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FREE BARBECUE SPUDDING IN HOLMES NO. 1

A free barbecue is a feature of the spudding in of the Holmes No. 1 well on the J. S. Morse ranch north of McLean Saturday, July 28. Everything is in readiness for the test and the actual work of drilling will be begun Saturday.

This well will be drilled by Holmes and McGee, experienced drillers of producing wells. Mr. McGee is a geologist that has the confidence of the big oil companies, and this test will be watched with more than ordinary interest by the big concerns.

The well will be drilled with a standard rig. It is the intention of the drillers to put the test right on down until oil is found.

The Holmes No. 1 will be strictly a McLean proposition, and it is expected that a great many of our citizens will be present at the beginning of the test Saturday.

MOTION PICTURE AUTOMOBILE

Austin, July 26.—The Texas Public Health Association with the use of their Motion Picture Automobile have been able to instruct thousands along public health lines. The car has traveled from the Northern border to the Southern border of the state.

Every night a picture show is given in the open air on such subjects as tuberculosis, mosquito control, typhoid fever, and child health. This has proven to be a most interesting manner of presenting health truths. No charge is made for these shows, and City Health Officials have found them to be of great service. By holding these shows in the open air it is possible to reach the general public at the same time. This is of great advantage as it is necessary for everyone to co-operate if better health conditions are to be had in Texas.

The services of the Texas Public Health Association are free to any community in the state that desires them. It is hoped that every county may be visited and an interest in better health conditions aroused. All the various activities of this Association are financed by the sale of Tubercular Seals.

SMOKER BURNS TO DEATH

Lockhart, July 23.—Wess Pullen, a farmer, was instantly killed Friday when, after lighting a cigarette, he threw the match into a five gallon can of gasoline. His body was badly mangled.

TEACHERS MUST BE GOOD

Shreveport, July 23.—School teachers of Richland parish must not indulge in dances, parties, shows, and other similar entertainments during the next school term, or they will have to give up their jobs, is the latest edict of the school authorities.

A CORRECTION

In notices run last week announcing Dr. J. A. Hall's dates in McLean, we made an error. The dates should read August 9, 10 and 11, instead of 3, 4 and 5. Dr. Hall is in McLean on Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday in each month to do dental work. We apologize to the Doctor for mixing his dates, and take this means to correct the error.

Mrs. C. C. Roberts and children went to Amarillo Tuesday to visit relatives.

Miss Rosalie Page of Shamrock is visiting friends in McLean this week.

Attorney J. W. Burrows and children, Misses May and Zula and Fred, of Gage, Okla., visited in the James Burrows home last week. They were accompanied home by Delbert Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burrows of Phoenix, Ariz., who have been visiting in the James Burrows home, left Friday for Gage, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. Bule and little son, Ross, of Stamford came in Tuesday with the lady's sister, Mrs. W. H. Peters.

Big Events in the Lives of Little Men



WOFFORD'S TO GIVE PICNIC

Horace Wofford, manager of Frank Wofford's dry goods store, has planned a big picnic on August 9th, for all the children of the community from 6 to 16 years old. Not only will there be plenty of ice cream and all the fixings, but free transportation to the picnic ground will be furnished. There is only one condition to the invitation, and that is that every child who expects to attend the picnic is required to visit the store and register. This is required so that Mr. Wofford will know just how much ice cream and other supplies to order for the day.

This is quite a unique idea for an advertising stunt, and we predict that all the children of the community will take advantage of this liberal offer. Read all the particulars in the store's advertisement on another page of this paper.

News From Heald

By Special Correspondent.

Miss Leffie Flowers spent Wednesday night with Misses Ada and Beulah Parker.

Mrs. Nida Green, Mrs. Parker, Misses Ida Brock, Clara Rouen and Vivian Rouse spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Stauffer.

On account of the rain the Heald club girls did not get to meet with the Pagan club.

The ladies club met last week at the home of Mrs. Frank Bailey. Angel food cake was served.

The young folks enjoyed a candy breaking at the Mack Harbison home one night recently.

Mrs. Frank Bidwell left Saturday for Clovis, N. M.

Mrs. Walter Litchfield and boys and Mrs. Earl Green spent Saturday night in Wallington returning home Sunday. Miss Rena Green came home with them to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Yates and son of Elmer, Okla., came in Saturday to visit the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harbison.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harbison came in Sunday to visit their parents.

Mrs. Haskell Smith, Misses Ada and Beulah Parker and Leffie Flowers spent Sunday in the C. H. Harbison home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Harbison went Sunday in the C. H. Harbison home.

Lake Armstrong, Frank Reese and John Ewing have returned from the Plains.

Mrs. Haskell Smith, Misses Ada and Beulah Parker and Leffie Flowers were Shamrock visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty were Shamrock visitors Monday.

Emmett Thompson and family of Slavonia were in town Saturday.

Hansel Christian returned Friday from Groom.

Everett Crump of Amarillo is visiting in the J. L. Collier home.

LICE ON MELONS

By R. O. Dunkle

The melon aphid or plant lice appear nearly every season on melons and cucumbers, and often do great damage. They can be controlled with a contact spray; poisons are useless.

The best contact spray is 40% nicotine sulphate, diluted at the rate of 1 part to 700 parts water, to which is added 1 pound of soap to every 50 gallons of solution to act as a spreader. This can be secured at almost any drug store. It is concentrated and must be diluted.

In spraying, high pressure should be used. This preparation kills only by contact, consequently care must be used to hit all the insects, using an angle nozzle to apply to the lower surface of the leaf, and doing the work before infestation has progressed to such a stage that the leaves are curled.

BAILEY BELIEVES IN ADS

Last week F. J. Bailey inserted a small ad in our want columns, and in a conversation with the News man Saturday, stated that he had an inquiry as soon as he got to town and thought that he would make a sale at once. Mr. Bailey says he likes the idea of selling through our columns.

PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL

The Pentecostals will start a revival at the Liberty school house Monday night, July 30.

The services will be in charge of Mrs. Maude Piersall of the local Pentecostal Mission. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A SLUMBER PARTY

Miss Lucile Stratton entertained Misses Ruby and Mary Anderson, Jewell Cousins and Inez Shaw with a slumber party Tuesday night. After returning from church, the girls enjoyed a marshmallow and bacon roast.

WEBSTER TO BUILD NEW HOME

W. R. Webster secured a building permit Monday for an eight room stucco and plastered dwelling to be built on the corner of Third and Gray streets. Mr. Webster has sold his property in the South part of town and his proposed building on Third street will be a valuable addition to the residences on that street.

Messrs. and Mesdames J. W. Kibler, J. E. Kirby, M. D. Bentley, T. N. Holloway and T. A. Landers, and Rev. S. A. Cobb attended revival services conducted by Wheeler Baptist Association Missionary J. H. McCauley, at Ramsdell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jew Samon of Amarillo came in Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wood.

AN INDIAN STORY

Shamrock, July 19.—For telling stories of the prehistoric day in this section of the country, Dave Bowers wins in a walk. And he has a perfect right to this honor, for Dave was here in the earliest of the early days; fact of the matter he was born on Buck Creek in Collingsworth county and has been a resident of Wheeler and Collingsworth counties for fifty-four years. His father was a buffalo hunter, and Dave was quite a youngster before he saw any considerable herd of cattle. He was here before the "lost art" of cattle raising was introduced.

When old Geronimo tried to shoot up things in Arizona many years ago, he and his band of "braves" were captured. Geronimo was sent to Fort Sill, Okla., and his braves were sent to Fort Elliot, Mobeetie. Now, if Dave Bowers had not been given the contract to supply meat for the Redskins, we would have been minus a good story. These Indians were members of the Apache tribe, noted for their cunning and treachery. Not daring to risk the soldiers at Fort Elliot as guards, some Cheyenne Indians were brought from Oklahoma to keep watch over them. After the Apaches had remained in camp for several weeks, and were daily becoming more unruly because of lack of employment, the commander of the post had them allotted a small tract of land for farming purposes, placed horse and harness at their disposal and put them to work. The harness, which bore many bright buttons and ornaments of various kinds, pleased the Indians very much and they at once proceeded to cut the leather in shreds removing all buckles and buttons which they used to adorn their greatly decorated wearing apparel.

When plowing time came a horse's tail was tied to the plow, a squaw guided the plow and the braves rode the horse. Diversification was unknown in those days, and the sole crop consisted of watermelons. Dave vouches for the fact that not one melon grew to maturity. The first attempt to civilize these red men met with disastrous results. When they reached the camp they were dressed in the approved Indian style. The men wore the accustomed "open faced" buckskin pants, which were also minus the seat. So when they were fitted out in new uniforms of the cavalry pattern, with double seat trousers, the trouble began. The suspenders were used as ornaments, being allowed to hang down, and the trousers—well, here comes the story: When the braves lined up for roll call next morning the double seat in each pair of trousers had been neatly removed and in its place there was only nature's covering. The captain swore mightily, and threatened to bring up a firing squad, but he could discern no alarm upon the faces of the bronzed warriors, and so—the ventilators were left open. —Shamrock Texan.

McLEAN WINS GAME FROM AMARILLO CLUB

McLean defeated the Modern Woodman Club of Amarillo here last Friday by the score of 6 to 1. The game was well played by both clubs; despite the fact that numerous errors were made, none figured largely in the scoring. McLean took the lead in the first inning, scoring two runs on a hit, an error and a fielders choice. Biggers, pitching for the home club, pitched his usual fine game, allowing the visitors but six scattered bingles and turning eleven of them back by the strike-out route. He got into several bad holes, but each time pulled himself out with heavy work. Following is the box score:

| McLean | AB | R | H | PO | AE |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|----|
| Close, G. | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Close, O. | LF | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Bidwell | RF | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Carlton | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Bowen | C | 4 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| Cooke | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Rice | SS | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Collingsworth | M | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Biggers | P | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

| Amarillo | AB | R | H | PO | AE |
|----------|----|---|---|----|----|
| Long | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Hurt | LF | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Eldridge | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Moseley | M | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Clouse | P | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Cullum | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Caylor | C | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Davis | SS | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Oakes | RF | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cungan | RF | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Summary: Stolen bases—Close, Eldridge. Bases on balls—Biggers 4, Clouse 1. Struck out—By Biggers 11, by Clouse 3. Double plays—Bowen to Close, Cooke to Carlton. Left on bases—McLean 5, Amarillo 7. Time of game—1:40. Umpires—Smith and Caperton.

METHODIST-PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL CLOSSES SUNDAY

Unless a change is made in present plans, the revival now being held at the tabernacle by the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations, will close with the evening service next Sunday.

Much interest is being manifested in these meetings this week, and although concrete results so far have not been as gratifying to some as they might, the influence of the revival is far reaching, and grows with each service.

NEW STUDEBAKER CARS

On another page of The News you will find an announcement of the new 1924 models of Studebaker cars. The Studebaker Corporation is proud of the new models and each car is fully described in the announcement.

The Cousins Motor Company sell these good cars and they will be glad to explain anything about them you would like to know, as well as give a demonstration of the riding qualities to any prospective customer.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. R. F. Jenkins of Amarillo will preach at the First Baptist church on Sunday, August 5. This will be the first preaching service in the new church, and everybody is invited to attend.

CLAUDE MAY VOTE BONDS

Claude surely needs 24-hour light and power service, and needs it bad. One of Claude's successful business men, who is in favor of voting bonds and buying the light and ice plant, suggests that we may have 24-hour current at 10c to 12c per kilowatt; also ice at not more than 50c per hundred, and water at not more than \$1.50 flat rate every month. This is a good combination—ice, lights, power and water—all four of which we need, and need them badly, at the low rate suggested by one of Claude's business men.—Claude News.

W. P. Rogers, farmer and ranchman of Heald, was in McLean Saturday and stated that he had his crop laid by and had nothing else to do except wait for it to grow to maturity. Mr. Rogers says prospects for a normal crop are good in his community.

ICE PLANT WILL MAKE ICE TODAY

The first McLean-made ice will be taken from the cans today (Friday) if the plans of the engineer in charge do not fail. It is thought that there will be plenty of ice to supply the Saturday demand, and the plant will be kept running at full capacity from now on. There was a few days' delay in getting started on account of the railroad company not delivering the ice cans until late Tuesday afternoon, but there is no reason why McLean need experience another ice shortage with the plant in full operation.

It is understood that ice can be bought at the plant at a reasonable rate, and there is talk of several ice wagons delivering over town to those who do not care to go to the trouble to deliver their own ice. All operations connected with the building of the plant have been rushed to overcome the late start and to take advantage of this season as much as possible, and McLean can now take pride in owning a fully modern plant that is adequate to take care of our needs for some time to come. We have an enviable reputation for good water, and the ice made from our excellent water should be of the finest quality.

There have been some inquiries from nearby towns as to getting their ice supply here, but it is the intention to take care of local demands first, and sell any surplus we may have to our neighbors.

PANHANDLE FEEDERS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

Canadian, July 23.—The North-east Panhandle Feeders Association was organized here on Thursday of last week with twenty-five members.

The object of the association is to put before all whom it may concern the advantages of Hereford cattle, and advertise the place where they thrive the best—the Panhandle.

Glen Hopkins of Canadian is president of the association.

SHAMROCK FAIR FRI & SAT

Shamrock, July 26.—Shamrock's third annual Legion Celebration and Cowboy Round-up will be held July 27 and 28. A bigger and better celebration is promised this year than ever, and many out-of-town visitors are expected for the two days' fair.

McLEAN VS. SHAMROCK

The local baseball club will play the Shamrock boys on the Shamrock grounds Friday, July 27, at 3:30 p. m. A goodly number of local fans will accompany the boys to Shamrock.

W. E. Ballard of Nashville, Tenn., died Monday. The deceased was a brother of Dr. W. E. Ballard of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McClellan of Peterson Creek were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lambert of Galveston are visiting Mrs. Lambert's son, John Spencer, and family this week.

Mrs. Ollie Hommel came in Friday from Henrietta to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wood.

Miss Gladys Hicks, who has been visiting relatives in Amarillo, came home Friday.

W. B. Upham and son and daughter, Dwight and Miss Fern, left Saturday for a visit in Colorado.

Miss Ruby Cook left Saturday for College Station, where she will take a course in Journalism.

Grandma Rogers of Heald is spending the week in the A. W. Haynes home and attending the revival meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collier motored to Groom Saturday to visit relatives.

Joe Glass, Bill and Enoch Bentley were Shamrock visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wofford and children and Miss Gertrude Wingo were Ramsdell visitors Sunday.

The Secret Adversary

By AGATHA CHRISTIE

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.—Realizing that she has a possible chance of being saved, as the Lusitania is sinking, a stranger gives a young American girl a package which she asks her to deliver to the American ambassador in England. She is saved.

CHAPTER I.—In London, former Lieut. "Tommy" Boreford and Miss Prudence Cowley—"Tuppence"—discharged army nurse, form an organization, "The Young Adventurers, Ltd." Tuppence makes a business appointment with a man, Edward Whittington, who offers her easy employment, but on giving her name as "Jane Finn," which she had heard on the street, Whittington shows agitation and Tuppence is told to return next day.

CHAPTER II.—In the morning the girl finds Whittington's office deserted. In answer to an advertisement signed "Jane Finn" the two receive notes from "Mr. Carter" and "Julius P. Hershheimer." Carter is really a high government official. He speaks of a mysterious "Boris" as head of the Bolsheviks in England, and engages the pair to attempt to find Jane Finn, whom he is seeking for important reasons of state.

CHAPTER III.—Next day the pair visits Hershheimer, American millionaire, living at the Ritz hotel. He is looking for his cousin, Jane Finn, who had disappeared after landing from the Lusitania's boat, and employs them to search for her. They discover a certain Mrs. Vandemeyer is a Lusitania survivor, securing information from her. Tuppence recognizes Whittington in a caller on Mrs. Vandemeyer. Tommy trails him.

CHAPTER IV.—Whittington leaves for France. Hershheimer, whom Tommy had summoned, follows him. Having heard the two mention "Mr. Brown," Tommy trails "Boris," Whittington's companion, to a house in Soho. He secures admission and while in hiding overhears details of a Bolshevik and labor plot to overturn the government. Success apparently depends on finding a secret treaty made between the allies during the war. Tommy is caught listening, and knocked senseless.

CHAPTER V.—Sensing sinister relations between Whittington and Mrs. Vandemeyer, Tuppence determines to spy on the latter. She disguises herself and secures employment as a parlor maid in the Vandemeyer home.

CHAPTER VI.—During a conversation between a visitor, "Boris," and Mrs. Vandemeyer, in which the name of Sir James Peel Edgerton, famous criminal lawyer, is mentioned, Tuppence hears talk of an "organization." Next day Edgerton visits Mrs. Vandemeyer and on leaving advises Tuppence to give up her position, but refuses to give a reason.

CHAPTER VII.—On her "day off" Tuppence goes to see Hershheimer. He discovered nothing of importance in France, Tommy's continued absence worries Tuppence. Remembering his seeming kindness, she visits Edgerton and tells him the "whole story." He promises to assist her making an engagement to visit her at evening at the Vandemeyer home. Returning to the place, Tuppence finds she has been discovered. Mrs. Vandemeyer threatens her, but Tuppence seizes the other hand, and on her promise of an enormous sum, to be paid by Hershheimer, Mrs. Vandemeyer agrees to betray the "organization." This was interrupted by the appearance of Edgerton, with Hershheimer. Seeing them, Mrs. Vandemeyer faints.

For a moment she wondered whether the faint and the heart attack had been a gigantic sham, but remembering the deadly pallor she could hardly credit the supposition. As she looked the expression disappeared as by magic, and Mrs. Vandemeyer lay inert and motionless as before. For a moment the girl fancied she must have dreamt it. But she determined nevertheless to be on the alert.

She hesitated a moment by the bed. The intensity of the expression she had surprised had impressed her powerfully. Mrs. Vandemeyer lifted her lids. She seemed to be struggling to speak. Tuppence bent over her.

"Don't—leave—" she seemed unable to proceed, murmuring something that sounded like "sleepy."

Tuppence bent lower still. It was only a breath.

"Mr.—Brown—" The voice stopped. But the half-closed eyes seemed still to send an agonized message.

Moved by a sudden impulse, the girl said quickly:

"I shan't leave the flat. I shall sit up all night."

A flash of relief showed before the lids descended once more. Apparently



Apparently Mrs. Vandemeyer Slept.

By Mrs. Vandemeyer slept. But her words had awakened a new uneasiness in Tuppence. What had she meant by that low murmur, "Mr. Brown?" Tuppence caught herself nervously looking over her shoulder. The big wardrobe loomed up in a sinister fashion before her eyes. Plenty of room for a man to hide in that wardrobe. Half ashamed of herself, Tuppence pulled it open and looked inside. "Of course—of course!" She turned and looked under the bed. There was no other possible hiding place.

It was absurd, this giving way to nerves! Slowly she went out of the room. Julius and Sir James were talking in a low voice. Sir James turned to her.

"Lock the door on the outside, please, Miss Tuppence, and take out the key. There must be no chance of anyone entering that room."

The gravity of his manner impressed them, and Tuppence felt less ashamed of her attack of "nerves."

"Now, Miss Tuppence," said Sir James, "you know this place better than I do. Where do you suggest we should take up our quarters?"

Tuppence considered for a moment or two.

"I think Mrs. Vandemeyer's boudoir would be the most comfortable," she said at last, and led the way there.

Sir James looked round approvingly. "This will do very well, and now, my dear young lady, do go to bed and get some sleep."

Tuppence shook her head resolutely. "I couldn't, thank you, Sir James. I should dream of Mr. Brown all night!"

"But you'll be so tired, child."

"No, I shan't. I'd rather stay up—really."

The lawyer gave in. Tuppence related her adventures.

"There's one thing I don't get clearly," said Julius. "What put her up to clearing out?"

"I don't know," confessed Tuppence. Sir James stroked his chin thoughtfully.

"The room was in great disorder. That looks as though her flight was unpremeditated. Almost as though she got a sudden warning to go from some one."

"Mr. Brown, I suppose," said Julius scowlingly.

The lawyer looked at him deliberately for a minute or two.

"Why not?" he said. "Remember, you yourself have once been worsted by him."

Julius flushed with vexation.

"I feel just mad when I think of how I handed out Jane's photograph to him like a lamb. Gee, if I ever lay hands on it again, I'll freeze on it to it like—like h—!"

"That contingency is likely to be a remote one," said the other dryly.

"I guess you're right," said Julius frankly. "And, in any case, it's the original I'm out after. Where do you think she can be, Sir James?"

The lawyer shook his head.

"Impossible to say. But I've a very good idea where she has been. At the scene of your nocturnal adventures, the Bournemouth hospital."

"There? Impossible, I asked."

"No, my dear sir, you asked if anyone of the name of Jane Finn had been there. Now, if the girl had been placed there it would almost certainly be under an assumed name."

"Perhaps the doctor's in it too," suggested Tuppence.

Julius shook his head.

"I don't think so. I took to him at once. No, I'm pretty sure Doctor Hall's all right."

"Hall, did you say?" asked Sir James. "That is curious—really very curious."

"Why?" demanded Tuppence.

"Because I happened to meet him this morning. I've known him slightly on and off for some years, and this morning I ran across him in the street. Staying at the Metropole, he told me."

He turned to Julius. "Didn't he tell you he was coming up to town?"

Julius shook his head.

"Curious," mused Sir James. "You did not mention his name this afternoon, or I would have suggested your going to him for further information, with my card as introduction."

"I guess I'm a mutt," said Julius, with unusual humility. "I ought to have thought of the false name stunt."

A silence settled down over the party. Little by little the magic of the night began to gain a hold on them. There were sudden cracks in the furniture, imperceptible rustlings in the curtains. Suddenly Tuppence sprang up with a cry.

"I can't help it. I know Mr. Brown's somewhere in the flat! I can feel him."

"Sure, Tuppence how could he be? This door's open into the hall. No one could have come in by the front door without our seeing and hearing him."

"I can't help it. I feel he's here!" She looked appealingly at Sir James, who replied gravely:

"With due deference to your feelings, Miss Tuppence (and mine as well, for that matter), I do not see how it is humanly possible for anyone to be in the flat without our knowledge."

The girl was a little comforted by his words.

returned with a tray, containing the teapot and four cups.

"Who's the other cup for?" inquired Julius.

"The prisoner, of course. Perhaps you'd both come, in case she springs on me, or anything. You see, we don't know what mood she'll wake up in."

Sir James and Julius accompanied her to the door.

"Where's the key? Oh, of course I've got it myself."

She put it in the lock, and turned it, then paused.

"Supposing, after all, she's escaped?" she murmured in a whisper.

"Plumb impossible," replied Julius reassuringly.

But Sir James said nothing.

Tuppence drew a long breath and entered. She heaved a sigh of relief as she saw that Mrs. Vandemeyer was lying on the bed.

"Good morning," she remarked cheerfully. "I've brought you some tea."

Mrs. Vandemeyer did not reply. Tuppence put down the cup on the table by the bed and went across to draw up the blinds. When she turned, Mrs. Vandemeyer still lay without a movement.

With a sudden fear clutching at her heart, Tuppence ran to the bed. The hand she lifted was cold as ice.

Mrs. Vandemeyer would never speak now.

Her cry brought the others. A very few minutes sufficed. Mrs. Vandemeyer



Mrs. Vandemeyer Was Dead.

was dead—must have been dead some hours. She had evidently died in her sleep.

"If that isn't the cruellest luck," cried Julius in despair.

The lawyer was calmer, but there was a curious gleam in his eyes.

"If it is luck," he replied.

"You don't think—but, say, that's plumb impossible—no one could have got in."

"No," admitted the lawyer. "I don't see how they could. And yet—she is on the point of betraying Mr. Brown, and—she dies. Is it only chance?"

"But how?"

"Yes, how! That is what we must find out." He stood there silently, gently stroking his chin. "We must find out," he said quietly, and Tuppence felt that if she was Mr. Brown she would not like the tone of those simple words.

Julius' glance went to the window.

"The window's open," he remarked. "Do you think—"

Tuppence shook her head.

"The balcony only goes along as far as the boudoir. We were there."

"He might have slipped out—" suggested Julius.

But Sir James interrupted him.

"Mr. Brown's methods are not so crude. In the meantime we must send for a doctor, but before we do so, is there anything in this room that might be of value to us?"

Hastily, the three searched. A charred mass in the grate indicated that Mrs. Vandemeyer had been burning papers on the eve of her flight. Nothing of importance remained, though they searched the other rooms as well.

"There's that," said Tuppence suddenly, pointing to a small, old-fashioned safe let into the wall. "It's for jewelry, I believe, but there might be something else in it."

The key was in the lock, and Julius swung open the door, and searched inside. He was some time over the task.

"Well," said Tuppence impatiently. There was a pause before Julius answered, then he withdrew his head and shut the door.

"Nothing," he said.

In five minutes a brisk young doctor arrived, hastily summoned. He was deferential to Sir James, whom he recognized.

"Heart failure, or possibly an overdose of some sleeping-draught." He sniffed. "Rather an odor of chloral in the air."

Tuppence remembered the glass she had upset. A new thought drove her to the washstand. She found the little bottle from which Mrs. Vandemeyer had poured a few drops.

It had been three parts full. Now—it was empty.

CHAPTER IX

A Consultation.

Nothing was more surprising and bewildering to Tuppence than the ease and simplicity with which everything was arranged, owing to Sir James' skillful handling. The doctor accepted quite readily the theory that Mrs. Vandemeyer had accidentally taken an overdose of chloral. He doubted

whether an inquest would be necessary. Sir James and his young friends had been paying a call upon her, when she was suddenly stricken down and they had spent the night in the flat, not liking to leave her alone. Did they know of any relatives? They did not, but Sir James referred him to Mrs. Vandemeyer's solicitor.

Shortly afterward a nurse arrived to take charge, and the others left the ill-famed building.

"And what now?" asked Julius, with a gesture of despair. "I guess we're down and out for good."

Sir James stroked his chin thoughtfully.

"No," he said quietly. "There is still the chance that Doctor Hall may be able to tell us something. The chance is slight, but it must not be neglected. I think I told you that he is staying at the Metropole. I should suggest that we call upon him there as soon as possible."

It was arranged that Tuppence and Julius should return to the Ritz, and call for Sir James in the car. This program was faithfully carried out, and a little after eleven they drew up before the Metropole. They asked for Doctor Hall, and a page-boy went in search of him. In a few minutes the little doctor came hurrying toward them.

"Can you spare us a few minutes, Doctor Hall?" said Sir James pleasantly. "Let me introduce you to Miss Cowley. Mr. Hershheimer, I think, you already know. Can we have a word with you in private?"

"Certainly. I think there is a room here where we shall be quite undisturbed."

He led the way, and the others followed him. They sat down, and the doctor looked inquiringly at Sir James.

"Doctor Hall, I am very anxious to find a certain young lady for the purpose of obtaining a statement from her. I have reason to believe that she has been at one time or another in your establishment at Bournemouth. I hope I am transgressing no professional etiquette in questioning you on the subject?"

"I suppose it is a matter of testimony?"

Sir James hesitated a moment, then he replied: "Yes."

(Continued Next Week.)

C. A. Myatt of Heald was in the city Saturday on business.

Mrs. L. E. Cunningham has renewed her subscription to The News. She also orders the paper sent to L. L. Laswell, Benverton, Ore., for one year.

G. A. Mears of Wichita Falls is a new reader of The News.

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EYES EXAMINED by the most modern methods, and if you need glasses, we grind the required lenses in our own shop and deliver them to you the same day.

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Reliable Insurance Have your property insured by a reliable insurance company and be safe from fire, hail or windstorm loss. I represent only reliable companies. Come in and let me write you a policy that will give you absolute protection.

T. N. Holloway Reliable Insurance

Ted Glacs returned Friday from Groom, where he has been working in the harvest.

Jack Steger was a visitor in Sayre, Okla., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Parker of Alameda were trading in McLean Monday.

W. J. Chilton of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Dr. J. A. Hall of Shamrock will be in McLean August 9, 10 and 11 to do dental work.

Miss Alice Carpenter spent the week end with Miss Lorene Sparks

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bird and baby came in Saturday from Wichita Falls to make their home.

D. E. Parker and family were Shamrock visitors Sunday.

Reuel Smith was a Shamrock visitor Sunday.

Enoch Tentley was a business visitor in Clovis, N. M., Friday.

Wade Dick was an Amarillo visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Lowry and Miss Jewell Cousins came in Sunday from Amarillo, where they have been in the interest of Mrs. Lowry's health.

Choice Steaks

Break the monotony of boiled and roast meats with an occasional steak. You will find ours tender and juicy—sure to make a hit with the family. Whether you want a porterhouse, sirloin, club, tenderloin, flank or round steak we can meet your wants. And we know that our price will please you.

Phone us your order.

THE CITY MARKET Bogan and Henry, Props. Phone 165



WHEN WE SELL YOU

PENSLAR

REMEDIES OR TOILET PREPARATIONS

We feel confident that you will continue to use them because we know the quality each of them represents. The exact formula is printed on each bottle.

We selected this line after very careful investigation, and you can take our word for it that you receive the very best that money can buy when you make your selection from the Penslar line. We want an opportunity to tell you more about these preparations, for we know that you will be interested.

THE CITY PHARMACY Earle Shell, Proprietor TRY THE DRUG STORE FIRST

On the Other Side of the Creek

Looks like the big fish that are jumping are always on the other side of the creek, but if you were on the other side it would look just the same way.

The "other fellow" always has the soft thing, so it seems, but it isn't true.

Contentment is a state of mind, and the fellow who does the best he can with what he has, can always get assistance when he needs it. This bank works on that principle.

The Citizens State Bank A Guaranty Fund Bank CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$68,736.80 J. S. MORSE, President CLAY THOMPSON, Cashier

A BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. L. E. Cunningham was surprised Friday with a birthday dinner. Those present were: Mrs. T. A. Cooke, Eld. and Mrs. A. C. Huft, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Smith, Mrs. D. E. Parker and daughter, Mrs. J. T. Smith, Mrs. P. D. Krauss, Mrs. Giles Phillips, Grandmother West, Mrs. Pete McCarty and Mrs. Troy West. Everyone carried a nice gift and all reported a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutto and Mrs. Yarbrough of Erick, Okla., visited in the Coffey homes the first of the week.

C. B. Hedrick of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bodenhamer and children left Monday for Ded-ville in response to a message that Mr. Bodenhamer's mother was seriously ill.

Mrs. Egbert Freeman of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Bailey is visiting her father, W. R. Webster, this week.

Ray Bird went to Amarillo on business Wednesday.

C. C. Hogan was an Amarillo visitor Wednesday.

W. H. Peters was in Amarillo on business Wednesday.

Attorney H. B. Hill of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

D. M. Graham was transacting business in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Turner of Alanreed were trading in McLean Wednesday.

George Close of Lela was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and daughters returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives at Dallas.

Mrs. Giles Phillips left Monday for Jericho to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives and friends at Lubbock and Dalhart.

Bill Bailey of Heald was in McLean Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Abbott and daughters, Misses Agnes and Ila, left Wednesday for Holih, Okla.

T. J. Coffey was in Amarillo on business Wednesday.

Richard Spinks of Heald was trading in McLean Wednesday.

M. D. Bentley was an Amarillo visitor Wednesday.

Percy Kinard of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Alva Alexander of Wichita Falls came in Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. T. W. Henry.

John W. Kibler was an Amarillo visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. C. P. Morgan of J- Falls visited her niece, Mrs. Giles Phillips, Sunday.

Mrs. Pierce Reeves was shopping in McLean Wednesday.

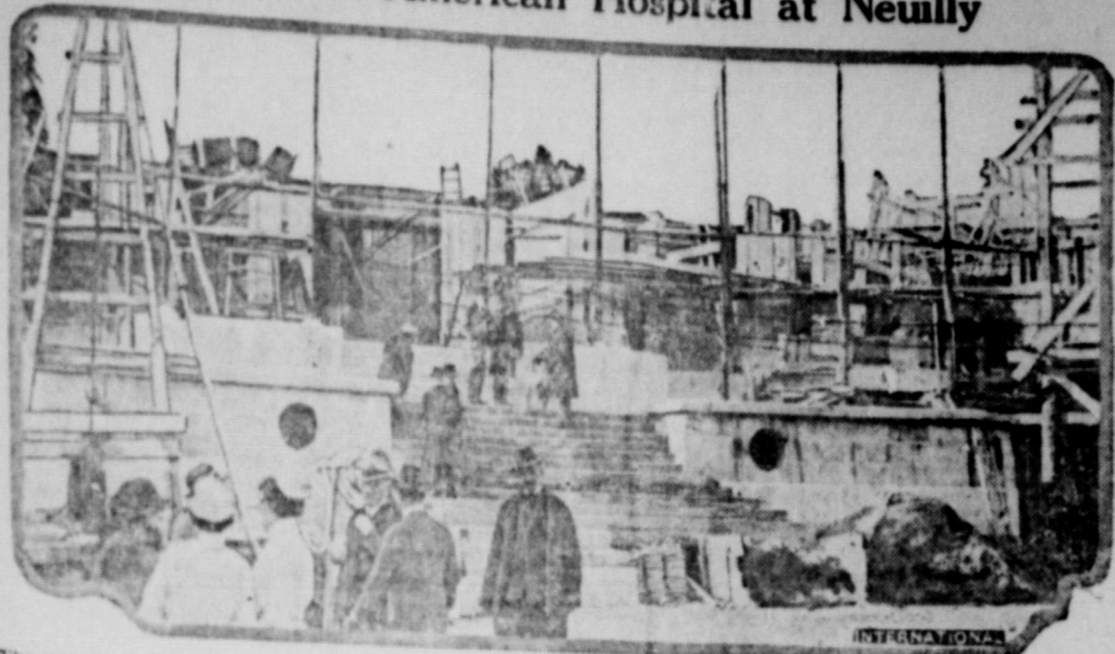
Dr. W. C. Montgomery was in Alanreed on business Thursday.

C. L. Cooke was a Pampa visitor Thursday.

Attorney Hugh Humphreys of Amarillo was a business visitor in McLean Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Massay of Greenville came in Thursday for a visit with their father, D. N. Massay.

Progress on American Hospital at Neully



The new memorial hospital building at Neully, a gift of Americans to Paris, is rapidly taking tangible form. The work is so far advanced that a fairly accurate idea of the completed structure can be gained by inspection.

WHEN LILACS LAST IN THE DOORYARD BLOOMED

When lilacs last in the dooryard bloomed,
And the great star early drooped in the western sky in the night,
I mourned, and yet shall mourn with ever-returning spring.

Ever returning spring, trinity sure to me you bring,
Lilac blooming perennial, and drooping star in the west,
And thought of him I love.

O powerful western fallen star,
O shades of night—O moody, tearful night!
O great star disappeared—O black murex that hides the star!
O cruel hands that hold me powerless—O helpless soul of me!
O harsh surrounding cloud that will not free my soul!

In the door-yard fronting an old farm house, near the whitewashed pailings,
Stands the lilac bush tall growing,
With heart-shaped leaves of rich green,
With many a pointed blossom rising delicate, with the perfume strong I love.

With every leaf a miracle—and from this bush in the door-yard,
With delicate-colored blossoms and heart-shaped leaves of rich green,
A sprig with its flowers I break.

Here, coffin that slowly passes,
I give you my sprig of lilac.
O how shall I warble myself for the dead one there I loved?
And how shall I deck my song for the large, sweet soul that has gone?
And what shall my perfume be for the grave of him I love?

Sea winds blown from east and west,
Blown from the eastern sea and blown from the western sea, till thereon the prairies meeting,
These and with these and the breath of my chant,
I'll perfume to grave of him I love.

—Walt Whitman.

WHAT ADVERTISING MEANS TO MERCHANT AND OTHERS

Every now and then we like to talk to our merchants about advertising and we like to do it in this way, because the subject is of equal interest to the public, the interest of the merchant and the interest of the local newspaper publisher are inseparably linked.

The public always is best served by buying advertised goods. Goods that are advertised are more extensively manufactured, and, consequently cheaper, because of increased production. Moreover, advertisement today is a guarantee of merit. No one need be afraid either of the honesty of the price or of the honesty of advertised goods. Competition compels honesty, even if there should be a wish to avoid it.

There is another benefit, too, in local newspaper advertising. When advertising is thoughtfully employed it means the building of trade for our local merchants, and this results in increase in real estate values generally. A prosperous business section means added population and increased convenience. The whole scheme of advertising, merchandising and buying is of co-operation to mutual advantage.

The merchant always wins favorably in his advertising shows he holds the public interest at heart is the man who wins. Many merchants lose the substance of public confidence in grasping for the shadow of immediate sales.—Childress Index.

Milo Hall came in Tuesday from Boyse City to visit relatives.

Bill Cooke of Clarendon was a McLean visitor in McLean Wednesday.

J. L. George of Alanreed was a McLean visitor in McLean Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Childress and son went to Wheeler Sunday in response to a message that Mr. Childress' brother had taken poison by mistake. At last reports he was doing nicely.

Mrs. Jesse Kinard and children of Dalhart are visiting relatives in McLean this week.

W. N. Holmes and family left Wednesday for Nashville, Tenn., to visit relatives.

Frank Moore of Heald was in McLean Saturday on business.

M. C. Burdine of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass were in from the ranch Saturday.

Uncle Bill Cobb of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

D. L. Hall of Alanreed was a business visitor in McLean Saturday.

Prescott Mathis of the Sitter ranch was trading in McLean Saturday.

Earl Evans returned Saturday from Groom, where he has been working in the harvest.

John W. Kibler returned Saturday from Arkansas, where he has been on a fishing trip.

G. N. Connell of Collinsworth county was a McLean visitor Saturday.

W. H. Craig of Alanreed was in town Saturday on business.

Edgar Bailey of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

HOUSE WAS DIVIDED

A northerner was hunting in the South and one afternoon he got drenched through. A southern farmer took him in, gave him a suit of clothes to wear while his own clothes dried, and insisted that he stay all night. The northerner, of course, was profoundly touched by this display of southern hospitality.

Just after supper as the contented northerner, full of good food, was going upstairs to his bedroom for his pipe, he met the lady of the house coming down with a huge book under her arm. As he had her husband's clothes on, she mistook him for her husband in the dim light and brought the book down on his head with a bang. "That!" she hissed. "That's what ye sit fer askin' him to stay all night!"—Savannah News.

FOUND GUILTY OF SELLING TOO MUCH LEMON EXTRACT

What is thought to be one of the first convictions of its kind ever obtained in North Texas was recorded in Federal Court in Wichita Falls recently, when Lemule Hudson of Crowell was found guilty of selling flavoring extracts as beverages. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail for the offense.

The man was arrested May 10 on charges of violating federal statute by sale of flavoring extracts. Assistant U. S. Attorney Rinehart, who is aiding in conducting prosecutions here, stated that so far as he knew, this was the first conviction ever obtained in this section under the statute of regulating sale of extracts.—Iowa Park Promoter.

J. I. Watson of Alanreed was transacting business in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. Ethel Hodges and son, Kenneth, returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at Groom.

W. M. Smith and family visited relatives at Shamrock Sunday.

John Carpenter and family were in from the ranch Sunday.

Johnnie R. Back, Carl and B. I. Carpenter were Shamrock visitors Saturday.

W. N. Holmes of Gracey was in McLean Saturday on business.

Mrs. S. L. Sugg of Huntsville is a new subscriber to The News.

Rev. C. B. Pendley, Baptist minister from Eldorado, Okla., spent a few days in McLean this week.

A. S. Parker and family of Heald were trading in McLean Saturday.

RAMSDALL REVIVAL

Ramsdell, July 26.—The Baptist revival is growing in interest and will continue through next Sunday.

T. M. Franklin and family were Shamrock visitors Sunday.

George Saye and family of Heald were in town Saturday.

Sammie Morse returned to Canyon Friday after a visit with home folks.

B. I. Carpenter was an Amarillo visitor Tuesday.

THREE COMMON ERRORS

We had a discussion about the three most common mistakes in English of fairly well educated persons. We could not agree. What would you suggest?

One common mistake is that of using "carry" as a synonym for "lead," "take," or "accompany," when there is no thought of bearing

the actual physical burden, as "carry" indicates. One takes a friend to town, leads the cow to water, but to carry a friend or cow is a physical impossibility.

"Like" as a synonym for "as" is frequently used. For instance, one sometimes hears, "It looks like it had been mended," instead of "It looks as though it had been mended."

When it comes to choosing the third error the choice might be between using the objective pronoun instead of the verb "to be." "It was him," or "It's me," instead of "It was he," or "It's I," or the verb "was" with the plural subject, as "was they going?"—The Progressive Farmer.

COME TO McLEAN TO LIVE

Swat the Fly

WITH FLY FLU

Why be bothered with flies and other kinds of insects? Come to Cobb's Grocery and learn how to eradicate these pests. You can buy fresh groceries here, too.

Cobb's Cash Grocery

Wants

FOR SALE.—Frame house on section 3, block 25, 4 miles north of McLean. Mark Husselby, Mobeite, Texas 29-2c

MILK, MILK, MILK.—I can furnish whole sweet milk for 30c per gallon, 15c per half gallon, delivered night or morning. Separated cream 15c per pint. A. L. Hibler, Phone 61. 27-1fc

FOR SALE or rent.—Farms; also twelve thousand acre ranch. James Bush, Amarillo, Texas. 28-4p.

FOR SALE.—Burpee prolific English pea seed, 50c lb. Also good violin with music stand and books, \$25, at News office. Mrs. Belle Henderson. 1p.

From Factory to You Sale

A special sale from the factory direct to you without the usual middleman's profit on special **Rexall Goods**.

This sale begins August 1, and continues all through the month. The object of the sale is to keep the **Rexall** factories busy during a usually dull month, and the goods are priced accordingly.

Watch our space for full particulars next week.

Erwin Drug Co.

The **Rexall** Store

AW, WHAT'S THE USE

WELL, I'LL HAVE TO DOPE OUT THIS BIG DEAL TONIGHT THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT

AND THEN WHEN FELIX GOT HOME

HON'T THAT A WONDERFUL NEW JAZZ RECORD DEAR!

JAZZY WAZZY JAZZ

WAZZEE-E-E E-E-E

I THAT YOU WERE GOING TO WORK ON YOUR BUSINESS PROBLEMS TONIGHT?

I AM— I'M GOIN' TO THE MOVIES WHERE IT'S QUIET AND I CAN CONCENTRATE ON 'EM IN THE DARK

By L. F. Van Zelm
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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.

It is easy to stab in the back the man who keeps ahead of you.

Before the summer is over, there should be many miles of new sidewalks laid in McLean. No home is complete without walks, and the good old summertime is the time of all times to do good work of this kind.

Our citizens have a right to be proud of their town, and the many expressions of approbation we hear from the traveling public leaves no doubt but that we have a good report from those who are not fortunate enough to live within our city limits.

Some people are content to live in the past, while others are interested in the things of the present, but those who are of most value to the community and themselves take thought for the future in planning their lives.

Why can't McLean have a brass band? A band is something that does not require much money, and the returns to the town are large; while at the same time the time spent in learning to play an instrument is valuable to the player. There is no good reason why we could not have a band, if someone would only interest themselves in the proposition.

It is getting high time that we should settle the question of whether we are going to have a fair this fall. The only way we can hope to build up the agricultural interests of the community is to foster the betterment of crops and animals through the medium of the yearly fair, and that means that we need a fair each year, or we have no means of comparison. Much interest is lost when we have only an occasional fair; a fair each year is the only means to keep up interest in these things.

It is a matter of fact that all adult readers read at least one weekly paper. It does not matter how many daily papers or magazines taken, the weekly paper holds interest best. The home-town weekly is the one best paper in America today. You may talk about "Kept Papers," but it does not apply to home-town papers; the home-town editor acknowledges no allegiance to any person, but rather gives freely of his time and money to promote better conditions for everyone that his influence touches. His editorials are sure to be free from bias, as far as outside influence is concerned and he is a booster for all that is good at all times.

THE CHAUTAUQUA

Over at McLean the people have had somewhat the same experience with chautauquas that Clarendon and other Panhandle towns have had, and they have arrived at the same conclusion that Clarendon people have held for a year or two. McLean people are tired of guaranteeing a minimum income to a business that makes no guarantee whatsoever as to the quality of their programs, and who often advertise one attraction and then substitute another. McLean people are right. The great American principle of succeeding through merit has been lost sight of by the chautauqua people and no loud claims of philanthropy and educational value can hide the selfishness and greed so concretely expressed in their contracts. The chautauqua, under the

Star Service Station

Texhoma Gasoline, Oil and Greases. Amalie Oils Gates Tubes and Accessories Courteous Service—Drive In M. M. NEWMAN, Prop.

present system, is doomed in the respect of the fair-minded people of the Panhandle.—Clarendon News.

MICKIE SAYS—

GOSH! THERE'S BILL JONES AN' HE SAID HE WUZ GOIN' TO CHICAGO LAST NIGHT 'N WE GOT IT IN TH' PAPER 'N NO GOSH DARN WONDER WE DONT GIT THINGS RIGHT SOME TIMES!



CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray county—GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED. That you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Gray, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 31 judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 31 judicial district, once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, J. J. Wood, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. Justice Court, Precinct No. 5, Gray county, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the county of Gray, at the office of C. S. Rice, Justice of Peace at McLean, Texas, on the second Friday in September, A. D. 1923, the same being the 14th day of September, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court, on the 26th day of January, A. D. 1923, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 462, wherein W. J. Ball is plaintiff and J. J. Wood and Henry Wood are defendants. The nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff alleging that J. J. Wood

executed and delivered to plaintiff his two certain promissory notes, in the sum of \$75.00 and \$132.00, respectively, \$75.00 note dated March 4th, 1920, \$132.00 note dated January 1, 1921, due Oct. 1, 1920, and Nov. 1, 1921, bearing interest at the rate of 10% per annum from their date until paid; that he has placed said notes in the hands of an attorney for collection, and suing for the 10% as set forth in said notes as attorney's fees; that said J. J. Wood made executed and delivered to plaintiff a certain chattle mortgage on one P. & O. Lister to secure the payment of the said \$75.00 note; that said chattle mortgage is still a valid and subsisting valid lien, and plaintiff says that the facts are that the defendant Henry Wood is now claiming some right or title to said P. & O. Lister, and he is joined herein for the purpose of litigating his rights if any he has.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays the court that the defendant and each of them be cited to appear, as required by law, for foreclosure of their chattle mortgage lien, for judgment for his debt, costs of suit, and for such other and further relief as he may be entitled to under his pleadings, for all of which he will ever pray. HEREIN FAIL NOT, And have 30-4c-AAL

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When your business goes wrong, you go to a lawyer, or a banker, or some other business specialist. When your body seems ill, you go to a health specialist.

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OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT

We can make right prices because our repair specialists work faster and better than untrained workers. Experience costs you less than experimenting.

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The Cry of Fire!

What would the cry of fire mean to you, in your home or business house? Would it mean total loss, or are you protected from financial loss by a good insurance policy? A policy in one of the strong companies I represent does not cost very much, and the protection is absolutely sure. Better let me write you a policy today, while you have the opportunity.

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Insurance that Protects

What Shall I Get for Dinner?

How many times have you asked yourself this question? Day after day, week after week, it is a problem constantly confronting you.

If you were to stock your shelves with a good assortment of canned goods, you would always have something on hand that your folks would like.

Canned meats—canned vegetables—canned fruits—we have them all in the best known brands and at prices that will please you. Place your order at once.

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Frank Wofford's Big Picnic
For the Little Folks of McLean and Vicinity
August 9th

You youngsters between the ages of 6 and 16. This store wants to get better acquainted with you. We know a good many of you, and there are a good many meet you, and I can't think of a better way than for this store to give you a picnic. What do you say? All right, we will have one. Let's make it Thursday, Aug. 9th. We will leave the store Thursday morning at 9:30, drive down to the swimming pool, where there are lots of shade trees, and pitch camp. We'll have ice cream, lemonade, soda pop, sandwiches, candy, etc.—yes, and lots of it. We will run races, play ball, jump—and we'll think up more games when we get on the grounds. Oh yes, I think I have a pair of boxing gloves that I MIGHT put on with one of you youngsters, but of course I reserve the right to pick the how, boys, we'll have lots of fun. Now for the girls, I think my wife and Mrs. Sparks have some interesting games studied up for you. Anyway, we are going to have one great big time.

Won't We Have Fun!

In the afternoon we will have some interesting short talks by our Mayor, Lawyer Ledbetter, Rev. J. S. Huckabee, C. S. Rice, and Ex-Representative Hill of Shamrock. These gentlemen are very entertaining and instructive. Now in order for me to know just how much ice cream, etc. to buy, I want you little folks to come down to the store and register. By doing this it will enable me to know just how much to buy so we will not run short. Soon as you read this come right down and give us your name—we want you to be with us. REMEMBER—Little folks, we will start from in front of our store at 9:30 Thursday morning, August 9th. We will have plenty of conveyances for all. NOTE TO PARENTS—Let your little folks come and join us. There will be plenty of older people on hand to see that they are properly cared for and have a good time.

Dry Goods **Frank Wofford** **Dry Goods**
McLean, Texas

News From Back

By Special Correspondent.

"Making hay while the sun shines" has been the order of the day for the past week. Chas. Carpenter has had his bailer running on full time in the Henry Bailey meadow.

Chas. Back had business in McLean last Friday.

Miss Sybil Graham of McLean visited Miss Charlie Mae Carpenter last week.

Bailey Lakey and family visited in the Gracey community Sunday.

Geo. Coleband and family visited in Alanreeds Sunday. Their daughter, Miss Vida, accompanied them home.

Rev. John Cobb preached to a good sized crowd Sunday.

R. L. Appling and family and Mrs. S. A. Cobb of McLean, Mr. Appling's father, sister and brother and family of Jones county visited Jesse Cobb and family Sunday.

Louis Morse and family visited Louts' sister, Mrs. Kiff White, of near Miami Sunday.

C. E. Hunt and family visited in the R. H. Corum home Sunday.

Misses Birdie and Lockey Norman visited Misses Lella and Beatrice Back Sunday.

Clyde Holloway visited in the Gracey community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. C. A. Henderson was shopping in McLean Monday.

Mrs. C. E. Hunt and daughter, Miss Ozella, were shopping in McLean Monday.

C. M. Carpenter had business in McLean Monday.

R. H. Corum was a business visitor in McLean Monday.

CITATION FOR PROBATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF GRAY COUNTY—
Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day thereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notices: THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the estate of E. Howard, deceased, Martha E. Howard has filed in the County Court of Gray county, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said E. Howard, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of E. Howard, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the 3rd Monday in August, A. D. 1923, the same being the 20th day of August, A. D. 1923, at the court house thereof, in Lefors, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application should they desire so to do.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the first day of the 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 my office in Lefors, Texas, this 20 day of July, A. D. 1923.

R. B. THOMPSON,
Clerk County Court, Gray County, Texas.

A. L. Hibler returned Saturday from a visit at Mountain View, Okla.

DON'T

let your eyes undermine your health.

Come have them tested.

John B. Vannoy
Optometrist and Jeweler

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"The Skin Beautifier"
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GRAFTS COTTON TO ROOTS MULBERRY TREE

Desirable Characteristics of Egyptian and Sea Island Cotton Are Attained—Five Bales to Acre

Galveston, July 23.—Successfully grafting cotton plants to the roots of a mulberry tree and blending in the offspring certain characteristics of Egyptian, Sea Island and other long staple American varieties, P. Dan George, Roumanian-Hungarian plant breeder, who settled at Lamarque, Galveston county, sixteen years ago, has developed a new and remarkable variety of cotton which is attracting the attention of cotton men and breeders. One grafted plant this season has, by actual count, 917 bolls and hundreds of squares, while the parent plant last season had 542 bolls, which opened July 28, some with seven locks and none with less than five and six. The plant was eight feet tall and six feet in diameter.

From three grafted cotton plants last season Mr. George gathered fifty-nine pounds of seed cotton, or at the rate of five bales an acre. From this seed this year's

plantings have produced 900 outstanding plants on his one-acre field at Lamaque, to which Mr. George gives his entire personal attention, and a further planting of ten acres near Hitchcock, which was financed by Maco Stewart, Galveston financier, who backed Mr. George in his operations.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Business and records.
Subject—Foreign Mission Outlook.
Leader—Floye Landers.
The Home Base of Foreign Missions—Elizabeth Wilkerson.
Our Foreign Mission Board—Jobe Abbott.
Our Foreign Missionaries—Mildred Landers.
Our Churches in Foreign Lands—Winnifred Howard.
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Our Printing Houses in Foreign Lands—Harold Clement.
Closing song and prayer.

NOW FR SOME POETRY

A little rouge, a little curl;
A powder box, a pretty girl;
A bit of rain, away it goes;
A different girl with freckled nose.

N. E. Scifres of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Norman Johnston, who is attending the Canyon Normal, came in Friday for a visit with home folks.

Clarence Tedder of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

J. M. Ayers was in McLean Saturday on business.

W. J. Hudgins of Alanreed was in town Saturday on business.

Anson Lee of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Dr. J. A. Hall of Shamrock will be in McLean August 9, 10 and 11 to do dental work.

Mr and Mrs. W. J. Foster and son came in Friday from Pioneer to visit relatives.

Attorney H. B. Hill of Shamrock was a business visitor in McLean Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clary Bird came in Saturday from Wichita Falls to visit relatives.

Old Settlers

Considered rough plank floors the height of luxury.

The wilderness did not provide planing mills to supply our forefathers with well fitting flooring. Even the rudest kind of floor required many days of hard labor.

WELL SEASONED FLOORING AND SIDING can now be procured from us for practically any purpose, at prices that will please. Being a permanent part of your building, your flooring stock should be carefully selected.

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Announcement

THE STUDEBAKER CORPORATION OF AMERICA is pleased to announce to its customers, friends, and the public generally, its complete line of new

1924 Model Studebaker Cars

Avoiding the superlatives frequently used in automobile advertisements, the Corporation desires to faithfully state the facts concerning these cars and the reasons why the public should buy them.

THE CARS

In design, quality of materials, standard of workmanship, durability, refinements, performance, freedom from repairs, and price, the Studebaker 1924 Model Cars are distinctly the greatest intrinsic values the Corporation has ever offered.

Every improvement the safety and practicability of which have been verified by engineering tests is embodied in these new cars.

The Big-Six

THE BIG-SIX LINE comprises four models, mounted on the standard 126-inch chassis with 60 H. P. 3 7/8 x 5 inch motor:

7-passenger Touring Car - \$1750 5-passenger Coupe - \$2550
5-passenger Speedster - \$1835 7-passenger Sedan - \$2750

all prices f. o. b. factory

Refinements and a few minor mechanical changes have been made in the Big-Six, which has established an enviable record for five years. Our large production accounts for its low price. It is a car of the highest grade, comparable to the best.

The Special-Six

THE SPECIAL-SIX LINE comprises four models mounted on the standard 119-inch chassis with 50 H. P. 3 1/2 x 5 inch motor:

2-passenger Roadster - \$1325 5-passenger Coupe - \$1975
5-passenger Touring Car - \$1350 5-passenger Sedan - \$2050

all prices f. o. b. factory

Radiator, hood, cowl, and body changes have been made in the Special-Six, with minor mechanical changes and refinements in the chassis. The Special-Six has for five successive years added luster to the name STUDEBAKER. It is one of the most satisfactory and finest cars on the market. It is as good in every respect as the Big-Six, except that it is smaller, and costs less to produce, and therefore sells for less.

The Light-Six

THE LIGHT-SIX LINE comprises four models, mounted on the standard 112-inch chassis with 40 H. P. 3 1/8 x 4 1/2 inch motor:

3-passenger Roadster - \$975 2-pass. Coupe-Roadster - \$1225
5-passenger Touring Car - \$995 5-passenger Sedan - \$1350

all prices f. o. b. factory

No body or mechanical changes except refinements have been made in the Light-Six. Over 130,000 Light-Sixes have been produced in the new, modern \$30,000,000 Studebaker plant at South Bend, Indiana, under most economical and

almost ideal manufacturing conditions. In our judgment, it stands out as the greatest value and the closest approach to mechanical perfection in moderate priced cars yet produced.

THE REASONS WHY

With \$90,000,000 of actual net assets and \$45,000,000 invested in plants, Studebaker has ample physical facilities to manufacture most economically.

Studebaker's organization of manufacturing executives, engineers, metallurgists, chemists, inspectors, and skilled mechanics is second to none in the industry. The design of Studebaker cars and the workmanship upon them conform to the highest principles of engineering standards and mechanical practice known to the industry.

Best of Materials Used

Studebaker cars contain the finest known grades of iron, steel, aluminum, tires, electrical equipment, glass, bearings, etc. No better materials for automobile manufacture exist. Sheet aluminum has but one-third the tensile strength of sheet steel, and consequently, Studebaker uses sheet steel for its bodies.

By the manufacture of drop forgings, castings, stampings and the machining, assembling and finishing of motors, axles, frames, transmissions, bodies, tops, etc., and the consequent elimination of middlemen's profits, coupled with lower overhead factory costs per car arising from quantity production and low commercial expenses, Studebaker's costs are kept at an economically low point possible of attainment only by manufacturers with vast physical and financial resources.

Bodies Unexcelled

The bodies of Studebaker cars are not excelled in quality of materials and craftsmanship, by any cars on the market. The Coupe and Sedan closed bodies are magnificent examples of the coach builder's art.

Merit Wins

The sales of Studebaker cars for the past six years have shown each and every year a progressive increase. 81,880 cars were sold in the first six months of 1923 as against 60,053 for the same period last year. Only products of merit can make such growth.

The Studebaker Corporation of America
A. R. Erskine, President

Cousins Motor Co. McLean, Texas

THIS IS A STUDEBAKER YEAR



News From Gracey

By Special Correspondent.
A. L. Lee was a McLean visitor Saturday.
The young people enjoyed a party at the Carwile home Saturday night. Henry and Robert Mathis visited in the Bush home this week.
Miss Ebbie Derrick visited in the Carwile home Sunday.
Mrs. D. E. Johnson and daughter, Miss Ada Lee, of McLean spent the week end with Mrs. Jewelle Norman.

GIVE WORK STOCK PLENTY OF WATER

The problem of watering farm work stock is always an important one and frequently, to give the animals water as often as they should have it is more or less difficult. In cool weather an idle horse or mule will get along fairly well if watered once a day, although he will probably do better if allowed to take water more often. Even in cool weather the hard working horse or mule that sweats freely should be given water often, at least three or four times a day. But in hot weather the animal that works hard and sweats freely would be the better for even more frequent watering. Certain basic facts should be understood before considering any rules for the watering of the farm work stock.

At one time it was generally believed that horses and mules should be watered before feeding instead of after. The theory was that the horse's stomach, being small, holding only about three gallons, would have the grain and stomach into the intestines if watered immediately after feeding.

Of course, digestion takes place in the intestines as well as in the stomach, but whatever the explanation, tests or experience has shown that it matters little when the horse is given water, just so that he gets what he wants and when he wants it.

Some are afraid to water a horse when he is hot, and there is no doubt but a horse will sometimes take too much cold water when he is hot if he has been deprived of water for too long a time. A little water will not hurt a horse at any time and he will never take enough to hurt him if he gets it as often as he wants it.

In the South, the work stock should be allowed the run of an open lot at night in warm weather and should have access to what water they will take, but during working hours it is sometimes very convenient to give the work stock water between morning and noon and between noon and night. There is no question but they ought to have it in hot weather, and if it can be done without too much trouble or without the loss of too much time, it will unquestionably pay. More attention should also be given to the quality of the water in many cases.—Progressive Farmer.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

GOOD BRASS BAND PEP UP A TOWN! IT DEVELOPS AN APPRECIATION OF MUSIC! IT RAISES THE MORALE OF THE PEOPLE! THE CONCERTS BRING CROWDS TO TOWN! THE TOWN THAT BOASTS OF A BAND SHOULD SUPPORT IT LIBERALLY! THE TOWN WITHOUT ONE SHOULD ENCOURAGE ITS MUSICIANS TO GET TOGETHER!



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SOWING WILD OATS

Once upon a time some very foolish man made the statement that every young man must sow his wild oats. And since it was first made, hosts of old and young have accepted the statement as scientifically true, as true as the law of gravitation.

As a matter of fact, however, it never has been true and never will be true that a young man must sow his wild oats. Was it necessary that the prodigal son should leave home and spend his portion of the estate in riotous living, in drunkenness and debauchery? Of course not.

To say that a young man must go to the devil for a while before he can become a man of uprightness is to say that he must be a thief before he can be honest, that he must be a liar before he can be truthful, that he must be a coward before he can be brave, that he must be a libertine before he can be pure.

"It does not make a man one particle more of a man," as some one has said, "because he has passed through a seige of riotous living and indiscretion when he was nineteen, twenty, or twenty-five; it makes him just so much less of a man. It dwarfs his views of life far more than it broadens them. And he realizes this afterwards."

The young man who sows wild oats will reap what he has sown. The prodigal son was welcomed home. He was given the best robe and a gold ring as an expression of his father's joy at seeing him back again. But how many, many times the prodigal must have wished he had never left home, must have wished he could blot from his memory those experiences in the far country!

"What's the use of leading a straight life?" wrote a young man. "Nobody gives you credit for it. Society expects a more or less diverting life from a young fellow; it accepts him as such. Practically it calls him a 'nippy' if he doesn't diverge from the straight path once in a while. It only asks that he shall not be caught."

It would be hard to imagine a view of life more false than that which this young man expresses. The best people everywhere approve the straight life. They want in their homes and their places of business only young men who are clean and upright. Very, very few fathers and mothers would wish their daughter to marry a man who has sown his wild oats. There is a group of aimless men and silly women who sometimes call themselves "society," and who may wink at the fast life. But "there is an indefinable cord which always draws the right men to the young men of pure life. They are the men who give credit to a young fellow who tries to live aright, and they are the only men worth his knowing."—The Christian Observer.

SEVEN AGES OF MAN

The seven ages of man have been well tabulated by somebody or other on an acquisitive basis. Thus:

- First age—Sees the earth.
- Second age—Wants it.
- Third age—Hustles to get it.
- Fourth age—Decides to be satisfied with only about one-half of it.
- Fifth age—Becomes still more moderate.
- Sixth age—Now content to be satisfied with a six-by-two strip of it.
- Seventh age—Gets the strip.

—Liquid Bottler.

JUST A SORT OF HABIT

Ralph E. Hellman, dean of Northwestern University School of Commerce, says Americans spend \$75,000,000 a year for face powder, cosmetics and perfumes, and \$50,000,000 for chewing gum.

The former bill is fifty per cent more than the total endowment of all the universities and private colleges of the country. But the users of these non-essentials do not complain of their cost.

It is the chief essentials of life that the people have been educated to complain about. The combined monthly bill of the gas, telephone, light, street cars, water and rail-

road service, is the smallest necessary expense which the family has to meet.

"DAREST THOU NOW, O SOUL"

Darest thou now, O Soul,
Walk out with me toward the unknown region,
Where neither ground is for the feet, nor any path to follow?

No map there, nor guide,
Nor voice sounding, nor touch of human hand,
Nor face with blooming flesh, nor lips, nor eyes are in that land.

I know it not, O Soul;
Nor dost thou; all is a blank before us;
All waits undreamed-of in that region, that inaccessible land.

Till when the ties loosen—
All but the ties eternal: Time and Space—
Nor darkness, gravitation, sense nor any bounds bounding us.

Then we burst forth, we float,
In Time and Space, O Soul, prepared for them;
Equal, equip'd at last (O joy! O fruit of all) them to fulfill, O Soul!

—Walt Whitman

Vester Smith and family visited relatives in Shamrock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Krauss were Shamrock visitors Sunday.

HOW TO TELL WHOPPERS AND GET AWAY WITH IT

As the season of fish stories approaches perhaps the following pointers may be of assistance to the tellers of fishy tales:

1. Size up your listener before you begin. If he looks easy, add five pounds; extra easy, add ten pounds.
2. Never bring the fish home. They shrink in transit.
3. Work without photographs. Many a man has been hung on circumstantial evidence.
4. Take your wife into your confidence. Bribe her if necessary. If that doesn't succeed, try another wife.
5. Fish without a guide. A guide's memory is notoriously exact.
6. Always go to some stream or lake where no one in your town has fished. If you don't know of such a stream or lake, invent one.
7. After you have made up your story, stick to it.

Mrs. Hattie Degraftenreid of Melrose, N. M., visited at Heald Friday and Saturday, leaving for Oklahoma City Saturday night.

Victor Back returned from Groom Saturday.

Charles McMurtry of Clarendon was transacting business in our city Monday.

Destruction

Fires, hails and tornadoes destroy millions of dollars worth of property every year. Yours may be the next, no one knows. The only way to be safe is to cover your property with a sound insurance policy. I represent some of the best companies in the United States. Come in and talk it over with me.

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L. L. Rogers was a business visitor from Lela Saturday.

Luther McCombs and family of Gracey were trading in McLean Saturday.

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With plenty of cheap ice, you will want a good refrigerator. We have refrigerators in stock from 60 to 100 pounds capacity. The price is reasonable. Come in and look them over.

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Some People Are Satisfied

if they can just barely keep the coyote out of the yard!

Are you one of them?

If so, how will you provide for yourself and your loved ones when the time comes (and it is slowly, but surely coming) when you are helpless even to do that?

Five minutes of logical thinking will bring you to the conclusion that the wise thing to do is to prepare now, while the preparing is possible.

The American National Bank