

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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Wiley of Wilson

## Election Called for Band Tax Repeal General Complaint on Gas Bills," Says City Mayor

### Mayor Tells Lions Gas Bills High City Hears Various Complaints on Gas Bills

Mayor D. N. Massay told the Lions at their regular luncheon held today noon, that the city is hearing a general complaint on last month's gas bills. "The gas bills for December were extremely high," said Massay. "In many cases double the amount of the month before."

Massay said he had interviewed the manager of the gas company, asking why the bills were so high and was told that it could not be accounted for except for the kind of weather that has prevailed lately; wet air being harder to heat than dry air. It was claimed that there is no way to dilute the gas that stoves would not burn if it was in the pipes.

Massay said that the manager had been invited to meet with the city council Friday at 3 p. m., at which time any interested citizen might appear and ask any question and take part in the general discussion of the problem.

"Many people say they cannot pay these high gas bills," said Mr. Massay. "We intend to get the company to reduce the rates to 30c for this winter."

Other speakers said "There is something wrong somewhere," in relating the difference in the past two months' bills, some saying the trouble might be "wet" gas; and all insisting that some relief should be forthcoming at an early date, if users are to retain their connection with the gas meters.



### C. of C. Postpones Election Officers to Next Month

Election of officers for the McLean chamber of commerce will be held Monday night, February 1, 1932, according to action taken by the body in annual session last Monday night.

The first Monday in January is the usual time for the election, but on account of the inclement weather last Monday, only 75% of the membership was present, and other reasons for delay were mentioned that influenced the postponement.

The matter of McLean's quota in advertising highway 66 was discussed, a difference of opinion being expressed as to whether the highway is ready to be advertised, as McLean, in common with other towns on the route, has spent hundreds of dollars in advertising the route before it was in shape for tourists. However, it was decided to ask the secretary to inform the Texas president, J. W. Knorpp, of Groom that McLean is now ready to entertain the advertising plan presented by Secretary W. W. Chilton of Amarillo.

Mr. Chilton's plan is to sell memberships to individual merchants who desire to have their advertisements carried on the strip maps distributed by the highway association, McLean's quota being set at \$100.

In the matter of the West Texas chamber of commerce affiliation, the committee was asked to see all members and any who might want to take individual membership in the organization.

Among those taking part in the discussion were: B. F. Gray, W. E. Bosan, Claude Williams, G. C. Boswell, C. O. Greene, Perry Everett, A. R. McHaney, O. G. Stokely, Boyd Meador, Reuben R. R. Cook, M. D. Bentley, and T. A. Landers.

### Election Called for February 9

#### City Council Acts on Petition Presented Last Month

An election has been ordered by the city council to be held Tuesday, February 9, 1932, to determine whether the 3 mill band tax levy shall be repealed.

The action of the council was mandatory, as a petition containing the legal number of signers was presented to the council last month. A similar petition was presented earlier in the season, but later several signers asked that their names be removed, pulling the number below the legal limit, other names being added later, and the election was ordered.

J. M. Carpenter has been named as presiding officer and he is his helpers for the election.

A statement in the national counter petition signed by McLean was presented to the city council at the same time, but the law council to order an election to determine the fate of the band tax levy for the year.

The band tax law allows a 3 mill levy for the support of the band, but it is understood that the full amount has never been needed at McLean.

As no way of satisfactorily financing the band has been proposed, the election will likely determine the fate of the high school band, an adverse vote meaning the discontinuance of band instruction at McLean.

The McLean band enjoys a reputation second to none in the Panhandle, and figures both for and against the continuance of the band will be given voters before the day.

### COUNTY AGENT PLANS EXTENSIVE TERRACING

County Agent Ralph R. Thomas plans to enlarge terracing operations in Gray county this year, some 8,000 acres being included in terracing plans.

Mr. Thomas has a number of things planned for the year, among them being:

- Dairying—Three demonstrator elements in the Master Dairy Farmer contest; herd improvement.
- Poultry—Six adult demonstrators; work with poultry shows.
- Legumes—Fifteen new alfalfa demonstrators; 10 sweet clover demonstrators; four new demonstrations of Mung beans.
- Silos—Six new silos.
- Insect and rodent control—Eradication of prairie dogs, moles and rats in co-operation with the U. S. biological survey; control of wheat insects in co-operation with the Texas experiment station.
- Seed tests—Continuous variety test of wheat in co-operation with the Texas experiment station.
- Home meat supply—Continue slaughtering and curing of meat animals.
- Boys club work—Demonstrations in cotton, grain sorghums, poultry production, baby beef, swine, and instructions in terracing, poultry raising, livestock judging and grain judging.

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT THIS WEEK

Beginning Friday night, when the first game will be played, and continuing through Saturday of this week, a junior basketball tournament will be held here with teams entered from schools within a radius of sixty miles of McLean.

Supt. G. C. Boswell of the McLean schools is general director for the games. Coach G. B. Rush will be referee, Prin. A. R. McHaney will act as supervisor of the teams, Prin. Jno. Harding will be bookkeeper, and R. H. Corum will act as doorkeeper.

A small admission charge will be made, and it is hoped that a large number from the home community will see the games.

Following is the schedule of games:

Friday night: Heald vs. Shamrock (boys), 7. Alanreed vs. Lela (boys), 8. McLean (B) vs. Mobeetle (boys), 9.

Saturday morning: Clarendon vs. Groom (boys), 9:50. Skellytown vs. Lela Lake (girls), 10:40. McLean (A) vs. winner of bracket 1 (boys), 11:30.

Saturday afternoon: Lela vs. Skellytown (girls), 2:30. Winner of bracket 2 vs. bracket 4 (boys), 3:20. Winner of bracket 3 vs. bracket 5 (boys), 4:10. Shamrock vs. winner of bracket 1 (girls), 5.

Finals Saturday night: Winner of bracket 6 vs. bracket 7 (boys), 7. Winner of bracket 3 vs. bracket 2 (girls), 8. Winner of bracket 9 vs. bracket 8 (boys), 9.

Results of the last two games will be given in basketball trophies.

### R. R. R. Cook Elected T. T. at Lions Club

Reuben R. R. Cook, cashier of the American National Bank, was elected treasurer for the McLean Lions Club, succeeding Boyd Meador, resigned, at the noon session Tuesday.

Taking advantage of Lion Cook's absence, a number of complimentary remarks regarding his aptitude for the office were given by members present.

Lion Meador offered his resignation on account of a change in his working hours at the Meador Cafe, making him a trifle late for luncheons.

President Williams voiced the sentiment of the club in praising Lion Meador's work in the club.

Lion Meador, who is city fire marshal, asked that the club and chamber of commerce write the state fire department expressing opinion on the value of fire prevention week held last fall.

Lion D. A. Davis reported that a state fire insurance inspector had given his gin plant 100% rating.

Lion W. A. Erwin spoke of the vacant lot fire menace and said that owners should be required to clean up fire risks on lots.

Lion T. A. Landers spoke of a recent compliment handed the city fire marshal by an insurance adjuster.

Lion C. S. Rice said that history shows that a large number of profit fires are prevalent in all depression periods and that education along preventative lines would not stop such fires. Lion Rice said that the maximum credit for a good fire record is 15% and that the maximum charge is 15%. McLean has enjoyed the credit in 1930 we had 12% credit, now we have only 6%, and by the end of March when the next charge is made, McLean insurance will carry a charge, on account of numerous fires.

### ENGINEER PLEASUED WITH 66 ROAD BED

Resident Engineer E. H. Gohmert of the State Highway Department has just returned from Austin, and says he is well pleased with the way the traffic is packing the road bed on highway 66.

Mr. Gohmert had three blades at work on the road the first of the week and says that the department is pleased with the way the base is being prepared, declaring that should any weakness appear it is much better to find it out before the topping is applied.

Mr. Gohmert says that even during the worst of the wet weather the blades showed hard dry foundation just an inch below the surface.

It is the intention of the highway department to see that the road bed is in first class shape before the topping is applied in the spring, and if necessary more caliche will be applied to bring the road up to standard.

### MRS. WILSON ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Allen Wilson entertained at dinner Sunday, honoring the birthdays of her husband and brother, Gordon; and the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beall. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, Gordon Wilson, Chas. E. Cooke and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gifford and Chester Smith of Amarillo, Donald Beall and family, Allen Wilson and family.

### EVANS-DEBB

According to the Pampa News, Miss Mary Evans and Mr. B. T. Webb were married last Friday night at Pampa. Mr. O'Malley, pastor of the Christian church officiated.

### JOSEPH ROGERS ERWIN

Word has reached here of the death of Joseph Rogers Erwin, aged 64, at his home near Rising Star. Interment was made in the family cemetery at the Sabano community.

The deceased was the father of several children and was a devoted member of the Christian church.

### GILL DEAD

Mr. Gill, who was a member of the Christian church, died at his home in Pampa, Oklahoma Sunday.

### INSURANCE ADJUSTER PRAISES FIRE DEPT.

The insurance adjuster in McLean incident to the fire at the Fair Store last week, in a conversation with Fire Marshal Boyd Meador, praised the work of the McLean fire department in putting out the blaze, saying that he had never seen a fire put out with so little water damage; in fact he did not see how they could have extinguished the fire with so little damage.

Mr. Meador says the fire boys worked calmly and refrained from breaking the windows and throwing water into the building involuntarily, but used very little water and confined their work to the actual blaze.

### BAPTIST PASTOR ON CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Rev. Cecil G. Goff, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will speak on "Woman's Contribution to Christianity" at 2:15 p. m. next Tuesday when the Workers Conference of the Northfork Baptist Association meets with the Lela Baptist Church.

A full program has been arranged to begin at 10 a. m., with lunch at the church at noon.

Rev. Chester M. Savage is pastor of the Lela church.

### CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

A men's Bible class was organized at the First Baptist Church Sunday with a full corps of officers. A name will be selected for the class next Sunday and it is planned to make it one of the largest classes in the association.

The following were elected: Teacher S. A. Cobb; president, A. R. McHaney; 1st vice president, A. R. Bentley; 2nd vice president, G. C. Boswell; secretary, G. C. Boswell; treasurer, Geo. C. Boswell; and Appling.

### LUNCHEON HONORING MISS MYRTLE

Reported each

On Saturday, Jan. 2, 1932, B. Vannoy and daughter, Myrtle, entertained with a luncheon honoring Miss Myrtle Miller, a home demonstration agent for Gray county. Miss Miller will be a part of this month's work where she will enroll in the Industrial Arts to complete toward her A. B. degree.

As a token of love and appreciation for Miss Miller's untiring work, Mrs. Vannoy has given her the sum of \$100. One half of this gift was Barbara Allen Tillery, a club baby; the remainder was given to the club.

Miss Miller's successor, M. Adams, was present, and wishes for success in her work. Adams comes to us from McLean.

Miss Vannoy served the menu: Fruit cocktail, tomato sauce, creamed potatoes a gratin, cl butter, golden glow sherbet, pecan cookie mints.

Those enjoying it were Misses Myrtle Miller of Pampa; Miss Lu at Texas Technological; Miss Lilla in the Silver; and the McLean club.

### EVERETT

Everett has been elected as one of the members of the club.



TIGER POST

STAFF
Chief Editor: Lois Kirby
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Reporter: Maxine Fowler
Reporter: Pauline Ledbetter
Reporter: Mary Emma Back
Reporter: Margaret Hess
Reporter: Cagle Hunt
Reporter: Juanita Ball
Reporter: Erwin Browning
Editor: Miss Kennedy

Next week closes the first semester of school. Examinations will be given. If your child has not done as well as he should have, find out the trouble. See your child's teacher. If he needs to do more home work have him to do it.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL TOURN.

Sure and you haven't forgotten! There's to be a basketball tournament for juniors at the local gymnasium Friday and Saturday. Everyone should be there for as many games as possible. The youngsters need your support. Teams will be here from many schools. Let's send the news out again over this section that McLean is 100% behind the school. Don't fail to come. Jan. 8, 9, 1932.

DINNER PARTY

Friday evening, Jan. 1, 1932, and Mrs. D. C. Carpenter entertained the members of the faculty in a most delightful dinner and party. Guests assembled early in the evening and were served a most delicious dinner, buffet style. There was turkey and all of the "dressings." After dinner, "42" was enjoyed until a late hour. Those present regretted that everyone could not have been invited to such an enjoyable affair on January 1. How much happier the new year would have been.

Supt. and Mrs. Bos. Mrs. J. M. Noel, Mr. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frances Noel, Isabel Simmons, Jewell Cousins, Mrs. Hayes, Vera Cummings, Aline Kennedy, Eunice Coleman, Ferguson and Lorena John Harding and Mrs. Willie Boy.

LEAP YEAR PARTY

On New Year's Eve the "Lucky Seniors" were most delightfully entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Appling. As this is leap year, the fortunate misses escorted their favorite boy friends to the party. After much hilarity, games were begun. These were enjoyed until ten o'clock. Then a most delightful refreshment course was served. After the entire group adjourned to the home where they saw "Squaw

which began in 1931 and 1932 was proclaimed a success. The party was most entertaining. They were furnished and faculty.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

is above all else a preparation. With and equipped, it saves labor for the housekeeper for the health and comfort of the family. and ventilation. and a cross draft refrigerator or windows on at of the kitchen. al lights where they work centers. floors and woodwork. be finished with oil or covered with linoleum. smooth plaster finished is satisfactory. The may be used on wood- light, soft colors. tion center. cabinet or work- for this center. et or refrigerator

all utensils for fruits and vegetables for water dry groceries mixing are

chinaware and glassware and bread and cake. The entire meal can be dished up on this shelf and served with only one trip from kitchen to dining room.

7. Clearing away center. Here again the sink is the center, with all necessary utensils on shelves or hooks or in cupboards nearby. The serving shelf, accessible from both sides, is a convenient place for the dishes from the table; and the china closet is close to the sink.

H. E. 1B CLASS WILL SPONSOR STYLE SHOW

Members of the H. E. 1B class will sponsor a style show at P. T. A. Thursday, Jan. 14, 1932, at 3:30 p. m. Various members of the class will model their dresses that were made in school, which are appropriate for the high school girl.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting. Come fathers! Come mothers! Come one, come all!



PNEUMONIC PLAGUE

By Dr. W. J. Scholes

There are two chief forms of the plague. One form involves the lymphatic glands and is called the bubonic plague. The other form causes an acute, very fatal inflammation of the lungs and is known as pneumonic plague.

Means of Contagion

The plague is a disease of certain rodents, particularly rats, the bubonic form of the disease being transmitted to man from the rat by fleas. The fleas feed upon infected rats then bite human beings, inoculating them with the plague bacillus. Besides the rat, certain kinds of ground squirrels, weasels, chipmunks, the prairie dog and the pocket gopher are some of the animals that are susceptible to the plague.

The pneumonic plague seems to spread directly from man to man without the intervention of rats or fleas. Like other respiratory infections, the germs are apparently spread by coughing and spraying the infectious sputum into the air.

Unclean Conditions Responsible

Outbreaks of the disease seem to be largely limited to the slums of the larger cities where the poorer people live. Unsanitary conditions seem to favor the occurrence of the plague only insofar as they lead to infestation of rats.

Important measures in the prevention of plague are cleanliness, which decreases the liability of rats finding food and nesting places; disinfection of houses in which plague has occurred; disinfection of wharves and warehouses; the building of rat-proof houses, and the destruction of rats and other rodents and their fleas.

Strict Quarantine Needed

Strict quarantine of all known and suspected cases of the pneumonic type, and scrupulous care to avoid contamination with the sputum of patients, or the secretions of the mouth, nose or throat, which may have become infectious—are the means of preventing the spread of this form of plague.

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ELECTION ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gray, City of McLean.

Whereas, on the 11th day of December, 1931, a petition was presented to the City Council of McLean, Texas, praying that an election be held in the City of McLean, Texas, for the purpose of submitting to a vote of the qualified voters therein the question of whether or not in payment of a city tax for the purpose of maintaining a band, be continued or repealed.

It appearing that the said petition bears the requisite number of qualified voters who are qualified voters of said city, and is in every respect in conformity with the law. Therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of McLean, Texas, that said petition be granted and that an election be held at City Secretary's office in said City of McLean, Texas, on Tuesday, the 9th day of February, 1932, for the purpose of determining whether or not the payment of a city tax for the purpose of maintaining a band, be continued or repealed.

J. M. Carpenter is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election, and he shall select two judges to assist in holding the same. Only qualified property taxpaying voters of the City of McLean, Texas, shall be entitled to vote at said election. Those who favor the proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the payment of a city tax for the purpose of maintaining a band." Those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the payment of a city tax for the purpose of maintaining a band."

A copy of this order shall be sufficient notice of said election. Passed this 11th day of December, 1931.

N. MASSAY, Mayor. W. E. BOGAN, Secretary.

THE OPTIMIST

STAFF

The Climbers: Dorothy Sitter
5A Reporters: Willa Mae Gressett and Charles Cunningham
Anti-Climb's Reporter: Jesse Dean Cobb
6A Reporter: Eula Faye Foster
6B Reporter: Peb Everett
Sports: Oscar Brown
Sunny Corner: Shirley Johnston
6B History: Frankie Mae Bell
Personals: Raymond Dalton
Poet: W. C. Stotts
Jokes: Stanton Gardner
Rewriter: Emma Mae Thompson
Sponsor: Miss Irene Hayes

I think we are going to have to wake up a few reporters, for some are "lying down" on the job. A called meeting of the staff was held Monday. New interest was shown, new pledges were made, committees were appointed, and some new staff members were appointed. The paper will be bigger and better than ever. The progress of the new staff members will be given later.

IF

By 6th Grade

If Mary Alice Wilson could study arithmetic.
If James Lee Rice could put a period at the end of a sentence.
If Emma Mae Thompson could write.
If Marietta Young could make reports.
If Lois Bowen could tell a noun from a pronoun.
If Helen Rigdon could read.
If Eula Faye Foster could learn history.
If Joyce Dale Crockett could only spell.
If Nadine Tedder could only draw.
If Faye Coleman could learn citizenship.
If Geraldine Graham could only write themes.
If Dorothy Nichols could only give history reports.
If Ferrel Abbott could only sing.
If Keltan Ware could only add.
If Maxine Johns could only make good reports.
If the sixth grade girls could visit their grandmothers.

The following rooms have new pupils this week: Mrs. Sligar—Annie Ruth Crews, Jessie Louise Crews; Miss Noel—Earl-

ene Green, Jackie Mitchell, Melvin Harbison, Clifford Annott; Miss Bailey—Inez Abbott, Mary Ellen Green; Mrs. Harris—Andy Wood; Miss Simmons—Ethel Fay Yohe; 4th—Orval Parrish; 5th—Edna Smith, Mike Win-

CAN YOU IMAGINE

Marietta Young as Miss Coleman?
Joyce Dale Crockett as Miss Cummings?
Eula Faye Foster as Miss Hayes?
Lorene Babbitt as Miss Simmons?
Helen Rigdon as Miss Ferguson?
Mary Alice Wilson as Miss Turner?
Nadine Tedder as Mrs. Harris.
James Lee Rice as Mrs. Sligar?
Maxine Johns as Miss Noel?
Keltan Ware as Mr. McHaney?
The 6A girls not going to see their grandmothers?

THIRD GRADE

We have ten in our room who have made 100 every day in spelling this week. The girls and boys are trying to see which can have the most names on the honor roll in spelling. Those who made the honor roll this week are as follows: Girls—Vada Appling, Marie Eudy, LeBelle Huff, Johnnie Mae Scott, Louise Stotts; boys—J. L. Penland, R. A. Mantooth, Jr., Clifton Wilkerson, Robert Wilson, Eugene Stewart.

HISTORY REPORT

In history class 6 we are studying the colleges in Texas. When we have learned these, we are going to take a test. We have found that studying colleges is an interesting subject to study. After mid-term we will study "The Growth of a Nation." We are finishing Texas history. We have enjoyed studying Texas history.

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COLORED CLOTH

By W. C. Stotts
Tis only a piece of colored cloth, Twas made by a "lady" named Betty Rosa.

It was the flag of our nation, Loved from day, to month, to year, and into a generation. If it stands on sea or land, We are always ready to give heart or hand.

'Twas the old flag of our nation great, And has given many courage and faith.

This old flag of stripes and stars Has saved many from prison bars. It has gone through many a battle field.

Always to win and never to yield. But as it waves way up above, Has made many hate and love. Now it is so funny, so funny to me, What only a piece of cloth can be.

BENEVOLENT CAUSES

We believe that every man is responsible to his community, to his country, and to his God as to how he uses his own property. We are

often besought to give that worthy cause, and ought to give as liberally as means will permit; but it is important that he use his property that he keeps as long as he can. He should give a portion of it to be used for charitable and religious causes. Right use of our property that we have failed to use is a waste. Lynn County News.

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E. J. Lander, Agent



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Members of Fire Department banquet at Thursday evening and city alder T. A. Lander the organizer of the invocation master for the talk were Mayor D. N. city council department fighting fires haven't said getting real the department after also (most on the fire. T. A. fighting in with present members (departing the that they service a methods of fighting. The talk humorous but a dull going to short bustle the annual Those p were: May M. T. Wh Walker Su Chief and City Fire Chief. Gt Everett, J. Jess Ledb Rogers an Mayor an answe Wolf of regard t McLean Wolf sta been tra hands c time, bu commiss pass on Mr. N the "I give m others a prop problem Dr. J formed official country This health they I th generi be be A t hay phoo prof. Th be ill will Th and or shan