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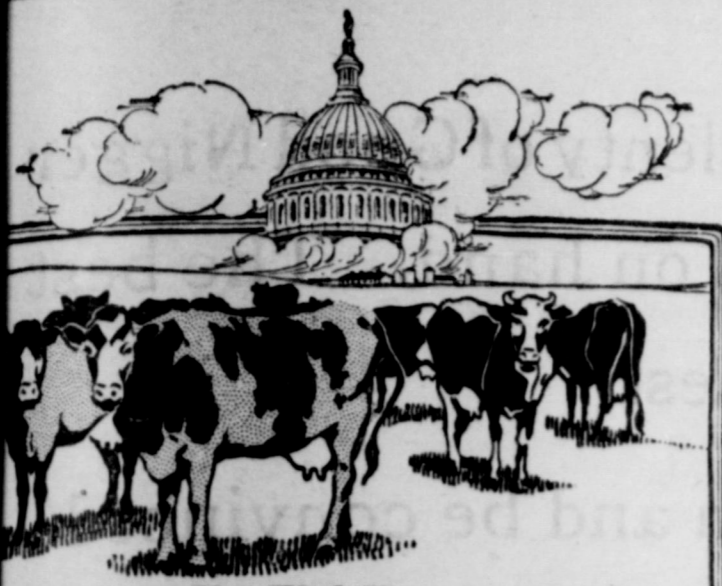
The McLean News

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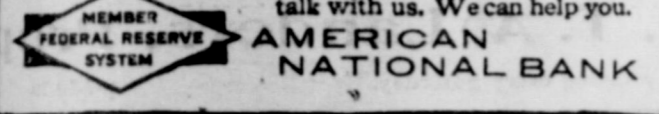


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The Federal Reserve Banking System, established by the government, stands back of the stock raiser. Through our membership in it we can help our patrons carry live stock which they are raising or fattening for future sales.

Farmers' notes, with not over six months to run, given for raising or carrying live stock can be rediscounted by us with our Federal Reserve Bank, thereby increasing our ability to extend to our patrons such help as they may need.

If you contemplate raising or fattening live stock for market come in and talk with us. We can help you.



News From Over The Panhandle

Wellington Leader: Tuesday morning when K. T. Richardson opened a car of potatoes he heard a faint knocking in the ice box of the refrigerator car, and upon investigation found a boy about 17 years of age fastened up in the ice box. He helped get him out and a physician was summoned who gave the boy first aid. He was too weak to stand, but was able to talk a little, gave his name as Hollis Tabb and said he got in the car at Ft. Worth with the assistance of one of the train crew on Wednesday of last week to come to Wichita Falls.

He was in the car six days without food, water, or extra clothing from the cold. His feet were almost frozen but the physician thinks they will get alright without sloughing much.

The boy claims his home is near Commerce and messages have been sent to try to locate his people, but up to the present writing they have not been located. He is well dressed and has a rather refined appearance.

Most men carry loose change about them. It's easy to spend that way. But you don't care for a jingle in your jeans if you have a well-filled War Savings Certificate in your inside pocket. You can get more pleasure out of War Savings Stamps than you can by throwing money away. The jingle sounds good, but the filled War Savings Certificate feels better. Buy 'em, try 'em. W. S. S.



PIGS IN POKES

It is an American characteristic to shout when you win but never cheep when you lose. More's the pity.

And shrewd stock swindlers have made the most of it.

If only ten per cent of the victims who have traded their Liberty Bonds for worthless stocks in wild cat companies alone were to tell the country of their losses it would discourage this sort of bartering.

But they will never do it. The man who is stung the hardest is the least likely to admit it. He simply grins and bears it.

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Nine times out of ten these gulls are the small investors, the fellows who can the least afford to lose.

There is some excuse for the man who lives in a developing oil field and sees and knows what is being done investing in a promoting company there.

But there is no apology to be made for the man who invests at long range. Who never sees what he is dumping his money into. Who takes only a salesman's word. Who, above all, trades in a Liberty Bond for a stock certificate.

Keep your bonds. They're an investment, not a speculation.

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Services Sunday as usual. Day school at 9-45 a.m. and teaching at 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. At the close of the morning service there will be a congregational meeting and all the members are specially requested to be present. We also extend cordial invitation to the public to come and worship with us.

Coming Sunday

Rev. D. R. Wade of Hedley will preach at the Baptist church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wade are two of the best singers in Texas, and will sing at the services. They were with us Sunday for about eight days.

The Baptist Ladies Aid met Tuesday Feb. 17, with Mrs. Rybby. There were thirteen present, one visitor and two new members. We hope every member will be present on next meeting day. The society will meet with Mrs. T. A. Lauders on Feb. 24, at 2 p.m.

Secretary

STOP: LOOK: LISTEN:

Did you ever think about the Baptist people having Sunday school in this town? You just come over and see. We are giving the best Sunday School in the history of this church. Last Sunday, February the twentieth we had 91 present and \$83 collection.

Reporter

Mrs. Luther Coffey left for Dallas, Sunday, where she will buy goods and spend several days in the work rooms of the wholesale houses in order to get to the new effects for the spring millinery.

Albert Sweat, of Wellington, was here on business, Tuesday.

General Notes From West Texas State Normal College

The Normal has just finished a compilation of statistics in its attendance for the past nine years. It would probably interest the people of your country to know that you have sent 103 students to this Institution. That so many of its young people obtain a higher education certainly speaks well for the country.

The Panhandle Teachers' Association will meet at the West Texas State Normal College on April 4th and 5th. A large and enthusiastic attendance is expected, as some of the noted educators of the state will speak. Among them are Miss Annie Webb Banton, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Marcus H. Duncan Superintendent of the Amarillo City Schools, Mr. H. T. Musselman, Editor Texas Teachers' Journal, and our own President, Mr. J. A. Hill.

Don't Delay Pruning Grape Vines

If the grapevines have not yet been pruned, be sure to do so before the buds start. On mild winter days the cut ends will "bleed" some, but that does not matter. Gather up and burn the trimmings, so as to destroy any insects and disease germs infesting them. Tip the pruned arms to the wire supports, and then this job will be out of the way before the spring rush.

Shoes! Shoes!

We are specializing in men's work shoes this season more than ever, we have just received a nice shipment of these and when you are in need of shoes we will be glad to have you look thru our line.—Bundy Hodges Mercantile Co.

Clarendon News: This week

we are presenting our readers with a Special Oil Edition. We want our people to take care of themselves in this oil business. There is little doubt that Donley County is rich in oil and gas resource, and The News wants our people to "get theirs." The advertising carried in our columns is from reputable companies and we repeat what we have said on former occasions—don't invest in oil unless you are able to lose your investment without inconvenience to yourself and family. "Take care o' yo'self, Jim."

Wheeler County Texas: From data recently compiled of all Wheeler County up to and including February 7th, there has been 2,368 cases of influenza with 21 deaths.

There have been only a very few cases since that time, and so far as can be learned, no deaths.

Physicians claim that there may yet be another epidemic, but at present there are very few, if any, cases in the country.

Wellington Leader:

Wellington is fast coming to her own again. Boy nearly starved found in refrigerator car Tuesday morning, big banquet Tuesday afternoon, fight Wednesday noon, sandstorm Wednesday afternoon with a continuous performance through Thursday. When oil is found by the wildcatters in the county, then look out for Wellington will be on the map!

Clarendon News: Friday morning every one was surprised to see Sergeant Harold C. Rippey, a former student of C. C., come in to breakfast. He stayed with us only a part of the day, returning to his home at McLean.

The Woodman Circle will meet every Saturday at 2:30. Every member is urged to attend. Mrs. M. D. Bentley, Clerk.



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PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

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Four issues make an advertising month. When five issues occur in the calendar month, charge will be made for the extra edition.

Obituaries, resolutions of respect, and cards of thanks charged for at regular advertising rates.

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One year.....\$1.50
Six months......75
Three months......50

We only have three more days in which to raise our quota of the Armenian-Syrian relief fund. We have never contributed to a more worthy cause than this. Let us not hesitate to give all we can afford to give to these sufferers. It is estimated that about 4,000,000 Armenian, Syrian, Greek and other war sufferers in the Near East will require outside help to sustain them through the winter. Many of them are hundreds of miles from their homes and the greatest majority of them are women and children, and it is through no fault of their own that they are in this starving condition. Gray County's quota is only \$710.00 and we are supposed to raise at least half of this; so lets get busy and not show ourselves slackers. McLean has gone over the top in every other drive since the beginning of the war, now watch us go over the top in this.

It is up us all to help the returning soldier in the way of employment. Not only in the ditch digging line or something of that sort but to some payable, permanent jobs that give evidence of the appreciation we have for his own big job that has been so goodly finished.

In every small community or large town the energy should be the same toward the finding of positions for these returned army and navy men. Some of them have families to support, some parents and some have themselves to look after which, by the way, is enough in these hard times.

Look around in your own section of the country and see if you can't suggest a soldier or sailor every time an employer in your neighborhood needs help. You will not only be doing a

duty for yourself and the employer but you will be doing a duty for your country as well.

If some of our leading citizens, who have ample means to do so, would invest a little of it in rent houses it would mean much to the growth and development of our town; besides the investment would be a paying proposition at the present high price of rents and it will never be any cheaper.

If we had a few hundred dollars (but we haven't) we don't know of a more profitable investment than to put it into rent houses.

How about your bed—do you realize how much time you spend in bed—this should make you realize how necessary it is to have a good mattress and a pair of springs—we have them both—let us show you something that will make your body glad all over when you retire for the night.—Bundy Hodges Mercantile Co.

Those oyster shells will help you to get more eggs—why do without them when they are so inexpensive—buy them by the hundred pounds—we feel you will be well repaid for your money in eggs—in turn sell us your eggs, we will pay you at all times all that the market affords.—Bundy Hodges Mercantile Co.

The News wants a correspondent from each community and will furnish stationary, stamps and "The News" to any one who will write locals from his or her community.

Miss Nona Cousins returned home Wednesday night from Bernalillo, N. M. where she has been for several months.

Corp. Fred L. Landers returned home Thursday after receiving honorable discharge from Camp Travis.

Reefers Egg Tonic at W. J. Keasler Produce House. Guaranteed to make hens lay. 14 t/c

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Mrs. Yarbrough of Erick was here Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Coffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutto of Erick are visiting her brother, Mr. Luther Coffey.

Aanreed News

On account of the severe wind storm Friday the Culture Club postponed its meeting until next Friday afternoon, February, 21.

Thursday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. L. Bingham gave a dance to a few friends.

Mesdames Henry Harp and Sed Stone came down from Pampa Friday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kennedy, and brother, S. D. Kennedy, who is home on a furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Skipper are the proud parents of a 9 pound girl who arrived Tuesday of last week.

Chas. McMurtry of Clarendon was a business visitor in Alanreed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Alanreed Dramatic Club will give a play entitled, "For the old Flag," in the near future.

Tom Kirby, of Jelico, was here Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Taylor of Canyon was in town on business Friday.

Mrs. Kate Templeton with her little daughter, Willette, of Roswell, N. M. is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Sue Coppedge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Thomas motored to Clarendon Saturday.

D. B. London of Stuart, Okla., on his way home from a business trip to White Deer and Amarillo, stopped in Alanreed to visit with his many friends Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Will Roberts came up from Wellington where she is teaching school, to spend the week end with Mr. Robert. Mrs. J. J. Woods is quite sick with influenza.

Mrs. Hubert Wilkins is also on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Craig and Mrs. Willard Craig were visitors in McLean Monday.

Misses Gertrude and Fannie Wilson entertained a number of friends at their beautiful home on Saturday evening of last week. Various games and music were enjoyed by all. The cutting of the fortune cake afforded much fun; the thimble falling to Miss Hommel, money to Miss Ashby, ring to Mr. Osborne and nail to Mr. Rice. Refreshments of chocolate and cake was served to the following: Misses Ashby, Morton, Mesdames Russell and Bowie of McLean, Misses Hommel and Kelly, Messers Rice, Fulbright, McAdams, Rucker, Osborne and Harlan of McLean, Kendrick Rector, John Hessey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stegen. The guests departed at a late hour declaring the Misses Wilson ideal entertainers.

J. H. Davenport was a business visitor to Clarendon Monday.

The Alanreed Home and School League met Friday. Owing to the inclement weather the valentine program was not carried out fully.

G. E. Castleberry called the house to order and the following program was rendered:

Opening song—By Society
Violin music with piano accompaniment—John Roselins and Mrs. Cass Phillips.

Miscellaneous talks by members.

Song, Long Long Trail—Led by Mrs. Clyde Slavin.

Story, Why we have Valentines.

Duet—Laura Hommel and Tom Ball.

Announcements.

On last Saturday evening a party was given at the hotel in honor of the homecoming of the soldier and sailor, Dan Kennedy and Henry Woods, and the departure of Miss Miriam Wilson. Callie Sherrod and Dora Agee acting as hostess. The forepart

of the evening was spent in contests and games. Later in the evening the young people were led into the dining room which was decorated in red white and blue. The allies' flags fluttered from a high white vase in the center of the table. The place cards were hearts pierced by arrows. Punch and cake was served. The following guests were present: Misses Miriam Wilson, Nettie Davis, Susan and Florence Jones, Altie Sherrod, Gertrude Rosselins and Mrs. Henry Hays. Messers. Dan Kennedy, Henry Woods, Jess Crisp, Bert Jones, Garrett Hill, Dewey Woods, Olen Casselberry and Frank Hommel.

Mr. G. E. Castleberry has just returned from Mississippi where he has been for the past two months.

Mr. Jim Slavin has just returned from Wichita Falls where he has been the past week transacting business.

Miss Miriam Wilson left for Lefors Monday, where she will probably spend the remainder of the year.

Mr. A. D. Parsons has just returned from Clarendon where he has been for rheumatism treatment.

Mr. W. M. Greenwood and Mr. W. H. Parsons went to Shamrock on business yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Roselins left for Oklahoma Wednesday.

How about your sugar? We are at this time receiving about all the sugar we can pay for, we are being advised to tell our customers to buy sugar now rather than wait until you are in real need of it for preserving purposes as there is likely to be a shortage on this article later on in the season. We have plenty to fill your wants now. Bundy Hodges Mercantile Co.

Martin Masarek, of Slovak settlement, left Tuesday for Chicago with the intention of sailing for Checho Slovakia as soon as passengers are allowed to sail.

We want your cream and eggs. Open every day in the week at Wolfe's Drug Store. Gaynell Wilson and Lula Faulkner Hedge.

Rev. J. B. Osborn's family, who have been victims of the flu, we are glad to report, are all able to be up again.

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**Letter From The "News" Editor
Who is Still in France**

Domevre, France.

Jan. 14, 1919

Dear Mother:

At last I am out of luck again. My military education had progressed far enough for me; in fact, I was thoroughly satisfied, but certain authorities seem to have thought differently, so they ordered me to pack up my belongings and sent me off to school, choosing as my studies grenades and gas. I don't mind the school, but every time I get comfortable and almost contented, a move or something spoils things. It could be worse here, and I'm glad it isn't. We have hay to soften the place on the floor where we sleep; we have stoves in the shack, but no stovepipe and therefore no fire. The Y. M. C. A. has fireplaces in which they keep the home-like fires burning, and I have located some of Reep Landers pals in a pump station, and they have plenty of wood for their stove, so between the two I can be comfortable during my leisure hours. Reep isn't here but I expect to locate him and visit him one day soon.

They have me "studying" grenades at present but I understand that after three days of this I will get three days of gas defense. (I am here for a week only.) You doubtless already know that a grenade is a cute little thing hardly as big as a base ball, but which, when certain things or combination of things happen, comes apart quite suddenly, and is at the same time rather boisterous about it, often greatly disturbing whatever happens to be near it, and flinging things about quite promiscuously. If, when a grenade goes off, there is any mud handy, there comes a shower a second or two after the explosion. We have been throwing different types of grenades into a muddy field from behind a stone fence, and I have been rather timid about taking off my overcoat and looking at the back of it, for I might have to take a stick and scrape the mud off.

Denevre is out twelve or fifteen miles north of Toul, and is located on the side of a high hill overlooking a plain several miles wide. It is a dirty place and after one looks it over he wishes he hadn't done it. But this afternoon I climbed to the top of the hill and there I found a tall tree with three long ladders leading up to an old

observation post in the topmost branches, about 40 or 50 feet from the ground. Being in somewhat adventurous mood, I clumb the ladder and looked about me. I could see for miles and miles in all directions—almost into Germany, it seemed. It was a beautiful sight to look out over the plain, really a wide valley, with its numerous villages, beautiful, because I could not see the filth nor note the general run-down appearance of them; and see the fields and patches of woodland. The farmer folk were not at work in the fields because it is too wet in winter, and the only signs of life were the military trucks and automobiles on the roads and the trains on the numerous temporary narrow-gauge railroads that were built through this section to haul attention to the faon. France is like a homely looking girl; she can be beautiful when viewed from a little distance.

Do I want you to have my suit cleaned and pressed? Haw! Haw! Excuse me while I laugh! Preparations for the home-coming would, I fear, be a bit premature at this time, and besides, I fear I would find the old clothes rather tight fitting now. While I am not corpulent like Judge Wolfe or Uncle Al Haynes, I am not as skinny as Iuster be.

No, we are not in the army of occupation. That order was cancelled and we are here a few miles behind what used to be the front, wishing we could go home.

Your Son,
Pvt. Milton L. Moody

Quite a number of our young people enjoyed a social evening last Wednesday at the home of Emmett Thompson, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Bee Everett.

Bryant N. Henry, who has been in army service over seas for several months, returned home last Saturday after receiving his discharge.

Wanted: Someone to do housework. Prefer middleaged woman. No washing. Write or phone Mrs. E. B. Reeves, Alanreed, Texas

Ira Chambers and wife, of Ramsdell, were here Tuesday on business and also visiting.

Dr. and Mrs. Orr of Wellington visited with Mrs. J. L. Crabtree Sunday.

Dies For His Country

Stefan Valencik, was born Dec. 25, 1879 in the town of Lubina, in Northern Hungary, Slavokland near the Maravian border. He came to America in Aug. 1908, at the age of ten years. He came direct to Wheeler county and received his education at Coken school house. His occupation was farming. He left here on March 8 1918 and enlisted in the Checho Slovak army in Chicago. This army was made up of Bohemian (Checho) and Slavaks, not subject to military service in the United States. This army sailed from New York Merch 31, 1918 and received training near Paris, probably at Cognac. They reached the front in September 1918. Stefan Valencik was in Co. 10 of the 21st Checho regiment. They were in some skirmishes, finally in a battle on October 21, at Terron near Aisne river where he received injuries of the brain by a shrapnel, and died of that cause Oct. 29, 1918. His parents are still living also five brothers and four sisters. His brother, Paul, is in the Signal Corps of the U. S. navy. He was distinguished for bravery in the French and Bohemian armies. He was buried at Auvo, France. At least 70 percent of his division was either killed or wounded.

The motives of organizing this army were: The Bohemians and Slavoks rebelled against the Austro-Hungarian government on account of political and economical persecution which they were subject to. Their situation before the war was somewhat similar to that of the thirteen English colonies in America before they revolted against England.

One of the main grievances was that the Slovaks were not allowed to educate in their mother tongue in the territory which they are known to have occupied, and formed the majority of population since the 8th century A. D. Keeping this cause in mind the Bohemians and Slovaks, who were forced into the Austrian army, surrendered intentionally and systematically, regiment at a time, to the Russians and Italians. In captivity they organized the corps which was now upholding the cause of the allies in Siberia, part of which fought by the side of the allies,

OIL COMPANY ORGANIZED

To the Citizens of McLean and surrounding Country, Greetings:

We have organized an oil company, known as the McLean Oil and Gas Company, with its capital Stock as \$50,000.00 divided into Shares of \$10. each.

The officers are, C. S. Rice, President; C. L. Cooke, Vice President; Clay E. Thompson, Treasurer; W. T. Wilson, Secretary.

Board of Directors—

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L. O. Floyd, Earl Shell

This Company wants to lease your land, and will be glad to issue you stock for same, and after a sufficient amount of acres have been leased will then secure a driller to put down a test well. This company shall work for the development of our own country. We fully believe we have oil and that we can by the plans as have been outlined by our company develop same and thereby giving the profits that might be derived from such development into the hands of our own people.

Remember you can become a stockholder from the lease on your land. Remember also you will receive your share in the profits in proportion to the amount of stock you hold. Operations for development must begin within one year from March 15 1919 or all leases shall become null and void. This will be nothing but a square and fair deal to every one. See us before you lease to any other company. It will be to your interest and to the interest of our country. Look us up. Ask us about our terms, plans etc. We want you to work with us and we want to work with you.

Yours Truly

McLean Oil and Gas Company

Just To Let You Know

Why do we spend good money week after week in advertising?

Just to let you know that we have what you want and need.

Sometimes that is ALL you wish to know, and you immediately come and get it, pay the price and ask no questions.

Sometimes, however, you wish to see the price inducements.

And that is where you find us at home.

For a few attractive prices, just cast your optics on these:

- Large Kellog Toasted Corn Flakes, 2 packages . . . 25c
- All 3 pounds can Coffey \$1.00
- Gallon of Mazola Cooking Oil \$2.25
- Half gallon Mazola Cooking Oil \$1.15

If you would consult your best interest you will profit by this knowledge.

Haynes Grocery Co.

Italy and France. These were now enlisted to it in America by permission of the U. S. Government.

Stefan's motive in joining was the knowledge that he would fight for the same cause as under the U. S. flag, and besides make a representation for the Checho Slovaks which they so badly needed at that time.

Written by a friend.

Rev. A. L. Castleberry, editor of the Baptist Battleplane, left Wednesday night for Texola, Keltor, and various other localities to look after his missionary work. Rev. Castleberry is a very busy man, being missionary of the Wheeler County Association and editor of the Battleplane, which keeps him on the go all of the time.

Notice

If you are in need of a farm loan on your land and desire a loan with the Federal Land Bank at the lowest rate of interest ever offered to the people, see L. A. Estes, Shamrock, Texas. Office in the Liberty Bldg. 21-2tp

Nice little curly puppy to give to some little boy or girl. Phone 155.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wolfe Saturday night, a boy.

\$25 REWARD

I will pay a twenty-five dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of any party guilty tying down any telephone wire or in any other manner tampering with the lines. The state law on the subject is as follows: Penal code, Art. 784: If any person shall intentionally break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner injure any telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery or other necessary appurtenance to any telegraph or telephone line, or in any way willfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of any messages along such telegraph or telephone line, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

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A. H. Doucette, of Pampa, was here Tuesday and Wednesday surveying the city cemetery.

Mrs. Chas. Guill returned Sunday from Amarillo after visiting her parents for the past week.

Reefers Egg Tonic at W. J. Keasler Produce House. Guaranteed to make hens lay. 14 tfe

There will be preaching at the Nazarene church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

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Early Hatched Chickens

Poultry raisers place great dependence upon the early hatched chicken on account of its greater vitality, making a more vigorous growth, escaping the ravages of disease and insects, developing into maturity, and pullets from this hatch becoming profitable layers in the early winter season following. As a rule it is also true that eggs produced in the early part of the season will show a higher percentage of fertility than those produced later in the season. Care should be taken now to begin saving eggs for the first setting of the incubator. Select even shaped medium sized eggs, and keep them in a cool place. Better results will be secured if these eggs are turned carefully every day. Do not keep them over ten days or two weeks before putting them in the incubator.

Before setting up the incubator give it a thorough cleaning inside and out. Remove all the trays and scrub them with soap suds. After they have dried brush the entire inside of the incubator and all the trays with wood alcohol. Clean out all the lamp flues to see that there are no cobwebs or carbon deposits; also, that those spaces have not been used for mice nests in the wintertime. Clean the oil chambers of the lamps with soap suds and remove the oil wick from the burner and boil the burner in a soda solution for 15 or 20 minutes. Run the incubator 48 hours to get the thermostat properly adjusted. After running the incubator five days, test the eggs and remove those that are infertile. Now is a good time also to clean the brooder. Give it a thorough coating with some good disinfectant, fix a clean, dry place for the young chicks when they are hatched, and, if possible, keep them removed from the main flock until they are half grown.

We will have in about this next week a new shipment of rugs—we are being informed that we will have no cheaper prices until next fall at the earliest and if you are going to need something in this line we can probably suit you. We also have some of those nice large fumed oak dining tables, 54 inches wide. You will never regret having one of these in your home, our prices are in line with them.—Bundy Hodges Mercantile Co.

Phone 165

I will call for and deliver your
cleaning and pressing

Chas. Cousins

Tailor

The Story of a Merchant Prince

There was an old geezer and he had a lot of sense; He started up a business on a dollar eighty cents. The dollar for stock and the eighty for an ad Brought him three lovely dollars in a day, by dad; Well, he bought more goods and a little more space And he played that system with a smile on his face The customers flocked to his two by-four And soon he had to hustle for a regular store Up on the square, where the people pass, He gobbled up a corner that was all plate glass. He fixed up the windows with the best that he had And he told 'em all about it in a half page ad. He soon had 'em coming, and he never, never quit, And he wouldn't cut down on his ads one bit. Well, he's kept things humming in the town ever since And everybody calls him the Merchant Prince. Some say its luck, but that's all bunk— Why, he was doing business when the times were punk. People have to purchase and the geezer was wise— For he knew the way to get 'em was to advertise. —Exchange.

For Sale

I have some acreage property in the town of McLean ranging from one acre up to forty acres.

I have a twenty four acre tract, also for sale. I would consider exchanging some of this for good farm land.

J. O. Quattlebaum,
McLean, Texas

For Sale

160 acre farm, fair improvements, half in cultivation and half in grass. Four and one half miles north west of McLean. Will sell worth the money.

S. C. Woolly

The United States Department of Labor has announced that more than 500,000 new houses are required in the country at present. The restriction of building during the war has produced this condition.

Labor conditions point to the desirability of accelerating this building as much as possible. The question is largely of financing it.

Few of the people who desire small homes are able to pay cash for them in full. A national system of home loan banks has been suggested. These would be similar in plan to the federal reserve banks. One such bank would be situated in a district, and would reach the communities of that district through local building and loan associations.

This plan is to be commended in its process of bringing capital in direct touch with the business and social needs of the nation.

This world is going to be a better world in which to live after this war. While we do not favor war and are in for hanging the ones who made the world war, yet good may come from evil and things work out for the betterment of mankind. God may not be to blame for war, but divine providence may put it in the hearts of his children to profit by experience and learn lessons that will broaden, uplift and make them more kindly, more just and more truly good. The agonies of war, the sorrow and suffering binding people and nations more closely together and making the earth a better place in which to live because of the fiery furnace which tries men's souls. —Higgins News.

Seed Irish potatoes—we have them in large quantities—both Irish cobbles and real genuine triumphs—also have on display now our new garden seed, why not get them while we can fill your order complete. Also have a large supply of onion sets, both red and yellow.—Bundy Hodges Mercantile Co.

Public Sale

Wednesday, February 26, 1919
at 10 o'clock a. m.

I will sell at public sale, at my residence, known as the Devine place, 3 1-2 miles N. W. of Ramsdell, 7 miles east of McLean, and 13 miles west of Shamrock, the following described property:

1 bay horse 5 years old
1 bay mare 4 years old
1 iron gray horse 3 years old
1 horse mule
1 2-year-old mule
1 Hereford bull 3 yr. old
1 Hereford polled bull 3 yr. old
1 4-mo. Duroc boar
7 Duroc gilts same age
5 dozen brown-leghorn hens
Trio indian runner ducks
Good cream separator
Steam wash outfit
Single buggy
Glass door all oak kitchen safe
1 140-egg Wisconsin incubator
1 50-egg Little brown hen

Good low wheel wagon with combination frame and box
New Avery (Bob White) riding cultivator with sweeps and shovels
Good go-devil with extra long knives
New Georgia stock with sweep
Set of work harness with lines and bridles
3 all-leather horse collars
1 One and three-fourths H. P. Galloway gasoline engine
Double geared pump jack
15 ft. 4 in. 4 ply rubber belt
Many other small things to numerous to mention.

Lunch will be served at sale

Terms of sale, all sums \$5. or under cash. Sums over \$5., 5 per cent discount for cash or bank notes due 10 months from date at 10 per cent interest.

Jeff D. Mankins
auctioneer

H. F. Wingo
owner

The Wind Bloweth Where It Listeth

Publishers of a \$1-a year weekly newspapers—and they are to be pitied—will be interested in the Dresden (Tenn.) Enterprise, published by J. L. Holbrook & Son:

"The wind bloweth where it listeth!"
"And no answer cometh!"
"Neither cometh the wood or the corn or the taters or the eggs or the bacon!"

"Some days ago, a good, liberal, loyal, generous, broad minded citizen wrote the Enterprise stating he wanted to take his paper during 1919 and get the county news, and would send his subscription if the paper would be sent him at the old price."

"We immediately wrote him we would accept his proposition—provided he would bring us a cord of wood, a barrel of corn, a bushel of sweet potatoes, a basket of eggs or a side of bacon at the price he got for these commodities five or six years ago, when there was a profit in publishing at \$1 a year."

"Seven long days have passed—and no wood, no corn, no taters, no eggs, no bacon!"

"He couldn't afford to do it. Yet, he was generous enough to ask us to send him the paper for \$1 and make him a present of 50 cents! Of all the 33,285 people in Weakley county this kindly disposed individual is the only one with gall enough to ask us to send the Enterprise at the old price—and we do not believe there is another in the whole county."—Publishers Auxiliary

Ready to Go

With our present force of skilled workmen, and large stock of parts and necessary equipment for turning out the very best work, we are raring to go. So you had better bring that car in that you have had on ice for three months, and let us give it a genuine overhauling and get it ready for the spring rush, which is sure to follow this long quiet.

We have received a load of new Fords, and they are the latest factory output. Come in and get yours before the other fellow gets it.

LET'S GO.

Yours for real business.

Bentley & Grigsby

THE ELITE BARBER SHOP

EVERETT BROS., Proprietors

The Best Barber Service Always

In Hindman Hotel Building

Agents for the PANHANDLE STEAM LAUNDRY, Amarillo. Basket Leaves Tuesday Afternoon; Returns on Friday.