

County Agricultural Council Made

Commissioners Kirby and Newman Oppose Bond Plan

KIRBY GIVES RATES

Propose Substitute Plan without McLean

Commissioner Thos. Kirby of precinct three and M. M. Newman of this precinct met a number of voters at the chamber of commerce hall Wednesday afternoon and discussed the proposed county-wide bond plan, stating their objections to the proposition.

"Preliminary figures show that a three million bond issue will require a \$1.27 tax rate," said Mr. Kirby, "which is entirely too high. Seventy-five or eighty cents is high enough for any road tax. Take the proposed paving of the road from McLean to Pampa; this will cost better than one and a quarter million dollars; transportation of materials will cost \$5,000 per mile more than to build a road near a railroad. No paving should be done on roads other than those where state and federal aid can be obtained—the cost is too great."

Mr. Kirby said that he had attended a bond meeting at Pampa Tuesday and obtained his figure of \$1.27 tax rate at this meeting. Mr. Kirby stated that his precinct and Alanreed are opposed to the present plan and would vote against it. He offered this substitute plan: let the McLean precinct stay separate and the other three precincts vote a 2 million issue, which would bring their rate up to 80c, the rate in this precinct, and provide for the finishing of highway 66 and 88.

Commissioner Newman said: "Gray county is now in the best condition of any county in the state, and we should keep it that way. There is no large city in this county, we know the oil cannot last long, and the final burden will fall on the merchant and farmer. Without exception, every county in the state that has a large bond issue is suffering from the tax burden."

Mr. Newman stated that he sees no attitude of any one part of the county trying to take advantage in the proposed plan, and if the measure receives a two-thirds majority, we would be committed to it, regardless of how the vote stood here. He also quoted a \$1.75 tax rate in another county, where the interest on the bonds is said to be seven years in arrears.

M. D. Bentley urged further consideration of the matter before opposition, stating that all facts are needed before forming an opinion, and that the proposition is coming and we need to figure out the best way for all concerned.

It was urged that everyone interested should attend a meeting at Pampa Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the matter will be gone into more fully.

Wheeler Postoffice Open
30 MINUTES ON SUNDAY

The postmaster at Wheeler has decided to open the office from 12 to 2 on Sundays, as voluntary courtiers to the public. Postal regulations prohibit the opening of the office during church services, so this hour was chosen to give the best service possible.

STRAWBERRIES MAKE GOOD

Geo. W. Sitter, in a conversation with a News representative, stated that one of his neighbors, Mr. Jones, who lives in the south part of town, sold to date some \$40.00 worth of strawberries from a small patch, as the berries are everbearing, and plans to sell much more as the season advances.

Program Arranged for Cub Scouts in This Area

The Southeast Panhandle Area has just received permission from the National Council to put on the Cub Scout program for boys 9, 10 and 11 years of age. This program has been in the making for three years. Laura Spellman Rockefeller has given the Boy Scouts \$50,000 to investigate it. The handbook and uniform are now ready. The program is perhaps the most significant that has been originated by the Boy Scouts of America. Its contribution to education, religion and citizenship will be even more significant than the scout program, according to I. E. Jolly, scout executive. The Southeast Panhandle is one of the few favored councils of the 654 in the United States to be accorded the privilege of putting this program on.

Mr. Jolly says it is significant in that no Cub Scout program will be allowed in any institution that first has not a successful scout program. Second, the institution must be back of the program with an active committee. Third, no cub scouting will be formed without a Mother's Club. This, perhaps, makes it the more significant, since it ties up the home and backyard where the boy's activities are located. Mother passes on the tests first. Boys of a neighborhood are formed into "dens" under a First Class Scout, whom they choose for their den leader. The cub master may be the scoutmaster, but in case of large troops the assistant scoutmaster or some other suitable person acts as the cub master under the scout troop committee. The pack consists of a number of "dens" meeting at the sponsoring institution.

Boys come into the group as "wolf cubs." The first degree is the "wolf cub" and the program so arranged that four months is the minimum time for passing each test. An 11 year old boy can pass three tests in a year, while the nine year old takes three years for the same program. The second degree is the "bear cub" and the third degree the "lion cub." He has passed the tenderfoot test of a Boy Scout, and by paying his registration fee he becomes a Scout and starts his second class work.

Boys register and make application with the approval of the mothers, and cannot belong unless the mother or guardian becomes a member of the Mother's Club. The handbooks cost 25c each and registration is 50c a year.

The uniform is blue, so that without additional cost the boy may come home from school in his blue knickers, change to his blue Cub Scout shirt, blue cap and official stockings. The cost of the shirt, cap, stockings, belt and neckerchief is \$4.25, and will outwear ordinary clothing many times. Only boys registered officially may wear the uniform and badge.

Rev. J. Hardin Mallard of the First Presbyterian church of Memphis has been commissioned by Scout Executive Jolly for the work at the present time. Other pastors and scout leaders should write or see Mr. Jolly about the wonderful program.

A POT LUCK DINNER

A large number of the members of the B. Y. P. U.'s of the First Baptist church enjoyed a pot luck dinner last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Cobb. Immediately after dinner the crowd went to Bethel for a zone meeting of the B. Y. P. U.

The next meeting of the north zone associational B. Y. P. U. will be held in McLean on the second Sunday in June.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Heald home demonstration club gave a pot luck dinner in honor of Mrs. T. C. Landers' birthday Friday at her home.

Miss Cora Greer visited her brother, N. H., at Memphis Sunday.

Baccalaureate Attended by Large Crowd

One of the largest crowds seen in McLean for a long time attended the baccalaureate exercises at the high school auditorium Sunday evening.

While the program was not scheduled to begin until 8 o'clock, every seat had been taken by 7:30, the churches of the town dismissing evening services for the occasion.

The program opened with Mrs. Willie Boyett playing the processional at the piano, followed by the congregation singing a hymn, after which the invocation was given by Rev. W. A. Erwin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The choir then rendered a selection and Rev. Erwin read a passage of scripture, which was followed by a vocal solo by W. C. Bushfield.

Rev. Erwin then preached the baccalaureate sermon, followed by a selection by the choir. Rev. Erwin pronounced the benediction, and Mrs. Boyett played the recessional, closing the service.

Commencement Exercises at H. S. Auditorium

Commencement exercises will be held at the high school auditorium tonight (Thursday), with Dr. F. Clark Buckner, pastor of the First Christian church, Amarillo, delivering the address to the graduates.

Following Dr. Buckner's address, Geo. Tummins, superintendent of the McLean schools, will present diplomas to the 28 members of the graduating class.

Marie Reed is valedictorian and Bernie Morgan salutatorian for the class, and a full program has been arranged for the evening.

AMERICAN LEGION TO PLAN MEMORIAL DAY

The Andrew H. Floyd Post, American Legion, will meet Tuesday night, when plans will be completed for Memorial services at Hillcrest cemetery, May 30th, which every citizen of the community will be urged to attend.

All ex-soldiers are invited to be present at the meeting Tuesday night.

ALANREED CEMETERY ASS'N. ORGANIZED

At a recent meeting at Alanreed presided over by W. J. Ball, a cemetery association was organized with the following officers elected: President, F. E. Schneider; vice president, Mrs. J. T. Blakney; secretary-treasurer, Miss Jennie Sherrod; trustees, J. M. Hill, E. F. Elms and Mrs. E. B. Reeves; committee to draft by-laws, C. C. Warford, W. H. Blakney and S. T. Greenwood.

SENIOR PLAY PLEASURES LARGE AUDIENCE

A large audience enjoyed the presentation of "A Henpecked Hero" by the senior class of the high school Tuesday evening.

Music was furnished by the high school band under the direction of Prof. Robt. C. Davidson, and the following were members of the cast: Edith Fleming, Cathlyn McCaskill, Ward Ault, Willie Lee Bailey, Ernest Hunt, Bernie Morgan, Marie Reed, Cora Greer Orville Smith, Orville Cunningham, Frances Boyle.

VOCATIONAL PRIZES TO BE ON DISPLAY

Dr. A. A. Tampke, vocational teacher at the McLean high school, has arranged with the City Drug Store for show window space to display the various prizes and trophies won by his classes this season. This display will be placed this week.

McLean Nine Wins Game over Shamrock, 4 to 3

The McLean baseball nine won Sunday's game over Shamrock with a score of 4 to 3.

This was the first game of the season to be played on the local diamond, and the second in which the newly organized McLean team has played.

The game was a tie in the ninth inning, and there was only one out when McLean scored the winning run in the eleventh.

Following is the box score:

Shamrock	ab r h p a e
A. Blake 2b	3 0 0 3 4 0
Close cf	4 1 2 0 0 0
Bryon 1b	4 1 0 7 2 1
Selyter c, rf	3 0 1 8 2 2
Easley rf, c	5 0 2 6 1 0
H. Blake lf	5 0 2 6 1 0
Hill ss	4 1 3 3 0 1
Christian 3b	4 0 2 1 1 0
Handley p	3 0 0 0 13 0
Total	35 3 10 28 24 4
McLean	ab r h p a e
Mantooth x	1 0 0 0 0 0
Back cf	4 1 2 1 0 0
Ozier lf	5 1 1 2 1 0
N. Sego ss	5 0 1 2 1 2
P. Sego 3b	5 0 2 1 2 0
Roberts rf	2 0 0 0 0 0
Smith 2b	2 1 1 4 2 0
Chilton 1b	4 0 1 10 1 0
Mantooth c	3 0 1 9 3 0
Parker p	3 0 1 1 12 0
Ford rf	2 1 1 0 1 0
Total	36 4 11 30 23 2

P. T. A. TO OBSERVE SUMMER ROUND-UP

By Mrs. Jim Back

A summer round-up of the children was inaugurated by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers in 1925. The plan of procedure calls for a physical examination, in the spring, of all children who are to enter school for the first time the following September.

The McLean Parent-Teacher Association plans to carry on this summer round-up during the first week in June, possibly Friday and Saturday, the 6th and 7th. This round-up is a campaign to send to the first grade of school a class of children 100% free from remediable physical defects.

Such a campaign is needed because statistics show that the average American child is only 25% physically equipped; that 3,000,000 school children have hearing losses of varying degrees; that in a study of pre-school children, nearly 25% needed glasses.

A child so handicapped will be at a great disadvantage in competing with his classmates who are physically sound. The home can make no greater contribution to the school than a pupil prepared to take full advantage of what the school has to offer.

The local committee is already organized and is perfecting plans whereby it hopes to make this campaign beneficial to all eligible children. It asks the co-operation of all parents who have children entering school or their first time this following September.

The local doctors and dentist, assisted by Dr. Thomas M. Montgomery, eye specialist of Amarillo, have kindly offered their services free in examining these children. A list from the school census is now in the hands of the committee. The ladies will not only inform all parents when and where the clinic is to be held, but will furnish free transportation for any children whose parents cannot conveniently bring them.

Chairmen of the different committees of this round-up are as follows: Mrs. L. Sligar, general chairman. Mrs. Jim Back, publicity chairman. Mrs. Bryant Henry, chairman of visiting committee. Mrs. Evan Sitter, chairman of the transportation committee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dial of Memphis visited in McLean Friday.

Lions Nominate Officers for Ensuing Year

Nomination of officers was the principal order of business at the Lions Club luncheon at the Meador Cafe Tuesday, election of which will be held next month, for the next fiscal year.

President Boyd Meador was in charge, and T. A. Landers acted as secretary pro tem, in the absence of E. L. Sitter. Many of the members were absent, being caught on jury duty at Pampa.

Lions W. A. Erwin, S. M. Hodges and T. A. Landers were declared members of the better yards and garden contest committee, with authority to formulate rules.

Nominations resulted as follows: For president, Boyd Meador, H. M. Coleman and T. W. Gilstrap. First vice president, S. M. Hodges, T. A. Landers and H. M. Coleman. Second vice president, A. F. Smith and I. S. Cohen. Secretary-treasurer, T. A. Landers, Reep Landers and W. E. Bogan. Lion tamer, Sherman White, W. A. Erwin. Tall twister, M. D. Bentley, A. A. Tampke, Boyd Meador, E. L. Sitter and T. W. Gilstrap. Directors (2 to be elected), Sherman White, Sam Hodges, W. A. Erwin, W. E. Bogan, B. W. Wilkins. Hold-over directors are Boyd Meador and T. A. Landers.

Those present were: Sherman White, A. F. Smith, S. M. Hodges, Reep Landers, H. M. Coleman, Boyd Meador, I. S. Cohen, A. A. Tampke, W. A. Erwin and T. A. Landers.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION WEDNESDAY

Graduation exercises were held for the seventh grade class Wednesday evening at the high school auditorium. Seventeen members of the class received diplomas. Juanita Coleman delivered the salutatory address and Rosalie Shearon the valedictory.

The following program was rendered: Invocation, J. H. Bodine; salutatory, piano solo, Leona Wood; reading, Oleta Holloway; reading, Emmae Ayer; chorus, grammar school girls; valedictory, graduation address, Prof. Joudon Cobb; presentation of diplomas, Prof. A. R. McHaney; benediction, J. H. Bodine; music by junior band.

Certificates were presented by Prof. McHaney to all grammar school students who held a perfect attendance record for the term.

LEGION AUXILIARY TO SPONSOR POPPY SALE

"In Flanders field the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row"—So sang the poet who was soon to rest beneath the poppies himself.

The American Legion auxiliary of McLean will assist in the sale of poppies this year to be worn in honor of those who died in the world war.

The poppies are made by disabled veterans of the war, and the proceeds of the sale each year is given to these veterans. Wearing of the poppies on poppy day honors the dead and helps the living.

SERVICE TAILOR SHOP CHANGES HANDS

C. P. Hamilton Jr., proprietor of the McLean Steam Laundry, and Eddie Winburne of Phoenix, Ariz., have bought the Service Tailor Shop of Hansel Christian and are now in charge.

Mr. Winburne, who will have the active management of the firm, has had some ten years experience in tailor work; eight years at Mangum, Okla., and the past two years as manager of a \$45,000 shop at Phoenix.

The new owners say that they will add some needed equipment and will endeavor to give complete tailor service in line with the best shops anywhere. Full announcement may be found in our advertising columns.

Mr. Christian has not announced his plans for the future.

FAIR PLANS MADE

Five-Year Program Outlined for Agriculture

A Gray county agricultural council was organized at Pampa Saturday with Geo. W. Briggs, secretary-manager of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, elected president, and T. A. Landers, president of the McLean C. of C. elected secretary.

Community fairs each year for Pampa and McLean were advocated, as were annual poultry shows for each place.

A committee to select exhibits for state and regional fairs was appointed, consisting of M. D. Bentley of McLean, chairman; F. P. Reid of Pampa, E. B. Hedrick of Alanreed and E. Bacchus of Lefors. This committee will also interview the commissioners court for financial assistance in placing exhibits.

It was the opinion of those present that a short time program would not pay, so it was decided that not less than a five-year program be outlined.

Among other things discussed as being part of the program were bull circles, unofficial milk testing to enable farmers to get rid of boarder cows, poultry culling and encouragement of egg production during the winter months, marketing problems, vocational judging contests, agricultural and home demonstration short courses, terracing demonstrations, co-operation in buying coops for poultry shows and in all fair activities.

The council will co-operate at all times with the county agents and vocational teachers, and will not in any way duplicate their work, but will supplement their activities.

The next meeting of the council is planned for McLean on May 30, at which time the membership will be enlarged.

Luncheon was served at the new Schneider Hotel, compliments of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Among those present were: Dr. A. A. Tampke, M. D. Bentley and T. A. Landers of McLean, Prof. J. L. Lester, Geo. W. Briggs and Roy McMillan of Pampa, Frank A. Buckley, dairy specialist of Amarillo; Miss Myrtle Miller, home demonstrator, and Ralph Thomas, county agent.

Mrs. Lear M. Jones returned to her home at Childress Friday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watkins.

Mesdames Jot Montgomery and L. H. McLarty were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

MAKE YOUR OWN COMPARISON

The News is glad to have you compare it with other home town papers.

Compare the front page—modern head lines, nothing but live news, written without editorial bias.

Compare the makeup—modern style of placing advertising and reading matter, all home print.

Compare the paper stock—only the best grade of paper used.

Compare the editorial page—fearless comment on local and state affairs.

Compare the proof-reading—very few errors in spelling or English.

Compare the readers—more newsstand sales, and every subscriber paid-in-advance. Some 4,000 readers each week.

Compare the local names—from 150 to 300 local names mentioned each week.

Compare any feature—and all for \$2.00 per year.

News from Liberty

Mr. and Mrs. Doy Holloway entertained a large crowd of Pleasant Mound young folks and the following Liberty folks Saturday night: Z. T. Jones and daughters, John Bible, J. O. Holloway and daughter, Miss Gladys, Howard Cody, Willard Matthew, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willingham, Luther Petty and family. A good time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan called on Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cunningham Saturday night.

T. L. Lovelace and daughter, Miss Beulah, made a trip to Hart Friday, returning Saturday. They were accompanied by Mrs. D. W. Johnson and children of Heald.

Liberty and Pleasant Mound schools held their closing exercises at Liberty Friday night, with a good program rendered to a large crowd. Miss Ellen Nix, the Pleasant Mound teacher, held her closing exercises with Mrs. A. A. Tampke, Liberty teacher, on account of the Pleasant Mound school building being demolished in a storm a week ago. Miss Freeman of Shamrock made the address to the graduates. The seventh grade graduates were: Liberty—Pauline Matthew and Bessie Mathines; Pleasant Mound—Sammy Malone, Clovis Bible, Erna Koen, Geneva Stevenson, Evelyn Hazard, Leona Wallon and Carrie Langham.

Luther Petty and family and Mrs. Mollie Francis called at the Nix and Koen homes Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nora Lee Morgan took dinner Sunday with Miss Lavern Pettit.

Miss Letha Roth of McLean spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Clara Bell Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hardy of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Bones of Rasdell, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith of Pagan called on Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lively Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. E. James and children, Mrs. Cree and children of Alanreed called on the former's mother, Mrs. Mollie Francis, Monday afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Pierce took dinner Sunday with Miss Elsie Mae Blackburn at McLean.

Ruth Berry spent Saturday night with Sylvia and Goida Edney.

Miss Beulah Lovelace enjoyed dinner Sunday with Miss Arlene Hickman at McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lively and daughters were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roth.

Mrs. Sam Skinner is enjoying a visit from a brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Davis and son were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hinton.

Mrs. J. T. Blakney and daughter, Mildred; Mrs. W. E. James and children of Alanreed called on Mrs. Francis Tuesday of last week.

Grant Pierce visited with the Ledbetter boys at McLean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson and Ralph Newkirk called at the Lacy Herrin home at Gracey Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Russell of Panhandle visited with her aunt, Mrs. W. R. Stokes, Sunday.

Miss Levie Nelson spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Edgar Pierce, of Gracey.

Robert Stokes of Alva, Okla., visited relatives here last week.

WONT BE "GOAT"

When a questionable situation arises in a town it is quite the fashion to remark that the newspapers ought to do something about it. The average citizen feels quite certain he could run a newspaper better than the editor does, and if he were publisher of that sheet, he'd show 'em, you can bet. As a matter of fact, if he has horse sense he would do just as the editor does—put the soft pedal on any family rows, church squabbles, scandals not involving major principles, and such matters of ultimately minor importance as will adjust themselves with the passing of time. The newspaper critic ought not to expect the newspaper man to advocate or attract any proposition which he himself lacks the courage to support or assail over his signature. The editor is willing, even eager, to push any project in the public interest, but is not willing to pull chestnuts out of the fire for individuals or minorities.—Eaton (Colo.) Herald.

NEWSPAPER FILES

Files of the local newspaper are almost as important for record purposes as are transcriptions of deeds, mortgages and other public documents. They should be kept in fire-proof vaults. If the publisher is not in position to provide this protection, the authorities of the town should do so. In case the newspaper files are destroyed, it will take a lot of scratching around to fill in the gap in local history which their loss will entail.—Publishers' Auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. DeSota Bilderback of Hedley visited the lady's brother, Frank Bidwell, Sunday.

With the Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor
The pastor will preach at both hours Sunday. Sunday school and other services at the usual hours. The public is cordially invited to attend our services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Cecil G. Goff, Pastor
All services as usual next Sunday. The pastor will preach at both hours. Everyone invited.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

W. Hickman, Pastor
Rev. S. R. Jones, former pastor of this church, will preach Sunday at both hours. All other services as usual. Everyone is invited to attend our services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

W. A. Erwin, Minister
Sunday school 10 a. m. F. H. Bourland, supt.
Morning worship 11 a. m. Evening worship 8 p. m. There will be special music and the pastor will preach at both hours.
Come and worship with us.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

Mrs. Chas. Cooke, President
The ladies missionary society of the Presbyterian church will have an all day meeting Tuesday, May 27. They will have as their guests five Presbyterian officers of Amarillo and the field secretary from New York City. The morning will be given over to conference and getting acquainted. A program will be given in the afternoon starting at 1 o'clock sharp. All ladies interested in missionary work are cordially invited to attend this program.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Song—Wonderful Words of Life. Prayer.
Subject—The Land of Brazil.
Introduction—Kathryn Hales.
Looking at the Country—Cagle Hunt
People of Brazil—Jewel Smith.
Education in Brazil—Mary Ellen Switzer.
The Power of God's Word in Brazil—Lucille Scott.
The Power of Christian Education—Juanita Coleman.
Leader's period.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Baptist W. M. U. met for Royal Service study at the home of Mrs. Hershel Billingslea Monday afternoon, with the following present:

Mesdames S. A. Cobb, Colebank, Lochridge, Appling, Tampke, Leon Bodine, George Abbott, Holloway, Homer Abbott, Petty, D. E. Johnson, Calvin Johnson, H. Kunkel, Carl Carpenter, D. L. Abbott, Finley, Wilson, McCarty and Billingslea. Mrs. Tampke led the meeting, followed by a short business session.

Mrs. Homer Abbott assisted the hostess in serving ice cream and cake to those present.

Circle No. 1 will meet next Monday afternoon with Mrs. Lochridge. Circle No. 2 will meet with Mrs. Holloway.

THEY GET THE CREAM

A newspaper always hates to say anything that could be interpreted as in any way a criticism of retail dealers of its city who fail to use advertising space. Yet the newspaper has the right to try to sell its space, and to present the reasons why the thing it has to sell is valuable. It recognizes that many stores that fail to use advertising are doing the best they can to serve the public, and it honors them for their contribution to the community.

And yet any newspaper has seen so many instances in its own experience of business concerns that have gone on to growth and success as the result of using advertising, that it twitches very respectfully to call the attention of all business men to these results.

Suppose one were to go into some community of about the size and resources of our own, located 100 or 150 miles away, and make a study of the newspapers of that city, and then look the stores over.

This newspaper is very confident that it would be found that the stores that advertise with considerable liberality or regularity, would be getting the cream of the business in their respective lines. Those that did the big advertising would probably be the big stores of the place. Those that advertised, in a small way, but did so regularly, would look like places of activity where customers were coming in increasing numbers, and there would be the indication of growth in such stores.

Any newspaper man would like to see his home town business people make such a test, and he would be confident that if they did, they would

DRAY SERVICE

When You Want It
Phones 12 and 188
City Dray and Transfer
Roy Bird, Prop.

Dr. Thos. M. Montgomery

Eyeglass Specialist

Will be in McLean

The First Friday in Each Month

Office at Erwin Drug Co.

Optomelrist and Optician

226 Folk St., Amarillo, Texas

We'll Do Our Best

WE were handed quite a SURPRISE yesterday by a LADY customer here IN the store when she ASKED us why we didn't ADVERTISE our line of VICTROLAS that she LIKES so well, and WHEN we told her that WE just paid T. A. Landers FOUR whole dollars a SHORT time ago for SPACE in his newspaper to BROADCAST about THAT very article, SHE said she never READS advertising UNLESS it looks INTERESTING and ours SELDOM does; and on MATURE thought we are INCLINED to believe SHE is right and that IF we are going to SPEND our money for ADVERTISING we might JUST as well make it INTERESTING, even if we HAVE to talk about SOMETHING else besides OURSELVES occasionally.

Moral: Watch this space each week and see if we succeed.

ERWIN DRUG CO.

The *Best* Store

ANYHOW HE WAS FIRED



"Just heard Jerry got fired out of the pantomime."
"Zatso? Wonder what the trouble was."
"Don't know, 'less he couldn't learn his lines."

see that the advertised stores were getting far more than their natural share of the business, and they would return home with the feeling that advertising constitutes too good an opportunity to be missed.—Billings (Mo.) Times.

TERRACES "HIGH, WIDE AND HANDSOME"

Aspermont—The value of high and well-built terraces was demonstrated on the farm of Wade Davis, Stone-wall county, during a recent rain in which 7.82 inches of water fell during 30 hours. Investigation revealed that water had spilled out at the ends of the terraces, but at no place did it break over the top. The terraces were built high and wide in 1926 as a demonstration of level terracing and Mr. Davis has improved them a little each year since. The ends were partially closed last season to permit more of the rainfall to be absorbed.

Bob Minor of Dallas was in McLean Friday.

MODERN TAILORS

Modern Machinery, Modern Methods, Expert Workman mean you must be satisfied with every job intrusted to us. Ladies' work a specialty.

Modern Tailor Shop
Floyd Phillips, Prop.

LANDLORD-TENANT LIVESTOCK LEASE

Groesbeck.—Two-thirds feed, one-third cotton, and livestock on a 50-50 basis are the high points in a lease system as worked out by Dan Parker of Limestone county and now in operation with his renter. They jointly own 80 hens, 675 baby chicks and three milk cows, but will increase the cows after the feed is grown. All feed produced will be fed on the place, and two sets of books kept on each field and class of livestock to furnish a guide for future operations. Three other local landlords have agreed to conduct similar demonstrations with their renters. The movement was inaugurated by bankers and is in cooperation with the county agent.

Misses Ruth Black and Ollie Sue Lamar of Chillicothe visited the former's sister, Mrs. W. K. Wharton, this week.

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

Miss Jessie Cash, who has been attending school at Lebeland, returned home last week.

Hershel Lee Cantrell of Liberty visited his father, Blomley, last week.

Visit our paint demonstration day and Saturday, May 23 and 24, Cicero Smith Lbr. Co. Advertis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hinton of Amarillo last week.

Why Make Sunday

A Day of Drudgery
Enjoy Sunday by Eating at
MEADOR CAFÉ
We Never Close

Can of Paint Free

Our B. P. S. Paint Demonstration Will Take Place

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, May 23-24

Come and bring your coupon with you and get a free can. B. P. S. means Best Paint Sold. We guarantee every can of B. P. S. to give satisfaction. Visit the demonstration and see the different colors and find out what this paint will do.

CICERO SMITH LUMBER COMPANY
Phone 3 W. T. Wilson, Mgr.

FREE!
--THREE O'CLOCK--
Saturday, May 24, 1930

WILL GIVE AWAY
Kangaroo Work Clothes
TO THE
UGLIEST TALLEST FATTEST OLDEST
and to the man who comes the **FARTHEREST**

OPENING SALE

OF KANGAROO WORK CLOTHES

A DOLLAR work shirt FREE with each two Kangaroo garments bought this day. A special representative of Kangaroo Clothes will be with us.

JOHN MERTEL

McLean, Texas

**GOLF COURSES
ARE BEING LAID OUT**

Two miniature golf courses are being laid out by J. E. Meador on the lots west of the secretary's office, and will be ready in a few days. Boyd Meador and J. E. Meador are installing a course on the H-H tourist camps, and Shermathy and Johnson of Shamrock are putting in one east of the McLean Motor Co. garage.

A NEW GROCERY STORE

W. H. and J. E. Ayer have a force of men working on the building formerly occupied by the McLean Radio Co., installing fixtures for a new grocery store. The gentlemen state that they intend to open for business Saturday.

Full announcements is promised for our advertising columns.

FISHING TRIP REPORTED

W. H. Reed and Norman Johnson, accompanied by the former's brother, Jack, spent part of last week visiting different lakes in the neighborhood as disciples of Isaac Wallace.

According to reports, the fishermen admit that the very first one caught was the biggest, but he got away. However, the failure to get the biggest fish in the lake did not affect the appetites of the fishermen, and they did full justice to the meals prepared by Johnston, who was officially made cook of the party.

A number of tales are current as to the number and size of the fish taken, but nothing authentic can be verified, as they failed to remember to bring a sample fish.

Mrs. Jessie Bridges and daughters, Misses Alleen and Nelda Mae, of Bartlesville, Okla., visited relatives in McLean Sunday.

Mrs. Witt Springer left this morning for Matador to be at the bedside of her father, who is ill.

Mrs. J. S. Murphy of Bogaluso, La., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Batson.

Miss Beatrice Muncie of Wellington spent the week end with friends in McLean.

Visit our paint demonstration Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24. Cicero Smith Lbr. Co. Advertisement

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson of Farwell visited relatives here last week.

C. R. Comstock of Amarillo was in McLean Monday.

L. M. Stone of Oklahoma City was in McLean the first of the week.

H. W. New of Amarillo was in McLean Monday.

D. E. Hatcher of Fort Worth was in McLean last week.

A. S. Miller of Cleveland, Miss., was a McLean visitor last week.

J. B. Crisp of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Rufe R. Miner of Pampa was in McLean Friday.

Wilson Boyd of Pampa visited in McLean Friday.

Mrs. H. M. Barnes and son, Harry, visited in Borger Saturday.

B. Frank Bennett of Amarillo was in McLean Friday.

M. A. Williams of Lubbock was in McLean Friday.

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

O. L. Bell of Pampa was in McLean Friday.

E. E. Masters of Amarillo visited in McLean Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norman of Pampa visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Bonnie Miller went to Wichita Falls last week.

Cloyd Windom of Spearman visited in McLean Friday.

Ed Vaunt of Pampa visited in McLean last Thursday.

George Brown of El Paso was in McLean last week.

Miss Faye Harrington of Shamrock visited in McLean Sunday.

J. N. Sublett of Ramsdell was in McLean Saturday.

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ADDING MACHINE ribbons and rolls at News office.

PLANTS grown in open. Nov ready. T. B. Roby. tlc

Some bargains in used ice boxes. Sitter Furniture Co. 21-2c

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FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, at Special price. Mrs. Geo. Colebank. c

FOR RENT—5 room house with barn and 1/2 block land, close in. See M. D. Bentley. 18-4p

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—German police dog with

scar on right shoulder. Had on 1 1/2 inch leather collar, and was about 16 months old. \$10.00 reward to finder. B. L. Webb, phone 1615P121, McLean. 1c

STRAYED, from my farm at Aberdeen, Wednesday night, May 14, two gray horses, weight about 1450 lbs; one blind in left eye. B. H. Dodd, Box 94, Aberdeen, Texas. 1p

MISCELLANEOUS

POSTED—No hunting of any kind allowed on my place. C. H. Rowe. p

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 26, 1930:

For Tax Collector:
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G. H. PARISH
A. J. (Jake) ERWIN
JNO. V. ANDREWS

For County Clerk:
CHARLIE THUT

For Tax Assessor:
F. E. LEECH

For Clerk, 31st Judicial District:
MISS LOUISE MILLER
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For County Superintendent:
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Convenient credit terms may be arranged.

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PAGING MR. SMITH

It was a large public gathering. Out on the platform someone called out: "Is Mr. Smith in the audience? I am informed that his house is afire."

Forty gentlemen leaped to their feet.

"It is the house of Mr. John Smith," added the informant.

"Thank heaven," exclaimed one man, resuming his seat.

Mrs. Gossiper—"Have you had much experience as a maid?"

Applicant—"I worked for the Fussalots for a year before they separated."

Mrs. G—"You're engaged. Now tell me all about it."

Doctor—"Where did the train hit your car?"

Victim—"Right between the first and second payments."

Mr. and Mrs. A. Beaser of Henrietta, Okla., were McLean visitors this week.

**AMERICAN
THEATRE**

Saturday, May 23

"SOUTH SEA ROSE"

with Lenore Ulric

Comedy and Western

Monday & Tuesday, May 26-27

"POINTED HEELS"

with Nancy Carroll. Talking comedy.

Wednesday, May 28

"BIG TIME"

Special cast

"Tarzan the Tiger" and comedy

Thursday & Friday, May 29-30

"SUNNY SIDE UP"

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell

Charley Chase talking comedy

Saturday, May 31

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Advertising stamps a business man as enterprising and it is a reputation which in itself helps to produce business.

With the world's markets overcrowded with short staple cotton, it certainly does not look promising for the man who plants short staple cotton this year.

Two newspapers in a small town means two factions in the town, and double expense for merchants. Two half-strawed newspapers do not give a town a good name, while one paper is indispensable to the growth of any town.

A recent newspaper poll shows that Lynch Davidson is the choice of a majority of the editors for governor. If Texas ever needed a business man for governor, it is right now, and there is no better qualified man in the state than Davidson.

A newspaper that is sent to a promiscuous list of names is no better than a handbill. The News is sent only to paid-in-advance subscribers, and these are the only kind of readers that are valuable to the advertiser. The man who pays in advance for the paper, buys it because he wants to read it.

Time was when Gray county had newspapers that fought one another and kept alive factional strife between different parts of the county. Happily that day has passed. No newspaper has any right to take sides in factional strife. A newspaper exists to build up a community, and when it fails to do this, it deserves to fail.

Cutting down advertising effort is notice in advance that a period of undisturbed and restful calm is expected by the merchant. An investment in advertising over a period of years is a valuable asset. It is worth what was paid for it, if the advertiser keeps on advertising and thus protects it, increasing its value and keeping it alive. A willing public never gets a chance to remember the start and stop advertiser.

The Wheeler chamber of commerce has had signs printed warning all out-of-town peddlers and solicitors that they must have a recommendation from that body before business houses will entertain their propositions. We hope printing peddlers are included, and that the merchants adhere to the plan. There is no doubt but that the business men of Wheeler will save a lot of money in the course of a year under such a system.

An out-of-town anything peddler walked blithely down one side of the business district and up, a few days ago, with his samples hanging over his arm, secure in the knowledge that he would pay no taxes here, and trying to sell his wares to business men in direct

competition to the dry goods firms who help support the town and its institutions. The gentleman got what was coming to him at the News office, and we noticed that he did not tarry long at any place, so he probably left town at least a wiser, if not a sadder man.

Many towns followed the custom used here by holding the baccalaureate exercises on Sunday evening. However, the custom could be improved upon still further by holding the services in the afternoon, in order that regular church services would not be interfered with. It is claimed by some that about half as many as could be seated at the school auditorium Sunday evening were turned away, with no place to go. As long as there is no auditorium large enough to hold all the people who want to attend evening services, some provision should be made to cause as little interference as possible.

COW TESTING INCREASES MILK

San Antonio—Butter-fat production has increased by 5.8 pounds per month during two years of cow testing in Baxar county, recent monthly records of the county herd improvement association show. Better feeding and culling, made possible by accurate records of each cow's performance, is responsible for an increase of two-thirds of a gallon of milk per cow daily during February over the corresponding month two years ago. T. H. Royder, assistant county agent, announces.

NOT UP TO DATE

A traveling salesman found himself in a village hotel dining room when a heavy downpour of rain set in. Addressing the waitress, he remarked: "It looks like the flood." "Like what?" the girl inquired. "Like the flood. You've read of the flood and how the ark landed on Mount Ararat, haven't you?" "No, sir, I haven't seen a newspaper for three days," confessed the girl—Printers' Album.

BACK AGAIN

Traveling Salesman—"May I show you my samples, sir? If you remember, I executed your last order with promptitude and dispatch." Important Person—"I gave you no order." T. S.—"Pardon, sir; you said 'Get out,' and I got."—Passing Show.

HORSE SENSE WOULD HELP

He was extracted from the ruins of an automobile and carried to the nearest doctor's office. "I can do nothing for him," said the doctor. "I am a veterinary surgeon." "You are the right man, Doc," spoke up the victim. "I'm a jackass to think I could run that machine."

NOT SO GOOD

A father promised his small son 20c if he would be good the whole week. At the end of the week he asked the little fellow if he had earned the money.

The youngster, after thinking seriously for a moment, said, "I tell you, daddy, just give me a nickel."

LITTLE HELP

Mother—"When that naughty boy threw stones at you, why didn't you come and tell me instead of throwing them back at him?"

Willie—"What good would it do to call you? You couldn't hit the side of a barn."

"What heavy, unwieldy things the old-fashioned wedding rings were," said the young girl catching sight of her grandmother's ring.

"Yes, dear," was the reply. "In my day they were made to last a lifetime."

Allen—"Lyles, what are the two genders?"

Lyles—"Masculine and feminine. The feminines are divided into frigid and torrid, the masculines into temperate and intemperate."

Employer—"Miss Pounder, you have spelled 'lubricant' with a 'k'—that's wrong."

Stenographer—"Have I? I'm sorry, but lubricant is so easy to slip up on."

Irate Parent—"It is intolerable! Bridge parties, dancing, night clubs, theatres, night after night. You are becoming a regular child of the devil!"

Daughter—"Oh, father!"

I. S. Cohen motored to Amarillo Sunday.

VIRILITY OF THE CHURCH

There are many newspaper writers, particularly in the daily press, who relish the opportunity to lament the waning influence of the church.

It is a peculiar truth that the man who seldom, if ever, attends a church service, soon becomes obsessed with the notion that church influence is falling. Readers who have become unduly alarmed by such writing should devote an hour or two some Friday evening to the perusal of the weekly press.

If the church as a whole is suffering from any form of decadence, certainly it is not in those thriving communities which have the bulwark of American civilization.

It is a notable fact that the "country editor" knows pretty definitely what his subscribers like to read, and it is especially significant that very few stories crowd church news from the front page of the country press.

Professional alarmists must find something other than the virility of the church to worry about if they desire their readers to take them seriously.—Wheeler News-Review.

SHOCKING!

Miss Courson, entering one of the leading department stores in San Angelo, remarked to the salesman: "May I try on the red dress in the window?"

Salesman—"No, ma'am. There is a dressing room in the back."

C. M. Stone of Mangum, Okla., was a McLean visitor Friday.

THE DELAYED MESSAGE

For 18 months Tom and Jerry had been fighting in the front line trenches, neither having received word from home during that time. The day the armistice was signed Tom entered the dugout, forlorn and dejected.

"What's the matter, Tom?" asked Jerry. "I just got a letter from my girl and she's getting married. That's what I call tough luck." Jerry looked up, and with tears, streaming down his face, he mumbled: "Tough luck! Say, you don't know what real tough luck is! I just got a letter from my district board telling me that I'm exempt!"

MERCY, NO!

Mistress—"I discover you've been wearing my best gown. That must never happen again."

Maid—"I should say it won't. Members of my set would never think of being seen twice in the same evening gown."

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Askins of Houston visited in McLean this week.
Mrs. Emmett McClain visited in Erick, Okla., Sunday.
A. B. Blake was in Oklahoma City last week.
M. N. Cohen of Memphis was a McLean visitor Tuesday.
Mrs. Jim Boyle visited her mother in Tulsa, Okla., last week.
Miss Lucile Perrin visited in Erick, Okla., Sunday.
Wilmer Mercer was in Shamrock Tuesday.
F. H. Bourland made a trip to Stinnett Wednesday.
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THE MAZAROFF MYSTERY

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—Mervyn Holt, bachelor and a veteran, is engaged, in London, to a woman calling herself Salim. She is a traveling companion of Holt's and she is put up at a hotel in London, on Marrasdale road. Holt, casually, Mrs. Elphinstone goes to see her and, later, Mazaroff tells her that he has seen her in London. He has left London shortly after their marriage, and the birth of the girl, whose name is Mazaroff, and there is no explanation of the girl's name.

CHAPTER II—Holt meets Miss Elphinstone—Sheila—and with her goes to see her cousin (Verner Courthope) in London. At Courthope's is a newspaper man, Benjamin Holt. Holt, Mazaroff's body is found in the river. Holt, Mazaroff's body is found in the river. Holt, Mazaroff's body is found in the river.

CHAPTER III

The Landlord's Gun

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Collector—Mr. Crole. He's just come from London—and he's anxious to see Mrs. Elphinstone."

She showed no surprise at this; she thought that Crole was to ask some questions about the neighborhood. She turned back to the house, motioning us to follow.

We found Mrs. Elphinstone in the dining room. She gave us an inquiring questioning look as we went in. It seemed, indeed, not too friendly, Sheila, after her fashion, to the point.

"Mother!" she said. "It's quite true of this unfortunate Mr. Mazaroff. He has been found dead, on the moor. This is his collector, Mr. Crole, of London, and he wants to see you."

I was to be permitted to ask a pertinent question arising out of the death of my client," Crole said. "I mention, first, a fact of which you are neither of you is aware. Mr. Mazaroff was murdered!"

An announcement produced different effects on its two bearers. Sheila's was a low murmur of horrified amazement; Mrs. Elphinstone gave me a quick glance.

"You are sure of that?" she asked of the medical opinion of Crole. "I replied, Crole, with a frigid 'I know of no reason to dispute that client was shot—dead.'"

Mrs. Elphinstone pointed a finger at me near her desk. "Don't you sit down!" she said with politeness. "You say you want to know some questions—pertinent questions? I really can't conceive how they can be! I know nothing about this poor man."

"Think you saw my late client the day?" suggested Crole, whom I fully posted in every particular of my stay at the Woodcock. "He and Mr. Holt were standing at the gate of the inn when you and your daughter passed by."

"That!" exclaimed Mrs. Elphinstone. "Yes, I suppose I did see him. A boarder man, wasn't he?"

"You didn't recognise him, ma'am?" asked Crole, with a keen look.

Mrs. Elphinstone gave her questioner a particularly freezing stare.

"Recognize him?" she demanded haughtily. "Really—what do you mean?"

"What I mean, ma'am, is this," Crole answered, bluntly. "The man whom you saw, though he has of late years called himself Salim Mazaroff, was the man whom you married some years ago—Andrew Merchison."

I expected something—say, dramatic—to follow on this. But nothing happened—that is, nothing particular. Sheila's lips opened a little in astonishment, and her eyes turned from Crole to her mother. Mrs. Elphinstone was sitting bolt upright, very stern and disconcerted, at her desk. Suddenly, and swiftly, a satirical, contemptuous smile showed itself round the corners of her finely cut thin lips, and she rose quietly from her chair.

"Follow me, if you please," she said.

She marched us through two or three rooms, into the hall, out of the house, across the grounds, looking neither to right nor left, and so through the porch of the church, and under its fine old Norman doorway into the shadowy nave. Marching up that to the chancel, she suddenly paused, pointed upward, and giving Crole a frowning look, spoke two words:

"Look there!"

We looked. There, on the north wall of the chancel, was a plain square tablet of Aberdeen granite whereupon were deeply incised and gilded a few words:

"In Memory of
Andrew Merchison
Sometime Resident in this Parish
Drowned in Mombasa Bay, October 17th, 1899."

I glanced at Crole. His face was inscrutable. He merely looked at the tablet, read the inscription and turned with a nod, to Mrs. Elphinstone.

"Now come back to the house," she commanded.

Mrs. Elphinstone marched us back to the house, and up the old oak staircase that led from the big hall. She went along one corridor after another until she came to a door. Selecting a key from a bunch that hung by a silver chain from her waist, she unlocked the door, and ushered us into a small room, wherein there was nothing but an old-fashioned bureau, a chair set before it, a bookcase filled with old volumes, and a side-table, whereon lay a much-worn cabin trunk. She went straight to this and laid a hand on it.

"Now," she said looking at Crole, "I am doing more than anyone has the right to ask me to do! I am only doing it to set at rest, once and for all, the utterly ridiculous idea that you mentioned when you came here—uninvited. You will please listen to me!—It is quite true that I married Andrew Merchison, when he and I were very young and foolish and headstrong. We did not get on. He made full provision for me; share equally all he had with me, in fact and left me. Eight months later, this girl was born, I and my friends did our best to find him, and make him acquainted with that fact; we failed. I never heard anything of him until the early part of the year 1899, when I got a letter from the captain of the steamer which traded between Bombay and Durban. You shall read it."

She produced another key, unlocked the cabin trunk, and from a pocket inside it, took out an envelope from which she withdrew a letter. She handed it to Crole.

"You and Mr. Holt can read this together," she said. "Read it carefully."

I read the letter over Crole's shoulder. It was from one James Sinclair, who introduced himself as captain of the S. S. General Olive. He said that on his last voyage from Bombay he had taken on board at that port a passenger named Andrew Merchison, whom he described: Mr. Merchison was bound for Durban. In the course of the voyage, a stay was made of Mombasa. On the 17th of October, the steamer being at anchor in Mombasa bay, Mr. Merchison disappeared. The writer's belief was that Mr. Merchison had had a sudden attack of faintness or giddiness, lost his balance, and fallen overboard, probably striking his head against the side of the ship as he fell. Nothing being discovered about his passenger, he had examined his effects, found Mrs. Merchison's address in a memorandum book and therefore now wrote to her and at the same time forwarded Mr. Merchison's cabin trunk, and all that it contained, with other small matters lying about his cabin.

The collector read this letter through in silence, and silently handed it back to Mrs. Elphinstone. She replaced it in the trunk.

"This trunk and its contents have remained intact ever since I received them, now many years ago," she said. "Now you come and tell me that this stranger, calling himself Mazaroff, was in reality Andrew Merchison?"

"Absurd!"

"Nothing absurd, ma'am, in my telling you that," retorted Crole, with the least touch of asperity. "Holt—turning to me, 'you will just tell us precisely what Mazaroff confided to you, the second night of your stay at the Woodcock. Tell the whole story!'"

I told the whole story, as we all stood there in that little room. But though I watched Mrs. Elphinstone closely during my narrative, I saw no sign of any wavering on her part.

"The thing's absurd!" she declared in the end. "Utterly absurd! The man was probably some adventurer who had got hold of certain facts about Merchison's past history, and wanted to make money out of his knowledge!"

"Um!" Crole said quietly. "Now that, ma'am, if you will pardon me for using plain speech to a lady, is indeed an utterly absurd suggestion! Mr. Mazaroff, or, as we should call him, Mr. Merchison, so far from being a needy adventurer, was a wealthy man, a very wealthy man! And if you will pardon me still further, I will just put something before you. If this man was, as he asserted himself to be, and as we shall probably prove, Andrew Merchison, who married you twenty-two or three years ago, your second marriage with Mr. Elphinstone is no marriage at all! You are still, in law, Mrs. Merchison, and—"

"What is all this tending up to?" demanded Mrs. Elphinstone. "I—"

"To this, ma'am," continued Crole, lifting an admonitory finger, "and a very important point, too, as you will quickly see. Although I have had very little dealing with this unfortunate man, I have had some dealing, while he was in London, and it is my distinct impression that he has died intestate."

"Well—and what has that to do with me?" questioned Mrs. Elphinstone.

"Merely this, ma'am. If he was Merchison, and you his wife, and this young lady your child, you and she come in, between you, for every penny he's left! And there will be a great many pennies, or I'm a Dutchman! My advice to you, ma'am, is this—before settling on an attitude of incredulity and denial, just step across to the Woodcock, and see if you cannot satisfy yourself that the man lying there, sadly disfigured but identifiable, was not the man he claimed to be."

With this Crole made one of his old-fashioned bows and walked out, and I followed him, leaving mother and daughter standing looking at each other. As we passed the gates, Crole pulled out a snuffbox and took a hearty pinch.

"That's a d-d flint-like woman, Holt," he said, cynically. "Hard—hard—and obstinate!"

My own impressions of Mrs. Elphinstone were precisely those which Mr. Crole expressed so emphatically. But I was just then thinking of other matters.

CRIMES AND DEADBEATS

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WHAT IS NEWS?

Just the ordinary brand of kissing isn't news, but when a lot of good-looking French girls—all French girls are good looking across the ocean—are an American hero, that's news. And when one fellow kisses another fellow's wife, that isn't news until one catches the other, and, presto, it becomes news at once. News is funny stuff and it won't do to monkey with it until somebody has showed you how. Gossip—well, anybody can handle that, for the longer the experience the more careless gossip seems to be. So there's a difference between news and gossip. Remember that when you read

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Your favorite paper you'll understand the money out of the country at a time when it is needed most at home. The worst feature in connection with a tent show is the fact that a few days preceding the "wondrous exhibition," agents, peddlers, beggars and "skimmers" of many kinds arrive and harass the public.

The last tent show was here for one night only. We do not charge that the management had any connection whatever with the gang of petty thieves operating that night, but we do claim that the tent show afforded an opportunity for this gang to rob cars of their contents and to strip cars of glass wings, casings, spare wheels and anything else that could be taken off the car with a wrench.

Clarendon should bar all these nuisances from the city limits for more reasons than one. If they see fit to operate on the outside, the sheriff's force will see that the public gets a square deal, as they did when the carnival operated near he stock pens some time ago. Dozens of citizens are protesting. It is up to the City Dads to get busy and pass an ordinance before the next calamity arrives.—Donley County Leader.

SPEED

Two Houston automobile salesmen were arrested by highway patrolmen the other day for traveling over San Angelo roads at more than seventy miles per hour. The San Angelo Standard, editorially reporting the occurrence, ventured the suggestion that the offending drivers should be given the "limit."

The editor of the Beaumont Journal, while citing in the indictment of these careless drivers, nevertheless expressed the opinion that "highway speed laws are more or less ineffective" and cited the fact that ten states have removed entirely the speed limits applicable to state roads.

Editors are more or less agreed that "reason," rather than legally defined speed limits should be the controlling factor in highway travel, but even in this day few editors are willing to stand sponsor for 70 miles per hour speeding. Seventy miles per hour, therefore, is held to be neither safe nor reasonable.

If prevailing opinion eventually is written into law, drivers who travel at the seventy-mile rate will be compelled to defend themselves, not against breaking speed-limit laws, but against lunacy charges.—The Editorial Digest.

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SCHOOL NEWS

SHINING LIGHTS OF M. G. S.

This will be the last you will hear of the Shining Lights of M. G. S. until next September, when we are sure there will be a renewal of the old enthusiasm and the Shining Light staff will be unusually active next year.

On behalf of the M. G. S. student body and faculty, we wish to thank Mr. Landers for the splendid cooperation that he has given us. He has been interested in our club from the first, and he has been so kind to give us at all times as much space as we wanted.

The Shining Lights have been carrying a very heavy program, as well as the other loyal members of M. G. S. have.

The review which has lasted all of last week and the final examinations which will end this week have kept the students and teachers busy. We were so busy last week that we did not have time to get a report in at the right time.

The members of the Shining Lights have been faithful and loyal to their club and sponsor. The students and teachers of M. G. S. have been willing to co-operate when it was possible to do so.

There are a few personals that the Shining Lights managed to get this week:

Miss Rankin was in Wellington and Shamrock Saturday.

Oleta Holloway went to Shamrock Saturday.

Lorene Laster was in Hedley Sunday.

Juanita Coleman was also a visitor in Shamrock last week end.

Msis Coleman was a visitor of friends in Pampa last week end.

Emagene Ayer was in Shamrock Friday.

Miss Irene Hayes visited Miss Gen Russell last week end. Both went to Shamrock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rice and daughter, Miss Verna, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rice visited in Dallas this week.

Clyde Cooper of White Deer visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Hindman, last week.

Miss Pansy Watt and Mrs. H. L. Bradford are attending the bedside of their sister at Quanah.

Mesdames J. J. Simmons and J. E. Lynch were Shamrock visitors Monday.

Cecil Bible of Canyon visited in McLean Tuesday.

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CARD OF THANKS

We take this way of thanking our friends and old neighbors for their kindness, sympathy, and the floral offerings during the illness of our daughter, sister and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Parker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Curg Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Coffey visited Mrs. F. H. Bourland Sunday at a Clearendon hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyse Caldwell and children and Miss Geneva Corbin left Tuesday for Chicago, where the former will attend a bakery school.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wehba, Mr. and Mrs. M. Nason and family of Hedley were guests in the W. W. Shadid home Sunday.

Mrs. O. G. Stokely and little Miss Martha Ann Hamilton returned Saturday from Dallas.

Mrs. J. A. Sparks and daughter, Mrs. Frank Bidwell, visited in Shamrock Tuesday.

Mesdames C. E. Johnson and John Hales were Shamrock visitors Tuesday.

Mesdames J. A. Meador and J. X. Miller visited relatives in Lefors Monday.

Mesdames W. J. Bridge and Hud Hardendorf visited in Quanah last week.

Emmet Thompson of Amarillo was in McLean Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooper of Borger were in McLean Tuesday.

J. A. Sparks went to Pampa Monday.

C. A. Cash and son, Clifton, visited relatives in Levelland last week.

T. N. Holloway and Ruel Smith went to Stinnett Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Cantrell visited in Pampa Wednesday.

LOST EFFORT

Two stuttering blacksmiths had finished heating a piece of pig iron, and had placed it on the anvil with a pair of tongs.

"H-h-hit it," stuttered one to his helper.

"Wh-wh-wh-where?" asked the other.

"Aw, h-h-h-heck, we'll have to h-h-heat it again n-n-now."

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glass of Shamrock visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Glass Sunday.

Misses Ruth Gray and Gorda Lou Haynes were Shamrock visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Shults visited in Mobeetie Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cousins visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reeves, at Alanreed Sunday.

Mrs. Josh Turner returned to her home at Breckenridge last week after a visit with relatives here.

Misses Verna Rice and Robbie Howard visited in Pampa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hindman visited in Amarillo Monday.

W. S. White was in Pampa Monday.

M. M. Newman was in Pampa Monday.

Mrs. Nora Brawdy of Port Arthur is visiting relatives here this week.

Perry Everett was in Pampa Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watkins visited in Alanreed Sunday.

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"Now begin."

After a short effort, one of the men stopped.

"Why have you stopped, Murphy?" asked the officer.

"If you please, sor," was the reply.

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H. L. Brune of Childress was in McLean Monday.

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