

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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## Cattle Ever Tick Loses Stronghold in Texas

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—The Federal quarantine against the cattle fever tick will be removed on December 1st from the following counties in Texas:

Bowie, Hamilton, Llano, Madison, Menard, Tarrant, and Vandant; and the remainders of Jack, Johnson, Hood, McCullough, and Parker.

This is provided in an order issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. The area in Texas released from quarantine totals 8,847 square miles. The area released from quarantine in all States this year is 50,545 square miles.

A feature of great importance in Texas is that Tarrant County goes into the free area. The Fort Worth Stock Yards, the great cattle market of Texas and the southwest, are in Tarrant County, and thus this market ceased to offer an advantage, as in the past, to tick infested cattle. Cattle from tick free areas now will have the advantage. This fact, it is expected, will remove one of the most important obstacles to tick eradication in Texas.

Sid Denson of White Deer likes to come to a good town once in a while, and spent several hours here Sunday. Sid belongs in McLean by rights, and ought to move home.

Mrs. Frank Wilson and little daughter went to Amarillo Friday to visit her mother.

## What Christmas Seal Money Has Done

Austin, Texas—Red Cross Christmas seals built the Children's Hospital at Galveston in 1912. The sale of the seals in 1917 enabled the Texas Public Health Association to donate later \$1,000 for upkeep and additions for the hospital which was deeded to the state, and is now connected to the John Sealy Hospital.

"The 1919 Red Cross seal sale is 'going over' strong", declared O. M. Lowry, campaign director, "and I predict that the sale, held Dec. 1 to 10, will provide funds for much more health work over the state. When all reports are collected at headquarters, I believe we will find that over 20,000,000 of the little seals of good health have been sold. The ninety percent of the \$200,000 raised will remain in the Lone Star State for the benefit of Texans."

The Children's Hospital cares for cripples and deformed children, especially those with glandular and bone tuberculosis. Many cases are cured every year, and the little tots are brought back to a healthy, happy life, and are made as strong and well as ever.

Such work is only one phase of the health activities of the Texas Public Health Association in its fight against tuberculosis. Field workers, public health nurses, and other staff workers are sent among every race and class of people in Texas. Open air schools, free clinics, preven-

torias, dispensaries, tuberculosis hospitals and other anti-tuberculosis institutions are being worked for; and with a successful seal sale an extensive health program is planned for 1920.

Texas registered 990,522 men for the draft of whom 816,200 men physically qualified, a percentage of 82.4. For the nation at large 23,908,576 registered and 18,798,600 were fit, a percentage of 78.6. Texas was the ninth on the list of states in percentage of physical fitness of its men. Wyoming was first with 87.2 percent. In the number of men 18 to 45 registered for the draft, only New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio led Texas. This is according to war department figures.—Fort Worth Record.

Billie Biggers and wife of Amarillo came in Tuesday night to visit relatives. We are glad that Mr. Biggers is able to be up again after a severe sickness.

L. O. Floyd and daughter, Miss Eunice, left Saturday for Walnut Springs on business.

Mr. and Mrs. McAdams of Clearendon attended the funeral here Tuesday afternoon.

Duncan Graham left Tuesday (sure enough this time) for the sanitarium at St. Louis.

Back McCreary of Alanreed was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Subscribe for The News.

## "Buy Your Cotton Seed; We'll Have a Gin"

Wednesday the News man went to see T. J. Coffey, who seems to be taking the most active part toward securing a gin for McLean, to find out what was being done. T. J. was busy selling a man a pair of shoes or something, but hesitated long enough to say a few cheerful words.

"Tell 'em to buy their planting seed," he said. "We'll have a gin here next fall all right. I am sure of that now. We are in touch with two or three good gin men that we are going to try to get here. But if we fall down on that, we've got a cinch on organizing a stock company and putting up one."

"The plan is to put in an up-to-date three stand outfit, with all the latest 'bollier' attachments and fix to handle the business. We're gonna have the best, and will be satisfied with nothing less."

The News thinks McLean country farmers who want to raise cotton had better get busy and buy their planting seed while they can get it reasonable. T. J. says he knows we will have a gin. He is working for one, and since his success with Red Cross drives and other war work the past two years, nobody will doubt that if he goes after a gin he'll get it. So get busy and buy your seed.

## All the Same in the End

One of the papers in an Iowa town reported that a boy there had been severely bitten by a "canine" whereupon, a rival paper reprinted the report, with credit to the other sheet, and added:

"His father mounted an equine and went for the doctor, who recommended a poultice of milk from the family bovine. It is said that a slice of fat from a porcine is a good thing for such a wound.—Exchange.

Mr. Peters bought the C. S. Rice home Monday and will take possession the first of the year.

Frank McCombs left Saturday for Amarillo where he has accepted a position.

Misses Davis and Wilson of Alanreed were shopping in the city Monday.

Miss Floy Glass of Ransdell spent Thanksgiving with home folks.

## "BABS"

### THE DOLL THAT CAN

- walk
- make the most graceful bow
- sit up straight in a chair
- kneel down
- dance

All the children are invited to come to our store on Saturday any time and see the things Babs can do.

## Erwin Drug Company

The *Rensselaer* Store

## Christmas

which always brings with it the joyous spirit of giving, is almost here again. Don't neglect to buy your gifts early this year, so that you won't be disappointed at the last moment.

I have a large selection of Diamond, Cameo, Signet, Stone Set and Band Rings, all in Solid Gold. Some very pretty Cameo and other styles of Solid Gold Lavalliers and Brooches. Clocks, Watches, Silverware and Real Hand Painted China. Have many choice articles and patterns in Cut Glass. Some beautiful Toilet and Manicure Sets in French Ivory, and many other things in French Ivory. But I have been able to get only four Elgin and Waltham Bracelet Watches. You must come early if you want one of these. Come right away and make your selection, so you will have just the gift you want to give.

**John B. Vannoy**  
Optician and Jeweler

Sam Erwin and wife of Alanreed were here Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral.

We are indeed sorry to learn that H. E. Franks of the Y. O. U. ranch is in Dallas in a sanitarium.

## CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Our holiday goods are on display for your inspection. The wise buyers will make their purchases early this year while stocks are complete. Our goods are all new and bought this year but we bought early and are able to make some good offerings.

### Dolls

Our assortment of dolls is now complete and we have dolls that will please all. Large dolls and small dolls, and the prices are right.

### Toys

Large assortment of toys for the boys such as trains, autos, guns, pistols, horses, donkeys, monkeys etc. Toys that please.

### Fountain Pens

There is not a more appropriate Xmas gift than a fountain pen if it is a good one, then it will be a

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SAFETY-SEALED  
FOUNTAIN PEN

### The Ideal Gift Is a Manophone

The Manophone is the talking machine with "A HUMAN VOICE" and there could not be a nicer gift than one of these master talking machines that play all records. Let us demonstrate one to you. Step to the phone and tell us and we will have the machine in your house in a short while.

## The City Pharmacy

Day Phone 6

AT YOUR SERVICE—DAY OR NIGHT

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### Cut Glass

We have cut glass in different patterns and in an assortment that will please. Cut glass is a useful present that never gets out of date. See our goods and our prices.

### Ivory

Our line of FAIRFAX ivory has to be seen before appreciated. We still have a well assorted stock. Come early before the stock is broken.

### Books

Books for young and old. Books for the children as well as the grown ups. Some nice bibles and testaments at the right price.

## Your Groceries

Your Groceries will naturally be satisfactory if you buy them at our store. The prime reason for the above fact is because we have a care in **QUALITY, SERVICE and PRICE** that pleases all people who favor us with their patronage.

A month's business will convince you. We are prompt as well as careful. All you have to do is send or leave your order and you will find everything as ordered, in the very best quality of Groceries, and at prices that will keep you dealing with us in the future.

A car of spuds received last week.

—our phone number is 23

**HAYNES GROCERY COMPANY**

**THE McLEAN NEWS**

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

M. L. MOODY... EDITOR-PUBLISHER

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

Four issues make an advertising month. When five issues occur in the calendar month, charge will be made for the extra edition.

Obituaries, resolutions of respect and cards of thanks charged for at regular advertising rates.

**SUBSCRIPTION PRICE**

One year.....	\$1.50
Six months.....	.75
Three months.....	.40

The business interests of our town can be only what the local patronage make them, and the distribution of that patronage is in the hands of each individual. If our good citizens believe in keeping prosperity at home, and remember the home merchant when making their holiday purchases, we will all be richer, and happier, and more contented with ourselves and with life in general. Our merchants have purchased heavily in order to supply the local demands, and they are entitled to your generous consideration. If the article you desire is not to be had in the local market, then you are clearly justified in going elsewhere. But we suggest, in the interest of our collective welfare, that you give the home merchant the first opportunity. Let's keep prosperity at home this Christmas.

The town of Higgins refuses to recognize mountain time, hence every watch and clock in that town was set up one hour last week. That's the stuff. Now let every town along the Denver road from Childress to Texline set their clocks and watches up an hour and pay no attention to this fool mountain time. —Claude News.

Miss Ruby Cook left Thursday night for Hottel, Okla., where she has accepted a position as teacher.

**THIS WAS NEWS TEN YEARS AGO**

Interesting Items to Be Found in The McLean News of Dec. 3, 1909

J. R. G. and Tom Bird were visiting in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayburn Cash are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born the latter part of last week.

J. G. Cash made a short business trip to Oklahoma this week. Mr. Cash has recently traded for a farm in that state and his trip was in connection with this deal.

C. C. Cook has moved his stock of dry goods in his building just opposite the News office and has fitted up a neat and pretty place. He is making arrangements to "go into business" and will likely have some interesting things to show for the holiday trade.

Messrs. Ball, Kennedy and McCreary of Alanreed attended the Masonic lodge here Saturday night. Returning home, they got caught in the norther, and finding they could advance no further against the wind and rain, they took refuge in an old abandoned dugout where, wet and cold, they remained until morning.

\$25.00 weekly Men—Women. Advertise. Start Candy factory at home, small room, any where. We tell how and furnish everything. Specialty Candymaking House, 5 South 18th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 45 10c.

Enamelware makes good Christmas presents, and besides, we are making some special prices on it, for we are overstocked —Western Lumber Co

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Glass of Elbridge visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

**Wild Weather Yarn Responsible For Big Scare**

O. H. Truman, of the Lowell Observatory of Flagstaff, Ariz., a prominent astronomer, says that the wild rumors afloat concerning the dire results to follow the appearance of the sunspot on Dec. 17 and the strange formation of the planets on that date, have unduly alarmed the people. His observations are given in a letter addressed to a Lockney citizen and were reproduced in The Beacon. He says:

"I had not heard of the article by Foster to which you refer but have just answered some similar inquiries to yours in regard to another article by a man named Porter along the same line as Foster's.

"It is a fact that on Dec. 17, and for some days before and after that date, six of the planets, Neptune, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Venus, will be roughly in the same direction of the sun, Uranus in the opposite direction and the earth somewhere near at right angles. This is doubtless a very unusual grouping, though nothing but calculation, which it would take too long to make, would tell how often it occurs. I should think, nevertheless, that this grouping must have happened several times in the course of recorded history.

"However, no bad results are to be feared from it. There is no evidence of any influence of the planets upon the sun or the earth; nor spots, for example, and it is highly improbable that they do. And sunspots have no influence on the weather of the earth, of which anyone knows. Great spots have often happened without any bad effects.

"Sunspots occur most frequently at times averaging about eleven years apart; at these times there is generally increased activity in the sun of which the spots are only a symptom; there is a slightly greater emission of heat; Northern Lights on the earth are frequent; 'magic storms' by which is meant not thunder storms, but unusual variations in the magnetism of the earth, are common; and occasionally the electric currents set up in the earth are such as to put the wire telegraph out of commission for hours at a time. I remember one case, for example, where the east and west wires in eastern Canada could not be worked at all for several hours, while the north and south wires were not affected. Then as the solar maximum passes all these activities slowly die down; and in due time build themselves up again for the next maximum. But nothing dangerous or destructive happens.

"I think it is too bad that such stories as that you read gain wide circulation. People believe them—have no reason to do any thing else; and if no other harm results when these terrifying predictions fail to materialize, science as a whole is discredited. There are as many disreputable men in proportion in the scientific world or at least posing as

# Expenditure in Furniture for Christmas

is worthy of a large amount if spent wisely, and the wisdom of your expenditure depends largely upon the firm with which you deal. You know us, and know that when we recommend a piece of furniture we are placing our reputation in your hands. Therefore, you may purchase from us with every assurance that you are receiving full value for your money.

We have a complete furnishing list, from the bathroom to the hallway, that combines activity of design with the most sturdy woods of the forests. Our sets of furniture make the home. Your diligent care will appreciate it. Come in and see what splendid values we offer you on this season's outfitting.

## Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Co.

scientists, as there are any place else—and no more.

"I am glad you gave me a chance to in some degree remove the bad effects of such an article."

**Christmas Seals on Sale After December 1**

The spirit of Christmas comes first to Texas with the coming of Santa Claus on the Red Cross Christmas Seals, which were put on sale in this city and county Monday, Dec. 1. The gift which the jolly old Saint Nick brings to the people is that of good health.

Organization of counties all over the state has been practically completed, announces Campaign Director O. M. Lowry, and a tremendous and successful seal sale is expected.

In counties which have not been organized the seals will be sold to the people through the mail, and it is hoped that they will reach everyone in the state of Texas. The money which is raised in this city and county will be used wholly and exclusively for health work, especially in the fight against tuberculosis, from which disease there were 4,631 deaths reported in the Lone Star State last year.

**Newspapers Best for Farm Sales**

Only a few years ago the principal reliance of the farmer in advertising a sale was the "bill" or poster; now it is said he is doing most of his advertising in his local country newspapers. "This change is a change for greater efficiency in advertising," says the agricultural journalism department at Iowa State college. "When you consider the number of farmers reached," it adds, "the newspaper advertisement is much the cheaper. Wherever farmers have watched their sale advertising they are strong in their indorsement of newspaper space."

The City Pharmacy is having a new flue built.

## THE ELITE BARBER SHOP

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In Hindman Hotel Building

Agents for the PANHANDLE STEAM LAUNDRY, Amarillo. Basket Leaves Tu-sday Afternoon; Returns on Friday.

## \$25 REWARD

I will pay a twenty-five dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of any party guilty of tying down any telephone wire or in any other manner tampering with the lines. The state law on the subject is as follows:

Penal code, Art. 784: If any person shall intentionally break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner injure any telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery or other necessary appurtenance to any telegraph or telephone line, or in any way willfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of any messages along such telegraph or telephone line, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

**McLEAN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE**

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ALL KINDS OF FRESH AND CURED MEATS

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Eyes Tested and Glasses made in our own shop. Any lens duplicated from the pieces. Come in and see our equipment.

DR. J. M. HYDEN

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Developing films single rolls, 10c each; packs, 20c  
Prints, 2 1/2x3 and smaller, 4c each; larger 5c  
A deposit with order for full amount required. We return any excess.  
YOU WILL BE PLEASED with our French gloss finish and prompt service.

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High Power Gasoline  
Lubricants That Do Their Duty  
Repair Work Done Right

## Cunningham Flower Shop

Bedding plants, Cut flowers and designs of all kinds.

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**NELS DARLING SPEAKS TO THE PUBLIC**

My father was a skin specialist. For years he made a study of that dread disease ECZEMA.

There are two general types of this trouble, namely Dry and Wet.

I have put father's two prescriptions for these troubles on the market. Do not take a substitute. If your druggist does not carry it make him get it for you or write me.

Use Dry Zensal for the dry, scaly skin and Moist Zensal for the watery eruption.

You will find Dry Zensal good for Hives, Prickly Heat, Insect Bites. It will remove pimples and leave the skin soft, white and clear. A liberal jar for 75 cts.

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Nels Darling, Pres.

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## The National Banking Laws of Our Country

constitute a bulwark of protection to the depositors of such institutions.

National Banks are becoming more and more public institutions and the Government is taking a strong hand in seeing that they are conducted for the safety of the public.

## The American National Bank

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**McLean High School Publishes Honor Roll**

Following is a list of students in the various departments of McLean High School who have done their work well enough, and whose department entitles them to honorable mention. The list has not been prepared for the third and fourth grades, but will probably appear later. The Honor Roll follows:

9th, 10th and 11th Grade Room—Mozelle Stokes, Ina Lewis, Lora Saunders, Sallie Campbell.

7th Grade Room—Gus Erwin, Raymond Alsop, Verna Rice, Clarice Fuller, Edna Turner, Milton Carpenter, Donna Latson, Wilsie Teague, Russell Grogan, Mildred Mayfield.

6th Grade Room—Lela Roby, Dallas Waters, Ned Carpenter, Moody Newman, Vertna Beaty.

5th and High 4th Grade Room—Eunice Huff, Bennie Newman, Vivian Landers, Nellie Penland.

2nd Grade Room—Noah Cunningham, Reo Heasley, Jack Turner, Hazel Waters, Carlos Saunders, Roger Williams, Lois Harris, Wenona Street, Carrie Lee Newman, Dolly May Wise, Juanita Street, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Jofinnie Vella Hayes, Lena Welch, Edith Harris, Laeuna Holloway, Jo Shaw.

1st Grade Room—Jewel Glass, Thelma Young, Guy Hibler, Alexander Chapan, Collins Beaty.

**Says Pigs Caused the War**

Buchs, Switzerland, Nov. 30—Pigs—just ordinary barnyard pigs—brought on the world war. This is the latest contribution from the royal houses of the Central Empires submitted to history as the cause of the conflict. It is put forth seriously by no less a personage than Count Carl Seifern, late confidential counsellor to Emperor Charles in Vienna.

In a statement to a member of the convoy bringing American Red Cross relief to Budapest, the Count explained how pigs, ordinarily porkers—the kind from which the packers extract everything but the squeal—were the cause of the world cataclysm.

"Fifteen years before this war," said Count Seifern, "Serbia was shipping great numbers of pigs into Hungary, successfully competing with the Hungarian farmer and cutting into his income. The Hungarians protested and the border was left open. Finally heeding the pleas of its people, the Austro-Hungarian Government, on the pretext that all Serbian pigs were diseased, placed an embargo on them.

"Up to that time the two governments had more or less of a friendly understanding. After this, both sides became irritated

and practised every method of hampering each other in international trade. Political leaders in Serbia seized upon the pig incident. Austro-Hungarian diplomats took up the question. Misunderstandings arose over it. The embargo was manipulated until the pig incident supplanted many other big political questions. When it grew too old for political propaganda, other questions were built out of it, and thus the world war was brought on."

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An almost endless variety of new style blouses are here for your selection. Georgette, fashion's approved fabric, in all the wanted colors and shades, with embroidery and beaded trimmings in all desired sizes. —PRICED \$6 TO \$15

## The Depositor Demands

Security, Service and Courtesy of the Bank he selects through which to transact his financial affairs. These essentials are assured to the patrons of this institution and our facilities enable us to benefit you in many ways.

### Citizens State Bank A Guaranty Fund Bank

**Mrs. H. M. Belew**

Edna Clair Prachar, youngest daughter of Frank and Ellen Prachar, was born August 18, 1896, in Thayer County, Neb.; was married to Houston M. Belew June 2, 1918, and on April 28, 1919, a sweet baby boy came to make their home brighter.

On Dec. 1 death claimed her. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Agee.

She is survived by her husband, infant son, father, four sisters and one brother.

She was a devoted wife, mother, sister and daughter, and her sweet disposition caused her to be loved by all who knew her.

It would seem that everybody not on strike is out selling stock or shares in some get-rich-quick concern or soliciting money for some organization whose purpose it is to do things for people too lazy or extravagant to do things for themselves. The few that do things are being asked to carry too many burdens for others.—Farm and Ranch.

T. N. Childress has moved into the Charles Cousins home which he purchased some time ago. Charles moved into the house vacated by Mr. Childress.

Mrs. Homer Crabtree left Tuesday for Hereford to visit her husband.

**Hodges Child Dies**

Hilda Blanche Hodges died Nov. 29 and her remains were laid to rest in the Hillcrest cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Sam Erwin at the Nazarene church.

Blanche was the 12 year old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Richard T. Hodges, who formerly resided at this place.

Besides her parents, she leaves a brother and a sister to mourn her death.

Henry Matthews and family returned Friday from Arkansas and will make their home here. We are glad to welcome them back.

Cans for putting away lard, in eight, ten and twelve gallon sizes. Western Lumber Co.

Leon Montgomery was in from the Y O U ranch Monday.

Wayland Floyd returned from Amarillo Tuesday.

## The Ideal Gifts CHINA AND CUT GLASS

The beautiful designs, coloring, texture, general appearance and usefulness of our complete stock of Hand Painted China gives the inspector an idea of what art and utility may provide as a charm for your table ware.

And you ought to see our Cut Glass. Various designs, from the neat, somewhat plain articles to the gorgeously beautiful and more elaborate patterns. The prideful housewife will appreciate something from this assortment.

We suggest that you make your selection before the best lots and prices are gone

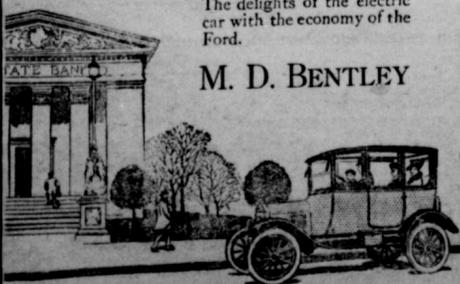
### McLean Hdw. Co.

## Ford

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The Ford Sedan is the favorite family car, seats five comfortably. While an enclosed car with permanent top, it has large windows, and may in a minute be changed to a most delightful open car with always a top protecting against the sun. In inclement weather it is a closed car, dust-proof, water-proof, cold-proof. Finely upholstered. Equipped with electric starting and lighting system and demountable rims with 3 1/2-inch tires front and rear. A real family car. Won't you come in and look at it? The delights of the electric car with the economy of the Ford.

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**Additional Rulings on Reinstatement**

A series of decisions issued by the director of the Bureau of War Risk Insure, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury provides more liberal conditions for reinstatement of lapsed or cancelled insurance.

The provisions of Treasury Decision No. 47, allowing eighteen months from date of discharge for reinstatement upon payment of only two months' premiums on the amount of insurance to be reinstated, are retained. The decision is liberalized, however, by a new provision that men out of the service are permitted to reinstate by merely paying the two months' premiums without making a statement as to health at any time within three calendar months following the month of discharge.

After the three months following the date of discharge have elapsed, a statement from the applicant to the effect that he is in as good health as at the date of discharge or at the expiration of the grace period, whichever is the latter date, will be required together with a written application for reinstatement and the tender of two months' premiums on the amount of insurance he wishes to reinstate.

In order to give all former service men whose insurance has lapsed or been cancelled, a fair chance to reinstate their insurance, including men who have been out of the service eighteen months or more, and who are therefore barred from reinstatement under the former ruling, a special blanket ruling is made which allows all ex service men to reinstate their insurance before Dec. 31, 1919, provided that each applicant is in as good health as at date of discharge or at expiration of grace period, whichever is the latter date, and so states in his application. Of course it is necessary that he tender the two months' premium on the amount of insurance he wishes to reinstate.

Service men who reinstated their insurance by payment of all back premiums prior to July 25, 1919, when the decision requiring payment of only two months' premiums went into effect, upon written application to the Bureau may have any premiums paid in excess of two applied toward the payment of future premiums. For example, if after a policy has lapsed for six months, a man reinstated and paid six months' premiums instead of two, he may secure credit for four months' premiums.

The provisions for reinstatement do not protect a man until he actually reinstates. If he waits he may not be in as good health as he was at the time of discharge and consequently may not be able to secure reinstatement.

Don't put off reinstatement. Do it NOW!—Treasury Department.

We have a few tire chains on hand. Does your car need one? Mighty cheap accident insurance. Western Lumber Company.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our thanks to the neighbors and friends of Ramsdell and McLean for their kindness during the sickness and death of our little darling, Ruth May. — Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Longan.

**Notice**

I will be in McLean on Saturday, December 6th, with the last lot of my red roosters. C. S. Hunt, Alanreed, Texas. 48 2p.

Rev. B. J. Osborn returned Thursday from East Texas where he has been visiting his parents for the past two weeks.

Before you buy gift goods for Christmas, come in and see our silverware and aluminumware—Western Lumber Co.

**MICKIE SAYS**

YOU KNOW, READERS, SOMETIMES I HOLLER 'BOUT THINGS THAT DON'T SUIT ME, BUT JEST THE SAME I LIKE YOU ALL FINE N I WOULDN'T WORK NOWHERES ELSE BUT HERE, N WHEN I GROW UP I'M GOING TO HAVE A NEWSPAPER OF MY OWN, I BETCHER!



**Cement Walks on the Farm**

"You haven't very good walks out here in the country." I remarked to my country cousin, gingerly picking my way through the muddy barnyard as I accompanied him while he was doing his chores.

"No—not very good," he replied, smiling over the thought that I should expect to find walks on his farm.

And why not? Can any one think of one good reason why farm buildings should not be connected with walks? Why should there not be walks—cement walks preferably—from the house to the wood shed, to the chicken coop, to the hog pen, to the granary, etc. Thousands of trins between these places are made every year, dozens in a single day.

During the inspection of some hundreds of farms the writer has not yet seen a complete system of cement walks—or any other kind of walks—on a farm. As a rule, the only walk extends from the front door of the house to the road, or from the side door to the driveway.

Every farmer understands how to mix cement and how to build things of it. The watering tank, the short driveway leading into the barn, the basement floor of the barn and the hog feeding pen all bear evidence of his familiarity with cement. Why, then, is nearly every farmer willing to plow through the mud of the back yard and the barnyard during the spring and fall months of the year? On the heavier clay farms the mud is in evidence after every heavy shower of rain.

Considering the walks entirely from an economic standpoint, a good system of cement walks will pay. They are a labor saver. Even with all labor-saving devices much material must be carried. It requires no argument to prove that it is much easier to carry anything when one can travel on a good walk instead of ploughing through the mud. Suppose the animal-do walk on the one leading thru the barnyard? If built correctly that will not injure the walk and a little care will keep it clean. And because it may not be practical to build walks everywhere is no reason why the walks should not be built in the main traveled paths between the buildings. Besides, the walks add to the attractiveness of the farm—make it a better-looking place and give it an up to date appearance.

Plan a system of cement walks between your buildings. The cost of a few loads of gravel, the cement and your labor will be paid for many times during the coming years. The women folks will certainly bless you, and you will wonder how you got along without them, once you become accustomed to their handiness.—C. H. S., in Philadelphia Farm Journal.

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**Another Epistle From Uncle John**

On Nov. 22 Mr. Carl Greenwood and Miss Callie Sherrord were married at Clarendon, the Baptist pastor officiating. They will make their home in Wichita Falls.

J. H. Hill and L. L. Palmer shipped a car of fine apples to Clarendon some weeks ago.

Some oil developments are promised in the near future—but I am waiting to see just what will be done.

Say, Mr. Editor, did you hear about that still outfit being found in Jack Canyon near Rockledge? I did not get to sample any of the goods, so I cannot pass judgment on the purity and effectiveness of it.

I am glad they sent Rev. Osborn back to McLean and Alanreed and wish him increased success.

Well it is cold up here and coal is scarce and so high that we are made to reflect on the flight of our summer wages.

UNCLE JOHN.

**Prairie Dog Good Eating**

"Few people realize that prairie dog is no more dog than we are fish, but is really prairie squirrel and in every way equal to the timber squirrel of the east which is considered very fine. They may be prepared in almost any way, boiled, baked or fried in endless combinations but the three most practical ways are those just enumerated."

The above clipping the Liberal News picked up from some farm paper. Which leads us to conclude that the item is from a tenderfoot who never tried to masticate prairie dog. Those who have from necessity taken to prairie dog along the trail tell us that if you get a pup not over three fourths grown he will make a fairly palatable dish, but if perchance you get a prairie dog which has grey whiskers and has seen a few winters and some summers pass over his humble abode, a prairie dog which perchance has passed thru a few lean years on the plains, years in which his principal sustenance was bark from the mesquite bush perhaps the toughest wood that grows, and his muscles have partaken of the quality of the fiber in the mesquite, then the tenderfoot would find that he would have to boil the dog for twenty-four hours, then roast him twenty-four hours longer on a soft pine board, then after so much cooking he would find that the prairie dog flesh had loosened up to such an extent that as between the succulence of the dog and the soft pine board he would throw the dog away and eat the board.—Canadian Record.

The true definition of despotism is government without law. It may exist, therefore, in the hands of many as well as of one. Rebellions are despotisms; factions are despotisms; loose democracies are despotisms. These are a thousand times more dreadful than the concentration of all power in the hands of a single tyrant. The despotism of one man is like the thunderbolt, which falls here and there, scorching and consuming the individual on whom it lights; but popular commotions, the despotism of a mob, is an earthquake, which swallows up everything. It is the excellence of our government that it is placed in a proper medium between these two extremes, that it is equally distant from mobs and from thrones.—Daniel Webster.

**The Gray County Local Mutual Aid Association**

A Home Institution Organized to Furnish to Its Members Life Insurance at Cost  
T. M. Wolfe, Secretary

**Purpose**  
The purpose of the organization is, by eliminating all unnecessary expenses, to furnish life insurance to its members at cost.

**No Salaries**  
There are no salaries to be paid. The initiation fee of \$3.00 will pay the cost of organizing, procuring charter, paying state license, etc. The running expenses, cost of printing and mailing notices, policies, etc., and keeping the records is paid out of the annual dues paid by each member and cannot exceed one dollar per year, and is payable on or before December 1st of each year.

**Fees**  
On joining each member pays an initiation fee of \$3.00, annual dues \$1.00, and \$1.00 to the beneficiary fund, making a total cost of membership of \$5.00.

Upon the death of a member, an amount equal to \$1.00 for each member is immediately paid their beneficiary, and the secretary of the association immediately notifies each member of the death, and of an assessment of \$1.00 against each member, which must be paid within 15 days under penalty of suspension. This is repeated each time a death occurs, and there can be no other money assessed or collected, except the \$1.00 per year dues.

**Membership**  
The membership of the Association is limited to 1,000, and the maximum insurance to each member is \$1,000.00. Any white person, male or female, from 18 to 55 years of age inclusive, of good moral standing and of good health, may become a member by signing an application and paying the solicitor \$5.00 which, as explained above, covers all costs, for which they will take a receipt. If elected to membership by the investigating committee, they will receive a certificate of membership. If rejected, money will be refunded to them.

**Benefits**  
The beneficiary money is deposited in the bank and can only be paid out on the death of a member, by order of the directors, signed by the proper officers of the Association. Both the secretary and the treasurer are required to give \$1,000 bonds.

**Independent Organization**  
This organization is entirely independent of any other organization. It is chartered separately under the laws of the State of Texas, and its members pay no dues or assessments to keep up any state lodge. Its membership is to be composed entirely of people who live in Gray county and within a radius of 25 miles of McLean.

**Officers**  
The officers and directors are all good men of established reputations, whose integrity is a guarantee that only those honestly entitled to membership will be received.

See C. J. Cash or W. H. Peters, McLean, Texas

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**Card of Thanks**

This is to thank those who have been so kind and generous to us in our recent bereavement. May Providence smile upon you and spare you such grief is our sincere wish.—Richard T. Hodges and family.

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ORDERS TAKEN AT THIS OFFICE

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Quattlebaum and daughter, Miss Lillian, went to Amarillo Thursday to attend the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Elvin McClain.

**Have You the Right to Happiness?**

When will you murder that porker? Remember Western Lumber Co., when you need something to carve him with.

The kid would like to have a tricycle or a coaster for Christmas. Western Lumber Co.

Miss Vida Montgomery returned Wednesday from a visit with friends in Fort Worth.

Ten shoats for sale. \$100.—S. R. Jones