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THE CLARENDON NEWS

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ACTIVITIES OF NEW YEAR TO BE DISCUSSED AT CITIZENS BANQUET THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21ST.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS GET-TOGETHER MEETING OF CLARENDON PEOPLE EARLY IN NEW YEAR—WALTER D. CLINE OF WICHITA FALLS INVITED TO DELIVER ADDRESS OF OCCASION AND PLANS FOR 1926 TO BE DISCUSSED.

That there may be no grass growing under the feet of Clarendon's progress in 1926, the Chamber of Commerce...

President J. T. Patman and the directors, with Secretary Holcomb, are very anxious that larger plans be projected for the New Year...

It is also proposed that on this occasion, the new members of the directorate for the Chamber of Commerce will be elected...

A program committee for the banquet will be named early in January and an evening full of interesting data and inspirational topics will be presented...

DRAMATIC CLUB PRESENTS PLAYS

The Dramatic Club of the College, commonly known as the Bernhardt Players, showed to an appreciative audience in the College Auditorium Thursday evening of last week...

During the first intermission a Japanese dance was given by members of the Physical Training Class of the College...

Mrs. Earl Lynn and little son Billie Earl spent Thursday in Amarillo. Mrs. Lynn was there to shop.

ALL CHURCHES TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

CLARENDON CHURCHES TO FITTINGLY OBSERVE CHRISTMAS WITH TREES.

On Christmas Eve there will be held in nearly every church of the city some sort of celebration of Christmas...

There will be a big tree at the Methodist Church for the children of the Methodist Sunday School. Committees are now working on decorations, arrangements, and the program that will precede the distribution of the gifts...

A similar plan is being followed in the arrangements for a tree at the Baptist Church. In as much as that Church is to give a pageant Sunday evening, the program for Christmas Eve is not to be lengthy or elaborate...

The Church of Christ expects to have some celebration but has not yet perfected the plans, according to the superintendent of the Sunday School.

The members of the Episcopal Church School hope that the parish house now under construction will be finished in time for them to have their Christmas Tree there...

There will be found elsewhere in this issue an announcement of the midnight service of Christmas Eve and the Christian Day service of the Episcopal Church. Special music is being planned for these two services.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will have a program at seven o'clock and following the program will distribute gifts from a Christmas tree to the children of that Sunday School.

TWO LOCAL BANKERS AT-TEND DIVERSIFICATION MEET

Messrs W. H. Patrick and J. D. Swift of the First National and Farmers State Bank of this city were among the bankers of the lower Panhandle who attended a meeting on Farm Diversification in Memphis last Thursday evening, December 10.

The meeting was made up of bankers from Memphis, Wellington, Estelline, Childress, Hedley, Newlin and Clarendon. The banquet was spread in the White Rose Cafe and many great speeches from the bankers of this particular section were heard with a great deal of interest.

GYPSY ROVER IS FINE PRODUCTION

ATHLETIC FUND OF HIGH SCHOOL BENEFITS BY PRESENTATION.

"The Gypsy Rover," the musical comedy played by students of Clarendon High School Friday evening, was in every respect a success.

The characters of the story were gypsies and English nobles, and the setting was English. Elma Smith in the role of Lady Constance, Irl Smith in the title roll of the "rover," Robert Dillard as an English fop, and Clarence Clark as an English lord...

Mrs. G. Lester Boykin directed the production and was assisted by Miss Etelle Wood, Miss Mildred Martin, Sam Braswell Jr., Walter Mark Emmons, Wade Youngblood, Gilbert Johnson, Roy Ingram, and a number in the choruses of lords, ladies, gypsies and children.

LIONS HOLD A FINE LUNCHEON

TUESDAY FEED IS MARKED BY SPLENDID ATTENDANCE AND SPIRITS.

Two Lions from the membership of the Clarendon Club were absent from luncheon Tuesday of this week. This attendance was greater than has been recorded for many months...

The first matter to come to the attention of the club was the matter of arranging for the increase in the price of the weekly luncheons of the Club. A committee from the Club met with a committee of the Ladies of the Christian Church and a tentative program was arranged for two months to allow the ladies a profit on their meals.

Lion Caraway broached the subject of gas for the city of Clarendon as cited in a letter from a Mr. Woodward of Pampa, the owner of the gas system in that city.

The matter of the Goodfellows fund was again raised and the members of the club endorsed the movement heartily, although the club as a whole would not take an active part in the campaign.

The window of the Cash and Carry Grocery there is a most attractive tree, elaborately decorated with Christmas ornaments and Christmas candies. The base of the tree is entirely surrounded by pot plants. Candelied fruits and nincements are placed about the window.

Mrs. Lillian B. Beard spent the week end in Amarillo.

MORE WINDOWS ARE DECORATED

WINDOWS NOT INCLUDED IN LAST WEEK'S LIST ARE SHOWN BELOW.

The gay Christmas windows of the shops with their bright red and green decorations have such a warm, cheerful look that in spite of the biting cold, they are making the hurried and worried shopper stop to look at them.

In the window of the Cash and Carry Grocery there is a most attractive tree, elaborately decorated with Christmas ornaments and Christmas candies. The base of the tree is entirely surrounded by pot plants.

The window at H. W. Taylor and Sons Hardware store has been changed since last week, and now carries a big display of toys and gift goods.

By an accident a line dropped out of the rescription of the window at Greene's Dry Goods Company in last week's issue of the News, leaving the window without a store so to speak.

The Quality Grocery has added a window that is drawing much notice. A small tree in pretty and unusual decorations stands on a high, round base that is entirely covered with oranges.

The H. C. Kerbow and Sons Hardware and Furniture store has a new window almost every day. Every idea. This week they have an artistic and livable room arranged with a fire place as the central point of interest.

Rathjen's Shoe Store has a simple but effective scheme of decoration. One window has a background of apricot colored panels and the other has panels of red.

The floor of the window in Land's Shoe Shop is covered with Christmas snow, and on it are several pairs of long boots, suggesting gifts for men.

The window of Shelton and Sanford's Grocery was arranged by an artistic hand; it is well balanced and produces the effect of a design. Streamers of red and green serve to draw the eye to the display of Christmas candies.

Goldston Brothers have a window that is unusual in that it is decorated mostly in white with a few touches of green. A large white Christmas bell hangs above the display and white streamers make the

CLARENDON LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY ANNOUNCE REDUCTION IN LIGHT AND POWER CHARGES

LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRIC SYSTEM ANNOUNCES VOLUNTARY REDUCTION EFFECTIVE FOR DECEMBER BILLING PAYABLE IN JANUARY. ANOTHER STEP IN DEVELOPMENT OF CITY AND COMES WITH NEW HIGH LINE SERVICE.

Probably the most interesting news contained in the many splendid advertisements of local concerns in the Annual Home Town Edition of the Clarendon News, is the space used in the second section by the Clarendon Light and Power Co., announcing a new schedule of rates, effective with December billing, which means quite a saving to every user of electric heat, power and light in Clarendon.

December being the month of heaviest consumption of light and power, the announcement comes as a most welcome Christmas gift to the local citizenship and assures that there will be no unjust discrimination against Clarendon on this score, by those seeking residential or business location. This lowering of rates is in line with the policy of the parent organization that owns the systems of other nearby Panhandle towns—Memphis, Childress, Vernon, etc.

On the light rate the drop is only one cent per kilowatt hour for the first twenty-five kilowatts, but for the next seventy-five the rate is lowered three cents. The old power rate was twelve cents for the first one hundred kilowatts, while under the new schedule the rate is 4.44c for the first two hundred. Under the old rate the second hundred kilowatts cost ten cents, while the second two hundred under the new rate is lowered to 3.33c.

NEW HEAD DRESS FOR THE CLARENDON NEWS

Our readers will note that with this 1925 Home Town Edition, the paper comes out with a new heading, "The Clarendon News," displacing the old head that the paper has worn for nearly ten years.

SOPH-FISH TO PLAY FRIDAY

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES TO SETTLE CHAMPIONSHIP ON COLLEGE PARK.

Although the football season has been technically ended in the State of Texas, the football spirit is running rife among the classes of the High School as their representatives battle for the supremacy of the gridiron.

The Freshman and Junior teams played off their tied score of 0 to 0 Tuesday afternoon of this week and the final score was 6 to 0 favoring the Fish. One week ago on Tuesday, the Sophomores and Seniors tangled up and the Seniors lost to the tune of 13 to 6.

The Soph team has some men that are as heavy as the regular High School team and the Sophomore team has some men that are not so heavy, but who are so fast that they more than make up for their loss in weight by the speed in which they travel.

The play-off will be held in the College Park on Friday afternoon of this week and the public is urged to attend to see what the teams for the coming year will be. No man is allowed to play on any of the teams who has made his letter in the Broncho team. Some real talent is being displayed by the younger and less experienced players and the teams that are to come are expected to be real stuff.

See these men play the last game of the year Friday of this week.

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GOODFELLOWS DRIVE STARTS

The annual drive for funds of the Goodfellows fund will start in the morning of December 18, as is the custom of this organization.

It is being planned at this time to raise double the amount raised last year and that the funds will be used more in a county wide manner than has been the custom to date.

The election of a board of directors, four men with Mr. Watts as Captain, will take place as the subscription list is passed through the city. Each donor will be asked to cast his vote for four men from the list who will hold their places for the coming year.

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NOTICE—Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The News will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher.



The local electric system has given the community a most pleasing Christmas Gift in the nature of rate reductions. We doubt if there are many who will still contend that there is no Santa Claus.

The Venus Express, founded by the editor of this paper and sold in 1917 to J. W. Gay, has been sold by that gentleman to Mr. N. O. Carter, who took charge last week. Mr. Carter promises to hold up the standard of the Express, and Mr. Gay is coming west to cast his lot as soon as he finds a suitable location. We wish all parties success in their change.

President Patman of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce suggests that after the first of the year Clarendon radio fans get up a post card with suitable advertising for the city, to be used in acknowledging receipt of programs from the various broadcasting stations and artists over the nation. This is a fine suggestion and one that we should neglect no further. Let's tell 'em about Clarendon in 1926.

The ball has already been started to rolling at Washington. The liquor interests, criminal like, are giving themselves away, by their noise, and it is going to be easy for those who believe in the constitution to rub a little salt on their sore spots. The present session of congress will so strengthen the liquor laws of the nation that even all the piratical gains of the bootleggers will not be enough to pay salaries for those who will find themselves inside federal prison walls for their offenses. You boys who don't know how to drink water and coco cola had better get used to it, or else you are due to be thirsty.

Christmas Day detached from its history and isolated from the celebrations of centuries, cannot keep our hearts and hearths warm, we must rekindle old fires and join hands with the companies of friends who have kept the day and made it merry in the long ago. The echoes of ancient song and laughter give it a rich merriment, a ripe and tender wealth of associations. The mirth of one Christmas overflows into another until the sense of an unbroken joy, sinking and rising year after year like the tide of life in the fields, is borne in upon us.—Hamilton W. Mabie.

Some anonymous nut down at Austin clips an editorial from a recent issue of The News and writes on the margin some ironical congratulations for what we had to say about Amon Carter's enthusiastic side-line rooting at the Texas-A. & M. football game, Thanksgiving day, down at College Station. The nut in question goes on further to state what we already knew from his remarks, that he always thought it all right for a man to take a drink, and to drink in public, and then accuses the News editor of being a hypocrite—we suppose he means in so far as the liquor question is concerned—and then he speaks of "your crowd". That last means that he don't belong to "our crowd", something else we gathered from the tenor of his comment, and something that we are duly thankful for. Nobody has ever seen this editor take a drink of liquor at home or abroad, or even in Austin, where some people seem to think that there is immunity for doing all those indecent things that home folks wouldn't stand for. No, we don't belong to that crowd. If being a hypocrite, means standing for law and order, if it means refraining from doing those things that make beasts of men, if it means remembering that you are a married man when you are away from home, if it means conducting one's self just the same at Austin or any other town, as if you were in your own home town, then we'll have to admit of being a hypocrite. The fact that the notation was unsigned is still another clue to the sort of "crowd" to which the anonymous nut belongs.

THE 1925 HOME TOWN EDITION

As our regular readers and many hundred others read this issue of The News, we hope that the general idea of Clarendon's growth and development is borne in on their minds. We hope, further, that this city's many attractive features as a residential city may be broadcast through this medium and that many hundreds will get a better idea of what Clarendon people enjoy, until they themselves will desire to come and dwell among this people.

Clarendon people are loyal, they are progressive and they enjoy a civic life of high ideals and purposes. To those elsewhere, who appreciate the better things in life, this issue carries a special invitation to invest and settle in our town, which we fully believe is the best residential city in the Southwest. There are many business opportunities here and the future growth of the community is limited solely by the vision and energy of those who set themselves to the task of community building.

Clarendon's schools and churches are among the chief attractions of the city, and are products of the ideals and sacrifice of this citizenship. Our samples are on display. If you are impressed, come and buy and be a part of the finest citizenry in the West.

Clarendon invites you.

GOLDEN CROSS SOCIETY HAS INTERESTING EXHIBIT OF ANTIQUES AND CURIOS

"Something old, something new, something borrowed, something"—but this has nothing to do with a wedding. Nearly everything was old and everything was borrowed for the interesting antique and curio show the members of the Golden Cross Society held in connection with their bazaar Saturday afternoon. A committee composed of Miss Ella Marie Moss, Miss Mary Howren and Mrs. Homer Ellis, assisted by other members of the Society, spent days in gathering together as many of the antiques, curios and as many just old things as they could obtain; and Saturday afternoon they were able to open a really interesting and worth while exhibit. The exhibit, along with the bazaar, was held in Mrs. J. L. McMurtry's beautiful home in West Clarendon.

Many of the things in the show were more than one hundred years old, and among them were: a hand-wrought brass dish made in England more than two hundred years ago; a blue glass candle stick, a hand-woven linen table runner, and a pair of brass candle sticks brought from Holland in 1735; a beautiful cream colored silk shawl with a fringe six inches long; a Bible 118 years old; and Anglican Book of Prayer; and still another Bible that bears the date of gift as 1815; a book from the Benjamin Franklin press; some silver and copper dishes found in the Inca ruins near Lima, Peru; a gentleman's walking stick used in Revolutionary times; a black shawl 150 year old; some scales; and another black shawl more than a hundred years old; and a long, thin double edged sword blade, of the type used by the Spanish "Conquistadors", and found some miles North of Clarendon in 1885.

The swords alone would have made an interesting show. The Spanish blade was perhaps the oldest, but most of the others belonged to ancestors of Clarendon people and were used in the several wars in which America has been involved. There were two or three used in the War between the States, one that seemed to be of the type used in the War with Mexico, and several others. Another trophy of war was the pair of stirrups taken from a Federal army officer in the Battle of Shiloh. There were several pieces of old china, chiefly plates with printed designs, in the exhibits. A number of

little cup rests attracted much notice. They were in use in the day when it was correct to drink from one's saucer. The baby dresses of some sixty year ago also attracted attention. Two old handwoven coverlets, both of them blue and white, and a big white bed spread were interesting, too. The exhibit even contained a chair made by a cabinet maker eighty years ago.

The most striking piece in the whole exhibit was a huge sterling fruit ad flower stand, about fifty years of age. A perfume container of sterling silver and enameled glass, of an earlier and more artistic age than this was thought by many to be the most beautiful article shown.

Besides these old and antique things, the exhibit contained many foreign pieces of interest. One both old and foreign was a lacquer box given by the King of Burma to an American Missionary in 1830. Another was a Mandarin robe worn by high Chinese officials. Others were: Indian game sticks, South American jewelry; Indian pottery, a Mexican sombrero that took first prize in the annual Sombrero show of Mexico City; elaborate candle sticks bought at Thieves Market, Mexico City; lace from Uruguay; and jewelry bought at Thieves Market.

One cannot even mention all the interesting objects in the exhibit, and one would not attempt to describe them; but suffice it to say that the exhibit was not only the most interesting feature of the bazaar, but one of the most interesting affairs that have been held in Clarendon many moons.

TO THE PEOPLE OF DONLEY COUNTY

I wish to extend to you through the Home Town Edition of the Clarendon News my sincere appreciation of your kindly consideration of me in selecting me to the office of County Treasurer, for as I serve you I find it a real pleasure, and I will strive to give you efficient service. Your kindness has meant much to my humble home already, and I am glad of this opportunity to publicly thank all of you for your kindly consideration of me.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Annie Park.

Mrs. F. E. Bates has returned from Waco. She was called to Gatesville a short time ago by the death of her father, Mr. Harry Harris.



See our Christmas display which is larger than ever. We are offering a larger assortment of Yuletide novelties at a price lower than ever before. It will be easy to select gifts for every member of the family here.

A Few Suggestions

FOR LADIES

FOR MEN

- Diamond rings
- Pearl Necklaces
- Perfumed Corsages
- Hand tooled Leather Purses.
- Perfume Sets
- Silver Tea Sets
- Manicure Rolls
- Christmas Stationery
- Wrist Watches

- Military Brushes
- Fountain Pen Sets
- Leather Bill Folds
- Emblem Rings
- Belt Buckles
- Watches
- Razor Sets
- Shaving Mirrors

For Every Member of the Family

Baby Pearls, Memory Books, High School Belt Buckles, College Belt Buckles, Books, Bibles, Edison Phonographs.

Stocking's Drug Store



The Pastime Confectionery

1925

GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES
 TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
 AND PATRONS

J. H. RUTHERFORD

"Walk a Block and Save a Dollar"

1926

Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year

As the old year closes we are happy when we look back and see how many of our townspeople we have served. They have made this season joyful for us, and we have relieved their minds from care by providing dependable indemnity.

We are content in the knowledge of having performed our service to the best of our ability, and we extend to all the Compliments of the Season.

Sincerely,

CARHART & POWELL

WITH HEARTY
APPRECIATION

FOR YOUR 1925
PATRONAGE

And Our Earnest Wish That Health,
Happiness and Prosperity
Will Attend You Throughout 1926 and
the other years to come.

**Sims - Bennett
Chevrolet Co.**

PHONE 213
"QUALITY AT LOW COST"

**RING OUT THE OLD
1925
RING IN THE NEW
1926**

And we thank you for your favors of the old and so-
licit your continued patronage in the new.

HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY
OUR WISH FOR YOU

Clarendon Produce Co.

PHONE 45

MARLIN HOT WELLS

WHERE LIFE GIVING WATERS FLOW
Come to Marlin, the year-round health resort, for rheumatism,
neuritis, stomach trouble and all chronic diseases. Modern up-to-
date hotels, clinics and bath houses. Golfing and dancing. Ask
your neighbor who has been here or write,
THE MARLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MARLIN, TEXAS

CHRISTMAS CARDS AT THE NEWS OFFICE

body—the most important factor of all. He is taught to brush his teeth, to eat the proper diet, and the daily habits of cleanliness. He is taught the essential matters of courtesy and politeness. He is taught to interpret and fathom the mechanism of that most universal of all arts, music; in addition, to learn it so that he may be able to distinguish the real from the rubbish. The aesthetic is further emphasized in the working of colors and all their combinations. Picture studies, with occasional "Art Exhibits" are given. Rooms are made more beautiful with pictures, statuary, and mural colorings. The child is weighed and measured and this record is sent home for the parent to compare with that which it should be. The productions of the very best artists are played before the child daily. However, the so called fundamentals are none the less stressed. Writing is taught from a scientific standpoint; arithmetic is taught from a practicable standpoint; reading is no longer taught by learning the parts and putting them together, but rather by getting the whole as a unit and then learning to break it up into its letters. It is, however, none the less stressed in its thoroughness.

Since our compulsory attendance law has gone into effect in Texas, the attendance of our elementary schools is governed largely by the population of our towns. This is not yet so in regard to the enrollment of our high schools. Only those go through high school who have been sufficiently encouraged or inspired to continue the work after the compulsory age. The solution of this is largely responsible for the varied curriculum which we now have in our school. An attempt is made to make the school attractive. Not only do we try to teach the child how to live in later years, but we try to make him realize that he is actually living NOW; and that he is going through some of the most enjoyable years of his entire life. We are putting over a program of talks on business every Wednesday morning by local business men to stress the practical. We have our class spirit, our athletics, clubs, and various other activities and organizations, also the opportunity offered through the High School band. Our school is run on the basis of a small community. Each part is functioning under its head and in its own way. Rewards have been bought to be given to all winners of honors in athletics. We are trying to place the child in life by placing before him the languages, the vocational agriculture, the home economics, the sciences, mathematics, and the social sciences. Debating, public speaking, and dramatics are also used to determine the powers that may lie dormant in the make-up of different students.

Because of this varied curriculum, and a realization on the part of the public that the value of education is advancing with that of civilization, our high school attendance is growing larger. For the last few years it has steadily grown. At the present there is in the entire public school system of Clarendon 821 pupils to date. There were last year at this time 738 pupils, 274 are now in High School and 52 of these are attempting to graduate. In one year's time this large increase over a former year is evidence of growth. It is an increase of 37 since the first month of school this term. In other words we have had an average increase of 18 every month since school started this term. The school is growing in other words also: There are two teachers more this year than there were last, and the present school board has added greatly to the equipment during the present term. A full set of vocational agricultural equipment has been added to the schools, a new sink has been added to the Physics laboratory, a complete set of maps, charts, and globes has been added to the three schools.

**CLARENDON'S
SCHOOLS ARE
UNRIVALLED**

It seems to be one of the inexorable laws of nature that all things are constantly changing; they either weaken or grow stronger. This may be applied to churches, schools, and communities at large. We feel that the application here alluded to is worthy of consideration as regards our schools. Every one who is interested in our Nation, our National growth and welfare, should be interested in the present condition of our public schools. Within their walls our future citizenship is carelessly or carefully molded, our democracy, which governs the future destiny of our country, is stronger than that of our sister Republic because our children have been taught to govern themselves through a free education.

What are the conditions of our public schools in Clarendon? They are the property of every citizen in the Independent District of Clarendon. What is your part? Conditions are never the same. Schools usually grow as the community in which each is located grows. The citizens of Clarendon have been loyal to the schools in the past. From the interest that is now manifested, they are loyal at the present.

As progress has been made in the business world and in material things, so has progress been made in the schools. No longer are the three "R's" repeated throughout the long day's schedule; but along with them we have all the phases of a well rounded and interesting curriculum. Where the child once stood in line before the rest of the school and read or spelled in his turn, he now has a specially prepared teacher for each of his subjects. He is taught, first of all to care for his

SPLENDID GARAGE BUILDING ATTRACTIVE TO VISITORS



three of the buildings are well heated, ventilated, and lighted. The South Ward and High School are rather unusual in their exterior beauty. The locations are equally good. The Central Ward is centrally located for the small children, and the two others are prominently located above the city, as it were. The district owns some additional lands.

The negro school is happily located in the Northern part of town near the tracks, and the school is in good condition, both from the standpoint of attendance as well as supplies and work done. Every teacher in the entire system is a regular paid up member of the State Teacher's Association of Texas for 1925. Every teacher in the system has paid her pro rata on the permanent endow-

ment fund for the Texas State Teachers' Association. This amount was \$84.84 for Clarendon. Each school has paid its dues to the Interscholastic League of Texas for 1925-26. A regular part will be taken in all the different phases of the League. The High School is putting out, an annual this year that promises to be the best thing of its kind in several years. No annual has been printed since 1921.

With the fine spirit of work and cooperation on the part of the teachers, with the large enrollment of the mothers and fathers in the parent-teachers organizations, with the good physical conditions, and equipment, with the varied curriculum, manifold list of school activities, and with the ambitious and progressive spirit of the youth of our

town, one can draw his own conclusion as to the class in which we fall. Are we weakening or growing stronger? Good schools speak of good towns and good people. How is it done? "By the cooperation of every blooming soul."

**ST. JOHN BAPTIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Rev. L. L. Swan, Rector.
The Fourth Sunday in Advent.
Regular morning prayer service and sermon at 11 o'clock.

Christmas services—there will be a celebration of the Christmas communion at midnight Thursday 24th, followed by a second celebration at 10 o'clock, Friday the 25th.

FOR SALE—Buff Orpington hens and pullets. See Mrs. G. W. Kemp.

**The Business
That Service
Built**



**Here's Wishing—Ye Olde Tyme
Merry Christmas!**

We are grateful for the business entrusted to us in 1925, and promise an earnest endeavor to better the service we offer for 1926.

Caraway & Chase

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PHONE 35-2R

Not at all a new wish.
We've never found one better—
Old and true, but still,
Nobody ever will.

**A
Merry
Christmas
A
Happy
New Year**

**CASH and CARRY
GROCERY**

PHONE 193 C. H. DEAN

**EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**

The Year in Agriculture

Improvement in the agricultural situation, which became marked in 1924, has continued in moderate degree during the present year. Farmers have not yet reached an economic parity with other great groups of producers, but their position is, on the whole, now the most favorable since 1920.

The heavy net movement of rural population away from farms has been checked. Noteworthy progress has been made in the liquidation of indebtedness among farmers. Purchase of supplies and materials for farm use has been resumed over the country on a scale contributing measurably to general business prosperity.

Agricultural production this year has on the whole been well balanced. The successive surpluses of cattle, corn, hogs, wheat, and various minor crops which so depressed the

markets during and following 1920 have been largely worked off. Prices of farm products have in consequence risen to higher levels. The tendency this season has been even toward some expansion in production among certain major enterprises like cotton, corn, spring wheat, and sheep. Indications are that the acreage of winter wheat recently sown substantially exceeds that sown last fall. We have travelled around a fairly complete cycle in agricultural production since 1920.

Measured in terms of income, the economic position of agriculture as a whole promises to be at least equal to if not slightly better than that of last year. Taking into account all farm production, the crop year 1924-25 represented an advance in total gross income from \$11,800,000,000 to \$12,100,000,000, or an increase of 7 per cent. It is quite likely that the reduction in the wheat crop this year may not be suf-

ficiently compensated by higher wheat prices. The smaller volume of livestock marketings, however, may be more than offset by higher prices, even to the extent of covering the reduction in the return from grain crops. For agriculture as a whole, at best only a moderate increase in income may be expected for the crop year 1925-26 above the \$12,100,000,000 gross income of the past season.

Farmers are receiving better prices for their products than at any time in the past five years. The average of all farm prices for October was 143 per cent of the pre-war average as compared with 138 per cent in October, 1924. The real significance of this improvement in prices is better indicated by the relation of this change in prices of farm products to the changes in the wholesale prices of nonagricultural products. The purchasing power of the prices of farm products in terms of the prices on nonagricultural products has risen from 66, the lowest point of the depression period, to 87 in October, compared with the pre-war average of 100.

The current crop season has, as usual, shown some contrasts. In some sections there is distress. In other, crops are good and prices higher than at any time since 1920. In the great area from northern South Dakota to the Rio Grande and west to the Rockies, drought seriously reduced crop yields. The same is true in the area extending from the Ohio and Potomac River southeast to central Georgia and east to the Atlantic. In certain restricted portions of these areas, the drought broke all records and farmers face the difficulties that follow when practically all crops fail.

Outside of the 15 States chiefly affected by drought, crop yields in 1925 were good, but they were not quite large enough fully to offset the reduction in the drought-stricken areas. Because of this, yields in the country as a whole were slightly below the average during the last 10 years.

For the growers of winter wheat this has been a season of disappointment. A fairly large acreage was planted, but the area killed by unfavorable weather conditions during the winter amounted to nearly 19,000 acres, or 22.5 per cent of the area sown. With the exception of 1917, this is the heaviest abandonment on record. As many of the fields left for harvest had thin stands and the crop also suffered from lack of moisture in the spring, the final harvest averaged only 12.7 bushels per acre, the lowest average yield since 1904.

Spring wheat looked very promising at first, but a correspondingly heavy yield was prevented by injury from rust, and the harvest was 13.3 bushels per acre. This is about 1 bushel per acre above the five-year average, but 2.6 bushels per acre below the splendid crop of 1924. In comparison with last year, however, the reduction in yield was offset by the large increase in the acreage planted in the Pacific northwest, where spring wheat was substituted for the winter wheat killed by the annual cold.

Of all wheat, winter and spring varieties combined, the country harvested a total of 697,000,000 bushels, or 175,000,000 bushels less than in the preceding year. The crop was the smallest since 1917. In proportion to population it was the smallest wheat crop since 1890. Furthermore, of this year's crop nearly 67,000,000 bushels were Durum, a variety which is rarely used for bread flours.

The corn crop of some 3,013,000,000 bushels was nearly one-fourth larger than that of the previous year and of much better quality, but was less than the average quantity harvested in the preceding four years. In the central portions of the Corn Belt and practically everywhere north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers, an excellent crop was obtained, but corn was nearly a failure in the Southwest and the average yield was low in nearly the whole of the Cotton Belt and in some of the States along the western border of the Corn Belt.

A total of 1,470,000,000 bushels of oats and 227,000,000 bushels of barley were harvested, these totals being respectively 11 per cent and 25 per cent above the average production of the past five years.

The hay crop of 1925 was only 89,100,000 tons, the smallest since 1918. Allowing for 15,700,000 tons on hand May 1, 1925, and for probable holdings of, say 9,000,000 tons next May (chiefly in sections where the 1925 crop was good), the quantity fed will probably be about 105,000,000 tons. A year ago the crop was 112,500,000 tons and the quantity used was close to 110,000,000 tons.

The cotton crop of 1925 is expected to be 15,386,000 bales and ranks with the crops of 1911 and 1914 as one of the three largest on record. No crop since 1914 has approached it in size. A record acreage and lack of excessive moisture during the growing season, with accompanying slight boll-weevil damage, were important factors in producing this crop. Good yields were obtained generally throughout the belt with the exception of south-central Texas

and the Piedmont areas of the Carolinas and Georgia. The quality of the crop was materially lowered by weather damage during the latter part of the picking season. Prices generally are lower than a year ago, but for the belt as a whole, this year's income from cotton seems likely to equal that of last year.

The potato crop of 346,500,000 bushels was the smallest since 1919, and in proportion to population it was even smaller than the crop of that year. Although the 1925 crop was 24 per cent less than that of the previous year and was of unusually poor quality, the quantity actually utilized for food may not be proportionately decreased because the 1924 crop was greatly in excess of domestic needs and many million bushels were fed to stock or used for starch or other low-value purposes. The shortage has, however, been sufficiently great to cause a substantial increase in the price of potatoes and probably some increase in the demand for substitute foods. The low production was owing partly to a reduction in acreage following several years of excessive production and low prices as well as to severe losses from freezing which occurred before all the crop was dug.

Cotton Problems

Cotton production outside the United States has increased rapidly in the last two seasons, as a result no doubt, of the stimulus of favorable economic and weather conditions rather than of concerted effort, though there has been much of the latter. A further increase of foreign production will bear careful study, since it may lead to a com-

petitive situation in which the advantage will rest with the producer whose costs of production are lowest or who produces cotton of a quality most in demand. Under such conditions, the shorter staples grown in this country would probably feel the competition of cotton grown with cheap labor in India, China, and elsewhere.

The Department of Agriculture is giving close attention to the possible competition which foreign cotton production may force upon our short staple. It is particularly concerned with cotton breeding and testing, so that a more general production of prolific cotton of high spinning quality may be facilitated. Studies have been made of production costs in 15 counties typical of as many distinctive areas in the Cotton Belt. Scientific investigation has been made of the less obvious properties of cotton fibers which contribute to their spinning value. The results of this work have been made available to breeders of seed to other cotton growers. Spinning tests are being carried on to determine the relative waste content and the strength and evenness of yarns from cottons of various varieties, and from cottons of the same varieties grown under various conditions of soil and climate. Tests of the same sort have been made of cotton of different grades. These tests have demonstrated the relative superiority of higher grades over lower grades, from the standpoint of waste percentages and values, yarn strength and evenness, bleaching, finishing, and mercerization properties, and efficiency of machine operation.

**Season's
Greetings**

Here's hoping your Christmas will be cheery and bright and that good fortune will smile on you through the days of 1926

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Mrs. F. C. Whipple left Wednesday for points in Oklahoma and Kansas where she will spend the holidays visiting with relatives and friends. Clarendon High School belt buckles with the bucking broncho will make a fine Christmas gift for any High School boy. You will find them at Stocking's Drug Store.



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PHONE 63

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We Are Thankful

Because we live in a good town and can do business with such a people as we have here.

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PHONES 5 AND 412

Progressive Whist

"One of the most enjoyable social occasions of the season was the party at the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Martin last Friday evening. Progressive Whist was the amusement provided for, and the large crowd present enjoyed every minute of the evening. There were eleven tables in use, and the hour was late when the awards of prizes were made. Miss Lindley Anderson carried off the ladies' prize, a handsome hand painted vase, while W. H. Cooke secured the gentlemen's

prize a beautiful framed picture. The consolation prize was won by Mrs. A. L. Connelly, while the guest's prize went to Miss Annie Herron, the honoree of the affair. These prizes consisted of elegant specimens of hand-painted china. The dainty refreshments, served as only the charming hostess of the evening knows how to serve, were sandwiches, coffee and olives. After partaking thereof, the guests were favored with vocal music by Miss Herron and Mrs. Connelly, and reluctant goodnights were said.—The Banner-Stockman, Sept. 29, 1905.

County News

HUDGINS

There was Sunday School at the regular hour Sunday with a small attendance.

Miss Irene Smyth of Amarillo visited in the W. E. Christie home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pierce and Miss Julia Pierce visited in the Perdue home Friday night.

William Jacobs and Rol and Williams Jacobs spent Saturday night with Harben Perdue.

Miss Mayme Wood spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Webb at Bitter Lake.

Miss Bernice Dotson spent Friday night with her sister at Lelia Lake.

There will be a box supper at the school house Thursday night for the benefit of the school. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mrs. J. A. Dotson spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. O. D. Meador.

We are glad to report Mrs. W. V. O'Neal able to be up again.

Miss Doris Cash spent Sunday with Aline Thompson.

There was quite a number from Clarendon present at Sunday School Sunday. Brother Harris of Clarendon College gave an interesting talk after Sunday School.

SUNNY VIEW

We are having a real norther and after so much fine weather it pinches very much.

Mrs. Lige Campbell of Lelia Lake called in Mrs. A. M. Lanham last Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butler were visitors in the J. K. Dale home near Goldston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Taylor called on Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lanham in the early afternoon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lanham and Mr. and Mrs. John Butler were the

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Goldston in a birthday party given in honor of their daughter, Miss Helen's 13th birthday Thursday night beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wood attended church at the Baptist Church in Clarendon Sunday morning.

LELIA LAKE

J. H. Morrow and family left early Thursday morning for California, going by way of Lamesa to visit with his brothers and sisters a few days. The Morrrows will be greatly missed in our community. They are Fording to Corona, California and think now they will make their home there.

Mrs. O. Usery and two children left Friday for a visit in Wood County with her grandmother and other relatives, also friends.

Miss Allie Mayo and Wesley Hall of Newport, Texas are guests of their brother and uncle, Tom Mayo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Johnson of Quail visited her mother, Mrs. H. Wood Sunday.

P. M. Cruse received a message Friday stating the serious illness of his father. He and his family left immediately for New Mexico to be with him.

Mrs. G. Leathers and Mrs. Kinch Leathers suent Friday at Goodnight with their mothers.

The Lelia basket ball teams went to Goodnight Friday for a game. Our boys won their game by 23 to 17. The girls lost 9 to 14.

All are requested to see the Senior play, "Deacon Dubbs", Friday night by the graduating class.

D. E. Leathers and family visited in Amarillo Sunday and Monday.

The Hedley play, "Prof Pep", was greatly enjoyed by those present Friday night.

Brother Harris of Thorp Springs College gave an interesting talk Sunday night at the Church of Christ.

GILES

T. C. Johnson made a business trip to Childress Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Butler of Plaska were here Sunday visiting in the J. T. Alley home.

W. W. Carroll spent several days last week in New Mexico on business.

Tom Thaxton was here last week from Littlefield visiting relatives.

A large crowd was present at the P. T. A. meeting Friday night and a nice program was rendered.

Rev. Sam Thomas of Memphis preached here Sunday afternoon. A large crowd was out to hear him.

There will be a community Christmas Tree at this place on the night of December 24th. A nice program will be rendered. Everyone has an invitation to attend.

Mrs. V. F. James and little daughter Frances left Thursday for their home in Little Rock, Ark., after a week's visit here in the J. A. Lemon's home.

Mrs. Dud Shaw from near Wellington spent last week here the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Cope.

Mrs. Pat Nanney of Claude is visiting relatives at this place this week.

Miss Flossie Rogers was up from Memphis Sunday the guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Alley.

Mrs. C. Y. Johnson returned from Amarillo a few days ago after a several days visit with her son and daughter of that place.

The Home Economics Club met with Mrs. L. E. Beckwith last Thursday afternoon with large attendance. After the business meeting was over work for the hostess was taken up which consisted of piecing friendship quilt blocks for Mrs. Beckwith. This work was enjoyed very much by the workers and appreciated very much by the hostess. When the time came for adjournment the quilt was most complete. Dainty refreshments were served during the afternoon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Doc Garret Dec. 17th.

NAYLOR

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Barnett of Hedley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tidrow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and family went to Silverton, Saturday, returning Sunday evening. They went for a visit with Rev. and Mrs. Draper. Rev. Draper is the Baptist minister at Silverton.

Mrs. Mary Wood and son, Glenn, were callers in the A. O. Hefner home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Sidney K. Beach of Hedley was a caller in the Pickering home Sunday evening.

Arthur Tidrow and family were Memphis visitors Saturday.

Misses Linnie and Vada Waldron received the sad news of the death of their niece at Lubbock, Monday morning. They left at once for that city, and our school is dismissed until their return.

Mrs. E. V. Quattlebaum returned from Colorado City the middle of last week.

Word from Rich Bowlin, is that he will be obliged to undergo an operation. His Naylor friends hope soon to hear that he is on the road to recovery.



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Business Men

He probably won't tell you what he wants but we will. He usually says he don't want anything, but you can fool him; this store is full of things he wants.

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- New Stetson Hats, \$8.00 to ----- \$22.50
- His Favorite Shirts, \$2.00 to ----- \$7.50
- New Neckwear he Likes, \$1.00 to ----- \$2.50
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Denver Hotel

Here at Christmas

Time

With a new year close at hand we come with our Greetings and appreciations to our patrons.

May the season be bright and happy for you and may the time that lies out before you be laden with good things.

O. D. Leisberg

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To Our Hundreds of
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May You Welcome
1926

and find it a happy year in which health and good times will be with you.

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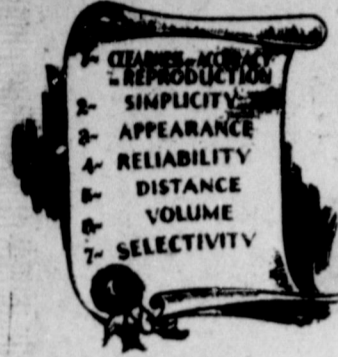
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Society

James-Van Eaton

The marriage of Miss Anna Maud Van Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Van Eaton of this place, to Mr. Bernard W. James of Richmond, Virginia was announced this week by the bride's parents. The marriage was solemnized in a beautiful wedding in the Epiphany Episcopal Church of Washington, District of Columbia, at four o'clock in the afternoon, Wednesday, December the ninth. The Reverend John H. A. officiated in the ceremony. The bride wore a smart suit of midnight blue trimmed in gold and a rose colored hat. She was married from the home of her cousin, Mrs. Robert Moncure of Washington, and had as her attendant Mrs. Moncure's daughter, Miss Katherine Moncure. A number of the relatives and friends of the bride and the groom attended the wedding.

Mrs. James is a former resident of Clarendon; she is a graduate of Clarendon College, and was one of the most charming young ladies in the society of this place. Mr. James is a prominent lawyer of Richmond and is the grand nephew of the Jefferson Davis who was President of the Confederacy. Mr. and Mrs. James will make their home in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyer Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dyer entertained the Evening Club Thursday with a dinner-bridge. Following dinner, bridge was played at four tables. At the end of the game, the prize for high score for ladies, a plaque of Van Dyke's "Baby Stuart" was awarded to Mrs. Merideth Gentry, and the consolation prize, a deck of cards, was given to Mrs. Phillips Gentry. Dr. Oscar Jenkins won the high score prize for gentlemen, a silver cigarette case.

Ladies of the College Faculty Hostesses Wednesday

One of the prettiest of the larger parties of recent date was the tea given Wednesday afternoon by the ladies of the College faculty in the drawing room of the Girls' Dormitory. The affair was given complimentary to all girl students of the College, and between the hours of three and five, more than a hundred called. Pink and white were the colors chosen for the color scheme, and pink and white carnations formed the center piece of the tea table. Tea was poured during the first hour by Miss Ineva Headrick and Miss Lena V. Griswold, and during the second hour by Miss Mary Howren and Mrs. R. E. White. In the receiving line were Mrs. N. R. Huffman, Mrs. Grover Morris, Miss Ella Marie Ross, Miss Frankie Longbotham, Miss Thelma Parsons, Miss Loraine Patrick, Miss Athlyn Taylor, Miss Clarice Fuller, Miss Grayce Pirtle and Miss Lorena Gattis, the last six named being members of the student body. The full list of the hostesses of tea is as follows: Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. White, Miss Frankie Longbotham, Miss Ella Marie Ross, Miss Lena V. Griswold, Miss Mary Howren, and Miss Zetta Moon. Besides the students who called, the following others were guests: Mrs. G. S. Slover, Mrs. S. H. Condron, Mrs. H. T. Burton, Mrs. Isaac W. Wade, Mrs. Arlie Carenter, Mrs. T. M. Mims, and Mrs. A. C. Haynes.

Pathfinder Has Christmas Program

Mrs. W. B. Sims and Mrs. Roscoe Stapp were hostesses, Friday afternoon, to the Pathfinder Club, entertaining in the home of Mrs. Sims. The annual Christmas program, always one of the most interesting that is given, was unusually good this year and was well received by all the members and guests present. Roll call was answered with Beatitudes. "Silent Night" was beautifully sung by Mrs. Harwood Beville and Mrs. Owen Smith. Mrs. Sam M. Braswell gave the Bible version of the Nativity, and Mrs. Joe Goldston gave two readings, "The Song of Mary" and Longfellow's "Christmas Bells." In concluding the program, the Club sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Late in the afternoon a dainty refreshment plate on which was a Christmas favor was served to a large number of members and to the special guests of the meeting, Mrs. Flora White and Mrs. Harry Brunley.

Mrs. Dave Kelly is Hostess to Needle Club

The Kill Kare Klub was pleasantly entertained Thursday in an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Dave Kelly. Poinsettias and ferns gave the house the holiday air. The day was spent in needle work and conversation, and at noon a delicious two course luncheon was served. With the second course favors of small Christmas stockings filled with candy were presented. The special guests of the day were Miss Lily Moncure of Richmond, Virginia, Mrs. W. D. VanEaton, Mrs. T. H. Peebles, Mrs. B. L. Jenkins, and Mrs. James Headrick. The club members present were as follows: Mrs. Homer Mulkey, Mrs. Eva Rhodes, Mrs. Homer Mann, Mrs. Jack Killough, Mrs. Tom Goldston, Mrs. Harwood Beville, Mrs. J. D. Swift, Mrs. W. A. Massie, Mrs. Bennett Kerbow and Mrs. Ralph Kerbow.

Mrs. Homer Mulkey and Mrs. E. C. Herd were special guests of the "1919 Study Club" of Hedley, Tuesday afternoon when the Club had its Christmas program in the home of Mrs. Ed Kinslow.

Eleven Candles for Master Jewell Little

Mrs. A. M. Taylor was hostess to the Little family with a dinner party Monday evening, December 14th, honoring Master Jewell Little on his eleventh birthday. A delicious two course dinner was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Taylor and little daughter Margaret, Miss Emma Mae Little, Miss Ruth Little, Mr. T. M. Little and his grand son, Jewell Little, and Floyd Little. The real party followed the dinner, however, for it was then that a big white birthday cake, topped with eleven lighted pink candles appeared and was presented to Master Jewell. He made a wish and blew the candles.

All the birthday gifts were presented together, and a merry time followed for every one. Among the gifts was a checker board, and when all the other gifts had been inspected and approved, the lad and his grand-father sat down to a hard fought checker game that lasted for some time. Other games were played in which all the guests took part; and the evening proved to be a most happy one for the entire family.

Mr. Bachemohle of Amarillo was here Tuesday attending to business matters.

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FOR 1926

We are hoping each day will be filled with happy hours in which you will accomplish much for yourself and for others.

Caraway's Restaurant and Bakery is a local institution that always contributes its part to the development of the community. We are appreciative of past favors and invite your patronage in the New Year.

CARAWAY'S RESTAURANT and BAKERY

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A page of beautiful words would not be as convincing of our appreciation of your patronage in 1925 as will even one act of unusual service in 1926.

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We pledge anew our allegiance to those high ideals of honest merchandising methods and goods; fair prices and courteous treatment which we have endeavored to give in the years past.

In the measure of service we will convince you of our appreciation of your confidence and patronage.

Russell's Market

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HUSSMANIZED MEATS

As the Curtains Are Raised On 1926

May it bring to your vision happy views of rich promises, some of which may be filled each day. We appreciate your trade given us in 1925 and will feel fortunate if we can serve you in the New Year.

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Here's Wishing: Ye Olde Tyme Merry Christmas!

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The gay as well as the conservative Frock to be worn with that metallic hat.

Lovely new shades of shadow clocked hosiery. Lingerie that is appealing.

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Clarendon Lodge No. 700 A. F. & M. meets second Friday night in each month. Bennett Kerbow, W. M.; E. A. Thompson, Sec.

For Sale

FOR SALE—Baled hay and milk cows. E. M. Ozier. (42fc)

FOR SALE—Two typewriters in fine condition, apply office supply department. News.

FOR SALE—Three milk cows. W. E. Bray, Phone 552. (51c)

FOR SALE—Buff Orpington hens and pullets. See Mrs. G. W. Kemp. (51pd)

FOR SALE—Lot of second hand brick cheap. Apply at ice plant. (1-25-)

FOR SALE—Windmill, Tank, Tower and Pipes. E. P. Shelton. Phone 186. (50fc)

FOR SALE—Good Jersey milk cow, four years old. Will be fresh in two weeks. Rayburn Smith. (2pd)

Wanted

WANTED—Sewing. Call 512. (51p)

A Watkins contract is open for a live wire. See or write E. G. Chaney, Clarendon, Texas. (48fc)

WANTED—By man and wife, coming year's work through for so much land or by the month. M. C. Bower, Hedley, Texas. Route 2. (1pd)

For Rent

FARM FOR RENT—And stock to sell. See J. T. Warren. (49fc)

FOR RENT—Three down-stairs furnished rooms. Mrs. Bennett Kerbow. (49fc)

FOR RENT—Three rooms. Phone 521. (49fc)

Lost

LOST—Between Clarendon and Brice, a man's tan leather bill folder containing card of J. B. Reynolds, Anson, Texas and one \$20 and two \$1 bills. Call M. F. Murff at Brice for reward. (51pd)

REPRESENTATIVE DEWEY YOUNG FAVORS SESSION

When interviewed by a representative of The News Representative Dewey Young of this district, who is attending Clarendon College, said that while he had not signed the original petition to call the legislature in special session, that his signature was available if needed, and that he felt as if the interests of the people demanded a session of the legislature at an early date. Mr. Young further said that he was perfectly willing to go to Austin at his own expense, since state money was not legally available, even though it would seriously interfere with his course of study here in Clarendon College. Mr. Young is doing work looking to his degree in the first graduating class the local school will turn out as a senior institution. He says that he is much pleased with his progress here and while he would lose much ground should he be forced to spend several weeks in the capital, but that as a representative of the people, he looks on the matter as a duty he owes his constituency.

CLARENDON COLLEGE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Superintendent Paul Morgan announced this week that the public schools will close for the holidays at 3:30 Wednesday, December 22. They will open after the holidays January 4th, which is the first Monday after January 1. This plan enables the school to complete a four months term before the holidays, and removes the confusion caused by breaking into a school month with holidays. Until this year it has been the custom for the teachers to attend Institute one week before Christmas. The Clarendon teachers attended the Institute in September; and it will not be necessary to close the schools for two weeks.

Holidays will begin for Clarendon College students Tuesday evening, December 22. Work will start after the holidays the morning of January 5. Holidays at the College are a little longer this year than usual.

MISS CAROLYN SHAWVER BROADCASTS

A number of Clarendon radio fans were surprised and pleased Tuesday night when they heard a former Clarendon girl, Miss Carolyn Shawver, sing from station W. F. A. A., Dallas, Texas. Miss Shawver is now a pupil of Katwik, head of the department of music in S. M. U. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shawver who lived here several years, and she is an ex-student of Clarendon College.

"HOPE CHEST" TO BE DISPLAYED SATURDAY

The Ladies of the Golden Cross will have the contents of their Hope Chest on display, Saturday afternoon, in the concrete building opposite the post office.

T. D. Hobart of Pampa was a business visitor here Thursday.

"UNBOUGHT SEALS SAVE NO LIVES"

"Every Christmas Seal that is bought is an investment in human life, but unbought Seals save no lives. Invest in community health—buy Christmas Seals," says Mrs. John T. Sims, chairman of the local committee on sales. Mrs. Sims and her assistants report that people have, generally speaking, been ready and eager to buy the Seals when asked, but that many have not been reached. The members of the committee urge that those who have not been reached call Mrs. Sims, on the phone or stop at the Pastime Confectionery, the Clarendon News office, or at Ethel Rutherford's Shoppe and buy a supply. It will not be possible for the committee to reach all who should buy; so if no one asks you to buy Seals, ask some one to sell you some.

Mrs. Sims continued, "Every penny helps in the campaign and because the seals are so cheap everyone can do something. We want to make this sale a record-breaking one in our community. Every piece of mail deposited in the post office from now until New Years should bear one of the little health stamps. Pennies, nickles, or dollars are welcome—no amount is too small."

Clarendon High School belt buckles with the bucking bronco will make a fine Christmas gift for any High School boy. You will find them at Stocking's Drug Store.

MRS. LELIA B. SULLIVAN IS BURIED THURSDAY

Mrs. Lelia Bernice Sullivan died at her home in Clarendon Wednesday, December 16, and was buried Thursday afternoon. The funeral was held at the Church of Christ, with the Reverend R. R. Price in charge of the services. Interment was made in the Citizens' Cemetery.

Mrs. Sullivan was born July 4, 1895. She married J. W. Sullivan July 11, 1912. She is survived by her husband and four children, her parents, four sisters, and three brothers. Mrs. Sullivan and her family have lived in Clarendon only a short time, but they have lived in the vicinity of Clarendon for several years and have many friends here. The presence of the friends who filled the church at the hour of the funeral and the many offerings of beautiful flowers attested to the esteem in which the deceased and her family were held.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Algie B. Crocker, minister. Phone 549. Sunday School 9:45, J. R. Tucker, superintendent. Communion and preaching at 11:00. Sermon "The First Christmas". Christian Endeavor 6:00. Evening service 7:00. Sermon, "The Nativity of Christ." Better go to church.

THANKS DUE MRS. TAYLOR

The "News" is indebted to Mrs. H. W. Taylor for the use of a number of her old copies of the Clarendon papers of years ago in compiling the material for this, the Home Town Edition. Mrs. Taylor was one of the first residents of this city, and she has copies of the various papers that have been published here. Much usable and interesting material was found in the papers; and the "News" expressed thanks to Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. C. E. Stillman of Memphis stopped here Thursday morning for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. D. S. Smith. She was on her way to Amarillo to visit another sister, Mrs. F. E. Caraway of this city, who is ill in a hospital there.

Office supplies at the News office.

Let Us Stop At This Mile - Stone Called Christmas

and linger awhile in the sacred observance of a Great Day to recount the blessings of life.

Before we pass on into 1926 let us pause here a moment at Christmas time to exchange greetings and good wishes. Let us assure you that from us our patrons are given a message of good cheer in which we wish to voice our appreciation of your generous treatment in 1925.

And as we pass on into 1926 may we work together in unity—in the spirit of unselfish service for the upbuilding of our community.

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A Most Fitting Time For A Memorial

The Holiday Season of each year is always a time when thoughts must go back to that time when the family circle was complete. Have you made sufficient memorial to the loved ones who have departed this life for the great beyond? When is a better time than now to make amends for what has been overlooked in the past. See our man at once and let us explain how you can get the needed memorial.

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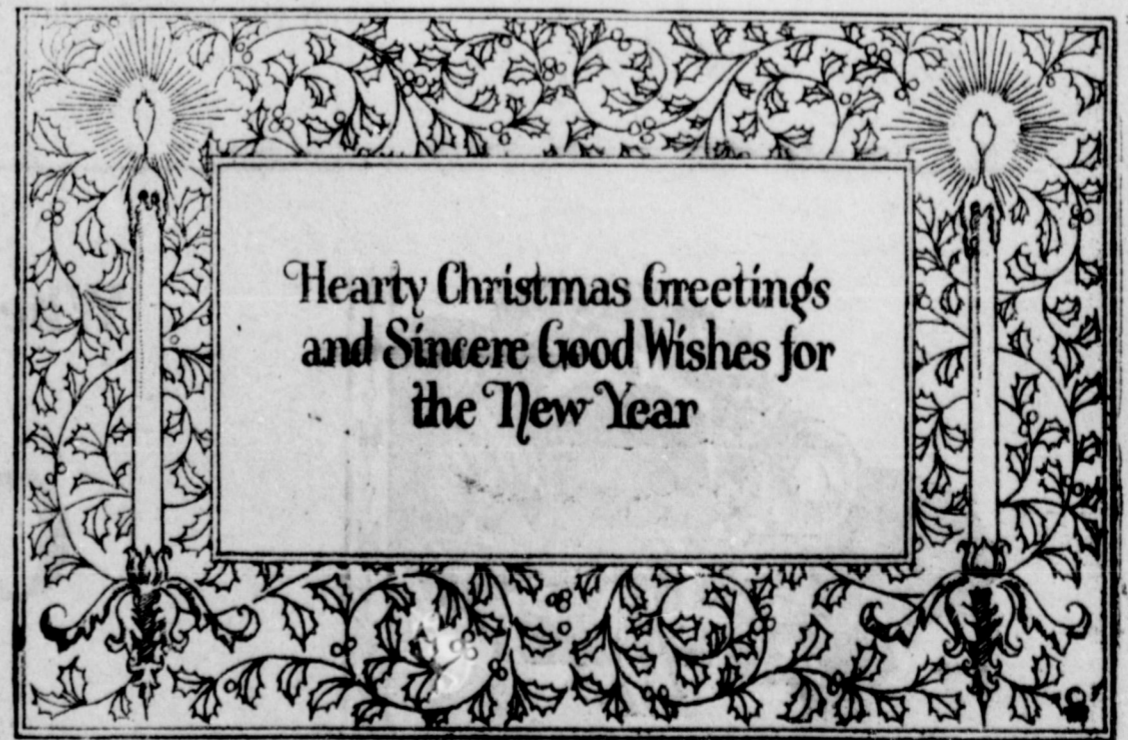
May they come to our patrons from many sources during Christmas and the New Year.

We are thankful indeed for the good patronage we have enjoyed during the past year.

Accept not only our thanks but our best wishes as well.

Hotel Clarendon

Phone 384



Hearty Christmas Greetings and Sincere Good Wishes for the New Year

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We'd fill your needs of life with the things you most need and desire.

To all our patrons we send the season's choicest greetings and express our lasting thanks for favors of the past.

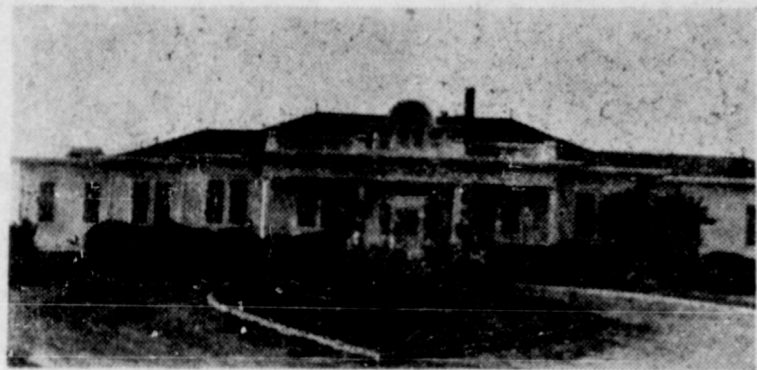
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Society

"Ora Leisburg and Miss Bettie Robinson were married at the Baptist parsonage, Wednesday night, by Rev. L. Tomme, the pastor. These worthy young people have our hearty congratulations and well wishes for their future prosperity and happiness."—Agitator, Feb. 9, 1899.

"The 'Singin' Skule' given at Clarendon College last Friday evening proved indeed one of the most laughable entertainments ever in Clarendon. The attendance was large and the ladies realized over \$50.00 for the College fence."—Clarendon News, April 10, 1903.

"Miss Mamie McLean won the scholarship for 1904, offered by Clarendon College, for the pupil receiving the highest average upon competitive examination. This offer is limited to the highest grade of the public school."—Clarendon News, May 19, 1904.

"Commencement Recital"

"On Friday evening May the twenty-first the College Auditorium was well filled with friends and lovers of music and reading.

"The treat in store for them was the commencement recital of Miss Ross (voice) and Miss Jenkins (reading).

"The program was opened by Miss Ross whose first number was 'Elsie's Dream', from Lohengrin. With this number Miss Ross captivated and delighted her hearers, and with each succeeding number she went to something better, successfully carrying the audience with her, as only she can do. She displayed taste and culture, and as her voice thrilled the Nightingale her hearers were very appreciative, while with the close of each number, there was a response of hearty applause.

"Miss Jenkins is well known and always welcome in Clarendon College circles, and was unusually interesting upon this occasion, carrying her hearers with her from the serious to the comic.

"Particularly was her first number entitled 'Laddie' appreciated, for in her interpretation of this, she expressed much depth of soul and love.

"The Jiner', Miss Jenkins' second number, was very amusing and interesting, showing herself in the comic as well as in the serious, and

her power of impersonation was exceptionally good.

"Both young ladies did well, and reflected honor and credit upon those who have faithfully taught them. Clarendon College may justly be proud of these accomplished young ladies."—Banner-Stockman, May 22, 1909.

"Mrs. W. R. Silvey is the proud recipient of a handsome new two seated phaeton, new harness and a horse as a birthday present from her husband. What could be more appropriate for a present or prove of more real enjoyment to a lady and children these warm days than a gentle horse and a handsome buggy for driving?"—The Clarendon News, June 20, 1902.

"Miss Hallie Talley gave her friends a birthday social Tuesday evening on the lawn of the lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Eddins. A jolly crowd assembled and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all; splendid refreshments were served before the crowd dispersed."—The Clarendon News, June 20, 1902.

"The Schubert Music entertainment at the College Thursday night before Christmas was a most delightful occasion. Everything was refined and of high order and greatly enjoyed by a large audience."—The Agitator, Jan. 4, 1900.

Taylor-Beverly

"Last Wednesday evening at the Methodist Church, just as the goddess of light 'spangled the heavens with her glorious jewels, and evening breezes were echoing the harmonious cadences from the pulses of love. Walter W. Taylor and Miss Minnie Beverly were made man and wife.

The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen festooning, flowers, palms, etc. On either side of the altar, suspended from the foliage crescent were the wedding bells of white bearing the letters forming, 'Taylor-Beverly' in gold. Above this the date, 1905. The entire altar was banked with a profusion of foliage, ferns and flowers. At the termination of the main isle was a rustic gate decorated with foliage, and surmounted with an arch of the same, bearing most artistically the decorators touch.

"When Miss Chamberlain, at the organ, began Lohengrin's famous wedding march, the flower children, Allen Beville, Jr., and Annie Mary Taylor (sister of the groom) with their baskets heaped with lovely

blossoms, marched up the center aisle and held the gate for the bridal party. Messrs Victor Trammell and Jno. McLean came next as ushers, followed by Mr. Edward Graham and Miss Grace Taylor (groom's cousin) Mr. Curie Powell, and Miss Louise Ryan. Bride and groom came next; and our thoughts followed in the channel of the poet's mind as we viewed the fair bride with

"Grace in all her steps, heaven in her eye,
"In every gesture dignity and love."

"Her dress was made of pearl white crepe de chine over taffeta silk with fishscale appliques and chiffon platings. The bridal illusion hung in graceful sway, and was held in place upon the head by dainty white roses. In her hand she carried a bouquet of roses tied with ribbons.

"The groom wore the usual conventional suit of black. Bridesmaids were gowned in pure white. After Rev. G. S. Hardy had pronounced the impressive words of the Methodist marriage ceremony, and the early vows were now consummated, Mendelssohn was played, and the flower children, scattering fragrance and beauty from their baskets, preceded the bride and groom down the aisle.

"Mr. Taylor and Miss Beverly were both raised in Clarendon, and fell victim to Cupid's arrows during their early school days; and the little god of love was faithful in his mission to lead them to the altar. Each has won a prize: for the manhood and womanhood constitute their character balance.

"The proofs of esteem and love of their acquaintances and friends are attested by the many handsome presents sent.

"They left on the 8:45 train for points of interest in Colorado. In about two weeks they will be at home to their many friends in their handsome new cottage on third street."—L. K. in Banner-Stockman, June 16, 1905.

Whist parties were given the past week by Mrs. W. H. Martin and also Mrs. T. E. Bugbee, Mrs. Wesley Knorpp, and Miss Stella Bugbee in conjunction at the Bugbee home. Ladies only were present and both occasions were scenes of much enjoyment.

"The Banner Stockman", issue Sept. 29, 1905.

Mrs. George Cook of Kansas City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Bugbee this week.—Banner-Stockman, Sept. 22, 1905.

Your Gift To Us

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Our Greetings

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Last Car Apples

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Fancy and extra fancy boxed apples.

Bulk apples of a good quality.

Come early and get your choice.

W. T. Clifford

"Mrs. Len Ballew and little daughter, Fannie Ray, left Monday for a three weeks' visit to relatives at Vernon, Ft. Worth, and Pilot Point."—Banner-Stockman, June 16, 1905.

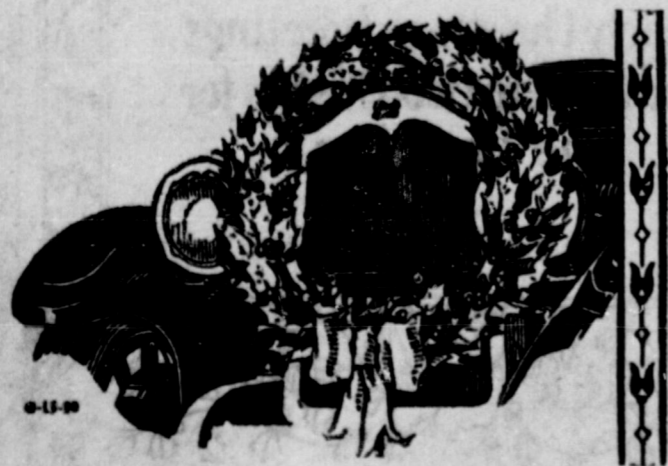
As We Come Again Gratefully Acknowledging

How Good You've Been To Us

We not only tender, as best we know how our hearty thanks, but from the depths of sincere hearts

Wish You a Christmas Filled With Every Happiness

And a New Year, each day of which you may bask in the sunshine of love, health, material prosperity and the joy that comes from the satisfaction of usefulness.

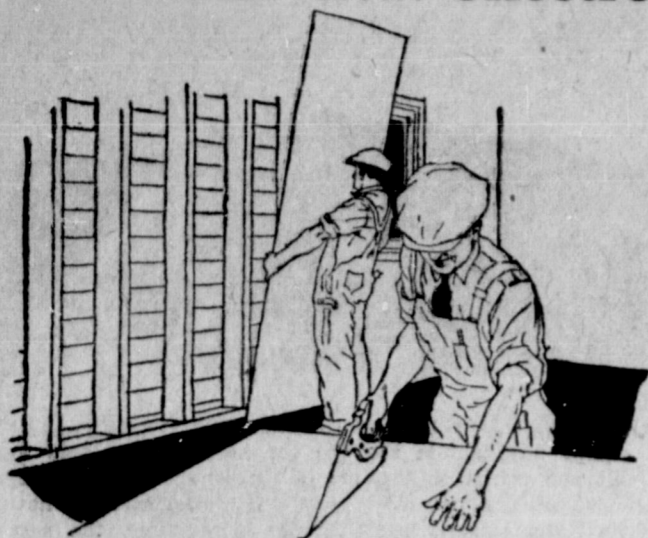


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The public is hereby warned that hunting and wood hauling is forbidden in the R. O. pasture. All trespassers will be vigorously prosecuted.
W. J. Lewis.

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FOR SALE—Buff Orpington hens and pullets. See Mrs. G. W. Kemp.

New Electric High Line Fulfills Local Man's Dream of Many Years

"This high line that is coming into Clarendon was one of my dreams for Clarendon, years ago," says A. L. Chase, former manager of the Clarendon Light and Power Company. Every big accomplishment in the world, whether it be in the field of art or commerce, has behind it a dream, an ambition, perhaps years old, perhaps centuries old. The men who had charge of the lighting system years ago, when there were not one hundred consumers in the town, and when the equipment would not permit of the best service, planned and worked toward the time when Clarendon should have the very high type of service that the high line is going to afford.

In 1902 the local electric light plant was operated by George Washington, former citizen of this place. When Mr. Washington took charge of the plant, he hoped that by running a cotton gin in connection with the plant and by pumping water for the city water works that the plant could be made to pay. But cotton had just been introduced into the County and there was a small amount to be ginned, and the revenue from the water works was small. The business failed for want of patronage, and Mr. Washington sold to C. J. Spittal, an Englishman who lived here. Spittal tried to make the business pay on the same basis, but the cotton gin failed and it became evident that completely new equipment was necessary. Spittal sold to a company known as the Clarendon Water, Light and Power Company in 1903. W. L. Chase and A. L. Chase were general managers for the Company of the plants here and at Amarillo, but neither of them lived here at that time. In 1904 W. C. Stewart came here from Cleburne to be superintendent of the Clarendon light plant and water works, the water works having been bought by the company.

He tells an amusing story of his first night in Clarendon. When he stepped off the train he heard the engines of the plant puffing and chugging away in a distressing manner. Handing his bags to a hotel porter, he set out in the direction of the noise. When he was in sight of the plant, a desperate looking man in the

door called to him, "I sure am glad to see you!" Without further salutation and without asking Mr. Stewart his name or where he came from he took him through the plant and showed him how to manage the various engines. When they arrived at the back door to the building, Mr. Spittal merely said, "I'll see you at nine in the morning. Good-night." Mr. Stewart was left to his own devices and ran the engines all night. That was Clarendon's first time to have all night service. It was only when he finally reached the hotel at ten the next morning that he learned that he plant "shut down" at eleven p. m. and "came on" at five a. m. That was also the last time for several years that Clarendon had all night service.

Mr. Stewart was superintendent two years and superintendent and manager for one year. Harry Gleason followed him in the place. Then the plant went into the hands of receivers for a time. The water works were also sold to James Trent and Frank Collinson and became independent. W. L. Chase, A. L. Chase and their associates bought the electric light plant in 1911, and gave it the name of Clarendon Light and Power Company. A. L. Chase then moved here from Cleburne and became manager. T. S. Kemp who had been superintendent under the receivership management continued as engineer for the new company.

Mr. Chase says that when he came here and took charge, there was almost no plant at all. The plant had only one steam engine of 75 horse power and a generator of 60 kilowatts. There were then only 85 consumers. In 1911 and '12 the plant was entirely rebuilt and new oil engines installed. Street lights were installed in 1913. When Clarendon Light and Power Company was sold in 1915 to the Texas Gas and Electric Company, Mr. Chase had built it up until the plant had engines of 150 horse power and a generator of 100 K. W. The number of consumers had grown from the 85 of 1911 to 450. Mr. Chase continued as local manager for the Texas Gas and Electric until June of 1917. During the financial crisis following the war, the company fail-

ed and went into the hands of the receivers. It was under receivership management for two years and was then sold to the Texas Central Power Company. During the time of the management of receivers the local plant had several managers, the outstanding ones being T. S. Kemp and Cyrus Cope.

New equipment had been added during the time the receivers controlled the plant, and the Texas Central Power Company added still more and improved the service. Among the improvements made was the white way street lighting system which was installed in 1921, and in that same year \$20,000 of new equipment was added. Monty Garrison, who had been with the company as line man since 1920, was made manager in 1923, and Cyrus Cope was made superintendent of the plant. Since 1921 the service has improved and the cost of service has been reduced at different times. The Texas Central Power Company sold the Clarendon branch to Mid-Western Utilities Company. The last named company is now doing what other companies and other managers would have done under more favorable conditions, and are running a high line from Childress to Clarendon. Clarendon will, in a short time receive power from the big plant at Childress which 2,200 horse power. The local plant with 375 horse power will be completely overhauled and will be kept for emergency use only. Childress, Kirklund, Estelline, Memphis, Hedley and Lelia Lake will also receive power and lights from the high line.

Mr. Garrison says that everything is being done to improve the service; that no expense and no care is being spared in making the service the most efficient possible.

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Word ranch against wood hauling and trespassing of any kind.

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W. L. Ball and M. T. Dewell made a trip to Amarillo Sunday, last.

May Your Christmas Be Merry

AND YOUR NEW YEAR FULL OF CHEER

If we knew more to wish for our patrons we would do it, for we think you deserve it.

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Gifts for Women

Why all the fuss and worry over your Christmas gifts to a woman. The answer is here—read carefully the list below and even before you realize it your decision will have been made.

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| Linen Table Clothes | Bath Mats |
| Linen Napkins | Satin House Shoes |
| Fancy Towel Sets | Felt House Shoes |
| Hand Embroidered Lunch Sets | Silk Underwear |
| Fancy Bed Spreads | Brassiers |
| Fancy Comforts | Hat Boxes |
| Week-end Bags | Silk Hosiery |
| Silk Pajamas | Gloves |

Gifts for Children and Infants

Just the right gift is here—if it is not included in the list below you will be sure to find it at the store, for there are hundreds of other suitable gifts in addition to those here listed.

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| Dr. Denton's Sleepers | Knit Caps |
| House Shoes | Knit Bootees |
| Bloomers | Blankets |
| Kid Gloves | Purses |
| Sweaters | Vanities |
| Pajamas | |

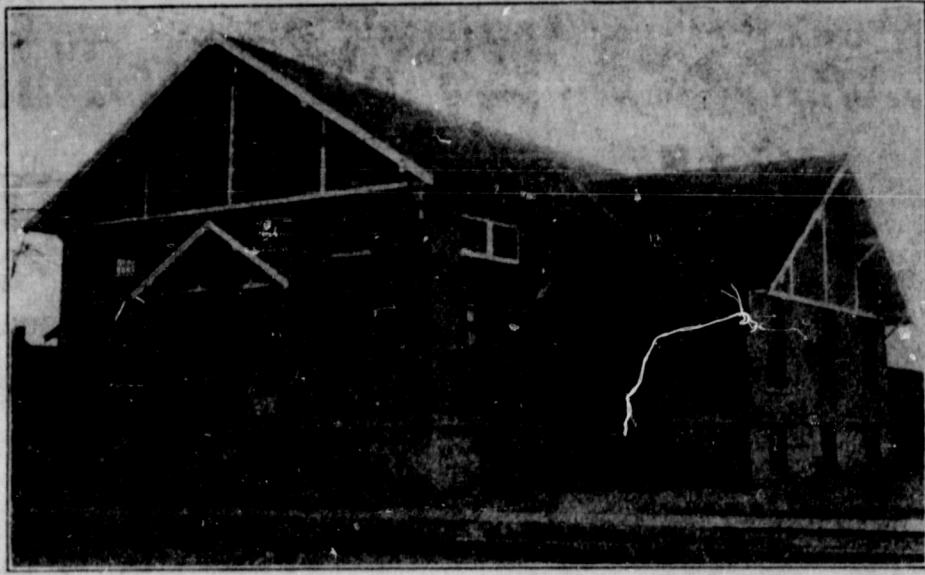
Gifts for Men and Boys

Finding the right gift for a man or boy is no problem here. There are hundreds of interesting items on display and so conveniently arranged that selecting them is a delightfully easy matter.

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| Bath Robes | House Shoes |
| Pajamas | Hand Bags |
| Hickok Belt Sets | Suede Gloves |
| Sweaters | Handkerchiefs |
| Gloves | Stetson Hats |
| Ties | Shirts |
| Knit Gloves | |

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH VALUED AT \$20,000

The First Christian Church of Clarendon is one of the aggressive and growing churches of the city. Rev. A. B. Crocker is the pastor, and members says that the leadership of the pastor and his good wife, is of the highest order that the local church has ever enjoyed and the outlook is very bright as the New Year approaches.

The church has 175 members and a Sunday School with an enrollment of 115 and an average attendance of around 100. A Christian

Endeavor society has been organized with a membership of 35 and is just now getting under full headway. The Booster Class, a men's Bible class of the Sunday School is another very virile organization of which the church is proud. The Ladies Aid Society, with Mrs. O. D. Liesberg as president, is doing a great work, and has shouldered much of the burden incident to the paying off of the church building debt. The ladies serve the local Lions Club in their weekly luncheons, having never missed a regular luncheon since the organization of the club three years ago.

They also serve many of the Chamber of Commerce luncheons, and are a source of great pride to the church for their faithfulness.

The commodious brick church was completed just a few years ago and is one of the best arranged and located church buildings of the city. The church also owns a neat five-room bungalow parsonage, which has been newly furnished. One of the outstanding records of the church organization is the fact that there has been one thousand conversions in their revivals since the organization.

CONCEALED PROPAGANDA AN IMPOSITION ON THE PEOPLE

ELIMINATE BOOZE ARGUMENTS FROM HUMOR, FICTION AND OTHER NEUTRAL TERRITORY

We see by the Sunday paper that Sam Hellman, which for all we know is his real name, is against prohibition. That is Sam's privilege of course. But Sam supplies alleged humor to the Sunday paper and in this case he gets off his pro-liquor arguments under cover of the remarks of a fiction character by the name of Higgins. All told, Higgins supplies the people with about a foot and a half argument against the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League, the Churches and all the other dries and in favor of the nullification of the prohibition amendment.

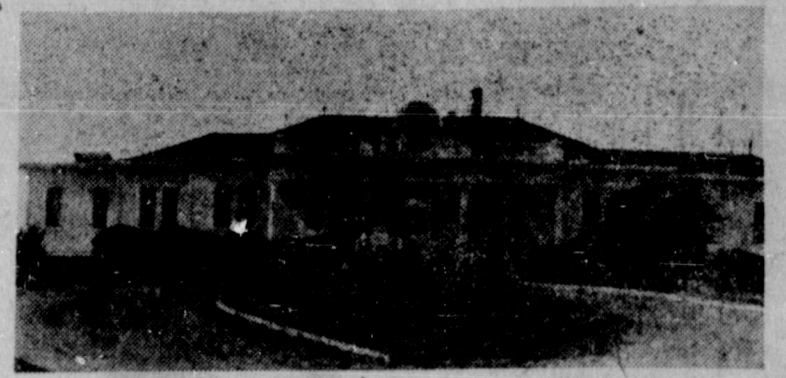
Then Will Rogers has taken to writing advertisements for a tobacco company. Will is something of a national institution and a real honest to goodness humorist. A few years ago the tobacco people were suffering hysteria and hydrophobia for fear that the prohibition which had descended on the liquor industry would hit them next. Possibly by way of keeping the prohibitionists soothed, Will fills his tobacco advertising with anti-prohibition argument. Of course it is humor and no one is supposed to take it seriously,

nevertheless it creates a false impression and it is amazing how many voters depend for information on just such matter. Incidentally, Mr. Rogers is perhaps very much wealthier than he would have been but for prohibition inasmuch as prohibition has benefited the theatre to an amazing degree.

A best seller of the type for which we have a weakness is the next offender. The hero is one of these handsome chaps just out of a collar advertisement who can lick a mob with one hand and always winds up by marrying a princess who is disguised by such mazing beauty that no one would ever suspect her of being a princess. It is highly interesting story but is considerably less interesting because the hero stops by the wayside to take a few side swipes at the prohibition law.

The prohibition law suffers from this kind of unfair opposition continually. When anti-prohibition argument is put into the mouths of fiction characters, cartoon characters, vaudeville actors, "humor" writers, etc., it is foul tactics. Of course the usual argument is that this stuff has

ADAIR HOSPITAL RANKS HIGH AMONG HOSPITALS OF PANHANDLE



The Adair Hospital, said to be one of the best equipped hospitals in the State, was built and equipt in 1911 by Mrs. Cornelia Adair at the cost of about \$50,000. Her primary purpose in building the hospital was to give the people of Clarendon and the surrounding country hospital facilities at a minimum cost; and during the ten years between the building of the Hospital and her death she paid an annual deficit of about \$4,000, or in the aggregate a deficit

of about \$40,000, incurred by operating the hospital at a very low cost to those it served. Although the cost of hospital services have been the lowest possible, the service itself has been the best possible. The Adair Hospital was built for the use of all physicians and all people, and it is understood that it will continue in the original policy.

The Hospital was leased in 1925 to Dr. Oscar L. Jenkins of this city and is now under his management.

no effect one way or the other, but it wouldn't do to tell that to a newspaper man, an advertising expert, or a "propagandist." It is effective with a certain type of people and it is unfair. The people have a right

when they purchase a novel not to find it salted with propaganda, when they go to a show to find it inoffensive, and when they read "humor" to find it humorous and nothing else.

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- Wool Robes \$5.00 up
- Dress Gloves \$2.00 to \$5.00
- Silk and Wool Mufflers \$2.50 up
- Wool and Silk Hose, 50c to \$1.50
- Dress Shirts, \$1.00 to \$7.00
- Lumber Jack Sweaters, \$3.50 up
- Leather Jackets \$7.50 up
- Initial Handkerchiefs 35c up
- Belt and Knife Sets, \$1.00 up
- Belt and Cigarette Case Sets \$1.50 up
- Tie and Hose Sets 75c up
- Ties—all kinds and colors, 50c to \$2.00
- Fur Caps, \$3.50 to \$5.00
- Felt and Leather House Shoes, \$1.50 to \$3.00
- Genuine Leather Bill Purses, 75c to \$2.00
- Chase all wool Car Robes \$15.00
- Hats, Suits and Overcoats All Prices

Give The Youngsters

- Cowboy Suits, complete \$2.95
- Indian Suits, complete \$2.00
- Sweaters, all style, \$2.00 to \$7.50
- Gloves, kid, fur lined and wool 50c up
- House Shoes 75c up
- Bath Robes \$1.50 up
- Purses, all kinds 50c up
- Ties and Belts 50c up
- Handkerchiefs, single or by the box, 10c to 50c
- Dolls, Beads and Toilet Sets, 50c to \$4.00
- Knit Teddy Bear Suits \$2.50 up

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- Double Compacts \$1.50
- Single \$1.00
- Refills, each 35c

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- Wool Robes, in beautiful colors \$5.00 up
- Felt and Kid House Slippers, 95c to \$2.50
- Kid and Satin Mules, \$2.50 and \$3.50
- Silk Teds, Step-ins, Gowns \$1.95 up
- Silk Pajamas, Bloomers, Brassieres \$1.00 up
- Hand Tooled Leather Purses \$2.00 up
- Hat Boxes, Gladstone Cases \$5.00 up
- Pure Silk and Chiffon Hose, guaranteed \$1.00 to \$3.50
- Toilet Articles in Holiday Boxes \$1.00 up
- Pure Linen Bridge Sets \$3.50 up
- Silk Counterpaines, rose, blue, red and yellow \$6.95
- Hand embroidered scarfs and runners \$1.00 up
- Towel and Bath Rag Sets 75c up
- All the new styles in kid and suede gloves \$1.00 to \$4.50
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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Wednesday morning, Mr. W. T. Hayter gave the High School a fine educational talk in "Principles of Successful Business Men." His was the first of a series of talks to be given by the prominent business men of Clarendon. No talk was given this week, due to the fact that

the man who was to have spoken was ill.

Reverend J. H. Hamblen conducted our chapel exercises Friday morning; his message was straight forward and to the point; his subject was "Telling Lies."

Friday morning, Mr. C. C. Powell also visited chapel. He came to announce the winner of the High School Fire Prevention Essay contest, and to award the five dollar prize offered by himself. Walker Lane, a senior, was the deserving winner. The judges reported that at once upon seeing his theme, they recognized in it the winner.

"The Gypsy Rover" was presented to a not over-crowded house Friday evening at eight o'clock. A neat little sum of money was realized, which will go to the athletic fund. The performances between acts were well appreciated.

Tuesday afternoon, the Junior-Fish football game was played before a group of enthusiastic spectators. The final score was 6-0 in favor of the Fish. The Fish and the Sophomores scheduled to play at the College Park, Friday afternoon, Dec. 18th at 4:00 p. m. Sweaters will be given to the victors of this game by the Athletic Society of the

High School.

Thursday evening at eight o'clock, Mr. McDonald Birch will put on a performance in the auditorium of the High School. He is a widely-known magician, famous all over the United States for his skill in performing magic tricks.

Monday morning, Superintendent Morgan announced the decision of the school board, setting the days from Dec. 23 to Jan. 4th inclusive as the Christmas holidays.

The public school system in Clarendon is in receipt of \$150 worth of maps, charts and globes, bought by the school board. They also,

recently had a \$47 sink installed in the physics laboratory. The schools are grateful for these Christmas remembrances. Four large electric lights, similar to those on Kearney street, are now being installed in front of the High School building.

Claude's girls' basket ball team canceled the ball game which the Clarendon High School girls had scheduled to play with them Friday evening, Dec. 18th.

Work has been rushed on the "Broncho", until it is now about ready to have the pictures sent to the engravers. The editors were notified today that time had been extended; many grateful sighs were heard.

C. C. POWELL PRESENTS ESSAY PRIZES

During Fire Prevention Week every student in both the High School and the South Ward School was required to write an essay on the subject, in order that every child should be forced to think seriously on the matter.

Mr. Curry Powell offered a prize of five dollars to the writer of the best essay from each school, and committees of the English teachers and principals of the two schools were appointed to select the winning essays. It necessarily took some time for the teachers to grade all the papers, but the judging was finished last week and the winners announced. Walker Lane, a member of the senior class of the High School won the prize for his school with an essay entitled "The Need of Fire Prevention Week." Dorothy Forbes was the winner of the South Ward School prize. Her paper was entitled, "The Danger of Lights."

Mr. Powell attended the chapel exercises of the two schools Friday morning and publicly presented the prizes to the winners.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to friends of Clarendon who were so kind to us in our recent misfortune; especially do we thank the Reverend and Mrs. J. H. Hamblen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Polk.

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CHAMBERLAIN

Sunday School was held Sunday morning with good attendance. It will continue to be held every Sunday morning at 10.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Powell were called to Shamrock Monday to attend the funeral of his brother Ben's eight months old infant, which passed away Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dingler visited in the Bain home Sunday. Miss Blanche Dodson visited Zillah Yates Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Miller spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Blackman.

The cold norther that visited here Monday gave people the butchering fever. Several nice meat hogs are being butchered.

Regan, James, Olin and Zula Bain and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dingler

went to church at town Sunday night.

Our school is progressing nicely. New pupils starting each Monday. The school will close Friday for Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barbee and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Haley Sunday.

Mrs. Victor Smith of Amarillo, a former resident of Clarendon, under went an operation last Friday at the North West Texas Hospital of Amarillo. She is reported as doing nicely at the present time.

Give the family a New Edison phonograph for Christmas. They are as supreme as the name. \$100.00 and up. Stocking's Drug Store.

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JERICO

Next Friday evening the pupils of the Jericho school will present a Christmas program at the Jericho school house. The program will begin about 7:00 p. m., and will consist of songs, readings, dialogues and pantomimes. The pupils have worked diligently on this and they hope that a large crowd will attend. No admission fees will be charged.

Mrs. C. R. Slay of Groom was visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Helm Friday of last week.

Mrs. V. J. Glazener is seriously ill at this writing.

G. W. Bural and son, Herbert, left Tuesday morning for Wheeler where they will look after business matters. They made a trip to Clarendon Monday.

J. W. Helm was quite ill last Thursday night and Friday. He is much better at this writing.

Sunday School services were held as usual Sunday morning. A good crowd attended. Church services will be held next Sunday, both morning and evening. Everyone is invited. League services were also held Sunday evening with Miss Mary Emeigh as leader. Let everyone remember the League services at 7:00 o'clock every Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis of Groom spent the week end here in the Z. R. Davis home.

GOLDSTON

Sunday School was held at the regular hour Sunday afternoon after which arrangements were made to have a Christmas tree.

Merl Rattan and family left last week for East Texas.

Joe Stewart who has been here for some time with his brother John Stewart and family left last week for California.

Mr. and Mrs. Wardlow and family with some visiting relatives visited with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bray of Clarendon attended Sunday School here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Goldston motored to Amarillo Saturday visiting their daughter Mrs. Dee Blanks and husband.

ASHTOLA

Mr. and Mrs. Lu McClelland entertained the young folk with a party Saturday night.

Mr. Payne of Arlington, Texas was in our community prospecting Saturday and visited his daughter, Madge.

Quite a few of the Ashtola people were Amarillo visitors Saturday, among them were Prof. Patterson and family, Henry Dozier and Mildred Harris.

Mrs. Fred Frass of Amarillo visited friends and relatives in Ashtola Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. McCanne and daughters of Clarendon spent Saturday and Sunday in their home near Ashtola.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Gray and daughter Ruth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lovell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKee and Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of Martin attended church here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Simmons and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. McCauley of Lelia Lake.

Mrs. J. S. Hayter and little daughter Mary Lois were Clarendon visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Scarborough and children spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Eddings made a flying trip to Claude Sunday afternoon.

Mildred Harp was the dinner guest of Mildred Harris Sunday.

Quite a deal was made last week between Alfred Scarborough and J. D. Harris, J. D. taking the store and Alfred moving to the Harris farm near Ashtola.

Alleane McDonald was the happy guest of Vera Johnson Sunday.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Mrs. J. H. Goldston very pleasantly entertained with a birthday party last Thursday evening honoring the 13th birthday of Miss Helen Goldston. The rooms were tastefully decorated in holiday colors. At six o'clock Mrs. L. C. Parker of Clarendon brought a truck load of girls and the evening was spent in playing games and in ways best known to a bunch of jolly girls. Many useful and pretty gifts were received by Miss Helen. Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, fruit salad, cake and hot chocolate were served to the following: Misses Mattie and Abby Parker, Nell Butler, Nora DeJarnett, Gwyn Youngblood, Cecelia Atteberry, Helen Bailey, Vera Latson, Jane Killough, Edyth Burnam, Josie Mae Davis, Helen Goldston, and John Erwin Wilson and Laverne Goldston. All wished Miss Helen many happy birthdays.

Rob Jackson Jr., of Clarendon spent the week-end with Harold Longan.

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LIST OF PIONEERS IN "OLD GUARD" PICTURE

In the mechanics of making up the paper, it so happened that the list of the names of those who attended the last gathering of the "Old Guard" at the JA Headquarters was not printed underneath the picture taken on that occasion. The picture of the pioneers who were present at the gathering, together with an account of the meeting by one of their number, is to be found on page 7, section 3. In the picture are seen, lower row, reading left to right: Vas Stickley, Canadian; Colonel Thomas S. Bugbee, (deceased), Clarendon; Colonel Charles Goodnight, Goodnight; Captain G. W. Arrington, (deceased), Canadian; and Judge O. H. Nelson, Romero. Upper row: M. K. Brown, Pampa; Whitfield Carhart, formerly

of Clarendon and now of Greenville; T. D. Hobart, Pampa; H. W. Taylor, Clarendon; J. W. Kent, Clarendon; W. H. Patrick, Clarendon; and G. W. Dunn, Mobeetie.

Miss Ethel Gammons spent Sunday in Memphis.

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TO POLICY HOLDERS

Clarendon, Texas, Dec. 12, 1925.

Just a word to the policy holder: Does your insurance carry an old age benefit to protect you from heavy death calls when your mutual

gets old? Had you thought that in twenty years other mutuals will have lots of deaths, but remember the E. K. pays all members off at their seventy and eighty birthday; That its members are not assessed for that they are paid out of the sinking fund that is created from \$1,000 to \$1,900, then you are assessed \$1.50 which builds your sinking fund. \$900 on every death, this is to be loaned to the members at 6 per cent and loan to its members to pay their death claims for them. It takes care of its members when they can't take care of themselves. Does your insurance do this or do you have to lose out? Can they take your insurance away from you and make you take something else whether it suits you or not? Remember the E. K. progressive mutual life and accident insurance is controlled by a two-third vote

of its members, which you know cannot be taken away from you when you are too old to get anything else. We take members from 16 to 60 and no older. I have the Hall County Mutual. No two that takes members from fifty to seventy-five—it is altogether different to the E. K. insurance. Does your insurance charge you extra ten cents on death notice? The E. K. does not. We issue you a \$1,000 policy and charge you \$1.00 in June and \$1.00 in November. We take care of all expenses out of that and I don't owe nobody. Don't drop a good insurance to join one at home. The E. K. insurance was copy written 1919 by the U. S. Government. Members that are not satisfied with their insurance—they can drop it and receive a policy in the E. K. Address W. H. Rodgers, Clarendon, Texas.

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Chamber of Commerce Encourages Better Local Farm Products Market

This is not a Boy Scout story, but as an introduction, the writer wishes to say that every Scout everywhere is required as a part of his life work to do a good turn daily, or to put the same expression into everyday usage, a good deed other than the usual routine of the day is required of a Boy Scout every day of his life.

The above practice, in a way, is the very best way of teaching a child to be thoughtful and helpful to those around it. There are many people here who have the same feeling toward their friends in Clarendon and Donley County that a true Boy Scout has toward the rest of his gang.

The greatest good turn that could be done for the farmers of Donley County would be the selling of any commodity at a good price that the farmers might choose to grow for a living. The farmer, his wife, his daughter and his son should all be considered in doing good turns for the rural population.

A brief resume of the data on tillable land compared to the land already in cultivation shows the average person that most of the best tillable land of Donley County is already in cultivation. The farmer is working as hard as he ever did, knows his business better than ever before, spends more money and grows more products than ever before and gets more blessings and cussings than ever before yet his business has some peculiar principles in it that are not found in any other business.

Let us take a glance at the development of the growing of cotton for the past ten years in Donley County. In 1916 the crop of cotton was slightly more than four thousand bales while today the

cro produced in the County will go beyond the eighteen thousand bale mark. The cotton grower everywhere is hoping that the other cotton farmer will fail to grow a crop so that he may get a fair price for his cotton. Then, too, if he grows a bumper crop it is worthless, and if he grows none he is also a loser which makes his condition a peculiar one, indeed.

In the face of these facts, let us wonder what the price of cotton and the condition of farmers everywhere would be if the more than fifty great cotton producing counties of Texas had not had a crop failure this year. Then, again, the average person does not realize that thousands of dollars were lost this fall on advances of transportation and money to worthless persons, who after receiving transportation and clothing from many farmers, turned at the first opportunity and left the helpless farmers with heavy expenses to bear for them.

The great "Good Turn" that could be done for the farmers is not to show them any means or direct any activities of any kind whatever as the farmer knows how to farm and produce the goods. His great need is a ready, stable, marketing system for his products in order that he may be reasonably assured that he will be rewarded for his year's labor when it is finished.

Many people say that it is too dry to grow onions, sweet potatoes, water melons, alfalfa, and other crops that are grown on a small scale in the County but every year the farmers who are doing this are getting good returns from such crops and they are to be found in many different parts of the County. This year, sweet potatoes sold at an average of two dollars a bushel

wholesale, water melons averaged two cents a pound, and alfalfa brought an average of twenty dollars a ton with five cutting of an average of a ton to the acre. This reminds the writer of a story heard a short time ago about an enterprising young rooster who saw an opening in the fence and walked out. His wanderings led to an ostrich farm across the hills where he saw an ostrich egg lying in the sun large and beautiful. After walking around the egg several times he began rolling it over toward his own yard. As soon as he had gotten it into the poultry yard he set up a loud call to all the hens of the flock and when they had all arrived and had looked the monstrous egg over the young rooster remarked, "I just thought I would bring this egg back from my travels in order that you hens might see what your neighbors are doing in other communities."

What are farmers doing in other communities where the conditions are the same as ours? In several counties the farmers have pledged as high as a hundred and twenty-five acres for onions, the same amount in sweet potatoes and in watermelons. While other counties are growing and prospering where the hen is giving a hundred per cent dividends each year. Scientific tests reveal the fact that it requires from thirteen to eighteen cents to produce a dozen eggs and the person who is selling eggs at sixty or even forty cents a dozen is making a nice profit from the investment. More than thirty thousand dollars worth of cream checks are given the farmers of this county each year which is a small item compared to the same business in our neighboring counties.

In as much as the number of

farms for Donley county cannot be increased very materially, it is up to the farmers of the County who have had so much trouble with cotton to turn to something else for remuneration of his many long hours of toil in the cotton patch. Pork was never higher nor harder to get since the time when the Piper's son stole the pig and away he ran.

Meats of all kinds were never any higher than when the cow jumped over the moon. It seems that now is the best time that a farmer ever had to turn to something else for an opportunity to make a living besides so much cotton.

As a concluding remark, let it be said that whatever the farmer wants to grow be it cotton then our good



SECRETARY A. T. HOLCOMB
CLARENDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

turn is to work for a better market with a better staple, if it be poultry, cream, pork, beef, grain, watermelons, sweet potatoes, onions or any other crop, the hardest of efforts will be put forth in order to see that not one bit of any crop shall go unmarketed at a price that shall be a real profit to the producer of the commodity.

A look in any direction will show that there are many good turns that have already been done viz: an up-to-date water system and sewage disposal, excellent telephone system, wide well lighted streets, nice clean hotels, up-to-date business houses, new post office building, modern ice plant, good fire fighting facilities, and soon the people of Clarendon are to enjoy the service of a modern electrical high voltage system that will be capable of serving a town of many times the present size of Clarendon. These and many other good turns have been done by those who have passed from the stage of action but there still remains many good turns yet to be made.

The first great "Good Turn" that ought to be considered and done is the united effort of every Clarendon citizen along with other towns nearby that ought to be put forth to bring natural gas into this section of the Panhandle. Contrary to the belief that the paved highways will be the doom of the small towns, the owners and promoters everywhere are now hunting locations in small towns for public utility concerns because of the lower costs of factory sites, cheaper rentals, for both factory and employee and the fact that the small town offers better health and social conditions than are to be found in the larger towns and cities. Still, other items are to be considered such as water, raw material and

a cheap fuel for the immense boilers of factory, mill, gin, and business house.

Plans are going forward now for a greater supply of water for Clarendon which will soon be settled, as far as such a problem is concerned. Raw materials of many different kinds may be secured for factories for Clarendon either in the County or in adjoining counties. It now remains for natural gas to be brought in to solve the cheap fuel problem.

It seems from developments of the last few months that Donley County is to be left completely out of the circle but there are many "Missourians" in Donley County that must "be shown" that they are out before they are willing to give up the effort. The writer wishes to cast his lot with the "slow me" fellows and do everything possible that natural gas may be a reality in Donley county soon.

NEWS RECEIVES ORDERS FOR PAPERS FROM DISTANCE AWAY

The News is constantly receiving orders for papers from far distance parts of the United States. Recently the News received an order for twenty-five copies of its special edition from a concern in Omaha, Nebraska. Hollywood, California is another of the places in the United States that orders papers from the News quite often. The News has a great number of folk scattered at various points over the States that need the paper at odd intervals and we are continually receiving requests similar to the two mentioned above. It might be mentioned in this connection that there are a number in Clarendon who send the paper as Christmas gifts to their friends in other cities.

MUSIC RECITAL AT CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College Conservatory of Fine Arts, Grover C. Morris, Dean, presented in private recital pupils in voice, violin and piano, Friday afternoon at four o'clock in the auditorium of the College.

These recitals are given to help the pupils gain confidence in themselves, acquire a pleasing stage presence and overcome nervousness and self-consciousness. The pupils showed careful preparation in clean technique and conception of the composers' thoughts. They acquitted themselves in a manner that reflected great credit to themselves and their instructors. Eight pupils who were on the program live in Clarendon.

- Piano solo, "Pat's Waltz", Morris—Berkley Ryan.
- Piano Solo, "Il Trovatore", Verdi—Herman—Pauline Shelton.
- Violin Solo, "Fairy Waltz", Krogman—Verna Latson.
- Piano Solo, "Happy Farmer", Schumann—Davilla Kelly.
- Piano Solo, "Hieland Laddie", Morey—Latrice Benson.
- Piano Solo, "Preludes", Chopin—Gertrude Osborne.
- Piano Solo, "Bagatelle", Beethoven—Lonie Hunt.
- Piano Solo, "Whither", Koelling—Ione Ball.
- Piano Solo, "Alla Mazurka", Nemerowsky—Dorothy White.
- Piano Solo, "Song Without Words", Mendelssohn—Carolyn Laney.
- Vocal Solo, "The Lord of My Shepherd", Liddle—Hazel Mullins.

Mmes. Will Johnson, Rufus Dawkins and Earl Lynn were business visitors in Amarillo the latter part of last week.

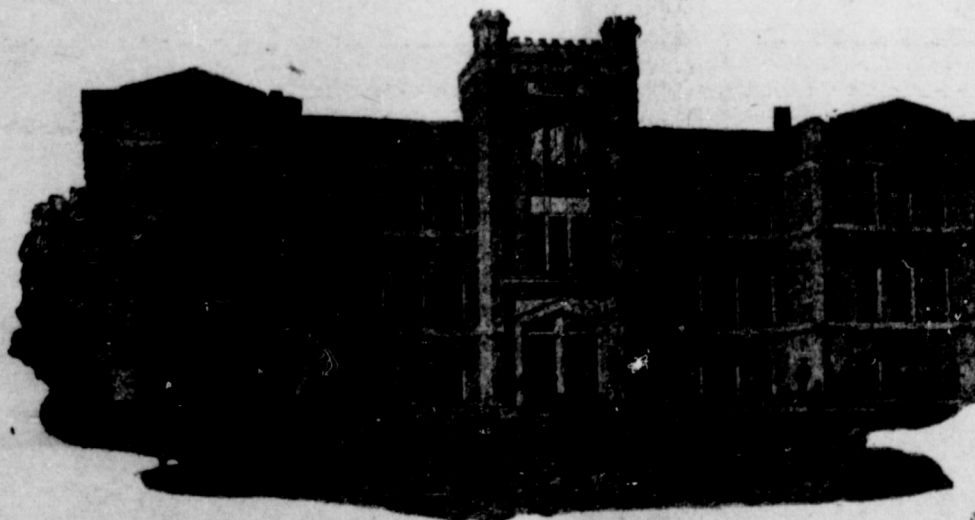
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**WHAT'S DOING
IN WEST TEXAS**

(West Texas Chamber of Commerce)

Mineral Wells—Plans are going forward here for a million dollar hotel to replace the Crazy Hotel destroyed by fire earlier in the year. The plans call for sale of \$150,000 in stock to local citizens and the hotel company will finance the project.

Winters—R. Q. Lee, President of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce addressed a joint meeting of the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday. A number of farmers were present as invited guests. Mr. Lee spoke along the lines he has followed during his campaign for diversified and intensive farming.

Dalhart—Three hundred Dalhart business men attended the annual chamber of commerce banquet here. A report of the year's activities was made by secretary Carl Guin. Homer D. Wade, Assistant Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce made an address.

Claude—A dairy school will be held here December 14th in charge of J. Lynch Thomas of A. & M. College, and M. B. Oats of the Denver Road. A demonstration in selecting and judging dairy stock will be given. Prizes will be offered in butter making contests at a special contest for school children.

Spur—This territory is to receive deep tests for oil. One concern is drilling on Pitch Fork Ranch. The Texas Company is to drill a 3500 foot test on the 24-Ranch. Material and men are already here to put down the wells.

Brady—Brady is going strong to the district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Coleman December 18th. Brady's famous chamber of commerce concert band will accompany the delegation, however, Brady will not bid for the next convention.

Slaton—A campaign looking toward improvement of cotton seed for planting is launched here. The Slaton Commercial Club is behind the move.

Haskell—Great interest is being evinced in this county in terracing. Numerous demonstrations are being made weekly before large gatherings of farmers. Hardware men have stocked terracing machines for the first time in history and it is likely that a terracing machine will become a part of the Haskell County farmer's regular equipment.

Amarillo—Records were broken at the Tri-State Poultry Show held here. More than 1200 birds were shown. The greatest attendance in the history of the show was registered. Hall County won first place with 568 points, Tarrant second with 286 points, Randall third with 213 points and Wichita Falls fourth with 197 points.

Stamford—The Teachers of Central West Texas will hold annual

ELLIS-BLOCKER

A quiet and impressive wedding ceremony, Friday afternoon, Dec. 11th, at 3:15 o'clock, held at the home of the bride in West Clarendon, joined in marriage Mr. Dorr N. Ellis and Miss Penelope Blocker. Only the immediate family and a few very close friends were present as Rev. J. H. Hamblen read the ceremony, and the happy young couple left immediately for a short bridal trip followed with the hearty congratulations of those who love them.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Blocker of this city, and is one of the most popular young ladies of Clarendon, having been raised and educated here. The groom is a young business man of fine character and prospects in life, being now one of the dependable employees of the local postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will be at home to their friends in an apartment in the new duplex recently completed on College Hill by Carl Boston. They have a multitude of friends here and over the Panhandle who will hail their marriage with delight and wish for them all that the future can hold in happiness and material prosperity.

An institute in Stamford next week. This institute has become a regional affair and annually attracts several hundred public school men and women from several counties in this section.

Brownwood—The turkey season is on in full blast in this section of Texas and turkeys by the hundred are moving to market. Five big companies have dressing plants here and turkey picking is vying with cotton picking as a means of employment. The crop is not as large as last year. Present prices are around thirty cents per pound.

Snyder—Sheep raising has grown in popularity in Scurry County. The industry is not taking the form of big ranches here but individual farmers are putting small herds on their farms to eat the weeds and waste forage. Those who have followed the practice for several years report unusual profits from the industry.

Littlefield—The Littlefield Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet here December 15th. Homer D. Wade will be the principal speaker.

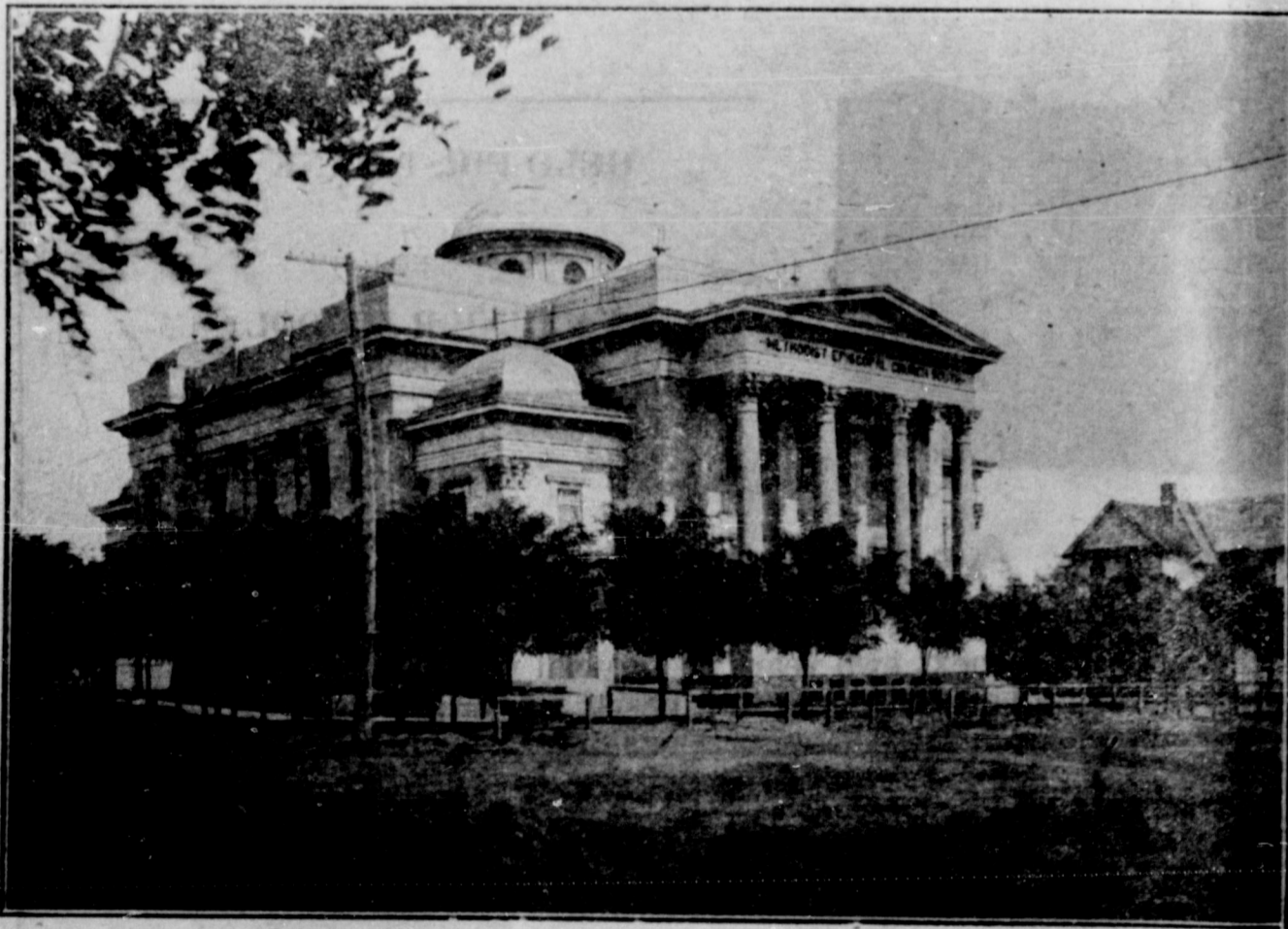
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SKETCH OF PANHANDLE'S
FIRST SETTLEMENTS

The Panhandle of the State derives its name from a block of country lying North of a West line of an initial monument at the intersection of 100th meridian with Red River. This country embraces a territory of twenty-five counties, and is bounded on the East by Oklahoma and on the North by the neutral strip or Oklahoma, and by New Mexico on the West. These two territories referred to were filled for many years with outlaws and desperados making this strip of country known as the Panhandle, a place peculiarly adapted for the home of criminals and outlaws. This part of the State embracing all the North or West part of this State was absolutely unknown and unsurveyed until after the Civil War, so far as the surveyors were concerned. But the country was thoroughly explored from 1861 to 1865 by State Troops or Texas Rangers in pursuit of outlaws and Indians, mostly Indians. We explored all the territory referred to, that is explored as far north as the Wichita Mountains and West into New Mexico, and the southern division as far south as the Colorado River. The word "explored" is used in a general sense as we were hunting outlaws and Indians, our knowledge of the country being thus gained incidentally. All the rivers at that time were mapped down either by myself or Lieutenant Woolford, since at that time there never had been any survey made in this State further west than the Western Cross Timbers, and the country thereto. I understand Lieutenant Woolford is still living in Young County, near old Fort Belnap. He could probably verify this statement.

Speaking of the Panhandle, as I understand it, this block of country, when Texas was a Republic, went much farther north and was bound

ed on the north by Kansas, no man's land came off of this strip, being cut off when Texas was admitted to the United States it being north of a line agreed upon as dividing free and slave states, the authorities being also governed by a map made by some Frenchman who had never seen the country. Our Colonel in time of the war got hold of one of these old maps. The Colonel's being obstinate and the inaccuracy of the map, gave me much trouble as a guide, as this map did not show Pease River, the Wichita or Red River, though it did show the North and South Canadian, which were legally, under the treaties our Northern boundary. The Attorney General of this State brought a foolish suit and lost through the courts part of this territory. However, after being explored by the Texas Rangers, while defending the country during the Civil War, it lay dormant and virtually unknown by the masses until 1864. By this time surveys had been made and the United States Troops had reached herein controlling the Kiowas and Comanche Indians.

However, the Canyon had been entered and explored by one Captain Marcy of the United States Army in 1852. (See "Captain Marcy's Explorations of the Red River of Texas and Nachodoches.") It will probably be remembered that the source of the Red River was unknown for many years and two or three attempts were made to locate it before it was done by Captain Marcy. He went south from Fort Cobb, now in Oklahoma, until he struck Red River and followed it up day by day until he reached Canyon Ceta Blanco, near Canyon City. Undoubtedly he was the first white man who ever saw the canyon.

The next was 1864 when General McKenzie was after the Indians,

The next was Goodnight and his party, moving his cattle in 1866. We came in just South of Amarillo, striking south until we reached the Paloduro, following it down to the mouth of the Canyon Ceta Blanco, then south of the Canyon to where the Indians trail entered the canyon below the falls, following the canyon down to where the old Headquarters now stand. This in fact, was the first settlement, as a settlement, in what is known as the Panhandle. It was absolutely a trackless, roadless territory filled with lawless people unusual in number even for a wild country. The Indians made frequent raids through it, but they did little damage—a few people killed, a few horses stolen.

Fort Elliott existed with two or three companies of Cavalary. I think some of the officers had their wives. A little later there was quite a trading post started near Fort Elliott where an immense buffalo hide trade was done, many thousands buffaloes being sold annually.

It was patronized by outlaws, thieves, cut-throats, and buffalo hunters, with a large per cent of prostitutes. Taking it all in all, I think it was the hardest place I ever saw on the frontier except Cheyenne, Wyoming. At this time there was not a public road in all this country except from Fort Elliott north, and the Indian Trading roads coming in from New Mexico, south of the Canyon and the Quitaque Country.

There was no semblance of law in this part of the Panhandle except what was enforced by the cattle men arbitrarily.

The next settlement made was by T. S. Bugbee in 1867 on the Canadian River, seventy-five miles north of the Paloduro. His wife and Mrs. Goodnight lived for six months at a time the most isolated life I have ever known in all my frontier experiences. Neither could have seen any associates for from six to twelve

months. They both claim those to be among their happiest days.

As before stated, the cattlemen enforced all the order there was in this vast territory, and from North Fork south, no whiskey was ever allowed. It was kept out by force until law reached here. A great many arrests were made and criminals were either forwarded to Mexico, or to settlements east. This was done by furnishing escorts from ranch to ranch until they reached organized law. And up to the time of the organization of Donley County there was not a murder in the country including the whole section south of Mobeetie, or in other words all the parts that were kept free of whiskey.

Now in 1878 the conglomeration of buffalo hunters, gamblers, thieves and thugs, conceived the idea of organizing Wheeler County. The reader will bear in mind, however, that among this conglomeration, there were a few genuinely good men who afterwards became settlers. Probably some of them were then. The Rev. E. Dubbs was one of these exceptions. At this time he had retired from Buffalo hunting and was a settler on Sweet Water. He was elected County Judge of Wheeler County at the time of organization. Being elected at this time gave him an opportunity to serve his country in a way that he can never be paid for, that could not now be thoroughly appreciated or understood, and he will never be repaid for the services rendered and the risk run. Through his influence and effort the country was saved of much indebtedness and wrong doing, and was eventually pulled into shape of civilization.

There is no question but what the people owe much to Dubbs for holding things down as well as they were. Had it not been for Judge Dubbs the school land would have been wasted and many other things squandered.

In 1879 what was known as the Christian Colony reached Donley County, and settled on Salt Fork at the mouth of Carroll Creek. I should judge that here were twenty-five or thirty families, all northern and eastern people. This colony was settled, as before stated, about seven miles north of the present town of Clarendon. They were temperate and educated people and were located as a temperance Christian Colony. But I thought them the least qualified for frontier people of any I had seen. Most of them got discouraged and left the country. The Rev. J. J. Stanton is, I believe, the only one left in the country.

The condition of the thinly settled Panhandle about 1879 or 1880 was such that it was deemed best to get the better class of people, ranchmen and settlers, together to have a better organization and understanding, therefore there was a call made for all the people from the Canadian on the North to the Quitaque and Matorado Ranch on the South. We met at the old town of Mobeetie, near Fort Elliott, in the spring of 1889 organizing what was known as the Panhandle Cattle Association and taking in any settler that would join us, whether he had one cow or ten guaranteeing that our attorneys would take care of his legal battles and our inspectors would take care of his cattle interests. In other words we wished to keep the weak from being overrun by the bad and strong.

At the time of organization I was elected the first president and served for one year; and was then succeeded by Judge O. H. Nelson, he at that time having considerable interest here, and his having gone through the settlement and civilization of southern Kansas, fitting him splendidly for the position. There is no man in the Panhandle who deserves more credit for the risks he ran and the service he performed. He spent his money freely and risked his life to make this a country of law and order. I think that no man ever received more anonymous letters and threats than did Judge Nelson.

In 1882 it was thought best to organize Donley County to better adjust our affairs and to get away from Wheeler County. The organization was made with G. A. Brown, as County Judge, John D. Wilson, sheriff; W. D. Kindall, treasurer; J. H. Parks, surveyor; C. Goodnight, T. W. Morrison and L. R. Dyer, county commissioners. The county kept entirely out of debt, being run very economically until the country was settled. The citizens found that the officers could not serve the country for the salaries allowed them by law, hence we paid the officers salaries to justify them to serve us. G. A. Brown was allowed \$1,000 per year for two years, the sheriff \$1500. I believe the county attorney was allowed \$2500. Temple Houston, when he served as District Attorney, was presented with a law library and furnished other sums, I do not remember what his salary allowance was. After Brown retired, Judge White was elected judge of Donley County and allowed \$800 per year until the country got settled. He served 12 or 14 years or until his death. In hiring officers to protect the people the cattlemen were assessed direct for their salary. At that time there was no school fund or any means of schooling chil-

dren in this part of the country. Judge White called my attention to this matter and the pitiful condition that existed and the inability of the settlers to educate their children. I told him I would call the matter up with the southern division of the cattlemen at our next meeting. They at once instructed me to have the secretary W. L. R. Dixon, figure out the prorata and send it in and they would pay it. This was done and every dollar was paid and the school was kept going for two years. Not one of the cattle men had a child in school. There is a citizen now of the town of Goodnight with a large family, mostly grown, whom I asked a few days ago if he remembered the circumstances. He answered he did and it was about all the education he ever got in the school room.

To give one some idea of the days referred to in this letter, meaning the period when I first settled here, there was not a permanent settlement aside from Fort Elliot, from here north to the Arkansas River west to New Mexico, south to the Rio Grande, east to the Western Cross Timbers of this State. Now in this great wilderness there was a vast number of outlaws passing to and fro as well as Indians. In fact they were far more dangerous than the Indians.

The upper Canadian was settled with a very reckless class of people, cattlemen and all. They were against the Association and everything civil; Captain Arrington followed some of them to Massachusetts and brought them back to trial. At about this time the noted "Billy, The Kid," was raiding along our frontier with his band. It became necessary to get him and have it stopped. One John W. Poe, a deputy sheriff of Mobeetie (later a banker of Roswell), at that time, was selected for the job of getting "Billy, The Kid." I do not remember the salary paid him. He was instructed to go to Pecos River and remain until he could locate the outlaw. He did so, and

was the cause of killing of "Billy, The Kid".

Pat Garrett, whom Poe got to join him would not have gotten "Billy, The Kid" if it had not been for Poe's coolness and judgment. So the people owe him a debt for ridding the country of one of the worst criminals that was ever on the border. Prior to this "The Kid" had been known to spend weeks at a time at Tascosa without being molested.

The cow boy's life has very often been written up, but has never been touched as to the real history. More especially the class that settled the Panhandle. They not only went through all the privations and dis-

comforts of life and hard work and exposure, but the real hours the cow boy gave in actual service, when working on open range as they did in those days was about eighteen hours. Which was performed without the last complaint. They performed the work as cow hands but they served as soldiers and officers as well. And as far as I know a cow boy was never tried for a crime in the Panhandle. A record no other class of men can equal.

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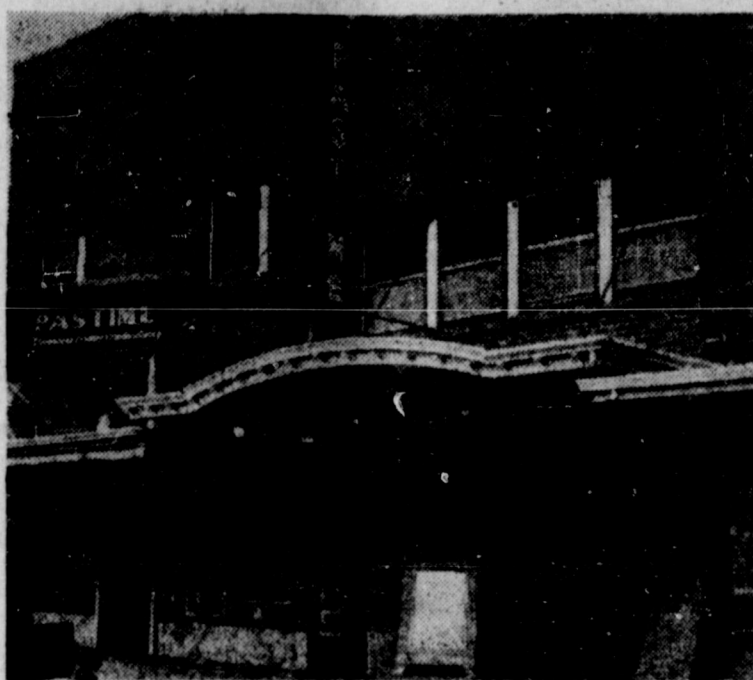
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PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS ARE BIG FACTOR IN CITY DEVELOPMENT

There is no doubt that the schools of Clarendon have been one of the biggest factors in the growth and development of the city in the last several years, and again there is no doubt that the Parent-Teachers' Associations of the town have been in a large measure responsible for the development of the schools. Since the organization of the first association here in 1917, there has been no time, excepting a few months of 1918 when there was not at least one active association in Clarendon. And very active they have been, not only giving the school untold material aid and other beneficial assistance, but putting Clarendon in a prominent place on the map of the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent Teachers' Association.

From the beginning the Parent-Teachers Association has been a very lively organization. With Mrs. John T. Sims as a leader, a number of the mothers and teachers formed an association in 1917. Mrs. Sims was elected president and the body went to work in earnest. That was in the spring, and by the end of the school term they had accomplished so much and had attracted so much attention among the other mother's clubs of this section of the State that their president, Mrs. Sims, was elected president of the First District.

Among the things that the local chapter had done was to buy some much needed play-ground equipment for the grammar school and purchase books for the schools. Books and yet more books is the constant cry of any progressive school and the Parent-Teachers' Associations have handled the problem pretty largely here, and have handled it well. Every year there must be an increase in the library of each school if it is to increase its efficiency or even maintain its standard; and every year the Associations manage to get all or most of the required books, in one way or another. Sometimes they made the money or

raised the funds by donations and at other times they have managed book "shows" for the school.

One speaks of the Associations, because there are now three in the public schools of the city, all of them doing most creditable work. When it became more convenient for handling the work, the parents and teachers organized according to the building in which they had children or taught. Many mothers and fathers belong to two of the organizations and take part in the work done in both. In the fall of 1923, the South Ward Parent Teacher's Association was organized with Mrs. Eva Rhoads as the first president. An Association was formed at the Central Ward School and by unanimous vote of the members it was named the "Sims Parent-Teachers' Association", in honor of Mrs. John T. Sims who first fostered the idea of a parents' club in the public schools here, and who had served as president of the local and of the First District Association, and later when the district was divided as the first president of the Eighth Dis-

trict. With the organization of the South Ward and Sims Associations, the old Association took the name, High School Parent-Teachers Association. The three organizations work in cooperation in their efforts to benefit the school, all of them having that as a primary aim, of course.

The many benefits the town of Clarendon has derived from the Parent-Teachers' Association are almost too numerous to be even mentioned, but in a brief survey a few of them may be named. They, the Associations, have bought hundreds of dollars worth of books for the three schools; they have bought equipment necessary for new courses or other material required for old courses; they have bought hundreds of dollars worth of playground apparatus; they have bought pictures, plants and other things for beautifying the school room, not to mention much equipment used by the teachers in the primary and intermediate departments. When the board of trustees decided to add home economics courses to the High School, the Parent-Teachers' Association offered to furnish the dining room of the department; and they bought the furniture, rug, curtains, and table service for that room. And the material aid is not all that the schools have received from the Associations. Together with the Chamber of Commerce in the 1919-20 term, they managed to bring a Chataqua course to Clarendon. They were again instrumental in bringing high class entertainment to the city when they joined Clarendon College in bringing a Chataqua here in the following year. During the time that the County had a nurse and a demonstrator they furnished part of the equipment used in the work. In the various health campaigns, the Associations have taken part and have often taken charge of them. They have offered or have solicited most of the prizes used in the local try-outs for the Interscholastic League Contests, and whenever any church organization or club wanted help on an enterprise, the Association was ready to help if it could possibly do so.

Where did the money come from for these many projects? A great deal came from the purses of the members; but a still greater part of it came from work done by the members. They have done every thing any other organization ever did to make money and a good many that others had not tried. They have served Chamber of Commerce luncheons; they have made donations drives for the libraries; they have given teas, programs, sponsored lectures on the "fifty-fifty" basis; they have taken the census; they have sold tickets for benefit evenings at the picture show; and last but not least, they have held several rummage or second hand sales, profiting thereby greatly.

Through the work of the Association, the parents and teachers have come into closer cooperation in the education of the children. It has been the policy to keep informed on every movement in the field of education and in the field of child welfare through the programs that are given at the meetings.

Volumes could be written about the individual members who have given their time, talent, and money for the good of the schools; but by common consent, special credit goes to Mrs. John T. Sims. It was through her efforts, largely, that the first Association was formed; and it was under her guidance that it grew and became the influential organization that it did become in its first two years. She worked most faithfully in the local Association, and when she became president of the First District Association, she showed equal efficiency in that field. She served as president of the First District until 1920, when she was elected president of the newly formed Eighth District of ninety-one counties. She served in that office with equal efficiency and distinction for two years. In the absence of the State president, she presided over two State meetings of the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' Association. Mrs. J. E. Nelson and Mrs. Clyde Atteberry are two other distinguished members of Clarendon. Each has held the office of District Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Atteberry performed the offices of State Corresponding Secretary at one State meeting.

These are only three of the many members of the Clarendon organizations who have done praise-worthy work, and there are scores of others by whose untiring efforts the public schools of Clarendon have been greatly aided in achieving and maintaining the enviable place they now have among the schools of the State. And it is because of their work that the "P. T. A." of Clarendon has a state-wide reputation. Clarendon has had at least one representative at every District and State meeting that has been held since 1917, and to most of those meetings they have sent several members, and the presidents. The total number of members in the three associations at the present time is 307, the High School Association having sixty, the Sims having seventy, and the South Ward having one hundred and seventy-seven.

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month exceeded the gifts during the same month of the preceding year with the exception of January and May when the amount were less. A larger number of churches are contributing to the general work of the church than at any other time in the history of the denomination. During October 620 churches made remittances to the state Baptist headquarters office in Dallas and thirty of these churches had not made offerings during the preceding ten months. While the number which have given to the general work of the denomination since January is 1,805 gifts have been received in the headquarters office for the general work during the last twelve months from 2,614 churches. There are 3,087 Baptist churches in Texas cooperating with the state convention and only 473 of these have not made offerings to the general work in the last twelve months.

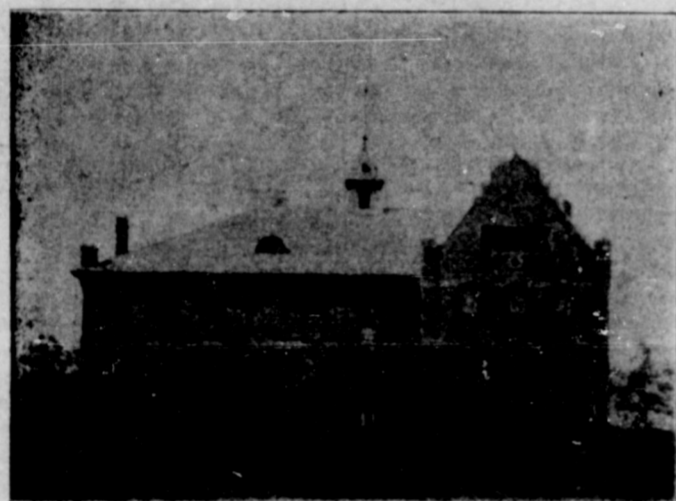
In November, 1924 the gifts to the general denominational program of the Baptists was \$421,113.63 as compared to the gifts of \$368,597.21 during November of the preceding year. During the first four days of this month more than \$3,000 has been received from the churches in the state and reports have come from other churches which promise to swell the gifts to many thousands. Among these offerings are included \$5,000 from the First Baptist Church of Dallas, \$3,500 from the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls and other large offerings. A check has been received from J. M. Barron of Plano for \$500 as his personal offering through the First Baptist Church of Plano. J. E. Blankenship sent a special offering of \$500 as his part of the offering from the First Baptist Church of Plano. Other large gifts are coming in rapidly.

Carey H. Snyder, publicity director Baptist General Convention of Texas, 720 Slaughter Bldg., Dallas.

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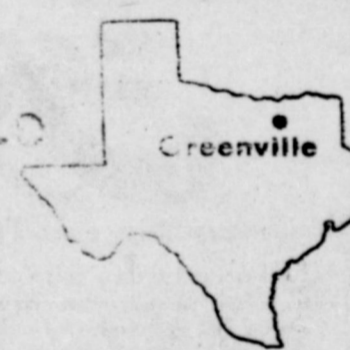
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TEXAS IN THE GRIP OF CRIME

"Addressing an Old Settlers Reunion at Alvarado, Texas, former lieutenant governor Lynch Davidson pointed out to a large gathering assembled that "Texas is in the grip of crime—a crime wave is sweeping the state. Murder, hi-jacking, bootlegging, robbery and arson are chronicled by large numbers in the daily press of the State."

In an interview given out here today on the subject, he quotes Richard Washburn Childs, late Ambassador from the United States to Italy, as saying recently:

"We have one preeminent national disgrace. It is our crime record."

"Ambassador Childs quotes one foreign prime minister as having said to him, concerning the tide of crime in the United States:

"With your passion to make laws, with your hunger to remake humanity by statute, how extraordinary to discover that you fail to abide by law or enforce law."

"Commenting on this charge, Mr. Childs said:

"This often expressed indictment by other people gave my national pride a shudder, but the indictment stands. We can laugh at the derision or accusation which is unfounded upon fact. But when the outer world, to which some of our citizens desire to read moral lessons against war, violence and unlawful conduct, tells us that we cannot—or at least do not—enforce the law, protect ourselves from being the sport of criminals or banish savage violence from our street, our city or our nation, we may well flinch."

"The charge is true," said Ambassador Childs. "The great and growing shame of America is CRIME."

Speaking further on the subject, Governor Davidson said:

"Diabolical crimes go unfathomed and unpunished. In a stone's throw of the capital of Texas the entire Engler family was brutally and horribly murdered. The perpetrators of the crime have not been detected."

"A mother and father present in the audience at Alvarado and within the sound of my voice," he stated today "returned home that very night at Bono, Texas, to find their son Galtner McElroy, clubbed and beaten into insensibility and almost lifeless. Can a more dastardly, dirty thing occur, than to walk into the sacred precincts of one's own home and be assaulted at the door by the assassin and murderer? Some sinister influence is manifestly at work."

"It is high-time the Christian law-abiding citizens of Texas join in a demand for the enforcement of its laws and the punishment of those who violate its laws. Murder, bootlegging, hi-jacking, robbery and all kinds of crime are being witnessed in the larger cities of the state almost every day; sometimes numerous crimes daily occur. The rural sections are reporting desperate and disgraceful crimes."

"England, with a population of 45,000,000 people had thirty-three murders in the year 1924. Conviction is swift and sure in England. So much so indeed that sixteen murderers upon being caught almost instantly committed suicide. The remaining murderers swiftly paid the penalty of their crime."

"Texas, with one-ninth of England's population, at the present rate of daily murders, will exceed in 1925 England's murder total twenty times. It is altogether too easy in Texas for the criminal to avoid punishment and the consequences of his act. It has almost come to pass that more concern over the criminal's welfare is evidenced, than protection of the law-abiding citizens. Peaceful law-abiding citizens of this country are to be first considered and protected if government is to survive."

"First one way then another the criminal almost invariably escapes the rigors of the law. If convicted in the courts he soon finds another way to freedom. Such methods are an open invitation to those with criminal tendencies to violate the law and to the habitual criminal to continue his career of crime. Personal liberty and security of life is a valuable right. It cannot be had in a criminal ridden country. The good Christian law abiding citizens of Texas are by big odds in the majority. They can demand and get law enforcement. Failing to do so, the remedy is open. Strike the mantle of office from the hands of those entrusted with enforcement of the law and give it to those who will enforce the law and carry out its edicts."

"It goes without saying that tolerance and mercy should always be extended to the unfortunates of society who violate its rules, but with moderation. The verdicts of juries and the decrees of courts should never be lightly set aside. They are the instrumentality by which our laws are enforced and society protected. They should be disturbed only in exceptional cases and when it is obvious injustice has been done, but never to further or fester personal or political interests."

SHEW ME THY WAYS, O Lord: teach me Thy paths. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait on Thee.—Proverbs 25:4-21.

IS THE SMALL TOWN BETTER THAN THE CITY?

By Dr. W. P. Meroney, Professor of Sociology, Baylor University.

(Editor's Note: The Clarendon News is herewith presenting another of a series of articles on educational scientific and otherwise interesting topics written by a picked group of professors of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. The article below is by Dr. W. P. Meroney, professor of sociology of the University and graduate of the department of sociology of University of Chicago. Dr. Meroney also holds degrees from Baylor University A. B.; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Th. B., Th. M., and Th. D. He is a preacher, writer and lecturer of prominence.)

An old adage is that "God made the country; man made the city; but the devil made the little town."

There seem to be few defenders of the little town in this day of the wild scramble to get to the city. That the town or at least the village has always been the most universal form of human territorial grouping is well known to students of history. The city as we know it is a modern invention. So also is the open country as it existed in the earlier days of our national history.

In Europe people live in the villages and go to the country to work. In China they do the same. Among the primitive people village grouping has been well-nigh universal. It is well to raise the question now as to whether the village is to continue in human society or be obliterated entirely. No one may be able to give a satisfactory answer now; but it is worth thinking about.

A banker in a small town in Kentucky fought the building of a state highway on the ground that it would enable burglars to come in and rob his bank and get quickly away, and a merchant in the same town joined him in the opposition because it would bring him into competition with the merchants of the larger neighboring towns. The facts are that when the good road did come it

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The amount of milk spilt, soured, rejected and otherwise wasted annually, is 3,339,936,000 pounds. This at \$2.35 per hundred would approximate annually the stupendous amount of \$77,399,685.

However, a cheerful note rings through this tale of economic loss to a nation. The same report shows a 1924 increase of 104 pounds of milk per cow over 1923 production. Deducting this from the figure previously given, leaves a loss through waste of only \$13,507,325, a mere bagatelle, compared with our national debt of more than twenty billions of dollars.

The increased efficiency on the farm; and future years promise even greater increases. Dairymen have discovered the futility of feeding non-paying members of their milk herds. They have learned that losses lurk in insanitary milk production. They have discovered the advantages that lie in swatting the bacteria that hide in unclean stables, unclipped, unbrushed flanks and udders of milk cows and unsterilized utensils. As time goes on, the unavoidable waste of milk will be more than offset by intelligent feeding, complete sanitation and more efficient herd management.

reduced the population of the town, the deposits in the bank and the volume of the merchant's trade. Some think that America will be all cities. Others think that the cities have reached their zenith and that the tides are turning back to the small town. Still others are of the opinion that America will become a nation of "string-towns". That is, the population will be strung out along the national highways. Many large cooperations have left the cities with high property values and high taxes and have established "company towns". In some cases these are virtually "company cities" as Gary, Indiana; but in many other cases they are fine examples of town life. Village population seems to be augmented by many substantial farmers moving in for the benefit of the school and the values of the

community life who make daily trips to and from the farm in the Ford. It may be that the future of the South, particularly the Southwest and of Texas will see a large growth in village life through the concentration therein of the substantial farm element; and the rise of a peasant class of incompetent whites, negroes and Mexicans will remain in the open country. Some close students of society believe very strongly that we are headed in that direction.

The little town is not a paradise. It has its faults and many shortcomings. It cannot be established, however, that it is worse in morals than it was a generation or so ago. It can be established that great improvement has been made and that there are grounds for believing that the town will again come into its own. Who knows?

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The stockholders of The First National Bank of Clarendon, Texas, will meet in annual session on the second Tuesday in January 1926, the same being the 12th day of the said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

W. W. TAYLOR, Cashier.

THE LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: Thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.—Psalm 16:5-6.

NEWS MAKES BIG RUN ON CHRISTMAS CARDS SATURDAY

The News force took the opportunity presented last Saturday night to completely clean the decks of the machinery for the big edition of the paper to print all the orders for Christmas Cards that were in the house at the time. More than three thousand were printed at that one time and there remain some who have not been completed. The News has received the largest orders for cards since the opening of this greeting card fever and the cards have as a general rule been better than ever printed before.

For those who have not purchased

their cards, the News has a small supply left on hand. The selection may not be as good as it would have been earlier in the season, but the sentiment is there just the same and a good variety may be seen at the News. For those who have overlooked this matter, the News has held these cards and will be glad to show them to anyone who calls in the office.

I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.—2 Timothy 4:7.

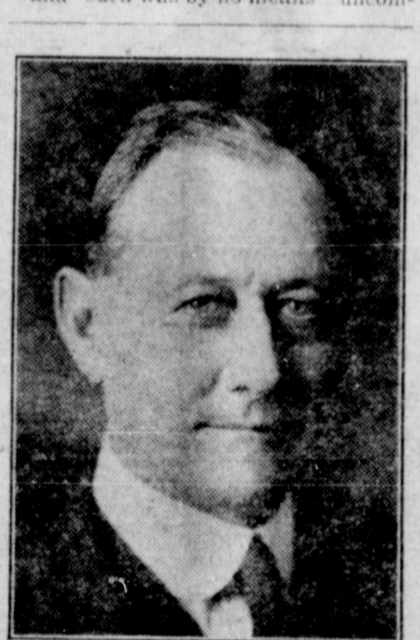
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**Modern Pastime Theater
Has Modest Beginning**

If the motion picture theatre can not be numbered among the pioneer business of Clarendon, it can at least be said that Clarendon's was one of the first shows in the State. Even as late as 1908, when Mr. Homer Mulkey opened his "Pastime" here, there were hardly more than eighty picture exhibitors in Texas.

When Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey decided to open a picture theatre here, the business was really a venturesome one in the cities, and their predecessors in the local business had not succeeded. Nevertheless, they bought the local theatre from A. H. Harness and prepared to make a "go" of it. It was only after having circulars printed and distributed that they noticed they had set Friday the thirtieth as the date for their first show. Even at that late hour they were tempted to postpone the opening to a more propitious date. In the end they took the risk and opened the doors of the "Pastime" on the supposedly unlucky day. They say, however, that it was with fear and trembling that they walked into the building late in the evening to make ready for the first run. Neither Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey had had previous experience in such an undertaking. Mr. Mulkey had learned a little from Mr. Harness about operating the machine, but according to what he says, it was a precious little. The business had no piano in those days, and its dependence for music was a Columbia "graphophone". The graphophone furnished the music for the illustrated songs that were a popular feature of every show then, and before the shows it was placed in front of the building to attract crowds. There it poured melody through a long tin horn that resembled a gorgeous peacock blue morning glory.

All went well the first week. That is, there were no fires or riots, and nothing worse befell the new managers than getting the film into the machine up side down. While Mr. Mulkey ran the machine, Mrs. Mulkey sold tickets, and when Mr. Mulkey occasionally rebuked the exasperating machine too vociferously, she calmed him by beating on the operator's booth with a broomstick. In case of a disturbance in the house—and such was by no means uncommon in those days—Mr. Mulkey stopped the machine, climbed down from his booth, and escorted the disturber to the outer door. The disturber was usually more or less intoxicated. The show could then proceed until another disturbance.



HOMER MULKEY

The clear profits from the first week were twenty-four dollars, and the owners felt exceedingly lucky. This business was not yet on a firm footing and was not to be an assured success for some time. The public had not yet been "sold" to the idea of the pictured play; and although admission was only ten cents, the crowds were small. The Mulkeys had one staunch friend, "Dad Cottrell," who was quite determined that the picture business should not fail in Clarendon for want of patrons. He saw every picture, himself, and when the line at the ticket window looked too short, he would go down the street and gather together a crowd and bring them to the show.

If it was necessary, he would pay all admissions, too. Among the other "dependables", as Mr. Mulkey calls them, were Mrs. Arthur Letts and her children, the Carroll family, the Patrick family, Mr. J. H. McKillop, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McClelland, and a few others.

Local shows occasionally appeared on the stage at the "Pastime", and once in so often, home talent appeared between reels. Mr. Mulkey tells an amusing story of one such appearance. He had persuaded Will Cooke Jr., Jim Wall, George Shepard, and Earl "Sug" Ryan, a quartette that frequently performed at social affairs, to sing at the show. They agreed with pleasure. When the curtain was raised and the spot light and the public gaze were turned upon the erstwhile eager song-

sters, they stood spell-bound with stage fright, absolutely dumb. Struggle as they might, they could do nothing more than stammer a few words of the song and weave to and fro on their shaking knees. At last Mr. Mulkey was forced to call down the curtain.

All sorts of bids were made for the public favor and attention to the movie; but Mr. Mulkey says that real interest in the picture show began with the showing of "The Million Dollar Mystery", that thriller of thrillers among serials. Of course no one could miss a chapter of the story, and so when it ended the habit of going to the movies was well established among Clarendon people. From that time on, crowds were satisfactory, says Mr. Mulkey. It was about that time, too, that the names of the stars themselves began to attract full houses. Previously, teams of the more famous actors and actresses has served the purpose, but only a few individuals could boast such advantages. The Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne team, John Bunny, Florence Lawrence, Clara Finch, King Baggot, Mae Busch, and of course Mary Pickford were the best drawing cards of the early day.

With great patience Mr. Mulkey studied his machinery and his public and learned the whims of both. How well he has learned them is shown by the fact that for several years he has been one of the five directors Motion Picture Owners of Texas' Association. He has the distinction of being one of the five men in the State who have exhibited for as many as seventeen years without a break. So well pleased is Mr. Mulkey with the success of his first theatre, that he decided to



The New Pastime Theater

open his second theatre on his lucky day, and so "The Queen" was opened Friday, the thirteenth of November.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey attribute much of their success to the fact that they have had the services of an expert operator and assistant business manager. Mr. Lee Casey has been in the employ of the "Pastime" since he was a small boy, starting out with the odd jobs of the place. He later learned to operate the machines, and with careful study, he became expert in handling them. He is also an expert electrician. In Mulkey's absence he is manager of the Theatre and at all times is assistant manager. Mr. Mulkey desires that he would rather have Mr. Casey as operator than any one else in the State.

One must not fail to mention the great services of Mr. Jerome Price who for many years has been the mainstay of the business. He has been over-seeer of everything, and might be called custodian in residence, for he makes his home in the east end of the building. With the opening of the new house, "The Queen", his duties and responsibilities were doubled, not to mention the matter of his importance.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR ON THE 18TH AMENDMENT AND THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE AMERICAN CITIZENS

To the Editor:

"You seem to take a good deal of delight in telling other people how to live and perhaps that is your business, but it seems to me that you exceed your duty when you arrogate the right to inform all of those who may happen to enjoy an occasional drink of 'Scotch' on occasions."

I have been presented with a fine bottle of Scotch whiskey for Xmas, and it is before me as I sit at my typewriter and indite this letter to you. It bears the label Sandy McDonald—a good, fair, well-bodied liquor which I am assured was bought before the War, and has been in my friend's cellar ever since. What right has any form of law to make me a criminal if I partake of this gift as it was intended that I do by the giver?

I claim that any such law is an invasion of my personal liberty. I

take another drink of the aforesaid most jubilant Sandy McDonald, and I will say to you that it is about as smooth a drink as a man ever put into his system. The second drink, which I shall more certain take those who feel their systems require stimulants, and start a campaign to floor this Volstead business if it can be done.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am no bum, and drink can't make me a bum. I like a little drink now and then and I have taken a third, or maybe it is a fourth, and I am more than ever convinced that an' may that doesn't is a big idiot. You say that this evabin of the law is producing a stage of affairs in our Great and Glorious Country. You are wrong. This country and will leave it to you fit wasn't, when we had free rum. I wantt say to you that this scotch is all right. A lot of it wouldn't do us harm. When we need stimulu we need it. My grandfater was brought up on rum. They had it in the house all the time. They dran' it freely and even the misstew drang it when he come to our house. It's a pretty windf a cintry when a frandson is better than his gundfater. I can

drink this sort of Scuteg all day and not be no worse a citozen than I was before. I could drink whis whole wuart and neger en itelash. I wa nto say to tou that e ere are 34"—to the lasr cendus free american citizene in he Ud, D. S. There are no bums, I say to you that yoe make me sick. Well, sir, me Editor, whob I started outto write this lerret, i had no 38343 2 notion to taje mick of jpur tie. seth May is allright in his plaxe, boes a smat alex. But hees paying toi much attensuo to cirnstabdshall evidence. There (s no proof of the giuilt of the arstook shlegg9h. I know shergf G Rant. I wantt to emphasixw the fact that HEX ALRIGHTRR.2. Thesw tyuparetet keys are buxBue whay I wncat of ujy is to remund yio oner again adb agnain thupt you arw dead, wrong ib consenfenging vert boby why drins as a banbum. We ain't crulals. We are as goof meh as you. WE mau take a DriNr oR no tas FREE& abo& y. but wE ain't no bUMs. ? IL wily sat incloving thqt I wisg yiu a 2merRt Chrigymax" and & hapoy New Yrare." Rexoectifliu Yioytdz.

BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED 1890

The First Baptist Church of Clarendon was organized March 10th, 1890.

Elder J. W. Brice, now living in South Texas was elected its first pastor and W. A. Cooper was the first church clerk.

The pastor, church clerk, R. H. Hall, Elder J. W. Singletary, Mrs. C. J. Hall, Laura Hall, Mrs. Singletary, Kate Cooper and Mary Spracksky comprised the membership.

April 25th, 1890, Mrs. Rosa Ramsey, Mrs. M. J. Phillips, Mrs. S. D. Gentry and J. D. Anderson united by letter.

W. A. Cooper was the first Deacon to be ordained by the church. Kittie Prout, Lucy Carder and Anna Merrick (Mrs. Chas. Heisler) were the first members to be received by baptism.

Feb. 14, 1892 a movement was started to build a church. The large donations mentioned were J. W. Brice, \$50.00, Mrs. Rosa Ramsey, \$50.00 and Mrs. Mattie Sawyer, \$50.00, other smaller donations totaling \$800.00. The first services were held in the new church June 29th, 1892. The church records indicate the church clear of debt.

W. M. Stevens (recently deceased) and N. G. Calvert were the next two deacons to be ordained. In point of service J. H. Rutherford is the oldest Deacon. Miss Lizzie Stevens holds the distinction of being the oldest member in point of continuous membership with the W. P. Blake a close second.

On May 14, 1893 the church bought an organ, this innovation caused a slight stir among the membership but was amiably settled after two of the good sisters "tested" it out and found that it looked alright and that they thought it sounded fine. (The church at present has 6 pianos).

The first revival meeting was held beginning March 12, 1894 by J. W. Brice, assisted by Bro. Elder of Quannah, during this revival the records indicate that the pastor's salary was raised to \$200.00 per year for half time service. The young peoples' unions were organized in 1895.

The first organized choir of the church was in 1896 and the church went on record as to any choir member who played for a dance hall, saloon or gambling hall.

A parsonage was bought in 1897, and additions and improvements made to church building in 1901. Twenty-three members withdrew from the Clarendon church in June 1897 to organize at church at Mifflin post office, was present Boydston school house. The minutes of the Mifflin Church indicate that it was an arm of the Clarendon church.

The Church commenced full time services in 1900. Parsonage was sold and the present parsonage bought during this same year. As far as the records show the church has been served by fourteen pastors.

Present church was built in 1913. The Sunday School annex was built in 1921.

Present worth of church property estimated at \$43,000.00, no indebtedness. 526 members. The church has 50 Sunday School rooms and auditorium. 28 officers and teachers. 358 enrolled Sunday School students with an average attendance of 280. Last year's expenditures were \$5,968.27, the year ending Sept. 1925.

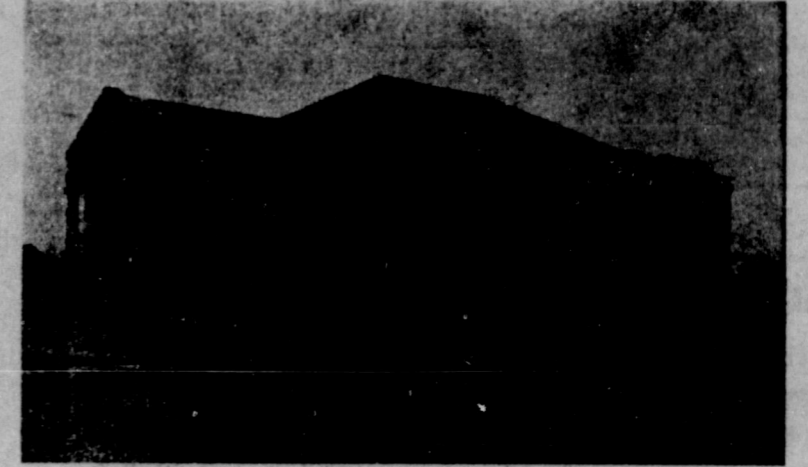
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- Butler, Miss Oren
- Black, Mrs. Henry
- Campbell, Charles
- Cotter, J. H.
- Campbell, Mrs. G. C.
- Callahan, Wash
- Davis, F. L.
- Drury, Lottie
- Eda, Mrs. Vess
- Griffin, Mrs. Hugh
- Gonzales, A. C.
- Gutierrez, Andres M.
- Holman, Thelma
- Harris, Mrs. Bessie
- Harvey, Mrs. Ines
- Hall, Carl
- Ingram, I. W.
- Johnson, H. F.
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- Morrisse, W. M.
- McDonald, Edgar
- McAlpine, B. H.
- Ornelas, Adolfo
- Owens, Mrs. H. N.
- Romero, Ramon
- Rich, T. J.
- Stephens, D. B.
- Sue, Miss Carrie
- Stockton, Jack
- Smith, Robert
- Shelton, Thomas (2)
- Sandoval, L. B.
- Sheton, Miss Willie
- Stellviell, Lura
- Stapp, W. L.
- Thomas, Jessie Lee
- Trujillo, Anislan
- Walker, Miss Sawillie
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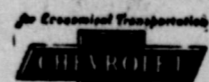
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