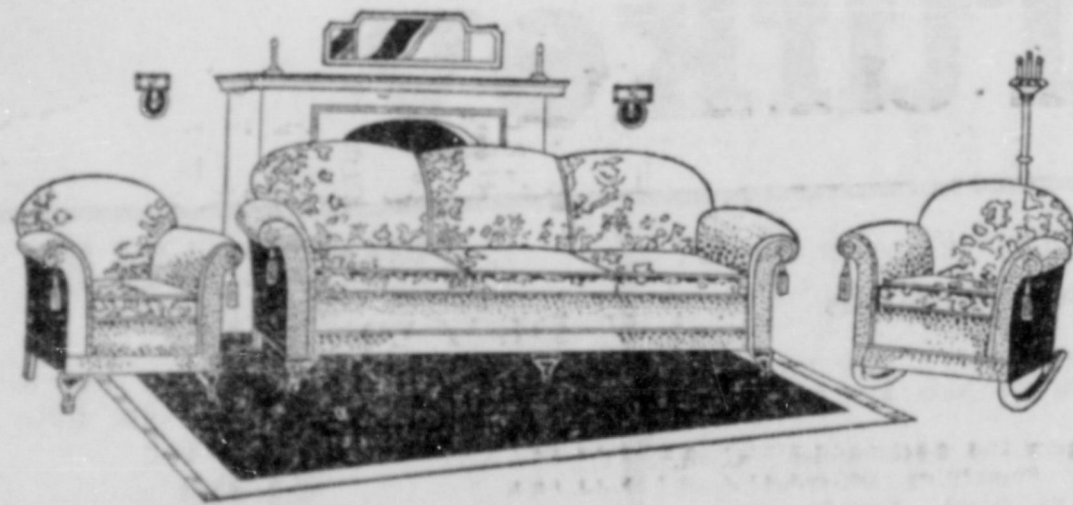
The man who considers all possibilities will find a well selected banking connection highly advantageous.

**The Citizens State Bank**

Capital, Bond and Surplus \$58,750.00

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

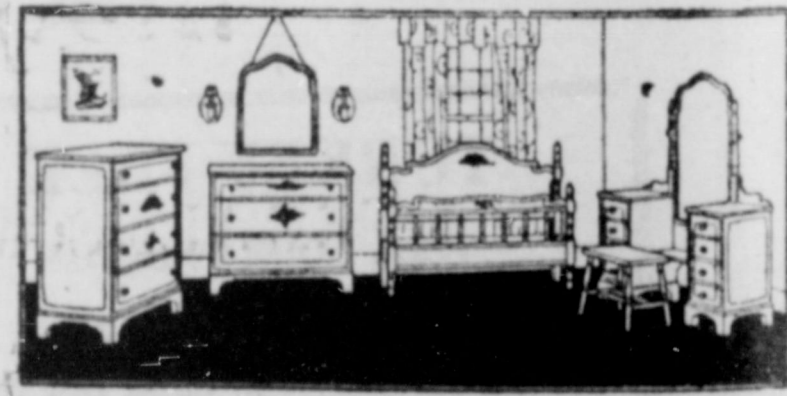
**EVERY DAY A SALE DAY**  
at McGowen's



**LIVING ROOM SUITE—\$78.95**

3-piece overstuffed living room suite, consisting of arm chair, club chair and davenport. Our price only \$78.95.

Some Every Day Bargains



**BED ROOM SUITE—\$53.75**

Beautiful two-tone hand decorated 4-piece bed room suite, our price only \$53.75. You must see this fine suite to appreciate the bargain offered.

**BEAUTIFUL RUGS**

9x12 Axminster Rug, \$63.00 value. Our Price	\$48.95
9x12 Axminster Rug, \$47.45 value. Our Price	\$38.25
9x12 Axminster Rug, \$39.45 value. Our Price	\$31.15
9x12 Congoleum Rugs. Our Price	\$ 5.45

**FURNITURE VALUES**

You can find no better quality in furniture than is carried at McGowen's. Every item offered is the best in its class, and you know our policy of satisfied customers. You are welcome to come in and inspect our offerings. Compare the quality and price. We will accept your judgment.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Give something for the home this Christmas. You cannot make a nicer gift than a piece of furniture that every member of the family will enjoy for years to come. We have smoking stands, end tables, cedar chests, floor lamps, etc., etc. Let us make suggestions for a Happy Christmas.

**McGowen Furniture Co.**

WE LEAD—OTHERS ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW



**THE TIGER POST**

Published Every Thursday by the Students of the McLean High School, under the Direction of R. C. Hammock and Miss Helen Hugos

**STAFF**

Editor-in-Chief.....Lalla D'Spain  
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Society Editor.....Charlie Mae Carpenter  
Humor Editors—Norvin Ashby and Ray Beach  
Reporters—Lucille Harlan, Huevyn Laycock, Lois Kirby, Dot Payne, Jewel McGowen

**INTEREST OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

The high school students of the present day do not take the interest in public affairs that they should. A great number of students never go to a lecture, a public meeting for the good of the community, or do anything which pertains to public affairs.

One of the reasons that the students do not take part in public affairs is that they have done no real thinking about such things. The majority of high school students wish to go to some place of amusement, when they have the opportunity to go somewhere, rather than giving part of this time to things that will benefit them in the future.

This situation must be made better and can be done, to a great extent, if the importance of participating in public affairs is stressed in the school and the home. Students should be made to see the importance of such things, for the student of today will be the citizen of tomorrow. If children are trained while young, the responsibility of doing for the nation will be somewhat lessened.

**WHERE THE TEACHERS SPENT THANKSGIVING**

Some of the teachers went home for the Thanksgiving holidays, others went to football games, and several just visited.

Kit Carrico, Cecil Moore and Supt. Geo. Tummins drove to Wichita Falls to see a football game.

Miss Essie Payne spent Friday in Wellington.

Miss Helen Hugos went to her home at Enid, Okla.

Robert Hammock spent the holidays with his parents at Denton.

A. A. Tampke went to San An-

tonio to attend a state teachers agricultural meeting.

**AN OLD MAN AND HIS CHILDREN**

This fable was written by Zella Mae Lankford, a senior.

Once there was a very old man who lived with his son and daughter-in-law. His eyes were dim, his ears deaf, and his knees trembled. When he sat at the table and tried to eat, his hands shook so that he could not guide the spoon to his mouth, and whatever it held spilled on his clothes or on the table cloth. His son and daughter-in-law were so annoyed over his conduct at the table that they finally made him sit in the corner behind the stove and eat out of an earthen dish. Often the poor old man would not have enough to eat, and he would look sadly at the table with tears in his eyes.

One day his trembling hands could not even hold the dish and it fell to the floor and broke into small pieces. The wife scolded him loudly, but he said nothing. He only sighed. Then then bought him a wooden dish for a few pennies, and gave him his meals in it.

One day when they were sitting at the table, their little boy brought in some small pieces of boards and tried to fasten them together.

"What are you doing?" asked the father.

"I'm making a little trough for you and mother to eat out of when I grow big," replied the child.

The parents looked at each other in astonishment, and then were very sad because they had treated their poor old father so badly.

Moral: Learn to respect others if you would be respected.

**HONOR ROLL FOR LAST SIX WEEKS**

Those who are on the honor roll for the last six weeks are:

Seniors—Lalla D'Spain, Johnnie Villa Haynes.

Sophomores—Fred Durham, Marvin Gardner, I. D. Shaw Jr.

Freshmen—Lois Kirby, Fern Landers, Ida Belle Newman, Cleone West.

First grade—Herbert Green, Julia Mertel, Clara Mae Hall, Georgia Colebank, Norma Bryant, Juanita Bible, Ruth Berry, C. A. Watkins, Jeff Coffey Jr., Clyde Carpenter, Richard Simmons, Dramon Huff, Edna Boblett, Thelma Joe Gray, Lucile Cobb, Fay Hoffer, Beorma Mooney, Velma Lucile

Lester, Norma McCracken, Sunnis Curry, Paul Scott.

Second grade—R. L. Floyd, Jesse Dean Cobb, Clyde Smith, Shirley Johnston, Lyda Jane Switzer, Frankie Roth, Leta Mae Phillips, Erma Mounsey, Joyce Crockett, Milburn Henry, Averil Christian, Eula Foster, Drucilla Kunkel, Marietta Young, Hurschel Cupele.

Third grade—Lottie Margaret Barrow, Mavis Brewer, James Emmett Cooke, Peb Everett Jr., Leo Meador, Frankie Mae Bell, W. C. Stotts, Gwynne Carpenter, Lillie Lane, Marie Landers, Anadel Silgar, Arthur Smith.

Fourth grade—J. L. Mann, Klivia Ayer, Elora Duncan, Beatrice Bacon, Charlie Marie Back Hazel Alexander, Juanita Carpenter, Hobby Appling, A. R. Ledbetter.

Fifth grade—Lillie Lester.

Sixth grade—Pauline Ledbetter, Charles Ashby, Paul Ledbetter.

Seventh grade—Maudelle Corum, Frankie Andrews, Margarite Mertel.

Piano students—Lola Ruth Stanfield, Nora Lee Morgan, Laverne Pettit, Sybil Graham, Bobbie Appling, Charlie Mae Carpenter, Allene Coffman, Arlene Hickman, Avis Lee McElvany, Margaret Hess, Ruth Hess, Lois Kirby, Bonnie Bell, Juanita Carpenter, Shirley Johnston, Joe Billy Bogan.

The inspector was testing the general knowledge of the junior class. Blapping a half dollar on the desk,

he said sharply, "What's that?" Instantly a voice from the back row, "Tails, sir!"

Mr. Hammock—"I told you yesterday that I'd give you one day to hand in that theme." Ernest—"Yeah, but I thought I could pick any day."

**SENIOR PARTY**

Mrs. Alma McGowen entertained the senior class at the home of Mrs. Sherman White on Friday evening, Nov. 30.

Games were played during the evening, and refreshments were served to the following: Lalla D'Spain, Mildred Richardson, Winnifred Howard, Johnnie Villa Haynes, Maybelle Veatch, Elizabeth Wilkerson, Letha Ashby, Norvin Ashby, Carl Jones, Merle Young, Haze Waters and Ray Beach.

**TEACHERS ILL**

Due to illness, three high school teachers were absent Monday. They were: Miss Ircan Blount, mathematics teacher; Miss Eileen Partlow, home economics teacher; and Robert Hammock, English and Latin teacher. Miss Blount and Miss Partlow were able to meet their classes Tuesday. Mr. Hammock, however, is still ill at his home in Denton.

**HOME EC PARTY**

The members of the home econ. Tuesday evening, Nov. 27, at the home of Mrs. Essie Payne.

After several games were played, a business meeting was held. Refreshments of pumpkin pie and hot chocolate were served to the following: Dorothy Cousins, Ruth Gray, Pauline Muncie, Mildred Richardson, Gorda Lou Haynes, Lucille Harlan, Kileen Neill, Mary Bryant, Irene McCoy, May Belle Veatch, Johnnie Villa Haynes, Winnifred Howard, Jewell McGowen, Merle Young, Faye Bible.

Letha Ashby, Imogene and Catherine Rutledge, Hazel Clement, Dot Payne, and Miss Partlow.

Misses Sinclair Rice and Frances Noel, who are attending college at Canyon, spent the week end with their parents here.

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

**CHIROPRACTIC**

When sharp pains grip your larynx, And your liver's out of whack, Have rumblings in your stomach, Rusty creakings in your back, Then you have the flu, my friend— This the Chiropractor'll end.

**Dr. H. M. Coleman, D. C.**  
Phone 2 House Calls Day or Night

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**Baby for Sale!**

Father a college professor; mother cultured and refined; heredity guaranteed. Price—\$30,000.

PASSIONATELY devoted to her husband, Marjorie often said she would sacrifice anything for his success and happiness. And now, as he faces failure, disillusionment, despair—all for a lack of money—she sees only one way out. She has heard of women, rich and childless, who would give thousands of dollars if they could adopt a baby, and be sure of its heredity. But as the golden dreams of approaching motherhood fill her soul, she wonders if she can go through with it.

True, the secret of her coming baby is still her own. Even her husband does not know—*and never will know*. But can she resist the loving touch of tiny, helpless baby hands that are already closing tightly around her heart? Can she sell her unborn child?

Even while she prays for courage to make this terrible sacrifice, she is thinking that perhaps the rich woman who comes to her aid could take her abroad, "for a few months' travel." There her baby could be born—to become the other woman's baby.

It all seems so easy. Still, as she visions the helpless little mite of humanity that lives close to her heart—she wonders if she can do it. Can anything ever take the place of that little life that, for her, will die the moment it is born?

Read her piteous story, "Nature's Vengeance," in January True Story Magazine.

Tune in on the True Story Hour broadcast every Friday night over WOR and the Columbia Chain. Consult Your Paper for Exact Time.

**Partial Contents for January**  
I Wanted a Husband  
My Price of Redemption  
Sacred and Profane Love  
The Woman Who Conquered Shame  
After The Elopement  
—and eight other stories

**Out Now!**

**True Story**

At All Newsstands—only 25c

**MODERN BUSINESS DEMANDS**

**SPEED — ACCURACY — SAFETY**

in the handling of land title matters and the negotiation and consumation of real estate transactions.

**The McLean Abstract & Title Company**

has been developed to meet these demands and requirements.

2nd Floor Back Building  
McLean, Texas

Notary Public  
in Office

**Blake Dry Goods**

**Friday and Saturday Specials**

HERE ARE SOME REAL BARGAINS SPECIALLY PRICED FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK

**LADIES' COATS**

\$25.75 values for only ..... \$17.65  
\$18.50 values for only ..... \$12.65  
\$12.50 values for only ..... \$ 8.45

All Children's Coats Sharply Reduced

**MEN'S SHEEP COATS**

Good ones for only ..... \$ 5.85  
Better ones for only ..... \$ 6.85  
\$14.50 values for only ..... \$12.85

A new line of Men's Lumber Jacks just received.

**BLAKE DRY GOODS**

Phone 181

McLean, Texas



REMEMBERING THE PRESS

Very little attention is paid to the press, except in an hour of emergency or when something of importance is to transpire. Then it is that the press is asked to do everything within its power to accomplish some desired or coveted objective. Men and women of the press do not work for acclaim, for laudatory comment, but they try to be forward looking and seek to bring out the best in the cities and communities they serve.

There is a time-honored custom that is as much a prerogative of the press as it is to publish a newspaper on a certain date. In all cities and towns of any size, the press are the recipients of complimentary passages to every entertainment in the city. This practice has been followed for years. Many advance stories are carried from time to time for various causes, because such stories are news items and because adequate publicity helps in putting things over.

In Memphis, the condition is reversed. If any member of the staff of The Democrat should be presented with a pass to any local entertainment he would probably fall to the floor dead from heart failure, the shock would be so great. And yet, no matter how many stories about an entertainment are given, this paper is one of the first places made by ticket sellers. The staff of The Democrat is asked on an average of four or five times a week to buy tickets for first one thing and then another. Tickets are purchased occasionally to keep from being bothered.

The Democrat is expected to have a story covering every entertainment that takes place in this city. In order for an adequate story to be written, it is necessary for some member of the staff to be present. As it is now, the only admission card a staff member has is the cold cash. It is not the money consideration that The Democrat minds nearly so much as the principle of the thing. The press is accorded the same privilege throughout the length and breadth of the United States and in all civilized countries, and we see no reason why Memphis should be an exception to the rule.—Memphis Democrat.

A REMARKABLE YOUNG LADY

Bird cage and parrot offered by refined young lady having green feathers and yellow beak.—Ad. in Utah paper.

Goodyear tires are cheaper at King Motor Co. Advertisement file

W. C. Dunaway

New and Second Hand Furniture

You will like our goods and prices. Give us a trial.

INSURANCE

Life Fire Hail

I insure anything. No prohibited list. I represent some of the strongest companies in the world.

T. N. Holloway Reliable Insurance

RADIOTIC



IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

When Adam in bliss Asked Eve for a kiss. She puckered her lips with a coo: With looks quite ecstatic. She answered emphatic, "I don't care, Adam, if I do!"

THE LOCATION

She—"Did I show you the place where I hurt my hip?" He—"No-no." She—"All right, we'll drive over there."

AMERICAN THEATRE

Thursday and Friday Dec. 6-7

"HOT NEWS"

Starring Bebe Daniels Comedy, "CRUISING THE ARCTIC"

Saturday, Dec. 8

Tom Tyler in—

"AVENGING RIDER"

Comedy, "KITTIES"

Monday and Tuesday Dec. 10-11

"ME GANGSTER"

with June Collyer and Don McDonald Paramount News and Comedy

Wednesday, Dec. 12 Bargain Night

Admission 10c and 15c

"OUT OF THE RUINS"

Starring Richard Barthelmess Comedy, "FACE VALUE"

Thursday & Friday Dec. 13-14

Adolphe Menjou in—

NIGHT OF MYSTERY

Comedy, "LONE SKY" Paramount News

PRINT SHOP FABLES



The Printer's Devil comes by His Name Honestly, for he's a Chip off the Old Block. He pesters the Office Cat, Kicks the Cash Customers and Drives the Boss crazy. He comes in Handy to Blame Things On, and he's Gonna be an Editor when he Grows Up.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cascarell of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Springer Monday.

In the South High Plains region of Texas cotton growing has expanded from 74,195 bales in 1919 to 322,002 bales in 1926.

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"When I ate I would bloat up with gas. I couldn't sleep, was cross and nervous. Adlerika has given me real relief."—Mrs. M. Meyer. Adlerika relieves stomach gas and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on BOTH upper and lower bowel, it removes old waste-matter you never thought was in your system. Let Adlerika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see how much better you feel. It will surprise you! Erwin Drug Co.

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Mrs. Willie Boyett visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Thompson, 7 1/2 miles from the ranch Sunday. Advertisement file

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Let any of them reflect your thoughtfulness and sincere desire to please.

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Our Pre-Holiday Sale

Is Attracting Good Crowds. Our Store Is Packed with Bargains. Come and See.

MAKE OUR STORE HEADQUARTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

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MEN'S CLOTHING, HATS AND SHOES

McLEAN, TEXAS



# Adrift With Humor

SOLVING THE PROBLEM

They were both in evening dress when they collided with each other. "Good heavens—you!" gasped the "goodies is giving w party," replied the other, shifting a large bottle of furniture polish from one hand to the other.

"Oh! What's the furniture polish for, then?"

"Well, you see," returned his friend "he insisted on my bringing something for use on the table."

## Politics Everywhere

"I have been very much impressed," remarked Senator Sorghum, "by reading Milton."

"Paradise Lost?"

"Yes. It looks to me as if even when you get to heaven you are liable to encounter ancient traces of some rather ugly politics."—Washington Star.

## Advancing Refinement

"Guess we'll have to change the name of Crimson Gulch," remarked Cactus Joe, as he pinned a carnation on the lapel of his dinner coat.

"What'll we call it?"

"We ought to sacrifice the old name entirely. We might rename it 'Pink Bliviet.'"—Washington Star.

## JUST CAUTIOUS



"You didn't know, did you dear, that I could read your mind?"

"Sh-h-h-h! Be careful, I'm afraid mother might hear you."

## Trials of a Tourist

"Mid cities and villages  
Though we may roam  
There's no place like home.  
When the pocketbook's empty."

## Behind the Times

Mrs. Fowler—I don't see any modern improvement in that strain of hens.

The Breeder—Why, madam! They're daily layers, non-sitters—  
Mrs. Fowler—I know all that, but when they lay they don't cackle a bit louder than hens did when eggs sold for fifteen cents a dozen.

## From Chagrin

Binks—Why are you so sure Julie wasn't kissed when they turned out the lights?

Jinks—Because she was the only girl who was blushing when they were turned on again!

## Overheated

First Taxi Driver—I hear Shorty Manasco is in the hospital wit' a nervous breakdown.

Second Bandit—Yeah, th' poor sap took his wife out in his bus and let her drive.

## A Real Sufferer

Smiff—Old Harrison has suffered more than most men.

Hjones—In what way?

Smiff—Four of his daughters sing and his only son plays the saxophone.

## Alfred and Eloise

"Hey, Eloise," yelled Alfred, "take that dog off the links."

"What for?"

"He thinks it's up to him to retrieve all golf balls."

## LOADED WITH POWDER



He—How can that woman shoot off her face so much?

She—It's always loaded with powder.

## The Discard

I strow in vain to throw away  
The little career of yesterday,  
But to find out that, more or less,  
I threw away the happiness.

## News from Liberty

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan and children and Mrs. Bateman called at the H. M. Roth home Thanksgiving afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lively and baby and J. W. Lively were Shamrock visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Luther Petty and children have been listed with the sick for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Archell Cox of LeFors are staying at the W. R. Ault home.

Mrs. Kate Stokes and son, Travis; and Mrs. Willie Gibson enjoyed dinner Sunday in the Nelson home.

Miss Alta Lee spent the latter part of the week visiting relatives at Prague, Okla.

A program and pie supper were given at the school house Wednesday night. The school children rendered a program. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cunningham and son, Noah; and Jim Porter furnished excellent music.

There was about \$44.50 received from the sale of the pies, which will be used for the Christmas entertainment. Mrs. A. A. Tanjke of McLean is the teacher.

C. A. Gregory and family of Kelton took dinner with the E. F. Bell family Sunday. Byron Gregory and family of McLean called in the afternoon.

Bethel Christian and family of Amarillo spent Thanksgiving vacation with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bodine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lively, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lively and baby enjoyed listening to the radio at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith at Pagan Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cunningham and son, Roland, motored to Shamrock Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Howard Hardin and daughters, Clarabell and Oma Lee, visited Mrs. H. M. Roth and Miss Letha Thursday afternoon.

Luther Petty and family and J. W. Lively attended a sale at J. C. Wilson's at Twitty Wednesday, then transacted business at Shamrock.

Master Alonso Henderson of McLean spent one night last week with his sister, Mrs. Roy Stokes.

A party was held at the Edward Berry home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. King and children visited at the Hardin home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holloway and daughter of Back spent Sunday and Sunday night with the former's father, J. O. Holloway.

Several from here attended a party at the W. H. Rutledge home at Heald Thanksgiving night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bodine took dinner Sunday with their son, Leon, and family at McLean.

Miss Edith Fleming of McLean spent Wednesday night with Miss Alta Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Doy Holloway visited Miss Gladys Holloway and J. O. Holloway the first of the week.

In reporting last week the weight of the James baby it read 4 1/2 lbs., when it should have read 9 1/2 lbs.

J. C. Moore visited in Wichita Falls last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clement visited in Amarillo last week.

Misses Verna Rice and Robbie Howard visited in Canyon Thursday.

Ercy Cubine visited in Clarendon last Thursday.

Goodyear tires are cheaper at King Motor Co. Advertisement etc

Magnolia Petroleum Co.  
C. J. CASH, Agent  
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## Christmas Pies

Baking Christmas pies at home is a needless amount of work that you can get along without doing. Our pies, compounded from the purest and best ingredients, cost less in the end than baking them yourself.

## CALDWELL BAKERY

"Bread Is Your Best and Cheapest Food"

## A BRAND NEW PONTIAC IS COMING!

IN KEEPING with its policy of progress, Oakland has for months been working on a new Pontiac Six. It is more than a refinement of its famous predecessors. It is essentially a brand new car from beginning to end.

Details will be announced later. But this much can be said now. This new Pontiac will represent an even greater innovation today than the first Pontiac represented in 1926! Without departing from the low-price field, it will bring to this field finer elements of style, performance and luxury never before provided in a car so inexpensive to buy!

WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING

## THE NEW PONTIAC

OAKLAND MOTOR CAR CO.  
Pontiac, Mich.

## NEWSY NEWS

LAST SPRING EPH HARDIN HAD A ARM BUSTED WHEN HIS CAR BACKFIRED, AN' SINCE HE'S BEEN CRANKIN' IT WITH HIS FOOT—THIS MORNIN' IT UP AN' BACKFIRES WHEN EPH STEPS ON TH' CRANK—EPH SEZ TH' NEX' TIME HE TRIES THAT STUNT HE WILL BE CARRYING A PARACHUTE IN EACH HAIND!



Mrs. T. N. Holloway and daughters, Misses Laeuna and Oleta, visited at Goldston and Clarendon Friday.



We're a "bear" for service. Come in and let us demonstrate.



WE LEAD—OTHERS FOLLOW in the Battery Business  
MCKAIN-FETZER MOTOR CO.  
Hudson-Exsex Sales and Service

Mrs. B. F. Gray was called this week to the bedside of Mrs. Bell Kelly, who is ill at Lamesa.

Fred Bones of Amarillo was in McLean Saturday.

Herman Smith left Saturday for Oklahoma City.

Walter Cash of Amarillo spent the week end here.

Frank Bailey of Heald was in town Saturday.

Frank Haynes of Amarillo was in McLean Saturday.

Hansel Christian visited in Clarendon Thursday.

Jack Gray is in Groom this week.

Miss Merle Tummins of Hadley spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Piper of Wink visited their aunt, Mrs. R. P. Cunningham, Sunday.

## AUTO SERVICE

Gasoline, Oils, Greases,  
Tires, Tubes, Accessories  
Drive in for quick service.

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## OWN A HOME

Let us show you some of the nice homes, or good building sites listed with us. Our years of experience in dealing in McLean real estate are at your command.

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## HE KNOWS WILL MAKE A HIT

Nothing else means so much to so many—radio, the magic that makes you master of a world of rich entertainment.

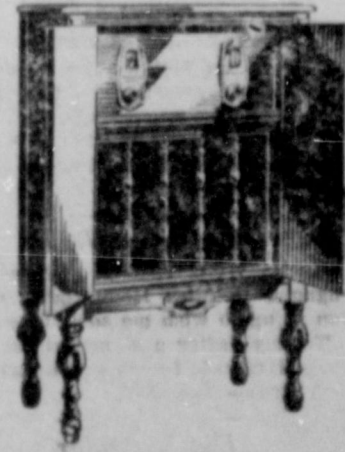
And you give radio at its best when you give Radiola. The name plate is assurance of leadership and quality.

Come in and see RCA Radiola 18. Let it speak for itself in a demonstration. This is a real RCA achieve-

ment, a moderate-priced set that operates directly from the lighting circuit.

A gift of gifts! And under our special time-payment plan, it is EASY to buy. The price is \$95, without Radiotrons.

We handle the complete Radiola line—11 models, priced from \$82.75 up and including both battery-operated and lighting circuit sets.



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FOOD PUTS IODINE INTO COW'S MILK

If Bessie's milk hasn't any iodine in it this important substance may be put into her milk by feeding her a ration that contains iodine...

Animals From Arctic Brought Into Italy

Italy has imported ten reindeer from Norway and their new home is Mont Blanc (highest of the Alps), where it is intended to acclimate them.

Parrots Society Pets

Parrots have taken Mayfair, London. Everybody who counts in the fashionable district owns one of the birds.

Buries Two in Coffin

George Hannin, an undertaker of Glasgow, Scotland, has pleaded guilty to having at different times buried two bodies in one coffin in order to cheat the relatives of the price of one box.

Rat Wore "Corset"

A rat caught at Hastings, Neb., appeared to be wearing a sort of girder or corset. Examination showed that the rat while small had crawled into a marrow bone and had been unable to shake it off.

Favorite Photos

A check through the files of one of the largest news photograph concerns gives the number of photographs kept of various individuals. And who should lead the list but one C. Lindbergh, with 7,000 different negatives?

Vantage Ground

Mayor Walker in his recent visit to Washington said to a New York correspondent, apropos of the vicissitudes of politics:

A Girlish View

"Jimmy, why don't you ever try to steal a kiss?" "Because you say you won't let me steal a kiss."

Free Cigars

"Where did you get those cigars?" "A friend of mine sent them up from Porto Rico."

Perambulating

"What has become of the autograph album?" asked Alfred. "It is now worn at a stickler," answered Eloise.

Not So Bad

Mr. Huggins—I consider the use of a lipstick a display of bad taste. Miss French—But the kind I use is flavored with white rose. Try it.

SNAPSHOTS

Culture is the butter of the well-bred. What can't be cured should be insured. The one redeeming feature of a pawshop is the ticket. The man who is always giving himself away is not worth having.

No Cause for Worry

Jupiter, the largest planet of the sun's family, is shooting enormous volcanic bombs into space, says a French astronomer.

His Wish Fulfilled

When William C. Brunner, seventy-one, of San Francisco, for many years oriental agent for the old Pacific Mail Steamship company, knew he had but a short time to live he prayed that he might last long enough to see a history of Pacific coast shipping published.

Muff for Hot Day

During the hot spell in England, London society girls started a new fad known as "the lead muff." The lead muff is a light-weight silk muff containing an aluminum cylinder holding a mixture of salt and ice.

Want American Ideas

An association of German architects, promoting an exhibition under the name of "The New Kitchen," has asked American producers of kitchenettes to use the exhibition to show Germany some of the latest American ideas of household efficiency.

Worth Knowing

Wife—I do believe Mrs. Brown is offended at something. She hasn't been over for several days. Husband—Find out what it is when she does come, and we'll try it on her again.—Stray stories.

Tommy's Wish

Uncle—Well, Tommy, I've just got engaged to Miss Homeleigh. Aren't you going to wish me something nice? Tommy (after a glance at the uncle)—Rather! I wish you better luck next time.—Humorist.

Not Irregular

"Does he make his wife a regular allowance?" "Indeed he does, and you can bet she doesn't allow him to make it irregular."

Out of Father's Control

Visitor—How many controls have you on that radio set? Host—Three, my wife, son and daughter.—Vancouver Province.

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RATES.—One insertion, 2c per line. Three insertions, 4c per word. Or, 1c per word each week after first insertion.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Star Filling Station

Marland Products. General Tires. Vulcanizing. Polishing. Greasing. Washing. Service.

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Beginners' luck. Happiness during the first two weeks after marriage.

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY

As the years pass by, some young folks grow up to be men and women, while others just grow older.

There are about 750,000 women and girls 16 years old and over on the farms of Texas.

A Texas man has invented a device which sends and receives messages over the telephone.

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Mrs. Earl Eustace of Amarillo spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anderson.

DRAY SERVICE

When You Want It. Phones 213 and 193. City Dray and Transfer.

Have it printed at home

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Given away Saturday Dec. 22. Ask about it. MUNCIE MARKET. Phone 262. Muncie Bros. Prop.

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365 days in the year the warm fragrance of good coffee, made right, will remind her of you! She will appreciate a gift that is both useful and beautiful.

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We welcome the stranger into our homes and into the business and social activities of the community. May he join us and prosper, and prospering may he join with us in our ever present striving to make this community an even better place to live.

**A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!**

**THE FOLLOWING FIRMS STAND READY TO SERVE YOU**

**The American National Bank**  
Under National Supervision

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We Furnish the Home Complete

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"Better Quality" Dry Goods

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Dependable Service

**Rogers Service Station**  
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We Sell for Less

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We Sell Better Meats

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What You Want When You Want It

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Electric Appliances

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Open Day and Night

**American Cafe**  
Where Courtesy Is Free

**McLean Radio Co.**  
R. C. A. Radiolas

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A SPRIG OF HOLLY

By BLANCHE FANNER DILLIN

HOLLY and pine wreaths in the windows Christmas greens and these festoons in the shops—streams of shoppers with smiling faces and arms laden with gaily-wrapped parcels—all expressed the happy Christmas spirit.

A mother with a holly wreath in one hand and clasping the hand of a child with the other stopped as the child cried: "Mother, you dropped a piece of holly!"

"Never mind, my dear, we have plenty more," the mother replied as she hurried the child on. And the holly was crushed by the next one.

Nearly a man whose clothes bespeak luxury and ease picked up the little crushed thing and tried tenderly but in vain to smooth out the crumpled leaves.

The childhood home of Carter Smith, now wealthy New York broker, had been surrounded by holly trees, with their waxy green leaves and bright red berries, like so many tiny Christmas lights, as he had liked to call them.

There were always garlands of ground pine through the spacious rooms of the old Southern home and holly wreaths in every window. Great fires of fragrant pine roared in the huge fireplaces, filling the rooms with dancing shadows and flickering lights.

Each Christmas morn one was awakened by a black head thrust into the room with the greeting "Christmas Marse Carter, or who ever might be occupying that room. Then the kinfolk arriving all Christmas day with gifts. Then, too, the dances and parties all week until New Year's, were wonderful. That had been years ago, and the intervening years had been too full of other things to even think of those times. It was with shame that he remembered months had elapsed since he had written to his mother, who still lived in the old home. He must go back there some day—then the thought came, "why not now?"

He thrust the holly into his pocket, hailed a taxi and sped to his hotel, ordered his servant to pack at once—secured train reservation—canceled a house party engagement and was on the midnight train speeding South. In his heart was a song and tucked safely away in his suitcase was the sprig of holly.

CHRISTMAS CEMENT

By ANNA L. NEWSOM

MOLLIE watched the draymen carrying out the massive furniture and draperies from the apartment below her own.

"How can Alph Cox have such expensive things—working in the same office with Bill—and us—?" The postman handed Mollie a letter.

"A check from mother for \$25. Now I will have that French doll for Betty and the \$7.00 train for Harry. Sometimes Bill is downright stingy—and it's Christmas time," said Mollie hurrying to take one more peep at her plum pudding before going to town.

The telephone rang and Mollie heard: "Oh, didn't you know? He had to leave—spending the firm's money. To Canada, probably—and poor Mrs. Cox. Yes, she says it's all her fault. Oh, running him in debt—and she'd planned such an elaborate Christmas, too."

"More Christmas," asked Eli when Mollie showed him the check? "No, this goes into the savings. Today I've seen Christmas and other extravagance act as a wedge when it should be a strong cement—binding families together.

"Cox! Yes, too bad." And when Bill returned from the store that night he mended and painted toys while Mollie dressed dolls. Their Christmas was merry—and it was a cement binding them closer together.

The Wreath of Holly

The wreath of holly combines both pagan and Christian significance. It is closely allied with the crown of thorns, the red berries probably representing the drops of blood. Less somberly, holly was said to be hateful to witches and was therefore placed on doors and windows to keep them out. In England the holly first brought into the house was said to be a sign of who would rule the house for the ensuing year, the husband or the wife.

Doll Faces Have Changed

Christmas dolls have grown more intelligent. This has been accomplished by the employment of skilled sculptors to put the spark of life into doll faces. During the past decade the expression on American dolls has changed from a stupid stare to an intelligent face bubbling with life.

Christmas Means Hope

Christmas means hope, and the dull pessimism of a practical and scientific world. It means that when in the falling darkness, man's step is uncertain and his heart fails, the hand of the Almighty intervenes and the ancient promise is fulfilled—Detroit Free Press

His Gift to the Street

Boys' Christmas Dinner

A GENTLEMAN was hurrying toward the big hotel on the corner, bending some to escape the bitter blast. A man approached, holding out a paper.

"Ah, Mr. Thurston, he said. "I'm begging—" "No, nothing," emphatically. "But this is very worthy. A Christmas dinner for the street boys—newsboys and all that, you know."

"And I repeat no," shortly. "I'm asked to give something at every corner of the street, No. no."

A few minutes later Mr. Thurston was seated at a table, ordering a generous dinner. A boy came in selling papers, and the man noticed the hungry look in the youngster's eyes as he glanced at the table.

"Sit down here with me, boy," he said. "I want company. Here, waiter," to the man behind, as the boy sat down, "bring this boy turkey with all the fixings. That's what you'd like?" to the boy.

"Yes, sir. Then as he began to fill up, "I'm to have another turkey dinner tomorrow. A street boys' dinner. I gave ninety cents, all I had. I give what I can."

When too full to eat any more he rose. Mr. Thurston drew out a twenty dollar bill and gave it to him. "Give this as my contribution toward the dinner," he said.—Frank H. Sweet. (© 1928 Western Newspaper Union.)

People Who Belong to the Christmas Season

THERE are some people who seem to belong to the Christmas season by nature. They are: People whose hopes always bloom anew at the approach of a New Year

Mothers whose eyes still twinkle and laugh when they talk to their children. Fathers who like to surprise mothers with presents they really want. Brothers who appreciate sisters.

Sisters who don't try to economize on brothers' ties. Children who want to leave sugar for Santa's reindeer. Houseowners who do not forget that the mailman is entitled to more than the bag of presents he carries for others.

People who never think decorating is any trouble. People who just love the smell of Christmas greens. People who think there is nothing lovelier than holly. People who think there is nothing more glowing than a fireplace. People who love candle light. People who are coy near mistletoe. People who like Christmas cards. People who like calendars. People who like nuts and raisins. People who like turkey all the week. People who like plum pudding all the week.

These people seem to belong to the Christmas season by nature.—By Mary Graham Bonner. (© 1928 Western Newspaper Union.)

FACTS AND FANCIES

A FALL of snow on Christmas day is regarded as the sign of a lucky New Year. Turkey first became the Christmas dish in the reign of James I, who could not eat the bear's head usually provided.

One kiss for each berry was the original mistletoe ritual, a berry being removed as a kiss was taken. The first Christmas card was published 80 years ago. Christmas carols originated in the Eleventh century, being sung between the scenes of the miracle and mystery plays of the period.

Christmas trees originated in Germany, and crackers in France.—Montreal Herald.

"Good Will Toward Men"

"Wood will toward men"—this was what the morning stars said when they sang together that morning in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. Let the same message be in all our hearts this Christmas day.

Christmas Day

And any day is Christmas When shepherd thoughts of morn Behold the star that glows above A good impulse, new-born! —Edith Daley.

"The Still, Small Voice"

Christm's season is hallow'd, by the small gift not by the princely gift, and "the still, small voice" remains the hope of the world.

The Mistletoe Bough

Britany is the place of origin of a great deal of the commercial mistletoe for the foreign markets.

Spendthrifts in Sentiment

If there ever was a time when we should be spendthrifts in sentiment it is at Christmas.

A Day for Reverence

Christmas essentially is a day for reverence, for joyousness, for thought.

THE SCOTCHMAN'S LAMENT

A Scottish minister was on his usual rounds when he came across one of his old friends. "And how is the world treating you, Jock?" asked the minister. "Very seldom," replied Jock sadly.

THE TEST

Marguerite—"Is your love for me absolutely unselfish?" Archibald—"Absolutely, dear." Marguerite—"Then I wish you'd go somewhere else tonight. Jack Hansome promised to call."

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Rufus—"Is it true that Mr. Bullion's doctors have given him up?" Gooftus—"Of course not. He has plenty of money yet."

THE TIPPING EVIL

A guest at a summer hotel was weighing himself. "At what do you tip the scales?" asked the manager, trying to be pleasant. "Do I have to tip the scales, even?" demanded the guest aggressively.

Lenard Howard and Vernon Johnston attended a football game at Canyon last Thursday.

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