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Ray-Massie Well Comes in a Gusher

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Old-Fashioned Basket Picnic Planned for July Fourth

July 4th Basket Picnic

Entertainment Planned with Trade Trips

A basket picnic is being planned by the business men of McLean to be held in the city park the Fourth of July.

The affair was started at a meeting called one day last week with W. W. Shadid presiding, and a committee consisting of Mr. Shadid, W. C. Cheney, W. B. Upham and M. M. Newman was appointed to perfect plans for the affair.

A meeting will be held this afternoon, when a full program will be arranged.

It is expected that there will be public speaking, music, games and a lot of wholesome entertainment provided.

A series of trade trips to neighboring towns will be a feature of the picnic, the first one to be made at an early date.

REASONS FOR A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By L. G. McMillen

Should McLean have a Chamber of Commerce

Who comprises a Chamber of Commerce? Is it the president, secretary and directors? If you should ask me, I would certainly say no.

It must be a complete organization, everyone on his toes, ready to sacrifice at least a little time and perhaps more money than he feels that he can afford.

The good Lord has seen fit to bless some with an abundance of money; others He sees best to deprive of too much of the worldly goods, therefore it becomes necessary for those more fortunately blessed to shoulder a little more of the financial burden, while those who have more time than money could take a more active part in Chamber of Commerce work.

At this time it seems that there is not the interest in Chamber of Commerce work that there should be. I do not blame the officers for this. Every last one of us have been lagging. We must have a leader. Someone who will take into consideration the many things that we should be helping along; someone who can give his whole mind to the work. In other words, if the Chamber of Commerce is going to benefit McLean, it looks as though a full time man should be employed. One who will roll up his sleeves and lead the procession. I understand there will be a meeting Monday next to discuss this matter, and regardless of how you feel about the matter, it is your duty to be on hand and express your opinion.

PIANO HONOR ROLL.

The following is the honor roll of Miss Willie Boyett's piano class for the past six weeks:

Martha Ashby, Bonnie Bell, Charlene Carpenter, Juanita Carter, Lois Kirby, Floye Landers, Lee Morgan, Laverne Pettit, Belle Scott, Lola Ruth Stanfield, Ruth Harris.

Mrs. Massie left Tuesday for a visit in Tennessee.

Dr. Beattie Addresses Graduates

Commencement Talk Given Friday Evening

Dr. R. Beattie of New York, who is supplying the pulpit at the Central Presbyterian church in Amarillo, during the absence of the pastor in Europe, delivered the commencement address at the high school auditorium last Friday evening.

Dr. Beattie stressed the importance of knowing oneself and gave much food for constructive thought in his remarks.

The grammar school exercises were held in the beginning of the program, with Cleone West valedictorian and Frances Wilson salutatorian. Mrs. Tummins awarded the diplomas.

The high school exercises began with a processional, followed by salutatory by Marie Browning, a selection by the high school orchestra, valedictory by Frances Noel, and awarding of diplomas by Prof. J. Cecil Moore.

FILERS ENTERTAIN WITH BRIDGE FESTIVAL

Reported.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Filer entertained their many friends with a bridge festival on last Thursday evening. Ten tables were tastefully arranged with covers of the rainbow colors. Baskets of corresponding color, filled with delicious dates, graced each table. Combination table markers and pencil holders were unique in design and color. Tally cards and score pads carried out the same color scheme.

At an early hour the guests arrived and began their favorite pastime. After several hours of intensive play, Mrs. Lonsdale was found with high score, Mrs. Cubine second high, while Mrs. Davis was consoled with low. For the men, Roy Campbell won high, Hansel Christian second and L. V. Lonsdale was compelled to accept low.

At a late hour delicious refreshments were served. Enclosed in the napkins were unique favors; clown-faced whistles for the men and serpentine rosettes for the ladies.

For the next half hour the reception rooms took on a regular carnival air. L. G. McMillen proved himself the most proficient whistler and Mrs. Luther Coffey the most artful charmer of the serpent.

The hostess was assisted by Mesdames Cubine, Davis and Caldwell in making the evening a decided success.

The following enjoyed the lovely hospitality: Messrs. and Mesdames Roy Campbell, John Haynes, Chas. Cooke, Chas. Gatlin, L. G. McMillen, Jas. Back, Loyse Caldwell, L. V. Lonsdale, Everett Watkins, Ray Davis, L. F. Coffey, S. D. Shelburne, C. P. Hamilton and E. E. Dishman; Misses Thelma Gatlin, Ruby Cook, Sallie and Jane Campbell; Mrs. J. E. Cubine, Messrs. Dwight Upham, Hansel Christian, Ercy Cubine, Vernon Rice and E. L. Arnold of Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. W. E. Ballard left Saturday night for Sulphur Springs to visit her mother.

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Wilkins returned Tuesday from a visit at Kress.

S. A. Cousins went to Miami Monday.

Nazarene Revival in Progress

Good Music and Singins Is Featured

Good music and singing is a nightly feature, in addition to the evangelists messages, at the Nazarine revival now in progress at the big tent on First street.

Dr. J. Warren Lowman is a forceful speaker who believes in calling a spade a spade, and he fights sin in no uncertain terms. His messages are attracting good crowds, and many have been going for prayer at the service.

Dr. Lowman was once a cemedian and dancer on the stage, and speaks of many conditions from first hand information.

Mrs. Lowman and Prof. and Mrs. A. A. Moore assist in the music and song services. The instrumental numbers as well as vocal solos, duets, trios and quartetts are especially appreciated by the audiences.

The services begin promptly at 8 o'clock each evening, with services at usual hours Sunday.

MRS. LONSDALE HOSTESS WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Reported.

Mrs. L. V. Lonsdale was hostess to the Wednesday Bridge Club last week for a lovely luncheon in her home. A color note of yellow and blue was observed.

High scores were made by Mesdames Chas. E. Cooke, Dana Shelburne, Everett Watkins and John C. Haynes.

Guests for the afternoon were: Miss Ruby Cook, Mesdames C. P. Hamilton, E. E. Dishman, O. G. Stokely, Luther Coffey, Ella Cubine and Chas. E. Cooke.

Members present were: Mesdames W. L. Campbell, L. G. McMillen, S. B. Morse, Roy Campbell, John C. Haynes, Everett Watkins, Donald Beall, Dana Shelburne; and Miss Sallie Campbell.

COBB'S VARIETY STORE IMPROVES BUILDING

A new front is being installed in the Cobb's Variety Store building. New show windows suited to the proper display of the goods handled by this firm are being built and a new metal ceiling put in the store, adding much to the appearance of the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson of Pampa visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Nina Jewell Canarell of Wheeler spent Monday with her sister, Miss Dorothy.

C. J. Cash and family visited in Amarillo Sunday.

Vasel Richardson visited in Childress Saturday.

Miss Ruth Greenwood of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

Raymond Hall was in Shamrock Sunday.

Miss Geneva Russell returned to her home at Sanger Tuesday.

E. B. Reeves made a trip to Canyon this week.

Chester Savage visited in Shamrock Saturday.

Seniors Present Program

Four Act Comedy Given by Class

A good crowd enjoyed the senior class play given at the high school auditorium last Thursday evening.

The play was entitled "A Couple of Million," a comedy in four acts, and the characters were well chosen and presented in a pleasing manner.

The play opened with a scene in the law office of the Hon. Jeremy Wise, played by Roscoe Morgan. The rest of the cast consisted of S. A. Cousins Jr. as Bemis Harrison, Vasel Richardson as James Patrick Burnsm, Dallas Waters as Prof. Noah Jabo, Jack Reeves as Beverly Loman, John B. Rice as Squire Piper, Frances Noel as Fay Fairbanks, Marie Browning as Mrs Clarice Courtenay, Imo Osborne as Genevieve McGully, Jewell Turner as Sammie Bell Porter, and Doris Corbin as Pink.

Music was furnished by the high school band directed by Prof. R. C. Davidson.

PROF. JOUDON COBB SPOKE AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Prof. Joudon Cobb occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church last Sunday evening at the regular preaching hour.

A feature f Prof. Cobb's address was that it was delivered in poetic form, a large number of Bible characters being interwoven in rhyme.

A good crowd gave appreciative attention to the address.

McLEAN GIRLS ON PROGRAM AT TRINITY

Waxahachie, May 22.—Misses Mary Rives and Lorena Ashby of McLean took part in "The Conflict," a health masque that was presented by the students of the department of physical education for women at Trinity University recently on the Drane Hall campus. Approximately 150 young women participated in the masque which was witnessed by several hundred Trinity students and townspeople. A production is given each year by the young women in the department of phyical education as a climax to their year's work.

A FAREWELL PARTY

Reported.

A farewell party was given Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell in honor of Miss Irma Keesee, who is leaving soon for her new home at Tipton, Okla.

Many friends showed their appreciation of Irma by their presence at the party. Dainty refreshemnts were served, and a good time reported by all.

Forrest Rogers visited in Shamrock Sunday.

Supt. Geo. Tummins motored to Clarendon Monday.

Miss Frances Noel was in Shamrock Saturday.

S. D. Shelburne motored to Amarillo Monday.

Miss Ruby Cook was in Pampa Monday.

C. of C. to Meet Mond'y Evening

Full Time Secretary Matter up for Discussion

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for Monday night by President W. E. Bogan, at which time several very important matters will be discussed among which will be the question of employing a full time secretary.

A diversity of opinion obtains as to the advisability of a full time man just at this time, and it is hoped that a full representation of the business men and others interested may be present Monday night and state their views on the matter.

Members have been rather dilatory in attending meetings lately, and President Bogan is especially anxious for a good crowd Monday night, stating that it is time to do some constructive work for the McLean community, and it is impossible to complete plans without full co-operation from the citizenship.

The meeting will be held in Miss Ruby Cook's office in the Rice-Cousins building.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S FUND REPORT

Last week we failed to make any report on the McLean crippled children for the reason that there were no new developments and there seemed nothing new to tell.

At this time it is thought that both Ophelia Cunningham and James Cobbs will be coming home in the near future. The ulcers on James' leg are healing and it is hoped that it is only a matter of time until he will be entirely recovered from his unfortunate accident. Ophelia is continuing to improve and is learning to walk—though this is a very difficult task due to the fact that the muscles in her limbs have been unactive for so many years.

Below is the status of our hospital charges on each child and covers our total hospitaliza ion fees until May 15, 1928:

James Cobbs, 22 weeks, $330.

Ophelia Cunningham, 22 weeks, $330.

Noleta Johnson, 15 weeks, $225.

Odell Dyer, 10 days, $20.

Petay baby, 3 weeks, $45.

Total $950 hospitalization fees.

The total amount that has been paid in on our hospitalization fees is $400, leaving us at the present tiem owing approximately $550. We now have in the bank $91. Three checks came to us last week that have not been acknowledged in these colums: J. M. Carpenter $10. W. H. Cobbs $2.50, and Mark Husselby $10.

We are still asking for contributions to this fund, and we are again thanking all who have in any way assisted us.

Mrs. L. G. McMillen.
Miss Ruby Cook.

Mrs. Bob Black is visiting in Paris, Texas.

G. V. Koons returned Sunday from Kansas.

Roscoe Morgan was in Shamrock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Williams visited in Amarillo Tuesday.

New Well Comes in a Gusher

Initial Flow Indicates Heavy Production Oil Well

The Ray-Massay No. 2. Chapman, on section 51, about 12 miles from town, came in with an estimated flow of 3500 barrels Saturday, which has pinched down to a steady flow of 50 barrels per hour, and it is thought that when the well is cleaned out and agitated will make some 1500 barrels per day steady production.

The Shamrock Oil Co's. No. 2 Chapman is expected to blow in at most any time now, as the bit is nearing the pay.

Hardendorf hit gas in about the right quantity to indicate a paying well, and should be in within the next few days.

Barker and Wetzels No. 1 Morse has derrink up in section 66, block 25. This will be the nearest test to the Morse-Nabob well.

Travis is down 500 feet on the n. w. corner of s. w. ¼ of section 43, block 25, ½ mile from the Travis Back gusher.

Neudigate has cellar dug and material on ground for test on Geo. W. Sitter land in section 33, block 24, Wheeler county.

There are 26 wells in actual operation in the McLean field at the present time, with 20 completions, of which only three have been pronounced dry holes.

A large number of new locations are in prospect on practically all sides of town that should stimulate activity during the summer months.

ORPHANS HOME TRUCK HERE LAST WEEK

Reported.

The Tipton Orphans Home truck was to have been in McLean Monday of last week, but because of bad roads and washed out bridges was held up until Thursday. The truck was in McLean at the invitation of the Church of Christ. By using telephones and going to see some whom we believed to be interested, we were able to fill the truck over half full. No one town has ever filled it.

Bela Watson, the driver of the truck, has many relatives here. Included in that number is a grandmother and a brother.

Supplies to the approximate value of $100 were gathered by ten o'clock and the truck was on its way to Tipton. The principal part of the collection came from members of the Church of Christ, but some donations were made by merchants and others.

A CLASS PICNIC

Reported.

The Freshman and Sophomore classes of McLean high school enjoyed a good time on a picnic Friday evening at Skillet Creek given by Miss Mannie Abbott. A large number from each class were present. A nice lunch was spread about 5:30, and all who were present reported it the best time ever.

Norman Richards, Linotype operator on the Muncie (Ind.) Star was a visitor at the News office Tuesday, en route to California.

Born, Saturday, May 19. an 11 pound boy named James Elden, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan.

The Bat

A Novel from the Play

By
Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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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 wits' end, and at the man's own request, the chief of police assigns his best operative, Anderson, to get on the trail of the Bat.

CHAPTER II—With her niece, Dale Ogden, Miss Cornelia Van Gorder is living in the country home of the late Courtleigh Fleming, who until his recent death had been president of the Union bank, wrecked because of the theft of a large sum in currency. The cook and housemaid deserted the Van Gorder household, leaving only the Japanese butler, Billy. Miss Van Gorder receives a note warning her to vacate the place at once on pain of death. She feels the warning is from the dreaded Bat, but determines to ignore it. Dale returns from the city, where she had been to hire a gardener.

CHAPTER III—Miss Cornelia tells Lizzie Allen, her faithful Irish maid, who is decidedly nervous, that a detective is coming that night. The gardener arrives, giving his name as Brooks. Miss Van Gorder leads him into a trap and he admits he is not a gardener but needs work. She allows him to stay. Dale comes from the country club with a friend, Doctor Wells. Miss Cornelia tells them of the threatening note. They are interrupted by the smashing of a window in the house.

CHAPTER IV—They find a stone has been thrown through a glass door, weighting another missive warning them to leave. Doctor Wells urges Miss Van Gorder to obey, but she firmly refuses. The detective, Anderson, arrives, is told of the situation, and announces he will stay on watch that night.

CHAPTER V—Miss Van Gorder tells Anderson she has an idea Courtleigh Fleming robbed his own bank and concealed the money in the house, but the detective believes the bank's cashier, Bailey, who is missing, is the guilty one. Brooks (who is really Bailey, the sought-for cashier, and Dale's fiance) tells the girl he knows there is a hidden room in the house and believes Courtleigh Fleming, before his death in Colorado, concealed the bank's money there. Dale telephones Richard Fleming, Courtleigh's nephew, asking him to come over.

CHAPTER VI—Dale tells Richard Fleming of her knowledge of the hidden room. He gets rid of her while he seeks and finds blueprints of the house. Dale, returning, finds he has the secret in a scrap of blueprint, but he refuses to give it to her, declaring he means to have the money if it is there. Knowing the finding of the money means everything to Bailey, Dale seizes part of the scrap of paper and during the struggle Fleming is shot and killed. Anderson and the rest find her beside the body, with a revolver. Doctor Wells arrives.

CHAPTER VII—Reggie Beresford, friend of Fleming, appears. Doctor Wells gets the scrap of blueprint from Fleming's body, but Anderson takes it from him. Dale hides her piece in a bread roll, which the butler removes. Some one seeks entry into the house and all but Dale and Wells go to investigate. Dale tells Wells of the piece of paper in the roll. He goes to get it.

CHAPTER VIII—Miss Van Gorder informs Dale and Bailey of her knowledge that "Brooks" is Bailey. She also says she has reason to doubt Wells' honesty. Wells tells Dale he did not find the piece of blueprint in the roll. She rightly guesses he is lying, but does not realize the extent of his duplicity.

CHAPTER IX—Beresford recognizes Bailey and the latter admits his identity. He is put under guard. Anderson sends everyone away and is alone with the doctor. Wells tries to burn the scrap of blueprint he had found in the roll but Anderson seizes it. Taking the detective unawares, Wells stuns him and conceals him in an adjoining room. A knocking at the front door collects the household. A stranger, obviously badly hurt and in a daze, is admitted. He can give no explanation for his presence, and worried over Anderson's absence, the party disperses to search the house.

"Dale!" called Bailey's voice from the corridor. "Dale!"

"Dale! Dale! The door's locked!" cried Miss Cornelia.

The doctor hesitated. The call came again.

"Dale! Dale!" and Bailey pounded on the door as if he meant to break it down.

The doctor made up his mind.

"Wait a moment!" he called. He stepped to the door and unlocked it. Bailey hurled himself into the room, followed by Miss Cornelia with her candle. Lizzie stood in the doorway, timidly, ready to leap for safety at a moment's notice.

"Why did you lock that door?" said Bailey, angrily, threatening the doctor.

"But I didn't," said the latter, truthfully enough. Bailey made a movement of irritation. Then a glance about the room informed him of the amazing, the incredible fact. Dale was not there! She had disappeared!

"You—you," he stammered at the doctor. "Where's Miss Ogden? What have you done with her?"

The doctor was equally baffled.

"Done with her?" he said indignantly. "I don't know what you're talking about—I haven't seen her!"

"Then you didn't lock that door?" Bailey menaced him.

The doctor's denial was firm.

"Absolutely not. I was coming through the window when I heard your voice at the door!"

Bailey's eyes leapt to the window—yes—a ladder was there—the doctor might be speaking the truth after all. But if so, how and why had Dale disappeared?

The doctor's admission of his manner of entrance did not make Lizzie any the happier.

"In at the window—just like a bat!" she muttered in shaking tones. She would not have stayed in the doorway if she had not been afraid to move anywhere else.

"I saw lights up here from outside," continued the doctor easily. "And I thought—"

Miss Cornelia interrupted him. She had laid down her candle and revolver on the top of the clothes hamper and now stood gazing at the mantel fireplace.

"The mantel's—closed!" she said.

The doctor stared. So the secret of the hidden room was a secret no longer. He saw ruin gaping before him—a bottomless abyss. "Damnation!" he cursed, impotently, under his breath.

Bailey turned on him savagely.

"Did you shut that mantel?"

"No!"

"I'll see whether you shut it or not!" Bailey leapt toward the fireplace. "Dale! Dale!" he called desperately, leaning against the mantel. His fingers groped for the knob that worked the mechanism of the hidden entrance.

The doctor picked up the single lighted candle from the hamper, as if to throw more light on Bailey's task. Bailey's fingers found the knob. He turned it. The mantel began to swing out into the room.

As it did so the doctor deliberately snuffed out the light of the candle he held, leaving the room in abrupt and obliterating darkness.

"Doctor, why did you put out that candle?"

Miss Cornelia's voice cut the blackness like a knife.

"I didn't—I—"

"You did—I saw you do it."

The brief exchange of accusation and denial took but an instant of time, as the mantel swung wide open. The next instant there was a rush of feet across the floor, from the fireplace—the shock of a collision between two bodies—the sound of a heavy fall.

"What was that?" queried Bailey, dazedly, with a feeling as if some great winged creature had brushed at him and passed.

Lizzie answered from the doorway.

"Oh, oh!" she groaned, in stricken accents. "Somebody knocked me down and trampled on me!"

"Matches, quick!" commanded Miss Cornelia. "Where's the candle?"

The doctor was still trying to explain his curious action of a moment before.

"Awfully sorry, I assure you—it dropped out of the holder—ah, here it is!"

He held it up triumphantly. Bailey struck a match and lighted it. The wavering little flame showed Lizzie prostrate but vocal, in the doorway—and Dale, lying on the floor of the hidden room, her eyes shut, and her face as drained of color as the face of a marble statue. For one horrible instant Bailey thought she must be dead.

He rushed to her wildly and picked her up in his arms. No—still breathing—thank God! He carried her tenderly to the only chair in the room.

"Doctor!"

The doctor, once more the physician, knelt at her side, and felt for her pulse. And Lizzie, picking herself up from where the collision with some violent body had thrown her, retrieved the smelling salts from the floor. It was onto this picture, the candle light shining on strained faces, the dramatic figure of Dale, now semi-conscious, the desperate rage of Bailey, that a new actor appeared on the scene.

Anderson, the detective, stood in the doorway, holding a candle—as grim and menacing a figure as a man just arisen from the dead.

"That't right!" said Lizzie, unappalled for once. "Come in when everything's over!"

The doctor glanced up and met the detective's eyes, cold and menacing.

"You took my revolver from me, downstairs," he said. "I'll trouble you for it."

The doctor got heavily to his feet. The others, their suspicions confirmed at last, looked at him with startled eyes. The detective seemed to enjoy the universal confusion his words had brought.

Slowly, with sullen reluctance, the doctor yielded up the stolen weapon. The detective examined it casually and replaced it in his hip pocket.

"I've something to settle with you pretty soon," he said through clenched teeth, addressing the doctor. "And I'll settle it properly. Now—what's this?"

He indicated Dale—her face still and waxen—her breath coming so faintly she seemed hardly to breathe at all, as Miss Cornelia and Bailey tried to revive her.

"She's coming to—" said Miss Cornelia, triumphantly, as a first faint flush of color reappeared in the girl's cheeks. "We found her shut in there, Mr. Anderson," the spinster added, pointing toward the gaping entrance of the hidden room.

A gleam crossed the detective's face. He went up to examine the secret chamber. As he did so, Doctor Wells, who had been inching surreptitiously toward the door, sought the opportunity of slipping out unobserved.

But Anderson was not to be caught napping again.

"Wells!" he barked. The doctor stopped and turned.

"Where were you when she was locked in this room?"

The doctor's eyes sought the floor—the walls—wildly—for any possible loophole of escape.

"I didn't shut her in—if that's what you mean!" he said defiantly. "There was some one shut in there with her!" He gestured at the hidden room. "Ask these people here."

Miss Cornelia caught him up at once.

"The fact remains, Doctor," she said, her voice cold with anger, "that we left her here alone. When we came back, you were here. The corridor door was locked, and she was in that room—unconscious!"

She moved forward to throw the light of her candle on the hidden room as the detective passed into it, gave it a swift professional glance, and stepped out again. But she had not finished her story by any means.

"As we opened that door," she continued to the detective, tapping the false mantel, "the doctor deliberately extinguished our only candle!"

"Do you know who was in that room?" queried the detective, fiercely, wheeling on the doctor.

But the latter had evidently made up his mind to cling stubbornly to a policy of complete denial.

"No," he said sullenly. "I didn't put out the candle. It fell. And I didn't lock that door into the hall. I found it locked!"

A sigh of relief from Bailey now centered everyone's attention on himself and Dale. At last the girl was recovering from the shock of her terrible experience and regaining consciousness. Her eyelids fluttered—closed again—opened once more. She tried to sit up, weakly, clinging to Bailey's shoulder. The color returned to her cheeks—the stupor left her eyes. She gave the hidden room a hunted little glance and then shuddered violently.

"Please close that awful door," she said in a tremulous voice. "I don't want to see it again."

The detective went silently to close the iron doors.

"What happened to you? Can't you remember?" faltered Bailey, on his knees at her side.

The shadow of an old terror lay on the girl's face.

"I was in here alone, in the dark," she began slowly—"Then, as I looked at the doorway there, I saw there was somebody there. He came in and closed the door. I didn't know what to do, so I slipped in—there, and after a while I knew he was coming in, too, for he couldn't get out. Then I must have fainted."

"There was nothing about the figure that you recognized?"

"No. Nothing."

"But we know it was the Bat," put in Miss Cornelia.

The detective laughed sardonically. The old duel of opposing theories between the two seemed about to recommence.

"Still harping on the Bat!" he said, with a little sneer.

Miss Cornelia stuck to her guns.

"I have every reason to believe that the Bat is in this house," she said.

The detective gave another jarring, mirthless laugh.

"And that he took the Union bank money out of that safe, I suppose?" he jeered. "No, Miss Van Gorder."

He wheeled on the doctor now.

"Ask the doctor who took the Union bank money out of that safe!" he thundered. "Ask the doctor who attacked me downstairs in the drawing room, knocked me senseless and locked me in the billiard room!"

There was an astounded silence. The detective added a parting shot to his indictment of the doctor.

"The next time you put handcuffs on a man, be sure to take the key out of his vest pocket," he said biting off the words.

Rage and consternation mingled on the doctor's countenance—on the faces of the others astonishment was followed by a growing certainty. Only Miss Cornelia clung stubbornly to her original theory.

(Continued next week)

Mrs. Ted Matthews and son, Ashley Eucne, returned Sunday after a visit in Hereford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nicholson of Enterprise were shopping in town Saturday.

Mrs. D. A. Davis and son, Marvin, of Lelia Lake visited friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Turner of Alanreed were here Saturday.

Mrs. C. A. Cash returned Saturday from Amarillo.

Mrs. J. L. Collier of Groom visited here Friday.

W. P. Rogers was in from the ranch Friday.

Ted Matthews returned Thursday from a visit at Hereford.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

W. B. Andrews, Minister

Last Sunday was one of our very best days of Sunday school attendance. Considerably over 100 were present. We are glad of that knowing.

There are yet many things to do in town, but let us remember to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Remember we have six services each week and we want you at each one of them. You'll always find a hearty welcome at the Church of Christ. Come and worship with us.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

R. R. Rievs, Minister

Remember the services at this church next Sabbath:

Bible school 10 a. m.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.

You and your friends are cordially invited to worship with us at all the services. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

B. W. Wilkins, Pastor

Services at the usual hours next Sunday. Now that the graduating exercises are over and we are not so busy, and now that good rains have come and we are not so bothered, let us make use of our opportunities to worship. Help make Sunday a good day with us by being present and by inviting others. Come up to the house of the Lord.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

D. H. Brynoff, Pastor

Our regular services will be held next Sunday, May 27.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. We had a good attendance last Sunday. Let us all do our best each Sunday.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Subject, "Lost Opportunities."

Our B. Y. P. U's. meet at 7:30 p. m. for their programs.

Preaching at 8:30 p. m. Let us prove ourselves faithful to the Lord and His cause. Everyone invited at all of these services.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Topic—What Does It Mean to Say that All Men Are Brothers?

Leader—Millard Windom.

The Race Problem Which Christianity Faces—Sybil Graham.

World Peace a Great Aim—Lawrence Bourland.

What Can Our Society and We Individuals Do to Help Solve the Race Problem and Promote World Peace?—Letha Ashby.

How Would You Answer the Three Questions in Mal. 2:10?—Bruce Graham.

Mizpah.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—Baptists at Work in Africa.

Special song by group 2.

Introduction—Group Captain Lavone Kunkel.

Nigeria and Yaruha Land—Kathryne Hales.

The Religions of the People—Juanita Savage.

Beginning of Work in Yaruha Fields—Thomas Smith.

How the Work Has Grown:

Missionaries—Estelle Kunkel.

Schools—Juanita Coleman.

The Hospital—Clara Faye Carter.

Some Results of Our Work—Sybil Young.

Poem—Doris Hall.

Poem—Merle Andrews.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—D. L. Moody, American Evangelist.

Leader—Relia Sharp.

Early Years—Laeuna Holloway.

The Sunday School Scout—Loyse Powell.

City Missions in Chicago—Mrs. J. Cobb.

Evangelism in England—Joellene Hoy.

Gain in America—Eunice Strat-

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The regular meeting of the Ladies Bible Class of the Church of Christ was held Tuesday.

Those present enjoyed an interesting study, and invite others to attend and enjoy this study with them. The lesson for next Tuesday will be 2 Kings chapters 7

B. W. M. S.

Reported.

The Baptist W. M. U met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Calvin Johnson southeast of town with 21 ladies present. A Royal Service program was enjoyed, with Mrs. Loyse Caldwell acting as leader.

A business session followed, conducted by Mrs. D. H. Brynoff. It was decided to try to organize two junior societies, one for junior and intermediate boys, and one for intermediate and senior girls, with committees to meet with these two groups after preaching Sunday. Mrs. N. E. Savage and Mrs. Geo. Colebank will meet with the girls and Mrs. Luther Petty and Miss Mannie Abbott with the boys.

The west side circle will meet next week with Mrs. J. E. Lynch for a pot luck dinner and quilting.

The east side circle will meet with Mrs. T. N. Holloway for a business meeting at 9:35 and cut material to sew for a needy family, after which they will separate to sew at the homes of Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Hugh Kunkel, Mrs. D. L. Abbott and Mrs. Loyse Caldwell.

At these meetings the circles will be subdivided.

There were eleven sunbeamrs and one visitor present Wednesday, but no meeting was held. Mesdames T. N. Holloway and W. H. Floyd have charge of this work.

The hotess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Irene, served ice cream and delicious cake.

ALL SPEEDERS GUILTY

The reckless driver is as guilty before he has his accident as he is after he has killed or injured someone, and the time to get him out of the car is before he has done any harm.

No doubt, there are many drivers who never can learn to run a car properly, some because they don't care much what happens and others because they are not competent drivers, either because of a nervous condition or lack of sufficient intelligence. Each of these classes is equally dangerous and the safety of the public demands that they be removed from their steering wheels.

Some accidents are due to carelessness of pedestrians, certainly. They must learn caution or they may be injured by cars that are carefully driven, but even the greatest care will not save them from cars driven by the reckless and incompetent.—Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Holloway motored to Magic City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curg Williams returned Sunday from Kansas.

Miss Jewel Shaw visited in Amarillo Wednesday.

Johnnie R. Back went to Amarillo Tuesday.

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PRINT SHOP FABLES



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WOMAN

She's an angel in truth, a demon in fiction; a woman's the greatest of all contradictions. She's afraid of a cockroach, she'll scream at a mouse, but she'll tackle a husband as big as a house. She'll take him for better, she'll take him for worse She'll split his head open and then be his nurse. And when he is well and can get out of bed, she'll pick up a teapot and throw at his head. She's faithful, deceitful, keensighted and blind; she's crafty, she's simple, she's cruel, she's kind; she'll lift a man up, she'll cast a man down; she'll make him her hero, she'll make him her clown. You fancy she's this but you'll find she is that, for she'll play like a kitten and bite like a cat. In the morning she will, in the evening she won't, and you're always expecting she does—but she don't.—Kalends of the Waverly Press, American Medicine, New York.

C. S. Rice orders The News sent to his son, Erwin, at Matador for a year.

Mrs. Ben Brown was a caller at the News office Tuesday aed ordred an infertile egg stamp.

S. A. Cousins Jr. was a visitor in Shamrock Saturday.

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"The Student Prince" Coming Here Soon

Ramon Novarro and Norma Shearer Play Leading Roles in This New Ernst Lubitsch Film

In a massive filmization of the celebrated old romance of Heidelberg and the prince who sought happiness there, Ramon Novarro and Norma Shearer come to the American Theatre Monday and Tuesday. The picture is called "The Student Prince," and is the latest superproduction to come from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

Ernst Lubitsch, the director, has treated this most beautiful of love stories in a tender and romantic fashion. It is just a simple plot of a boy and girl, an unhappy prince and his pathetic sweetheart, a maid in the village inn, but they love with a devotion that is greater than royal traditions, greater than life itself, and then . . . because society is what it is and because youth was made for sacrifice, they part.

The splendid artistic calibre of the cast and the inspired direction of the master Lubitsch, have made of this the ultimate in motion pictures. It was produced on a lavish scale with minute attention paid to authentic detail.

The cast includes Jean Hersholt, Edward Connelly, Lionel Belmore, George K. Arthur, Gustav Von Seyffertiz, Edythe Chapman and others of note.

Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Cobb left this week for commencement exercises at Baylor University.

J. O. Clark of Herald was in town Tuesday.

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"What-cher-want?"

"Three eggs," growled the customer.

"How do yer want them" her voice rose.

"Just like you are."

Ben Howard was in Shamrock Saturday.

A. W. Haynes visited in Pampa Wednesday.

Glen Wolfe visited in Shamrock Saturday.

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We do not hear so much about family trees nowadays—maybe it is because we are afraid of discovering evidence grafting.

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The city street grader is working on the alleys this week. This is a good move. The alleys were made to be used the same as the streets, and they must be in passable condition to be used. Most of the streets and alleys of the town are now open and in passable condition—soemthing much to be desired.

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The newspaper is different from any other business in that it is a community affair. It is a service for the people and not an individual affair. You may not like the editor and he may not like you any to well—but the paper does just as much for you as the service rendered others. There must be co-operation between editor and people to make a successful newspaper. And it is just as necessary for the public welfare for the newspaper to be successful as it is for the schools and churches in the communitties to prosper.

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A press report says the cities did not kick in for Mr. Pyle's bunion derby, but the hick towns "paid and paid." A guarantee of something like $5,000 was secured from the kindhearted Chambers of Commerce who were willing to pay for being on the right-of-way. The cities said that they might pay something to keep the congestion out of their streets, but the tank towns paid. McLean refused to be the goat in the matter, and we have cause to thank our Chamber of Commerce for not wasting any money on the race.

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One of McLean's biggest assets is the city park. However, this does not appear to the average citizen because it is not used as it should be. A very little expenditure for a wading pool, band stand, swings, benches, etc., would make a pretty playground for the summer months. Many cities that neglected to provide suitable parks when they were smaller are now badly handicapped for playgrounds. Our town is rapidly growing, and the time is about at hand when we can appreciate the farsightedness of the founder in providing plenty of room for a public playground.

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Laws should be enforced or taken off the statutes. This applies to every law from the city to the national government. Every violation of law openly condoned helps to break down the whole structure of legal protection. Every city ordinance that is not strictly enforced should be repealed in order that every citizen may be treated alike. Laws are made for the protection of the public, and while it is a fact that many people are governed by the Golden Rule and do not need the enactment of laws in order that they treat their neighbors as they should, there are many who will not think of the other fellow's rights, and they should be made to respect the law.

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It is to be hoped that the coming school bond election will carry with a good majority and that provision may be made by the trustees for an auditorium. The present auditorium is a fine place for gatherings, with the exception that one cannot hear anything said from the stage and cannot see anything at night. An out-of-town man stated the other day that the acoustic properties of the building could be remedied for an expenditure of about $250, and a few large lights would remedy the lighting arrangement. The auditorium has been a popular gathering place during the past school term, but there has never been a time when the majority of those present did not complain of being unable to hear what was said from the stage.

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A man who has returned from a visit to a nearby oil town remarked to the editor of The News Wednesday that he sincerely hoped that McLean did not have an oil boom, like this town. We have been fortunate so far in not experiencing the bad effects of an oil boom, and it seems to be entirely possible to escape—not the boom, for everyone believes it is evident, but the bad effects of a boom. It is not necessary to throw the town wide open to everything that wants to come here. The citizenship of the town can prevent many of the evils of boom days with a little forethought and precaution. We want the money an oil boom will bring, but we need not think that the bad effects are inescapable.

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A late ruling from the postoffice department at Washington in regard to certain prizes given away by merchants and advertised in the town newspaper reads: "You are hereby advised that this scheme is a lottery, and under section 473, act 1924, all matter of every kind in any way relating thereto, including copies of the papers containing the advertisements in question, is unmailable. The fact that the method of award is not set forth in the advertisement does not render the matter any the less objectionable." However, this ruling in no way prevents the merchants from presenting their goods through the press to prospective purchasers. In fact, the ruling is a protection to legitimate business as well as the ligitimate newspaper covering its trade territory.

Judge and Mrs. T. M. Wolfe of Lefors attended the commenceemnt exercises here Friday night.

Misses Hazel Greer and Mildred Richardson were in Shamrock Saturday.

Mrs. M. H. Kinard of Gracey was shopping here Saturday.

Merle Grigsby of Groom was in McLean Monday.

Buck Campbell was in Clarendon Sunday.

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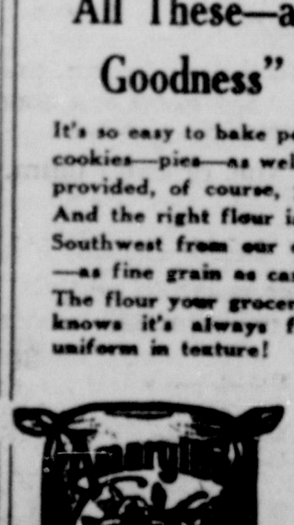
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Mrs. Zell Hart Deming, publisher of the Daily Tribune-Chronicle of Warren, Ohio, was a visitor at the News office Tuesday.

PROGRAM

at the

American Theatre

Friday

Ken Maynard and his white wonder horse, Tarzan in—

"Gun Gospel"

He promised never to use "gun gospel" in his fights with the bad men. But he had to bring into play all his dare-devil riding, two-fisted fighting and bang-em-up stunts to beat them.

Saturday Matinee
"Gun Gospel"
Night
"Spurs and Saddles"

Monday and Tuesday

Ramon Novarro and Norma Shearer in the world's sweetest love story—

"The Student Prince"

Student days—carefree, footloose—replete with life and laughter! Golden days when youth—glorious youth—binds prince to peasant maid with the bonds of love. Ramon Novarro and Norma Shearer bring the mad, glad hours of first love back to us in this beautiful picturization of the famous play.

Wednesd'y & Thursd'y

Pola Negri in—

"Barbed Wire"

A story of a French peasant girl who sees a prison camp placed on her farm land—forced to feed the hated enemy—forced to observe their misery and feel their emotions, and then—her hatred turns to love.

COMING

Harold Lloyd in

"Speedy"

Mr. and Mrs. Rossel Page of Clarendon visited friends here Saturday.

John and Charlie Carpenter left Wednesday for South Texas to visit their mother.

Mrs. Terry Hudgins of Erick, Okla., visited here Saturday.

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

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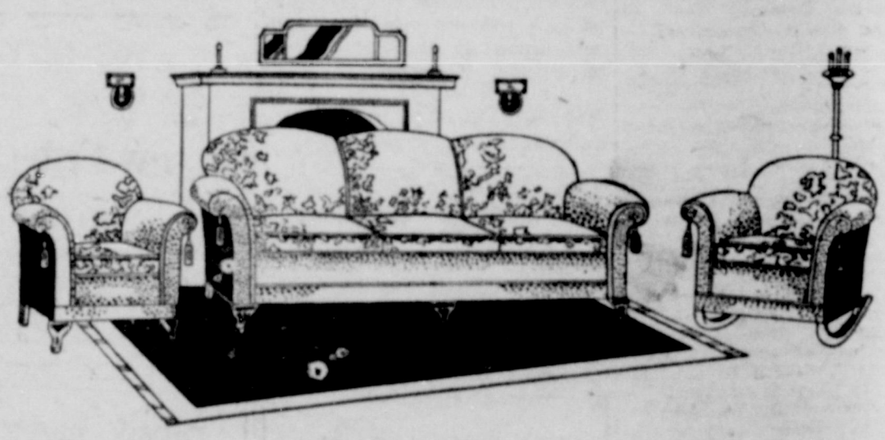
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon L. S. Stowell, S. W. Cotton, and the unknown persons claiming an interest in the oil and gas or other minerals in and under all of section No. eight (8) in block No. thirty (30) certificate No. 9-1817, issued to the H. & G. N. Ry. Co. in Gray County, Texas, by, through or under the said L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, or either of them by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Gray county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Pampa, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in June, A. D. 1928, the same being the 11th day of June, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 282, wherein Mrs. Sallie I. Willis, a feme sole, is plaintiff and L. S. Stowell, S. W. Cotton and the unknown persons claiming an interest in the oil and gas or other minerals in and under all of section No. eight (8) in block No. thirty (30) certificate No. 9-1817, issued to the H. & G. N. Ry. Co. in Gray county, Texas, by, through or under the said L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, or either of them, are defendants, and that the plaintiff is now the fee simple owner of the said section of land hereinabove described; that on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1906, J. T. Pollard from and under whom the plaintiff holds said land by mesne conveyances was the fee simple owner thereof; that on the day and date last aforesaid the said J. T. Pollard made, executed, acknowledged and delivered to the defendants, L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, a certain thirty (30) year oil and gas lease on said section No. eight (8) in block thirty (30) of the H. & G. N. Ry. Co. survey, which is located in Commissioners' Precinct No. four (4) of Gray county, Texas, in the vicinity of the town of McLean, Texas; that the said lease recites a consideration of one dollar and the agreement of the defendants, L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton to drill a test well on said section eight (8) or on some land in said Commissioners' Precinct No. 4 in the vicinty of section eight (8) within a period of two years from the date of said lease. Plaintiff further alleges that the one dollar was not in truth and fact paid and that the true, only and moving consideration for the execution and delivery of said lease was the promise and agreement of the defendants, L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, to develop the said property within two years from the date of the lease as above set out; that neither of the defendants, L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, nor any persons acting for them did within the two years next following the date of said lease drill a test well for oil and gas on said section No. eight (8) nor on any land in the vicinity of section eight or in Commissioners' Precinct No. 4 in Gray county, Texas, although often requested to do so by J. T. Pollard and the other land owners whose lands were leased for oil and gas to L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton in Commissioners' Precinct No. 4 in Gray cornty, Teras; that by reason of the failrre and refusal of said L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton to drill said test well for oil and gas within the two years next following the date of said lease the same became void and of no further force and effect.

Plaintiff further alleges that said oil and gas lease was void from its incipiency for the reason that it gave lessees the right to pay the lessors, their heirs or assigns, the sum of one dollar and be relieved from any and all liability thereunder, and did not give to the lessors the same option; that if for any reason the Court should hold said lease valid that then and in that event only the plaintiff tenders into court the sum of one dollar to the defendants and ask that said lease be cancelled in accordance with this provision.

Plaintiff further states that at no time since the execution and delivery of said lease, although almost twenty-two (22) years have expired since its execution and delivery that the defendants, L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, have wholly failed and refused to drill the test well for oil and gas as stipulated in sail lease and have wholly failed to even try to develop the property in accordance with the provisions of said lease; that the lease would not have been executed by the said J. T. Pollard but for such representations which in law are a fraud upon the plaintiffs rights; that no record assignment of said oil and gas lease is shown by the deed records of Gray county, Texas; that notice is hereby given to the defendants to produce on the trial of this cause said original lease and that the plaintiff will on the trial of this cause offer in evidence a complete abstract of the title to said section No. eight as shown by the records of Gray county, Texas.

Plaintiff alleges that said oil and gas lease, although void and of no force and effect, is a record cloud upon her title and asks that the same be cancelled and holden for naught as against all parties defendant and prays for relief, general and special, legal and equitable.

Herein fail not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Pampa, Texas, this the 25th day of April, A. D. 1928.

CHARLIE THUT, Clerk,
District Court, Gray County, Texas.
(Seal)
WSW-19-4c

THE FAULTFINDER

A Kansas editor has noticed that when a man finds fault with his local newspaper the chances are ten to one that he hasn't an advertisement in it; five to one thaa he never gave it job work; three to one that he is delinquent in his subscription; even money that he never did anything to assist the publisher to make it a good paper, and forty to one that he is anxious to see it when it comes out.—Chanute Tribune.

Max Krouch of Tecumseh, Okla., was a McLean visitor this week. Mr. Krouch ordered The News sent to his address for a year.

Miss Sinclair Rice returned Saturday from Newlin, where she has been teaching school.

Miss Marguerite Merriman left Friday for her home at Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hedrick of Alanreed were in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. C. A. Lester returned Friday from Elk City, Okla.

W. H. Craig of Alanreed was here Saturday.

Mrs. Hulon Collier and children of Groom visited here Friday.

Pomp Wilson of Alanreed was in McLean Friday.

Mrs. Lawton Roper returned Friday from Erick, Okla.

HIGH MARK IN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Road construction in 1829 will at least equal and probably slightly exceed the highest mark recorded in any preceding year.

Programs of state and federal-aid highway systems include new construction of more than 20,000 miles of surfaced roads and about 8,000 miles graded and drained. In addition, maintenance and repair work wil be done on at least 240,000 miles of state highways.

Funds available to state highway departments are fully 25% greater in amount than last year, amounting this year to $750,000,000. Expeditures by county and local units will swell the highway total to upwards of $1,300,000,000.

Widening pavements is becoming a fixed feature of highway improvement programs.

Mrs. Mary L. Gardner and Claud Gregory of Aspermont are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Back.

J. N. Phillips of Ramsdell was in McLean Friday.

Mrs. Frank Bailey of Heald was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Bennie Johnston of Amarillo is visiting home folks here.

S. R. Loftin of Alanreed was in McLean Monday. Mr. Loftin says he is planning some trips on a summer vacation this year.

Mrs. J. L. Hess of Enterprise was in town Saturday.

Hugh Cantrell of Sayre, Okla was in McLean Sunday.

Walter McAdams was in Shamrock Sunday.

Burette Kinard and family of Enterprise were in town Saturday.

Mrs. A. O. Hood and son, Billie, of Groom visited here Saturday.

Judge T. M. Wolfe of Lefors was a visitor in McLean Saturday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kinard of Amarillo visited relatives here Sunday.

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

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Hope and Lynch, Props.

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Permanent Waves
Shampooing, Scalp Treatments
MABLE WATSON, Operator
Montgomery Drug Store
Phone 253

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Whatever your plans, better let us talk with you. We know the Panhandle and can supply you with what you need.
Bruce and Sons
Trees with a Reputation
Alanreed, Texas

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City and Farm Property
Haynes & Lester
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Funeral Director
FUNERAL SUPPLIES
MONUMENTS
LICENSED EMBALMER
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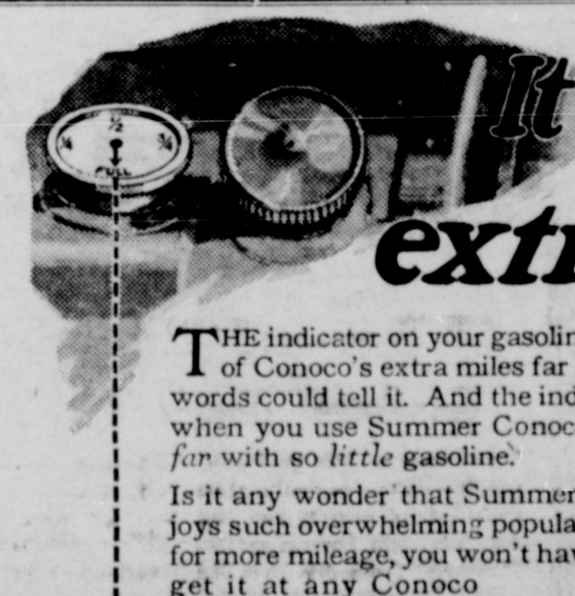
Free Gold
Our store is a member of the McLean Boosters, who are giving away $20.00 in gold every Saturday.
We sell hardware, implements and furniture. It will pay you to investigate our goods and prices before buying.
McLean Hdw. Co.
W. B. Upham, Mgr.

When You Question Yourself Frankly
What do you find? Most of us find more "mistakes" and "good intentions" than anything else.
If **you** find that you **might** have been using a good bank to your advantage why not make a new resolution today and **try it?**
This bank is waiting for you. Use it!
The Citizens State Bank
CAPITAL, BOND AND SURPLUS $50,000.00
J. S. Morse, President — W. C. Bogan, Cashier

Abstracts
We make daily trips to Pampa and can render you the quickest possible service on abstracts.
You can depend upon the accuracy of our work. Let us have your next abstract.
McLean Abstract and Title Co.
Donald Beall, Pres.

SAVE WITH SAFETY AT The Rexall Store
THE SAFE FOUNTAIN FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Everything that goes into the manufacture of our fountain supplies must be wholesome, pure, and clean. Every glass or spoon must be hygienically clean.
Erwin Drug Co.
The Rexall Drug Store


It Points to extra miles
THE indicator on your gasoline gauge tells the story of Conoco's extra miles far better than millions of words could tell it. And the indicator is a slow mover when you use Summer Conoco—because you go so *far* with so *little* gasoline.
Is it any wonder that Summer Conoco Gasoline enjoys such overwhelming popularity? If you're looking for more mileage, you won't have to look far. You can get it at any Conoco pump—at convenient locations everywhere.
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SUMMER CONOCO GASOLINE
packed with extra miles!

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Three insertions, 4c per word.

Or, 1c per word each week after first insertion.

Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as reading matter. Black-face type double rate. Initials and numbers count as words.

No advertisement accepted for less than 25c per week.

All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with The News.

FOR SALE

Frying chickens—nice large Orpingtons, 35c per pound at the farm or delivered in town on Saturday. Phone your orders. Reep Landers. tf

POTATO PLANTS and other plants now ready. Book orders now. Roby's Plant Farm, east of town. Phone 182. tfc

FOR SALE.—Nice Jersey heifer, fresh in May. Can take a few cows to pasture. Homer Wilson. tfc

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tfc

FOR RENT

HOUSE for rent. Inquire at News office.

FOR RENT.—Three room furnished apartment. Modern. Apply at News office. Mrs. Ray. 1p

FOR RENT.—Two modern houses with gas, water and light connections. One 3-room, other 4-room. L. O. Floyd. 22-3c

LOST

LOST.—Small red pig. Reward. O. T. Lindsey. 1p

MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY to loan. We are prepared to lean you money on your farm at 7½%. See us. Smith Bros. tfc

EMBROIDERY carbon, blue, red or yellow. Large sheet for 25c at News office.

STORAGE.—Clean dry storage under daily supervision. News office.

Letter and invoice box files at the News office.

ADDING machine paper, 2 rolls for 25c, at News office.

MECHANTS' sales books at News office.

REMINGTON Portable typewriters offer every advantage; a standard machine may be bought on monthly payments at the News office.

BEST GRADE typewriter oil at News office.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 28, 1928.

For District Attorney, 84th District:
J. A. HOLMES
CURTIS DOUGLASS

For County Judge:
T. M. WOLFE

For County and District Clerk:
CHARLIE THUT

For Tax Assessor:
F. E. LEECH

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
JOHN V. ANDREWS
S. A. "Art" HURST
WALT NEWTON
E. S. GRAVES
JIM C. KING

For County Treasurer:
JOE M. SMITH
MABEL DAVIS

For County Attorney:
JOHN F. STUDER
F. A. CARY

For County Commissioner, Precinct 1
JOHN B. WILLIAMS

Miss Reba Gould of Cherokee, Okla., is visiting in the J. S. Morse home.

Deputy Sheriff Jim Sullivan was in Pampa the first of the week.

Constable Carl Carpenter made a trip to Pampa this week.

Mrs. W. C. Dunaway is visiting in Amarillo this week.

Mrs. J. H. Crabtree visited in Clarendon Monday.

Miss Ruby Reeves visited in Shamrock Saturday.

News from Alanreed

Continued rains lessened the attendance at the closing exercises of the Alanreed school.

Wednesday night an interesting pogram was pesented by the primary and intermediate grades.

Graduation of the seventh grade into high school followed on Thursday night, with a good audience. The principal address was delivered by Attorney Charles Dean of Clarendon.

The address to the high school graduates was delivered by Rev. E. Gaston Foote of White Deer. He admonished the class to forget the mistakes of the past, to specialize, to concentrate the energies, to have a high aim, and then attain the goal.

The senior-junior play has been postponed until Thursday night of this week.

Mrs. W. E. Ream and daughter are at the bedside of the former's mother in Erick, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Moreman visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Palmer, Sunday.

Olan Castleberry of Clarendon was visiting friends in Alanreed Sunday.

W. W. Whitsitt has been sick for several days.

Misses Inez and Zola Blakenship returned to Goodnight Friday afternoon after the close of school.

Miss Ruth LaFon returned to Clarendon Sunday evening.

Miss Julia Dean left for her home in Clarendon Monday afternoon.

Rev. H. G. Walton was called to the bedside of his father in South Texas, hence his pulpit was vacant Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. had an interesting program Sunday evening.

Prof. J. T. Glass made a short talk to the Epworth League Sunday night on the importance of high ideals and a clean character in the attainment of a success indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilkins visited in the Hall home Sunday.

Prof. Robertson of Conlen was in Alanreed Sunday.

Miss Ruth Greenwood visited Miss Lois Harris Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Sherrod and children visited Mrs. H. T. Wilkins Tuesday.

The Alanreed Chamber of Commerce had an interesting meeting Tuesday night.

PICKING UP HIKERS

It is interesting to hear anto drivers talk about their experience with wayfarers they picked up on the road. Their general experience may be summed up in one word: "Don't."

The highway is crowded with hikers these days, many of them with grips and valises—all of them wanting a free ride. The professional bum will spring a hard luck story on the autoist and seek to secure a free meal as well as a ride.

Two men who gave us their experience had been hijacked; others had repented of their invitations on account of insolent and ungrateful guests. Carl Guin described how on the Plains one night he found a man lying across the road, who pretended ao be dead drunk. When Carl speeded up his car and would have run over him, the fellow got up in a hurry.

Last Saturday going to Wichita Falls we picked up a boy in a school sweater. He was nice, clean, full of life and ambition, and it was a pleasure to hear him talk about his plans for the future.

Having this boy in mind, on our return journey we gave a lift to another young fellow, who seemed footsore and tired.

When he entered the car a strong aroma of whiskey made us regret our hasty invitation. The fellow turned out to be drunk and disagreeable, and befose long we had to drag him out of the car, all of which made us resolve that the next bum we take for a ride will have to prove himself more congenial.

It goes against the grain not to give a lift to a man on the road, but it is a whole lot safer not to do so.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

Misses Pauline Crabtree and Alice Carpenter were Clarendon visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer motored to Wellington Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Street was in Erick, Okla., Monday.

Miss JoeEene Vannoy was in Shamrock Saturday.

Miss Doris Corbin was a Shamrock visitor Saturday.

AN ORDINANCE NEEDED

As a result of the practice by two or three automobile dealers of parking their "For Sale" cars on Main street, it is difficult since passage of the ordinance requiring parallel parking for shoppers to find parking space. And particularly is this true in the 300 block of North Main which is daily converted into an improvised display room for second-hand cars having a value of $200 and less.

Car dealers have no more right to appropriate the curb and street to their own use, than have hamburger stands, fruit wagons and dry goods vendors. Grocers would not be permitted to erect booths there for the urpose of selling vegetables, thereby monopolizing the streets.

Most cities have legislated against this evil, most of them forbidding the parking of "For Sale" cars anywhere within the business district. Here is a section from the traffic ordinance covering this subject at Memphis: "It shall be unlawful for any person to park vehicles on the street within the business district of the city for the purpose of advertising them for sale or for exhibition purposes, or for the purpose of any character of business, nor shall such vehicles be stopped in the streets for the purpose of the sale of goods, wares, merchandise, vegetables, fruits, melons, fish or meats of any kind."

Shamrock needs such an ordinance.—Shamrock Texan.

Frank Corum went to Shamrock Saturday.

Miss Thelma Gatlin visited in Amarillo Wednesday.

W. W. Overton of White Deer is visiting here.

ERRORS WILL OCCUR

Every newspaper man tries to print the truth about events, and the home town reporters are especially anxious to have names and initials and events exactly right, but if you will take a list of a score of your own closest friends and write down their first names spelled correctly, give their middle initials without error and write a quarter of a column of the most interesting things in their lives without error, adhering strictly to the truth and without being censored by any of them or their friends, we'll find you a place in the Hall of Fame.

Errors will occur. We find them every day in every newspaper which we pick up. There is no automatic machinery which can prevent errors in a newspaper. A newspaper is an open book wherein every error glares from the pages. The errors cannot be hidden under "tellers' unders." There's no such account in a newspaper office.

But the home town newspaper is on the job day and night, fair weather or foul, in season or out of season, boosting the home city, praising unstintingly everything and everybody within its bounds. There is nothing else in all the world that will show the good in mankind and pass over the bad so often and so easily as the home town newspaper.—Metford (Mass.) Daily Mercury.

Mrs. S. W. Rice was a visitor in Clarendon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tummins left Tuesday for Sanger.

C. E. Bogan returned Saturday from a visit in Geary, Okla.

Have Your Printing Done at Home

MICKIE SAYS—



Texas is the leading producer of the Bermuda onion. In 1926 the state produced 2,552,000 bushels valued at $3,402,000.

A NEW DRUG STORE

A subscriber of the Tribune-Chief living at a distance, wrote the other day wanting to know what the outlook would be in Quanah for a new drug store. When answered that five drug stores already cover the field here, he professed surprise. Said he: "Why, I never see their advertisements in the paper, while all other lines advertise so well." The fact is that the merchants of a town are judged by its newspaper, and their advertising indicates their progressiveness.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

Emery Crockett visited in Clarendon Sunday.

Bobbie Smith visited in Shamrock Sunday.

Miss Imo Osborne visited in Clarendon Sunday.

Miss Laeuna Holloway was in Shamrock Saturday.

Frank Day of Wheeler was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Jack Reeves visited in Shamrock Saturday.

Johnnie R. Back

Insurance

Fire, Hail & Tornado

Who's Your Barber?

You will find the best of barber service at our shop. Courtesy and appreciation extended all customers.

Elite Barber Shop



I Always Read the Ads First

The advertisements are the first part of the paper I read when I get my copy of The McLean News. Why? Because they contain news of whatever is new and best in our local stores. Special offerings of seasonable merchandise often save me many times the cost of an entire year's subscription to The News. The advertisements also give me a first-hand knowledge of local business conditions that it is impossible to get in any other manner. I tell you, it certainly

Pays to Read the Ads First

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECITON

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF GRAY,
McLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.
TO THE RESIDENT PROPERTY TAXPAYING VOTERS OF McLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 31st day of May, A. D. 1928, within said district in obedience to an order duly entered by the Board of Trustees on the 3rd day of May, 1928, which is as follows:

WHEREAS, there has been presented for the consideration of the Board of Trustees the petition of Arthur Erwin and 37 other persons asking that an election be ordered upon the question of issuing bonds of said school district for the purpose of constructing and equipping a public free schoos building within said district, of brick and stone material and purchasing a site therefor, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees that said petition is signed by at least twenty qualified property taxpaying voters of said school district, and is otherwise in conformity with law, the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that said petition should be granted, and said election as prayed for should be ordered;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF McLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That an election be held in said McLean Independent School District on the 31st day of May, 1928, which is not more than thirty days from the date of this order, at which election in accordance said petition, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted to the resident qualified property taxpaying voters of said school district for their action thereupon:

Proposition

"Shall the Board of Trustees of McLean Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of said school district to the amount of $74,000.00 to become due and payable serially as follows:

Bond Nos.	Maturity date	Amt.
1-6	April 10, 1933	$ 6,000.00
7-12	April 10, 1938	6,000.00
13-20	April 10, 1943	8,000.00
21-28	April 10, 1948	8,000.00
29-38	April 10, 1953	10,000.00
39-49	April 10, 1958	10,000.00
49-48	April 10, 1963	10,000.00
69-74	April 10, 1968	16,000.00

bearing interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of constructing and equipping a public free school building of brick and stone material and purchasing a site therefor within said district and if there shall be annually levied and collected on all taxable property in said school district for the current year and annually thereafter while said bonds, or any of them, are outstanding, a tax sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and to pay the principal thereof as the same becomes due; (provided that the maintenance tax and the bond tax together shall never exceed for any one year one dollar ($1.00) on the $100.00 valuation of said property.)

The election shall be held at the public free school building in the City of McLean, in said McLean Independent School District, and the following persons are hereby appointed officers of said election: A. T. Young, judge; M. D. Bentley, Clerk; Luther Willis, Clerk.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

Each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the proposition.

None but resident qualified property tax paying voters of said McLean Independent School District shall be allowed to vote at said election.

The secretary of this Board of Trustees shall forthwith issue a notice of said election stating in substance the contents of this order and the time and place of said election, and said secretary shall post a copy of such notice at three different places within the boundaries of said McLean Independent School District, which posting shall not be done less than three weeks prior to the date fixed for said election.

Immediately after said election has been held the officers holding the same shall make returns for the results thereof to the Board of Trustees of said school district and return the ballot box to the secretary of said Board for safekeeping.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed as nearly as may be by the General Election Laws as modified by Chapter 24 of the Acts passed by the Thirty-seventh Legislature at its regular session, 1921, and all amendments thereto and the Constitution, and this Board of Trustees will furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

J. S. HOWARD, President,
Board of Trustees.
Attest: JAS. W. BURROWS,
(Seal) 19-4c Secretary.

Miss Edith Bowlus left Saturday for her home at Baird after a visit with relatives here. She was accompanied by Miss Verna Rice.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

Nellie Beardmore vs. J. W. Beardmore. No. 302.

In the 84th District Court, Gray County, Texas.

The State of Texas to the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Gray once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon J. W. Beardmore, whose residence is unknown, who is alleged to be non-resident of the State of Texas, to be and appear at the next regular term of the 84th District Court of Gray county, te be holden at the court house thereof in the city of Pampa, Texas, on the second Monday in June, A. D. 1928, the same being the 11th day of June, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1928, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 302, wherein Nellie Beardmore is plaintiff and J. W. Beardmore is defendant, the nature of plaintiff's demand being substantially as follows, to-wit: That defendant, J. W. Beardmore, is guilty of unkind and harsh conduct and outrages toward plaintiff and his conduct toward plaintiff has been such as to render their living together unsupportable. Wherefore plaintiff prays for a divorce and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of next term thereof this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the city of Pampa, Texas, this the 9th day of May, A. D. 1928.

Witness, CHARLIE THUT, Clerk of 84th District Court in and for Gray County, Texas.
(Seal) 20-4c

Miss Ann Spillman left Friday for her home at Sanger.

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

V. D. Prewitt vs. Bessie Prewitt in the 84th District Court, Gray county, Texas.

The State of Texas to the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray count —GREETING:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Gray once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon Bessie Prewitt, who is alleged to be a non-resident of the State of Texas, to be and appear at the next regular term of the 84th District Court of Gray county to be holden at the court house thereof in the city of Pampa, on the second Monday in June, A. D. 1928, the same being the 11th day of June, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1928, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 307, wherein V. D. Prewitt is plaintiff, and Bessie Prewitt is defendant; the nature of plaintiff's demand being substantially as follows, to-wit: That plaintiff and defendant were legally married to each other on or about January 25th, 1910, and defendant permanently abandoned plaintiff on or about January 15th, 1925, without any cause or provocation, and against the consent of plaintiff, and having since lived separate and apart. Plaintiff prays for judgment dissolving said bonds of matrimony existing between them.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of next term thereof this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the city of Pampa, Texas, this the 10th day of May, A. D. 1928.

WITNESS, CHARLIE THUT,
Clerk of 84th District Court in and for Gray County, Texas.
(Seal) 19-4p

Misses Lorene Sparks and Cora Greer visited in Shamrock Saturday.

Martin Meador of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ball of Alanreed were in McLean Saturday.

Roger Powers motored to Pampa Sunday.

Bailey Talley of Sayre, Okla., visited here Sunday.

Mrs. T. E. Seigler and son, T. E. Jr., of Hereford visited here Saturday.

J. J. Simmons was in Erick, Okla., Friday.

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

B. E. Glass of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mrs. H. Crawford, who has been visiting in Amarillo, is visiting relatives here.

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

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When the Pontiac Six was first introduced less than two and a half years ago, immediate buying enthusiasm was aroused. The public accepted the statement of General Motors and Oakland that here was a new car offering six-cylinder value never before enjoyed at such low price. 75,000 Pontiac Sixes sold in 1926 established a world's record for a new make of car. Sales for 1927 carried the total of satisfied Pontiac owners beyond the 200,000 mark.

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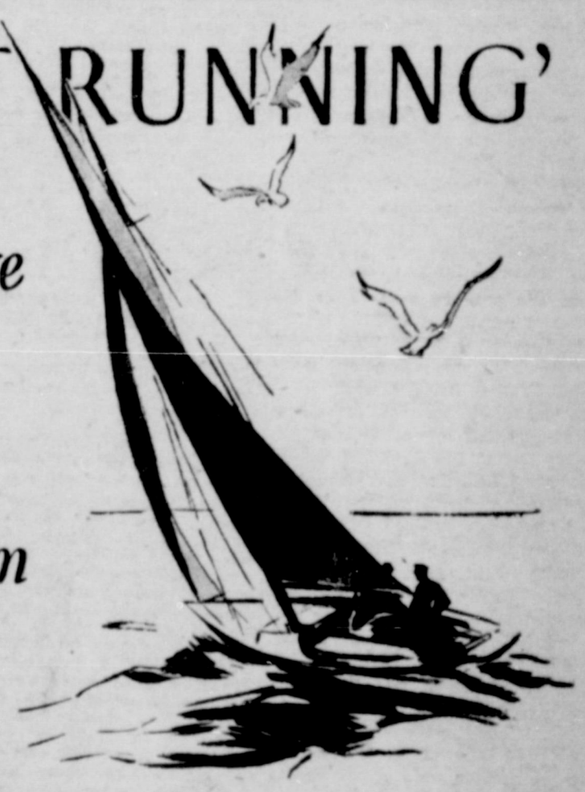
If you want to know the truth about the Pontiac Six, go to any owner in town. And if you hear praise almost too enthusiastic to believe, remember that 200,000 owners will tell you substantially the same story!

2-Door Sedan, $745; Coupe, $745; Sport Roadster, $745; Phaeton, $775; Cabriolet, $795; 4-Door Sedan, $825; Sport Landau Sedan, $875. Oakland All-American Six, $1045 to $1265. All prices at factory. Check Oakland-Pontiac delivered prices—they include lowest handling charges. General Motors Time Payment Plan available at minimum rate.

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Maytag Aluminum Washer

McLean Radio Co.

McLean, Texas

News from Liberty

Roger M. Francis of Perryton was a dinner guest Sunday of his sister, Mrs. Luther Petty, and family. He was accompanied on his return home by his mother, Mrs. Mollie Francis, who had just returned from a three weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. James, and family at Alanreed.

Miss Gladys Holloway spent Saturday night with Miss Mattie Mullin of Gracey.

Howard Hardin and Mr. Starr visited the Ramsdell oil well Tuesday.

The school here closed Friday with an excellent program at night delivered to a full house. The teacher, J. B. Porter, has gone to work for the Prairie Pipe Line Co.

Miss Lethia Roth spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Floyd Lively.

Mrs. Ester Sherrod and son of North Carolina have returned to their home after a visit with the lady's sister, Mrs. R. O. Cunningham, and family.

Marian Ratliff and family spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ratliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holloway of Back, Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Doy Holloway spent Tuesday of last week at the J. O. Holloway home.

Roscoe Reagan and family of Boydston, Mrs. W. E. James and sons of Alanreed called at the Petty home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stokes and children and Mrs. Kate Stokes visited with relatives at Groom and Pampa Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Clarabell Hardin spent Wednesday night with Miss Ollie Mae Irvin at McLean.

Mrs. Spurgeon Johnson and son of near Alanreed spent Saturday night wiah her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson.

Messrs. Morgan, Cunningham and Petty have just completed new chicken houses, installed brooders and received orders of baby chicks.

A. A. Callahan of McLean called on Grandpa Hardin Sunday afternoon.

Miss Catherine Rutledge f Heald visited with Misses Opal and Levie Nelson Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Haromn and family have moved in the cottage at the station which was recently vacated by the McCain family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilson and grandson, Lonnie Chandler, have moved to the Petty place.

Several from here are attending the revival meeting at McLean.

Anry Nelson and family of Gracey Mrs. M. C. Burdine and daughters of Alanreed visited in the Nelson home Sunday.

Wesley Foster of Gracey spent Saturday night with J. B. Porter.

Floyd Lively and family and Miss Lethia Roth took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lively.

Mitchell Johnson and family of Heald called on Luther Petty and family Sunday afternoon.

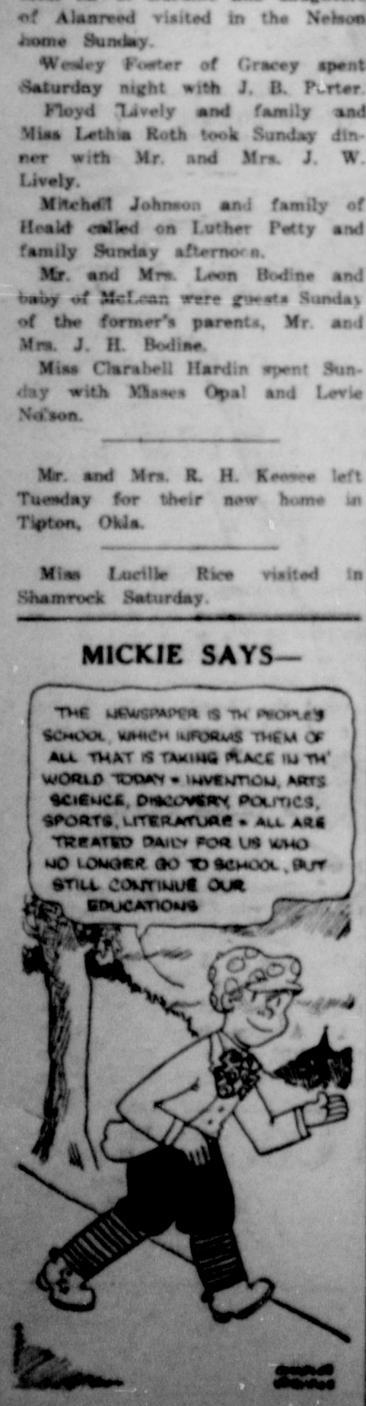
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bodine and baby of McLean were guests Sunday of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bodine.

Miss Clarabell Hardin spent Sunday with Misses Opal and Levie Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keesee left Tuesday for their new home in Tipton, Okla.

Miss Lucille Rice visited in Shamrock Saturday.

MICKIE SAYS—



CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon L. S. Stowell, S. W. Cotton, and the unknown persons claiming an interest in the oil and gas or other minerals in and under all of section No. seven (7) in block No. thirty (30) certificate No. 9-1817, issued to the H. & G. N. Ry. Co. in Gray County, Texas, by, through or under the said L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, or either of them by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Gray county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Pampa, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in June, A. D. 1928, the same being the 11th day of June, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 283, wherein G. E. Castleberry and his wife, Ella Castleberry, are plaintiffs, and L. S. Stowell, S. W. Cotton, and the unknown persons claiming an interest in the oil and gas or other minerals in and under all of section No. seven (7) in block No. thirty (30) certificate No. 9-1817, issued to the H. & G. N. Ry. Co. in Gray county, Texas, by, through or under the said L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, or either of them, are defendants, and said petition alleging that the plaintiffs are now the fee simple owners of the said section of land hereinabove described; that on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1906, J. T. Pollard from and under whom the plaintiffs hold said land by mesne conveyances was the fee simple owner thereof; that on the day and date last aforesaid the said J. T. Pollard made, executed, acknowledged and delivered to the defendants, L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, a certain thirty (30) year oil and gas lease, on said section No. seven (7) in block thirty (30) of the H. & G. N. Ry. survey, which is located in Commissioners' Precinct No. four (4) of Gray county, Texas, in the vicinity of the town of McLean; that the said lease recites a consideration of one dollar and the agreement of the defendants L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton to drill a test well on said section seven (7) or on some land in said Commissioners' Precinct No. 4 in the vicinity of section seven (7) within a period of two years from the date of said lease. Plaintiffs further allege that the one dollar was not in truth and in fact paid and that the true, only and moving consideration for the execution and delivery of said lease was the promise and agreement of the defendants, L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton to develop the said property within two years from the date of the lease as above set out; that neither of the defendants, L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton, nor any persons acting for them did within the two years next following the date of said lease drill a test well for oil and gas on said section No. seven (7) nor on any land in the vicinity of section seven (7) or in Commissioners' Precinct No. 4 in Gray county, Texas although often requested so to do by J. T. Pollard and the other land owners whose lands were leased for oil and gas to L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton in Commissioners' Precinct No. 4 in Gray county, Texas; that by reason of the failure and refusal of said L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton to drill said test well for oil and gas within the two years next following the date of said lease the same became void and of no further force and effect.

Plaintiffs further allege that said oil and gas lease was void from its incipiency for the reason that it gave lessees the right to pay the lessors, their heirs or assigns, the sum of one dollar and be relieved from any and all liability thereunder, and did not give to the lessors the same option; that if for any reason the Court should hold said lease valid that then and in that event only the plaintiffs tender into court the sum of one dollar to the defendants and ask that said lease be cancelled in accordance with this provision.

Plaintiffs further state that at no time since the execution and delivery of said lease, although almost twenty-two (22) years have expired since its execution and delivery that the defendants, L. S. Stowell and S. W. Cotton have wholly failed and refused to drill the test well for oil and gas as stipulated in sail lease and have wholly failed to even try to develop the property in accordance with the provisions of said lease; that the lease would not have been executed by the said J. T. Pollard but for such representations which in law are a fraud upon the plaintiffs rights; that no record assignment of said oil and gas lease is shown by the deed records of Gray county, Texas; that notice is hereby given to the defendants to produce on the trial of this cause said original lease and that the plaintiffs will on the trial of this cause offer in evidence a complete abstract of the title to said section No. 7 as shown by the records of Gray county, Texas.

Plaintiffs allege that said oil and gas lease, although void and of no force and effect, is a record cloud upon their title and ask that the same be cancelled and holden for naught as against all parties defendant and pray for relief, general and special, legal and equitable.

Herein fail not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Pampa, Texas, this the 25th day of April, A. D. 1928.

CHARLIE THUT, Clerk,
District Court, Gray County, Texas.
(Seal)
WSW-19-4c

MUSICAL GRAYS SHOW RUNNING SECOND WEEK

On account of the prevailing inclement weather last week, the Musical Grays Stock Company was unabl to show every night, so they stayed over for this week.

This organization is above the average for stock companies, and the Gray family has made many friends since coming to McLean.

L. W. Gray, manager of the show, is a former high school music instructor from Missouri. Mr. Gray had charge of a 60-piece school band and orchestra that was in demand for radio broadcasting. His children all played in the orchestra and also in the church orchestras of the town; every member of the family being members of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Helen Gray-Shaffnit, pianist, has been delighting McLean audences with her whistling numbers, and is considered the best whistler in Missouri. Mrs. Rita Gray-Carrey plays the saxaphone, and holds three cello medals, one trumpet medal and medal for voice in her home state. Erman Gray, clarinet and saxaphone, has taught high school bands in Missouri. Leon Gray, trumpet and voice, is a real musician. Mr. and Mrs. Nat Robinson of Hollywood, Calif., Clarence Shaffnit, Messrs. Carrey and Shaffnit, and others assist in the productions.

The plays have been entertaining and clean, and every person is guaranteed his money back if for any reason he is not entirely satisfied. Tonight (Thursday) they will present their feature play, "The Top Sargeant," by Zane Coburn. Friday night "Detouring Wievs." Saturday night "Husband Hunters."

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

News from Pakan

It was raining almost all last week, which put the farmers very much behind in their work. Some report that they have to replant. About 6 inches fell in all.

Sam Pasan and sons, Sam and Miro, were McLean visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bryan of the Lutie community visited in the W. Hanes home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cadra transacted business in Shamrock Tuesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hrnciar, Saturday, twin girls.

Those that were seen on the streets of McLean Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith, Arthur Stevens, Miro and Edward Pakan, R. Janota and sons, Joe and Rudolph, W. J. Chilton, Paul Ftak and son, Paul, and Joe Vasencik.

A graduation program was held at the school house Monday night. Those that passed the seventh grade were: Bill Freudenrich, Edward Pakan, Freddie and Mary Gordon, Earl and Willie Mae Lane, Emily Hrnciar, Elizabeth Ftak, Henrietta Chilton and Grace Stauffer.

John Hrnciar transacted business at Shamrock Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pakan and son, Sam, left Tuesday for Hot Springs, N. M., for the benefit of their health.

Shamrock shoppers Saturday were Paul Macina, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Spanfin, Misses Foster and Gardner, Earl, Frank and Godfrey Linkey and John Hrnciar Jr.

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Th' Ole Grouch



Miss Clara Anderson was in Shamrock Saturday.

PATRONIZE HOME VOTERS

We note one senatorial candidate sending out a little booklet exploiting his platform, on the back cover of which appears an advertisement of a Louisville, Ky., printing concern. All over Texas there are printing houses who do as good and better printing as the booklet referred to, and we fail to understand just how this candidate expects to attract votes using such disloyal tactics. He ought to run well in Kentucky.—Clarendon News.

Mrs. C. E. Johnson returned Saturday from a visit in Sulphur, Okla.

Miss Jewell Turner went to Shamrock Saturday.

Shoes Shined

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CHICAGO SHINE SHOP

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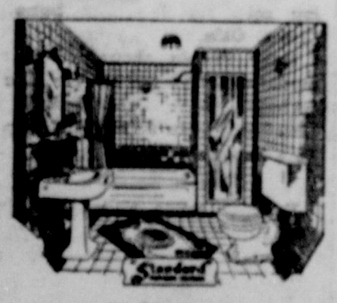
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Specials

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Friday and Saturday

8 lbs. Swifts Jewel	$1.16
4 lbs. Swifts Jewel	60c
2 lbs. Swifts Jewel	30c
S. S. bacon	16c lb.
1 lb. box bacon	40c
1 lb. sliced bacon	35c
Cheese	30c lb.

Palace Meat Market

Virgil Threet, Manager

McLean, Texas

Saturday & Monday Specials

Large size clothes hampers	$1.00
Large size laundry baskets	$1.00
1 O'Cedar mop and bottle polish	$1.00
Linoleum remnants, per roll	$1.00
5 single curtain rods for	$1.00

Don't forget the free gold given away each Saturday.

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