

Texas-Chapman Makes 591 Barrels C. of C. May Change Constitution, Elect Officers Mon.

Election Change is Proposed

1928 Officers May Be Elected Monday

Reported.
At the next regular monthly meeting of the McLean Chamber of Commerce, which will be held at L. G. McMillen's office Monday, Dec. 5th, at 7:30 p. m., the first matter to be disposed of is the election of officers and directors for 1928. At the last regular meeting a change in the Constitution and by-laws of the Chamber was proposed to permit the election of officers in December rather than in January. Any such change must meet with the approval of at least two-thirds of the active members present, and 25% of the membership must be there before the change can even be voted upon.

Holding the election in December instead of in January will enable the old officers to acquaint the new ones with the business affairs of the Chamber, the books can be audited and turned over to the incoming secretary, and the new year started with everything in smooth running order. The manager for the new year can be worked out and the new officers enter into the subscription and advertising contracts for themselves and not be tied in advance by any action or contracts of those going out. This statement is not intended as any restriction upon them, but they themselves have expressed the desire not to take actions which would carry over into the coming year and bind the new officers. If you do not feel it advisable to make the change, come and vote against it and take part in the other matters to come up. In any event, have in mind the names of those you feel qualified to hold the different offices, and get up and nominate them. But first ascertain if they will accept the duties of office, will give of their time, thought and finances as the office will require. We need seven directors, a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The office of secretary-manager will probably be a dead letter until conditions change. The duties of this office are supposed to be carried out by the secretary anyway, according to the by-laws. Do not forget that we are expected to send an official delegate to the meeting to be held next Thursday, Dec. 8th, at the Amarillo hotel, when the matter of sending a Panhandle-Plains exhibit throughout the Middle Western states next fall, particularly to the fairs of importance in such states, will be decided and further details worked out, if the decision is made to send such an exhibit.

The cost to this section of Gray county would be so low as to constitute not the slightest obstacle to our taking part in such an exhibit and the benefits to be derived can hardly be estimated. We certainly need farm immigrants from the states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas to this country. When they see the quality and variety of crops that are raised in this section and learn of the low land prices, the good roads that are being built, the natural resources such as gas, water, etc., they will surely think twice about remaining in the Middle West and trying to make a living out of such high priced land.

McLean citizens, especially the farmers and business men,

Farm Home Destroyed by Fire

G. J. Abbott Loses Home Monday Morning

The G. J. Abbott home west of town was entirely destroyed by fire about 5:30 Monday morning.

Ernest Abbott used a kerosene can that had been filled with gasoline in starting a fire in the heater. The flames forced him to drop the can, which spread the fire all over the floor, and was soon beyond control.

Jobe Abbott suffered injuries from burns and cuts in breaking glass. Miss Mammie Abbott was severely burned about the face and arms. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott were uninjured, except shock.

Other farm buildings were saved by the wind being in the right direction to blow the flames away from them.

A conservative estimate of the loss is about \$4500, nothing being saved except some bedding and a few clothes. Insurance \$1500.

LUNCHEON ATTENDED TUESDAY

The principal address at the regular weekly luncheon held Tuesday at the American Cafe was made by Secretary-Manager L. V. Lonsdale, in which he outlined the things to be considered by the Chamber of Commerce in the regular December meeting next week.

Mr. Lonsdale stressed the fact that qualified men should be elected to office, and mentioned the proposed change in the constitution to elect officers at the December meeting.

Those present were: O. G. Stokely, S. D. Shelburne, B. W. Andrews, M. D. Bentley, O. H. Foster, W. S. Clayton, H. W. Brooks, Curg Williams, C. H. White, J. R. Back, L. G. McMillen, D. H. Brynoff, C. C. Cook, T. A. Landers, L. V. Lonsdale.

Miss Lillian Butterfield of Childress spent the week end in the N. A. Greer home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lander and Chester Lander spent Thanksgiving Day with relatives in Alva, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cash of Peterson Creek were in town Saturday.

S. D. Shelburne motored to Amarillo Thursday.

N. E. Trostle of Groom visited last Thursday.

Robert Watkins of Hedley was a McLean visitor Friday.

Floyd Phillips was in Amarillo last Thursday.

Vasel Richardson was in Groom Saturday.

A. P. Rippey of Heald was in town Saturday.

possibly arrange to attend the meeting in Amarillo on the 8th of December should do so and learn first hand of the possibilities of this movement. Here we have the chance to get in behind the very thing so many have asked about and wished that such a plan would be worked out and more time and consideration given along this line of endeavor. If you meant it, prove it and we all will benefit thereby.

New Paving Hearing Is Set Dec. 17

Changes Made in Original Order

A new hearing will be given property owners on the pavement added to the original four blocks mentioned in the first petition that was presented last summer. The hearing is set for December 16th, and several important changes have been made in the various districts affected, and it is thought that all objections formerly raised by the property owners have been eliminated.

A tentative contract has been entered into, we are told by the city council, with the same firm that is constructing the pavement on the four blocks in the business district.

The new paving will connect with the present construction, and will extend the paving several blocks.

The full order is published on another page of this paper.

CLARK-WARE WEDDING AT LEFORS WEDNESDAY

Miss Ruth Clark and Mr. Elmer Ware were married at Lefors Wednesday of last week, Judge T. M. Wolfe performing the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Clark of the Heald community, is a graduate of the McLean high school, and very popular in social circles here.

The groom is a prominent young farmer of Wheeler county.

ROGERS IMPROVES SERVICE STATION

The Rogers Service Station was given a coat of stucco at the front of the building this week and will be painted and otherwise improved.

A lot of new goods have arrived and the place is being made into a modern storage garage and service station.

WATT FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

Reported.

John Joseph Watt, for a long time a resident of McLean, died at his home Monday, Nov. 28th, at 9:20 p. m.

The deceased was known and loved throughout this part of Texas. His 72 years of life were fruitful, if one may judge by the friends he has made.

He is survived by a wife, four sons, seven daughters and a multitude of friends.

His friends and relatives gathered at his home Wednesday and at three o'clock proceeded to the church of Christ, where funeral services were held.

The Masons took charge of the body at the church and conducted it to the cemetery, where the usual Masonic rites were performed and the body laid to rest.

Extreme simplicity was the outstanding feature of the funeral.

Mrs. Pete Porter of Shamrock visited in McLean Tuesday.

Charlie Truitt of Claude was in McLean Tuesday.

Mrs. W. E. Clement and daughter, Miss Loyce, were in Shamrock Tuesday.

Oral Martin of Wheeler has accepted a position at the Lester Service Station.

Volunteer Band Gives Programs

College Band Pleases Audiences Sunday

The Volunteer Band of Wayland Baptist college at Plainview gave a series of programs at the First Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday. Each program consisted of several talks and songs, and the various speakers left no doubt of their earnestness and devotion to their chosen work. The special songs were especially enjoyed, and the evangelistic spirit prevailed at each service.

The Volunteer Band is a group of young ministerial students, singers, prospective missionaries and other special workers who make a practice of putting on these weekly programs. They travel in a big truck, and a freewill offering was taken at the close of the Sunday evening service to help pay for the truck.

This band has visited McLean several times in the past, and McLean was ably represented in the group Sunday by Robert Mathis, who is president of the band.

Dr. Tampke Busy during Vacation

Dr. A. A. Tampke, vocational teacher in the McLean schools, spent a busy Thanksgiving vacation prescribing for sick animals and poultry. A poisoned cow was saved and several flocks of chickens decorated for roop and chicken pox.

Dr. Tampke, together with Messrs L. O. Floyd, W. B. Upham and W. S. White, visited a big terracing ditcher in operation five miles beyond Jericho Tuesday. It is the intention of a number of local citizens to invest in such a machine in order that terracing may be done on a larger scale here.

On Tuesday night of next week an orchard and poultry class will be begun at the high school auditorium. Dr. Tampke is particularly anxious that everyone in the community interested in this work be present the first night.

Perry Rains of Montana was visiting old friends in McLean Saturday.

Miss Edith Fleming was in Shamrock Thursday.

Charles Cousins went to Amarillo Thursday.

Miss Carmen-Ulm spent the week end in Amarillo.

F. H. King of Mangum, Okla., was a McLean visitor Monday.

Victor Back visited in Pampa Sunday.

Hugh Campbell of Delhi, Okla., was a visitor in McLean Sunday.

Claude Harrison of Wellington was in McLean Monday.

Chester Lander was in Clarendon Sunday.

S. D. Shelburne made a trip to Lefors Monday.

Crede Bogan visited in Pampa Sunday.

Misses Essie and Dot Payne spent the week end in Wellington.

New Bridge Ready Next in 15 Days

First Piling Driven Wednesday Morning

According to County Commissioner M. M. Newman, the McClellan Creek bridge north of town will be completed within 15 days.

The first piling was driven Wednesday morning, and barring accidents, the bridge should be completed by December 15th.

Mr. Newman will put the road leading to the bridge in shape just as soon as possible. Some delay has been caused by the prevailing dry weather and the fact that the hauling of the heavy bridge timbers would have ruined a freshly graded road.

This bridge is one of three similar bridges to be built from the bond issue recently voted by the citizens of this precinct.

NEW FORD CAR ON DISPLAY FRIDAY

The New Ford car will be on display in the principal cities of the United States Friday of this week.

Curg Williams of the Williams Motor Co., local Ford dealers, says they will have official announcement to make Friday and invite all interested to come in and see the pictures and specifications of the new Ford.

LESTER BUYS SERVICE STATION

A deal has been consummated whereby Claude Lester takes over the filling station business of the McLean Motor Co.

Mr. Lester has been employed of the gasoline, oils and accessory business at this station.

Mr. Lester has been employed at this place for a long time, and needs no introduction to the motoring public. Read his advertisement on another page.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Morse visited relatives in Shamrock last Thursday.

Mrs. John B. Vannoy spent the week end in Lubbock with her brother, R. A. Mills.

Miss Ethel McCurdy of Shamrock spent the week end in McLean.

Charlie Murphree of Amarillo was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith of Paken were in town Saturday.

Woodrow Wilkerson was a visitor in Groom Saturday.

W. W. Breeding of Enterprise was in town Saturday.

Ralph Randall visited in Amarillo last Thursday.

William Clifford of Amarillo was in McLean Friday.

Prof. Cecil Moore was a visitor in Amarillo last Thursday.

Mrs. Willie Boyett was in endon Monday.

Miss Sinclair Rice of Newlin spent the week end at home here.

Winifred Massay was a Pampa visitor Sunday.

New Well Makes Good Producer

Offset Well Makes Natural Flow Monday

The Texas Company's No. 1 Chapman, section 51, block 35, came in Monday a 25 barrel per hour producer of 44 gravity oil, at 2829 feet.

This well is an offset to the Shamrock Petroleum Company's Chapman well in section 70, and is about 400 feet from this well.

The new well has been put on test and made 591 barrels in 24 hours.

The pay was topped and preparations were being made to go on down Monday, when the flow of oil broke through.

This discovery has stimulated lease sales and a sale of 60 acres at a price of \$150 per acre for a location in section 50 is reported. This location will be drilled by the Shamrock Petroleum Co. probably as soon as the Shamrock-Back well is completed.

Supt. Shield of this division of the Texas Company has moved to McLean and a number of trucks have been added to the fleet here.

The Shamrock-Back No. 1 near the Travis gusher has a new derrick up and operations will be resumed this week.

ERWIN DRUG CO. USES NOVEL WINDOW DISPLAY

The Erwin Drug Co. placed a number of packages of rat poison in their show window Tuesday, and to add interest to the display, a white rat was turned loose in the window.

The white rat is a rarity, and all poison was removed from the cartons in the window as a protection to the little animal.

HONOR ROLL McLEAN SCHOOL

The following pupils made straight A cards for the past six weeks:

1st grade—Marietta Young, Margaret Kennedy, Willie Lee Wilson, Joyce Crockett, Charles Cunningham, Averie Christian, Leta Mae Phillips, Jesse Dean Cobb, R. L. Floyd, Drucilla Kunkel, Doris Simmons, Hazel Marie Dyer, Hershel Cuppell.

2nd grade—J. D. Back, Vera Johnson, Marie Landers, Gwynne Carpenter, Lottie Margaret Barrow.

3rd grade—Lillie Lester, Juanita Carpenter, Maurine Montgomery, Hobby Appling, Arthur Ray Ledbetter, Walter Watkins.

4th grade—Mary Emma Back, Juanita Brooks, Joe McCanlies, Alton Childress.

5th grade—Louise Wilson, Paul Ledbetter, Pauline Ledbetter.

6th grade—Maxine Fowler, Maudelle Corum, Frankie Andrews, Nora Lee Morgan, Margaret Mertel.

7th grade—Fern Landers.

8th grade—Sybil Graham, Fred Durham.

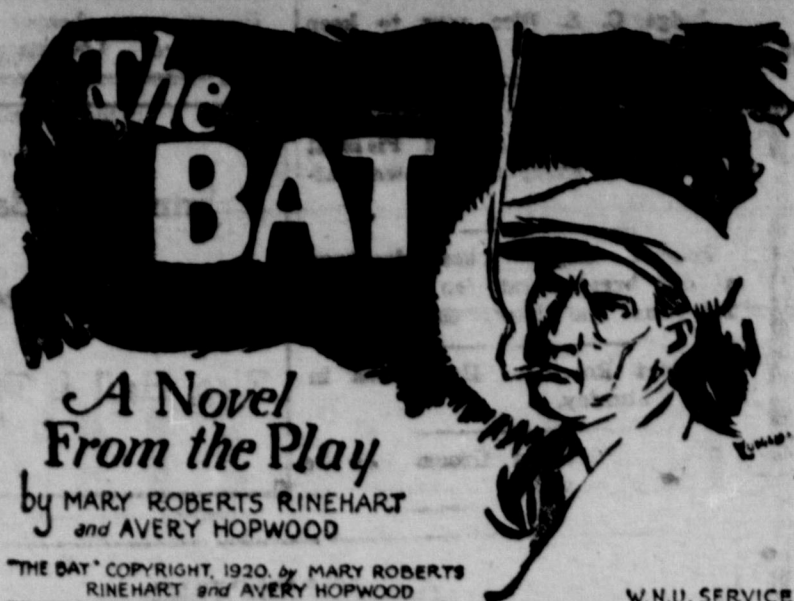
10th grade—Letha Ashby.

11th grade—Frances Noel, Lucille Rice, Marie Browning, Clara Anderson.

Piano (all grades)—Nora Lee Morgan, Letha Ashby, Lois Kirby, Melrose Richardson, Lucille Scott, Laverne Pettit, Margaret Hess, Ruth Hess.

Edwin Bailey of Clarendon was in McLean Friday.

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I—Defying all efforts to capture him, after a long series of murders and robberies, a super-crook known to the police only as "The Bat" has brought about a veritable reign of terror. At his wit's end, and at the nation's own request, the chief of police assigns his best operative, Anderson, to get on the trail of the Bat.

CHAPTER II

Miss Van Gorder

Miss Cornelia Van Gorder, indomitable splinter, last bearer of a name which had been great in New York when New York was a red-roofed New Amsterdam and Peter Stuyvesant a parvenu, sat propped up in bed in the green room of her newly rented country house, reading the morning newspaper. Patricia to her finger-tips, independent to the roots of her hair, she preserved, at sixty-five, a humorous and quenchless curiosity in regard to every side of life, which even the full and crowded years that already lay behind her had not entirely satisfied. She was an Age and an Attitude, but she was more than that—she had grown old without growing dull or losing touch with youth—her face had the delicate strength of a fine cameo—and her mild and youthful heart preserved an innocent zest for adventure.

Wide travel, social leadership, the world of art and books, a dozen charities, an existence rich with diverse experience—all these she had enjoyed, energetically and to the full—but she felt, with ingenuous vanity, that there were still sides to her character which even these had not brought to light. As a little girl she had hesitated between wishing to be a locomotive engineer or a famous bandit—and when she had found, at seven, that the accident of sex would probably debar her from either occupation, she had resolved, fiercely, that some time before she died she would show the world in general and the Van Gorder clan in particular that a woman was quite capable of dangerous exploits as a man.

She threw down the morning paper disgustedly. Here she was at sixty-five—rich—safe—settled for the summer in a delightful country-place—a good cook—excellent servants—beautiful gardens and grounds—everything as respectable and comfortable as—was a limousine! And out in the world—people were murdering and robbing each other—floating over Niagara falls in barrels—rescuing children from burning houses—taming tigers—going to Africa to hunt gorillas—doing all sorts of exciting things! She could not float over Niagara falls in a barrel—Lizzie Allen, her faithful old maid, would never let her! She could not go to Africa to hunt gorillas—Sally Ogden, her sister, would never let her hear the last of it. She could not even, as she certainly would if she were a man, try and track down this terrible creature, the Bat!

She smiled disgustedly. Things came to her much too easily. Take this very house she was living in. Ten days ago she had decided, on the spur of the moment, to take a place in the country for the summer. It was late in the renting season—even the ordinary difficulties of finding a suitable spot would have added some spice to the quest—but this ideal place had practically fallen into her lap, with no trouble or search at all. Courtleigh Fleming, president of the Union bank, who had built the house on a scale of comfortable magnificence—Courtleigh Fleming had died suddenly in the West, when Miss Van Gorder was beginning her house-hunting. The day after his death her agent had called her up—Richard Fleming, Courtleigh Fleming's nephew and heir, was anxious to rent the Fleming house at once—if she made a quick decision it was hers for the summer, at a bargain. Miss Van Gorder had decided at once—she took an innocent pleasure in bargains. The next day the keys were hers—the servants engaged to stay on—within a week she had moved. All very pleasant and easy no doubt—but adventure—pooh!

And yet she could not really say that her move to the country had brought her no adventures at all. There had been—things. Last night the lights had gone off unexpectedly, and Billy, the Japanese butler and handy-man, had said that he had seen a face at the kitchen window. Servants' nonsense, probably—but the servants seemed unusually nervous for people who were used to the country. And Lizzie, of course, had sworn that she had seen a man trying to get up the stairs—but Lizzie could grow hysterical over a creaking door. Still—it was queer! And what had that affable Doctor Wells said to her—"I respect your courage, Miss Van Gorder—moving out into the Bat's home—Mi-v, you know!" She picked up James, again—there was a map of S. W. Rice

the scene of the Bat's most recent exploits and—yes—three of his recent crimes had been within a twenty-mile radius of this very spot. She thought it over and gave a little shudder of pleasurable fear. Then she dismissed the thought with a shrug. No chance! She might live in a lonely house, two miles from the railroad station, all summer long—and the Bat would never disturb her—nothing ever did. She had skimmed the paper hurriedly—now a headline caught her eye—"Failure of Union Bank"—wasn't that the bank that Courtleigh Fleming had been president of? She settled down to read the article, but it was disappointingly brief. The Union bank had closed its doors—the cashier, a young man named Bailey, was apparently under suspicion—the article mentioned Courtleigh Fleming's recent and tragic death in the best vein of newspaper use. She laid down the paper and thought—Bailey—Bailey—she seemed to have a vague recollection of hearing about a young man named Bailey who worked in a bank—but she could not remember where or by whom his name had been mentioned.



Lizzie Could Go Hysterical Over a Creaking Door.

bright morning sun, streaming in through the long window, made lying in bed an old woman's luxury—and she refused to be an old woman.

"Though the worst old woman I ever knew was a man!" she thought with a satiric twinkle. She was glad Sally's daughter—young Dale Ogden—was here in the house with her—the companionship of Dale's bright youth would keep her from getting old-womanish if anything could.

She smiled, thinking of Dale. Dale was a nice child—her favorite niece. Sally didn't understand her, of course—but Sally wouldn't. Sally read magazine articles on the Younger Generation and its wild ways. "Sally doesn't remember when she was a Younger Generation herself," thought Miss Cornelia. "But I do—and if we didn't have sports roadsters in the eighties we had buggies—and youth doesn't change its ways just because it's bobbed its hair." Before Mr. and Mrs. Ogden left for Europe, Sally had talked to her sister Cornelia. . . long and weightily, on the problem of Dale. "Problem of Dale indeed!" thought Miss Cornelia scornfully. "Dale's the nicest young thing I've seen in some time—and she'd be ten times happier if Sally wasn't always trying to marry her off to some young snip with more of what fools call 'eligibility' than brains! But there, Cornelia Van Gorder—Sally's given you your innings—ram-paging off to Europe and leaving Dale with you all summer—and you're a lot less sense than I flatter myself you have, if you can't give your favorite niece a happy vacation from all her immediate family—and maybe find her some one that'll make her happy for good and all into the bargain!" for Miss Cornelia was an incorrigible matchmaker.

luster and—quiet—at her age—and she's nervous, too—as if something were preying on her mind—particularly these last few days."

Then Miss Cornelia's mind seized upon a sentence in a hurried flow of her sister's last instructions—a sentence that had passed almost unnoticed at the time—something about Dale and "an unfortunate attachment—but of course, Cornelia, dear, she's so young—and I'm sure it will come to nothing now her father and I have made our attitude plain!" "Pshaw—I bet that's it," thought Miss Cornelia shrewdly. "Dale's fallen in love, or thinks she has, with some decent young man without a penny or an 'eligibility' to his name—and now she's unhappy because her parents don't approve—or because she's trying to give him up and finds she can't. Well—and Miss Cornelia's tight little white curls trembled with the vehemence of her decision, "If the young thing ever comes to me for advice I'll give her a piece of my mind that will surprise her—and scandalize Sally Van Gorder Ogden out of her seven senses. Sally thinks nobody's worth looking at if they didn't come over to America when our family did—she hasn't gumption enough to realize that if some people hadn't come over later, we'd all still be living on crullers and Dutch punch!"

She was just stretching out her hand to ring for Lizzie, when a knock came at the door. She gathered her Paisley shawl more tightly about her shoulders. "Who is it—oh, it's only you, Lizzie," as a pleasant Irish face, crowned by an old-fashioned pompadour of graying hair, peeped in at the door. "Good morning, Lizzie—I was just going to ring for you. Has Miss Dale had breakfast—I know it's shamefully late."

"Good morning, Miss Nelly," said Lizzie. "And a lovely morning it is, too—if that was all of it," she added, somewhat tartly, as she came into the room with a little silver tray whereupon the morning mail reposed.

We have not yet described Lizzie Allen—and she deserves description. A fixture in the Van Gorder household since her sixteenth year, she had long ere now attained the dignity of a Tradition. One could not imagine Miss Cornelia without a Lizzie to grumble at and cherish—or Lizzie without a Miss Cornelia to baby and scold, with the privileged frankness of such old family servants. The two were at once a contrast and a complement. Fifty years of American ways had not shaken Lizzie's firm belief in banquets and leopards—and or tamed her wild Irish tongue—fifty years of Lizzie had not altered Miss Cornelia's attitude of fond exasperation with some of Lizzie's more startling eccentricities. Together they may have been, as one of the younger Van Gorder cousins had irreverently put it, "a scream"—but apart each would have felt lost without the other.

"Now what do you mean—if that were all of it, Lizzie?" queried Miss Cornelia, sharply, as she took her letters from the tray.

Lizzie's face assumed an expression of doleful reticence. "It's not my place to speak," she said with a grim shake of her head, "but I saw my grandmother last night. God rest her—plain as life she was—the way she looked when they waked her—and if it was my doing, we'd be leaving this house this hour!"

(Continued next week)

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J. S. Morse has our thanks for a renewal subscription to the Star-Telegram at our bargain rate.

Mrs. Susie Bidwell says to send her the Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

J. W. Fulton of Lefors was in McLean Monday and subscribed for The News.

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WAS Christmas Eve and everything in the small town of Robbinsdale was bubbling over with the true holiday spirit. Brilliantly lighted Christmas trees, holly wreaths and bells shone through the windows of most every home in town; while each church joined in with its usual Yuletide celebration.

A snow storm the day before had clothed the town in white, as if in preparation for the great holiday. The children just knew that it was sent on purpose, so that Santa Claus could come in his loaded sleigh and fill their stockings.

But amidst all this joy and beauty there was one sad family, who lived at the far end of Main street. They had just received word that their eldest son, Ray, had been lost on the field of battle. Father, mother and the four remaining children were seated within the living room in silence while the happy celebrations were in full swing on all sides of them. Each one was filled with thoughts of other years and how happy they had been. Each saw visions of the heavily loaded Christmas tree gleaming in all its beauty, while their son and brother presided over it in his Santa's outfit. Thus they sat speechless, with lumps in their throats, until bedtime. One by one they retired broken-hearted to finish their visions in the far-off dreamland.

When quietness covered its cloak over the little town and the children's stockings were all waiting for Santa Claus, the midnight flyer pulled in, dropping off a lone passenger—a soldier boy. He had come to surprise his family on the glorious Christmas holiday. Not having heard of the false report of his death, he had come to be their Santa Claus, as of old.

As he was hurrying home he met an old schoolmate, who told him the sad story of how his family had mourned, thinking him dead; and that they had not joined in the usual holiday festivities.

Suddenly a beautiful surprise filled his consciousness, and with the aid of his friend he scoured the town from end to end, frantically awakening all the storekeepers. Loaded with



Here He Trimmed the Tree, Hanging All the Smaller Gifts.

Gifts, and with his friend carrying the Christmas tree, they proceeded homeward, while the full winter moon looked down upon them, knowingly.

Bidding his companion a Merry Christmas, and thanking him heartily, he crawled in through the basement window and carefully ascended to the living room. Here he trimmed the tree, hanging all the smaller gifts upon its branches and placing the larger ones upon the floor beneath.

When it was completed he lay down upon the old couch of his childhood and dreamed happy thoughts. He, too, felt a lump in his throat, but his was a lump of gladness, as theirs had been one of sadness.

Here he remained in silence, his heart filled with joy, until Christmas morn. As he beheld the sun glimmering upon the snow-covered scene, making diamonds everywhere, he realized that it was to be one of the most gorgeous Christmas days he had ever witnessed. He hurriedly dressed himself in a bright new Santa outfit, his heart wildly thumping as he did so; and he had just seated himself beneath the glowing tree, when he heard his dear old mother's soft, familiar footsteps upon the stairway.

He listened breathlessly while she descended and passed through the hallway into the kitchen. Then soon the old familiar odors of coffee and griddle cakes came floating in. He could hardly contain himself, as he wanted to rush out and smother her with caresses. With sheer will power he remained silent until the family was called to breakfast.

Then little Ruth stole into the living room to see if by chance Santa had left her anything. She gave a scream of delight as she beheld the marvelous tree loaded with gifts, and Santa himself actually sitting beneath it.

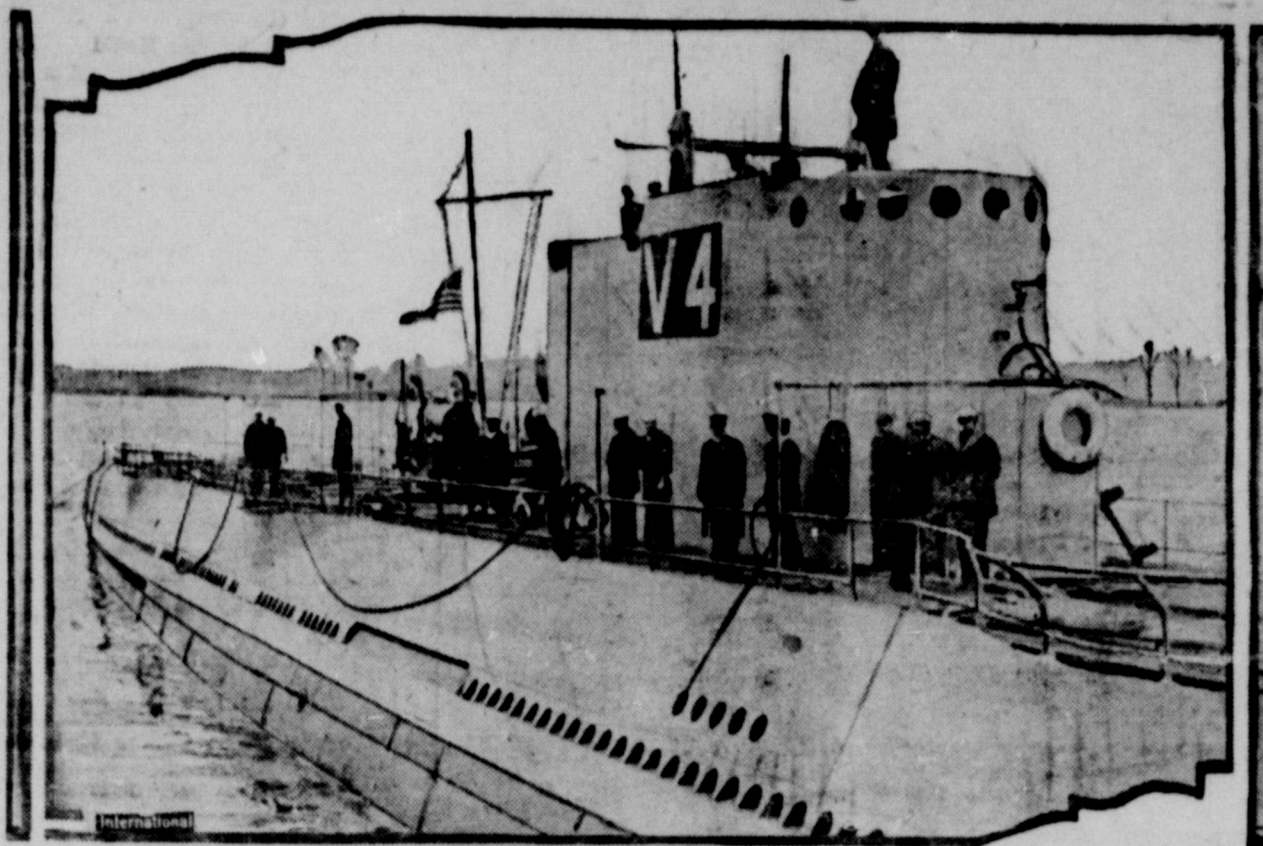
The next moment the whole family stood wide-eyed, gazing upon the scene before them too surprised to utter a single word.

Thoughts of a practical joke by their friends came to them and they hardly knew what to do or say. Tears came to mother's eyes with the memories of her lost son.

Just as father was going to speak, Ray, their own son, pulled the mask from his face and smiled a "Merry Christmas."

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Uncle Sam Launches World's Largest Submarine



Side view of U. S. S. V-4, the largest submarine in the world, launched the other day at Portsmouth navy yard for the American navy. It is designed for maximum cruising radius and endurance and can lay mines.

With the Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor

Just a word about our last Sunday's work. It was a good day with us in every respect. At the Sunday school hour, our new superintendent, W. E. Bogan, took charge of the work and conducted the entire program to the satisfaction and joy of all.

The preaching service was well attended and was with good interest. At the evening hour the attendance was above the average. Interest is growing in every department of our work. The League work is probably better now than at any time in its history. Mr. Moore is leading the young people in a very successful way.

Quite a bit of additional work has been done on the church building. One partition has been built, thus creating two class rooms for Sunday school work, where before there was only one. Gas has been installed in the church building and the plant is warmed now with seven nice gas heaters.

The pastor desires to announce his subjects for the services next Sunday, which are as follows: "Possessing our Possessions" at 11 a. m. "Looking into the Great Beyond" at 7 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

W. B. Andrews, Minister

The regular Lord's Day worship of the Church of Christ was a little above par last Sunday. Bro. Idus Ayer, who is now working in Amarillo, was with us and led our song service.

The young folks finished their old text book Sunday and it was decided to take up "Simplified Bible Lessons." This book contains the outline of the whole Bible. There are lessons in it for a whole year. Be sure and get one of them.

All work is progressing nicely. We cordially invite one and all to attend our services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

D. H. Brynoff, Pastor

Announcements for Sunday, Dec. 4:

10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. preaching service, subject: "Apostolic Church."
6 p. m. the B. Y. P. U.'s meet.
7 p. m. preaching service.

We had good services last Sunday. The Volunteer Band from Wayland Baptist College gave us some good programs. We appreciate our fine young people.

Our offering for the church debt is coming along very well. We are within \$111.80 of the goal.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

R. R. Rives, Minister

This will remind you of the services at this church next Sabbath.

Sunday school 10 a. m.
Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Young people meet at 6 p. m. You and your friends are cordially invited to worship with us at all the services.

Ed. W. B. Andrews of the McLean Church of Christ preached for the church at Heald Sunday afternoon. According to present he will be with them each Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Group No. 1 in charge.

Scripture reading—Doris Simmons
Joseph Hated by His Brothers—J. C. Corbin.

Joseph's Two Dreams—Lucile Scott.

Jacob Sends Joseph to See His Brothers—W. C. Carpenter Jr.

The Brothers Plot Against Joseph—Geo Young.

Joseph Is Sold as a Slave—Henry Johnston.

Phileas Buys Joseph—Arnold Sharp.

A Success Family—Marvin Mathis

TALENT INVITED FOR VODVIL SHOW DEC. 16

Reported.

Local theatrical talent is asked to wake up and get busy, for the Vodvil show will be held Dec. 16 at the high school auditorium. This is only two weeks away, so do not put off rehearsing your stunt until the last minute. If you would care to take part in the show and do not have in mind some kind of act, etc., see L. V. Lonsdale and he will furnish you with material from which to choose. We would like especially to see the rural school children participate in this show and urge that the teachers of the different rural schools near McLean arrange for at least one child or group of children to put on an "act." Don't be afraid to come forward. So much remains to be done that it will probably be impossible for a personal invitation to be delivered to each school, so let the above suffice and go ahead with your plans, letting some member of the committee, composed of Mrs. E. J. Landar, Mrs. L. F. Coffey, Curg Williams or L. V. Lonsdale, know what you will put on, what time it will take, the names of those who will be in the act, etc.

Tickets for the show will be put on sale beginning Dec. 5th, and all schools near McLean will be supplied. Anyone attending school can earn a free ticket by selling four adult tickets. Children's tickets will be 20c and adults tickets will be 50c. Those taking part in the show will, of course, be admitted free. So if you can sing, dance, recite, give a monologue, do tricks of magic, sleight of hand, have a trained dog or trained fleas, etc., come forward and be received.

Mrs. Sid Denson and son, Glen Cooper, of White Deer spent Thanks giving with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Hindman.

Mrs. J. W. Burks and sons visited relatives in Memphis the past two weeks.

Vernon Rice visited in Amarillo last Thursday.

J. H. Hurn of Clarendon was a McLean visitor Friday.

Mrs. Nida Green of Heald was shopping in McLean Friday.

George P. Wilson of Amarillo visited in McLean this week.

Lester Muncie made a trip to Memphis Friday.

John Grimsley of Clarendon was a McLean visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brooks were Amarillo visitors last Thursday.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I thought I had better write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a set of dishes, a wagon, a tricycle and a story book. Santa, please don't forget the other little boys and girls, because I want them to have a merry Christmas, too.

Your little friend,

OMA LEE HARDIN.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a set of dishes, a big doll with long curls, and two balloons. I also want some candy, fruit and nuts. Hoping to see you soon, I remain your little friend,

WYNEMA LAMB.

Little Misses Charlotte and Rosalie Cousins of Amarillo visited in McLean this week.

Carl Peabody of Clarendon was in McLean Friday.

Lee Cason visited in Shamrock Thursday of last week.

Norman Johnston was a Shamrock visitor Thursday.

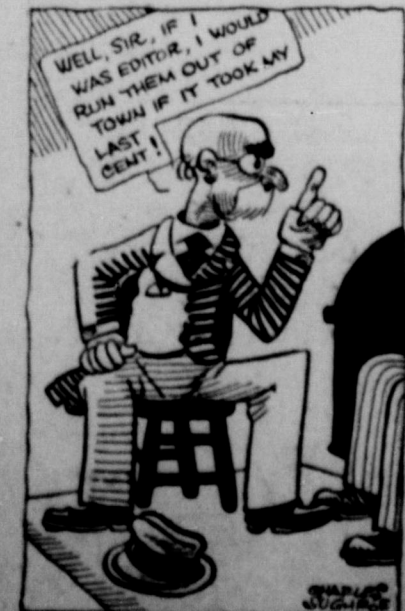
Jack Gray was in Amarillo Wednesday.

ELECTED MAYOR



Harry A. Mackey, supported by the Republican Vane organization, defeated J. Hampton Moore, the Citizens party candidate, for the position of mayor of Philadelphia.

PRINT SHOP FABLES



Well, Look at the Ol' Busybody telling Ye Editor to Lambaste Crime and Clean Up the Town. Ye Ed will say a Newspaper's Job is to Print News, not Act as Town Censor, and to Tell His Troubles to a Policeman. The Ol' Busybody is in the Wrong Stall again.

WHY A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

A Chamber of Commerce is the business of the community speaking and acting for the common good.

Show me a live city and I will show you a live Chamber of Commerce. A dead Chamber of Commerce means that the city has gone to sleep. In other words, a city is known by the Chamber of Commerce it keeps.

No individual, firm or corporation can organize a civic enterprise and carry it to a successful conclusion single handed. Such work requires co-operation of all interests, and such co-operation can be obtained only through a Chamber of Commerce, or a similar body. There is no exception.

This does not mean that the individual initiative is to be discounted. It means, rather, that the Chamber of Commerce gives the widest scope for individual initiative to assert itself.

The Chamber of Commerce renders ineffective that deadly jealousy which so often confronts individual initiative for civic development. When individual initiative is exercised in a Chamber of Commerce, it does not stand out as such; and every member of the organization has an opportunity to discuss the thing proposed, and, if it is any good, to make it his own.

As the human family has adopted marriage and home as the best plan so far developed for the comfort and convenience of the race, so has the city adopted the Chamber of Commerce as the most dependable instrument so far invented for civic progress.

The Chamber of Commerce is here to stay. Long may it wave—J. F. L., in The Earth.

CAR SERVICE

Gasoline, Oil, Greases and Accessories

Lester's Service Station

Claude Lester, Mgr.

LADIES BAZAAR

Bazaar at the Masonic Temple by ladies of the Presbyterian church Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3. Advertisement 1c

A few breeds of poultry—the Barred and White Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Red, White Wyandotte and Single-Comb White Leghorn—are kept to a greater extent than all other breeds and varieties combined. It is not, experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture say, that these five varieties combine economic qualities superior to all other varieties, but they have gained wide popularity and have been bred to a greater extent than others. In fact the strain or breeding of the birds is more important than the breed or variety to which they belong.

Mrs. Elton Johnston and son, Elton Jr., of Hedley are visiting in McLean this week.

Enoch Bentley made a trip to Wichita Falls Friday.

Raymond Hall was in Clarendon last Thursday.

Burford Reed visited in Shamrock last Thursday.

Miss Lorene Sparks visited in Clarendon Thursday.

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Make this Christmas long to be remembered by giving useful gifts. Come in and look over our stock before you buy.

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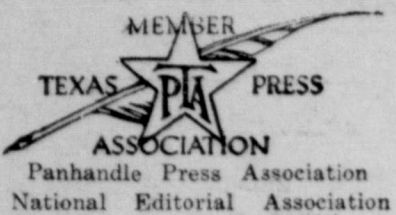
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We suppose the merchants of McLean should consider themselves lucky that the paving order did not call for about 20 blocks, if the whole number would have to be prepared at once. Four blocks closed to traffic of any kind works a hardship at this time of the year.

Reports indicate that the Amarillo Sun is no more. Amarillo is not large enough for two papers, as has been proven many times in the past. The News-Globe Publishing Company are printing a morning and afternoon paper that are a credit to the town, and Amarillo people should give them full co-operation.

Attorney L. V. Lonsdale has announced his willingness to serve the Chamber of Commerce in the capacity of secretary another year. Mr. Lonsdale has made a very acceptable officer the short time he has held this office, and the chamber could do much worse than leave him in charge of this phase of the work.

Should officers be elected by the Chamber of Commerce Monday night, it will be nice if every former member of the organization will reinstate himself in time to take part in the election. The Chamber of Commerce means much to the growth of the town, and the fact that it is thought that mistakes have been made in the past should not keep us from striving to have an organization that will be of benefit to the community. Only those men should be drafted for office who are known to be qualified for the various positions, regardless of personal preference. If this is done, and they are given hearty co-operation we may expect greater progress next year than ever before.

Mrs. L. E. Cunningham and Miss Vera Laswell visited the Simmons children at Dalhart over Thanksgiving, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Caldwell and little daughter and Kaipo Caldwell spent Sunday with relatives at Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Carter and children were Amarillo visitors Saturday.

W. B. Upham has renewed for the Star-Telegram at our bargain rate.

Joe Glass of Houston spent the week end in McLean.

Walter Meek of Miami was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mrs. R. M. Mitchell of Wichita Falls is visiting in McLean.

Mrs. W. E. Bogan was in Amarillo Saturday.

News from Liberty

By Mrs. Luther Petty
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Gregory and children took Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Davidson at Shamrock.

Mrs. H. M. Roth and children and father, Mr. Kirby, and Miss Opal Nelson visited in the Lively home Sunday afternoon.

Z. T. Jones made a business trip to Shamrock Saturday.

Mrs. Luther Petty and son, Francis visited in the T. N. Holloway home at McLean Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Bodine accompanied Mrs. Scott Johnston of McLean to Shamrock Friday.

L. D. Langley and family visited at Memphis Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Opal and Levie Nelson are spending the week with their sister, Mrs. Dexter Glenn, northeast of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stokes and children, Mrs. Kate Stokes and Mrs. Beale Henderson and son, Alonzo, of McLean were Shamrock visitors Monday.

Frank and brother, Bob, of Heald made a trip to Vernon Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holloway of Skillet spent a few days in the J. O. Holloway home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bodine, Mrs. Luther Petty and children attended Thanksgiving services at the Presbyterian church at McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coyle entertained his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Coyle, and sister, Miss Coyle, of Tulsa, Okla., from Wednesday until Sunday. They were accompanied by Mary Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coyle, who is staying with them and attending school.

Mrs. Andy Nelson and children of Gracey, Dexter Glenn and family visited at the H. C. Nelson home Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Stokes had the pleasure to have all her children and grandchildren with her Thanksgiving, except Mrs. Ira Sullivan of Denver. Those present were: Claude Stokes and family of Groom, Robert Stokes of Shawnee, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewallen of Burkburnett, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Irvin and baby of McLean, Roy Stokes and family, Travis and Buster Stokes of this community.

Mrs. Modie Francis, Luther Petty and family attended services by the volunteer band at Alanreed Sunday and visited in the W. E. James home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bodine took Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott southwest of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Radliff and William Gessier took Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holloway to their home Sunday.

Misses Opal and Levie Nelson ate dinner with Miss Lethia Roth Sunday.

Miss Ollie Mae Irvin of McLean spent Saturday night with Miss Margaret Harlan.

Ernest Smith and family moved to the Petty place Monday to pull cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lines and son, Leonard Lee, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Lines mother, Mrs. O. L. Howell, at Konawa, Okla.

E. E. Robinson of Magic City was in town Saturday.

Miss Lorene Meek visited in Amarillo last Thursday.

Floyd Phillips visited in Amarillo Thursday of last week.

Miss Ann Spillman visited in Amarillo last Thursday.

Miss Rachel Stratton returned to Amarillo Sunday after a visit with home folks.

Mrs. W. E. Ballard visited in Amarillo Saturday.

FOR HER CHRISTMAS GIFT,
NEGLIGEE OF SATIN AND LACE

AND again we come to the time of the year which never fails to confront us with the Christmas gift problem. Well, if the one upon whom you would bestow life's choicest gift is young and fair, say "sweet sixteen" or thereabouts, what gift more lovely than a negligee all of shimmering crepe satin and dainty lace?

There's never a daughter, a niece or a fair young friend whose eyes would not sparkle, whose heart would not beat a faster, merrier tune at the joy of receiving a fluttery lovely negligee like the one shown in this picture. Best of it is, it is so simple to make. The "trick" of it is to be sure to buy yards and yards of lace, otherwise there is nothing to this boudoir robe but a "mumant of washable satin cut and sewed together in the simplest possible manner.

This adorable negligee is of the distinctly "feminine type," the kind that fits in with a fairylike boudoir all in rose pink or forget-me-not blue, with perhaps little cupids decorating the wall and a boudoir cushion in the shape of a heart posing upon a silken coverlet.

If she is one who prefers pajamas

to any other type of negligee, it is possible to make a boudoir set alluringly feminine in point of lace and ribbons and furberlows. A rose-satin pajama set which introduces a wide flounce of lace at its jumper border would be lovely. A yoke of the lace, also trouser cuffs of the lace would add to its prettiness. At the neckline applique a cluster of wee ribbon flowers in pastel tones. About the waist tie double-faced narrow satin ribbon, pink on one side, blue on the other.

There's ever so much lace being used this season on boudoir apparel. Just now "faddists" are going in for not only sheer black pajama sets but for black lingerie as well. These are fashioned either of georgette, indestructible voile or nylon lavished with fine black lace.

Gay printed silk remains a favorite for simply styled kimono or for the cooler coat. Newer than this, however, is sheer-printed velvet, bordered with a solid color. These velvets come in most fascinating patterns, either in deep rich colorings or dainty pastel shades.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

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Mayor C. J. Cash says to put his name on the Star-Telegram list at our bargain rate.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Powell of Randall were McLean visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barnes took Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lamb.

Greenies are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store Advertisement for

A. A. LEDBETTER
Attorney-at-Law
McLean, Texas

The Best Meat

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Remember we will have real buffalo meat on sale during Christmas week.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lamb of Shamrock visited their son, H. H. Lamb, and family last week.

C. C. Cook will read the Star-Telegram another year at our bargain rate.

Hnasel Christian was in Amarillo Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Callahan visited in Clarendon Friday.

S. A. Cousins and family visited in Clarendon Thursday.

Miss Sibyl Fletcher of Childress was a McLean visitor Sunday.

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Phone 58

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Takit 'n' Pay

Save While You Buy

Phone 23



Our showing of holiday and gift goods makes it easy to buy pleasing gifts for the children, and our stock of toilet sets, candies, fountain pens, purses, books, jewelry, kodaks, etc., will please anyone.

Please the whole family this year by giving a Victrola.

Erwin Drug Co.

the Retail Drug Store

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By F. O. Alexander



Figuratively Speaking

When Jesus Was a Boy; Loved by His Playmates

WHEN it is candle-lighting time on Christmas Eve, and mother has read the "Night Before Christmas," and told you the story of the Christ Child, of the Wise Men who came on their soft-stepping camels across the desert; of the shepherds who followed the Star; of the angel song, and of the manger cradle, have you ever thought:

"I wonder what sort of a boy Jesus was when He was as old as I?"

The Bible doesn't tell much about His boyhood, but there are two legends which you may like to remember while the berries are red on the holly and the whole house is smelling of evergreen. One tells of a little lame boy who followed the shepherds on that first Christmas night. While he was kneeling before the Christ Child, he felt the tiny hands touch him. When he arose, he no longer needed his crutch. He who had always hobbled slowly and painfully had been healed, and could run with the swiftest.

Another legend tells of the time when the boy Jesus was playing with His comrades and held a lifeless bird in His hand, and it flew away up, up, up into the blue sky, singing a song of thanksgiving.

These are only legends. They may not be true, but of this we may be sure: the boy Jesus was well loved by His playmates, and He was always kind and thoughtful.

Suppose you take one of the candles from the tree and tie it up in a knot of holly berries where you can see it often. As often as you see it remember that Christmas is the birthday of the Christ Child. So try to be like Him by doing some kind deed every day.—Frank H. Sweet.

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Sent a Box of Mistletoe to Recall a First Kiss

"SIGN on the dotted line, lady."

"But are you sure this is for me?"

"It says, 'Miss Martha Brent, 220 Cassland; ain't that you? There's no mistake; it's yours all right.'"

Miss Brent drew the box into the house and opened it with trembling hands. And there stood a box filled with mistletoe, lovely white berries like pearls.

"What in the world!" ejaculated Miss Brent.

"Mistletoe for an old maid! It must be a joke!"

But she took it out and decorated her tiny home.

That night her door bell rang. When she went to the door there stood a prosperous, middle-aged man.

His hair was beginning to turn gray and he had a vaguely familiar look.

"Miss Martha," he said, "thirty years ago tonight we were attending a party at Mary Holland's. I kissed you under the mistletoe and you boxed my ears soundly. I said, 'I thought girls liked to be kissed.' You replied, 'Not by a good-for-nothing Fitzgerald.'"

"I'm no longer good for nothing. May I try again, Martha?"—Jane Roth.

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The Way He Figures



"I'm afraid child, you are asking old Santa for too much this year."

"Well, it is a good bit, mother, but with all the toys he's got he'll never miss 'em."

—Mrs. Ram—Oh, he was the leading man, then?

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Announcing the Birth of a King and Savior

IN FACT and fancy, walk by night the quiet streets of old-time Bethlehem. A bright star hangs above the house of David—the old Inn of Chimham. Homes are empty. With fright and awe the people stand gazing at the flaming herald. To the south and west a cloud of fire has lowered over the fields of Boaz, where once Ruth gleaned barley behind the reapers. The night air is burdened with silent melodies. The strange starlight mingles the village with a stranger happiness. Strange omens crowd the hour.

People are gathering down by the old Inn. They stand in silence; men are as voiceless as the night. Only the few have dared to whisper. A man comes out of the Inn, now and then he presses his lips against a neighbor's ear and whispers: "Strangers from Nazareth—a child is born."

Now the people fall back to make room for a company of night watchers from the sheep flocks, their bearded faces bright with excitement and wonder. They are from the Boaz hills. They tell excitedly the story of angels singing praises to God and announcing the birth of a King and Savior. They have come to see. Follow them through the old house into the adjoining caves, where even meek-eyed beasts share the wonder of the night. There are the strangers from Nazareth, and there in the manger their new-born Child. The simple shepherds kneel before the Child and tell the story of the sky. They declare the Child is a King.

Scarcely are the shepherds gone before a slight commotion heralds the coming of bearded strangers, travel stained but richly garbed. They had seen the star months before and they had followed from the east. It was a thing they had come to find. They bow down and worship. They pile gold beside the swaddled babe and fill the cave with the odor of incense. An elder from the synagogue brings a scroll and reads, "And His name shall be called Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of Peace." Then understand—you have witnessed the mightiest miracle of earth. Here is the place where Divinity became humanity that humanity might become divinity.—William L. Gaston.

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Christmas Kaleidoscope

CHRISTMAS places a kaleidoscope in my hand. Fantastic designs of rare coloring and exquisite form show themselves—pictures of people, and places, and episodes—dreams unfulfilled . . . persons whom I have loved and lost pass before me. They all but speak I seem to catch a distinctive note and a familiar ring of laughter . . . places teeming with sweet memories and hallowed associations come, too, and are gone! . . . Ghosts of unaccomplished desires, unsolved problems, unattained goals, pass in review. . . . It is Christmas! Joyous in its present gladness, but thrice blessed in memories! A day in which music, if but the laughter of a child, is richer than royal feasts, and when a tried friendship is more heartening than the richest wine.—W. D. Penny-packer.

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Warns of Christmas Celebration Dangers

Unless people are more cautious during the holiday season than they have been in previous years, there will be an unusually large number of home accidents, predicts the National Safety Council, which is endeavoring to make the celebration of Christmas not only a merry but also a safe festival.

Scores of children were blinded during Christmas week last year by shots from air rifles, used in all sections of the country, and through the explosion of fireworks.

When Animals Kneel

There are many quaint animal superstitions connected with Christmas night. One of them is the legend that the oxen kneel in their stalls to worship the infant Christ at midnight on His birthday.

For Christmas Table

Nothing more striking could be chosen as a decoration for the Christmas table than a pair of silver peacocks or a large pheasant either in silver plate or in pottery.

An Old Christmas Custom

Blessing the apple trees is a Christmas custom still observed in the English counties of Sussex and Devonshire.

Christmas in Italy

In southern Italy a Novena is begun nine days before Christmas and little plays representing the nativity are acted in village homes.

Denver Girl Married to a Prince



Miss Elaine Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacArthur of Denver, was married to Prince Gialma Odesscahl in the chapel of the municipal building in New York city. The prince is a member of a distinguished Hungarian family. This photograph of the bride and groom is made immediately after the wedding.

A. T. Young renews his subscription to the Star-Telegram at our bargain rate this week.

Misses Margaret Johnston and Winnifred Howard visited in Shamrock Friday.

Miss Madge Tummins of Adrin spent the week end with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. Geo. Tummins.

S. B. Morse is a new reader of the Star-Telegram at our bargain rate.

Mesdames E. B. Clemens, G. B. Dudley and E. E. Filer were Shamrock visitors Wednesday.

Miss Edith Staples of Sayre, Okla., spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Tally.

Miss Audra Wilson visited in Shamrock Thursday.

Charlie and Buck Campbell were Amarillo visitors last Thursday.

Louis Calaway visited in Claude Saturday.

Ed Manning left Thursday for Fort Worth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tally spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Sayre, Okla.

Prof. and Mrs. George Tummins and daughter, Miss Merle, visited in Amarillo last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis were in Pampa Wednesday.

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Society and Clubs

MRS. CLEM ENTERTAINS WITH BRIDGE LUNCHEON

Reported.

Mrs. J. C. Clem entertained with a Thanksgiving bridge luncheon last Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. A lovely three course luncheon was served consisting of sliced turkey and dressing, peas, cranberry sauce, pear salad and coffee. The dessert was a delicious fruit cake with peppermint ice cream.

The ladies who enjoyed this bountiful repast were hardly able to concentrate on bridge afterward. Mrs. Luther Coffey won high score, Mrs. S. B. Morse second, while consolation went to Mrs. O. G. Stokely.

Those present were: Mesdames S. O. Hall, C. J. Hamilton Jr., L. G. McMullen, Jot Montgomery, L. V. Lonsdale, John C. Haynes, Roy Campbell, O. G. Stokely, L. F. Coffey, Everett Watkins, S. B. Morse and W. L. Campbell.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON AT MRS. DISHMAN'S

A delightful Thanksgiving bridge luncheon was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. E. E. Dishman last Friday at 1:30 p. m. The different items of the luncheon were much too many to mention. The most eccentric epicure would have been sure to find several of his favorite dishes among the numerous ones on the groaning board.

After "pot luck" bridge was enjoyed until a late hour, when high score prize was presented to Mrs. L. V. Lonsdale, second to Mrs. Luther Coffey, while consolation went to Mrs. Donald Beall.

Those present were: Mesdames L. G. McMullen, Jot Montgomery, J. E. Lynch, John C. Haynes, L. F. Coffey, Donald Beall, W. L. Campbell, Sammie Coome, Chas. E. Coome, Roy Campbell, L. V. Lonsdale and Miss Ruby Cook.

A BRIDAL SHOWER AT McCOMBS HOME

Mrs. Luther McCombs, assisted by Misses Mildred Rogers and Faye Cunion, was hostess at a shower honoring Mrs. Elmer Ware, a recent bride, Tuesday evening of this week, given at the McCombs home. Various games were indulged in by those present, and many pretty gifts were presented to the bride. The gifts were arranged at the foot of a rainbow, and following the rainbow the gifts were discovered.

A delicious plate luncheon was served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Bailey, J. O. Clark, Tom Clark, Donald Turner, Tom McKinney, Oliver Elliott, Clyde Ware; Mrs. E. H. Kramer, Misses Faye Chilton, Winnie Lee Bailey, Lotta Gill, Mildred Rogers, Edith Reneau, Prebble McRee; Messrs. Roscoe Trostle, Ben Chilton, D. L. Miller, Early Ware, Abraham Derrick, Don McCombs.

EMBROIDERY CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. DONALD BEALL

Reported.

The Embroidery Club met last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Donald Beall. Dainty refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames C. A. Strandberg, D. C. Carpenter, T. J. Coffey, Chas. E. Cooke, Byrd Gill, E. E. Dishman, H. C. Rippy, W. S. White, and Miss Fern Upham. Guests were Mesdames Bryant Henry and Allen Wilson.

SIMMONS' ENTERTAIN FRIDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Simmons entertained the young people of the First Baptist church Friday evening.

Various games, stunts and music were enjoyed, and delicious refreshments were served. A most enjoyable time is reported by those present.

W. E. Bogan takes advantage of our bargain rate on The News and Amarillo News this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cason and son, Charles Jr., of Wellington visited in McLean Monday.

Mesdames W. S. White and H. C. Rippy were Shamrock visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Wheeler Foster visitors Sunday.

and W. S. White Tuesday.

field and S. W. Tuesday.



K. B. KLUB

Reported.

With only one member absent, the K. B. Klub held its regular meeting Monday afternoon with Mrs. O. L. Lines, at her apartment in the Kunkel residence. As Monday is a very inconvenient day to make preparations for entertaining the club, a motion was made to change the meeting day back to the previous day, Thursday. The motion carried, and the club will meet with Mrs. J. E. Peters on next Thursday afternoon, Dec. 8.

After three members were fined for over-stepping one of the by-laws, the business meeting closed.

Bridge was the diversion of the afternoon. High score was taken from Mrs. Caldwell, and in return she was awarded consolation for not abiding by the rules of the club. Mrs. G. B. Dudley held second high. Mrs. Lines, assisted by Mesdames J. R. Nichols and J. R. Davis, served a tempting plate lunch to the following ladies: Mesdames E. B. Clemens, Arthur Tally, E. E. Filer, G. B. Dudley, Ted Matthews, J. E. Peters, L. E. Caldwell, J. E. Cubine and Toledo Isbell, who was an invited guest.

News from Alanreed

Union Thanksgiving services were conducted at the local Baptist church. The special services were finished by twelve o'clock and a splendid Thanksgiving dinner was then served on the ground to a large per cent of the citizenship of the community.

After Thanksgiving dinner, there were two basketball games on the local court, between Grandview boys and girls teams and those of Alanreed. The Alanreed boys won, while the home girls lost to Grandview.

On Friday afternoon there were two basketball games between Alanreed and Groom players. In these games the Alanreed girls won and the boys lost by a small score.

Prof. Alex Tompkins of Eldridge was in Alanreed Thanksgiving afternoon.

A. H. Merman spent Thanksgiving in Clarendon with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hedrick, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilkins spent Thanksgiving in Amarillo with friends.

Olan Castleberry of Clarendon was visiting friends in Alanreed Sunday.

Rev. J. L. King filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night. Misses Inez and Zola Blakenship spent Sunday in Goodnight with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Elms visited in the W. E. James home Sunday.

Rev. J. L. King was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Blakney Sunday.

There was a reunion at the homes of W. J. and S. L. Ball Sunday. Several relatives of the Ball family from other towns and states were in Alanreed for the reunion.

Misses Julia Dean and Ruth La Fon were in Clarendon last week end.

The Wayland College Volunteer Band a group of students from Wayland College at Plainview, rendered an interesting religious pro-

gram at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon to a large interested audience.

The Wayland College students gave an interesting inspirational program at the school auditorium Monday morning.

News from Heald

Bro. John Crow filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Ruth Clark and Mr. Elmer Ware of Gracey were married last week in Lefors.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinney of Dumas are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haynes.

The missionary society met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Paul Ladd with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bell and baby of Borger visited his sister, Mrs. J. A. Phillips, last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Frank Bidwell of Amarillo spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dougherty. Prof. Trostle was a dinner guest in the A. P. Rippy home Sunday.

Mrs. Rob Harlan of Plemons is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harbison.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bearden visited in the Frank More home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner of McLean visited in the W. F. Moore home Sunday. Mr. Turner and Mrs. Moore

are brother and sister.

T. F. Phillips was in Shamrock Monday.

HEALD SCHOOL

The Heald school commemorated the occasion Thursday, Thanksgiving day, by having a big dinner on the ground, furnished by the good women of the community, and invited the entire community and the Ramsdell school to be with them. There was plenty of dinner, which was enjoyed by all.

After the dinner, the school put on the following Thanksgiving program:

Song—America the Beautiful.

Prayer—Rev. Crow.

The First Thanksgiving—Mary Reneau.

The Story of the Seed—Frances Landers, Woodrow Nelson, Joan Ewing, Romale Lou Rippy, R. A. Reneau.

Solo—Mr. Trostle.

A Turkey's Soliloquy—Grace Reneau.

Piano duet—Louise Holmes and Miss Gill.

The Pilgrims—Laverne Bailey.

Piano duet—Gail Ladd and Miss Gill.

Glad to Be a Little Girl—Frances Landers.

Piano solo—Fahoma Ladd.

Indian dance—H. C. Nelson, Elzy Rutledge, Woodrow Nelson, Willis Rogers, Grace Reneau, Gail Ladd.

Song, God's Gift in Nature—Katherine Rutledge, Edith Reneau, Imogene Rutledge, Maudie Bee Harbison, Pansie Pickett, Louise Rogers.

Thanksgiving talk—Rev. Crow.

After the program a ball game was played by the Heald "Bunnies" and the Ramsdell team. The score was 29 to 10 in favor of the "Bunnies." This was one of the best games witnessed in this part of the country in a long time. For their experience, the Ramsdell team played well and showed some real team work, but was a little outclassed by the more experienced, fast hopping "Bunnies." The entire Heald team played well, but the forwards were unusually good, and Fahoma Ladd played a real stellar game. We are certainly proud of our girls, and believe they are going to fulfill the prophecy of a good season. They play Ramsdell next Friday, Dec. 1, and hope to play Alanreed the next Friday.

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WANTED.—Good 2nd hand Ford. S. A. Cousins. 1p

LOST

LOST.—Gold watch, Burlington special. Finder please return to J. W. Burrows. 1c

FOR RENT

3 room house for rent. Mrs. L. E. Cunningham. 1c

FRONT bedroom for rent. Garage and bath. Ruel Smith. 1c

HOUSE for rent. Inquire at News office.

The future is shaped out of the past. Whatever one can do to live contentedly, without impatient and without fretting, will help one to live some future day in peace and joy. Be gentle and learn how to suffer. When one suffers patiently, one suffers less.—Anatole France.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Colebank, J. Cobb and son, Jesse Dean; Misses Marie Browning, Elizabeth Wilkerson, Doris Corbin and Eunice Stratton were Alanreed visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mattie Graham and children were Clarendon visitors Monday.

W. H. Bragg of Nocona is visiting in McLean this week.

J. R. G. Bird of Pampa was in McLean Tuesday.

Tom Kirby of Jericho was in McLean Tuesday.

Roy Campbell was a Shamrock visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. C. E. Anderson visited in Roxana Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Muncie were in Amarillo the first of the week.

Lee Cason visited in Pampa Sunday.

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NOTICE

TO ALL OWNING OR CLAIMING ANY PROPERTY ABUTTING UPON THE HEREBELOW MENTIONED PORTIONS OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF MCLEAN, TEXAS, AND TO ALL OWNING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN ANY SUCH PROPERTY, AND TO THE OWNERS OF RAILWAYS USING, OCCUPYING OR CROSSING THE HEREBELOW MENTIONED STREETS, WITH THEIR RAILS AND TRACKS, AND TO ALL OWNING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN SUCH RAILWAYS:

The governing body of the City of McLean has ordered that the herebelow mentioned streets be improved by raising, grading and filling same, and installing concrete curbs and gutters, and paving with 3 inch Vertical Fibre Brick on 5 inch concrete base, together with incidentals and appurtenances, and contract has been made and entered into with Panhandle Construction Company for the making and construction of such improvements.

Changes in the plan, extent and method of improvements on the herebelow mentioned portions of streets and places have been provided for and the necessary action taken in connection therewith, and a new estimate concerning cost of the improvements on said herebelow mentioned portions of streets, with amounts, have been prepared and approved, and new hearing ordered to be held. Such streets and places, together with estimated amounts per front foot to be assessed, and other matters and things, being as follows, to-wit:

On Main Street, from its intersection with the South line of Railroad Street south a distance of 69 feet, known and designated as Unit or District No. 1; the improvements to be approximately 59 feet wide from back of curb to back of curb; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$1638.19; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$0.35; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$7.1629.

On Main Street, from its intersection with the center line of Railroad Street to its intersection with the center line of North First Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 2; the improvements to be approximately 59 feet wide from back of curb to back of curb; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$5109.76; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$0.35; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$9.8723; total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof is \$10.2223.

On Main Street, from its intersection with the center line of North First Street to its intersection with the north line of North Second Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 3; the improvements to be approximately 59 feet wide from back of curb to back of curb; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$8931.95; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$0.35; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$10.8896; total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof is \$11.2396.

On North First Street, from its intersection with the west line of Commerce Street to its intersection with the west line of Main Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 5; the improvements to be approximately 59 feet wide from back of curb to back of curb; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$8261.25; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$0.35; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$10.94924; total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof is \$11.29824.

On Main Street, from its intersection with the north line of Second Street to its intersection with the south line of Third Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 6; the improvements to be approximately 37 feet wide from back of curb to back of curb; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$3668.17; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$0.35; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.3376; total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof is \$4.6876.

A hearing will be given and held by and before the governing body of the City of McLean, Texas, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1927, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the regular meeting place of the City Council in the City of McLean, Texas, to all owning or claiming any property abutting upon said portions of streets, and to all owning or claiming any interest in any such property, and to the owners of railways using, occupying or crossing said portions of streets, and to all owning or claiming any interest in any such railways. At said time and place any owner or claimant of any such property, or any interest therein, and all owners of railways using, occupying or crossing such

of street, and to all owning or claiming any interest in any such railways, shall be and appear and will be fully heard concerning said improvements, the cost thereof, the amounts to be assessed therefor, the benefits to the respective parcels of abutting property and railways by means of the improvements on the portion of street or highway upon which the property abuts, and concerning the regularity, validity and sufficiency of the contract for, and all proceedings relating to, such improvements and proposed assessments therefor, and concerning any matter as to which they are entitled to hearing under the law in force in the City and under the proceedings of the City with reference to said matters. Following such hearing, assessments will be levied against abutting property and owners thereof, and against railways, and such assessments, when levied shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property and against railways, and first and prior lien upon the property as provided by the law in the City, and under which the proceedings are taken, being the Act passed at the First Called Session of the 40th Legislature of the State of Texas, known as Chapter 106 of the Acts of said Session.

The improvements on each said portion of street or highway constitute an entirely separate and distinct unit of improvement, all to the same extent as if entirely separate and distinct proceedings had been taken with reference to the improvements and assessments therefor in connection with improvements on each such portion of street or highway, and the assessments against the property abutting upon any unit shall be and are in no wise affected by any fact or circumstance relating to or connected with the improvements in other units.

Of all said matters and things, all owning or claiming any such property, or any interest therein, and all owning or claiming the railways using, occupying or crossing said portions of streets, or any interest therein, as well as all owners in any wise interested or affected will take notice.

Done by order of the City Council of the City of McLean, Texas, this 28th day of November, A. D. 1927.
W. E. BOGAN, City Secretary,
(Seal) City of McLean, Texas.
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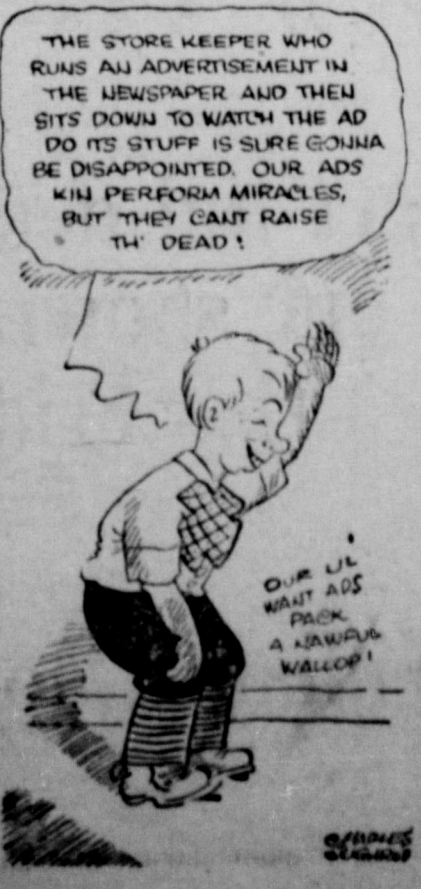
THE CLERGYMAN AFIELD

The clergyman comes in for as much criticism, probably, as any other professional man. Some of the criticism is justified; much of it is not. The most serious reproach, if repetition is taken as the gauge, is that by widening his sphere of activity, the clergyman has lost much of his power of religious leadership.

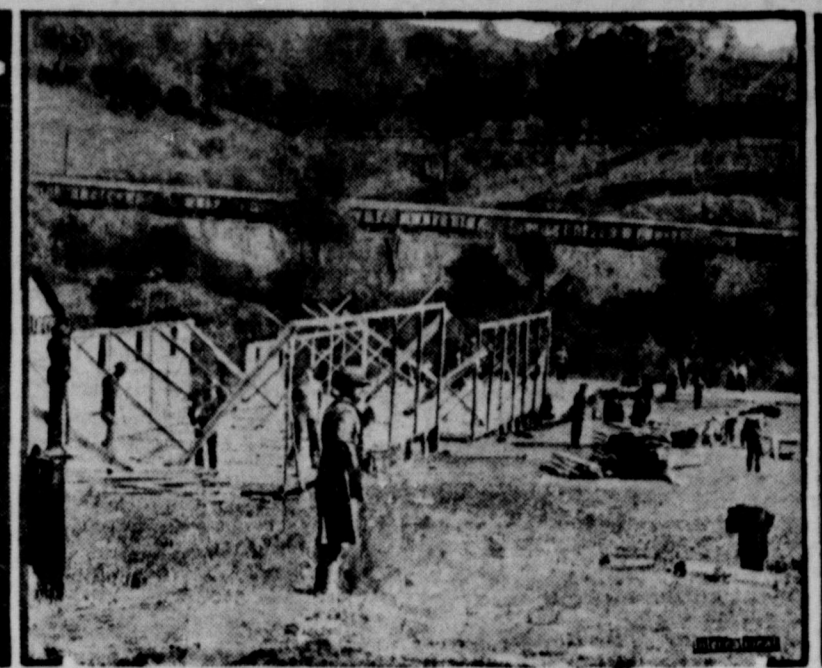
"People do not care to hear a minister talk about international relations, the stock exchange, or similar matters," declares Professor McFayden, noted Glasgow scholar. "They want to hear about religion, in which he is a specialist. If a minister talks about secular matters in the pulpit there is certain to be some one in the pews who knows more about the subject than he does."

At first flush this seems a just and pointed criticism. Many churches have lost their mystic religious aura through the injection of secularism; many pulpits have become mere debating rostrums or lecture platforms. Appeals ring out for the return of the old-time religion. But in justice to modern ministers it must be said that changing times have brought complexities to the church as well as to other institutions. New problems are being faced, new leadership is essential. There are moral issues without the church as well as within. If, in attempting to define these issues and solve them, clergymen occasionally step beyond the bounds of pure clericality, theirs at least is the error of zeal rather than of indifference—earnest Independent.

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Ms. and Mrs. O. C. Shaw, who were called to St. Louis on account of the death of Mr. Shaw's mother, Mrs. M. A. Shaw, have returned home.

Attorney A. A. Ledbetter will read the Star-Telegram at our bargain rate next year.

Prof. R. C. Davidson was in Groom Saturday.

Elmer Delaune of Amesbury was in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. W. R. Stokes of Liberty was in town Saturday.

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-CLARA BOW

in

"Rough House Rosie"

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Mrs. Leon Waldrop of Pleasant Mound was shopping in town Saturday.

John C. Haynes takes advantage of our bargain rate on the Star-Telegram and News this week.

Hubert Roach of Heald was in town Saturday.

C. H. White of Groom was in McLean this week.

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But if we use the 40 per cent within our control intelligently we can make half of the other 60 happen in our favor.

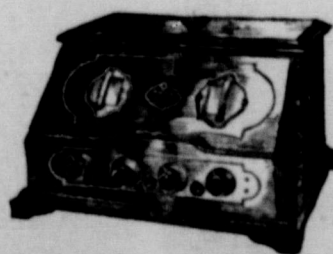
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God rest ye, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay!

THE words sounded through the hall of the big office building in a high, clear soprano, which made both John Harden and his son, Ralph, look up, startled and irritated. Then, as "merry gentlemen" sounded farther off, John Harden thought, "It's a good thing that woman didn't come in here singing that! 'Merry gentlemen, indeed!' and he looked over at his son, who sat brooding at his desk.

"If Ralph would only give me his confidence!" he thought. "Money trouble of some kind, I suppose, and I'd help him out if he'd only tell me. Troubles enough of my own, but not about money. If a million dollars would remove this threat of blindness, I'd pay it in a minute."

"Let nothing you dismay!" came the clear, light voice again, and Ralph thought:

"How can I help being dismayed, with a pile of gambling debts I'll never get out from under? Father suspects, too, I know, for he looks glum all the time, and keeps his hand over his eyes so much. If he'd only ask me, maybe I'd have the courage to tell him."

As the singing voice neared the office again, Harden growled, "Tell that girl to hush up or go away!" Then the office door opened, and the words "merry gentlemen" made both men look up, impatiently. But, instead of a bold young woman—

stood a scrubby newsboy, saying, "Collectin' for the Times. Circulation manager's so busy he sent me."

"Where did you learn to sing?" asked Ralph.

"St. Luke's choir. We're practicin' fer Christmas. Get fifty cents a Sunday, and I get a dollar Christmas, 'cause I sing a solo. Gee, it's luck, fer Dad's been sick and if it goes on this way, I'd never get clothes fer school. Whajja think? Got five dollars out o' choir money saved fer a new overcoat!"

"Here's another toward it," said Ralph, "and I hope your father gets well."

"Thank you!" exclaimed the boy, pocketing the dollar. "Gee, I hope he does, too, 'cause he's all the family I got. He works in a factory where the light's bad, and sometimes his eyes go wrong."

"Couldn't he work somewhere else?" queried Mr. Harden.

"Yep; there's a grand place goin' to be vacant at the paper-box factory, where there's hardly any eye work, but there's so many after it—"

"Wait!" said Harden. "I know Mortimer, who owns that factory. I'll give you a note to take him. What's your father's name?"

"Albert Wickens, and he's all right! You tell 'em I said so—known him all my life, an' I recommend him."

Presently Harden looked up, saying, "Here's the note, and a dollar for your New Year's greeting in advance. Don't forget to come in with it—it's paid for, remember!"

"You bet I'll come! I'd get a handsome lickin' if my Dad ever heard o' my bein' crooked! I'm proud o' my ole man an' I want to make him proud o' me."

With that, the door slammed, and the young voice was heard crooning down the hall. The two men looked at each other, speaking simultaneously:

"Son, I have something to say—"

"Dad, I have something to tell—"

Then, with half-embarrassed amusement, they both laughed, heartily.

"I guess there's a good deal we have to tell each other," said John Harden. "I propose that we get a private room at the club and have some lunch, and talk things over."

"Great!" said Ralph, rising to help his father with his coat. "I'm not looking forward, exactly, to what I have to say, because I'm ashamed of it, but it'll be a relief."

"Nothing you can tell me will be as bad as this estrangement has been," replied his father. "If it's anything I can help you about—"

"It is, and if you'll straighten me out this time, I know I'll never get in such a hole again. When that kid said, 'I'm proud o' my ole man, and I want him to be—'

Ralph choked and stopped, but by this time they were in the outer hall, so John Harden simply took his son's arm and pressed it affectionately.

As the elevator reached the street level the two looked at each other and the clear voice singing:

"merry gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay!"

(Newspaper Union.)

Getting Ready for the Butcher



News from Ramsdell

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pharis and family spent Sunday in the Jess Grogan home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lankford and children were dinner and supper guests in the Ferd Bones home Sunday.

The program and pie supper here Thursday night were well attended. \$52.45 was realized from the sale. This will go to the orphans home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Olga of Spearman visited her sister, Mrs. Dolph Burrows, and family this week.

Mrs. L. C. Pharis visited in the Ferd Bones home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Burrows and children visited in the J. G. Davidson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Longan and Mrs. Charlie Longan visited in Hollis, Okla., Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Veatch of Shamrock were dinner guests in the J. H. McCann home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Powell and Mrs. E. E. Franks motored to McLean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Powell and Claude Powell of Panhandle spent Thanksgiving in the M. T. Powell home.

Miss Hazel Cox spent the week end with home folks at Wheeler.

News from Pakan

Some farmers started snapping cotton this week and some started gathering corn.

Paul Valencik of Clayton, N. M., came in Thursday to visit with his mother, Mrs. John Valencik, and friends of this community.

Dusan Pakan and Paul Macina went to Shamrock Friday after a load of cotton seed cake.

Carl and Frank Linkey are digging the slush-pit at their well, and are laying the gas line from the Linkey No. 1 to the Linkey No. 3.

Those that were seen on the streets of Shamrock Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ftak and family, Joe and Paul Valencik, J. W. Stauffer and son, Paul, Godfrey Linkey, John Hrciar and son, John Jr.

Paul Valencik and R. Janota were Magic City visitors Friday.

McLean visitors Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith, R. Janota and Paul Macina.

John Hrciar was a Shamrock visitor Wednesday.

Walter Clifford of Clarendon was a McLean visitor Friday.

H. H. Lamb is a new reader of The News.

C. C. Bogan has renewed for the Star-Telegram at our bargain rate.

J. O. Clark of Heald was in town Saturday.

Milton Carpenter was in from the ranch Saturday.

Bob Walker spent the week end in Shamrock.

Minco Green made a trip to Wichita Falls Friday.

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THE VANISHING "CAYUSE"

"The days of the 'cayuse' on the western range seem to be numbered," writes C. L. Harlan, livestock statistician of the United States Department of Agriculture. "Without value as a saddle or work animal, he has some value when converted into chicken meat scrap or dog biscuit, and there are a number of plants in the West engaged in slaughtering horses and processing the carcasses, and carloads of live animals continue to go to the Petaluma, Calif., chicken area. In most states local authorities are now permitted to round up and sell all unclaimed horses, and efforts are being made in many sections to rid the range of these animals.

"Horse prices for all but the best heavy horses and good saddle horses continue at a low level and little interest is shown anywhere in the West in the future of horse production. With the advent of motor trucks and good roads, the picturesque freight outfit with spring team and wagons coupled together has practically disappeared and a team and buckboard are as rare in Wyoming as a horse and buggy in Iowa. But no mechanical substitute for the cow pony is as

yet forthcoming, so high-heeled boots and 'chaps' are still good form."

Is your boy in his "teens" always hungry? Scientists say it is quite normal for him to crave more food, perhaps, than anyone else in the family. Because of his great activity, he requires almost as much energy food as a grown man doing very heavy, active work. Also because a boy is growing very rapidly, he needs almost one and a half times as much food that supplies him with protein and minerals, as a fully grown man. Give him plenty of milk, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables in addition to the energy foods that are usually present in his diet, such as bread and butter, cereals and potatoes.

Robert Harris of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Russell Grogan of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Friday.

Mrs. M. D. Bentley visited in Clarendon Friday.

Bob Turner was in Shamrock last Thursday.

Martin Dwyer visited in Shamrock Thursday.

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