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GROWING COTTON IN PANHANDLE

By H. M. Means

Cotton is what may be termed a warm natured plant and is one of the most drought resistant crops which can be grown. The seed should not be planted until the soil is well warmed. The depth at which seed should be covered for the best results depends largely on the condition of the soil, as to available moisture, at the time of planting.

In the Plains region of Texas, usually high winds prevail at planting time; hence, if seed be placed too shallow a depth they will become too dry for germination in a few hours' time, and the soil will be too dry to sustain the young plant until it can establish a root system that will be sufficient to get sustenance to keep the plant alive. In any event, it is best to use a very narrow, longed plow to make a furrow or groove, in which to plant the seed, as a narrow furrow will retain moisture much longer and will in most instances more nearly insure a stand of cotton. Wider furrows will rapidly dry out and will likely cause a poor stand or lose it altogether.

Two inches is about the greatest depth that can be considered safe for covering cotton seed. If there is plenty of soil moisture and the weather is calm, a half-inch covering will probably be sufficient.

The best preparation is done by early listing and relaying with a middle burster that has an attachment which will mulch the freshly opened furrow with loose soil to prevent the bottom of the furrow from sun-baking and will prevent water just after a rainfall from running off toward depressions. This mulching can be done by a harrow after each day's work before leaving the field. Mulching is very important, because the loose soil prevents soil moisture from rapid evaporation and, in case of rainfall, delays the running off of the rain water so it can soak into the soil, sponge-like, and the better distribute the water supply. When land is turned with a moldboard plow, capillary is broken in the soil and air chambers are left underneath. A level plow, which permits any excess of water that passes down into and through the soil to run off and settle in low depressions, prevents a uniform distribution of the moisture.

A LISTER PLANTER is the only practical planter for putting in cotton seed. It places the seed where, after germination, the young plant down in the furrow receives showers frequently, that are of short duration and of light precipitation. This will be highly beneficial to the young plant, especially when there is sufficient water to run in the lister furrow, even if only slightly. Showers of this kind have been known to produce good crops in the Panhandle country, even when there was very little underground moisture; this may be termed "Sky farming."

By having the plants down in a deep furrow, a deep mulch can be maintained. A four-inch soil mulch will prevent evaporation better than a less depth in regions where atmospheric conditions favor rapid evaporation.

A go-devil, knife-weeder, cultivator and harrow are the best implements with which to cultivate cotton crops.

Since Panhandle lands are cheap and fertile, most farmers have large holdings, and it is common occurrence that they plant a larger acreage than can be cultivated properly for best results.

A system of summer fallowing half of the crop would likely increase acreage yields to about double the succeeding year, on account of conserved moisture and the available plant food that would be built or stored in the soil.

Cotton plants left rather thick in the drill will set and mature fruit much earlier than when spaced 14 to 16 inches apart, and will yield approximately the same as the wide spaced crop.

Planters can be adjusted to drop the seed so that very little if any chopping or thinning will be necessary.

The best kinds of cotton seed to plant are those that have been grown from purebred strains that were produced in the community.

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Marooned!!



CITY COUNCIL PASSES NEW ORDINANCES AT REGULAR MARCH SESSION

The City Council met in regular monthly session last Friday. After routine matters were disposed of, an amendment to the present chicken ordinance was passed, making the time in which chickens must be penned up, all the year round, instead of part of the year. This ordinance is to become effective April 1, 1924. No chickens will be allowed to run at large within the city limits after that date.

An ordinance was passed regulating license fees for peddlers, tent shows, circuses, auctions, etc.

Attorney W. Sherman White was employed as Corporation Counsel to represent the city in all criminal cases in the Mayor's court.

A special election was ordered to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman John B. Vanoy. The election was set for April 1st, to be held the same day as the general city election, and the Mayor was instructed to notify prospective candidates of the last date in which names can be filed in order to appear on the official ballot.

The council adjourned to meet the second Friday in April, unless a meeting is called by the Mayor at an earlier date.

DEWEY YOUNG ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION

In our announcement column this week will be found the name of Dewey Young for re-election to the office of Representative for the 122nd District, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Mr. Young asks for re-election to the office strictly on his record. He was one of the five who answered the roll call every morning. He was on some important committees at the last term of the Legislature, such as: Taxation Revenue, Educational, Constitutional Amendment, and Liquor Traffic. He tried at all times to vote on taxation questions so as to equalize them as much as possible between property owners and privileges, keeping taxes down on land and make the men who make the money pay their share of the burden. He always voted right on every question that came up. If re-elected, he will give the same careful and honest attention to the office that has characterized his present tenure. Mr. Young expects to make an active campaign to let the people know why he thinks he is entitled to a second term.

AMARILLO'S NEW HOSPITAL OPENED WEDNESDAY

Amarillo, March 19.—The new Northwest Texas Hospital erected by Potter county at cost of approximately \$250,000, was opened for inspection by the public, at 3 p. m. today. Formal dedication exercises will be held Thursday night and first patients received Saturday.

WAR DEPARTMENT SENDS DEAD SOLDIER'S RING TO HIS PARENTS

One day last week Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Floyd received from the War Department at Washington a class ring that belonged to their son, Andrew, who was killed in action in France in 1918. No explanation was given for the long delay in sending the ring.

SUBSCRIBERS COMPLAIN NEIGHBORS BORROW PAPER

We receive occasional complaints from subscribers that neighbors borrow their copy of The News. One family had the nerve to ask one of our subscribers to save each week's issue for them as they did not want to miss a copy. Another man has access to another's postoffice box and can be seen most every Thursday waiting for The News to be put up so that he can read it first. And sometimes you can see someone waiting for a merchant to lay his copy of The News on the counter so that it can be read. Now the editors of The News do not object to practices of this kind, for it is a compliment to us to know that everyone wants to read The News, but to bother a neighbor in order to give less than three cents per week is rather small. To be known as a subscriber to the home paper is a mark of distinction, but does not necessarily mean that you endorse everything that is printed in it, or that you particularly like the editor, yet at the same time if you want to intelligently keep abreast of the community affairs, you cannot afford to do without the paper, even if you have to borrow it; but when it is remembered that the subscription price of The News is less than you could buy the same amount of white paper for at the store, there is very little excuse to borrow it. There is not a family in the community that cannot afford to take the home paper, in fact our subscribers claim that no one can afford to do without it, and practices like the above would seem to prove it. Better send \$1.50 for a year's subscription and join your progressive neighbors in helping advance the community's interests.

DOCTOR WOLCOTT HERE

Dr. Claude Wolcott was in McLean Monday of this week making plans for a regular date to practice at this place. The Doctor is not sure just yet when he can come, but thinks he will know something definite soon. He is a specialist in his line and expects to keep the public informed through the advertising columns of The News about his work. Notice his card on another page of this issue.

Brice Ladd's application for admittance to the Citizens' Military Training Camp for this year has been approved by the Commanding General.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INTERRUPTS REVIVAL TO RESUME SUNDAY

On account of the prevailing inclement weather this week the revival at the First Baptist church was dismissed Wednesday night until Sunday morning.

Notices have been mailed to every member of the church, and it is planned to have every member present at the Sunday morning service, unless providentially hindered, in which case the pastor and give reason for non-attendance.

If the weather permits it is now the intention to continue the revival all next week.

L. D. RIDER ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

We are authorized to place the name of L. D. Rider of Pampa in our political announcement column, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

Mr. Rider has been a resident of Gray county for the past 30 years and is well and favorably known to many of our residents, and in the event that he is elected to the office to which he aspires, he promises to endeavor to make a good officer and enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner.

Mr. Rider is well qualified for the office he seeks and asks that you give his candidacy due consideration at the polls in July.

OKLAHOMA EXPERIMENT STATION BUYS McLEAN RAISED SWEET POTATOES

T. J. Coffey has received an order from the Oklahoma State Experiment Station at Stillwater for a supply of seed sweet potatoes. The Station, in asking that they be furnished with seed, state that the Texas Station recommended McLean potatoes as being of exceptionally good quality and singularly free from potato diseases.

NAZARENE PASTOR RESIGNS

Rev. W. E. Lawson has resigned as pastor of the Nazarene church on account of his health and has moved back to Hedley. This leaves the McLean church pastorless for the present.

A TURKEY DINNER

On Friday of last week Mrs. Wiresler Foster entertained a few relatives and friends with a turkey dinner. Among those present were: Mesdames J. M. Noel, T. A. Landers, S. W. Rice, W. W. Wilson, C. E. Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster and Miss Ruby Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Montgomery and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Plymouth visited Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cooke Monday. Miss Margaret remained for a longer visit.

Rock Island Cotton Educational Program Attracts Large Crowd

SNELL'S CASH STORE CHANGES OWNERSHIP

A deal was consummated this week whereby J. B. Puckett of Sayre, Okla., became the owner of H. D. Snell's interest in Snell's Cash Stores at McLean and Shamrock. Mr. Puckett owns a store at Sayre and intends to put in stores later at Erick, Elk City and Wheeler.

C. A. Strandberg's interest in the McLean store is intact and Mr. Strandberg will continue as manager of the store. Mr. Strandberg states that there will be no change in the policy of the store, only a change in name.

Mr. Snell also sold his interest in his Wellington store to his father and it is his intention to enter the wholesale grocery business somewhere in the Panhandle within the near future.

OKLAHOMA COTTON BUYERS WARN AGAINST PLANTING OBJECTIONABLE SEED

Oklahoma City, March 17, 1924. President Chamber of Commerce, McLean, Texas.

Dear Sir: It has come to our attention that there is an inclination in the Gray county district to plant seed of cotton known as "half-and-half."

We do not know whether this is likely to be done or not, but feeling strongly it would be a great mistake, we are writing to enlist your influence and support to combat it.

In districts where this has been done before, as in the Vernon, Texas district, it doesn't take long to realize the mistake, but it does take a long time to overcome the effect of it.

The past two successive seasons the staple of Oklahoma cotton generally was below the average, and we are losing the premiums that Oklahoma cotton used to command. An effort to improve this condition by encouraging the use of selected seed of better varieties, such as Ascia, etc., is backed by the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture, as well as by all those who have in mind the best interests of the cotton trade of the State. Very short staple, such as "half-and-half," if grown in your district is sure to give the district a bad name, and mean that it will be discriminated against in price by all reputable buyers, and probably the withdrawal of many of them from the district.

We urge you in your own interest and that of your neighbors, to do all in your power to prevent the planting of "half-and-half" and other objectionable seed and to encourage the planting of the better varieties. Have the farmers consult with the County Agents for approved seed and where to find it.

Yours very truly,
By W. A. Easley, President.

BAPTISTS IMPROVE CHURCH PROPERTY THIS WEEK

On Tuesday of this week the members of the First Baptist church met and leveled the church and Pastorum grounds. The ladies of the church served a sumptuous lunch at noon in the B. Y. P. U. rooms in the basement of the pastorium.

SNOW AGAIN THIS WEEK

One of the prettiest snows that has yet fallen came Tuesday night. A warm night with no wind, followed by pleasant weather since means that the thirsty earth took full advantage of the added moisture. This precipitation added to the good rain of Sunday, puts one of the best bottom seasons in the ground we have ever had.

M. D. Bentley returned Tuesday from Austin, where he went as a representative of the Postal Highway before the State Highway Commission. Mr. Bentley thinks that the Commission will take up the matter of designating the Postal Highway along the old route at this session.

BAD WEATHER NO HINDRANCE TO ATTENDANCE

Moving Pictures Show Phases of Power Farming

BASKET DINNER AT NOON

Diversified Farming Stressed
By Various Speakers
Present

Despite a heavy fog and mist that lasted all day, with freezing temperatures, the Rock Island Cotton Educational Campaign was put on in great style at McLean Saturday.

McLean was the last stop for the Cotton Special, and some of the speakers advertised were not present, but there was something doing every minute of the day from 10:30 a. m. until 10 p. m., and it would have been difficult to have crowded any more speeches into this time without encroaching on other features of the program.

A great many more people were in town than could get into the theatre at any time, and during the afternoon and evening exercises standing room was at a premium, but the big crowd was in a good humor all day and everyone seemed to be enjoying the day in spite of the weather and lack of room.

An interesting feature of the day—and one that received universal attention—was the big basket dinner at noon furnished by the good women of the community. The spread was made in the roomy Cousins garage building, where two tables the full length of the building had been provided, and to say that the tables were loaded with good things to eat, hardly conveys the right impression. Only one who was there and saw the tables when first prepared could properly understand the picture that was made by the many delicious dishes surrounded by the large crowd of neighbors and friends. The Rock Island party stated that there had been big dinners at most every stop, but none eclipsed this one. Full justice was done by the diners and several lunches were made up for friends who could not be present on account of illness, or other causes.

The moving pictures showing the various phases of power farming, as well as pictures of scientific subjects, etc., were enjoyed to the fullest extent. Anyone who might have had any doubts as to the educational value of moving pictures should have been convinced by these showings.

The damp weather made the radio concert very unsatisfactory, but as this is the only kind of public radio program yet put on here, no one was badly disappointed. The usual whistling and scratching noises came from the machine, with an occasional bit of music. However, we are sure that with less static, "Spark-plug" Clarkson could have delivered the goods with his big machine in great shape.

While the main issue of the speeches was along the lines of cotton growing, every man talked diversified farming, with cotton as a cash crop. The first speaker was O. B. Burnett, who is sometimes called the father of cotton in the Panhandle, having planted the first crop of the fleecy staple in 1893 near Memphis in Hall county. He raised two bales of cotton that year, which brought 4½¢ per pound. Mr. Burnett bought a milch cow and paid his taxes with this money. The speaker stated that they had found many men who had never seen a crop of cotton growing, who are now interested in trying it out on their farms. There is no reason why cotton should not be a success in the Panhandle; we get about the right amount of rainfall, distributed at the right time, and as long as people do not go wild, but raise cotton strictly as a money crop and market slowly, it will be profitable. Mr. Burnett advised paying no at-

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Held in Trust

By
GEORGE KIBBE TURNER
Illustrations by Irwin Myers

She now felt an added sense of responsibility and guilt of which she could not rid herself, and because of which the idea came to her, it appears, that it was her duty to atone personally for her acts in every possible way. And when she was finally, at the end of a considerable number of interviews, allowed the possibility of freer talk with the patient, she broke into a distinct and bitter vein of self accusation.

The young man watching her from his invalid's chair interrupted finally with a gleam of characteristic amusement in his eye. He was of a humorous and quizzical temperament, evidently.

"All this is pretty hard on me!" he interjected with a smile.

"What?" she asked, surprised a little.

"One part especially—the part where I come in. You take it rather lightly."

"I, she stammered, "take it lightly?" For that certainly was not true. "What do you mean?"

"About my life being saved, by some one we might mention in this room—at the risk of her own."

"Yes," she said, her face flushing, "after planning to rob you! After bringing you in where you were almost killed!"

"Don't talk to me like that!" he said laughingly. "It's bound to make my temperature rise! For of course he was not yet very strong."

"You've got to let me go now," she said, aroused, seeing he would never take her seriously. "I'm going to leave here—stop this farce of pretending to be what I am not—go away. And if I've done this wrong," she said, for that was almost her obsession now, "I want to come out and take my punishment."

"And do what, then?" he asked her smiling. "Go where?"

"I don't know yet."

"Then how can you go?"

"I shall, I must," she insisted.

"Oh, what's the hurry?" he asked her. He refused entirely, it seemed, to take her seriously.

"There you go again," he said, "raising my temperature—opposing me. You wait. I can't have you doing this—yet."

It was a surprise to her, in a way all very different from what she had expected. She saw very clearly now what must be done by her. She must confess publicly, show who she was, take whatever punishment there was for her act; and this Trust and turn the great fortune over to its rightful owner. All that was necessary was for him to consent—to help her show the situation, who she really was. And this she had supposed he would do most readily. She was therefore most surprised at his attitude. He might not care, it seemed to her, to keep the Gorgam Trust alive, but he certainly had no haste about ending it.

"What do you take me for?" he asked her with an approach to seriousness when she kept urging him. "Do you think I'll let you do what you are talking about? Drag this thing through courts—and incidentally yourself? Get smeared with publicity like a common criminal?"

"Why shouldn't I be? I am one."

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It was some little time—after he was able finally to be driven out to take care of business matters to some extent—before he brought out, one night when they were together in the smallest and most homelike of the great downstairs rooms, the compromise which he had been working out.

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"Yes," she said, waiting.

"So I had myself appointed. You don't object?" he asked her when she did not answer but sat looking at him.

"Object, no!" she said. "Why should I? It's all yours, anyway—not mine. Yet I don't understand it," she added somewhat suspiciously.

It seemed to her that it might be another scheme of evasion or delay on his part—to keep her from doing what she intended to do.

"I thought," he said, "that perhaps you might thank me for it! But you will—will you understand it later. That's the first point. Now the second point in my scheme: I've arranged it now, what you wanted, so that you are no longer Adelaide Rutherford—that is, you will not have the unpleasant features of her! I've fixed it so you will be no longer under that cloud of being legally insane."

"That does not change the real situation about Adelaide Rutherford," she objected. "—the one thing that would be almost impossible to bear."

"What?"

"Her reputation of having been in sane."

"Her reputation," he said, "—with whom?"

She of course did not know directly.

"I guess you don't," he said. "You innocent! Do you imagine that the Gorgam family ever let that be known? Is it customary to advertise family skeletons? Not half a dozen people in the world know it; and they, you may be sure, always have been and will be strangely silent."

"Even if they are," said Mary Manchester, still obstinate, "that will make no difference in my plans. I'm not Adelaide Rutherford. I'm Mary Manchester and I won't be Adelaide Rutherford much longer," she said, flushing, growing a little angry.

"That's it," he said, smiling, "that's just it. The third point of our compromise!"

"Our compromise?" she echoed after him.

"Don't you know?" he asked, and caught her hand—but not yet her eyes.

"No," she said vehemently. "No—no! I won't have it so. I'm Mary Manchester. I've never been Adelaide Rutherford, and I won't—I won't—I won't! I'm going back to be declared what I am legally."

"Another thing," she said, still finding objections, "is that money. It doesn't belong to me. It belongs to you. Why keep up this farce?" she asked, "—this awful farce of a Trust for me, when you know just who I am?"

"I thought," he said with a somewhat less certain smile, "that was one of the fine points of my scheme. If I controlled that, the Trust, I would control all the money and incidentally you!"

But she was obstinate, he found—surprisingly so for so frail a creature. "I've done wrong," she insisted. "I know it. And I'll take my punishment. I'm going to be Mary Manchester again some way. And then I'm going as far away as I can—away from here and this and you." And she tried now desperately to wrench herself free.

"So you don't like my compromise?" he said, releasing her at last with a rather wry smile. He was clearly both surprised and disappointed.

"No," she answered, "it is neither right nor honest—nor anything."

"Listen!" he said, catching her hand and holding her. He looked down into her flushed face. "Listen," he said sternly, "you young criminal! I want to talk to you—and I shall. Let us go back," he proposed, "and take the old method Jasper Haig always used to use. Let's work out the theory of a possible case."

"Suppose," he said, when she found herself unable to get away, but still did not answer, "a case where a young woman—who is incidentally, I may say, very good to look at—saves a man's life at the very great risk of her own. She tried to speak then, but he would not permit her."

"And suppose she had a crazy idea that she had done wrong, and must go through and take her punishment—and straighten everything out publically, in spite of all reason and common sense. Calling herself a criminal!"

She tried again in vain to get away from him.

"And then suppose the man, whose life she had saved, and who was also for other good and sufficient reasons absolutely determined to marry her, offered her a most reasonable compromise—by which, as his wife, he would have control both of her and of her money—and that she deliberately refuses—because she feels he would have too great control over her," he added, smiling just the mere fraction of a teasing smile.

"It's nothing of the kind," she answered him, speaking for the first time, "and you know it."

"And supposing," he went on, disregarding her remark, "that under the law he had absolute control over her legally already. What would he do," he asked, "especially when he saw that she was worrying herself sick over matters? What could he do," he asked when she did not answer, "except try again—offer one more compromise—which will be an ultimatum?"

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"Go on, please," she said.

"In the first place," he told her, "I have done this: It was necessary, you see," he said, explaining, "that some one be appointed to the position of Jasper Haig as active manager of the

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that you summon by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Gray, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, one in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, Earl Kelly, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Honorable District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be held in the County of Gray on the 31st day of March, 1924, at the Court House thereof in Lefors, Texas, and there to answer a petition filed in said Court, on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1924, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1170, wherein Dovie Kelly is plaintiff and Earl Kelly is defendant. The nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff alleges that she and defendant were married at Pampa, Texas, on the 1st day of January, 1920, and that they lived together as husband and wife until about February 1st, 1922, at which time defendant abandoned her. Plaintiff alleges that during the time they lived together as husband and wife, defendant was guilty of drunkenness, cruelty and excesses of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable. Plaintiff sues for divorce and asks that the marriage contract now existing between she and defendant be dissolved.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your endorsement hereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Lefors, Texas, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1924.

R. B. THOMPSON,
(Seal) Clerk District Court,
CCC-9-4c Gray County, Texas.

ELECTION NOTICE

The election for city aldermen of the City of McLean, Texas, will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 1924. All candidates for the office of alderman must file application for their names to be printed on the official ballot. This application must be filed with the Mayor, T. A. Landers, on or before Saturday, March 29th, the same being the last day for filing such application. Prospective candidates will please bear this in mind and file application if they want their names on the official ballot.

By Order of the City Council, 12-2c

M. R. Smulcer of Sweetwater, Okla., was in town Monday and ordered The News sent to his address. Mr. Smulcer says he will move back to McLean in the fall.

J. E. Kirby left Friday for Searcy, Ark., to attend the funeral of his father, M. M. Kirby.

Mrs. E. T. McCleskey left Saturday for Fort Worth to attend the Rebecca assembly.

Miss Myrtle Strong spent the week end with home folks at Dozier.

Attorney A. A. Ledbetter left one day last week for Vina, Ala. in response to a message that his sister was ill.

W. C. Stanton was in from the farm last Friday.

John Bible of Liberty was in town Saturday.

M. V. Pettit was trading in the city Thursday of last week.

Terry Hodgins of Erick, Okla., was a McLean visitor last Thursday.

Mrs. C. E. A. Pollard has renewed her subscription to The News.

R. O. Dunkle made a business trip to Alameda Friday.

W. D. Howard was in from the farm last Thursday.

CITY ELECTION NOTICE

WHEREAS, By order of the City Council of the City of McLean, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the S. O. Cook building in the City of McLean, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, the same being the first day of the month, for the purpose of electing one (1) alderman to fill the unexpired term of John B. Vannoy, resigned.

W. C. Phillips is appointed judge of the election and he shall select two (2) clerks to assist him in holding said election, and said election shall be held in accordance with the laws made and provided for holding such election.

The presiding judge aforesaid shall open the polls of said election at 8 o'clock a. m. of the first day of April, 1924, and shall close the same at 7 o'clock p. m. of the same day.

Witness my hand and attest by the city secretary of the city of McLean, Texas, with the seal of said City affixed hereto this 17th day of March, 1924.

T. A. LANDERS, Mayor,
Attest: T. J. COFFEY,
(SEAL) Acting Secretary.

Mrs. Connie Crump of Amarillo came in last Thursday to spend several days in the J. L. Collier home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGee and son, LeRoy, of Amarillo spent Friday with the former's parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. E. McGee.

Mrs. John B. Vannoy of Ramoth spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. B. D. Fondren and Mrs. Eneite, of Gracey were in town Saturday.

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McLEAN, TEXAS



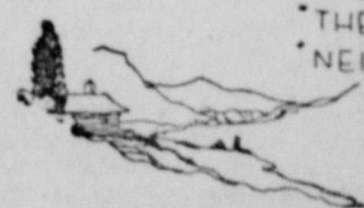
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by Robert Stead

AUTHOR OF

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"THE HOMESTEADERS"
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Meat should constitute the main part of the meal. You know you are getting the best grades, handled in a sanitary manner, here.

Fresh creamery butter at all times.

THE CITY MARKET

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Phone 165

News From Alanreed

Special Correspondent.

The Demonstration Club met Tuesday with an all-day meeting at Mrs. Lawrence Prock, where they canned a beef. There were eight members and two visitors present. Beef sandwiches were served.

Miss Jennie Sherred left Wednesday for Wichita Falls to visit her mother, Mrs. Carl Greenwood. Mrs. John Templeton and children of Shamrock are visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Copped.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hommel went to Clarendon Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jones are visiting Mrs. Jones' brother and sister, R. M. Wilson and Mrs. J. H. Eldston, at Clarendon.

The Cotton Educational Campaign has a real interesting program at Friday at the high school auditorium, with lectures, films and literature. Sandwiches, pies and coffee are served by the women of the town and community. A very large crowd attended and all seemed to enjoy the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jordan of McLean visited with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Simmons Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wood and Mrs. L. K. Rector were shopping in Clarendon Tuesday.

Robert Harris and S. T. Greenwood went to Clarendon Tuesday on business.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Jno. G. Pollard, Minister. A large and appreciative crowd attended the presentation of "The Mission Play" on last Sunday evening, in spite of inclement weather. Next Sunday we will present "The Sign of the Cross." This set of pictures has had a great reception everywhere, and you cannot afford to miss it. You will get something from this hymn you never received before. Program starts at 8:30 p. m. Morning service 11 a. m., sermon subject, "The Call to Arms." Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Come and worship with us.

D. E. Simmons of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

J. P. Ewing of Heald was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

J. G. Davidson of Ramsdell was a visitor in our city Wednesday.

Elmo Phillips of Heald was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

James Jackson of Cripple Creek, Colo., came in Monday to visit some folks.

Homer Crabtree of Dalhart was a McLean visitor Thursday.

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Tomorrow (Friday) night, finals in declamation contests. Admission free, which will be used to help defray necessary expenses. Advertisement, 1c.

J. W. Kibler left Monday for Fort Worth to attend the telephone convention.

Rev. J. G. Pollard returned Wednesday from Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clement and children visited relatives in Shamrock Sunday and Monday.

O. K. Murphree went to Amarillo Saturday to visit relatives.

J. D. Mace of Hedley visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McGee Tuesday.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement, 1c.

If you need a new lister I would be glad to show you the E-B line. A. T. Wilson. Advertisement, 10-4.



REV. W. C. GARRETT

Pastor of the First Baptist Church.

"FLEEING FROM GOD"

was the subject of the sermon preached in the revival at the Baptist church last Sunday morning. The text was: "But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish, from the presence of the Lord."—Jonah 1:3. Pastor W. C. Garrett said in part: "People flee from the destroyer of the body, many flee from the destroyer of souls, but here is a case of one fleeing from his best friend."

"It will be a great day for us all when we learn that we must live obedient lives or suffer the results of disobedience. Jonah learned the lesson at last, and profited by it. We may learn some helpful lessons from Jonah's experience. 'He disobeyed a definite command given to him only. Every Christian, at times, has some impression that no other has. It is God's command for you to do that which no other is able to do. Let us be careful not to disobey; let us be able to say, 'I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.'"

"Jonah sealed his lips against a message no one else could deliver. God gives each Christian messages different from others. If Jonah had not delivered that message, it would have been lost. I cannot deliver your message, nor can you deliver mine."

"Jonah misput himself—paid his fare to Tarshish, in an opposite direction from Nineveh, got no benefit from it, had a long journey back to Nineveh. Disobedience is always expensive and troublesome—to the disobedient and to the innocent. The ship crew lost their freight."

"Jonah went to sleep in the midst of peril. Sin leads to sleepy stupidity. It is easy to tell when Christians go to sleep by the way they snore. When they growl, complain and ericise, it is because they are asleep. It is a very unrestful sleep and very annoying to others."

"Jonah endangered the lives of others—the ship was about to be broken. When God's people do wrong it always hurts others. When a church member 'lays out,' or 'lies out' from church, he is keeping someone else from doing his duty."

"Why did Jonah flee? I don't know any more than I know why some of our church members flee today, but I know that Jonah suffered because he disobeyed and he repented and got right. Let's pray that all the rest of us may get right before our ship sinks."

Born, March 18, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brewer, a boy.

Byrd Guill was a visitor at Dozier Sunday.

T. B. Hines went to Canyon Monday to visit his daughter.

Born, March 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin of Liberty, a boy.

A. V. Schuler, representing the United Iron Works of Kansas City, was in McLean Wednesday.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in July:

For State Senator, 31st District:

J. W. REID

For Representative, 122nd District:

DEWEY YOUNG

For County Judge:

F. P. REID

T. M. WOLFE

C. S. RICE

For County Attorney:

A. A. LEDBETTER

For County and District Clerk:

CHARLIE THUT

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

E. S. GRAVES

L. D. RIDER

For Tax Assessor:

D. M. GRAHAM

For County Treasurer:

R. L. COTTRELL

MIRIAM WILSON

Mrs. Maude Piersall and daughter, Nova Fern, of Ringgold came in Monday to visit in the L. O. Floyd home.

Paul Machina of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Rev. C. E. Belaw, Nazarine evangelist from Wichita Falls, has moved his family to McLean to take advantage of our school facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Waldrop of Enterprise were in town Saturday.

Joe Willis was trading in the city Saturday.

W. B. Bush of Gracey was in town Saturday.

Walter Bailey of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Jacob L. Hess of Enterprise was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Geo. Saye of Gracey was in the city Saturday.

F. L. Cooke returned last week from a visit at Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Lee and Emetie Fondren were Shamrock visitors Tuesday.

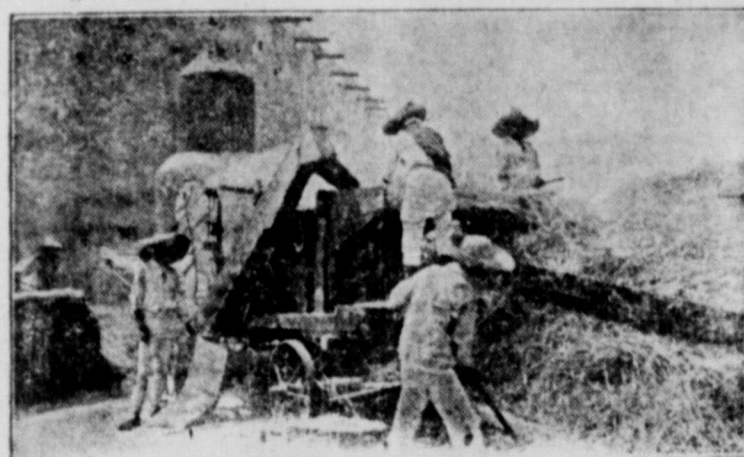
Marlin Brooks of Texola, Okla., visited friends here Saturday.

Do you know of a paper anywhere that carries more home news than The McLean News? Thanks! Neither do we.

CHEAPER THAN DIVORCE

Don't divorce your wife. Take her a dozen roses. The shock will kill her, and you can use the roses for the funeral.—Vancouver Sun.

American farming methods invade Mexico



Farming All Around the World—Mexico

American farming methods are gradually invading the land of the peon and the home of the boll weevil. This threshing scene, recently snapped in Mexico, indicates that rifle and hand-grenade rivals in the efficient time and labor-saving gang plow, grain drill, harvesting and threshing machines.

While much of Mexico is illiterate and a half century behind the times in farm equipment as measured by U. S. standards, the leading Mexicans have been educated at U. S. agricultural colleges and know the value of modern farm equipment and its place in efficient farming. Even in the revolutionary days, a great deal of U. S. machinery was going across the Rio Grande for better farming. With the revolutions came rusting machinery and idle acres and hungry stomachs. Now that recognition has come to Mexico and friendly relations are restored, the re-equipping of Mexico's farms is in order and the forlorn and neglected acres will again bloom under the magic touch of the plow, the seeder, the

By L. F. Van Zelm
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AW, WHAT'S THE USE

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NO!—LET'S SEE WHAT THE SIGN SAYS

IT SAYS—APARTMENTS TO LET—NO DOGS, CATS, OR TALKING BIRDS ALLOWED

That Lets

WELL, ARE YOU GOING IN??

WHAT'S THE USE!

Wants

FLOUR—Peerless flour, \$1.65 per sack. Our Best, \$1.50. Saturday only. Cobb's Cash Grocery. 1c

\$150 talking machine with 50 double records, for only \$75. Terms. Perry Everett, Phone 33. tfe

LOST—White face yearling from my place on east side of town. S. A. Cobb. 1c

LEGHORN EGGS.—Dark brown Leghorn eggs, \$1.00 for 15; \$5.00 per 100. Good hatch guaranteed. L. L. Palmer, Alanreed, Texas. 10-8p

GROCERIES are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tfe

GARBAGE and trash hauled from any part of the city at reasonable rates. Frank Haynes. tfe

FOR SALE.—Bundled hegari and cane. Ernest Abbott. tfe

FOR SALE.—1 good saddle and cow horse and saddle. B. N. Henry.

FOR SALE.—2 cultivators, 1 lister, 2 go-devils, 2 wagons, 1 buggy, 1 two-section harrow, 1 turning plow, 2 20-ft. feed troughs, poultry wire, bundled cane and other things. Can be seen at Hansen's blacksmith shop or A. B. Wood's residence. Mrs. Belle Henderson. 11-2p

FOR SALE.—A 5-year-old smooth mare mule. R. N. Ashby. tfe

There were some dishes left at the garage after the Cotton Day dinner last Saturday. If they are yours, call and get them. There were also some lost. If you got dishes by mistake that do not belong to you, please return them. 1p

FOR SALE.—All kinds of vegetable plants and seed sweet potatoes. Write for circular. T. Jones & Co., Clarendon, Texas. 3-2-4p

WORK MULES and horses for sale. J. E. Cubine. 11-2p

FOR SALE.—50 S. C. brown Leghorn year old pullets, \$1.00 each. F. Stubbs, Alanreed, Texas. 11-2p

LOST.—Child's white neck fur, somewhere in the city limits. Finder please leave at News office. Dewey Williams. 1p

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The directors of the American National Bank have appointed Geo. W. Sitter president and W. C. Cheney vice president of the bank for the remainder of the year 1924. The change was made necessary on the account of the death of D. B. Veatch, its former president.

Mrs. Will McGee left Monday for her home at Fort Worth after a visit with Capt. and Mrs. E. E. McGee.

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The best protection against fire, tornado or hail is a policy in a strong insurance company. Let me write you a policy in such a company.

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Haynes Grocery Company

Phone 23

We Make the Price—Others try to Follow

ISLAND COTTON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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the price of cotton, as it is hoped that it will average high in price, but no Panhandle farmer will be considered in the future without a little in it, handled so that it is marketed at the pleasure of the fact that cotton is money crop should be no overcrop, as not over one farm should be planted a speaker gave statistics that while the general lint produced to the United States is the average for the Panhandle last two years, which is as favorable for cotton as might have been, has been about 14 inches of lint to the acre, proper cultivation and maturity were stressed.

She now row for best results. spontaneity may mean earlier could not fit not early maturity, for which the thickly planted crop, pears, that in mid-July and seed can be sutured that will fully mature in at 7 days with proper selection and of cultivation. The cotton farmer does of particularly need advice, but would use his head, for it is a of a life game from the time the seed is planted until the crop is sold. There is money in the cotton crop. A farmer can make a living outside of cotton, keeping in mind always that cotton growing can be easily overdone.

Mr. Burnett's remarks were enjoyed. He speaks, not as an expert, for he does not claim to be one, but from his wide experience as an actual cotton farmer.

Judge L. Gough, president Texas "Wheat Growers' Association, was the speaker, and his talk was along one of the lines. The law of supply at the command and the law of demand. "Yes," he said, "the price of cotton is to do with the price of wheat. We always have brought surplus just at marketing overproduction talk is said to control the market."

Mr. Gough stated that the average farmer makes less than \$1.00 a day, and that statistics are taken leading if they do not give the best profit of farm crops to the farmer. The Panhandle of Texas has had an abundance of rainfall each year, through an old superstition. It was thought to be a dry district. The speaker paid his respects to superstitions of all kinds, just here. It is the year that means success. "The same holds true with growers. It is not so much what to do, but what you go for. In the Panhandle at marketing time. It was the first train in the all of the Panhandle to cover both the exporting and marketing of crops.

Co-operative marketing is the business side of farming, and the only solution of the farmer's problem. This is endorsed by the Federal Government, banks and others.

These remarks were followed by S. D. Nonie of the Ford Motor Co., who told several jokes, including some Ford jokes. Mr. Nonie gave an interesting talk on power farming, by tracing the beginnings of civilization to the soil, and stated that the farmer is as much entitled to the benefits of machinery as any other man. Mr. Nonie made a plea that farmers should take care of what they already own, and plan to modernize their farms.

Prof. Frank R. Phillips of the West Texas State Teachers College followed with a plea for better education for boys. Only four out of 100 boys ever complete high school, which means a great economic loss, as the uneducated boy can never command the wage that the better educated one can. Prof. Phillips had on exhibit various tools made in the manual training department at his school, by boys using discarded auto and thresher parts. These articles attracted quite a lot of attention.

Prof. Phillips was also somewhat of a joker, telling several stories on different members of the Rock Island party. County Agent Dunkle seemed to have gotten in bad with his and the preceding speaker, as he told some intimate bits of Mr. Dunkle's former habits. From these humorous remarks, Mr. Dunkle has not always been a dairy expert, and he has succeeded in concealing his age from his friends. The jokes evened up the talks and were appreciated by the crowd.

H. M. Means of Fort Worth made the principal address of the afternoon. In which he said that there is no crop of great commercial value as cotton, but it should not be made the only crop, for the clean cultivation necessary will mean ruin to our sandy soils. The harvesting of cotton is still crudely done, but in northern people interested in cotton production, machinery may be expected to take the place of hand work, for the northern man will not bend his back to pick cotton. You will find Mr. Means's remarks in regard to cotton in full in a separate article in this issue of The News.

Mr. Means is the originator of the Honey Ball cantaloupe, which netted the growers \$500 per acre last year. Mr. Means has had McLean in mind for some time as a likely place to grow these melons, and thinks that some time next year an organization can be effected here to grow these melons. Mr. Means is also interested in watermelons and small fruits, and suggested that a canning factory could be successful here. All melon seeds should be grown at home from properly selected stock. Any imported seed is liable to be mixed

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Late Agent, McLean, Texas
Accident Health

Catarrah
"I'll tell it all said. "—my scheme I've been working time."
"Go on, please."
"In the first, I have done this. I see," he said, "one be appointed Jasper Hule as act

and of inferior quality. The sandy soils of Texas are the state's greatest asset, for the consumption of fruits and vegetables is growing, and this type of soil is needed for their successful growth. A forty acre farm is land enough for production of this type.

P. L. Clarkson of the American Radio Corporation reviewed the history of radio to date, and stated that the radio is perhaps of more importance to the farmer than to anyone else.

H. R. Hart of the Ford Motor Co. promised some practical demonstrations of power farming in our community, through the local Ford dealer.

Arthur W. Large, Agricultural Agent of the Rock Island lines, who acted as master of ceremonies and made several short talks during the day, concluded the exercises by giving a short summary of the program and predicted a new era in farming when practically all farm work will be done by machinery. Mr. Large stated that over 100,000 acres of land would be planted to cotton this year in the Panhandle, and he man who does not plant from five to 20 acres of cotton each year is not doing his duty to himself or to the community.

The McLean Community Chamber of Commerce, through the committee on arrangements, wishes to express its appreciation for the way in which the ladies of the community responded and made a success of the basket dinner on the day of the Cotton Educational Campaign. We also wish to thank those who assisted in serving, the Cousins Motor Co. for the use of the building, and the Cicero Smith Lbr. Co. for material used.

COMMITTEE. Ic

Eye, Ear, Nose, Specialist
Doctor Claude Walcott, well known eye, ear, nose specialist, of Amarillo will be at the Hotel Hindman March 27th, 28th and 29th, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
Glasses correctly fitted. For best service call early. Advertisement. Ic

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kinard and children of Gracey spent Friday night in the Carl Carpenter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hommel left Tuesday for Clarendon to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Faulkner left Sunday for Amarillo to visit relatives.

Miss Loree Kinard went to Rock Tuesday to have some work done.

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

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Hog wire, barb wire, smooth wire and garden wire. Cicero Smith Lumber Co. Adv. Ic

Jesse Cobb of Northfork was a visitor in McLean Saturday.

Lloyd Hinton of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Andy Nelson of Gracey was in town Saturday.

C. A. Watkins returned Saturday from Childress.

Henry Kinard returned to Dalhart Saturday after a visit with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Thompson and children of the Plainview community were McLean visitors Saturday.

G. P. Foley of the Watkins community was in town Saturday.

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—Every transaction is viewed from the standpoint of good service to our customers.
—We invite your business, with the assurance that it will be safely and efficiently handled.

The American National Bank

CARD OF THANKS
This is to express our sincerest appreciation to our friends and neighbors and to the Masonic order for the many beautiful flowers and other tokens of affection and sympathy which they extended to us during the long illness and death of D. B. Veatch.
Mrs. D. B. Veatch and Maybelle. Ic

Frank Harlan of Heald was a McLean visitor Friday.
John Dwyer of Peterson Creek was trading in the city Friday.
Judge Jno. B. Ayres of Pampa had business in McLean Friday.
County Attorney Chas. C. Cook of Pampa was a business visitor in this city Friday.
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A New Dining Room Set
just arrived. Also a new bed room set of high quality merchandise. Come look them over.

BUNDY-HODGES
MERCANTILE COMPANY
EASTER
FALLS ON APRIL 20TH
Last minute buying is never satisfactory. Order your suit ahead! Pick your choice now and get measured for a suit of tailor-made custom clothes.

City Tailor Shop
LEE CASON, Prop.

Pretty Gingham Dresses
for the little girls from 4 to 14 years of age. These dresses are made of gingham that will not fade and are neatly trimmed.
For the mothers who do not sew or have not time, you will find these regular bargains. Especially priced for Friday and Saturday—\$2.29, \$2.39, \$2.69.

LADIES' SLIPPERS
\$3.50—\$4.50—\$5.00—\$6.00
A nice line of patent, satin and kid slippers and oxfords. These styles are very good and priced so reasonable.

LADIES' MILLINERY
We still have a nice selection of hats for Ladies, Misses and Children—and they are all reduced for Friday and Saturday.

KREPE DE LENE
\$2.00 yd.
This is a very late material. It takes the place of the higher priced crepes and will give excellent wear. We have three pretty shades in this material.
\$2.00 yd.

Frank Wofford
McLean, Texas
LADIES' BLOUSES
SATURDAY
\$2.29

SCHOOL NOTES

Reported.
School Monday morning started on the third week of the seventh month. These are very busy days for both teachers and pupils.

The suggested Bible lesson for this week is the twenty-third Psalm.

It should be remembered by every one in the McLean Independent School District that the scholastic census for the ensuing school year is being taken. The name of no child who will be over seven years old and under seventeen on the first day of next September should be omitted from the census roll. The apportionment per scholastic for next year will be between \$12 and \$14. John Sparks is the census enumerator for this year. A full enumeration campaign is being carried on in Amarillo by the Parent-Teachers Association.

A payment of four dollars per enumerated scholastic is being made this month on the state apportionment. This makes the total paid to date nine dollars. The amount yet unpaid is three dollars, and that will probably be paid by July first. State Supt. Marrs says that the prompt payment of the apportionment this year is partly due to the fact that not one cent of the income for the current year has been used for textbooks; that the balance in the textbook fund from last year has paid for all books purchased this year, the same amounting to forty cents per capita cost. He says, however, that this cost for next year will be much larger.

The Texas school survey now in progress is said to be one of the most vital and far reaching movements ever undertaken with respect to education in Texas. The plan and scope of the survey was outlined in school notes some weeks ago. The survey is an enormous undertaking including as it does the survey of all the educational facilities of Texas, from the State University to the rural schools.

The director of the survey staff is Dr. G. A. Works, head of rural education in Cornell University. He has done that character of work in Oklahoma, New York, Manitoba and in Augusta, Maine. To quote Mr. Works: "To the average layman the fact that the survey is being taken indicates that there is something radically wrong with the present system. This impression should be corrected, for a survey is no more than the taking of stock, just as a business man takes inventory, and should be done periodically." The findings of the staff will be published with what will be deemed suitable recommendations for conditions that need to be improved. No doubt many constructive recommendations will be made. The staff's first published report is being awaited with interest by those watching the movement.

The United States Bureau of Education gives out the following information: Irregular school attendance caused the waste of \$250,000,000, one quarter of the money spent for public education in the United States in 1923. More than 22,000,000 children were enrolled in the public schools of the country, and the schools were open an average of about eight months. Nearly 700,000 teachers were employed, and, according to the Bureau of Education officials, that number was sufficient to instruct every child enrolled every school day of the eight months the schools were in session. The total cost in all the States combined was about one billion dollars. By allowing their children to miss school one quarter of the time, parents caused the waste of one quarter of the money paid to run the schools.

The following letter is self-explanatory, and is submitted for what it is worth:

State Department of Education, High School Division, Austin, March 11.
My Dear Mr. Taggart:

In reply to your inquiry of Feb. 25th, which awaited my return from an extended trip, I beg to advise that small and medium high schools that are well organized do generally require a foreign language for graduation. Under the terms of the state law, Latin cannot be required unless the school makes provision for some optional study in lieu thereof. In the larger high schools of the state where there are several optional studies, the practice is becoming more and more common to make a few requirements and permit graduation by taking enough electives to make the necessary sixteen units. Where schools are so situated that they can offer several elective courses particularly in science where manufacturing and other industrial pursuits are important

factors in the lives of the people, it would seem to be advisable to offer a wider range of electives than in the ordinary small town of homogeneous population and Anglo-Saxon environment. It would be fair to the state, however, that the tendency of the supposedly more progressive states is to offer more and less requirements for graduation except as to the coveted sixteen units. Trusting that this is a satisfactory answer, and with best wishes, I am, very truly yours,

A. W. Evans, Chief
Supervisor of High Schools.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends of McLean for the beautiful flowers sent us since the death of our husband and father and also for words of sympathy offered. May God's richest blessings be upon you. Mrs. M. M. Kirby and P. L. Kirby, Seary, Ark.
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ALANREED B. W. M. U.

Reported.

We met with Mrs. Craig this week. Eight ladies were present. We had a very interesting lesson, with Mrs. Minix acting as teacher.

Several paid their dues. We decided to have someone bring some written questions on the scripture lesson. Mrs. A. H. Carver is to bring the questions for our next lesson. The lesson will be the third lesson in the manual, and the scripture lesson Gen. 12:1-3; Psalms 72:6-8; John 12:31, 32. We will meet with Mrs. Sherrod.

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News From Enterprise

By Special Correspondent.

The winter season isn't over yet, or it doesn't seem like it. A big snow fell last Wednesday, but it melted very fast when the sun came out.

Our school is going on nicely now. Several pupils were absent Monday. W. W. Breeding, O. G. Stokley and C. G. Nicholson went to Wellington last Monday on business.

Evan Sitter went to Wellington Saturday to meet his wife's father, Lena Nicholson. Carrie Allred, Johnnie McIntosh, Nolan Luttrell and Roger Nicholson went to Alanreed Friday, returning Monday.

Miss Tillie Brandon spent Wednesday night with Uncle Mathis.

The young people of Enterprise enjoyed a birthday party in the McIntosh home last Thursday night given in honor of Rev. Wood of Alanreed.

Messrs. Sitter, Breeding and Stokley are opening up a new road.

Lee Hancock took his son to the dentist at Shamrock last Monday.

There was no Sunday school last Sunday on account of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dorsey were visitors in the Nicholson home Saturday and Sunday.

News From Back

By Special Correspondent.

The weather man had full control last week and our news was completely snowed under.

Farmers now have a very fine season with which to begin their farming operations.

W. I. Bacon and P. H. Corum were Lefors visitors Monday of last week.

Mrs. E. V. Back has returned from a visit of several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Glass, of the Skillet community.

Miss Vida Colebank visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Geo. Colebank, Bailey Lakey, Jesse Cobb and Frank Corum attended the Rock Island Cotton Special in McLean Saturday.

J. E. Norman sold some mules on the McLean market Saturday.

Chris and Bud Back were McLean visitors Saturday.

Miss Lella Back spent the week end with Miss Lockey Norman.

J. E. Norman and family left Tuesday for Vernon, where they will make their future home.

T. F. Henley was a business visitor in McLean Monday.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

J. S. Huckabee, Pastor
Sunday morning sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Son of Consolation." Other services at usual hours except Sunday night. There will be no sermon Sunday night on account of the revival in town.

Edgar Bailey of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Frank Bell and son of Alanreed were in the city Saturday.

GROWING COTTON IN TEXAS PANHANDLE

By H. M. Means

Continued from first page.
where cotton is to be grown by the Panhandle farmer.

The highest yielding varieties, tested at the Lubbock Experiment Station, through a series of years, are: Burnett, Cook, Allen's Express, Toole and Mebane. Anton should be tested out as a medium early variety that is soom proof.

Quickly maturing varieties that are early fruited, are the best to plant in the Panhandle country in order to get the crop ready for harvesting before a freeze.

Hand picking is the only practical method yet devised for harvesting seed cotton, except when an early freeze catches the crop and necessitates gathering bolls. These can be successfully harvested by a machine, of little cost, made for this purpose. Cotton gins have been made with attachments which will separate the burs from the seed cotton before ginning it.

It has been determined, in a comparative test of yield from the various types that have been carefully tried out by the Lubbock Experiment Station, that when the length of staple was increased, the yield per acre was decidedly decreased. The average acre yield of varieties having a staple of one and one-sixteenth inches in length and upwards was only 67.5% of what was raised in varieties of seven-eighths to one inch staple.

Summary
The data herein presented warrants the following conclusion:

1. Cotton can be made a dependable crop in the Panhandle region of Texas.

2. Cotton is drought resistant and is as dependable a crop to grow as sorghum.

3. Earliness and storm resistant qualities in cotton are the most desirable characteristics for this region.

4. The Burnett cotton is, reliably, the best yielder chiefly because of its earliness. It lacks storm resistance and has, comparatively, a short staple, but, nevertheless, it is profitable to grow on account of its earliness.

5. The Mebane cottons have been satisfactorily good yielders and have a fair degree of storm resistance and produce fair staple.

6. Cottons that produce seven-eighths to one inch staple are more prolific and will give the largest returns under present conditions.

7. Under thinning tests at the Lubbock Experiment Station, cotton spaced at seven or eight inches apart yielded more pounds of cotton per acre than that which was spaced at greater distances.

8. Thick stands may be expected to force early fruiting, thin stands cause later fruiting. As earliness of maturing of cotton is exceedingly important in the Panhandle, where the altitude is high and probability of early frosts, the matter of proper spacing should have special consideration.

The growing of cotton above the apportion before 1909 was practically unknown. In ten years from that date it increased to 133,000 bales or over 1400%. The average yield of lint cotton per acre for the years 1912-1921 was 248.87 pounds, at the Lubbock station.

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Miss Illene Harper of Back was a visitor in McLean Saturday.

Hon. Dewey Young is a new reader of The News.

Wheeler and Miss Nelleye Carwile of Gracey were McLean visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Sitter were Wellington visitors Saturday.

Prof. Allen E. Kyle of Peterson Creek was in town Saturday.

Sheriff E. S. Graves was in the city on business Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Ethel Hodges left Saturday for Groom to visit her sister.

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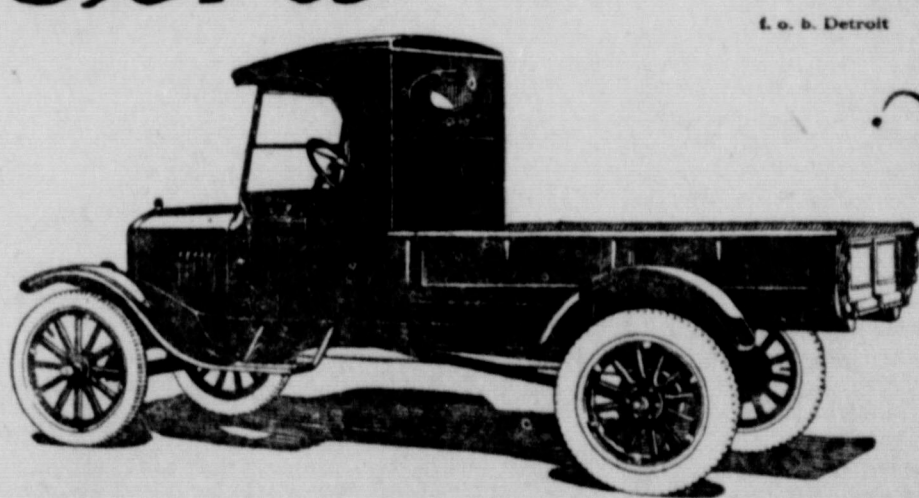
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McLean needs more room at the postoffice. The space is entirely inadequate for the public in the lobby, and the working space is too small for the office force. It strikes us that the postoffice department at Washington could make arrangements for a little more room.

The city council's action in making the chicken law applicable for all the year around should be good news for everyone. We have noticed that most chicken owners have kept their birds penned up this winter, anyway. Such a plan works a hardship on no one, and insures that the neighbors' rights are respected.

The annual report of the Donkey county clerk was published in the last issue of the Clarendon News. Why is it that such annual reports as are required by law are not published in Gray county? It might be a good question to ask candidates this year, as to future reports. If there is anything that the public is entitled to know, it is just how their money is spent, and the law provides that they shall know, but for some reason no reports from our county have been published for many years.

Mr. Means of Fort Worth, one of the speakers Saturday, stated in a private conversation that it was his opinion that we do not need to talk cotton raising to any great extent, but rather warn against planting too much acreage in cotton. Means is a great believer in diversification, and says that cotton planting usually takes care of itself. We are inclined to think the gentleman is correct in his opinion of the matter.

The peddling ordinance recently passed by the city council is constructive legislation. There is no reason why a person who has no interest in our community, except that money can be gotten from our citizens, should be allowed to peddle his wares without some kind of remuneration to the city. The citizenship of the town pay taxes and other expenses toward keeping the community going, and it is very proper that the occasional peddler should contribute something for the privilege of selling goods. Usually the license is the greatest value the peddler leaves, for his goods are generally of the shoddy variety.

Mr. Larre, Agricultural Agent of the Rock Island Lines, stated while in McLean Saturday that in his experience the most deplorable conditions were to be found in the smaller towns that had been unable to support a newspaper. It is impossible for a community to grow to any great extent without a newspaper, and a newspaper must have support of every progressive interest, for the paper must prosper in order that the community may prosper. The gentleman complimented our community and paper and said that the Rock Island people gave a particular interest in our welfare, for we seem to be always doing things. Mr. Larre was informed that we consider our town the biggest little town in the Panhandle.

Why not a commission form of government for McLean? We have seen every modern convenience in our town and it strikes us that a modern form of city government could be worth while. With a few number of men responsible for municipal affairs, some little remuneration could be given and it ask a man to sacrifice his time and money absolutely without pay of any kind. Under our present form of government any man who accepts city office is taking a monetary loss that few of us can afford. Not only does it cost money and time to hold a small office, but one loses ends as well. The unthinking part of the population is always ready to severely criticize the acts of the officers without cause. Let's have a commission form of government and pay the commissioners.

The ladies of the McLean community are worthy of praise for the fine dinner served at the Cotton Special program Saturday. The dinner was arranged on rather short notice, but the result was everything that could be desired. The Rock Island officials said that no dinner on their trip exceeded the one here. The Chamber of Commerce owes much to the ladies of the community and it is to be regretted that the ladies do not come to the stated meetings and take part in the deliberations. It may be that they have not thought that they would be welcome, but if such is the case, steps will be taken to assure them of a cordial welcome to all meetings.

One of the speakers at the Cotton program stated in a private conversation that in the southern part of the state the county commissioners had raised the taxes on large land holders until they were forced to cut the land into small tracts and place on the market. He suggested that our C. of C. might take the matter in hand and use some method to influence the cutting up of large ranches in this vicinity. While it might not be wise to use such extreme methods, it is a fact that our community cannot develop to the fullest extent until provision is made for more farmers. When a man moves to our community now, some other man must move out to make room for him. It has been the history of all new countries that they start as an exclusive cattle country, then land soon becomes too valuable for pasture, when exclusive farming is tried, until finally mixed farming is practiced, and this last stage means money for everyone. We need to practice mixed farming here, but we surely need better opportunities for the would-be small land owner.

EDITORIAL TECHNIQUE

At the meeting of the Panhandle Pen Women at Amarillo April 15 one of the subjects for discussion is "The Technique of the Editorial." The only way to get the "technique" is to have several columns of empty space to fill in a hurry. There is nothing like being up against the real thing. And, sad to say, the fun soon becomes stale and the grind becomes as much of a real thing as washing dishes three times a day or preparing three square meals for the men folks. Yet to be able to pound the linotype and earn one's bread and a bit of butter is better than going hungry. In order to get the technique, however, one must work and work hard and keep everlastingly at it and then like as not someone will swipe the labor of one's fingers and brain and not

give credit. For those who have a bad case of writeritis, the only cure is to have the work to do in a print shop where, amid the rumble and rattle of machinery and the smudge of ink and the hurry and rush of press day, one is glad to pound out most any old thing to fill space as quickly as possible with as few mishaps as possible and without breaking the ten commandments in too wee small smithereens. But, for all that, one gets used to his job and would be miserable if not a

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