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With the atmosphere free of Kansas dust, and with plenty of rain, our community seems very natural again.

With malice toward none and charity for all is, perhaps, truer of the home town newspaper than any other institution.

Advertisers in the home paper deserve the consideration of our readers. Advertisers make it possible to have a newspaper in any community, and helping those who help us is not only a commendable expression of gratitude, but a sound principle of business. Advertisers can sell cheaper, on account of increased volume of trade, and the subscribers to this paper represent the greatest single group-buying power in the community; a combination that keeps the wheels of industry turning in McLean.

We were forced to leave out some interesting community letters last week, because they were received too late to publish. There is only one way to be sure that your letters reach us in time, and that is to mail them on Monday.

All feature writers are expected to keep a week ahead on their columns, otherwise it means overtime work for the force.

The News is anxious to publish everything that might be of interest to its readers, and just a little consideration of the time needed to put articles in type can be appreciated.

Pleasant Mound News

Rev. Carl Lamb preached at Pleasant Mound last Sunday.

A party was given at the school house Friday night in honor of the birthdays of J. M. Montgomery and J. B. Waldrop. Games were played, after which fruit punch and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sachse and children visited the lady's parents at Memphis Sunday.

Guests in the T. A. Langham home Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown and children from Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Mounce and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Baker.

Mrs. Click Smith and daughter, Miss Loree, were visitors in Shamrock Sunday.

Those who attended the quilting at the home of Mrs. Ruby Sachse Monday afternoon were: Mrs. Jewel McCurley, Mrs. Carrie Sparks, Mrs. Edith Montgomery, and Mrs. Annie Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Connell and son, Elwood, spent Sunday in Magic City with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bentley.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Montgomery and children visited his parents at Lakeview Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benson of Shamrock visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer, Sunday.

Misses Loyce and Mattie Miller of Borger visited their mother, Mrs. Lizzie Miller, Sunday.

Frank Lander of Pampa visited his brothers, E. J. and Chester, Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Following is the roll of graduates of the McLean high school who will receive their diplomas Friday evening:

- Donald Butler
Godfrey J. Cadra
Delbert D. Daniels
Paul Dowell
Glynn G. Eastham
Eugene Greer
Chevy Hancock
Alton Howard
Nell Jackson
Russell B. Killingsworth
Arthur Ray Ledbetter
Wilburn Lynch
J. L. Mann
James Massay
George McCarty
Glynn Pugh
Billie Robinson
Charles Weaver
June Woods
Charlie Marie Back
Mary Emma Back
Oleta Back
LaVerne Bailey
Geraldine Brown
Alma Brock
Jaunita Brooks
Inis Burch
Clara Fae Carpenter
Juanita Evelyn Carpenter
Dorothy Evans
Neva Flowers
Helen L. Follis
Era Mozelle Glenn
Martha Louise Holmes
Gail Pauline Ladd
Virginia Fay Marshall
Pauline Martin
Imogene Myatt
Grace Elizabeth Reneau
Martilene Elnora Riddle
Martha Riemer
Irene Smith
Juanita Wade
Lillian Margaret Weaver
Sybil Young

- Honor graduates are:
Mozelle Glenn
Mary Emma Back
Charlie Marie Back
June Woods
Jaunita Brooks
Arthur Ray Ledbetter

SCOUTING

By Roy Machen and Zane Smith Scouters

OUR FLAG

The flag of the United States, its description, its history, and the customary forms of respect due to it, is a part of the required knowledge that each boy must obtain before he can become a tenderfoot scout.

It is of course known by all that the need of a distinctively American flag became apparent when the colonies declared their independence. When the British troops were besieged in Boston in 1775 a committee was appointed to plan a flag. Benjamin Franklin was selected as chairman of this committee. They planned a flag of 13 alternate red and white stripes with a blue field carrying the superimposed crosses of St. Andrew and St. George. At this time the six "Washington Cruisers" which were on the high seas carried from their masts the PINE TREE FLAG. This flag was pure white with a pine tree in the lower center and the words "An Appeal to Heaven" across the upper face.

When the colonies declared their independence, the "Union" flag designed by Benjamin Franklin and his committee could no longer be used, and what is known as the rattlesnake flag, an emblem of 13 alternate red and white stripes with a rattlesnake carrying 13 rattles lying diagonally across the flag and the words "Don't Tread on Me" on the lower white stripe, was designed and used by the Continental Navy. The flag which we now know as "Old Glory" at this time had its birth.

According to the Betsy Ross tradition, Washington actually penciled the design of "Old Glory" after she had suggested the five-pointed star. The flag was made by Betsy Ross and was formally adopted by Congress on June 14, 1777. The original congressional plan was for the addition of a new stripe and also a new star for each new state that entered the union. At the time that the National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," was written, a fifteen stripe and 15 starred flag flew over the ramparts of Ft. McHenry in Baltimore. In 1818 it became apparent that if a new stripe and star were added for each state the flag would be absurdly unwieldy and unsymmetrical. At that time there had been five more states added to the union which were not represented on the flag with stars and stripes. Congress at that time presented a bill to the president restoring the flag to the original 13 stripes with the provision for the addition of one star for each state. Taking the hoist, or width, of the flag as one, the length of fly of the flag is 1.9. In the army the flag is spoken of as

the "National Flag." When carried by any unmounted unit such as the infantry, it is called a "Color." When carried by cavalry or by any mounted or motorized unit, it is called a "Standard." The national salute to the flag is 21 guns, and it was first given by a Frenchman on Feb. 14, 1778, in honor of Capt. John Paul Jones as his Ranger entered the harbor of Quiberon, France.

News from Denworth

(Arranged from last week's copy which arrived too late for publication.) Rev. E. M. Dunswoth of Pampa has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Denworth Baptist Church, giving one-fourth time, or preaching each fourth Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and spending one week of each month in the community. Rev. W. A. Erwin of McLean did not fill his regular appointment last Sunday night at the Denworth church on account of the commencement service at McLean. He will preach next Sunday night, May 19. Mr. and Mrs. Racy Morse visited Mrs. Morse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lancaster, at Faxon, Okla., and Grandmother Morse at Carter, Okla., recently. Closing exercises of Back school were held Tuesday night of this week.

A Sunday school picnic and weller roast was held at the Kewance grove last Friday night. John F. Taylor, president of the Plateau Singing Convention, attended church at Denworth on May 5 and conducted a singing at the church in the afternoon. Mr. Taylor was accompanied by Cletis Fish, Miss Mary Snyder, Miss Lottie Belle Burdick and Miss Mildred Tibbets of Alanreed. Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Browning announce the birth of a 9 1/2 pound boy on May 7. The Back school PTA has elected the following officers for the coming term: Mrs. Ina Marshall, president; Mrs. Racy Morse, vice president; Mrs. Thelma Dowell, secretary-treasurer. The closing play of Webb school was held at the school house last Thursday night. Mrs. W. B. Upham, Mrs. W. W. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Upham were Amarillo visitors Friday. Martin Dwyer of Magic City was in McLean Sunday. Geo. Thut of Lefors was in McLean Saturday. J. W. Smith of Shamrock was in McLean Saturday.

Skellytown, Texas, May 9, 1935.

The McLean News, McLean, Texas.

In the Amarillo News recently there was an article headed "Nature Plays Tricks with Dust Storms in Panhandle"—dust 11,000 feet in the air. Speaking the sentiment of a good many land owners over the Panhandle, they think the two billion cubic feet of natural gas popping into the air daily over the Panhandle the past 20 months is breaking and drying what moisture there is at times which might bring rains. Airships carrying government mail are forbidden to fly above these gas stripping plants for fear they might cause an explosion. Two billion cubic feet of natural gas going into the air daily naturally disorganizes and dries up the atmosphere. It is against nature to waste other people's property. Yours very truly, HENRY SCHAFFER.

You Can't Kill a Bear with a Pop Gun

Neither do the farmers of this county haul cotton to the gin in their little boy's express wagon. Both a pop gun and an express wagon are fine things for children to play with. But when Dad and Uncle John start up to northern Michigan for some venison they get out their high-powered rifles. Occasionally there is a business concern which tries to get business with two or three hundred handbills . . . advertising pop guns. About all they succeed in doing is to disgust the housewives of the town by littering up their front porches. You can't get a woman's trade by making her angry and disgusted. Also, occasionally there comes along someone who says a farm auction can be well advertised with handbills. Everyone knows that a successful auction sale depends upon the number of bidders. In these days of good roads and automobiles men often drive 20 to 30 miles to an auction sale they have seen advertised in their newspaper. Handbills can be distributed over a limited territory and in public places. Few stop to read them. Many forget the location and date of the sale before they reach home. In the evening, after the chores are done, the farmer sits down and carefully reads every item in your sale. If he forgets the date or location, he refers to his newspaper again, the next day—or any following day—or cuts it out and places it in his pocket. This is Advertising—the cheapest and best way to reach thousands of buyers.

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THE NEWS is the BEST medium in this section to reach the people who have the money to pay for what they buy.

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### The Road to Better Health

By Dr. William J. Scholes

#### THE CRIPPLED HEART

During recent years heart disease as a cause of heart has jumped from fifth to third place. Likewise, the number of cases of heart disease has increased enormously.

Two main reasons exist for this: The fact that more persons are today reaching an age when a crippled heart manifests itself; the stress and strain of modern life.

Nothing will, however, do more to offset the mortality rate than a periodic physical examination. The earlier it is found that a heart is crippled the more can be done for it, to the end that the life of the patient may be prolonged. And, much can be done to increase its efficiency of such a heart.

#### Rules of Owner of a Crippled Heart

The individual with a heart that is not functioning at par must live in a manner that places as little stress upon the organ as possible, and at the same time gives it sufficient work

to maintain its tonicity. In establishing a regime for such a patient several factors must be given attention. These may be enumerated as follows:

**Work and Exercise**  
**Rest and Sleep**  
**Diet**  
**Climate**

**Work and Exercise**  
The best rule is an amount of work or exercise short of that which will produce symptoms of heart strain—shortness of breath and pain. There is no set of exercises that can be universally prescribed. Even in individual cases great variations exist—as what he can do today he may not be able to do tomorrow.

**Rest and Sleep**  
There are, however, some general rules that apply in all cases: The exercise should be as vigorous (without being violent) as the heart will allow. It should, when possible be taken in the open air. It should not be over-prolonged. It should be followed by a period of rest.

**Diet**  
Many an attack of heart failure is induced by an over-filled stomach. Giving these patients prepared foods which require no mastication is a mistake, since such foods produce gas. Their digestion will be better if they eat foods that require mastication, and even milk should be thoroughly mixed with saliva so its digestion will be facilitated. Cold foods and drinks should never be taken; the stomach is only an inch from the heart and sudden cooling of the heart is often fatal. A large draught of ice water has caused many a healthy heart to stop.

**Climate**  
The patient should eat just enough to prevent under-nourishment and to prevent over-feeding and obesity. Constipation should be corrected by diet, eating flax seed, agar, and using mineral oil. If it is due to lack of exercise, abdominal massage must be used.

vent shortness of breath; night feedings may prevent faintness; regular hours for rest and sleep must be enforced. Rest at mid-day is an invaluable measure in heart disease.

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T. T. Lindsey of Leekville, N. C., visited his brother, Deputy Sheriff O. T. Lindsey, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and Mrs. J. A. Thomas are in San Antonio this week, where Mrs. Thomas is attending the funeral directors and embalmers convention.

Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Powell of Clarendon have been visiting the lady's son, O. T. Lindsey.

D. C. Carpenter made a business trip to Paducah one day last week.

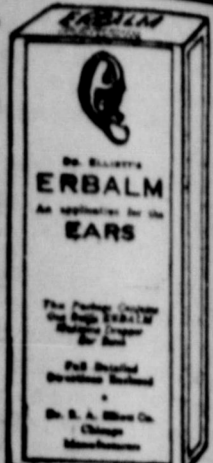
Deputy Sheriff O. T. Lindsey was in Pampa and Panhandle Friday.

S. T. Greenwood of Alanreed was in McLean Thursday.

Miss Thelma Young of Pampa visited home folks here Sunday.

R. C. Kennedy visited relatives in California last week.

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**TRUE DETECTIVE STORY**  
by Vance Wynn Public Ledger

**The Man With the Unusual Voice**

ONE of the most remarkable detective stories from real life ever known in this country developed from a robbery of Mrs. Francis Walton, wealthy widow, living in New York, but a year ago.

Mrs. Walton had a home on East seventh street, and was alone, with exception of a maid.

During the latter part of the year engaged a negro to look after the place and do heavy work.

One day he asked her to come to cellar to inspect a defective faucet. The moment she reached the basement two men emerged from a corner and bound and gagged

her, while the third man watched the maid to see that she did not interfere, the two strangers went through house and ransacked it of all the valuables they could get their hands on.

Captain Arthur Carey, of the homicide bureau, was placed on the case. He started to try to find the culprit from the description that was given him of the furnace man.

He was engaged under the name of John Smith, but the detective was told that it was an alias.

A search of the rogues' gallery and finally came across a picture that corresponded with the description. Mr. Walton was sent for and told at once that he was the man who had led her into the cellar.

Walton's real name was Owen Loop. A police combed the city and succeeded in finding him.

The same time they arrested two men who were suspected of being culprits in the case.

The difficulty was in identifying these men.

Walton was unable to help the detective in this particular because the cellar was dark and she did not see the opportunity of seeing the faces of the men who had tied and bound her.

She had a vivid recollection of their voices, and recalled the fact that one of the men had touched her face when she was readjusting the gag.

In a word, her sense of hearing and feeling was acute, and she ventured to say that she would recall the features of the men if she ever heard them again.

One man, she recalled, had an unusual voice, and she was sure she would know it if she heard it anywhere under any circumstances.

Captain Carey thereupon determined to try an original experiment.

He had Mrs. Walton call at police headquarters and placed her in a chair behind a screen.

To make the test all the more absolute she was blindfolded.

After that seven men were brought into the room and placed on the other side of the screen.

Two of them, Tillquist and Burns, were the suspects.

The others were men who had been mentioned in on trivial charges.

One man was given a number, Tillquist as the seventh man.

The detective commanded each to speak.

One was asked a question and told to answer in a clear voice.



SO LONG AS THERE EXISTS IN THIS WORLD THAT WE CALL CIVILIZED, A SYSTEM WHEREBY MEN AND WOMEN, EVEN AFTER THEY HAVE PAID THE PENALTY OF THE LAW AND EXPIATED THEIR OFFENSES IN FULL, ARE HOUNDED AND PERSCUATED WHEREVER THEY GO—THIS STORY WILL NOT HAVE BEEN TOLD IN VAIN.

hopeless, practically inhuman when he is finally released. He scarcely hears the monotone voice of the governor.  
"You'll report to—Pontarlier. You know the regulations: report to police headquarters twice a week for the first year, once a month in the second, once every three months in the third, and thereafter on the first of every year for the next ten years—failure to report is a breach of the law and means immediate arrest. Give him his passport and his money—Next."  
"My passport is yellow."  
"Ok, that's for your attempt to escape three years ago."

CHAPTER 1  
Jean Valjean  
"Jean Valjean, when you come into this Court, you are guilty until you prove yourself innocent—you have failed to do this, and there is nothing for me to do but to pass sentence on you according to the law."  
The matter-of-fact voice of the warden holds the interest of the filled courtroom. The scene is Faverolles, France. The time, 1800.

Freedom—and Punishment  
So ended Jean's sentence—now his punishment begins.  
Work? There isn't an employer that will take him on.  
Shelter?  
"I've knocked at every door," he tells an old woman who tries to oust him from his stone bench bed.  
"Have you knocked at that one?"  
Jean looks in the direction she indicates and moves off to the doorway of Bishop Bienvenu. He is an old man of seventy. His strength lies in his calm, matter-of-fact way of accepting everything without a shadow of fear.  
A quiet "Come in" greets Jean's knock. He stands in the doorway—ragged, unkempt, fierce, aggressive, defiant. To Mme. Magloire, a small, fat yet active servant, and Mile. Haptesime, the bishop's charming, fragile sister, he is a terrifying specter.



A missed stroke meant a cruel blow

could help it, everybody knows that. I didn't mean to steal—I was only hungry, I tell you—hungry! Hungry?"  
"With all that I have nothing to do. The law is explicit. Justice must be done. The sentence is five years in the galleys."  
"You can't! You can't send me to the galleys for stealing a loaf of bread!"  
"Guardarmer, without roughness or brutality, but in a matter-of-fact way, calmly push him away and his voice trails off."  
Prisoner No. 2906  
"You're 2906, aren't you? Get a move on!"  
Jean starts and moves hesitatingly forward. Rough jitters on the prison ship bend his head and thrust it down on a wooden block. A metal collar is gripped around his neck. Not expecting it, he nearly chokes.

—the black-beard cut-throat of town rumor.  
"Yes, good evening. What is it?" asks the bishop.  
"I was told to come here. Are you an innkeeper? I have money—my savings—100 francs—it should have been 151, but they robbed me. Can I stay for the night?"  
The bishop's reply is to instruct Magloire to set another place at the table.  
"You're hungry? Come in."  
Jean looks at him suspiciously. Is there a catch in this?  
"Stop! I must tell you—I am a convict. My passport is yellow, I'm ordered to go two hundred miles and report on parole to the police at Pontarlier. I've walked a hundred miles in three days. They've kicked me out of every tavern, every inn—no one will have me—no one. But I can pay for food—for a bed in your stable."  
"You're quite welcome. Supper, such as it is, is ready. A bed will be made for you. You're wet, come by the fire."  
"It's true. You won't drive me away? You're good people. Mr. Innkeeper, what's your name?"  
"Me? I'm a priest."  
"A priest. How stupid of me!" The old look of cunning comes into his eyes. "Then you won't want me to pay you?"  
"Pay? No, no, Monsieur, of course not."  
The word has an effect on Jean. His aggressive expression softens slightly.  
"You call me 'Monsieur.' No one ever calls me that." Then, again aggressive, "You want to know my name? My name is—"  
"There's no need for you to tell me your name—I know it."  
"Know it?"  
The two men look right into each other's eyes.  
Quietly, "To me, a priest, you're a brother. You understand that? A brother. Come and warm yourself."  
Jean gives him a long look. He is not quite sure of the bishop yet. There may be some catch in it somewhere. The old convict's cunning is still existent.

TO BE CONTINUED

Dad—"Son, if you're a good boy and learn a lot you might some day become president."  
Son—"And what if I ain't a good boy and don't learn nothin'?"  
Dad—"You might be elected to the state legislature."

Caller (to little girl)—"Are you glad to see me?"  
Susie—"Yes—and mamma's glad, too."  
Caller—"Is she?"  
Susie—"Yes; she said she hoped you would come today and get it over with."

Official of the American Automobile Association claims that if present increases in traffic accidents continue one of every three children born in this country is destined to be killed or seriously injured in traffic.  
Husband—"You should have married the first idiot who proposed to you."  
Wife (sweetly)—"I did."

LET US CLEAN YOUR CLOTHES or take your measure for a new suit. All work guaranteed. Next Door to Post Office McLean Tailor Shop

Reference in Ostriches with American ostrich is a bird from the South African. Its name is Rhea Americana. It is a smaller creature than the African bird, standing only 40 inches tall. The South African stand six feet sometimes. The rhea has fine feathers described by a great naturalist as the noblest avian type on the continent. Most of the naturally grayish, or with white and white feathers, but, in years, an albino type was its plumes are especially

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Watkins and little daughter visited relatives in Clarendon Sunday.  
Mrs. Porter Smith and Mrs. Chas. Guill visited in Weatherford, Okla., part of last week.  
Mrs. W. W. Whitsitt of Alanreed visited in McLean Saturday.  
Ed Dishman of Clarendon was in McLean Saturday.

**WRECKS**  
By A. T. Wilson

Wrecks are like Mark Twain's weather, everybody talks about them, but nobody does anything about them. Instead we build faster cars, faster roads and drink more liquor and keep our nerves up to a higher pitch and say "On with the dance." Even our preachers and people right out of church service who have been preaching hell fire and going to church to keep out of the bad place, rush right out, get in their cars and act like the folks that rush in where angels fear to tread. The amazing thing is that a people of a high order of intelligence won't stop to reason and that by slowing down a few seconds we might prolong our lives for years instead of plunging into eternity unprepared. The most pathetic part of the wrecks we have is the innocent victims of these uncalled for and avoidable tragedies. You notice in lots of wrecks the driver who is generally to blame often survives while the ones that had absolutely no control of the situation perish miserably. I don't know why it should be so, but it looks like kind fate is giving them a chance to make amends for the awful deeds committed. It looks like tragedies like we have had of late would be sufficient to cause the most adamant heart to melt and resolve to be careful and considerate ever after. But sometimes it only makes them worse, as they argue that "I got by with that and I have a charmed life, and I am not going to die till my time comes no how." The reckless or drunken driver is the most dangerous individual running loose in the land. In England they try a person who causes another person to die in a wreck the same as they try any other killing, but here in America we put it down on the books as unavoidable and soon forget, like a man who took a whole box of aspirin last Sunday for a headache and took no thought about what was the cause and didn't entertain the idea that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. It has been said that self preservation is the first law of nature. Since human nature has changed but little if any, it still holds good in spite of some exceptions. Then if a man will wreck his own body, mind and soul, he will not hesitate to wreck that of his fellow man, and the blind will lead the blind and they will both fall into the ditch. The most pitiful sight in all the earth is a big able bodied man who has wrecked himself by doping himself and drinking, and how oft you would put forth your hand and lift him from the slough of despond but you are perfectly helpless, for when you throw him the rope of abstinence the poor fellow is too weak to lay hold and climb out, and it indeed makes a person sad to see him sink below the surface of death's quicksands and his chances of being saved from his awful fate gone forever. People don't come to wrecks suddenly but by a graduated process and by hitting below the belt when he sinks in deeper at each succeeding step. The best and most paying characteristic that any person can fall heir to or by a slow process develop and perfect is good behavior, and it is the most reliable and efficient means of avoiding wrecks in this life and in the life to come.

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