

## Rives Is Elected President C. of C.

## Wheeler County Road Bond Issue Carried Saturday

### Wheeler Road Bonds Voted Sat.

### Three Highways Will Be Paved in Wheeler

The road bond election held in Wheeler county Saturday resulted in a victory for the bonds, with 27 votes over the necessary two-thirds majority, 1225 votes being cast in favor of the bonds and 572 against. The issue calls for \$1,000,000, which will be used to pave Highways 66, D. C. D. and 33A through Wheeler county, and improve lateral roads.

This issue now insures a hard surfaced route for Highway 66 from Chicago to the New Mexico line, with the exception of a short stretch of road in Donley county, and that county has in prospect a million dollar road bond issue that will include the paving of 66.

It is understood that the Wheeler commissioners will pave the D. C. D. highway first, but according to Lon Scott, publicity director of Highway 66, the "Main Street of America" will be a concrete boulevard from Chicago to New Mexico by this time next year.

Mr. Scott also states that traffic has increased on the eastern part of the road where paving is already in some 400% this year over last year.

### BAKERY IMPROVES BUILDING

Loyse Caldwell, proprietor of the Caldwell Bakery, has secured the part of the building formerly occupied by the Economy Tire Co., and has doubled the front of his bakery. New glass doors and display cases have been added, and the front otherwise improved.

The Home Economics class of the McLean high school visited the bakery recently and Mr. Caldwell offered a prize to the girl writing the best essay on the visit.

A committee of three teachers awarded the prize to Miss Dorothy Cousins, and her effort is printed on another page of this paper.

### CHAPEL EXERCISES AT HIGH SCHOOL

The high school assembled Tuesday morning from 11:30 to 12:00 in the auditorium for chapel exercises.

A new school song directed by Miss Ulm was practiced. After a few announcements were made by Mr. Moore, the exercises were concluded by singing "America."

### TAX COLLECTOR HERE DECEMBER 21-22

The tax collector's force for Gray county will be in McLean Dec. 21 and 22 to collect taxes in this precinct.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Waldrop, Miss Lucile Stratton and Emmett Smith were Wellington visitors Sunday.

D. C. Carpenter motored to Hedley Wednesday.

Allen Wilson motored to Amarillo Wednesday.

S. D. Shelburne was a visitor in Hedley Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bogan were Amarillo visitors Monday.

W. Dougherty of Hereford was in McLean Wednesday.

### Luncheons Discontinued in December

### Meetings Will Be Resumed after Holidays

By Sec. L. V. Lonsdale

It has been decided to discontinue the business men's luncheon meetings during the rest of December, on account of the usual rush of Christmas shopping which makes it almost impossible for the merchants to attend. The luncheons will be resumed in January and the annual banquet will also be held that month as usual. The date of the first luncheon after the holidays will be announced later.

There will be no ladies' night next Tuesday as previously announced, but all ladies are invited to attend the annual banquet, which will be served this year by the ladies of the Baptist church.

### MRS. CAMPBELL ENTERTAINS CLUB

The Embroidery Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Roy Campbell. A large number was present and a good time is reported by all.

Those present were: Mesdames J. D. Shelburne, John Haynes, C. A. Strandberg, Emmet Thompson, Byrd Guill, T. J. Coffey, W. S. White, Harold Rippy, Donald Beall, W. L. Haynes, Mattie Paschal and Roy Campbell.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

W. B. Andrews, Minister Sunday was a very busy day at the Church of Christ. More than five hours of actual service was our record. Perhaps sometime we may really give that day to the Lord.

We met at ten, as usual, for our Bible study and morning worship. Interest was added to this meeting by our having Bro. Dennis of Erick, Okla., to assist in the song service.

A meeting of the young people was called for three o'clock in the afternoon. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss plans for our Christmas program. Mrs. Jim Back, who is in charge, is confident that with the available material a splendid program will be ours on December 24th. The program and a tree will be at the church building.

All of the work continues to move nicely along.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Shannon were called to Hedley Thursday on account of the death of Mrs. Shannon's sister, Mrs. E. E. Hickerman.

Misses Frances Noel and Johnnie Villa Haynes were visitors in Amarillo Saturday.

Misses Blondie and Louise Cantrell of Wheeler visited their sister, Miss Dorothy, Monday.

H. M. Kunkel has renewed his subscription to The News.

Jeff Mankins of Shamrock was in McLean Friday.

Roger Powers was in Wellington Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Hedrick of Albreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Buck and Charlie Campbell visited relatives in Dalhart Thursday.

Harold Clement was in Wellington Sunday.

### Poultry & Orchard Course

### Prof. Tampke Began Course Here Tuesday

A. A. Tampke began a series of meetings on poultry and orchards Tuesday night with an attendance of 16 the first night. This course meets every Tuesday night.

The subjects discussed were breeds of poultry, factors influencing definite breeds, purpose of poultry, proper characteristics, selection of laying pullets, proper housing, average incomes on farm in U. S., edible parts of eggs, parts of eggs, formation of yolks, marketable eggs, grading eggs, preserving eggs, and pigment in non-laying birds.

The group was quite interested in the discussion and seemed to have derived much good from the lecture.

Next Tuesday night Mr. Tampke will give an actual demonstration in culling hens and distinguish between hens of laying ability and those that are not. He also will discuss feeds and rations for chicks, laying hens and for fattening.

Last Friday Mr. Hays from Shamrock was here and made pictures of the concrete and shop projects made by the class in vocational agriculture. These pictures will be used for publicity purposes in the leading state newspapers.

Wednesday Mr. Tampke aided in poultry vaccination at the Ashby home and also culling at the Belev home. He also sprayed pot plants for lice.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

R. R. Rives, Minister The services at this church are to be held at the usual hours next Sabbath.

Bible school 10 a. m.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Young people's meeting 6 p. m. It is expected that we will be able to open our new building for use next Sabbath. While we may lack a little work on the building, we hope to have the auditorium completed and made comfortable for use. All the members and friends of the congregation are cordially invited to be present and rejoice in worship with us at all the services. Come let us worship together.

Mesdames J. M. Noel and D. C. Carpenter were Amarillo visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Foster visited in Roxana Sunday.

Mrs. Caleb Smith of Pagan was in town Tuesday.

Bob Baff of Amarillo was a McLean visitor Sunday.

A. S. Parker of Groom was in McLean Monday.

Joe Rady spent the week end in Clarendon.

Mrs. John C. Haynes visited in Amarillo Monday.

Lee Cason was in Wellington Sunday.

Estel Bowen of Shamrock was in McLean Sunday.

Jack Hindman left Friday for Wichita Falls for medical treatment.

J. S. Morse motored to Amarillo Monday.

Clay E. Thompson of Amarillo was here on business Saturday.

### Miss Partlow Praised by Supervisor

### Home Economics Dept. McLean School Commended

Miss Louise Landis, supervisor of Home Economics, recently visited the McLean high school, and while inadequate equipment came in for unfortunate comment, the work of Supt. Tummins and Miss Partlow was highly praised.

The building space allotted to this department was approved for this year only, subject to a promise of adequate space being provided next term.

Following is a letter received by Supt. Tummins from Miss Landis, since her visit here:

"I enjoyed my visit to your school and certainly appreciate the effort you are making to offer the girls of your community a course in home economics.

"You and Miss Partlow deserve commendation on the way you are using the inadequate space in this building. You have placed in the space suitable for only one laboratory, desk equipment for both the clothing laboratory and the foods laboratory. This arrangement is not conducive to training girls in the good habits of home economics work. I am approving the work in this respect for this year only on the promise that adequate space will be provided next year. The fact that there are 36 girls beginning the course this year shows the interest and need for the work. Either a cottage or a unit in a new building should be provided for next year.

"I visited a class in foods and physiology and examined some of the clothing work. I think Miss Partlow is a good teacher. Her classes are well trained in laboratory habits. The clothing work is good.

"Miss Partlow has good plans made for making the dining room usable and attractive. This should be done as soon as possible. Storage space is badly needed and the wardrobe and locker space you are having built to be placed in the room next door will certainly help solve this problem.

"With your appreciation of the value of home economics training to the girls, I am sure that plans will all be put across.

"When you begin making plans for the new home economics rooms we will be glad to help you in any way possible."

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

W. Hickman, Pastor We would like very much to have all our members and friends present next Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour, at which time we will administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and we are looking to the Lord for a great day. Come be with us and let us worship the Lord in the "beauty of holiness."

At the Sunday school hour next Sunday, to each one will be assigned their part in the Christmas program which we expect to render Christmas Eve, and we are sure that all of our boys and girls will be glad to take some part in the program and help make it a great success.

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### Cold Wave Hits Here; Near Zero

### Sudden Drop in Temperature Wednesday

The first real cold spell of the season was ushered in with a howling northwest wind about nine o'clock Tuesday night, resulting in near zero temperature by Wednesday morning.

Despite bright sunlight Wednesday, the cold continued with lower temperature Thursday morning, but without the added discomfort of the wind.

Several hundred dollars worth of damage was done to water pipes in town where owners failed to cut the water off from exposed plumbing.

The cold wave was general over the United States, with snow in the Northwestern states.

The U. S. Weather Bureau predicts warmer weather for the rest of the week.

### FREE BAND CONCERT FRIDAY EVENING

The high school band will give a free concert at the American Cafe Friday evening of this week, beginning at 7 o'clock.

It is understood that the free concerts may be made a weekly feature for the next few weeks. The band will play for the "Vodvil" show to be given next week at the high school auditorium.

### BOYS GLEE CLUB

Reported.

The Boys Glee Club met as usual Tuesday morning.

Chester Savage resigned the office of news reporter for the club and Jesse Reeves was elected to succeed him.

The boys are progressing nicely with their choral work under the direction of Miss Ulm.

### "VODVIL" SHOW NEXT WEEK

Reported.

All school children desiring to attend the "Vodvil" show to be given at the high school auditorium Friday night, Dec. 16th, at 8 o'clock, can earn admission by selling four adult tickets at 50c each. Tickets will be distributed by L. V. Lonsdale, business manager of the show, at the school next Friday afternoon, Dec. 9th. After that date tickets may be procured by calling at T. J. Coffey and Bro.'s store or L. V. Lonsdale's office above the new American Theatre.

There is room for one or two more good "vodvil" acts, and if any children desire to take part in the show, get busy and get up something, as rehearsals will begin the last of this week.

### NEW BEAUTY SHOPPE OPENED

Jack Reeves was in White Deer last Thursday.

Miss Hazel Patty visited in Shamrock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Glass returned Thursday from Dallas.

Dempsey Bull of Shamrock was here Thursday.

Ralph Randall is visiting in Dallas.

S. D. Shelburne motored to Lone Wolfe Sunday.

Prof. Cecil Moore visited in White Deer Friday.

### Officers Elected Monday

### Lonsdale Retained as Secretary; New Directors

Rev. R. R. Rives, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was elected president of the McLean Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting Monday night.

Four names were placed in nomination, viz: R. R. Rives, W. E. Bogan, O. G. Stokely and T. A. Landers. The latter two asked that their names not be considered on the grounds of having held the office before, and Rev. Rives won over W. E. Bogan with one vote. Mr. Bogan was then elected vice president.

L. V. Lonsdale, who has been employed by the directors as secretary-manager for the past few months, was elected secretary by the body.

The following directors were elected: Johnnie R. Back, O. G. Stokely, B. F. Gray, W. C. Cheney, W. B. Upham and F. H. Bourland.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

With the exception of Mr. Lonsdale, those elected have not held office in the body for the past year.

C. H. Harbison was elected official representative to the fair deliberations at Amarillo Thursday of this week.

It was suggested that memberships be based upon individual subscribers next year and not as business firms as at present.

Those present were: C. S. Rice, R. S. Jordan, O. H. Foster, L. G. McMillen, B. F. Gray, H. S. Williams, T. A. Landers, Dr. Montgomery, Geo. Colebank, M. T. Wilkerson, T. A. Massay, J. R. Back, O. G. Stokely, L. V. Lonsdale, D. C. Carpenter, M. D. Bentley and T. J. Coffey.

### MCLEAN DEFEATS WHITE DEER

Reported.

The boys basketball team of McLean high school defeated the White Deer high school Friday night in a non-conference game, by a score of 26 to 15. The McLean boys played a brilliant game of ball, both on the offensive and defensive. Getting away with several points lead in the first quarter, the McLean boys maintained their lead throughout the game.

White Deer comes to McLean for a return game Saturday, Dec. 17. The game will be played at the high school and will be called at 3 p. m.

Everyone be there to help the team.

### DAUGHTERS OF THE NAZARENE

Mrs. Mable Watson of Clarendon has opened the Bonnie Beauty Shoppe at the Montgomery Drug Co.

Mrs. Watson is an experienced beauty operator, and is prepared to render satisfactory service to her patrons. Read her advertisement on another page.

Mrs. S. D. Shelburne returned Sunday from a visit in Oklahoma City.

Hubert Roach of Shamrock was in McLean Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hindman motored to Wichita Falls Thursday.

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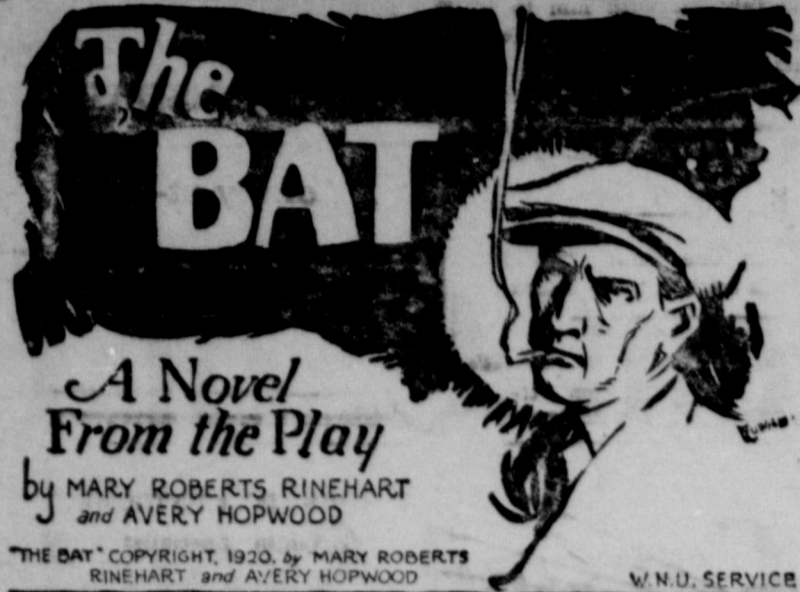
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THE STORY

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

"Cheese-pudding for supper—of course you saw your grandmother!" said Miss Cornelia, crisply, sitting open the first of her letters with a paper-knife. "Nonsense, Lizzie—I'm not going to be scared away from an ideal country-place because you happen to have a bad dream!"

"Was it a bad dream I saw on the stairs last night, when the lights went out and I was looking for the candles?" said Lizzie heatedly. "Was it a bad dream that ran away from me and out the back door, as fast as Paddy's pig? No, Miss Nelly—it was a man—seven feet tall he was, and eyes that shone in the dark and—"

"Lizzie Allen!"

"Well, it's true, for all that," insisted Lizzie, stubbornly. "And why did the lights go out—tell me that, Miss Nelly? They never go out in the city."

"Well, this isn't the city," said Miss Cornelia, decisively. "It's the country—and very nice it is—and we're staying here all summer. I suppose I may be thankful," she went on ironically, "that it was only your grandmother you saw last night. It might have been the Bat—and then where would you be this morning?"

"I'd be stiff and stark, with candles at my head and feet," said Lizzie gloomily. "Oh, Miss Nelly, don't talk of that terrible creature, the Bat!" She came nearer to her mistress. "Oh, Miss Nelly, Miss Nelly—do let's go back to the city before he flies away with us all!"

"Nonsense, Lizzie," said Miss Cornelia again, but this time less firmly. Her face grew serious. "If I thought for an instant that there was any real possibility of our being in danger here," she said slowly. "But—oh, look at the map, Lizzie! The Bat has been—flying in this district—that's true enough—but he hasn't come within ten miles of us yet!"

"What's ten miles to the Bat?" the obturate Lizzie sighed. "And what of the letter ye had when ye first moved in here? The Fleming house is unhealthy for strangers," it said. "Leave it while ye can!"

"Some silly boy—or some crank," Miss Cornelia's voice was firm. "I never pay any attention to anonymous letters."

"And there's a funny-lookin' letter this mornin'—down at the bottom of the pile—," persisted Lizzie. "It looked like the other one—I'd half a mind to throw it away before you saw it!"

"Now, Lizzie, that's quite enough!" Miss Cornelia had the Van Gorder manner on, now. "I don't care to discuss your ridiculous fears any further. Where is Miss Dale?"

Lizzie assumed an attitude of prim rebuff. "Miss Dale's gone into the city, ma'am."

"Gone into the city?"

"Yes, ma'am. She got a telephone call this mornin', early—long-distance it was. I don't know who it was called her."

"Lizzie! You didn't listen?"

"Of course not, Miss Nelly." Lizzie's face was a study in injured virtue. "Miss Dale took the call in her own room and shut the door."

"And you were outside the door?"

"Where else would I be dustin', that time in the mornin'?" said Lizzie. "But it's yourself knows well enough the doors in this house is thick and not a sound goes past them."

"I should hope not," said Miss Cornelia, rebukingly. "But—tell me, Lizzie—did Miss Dale seem—well—this mornin'?"

"That she did not," said Lizzie promptly. "When she came down to breakfast, after the call, she looked like a ghost. I made her the eggs she likes, too—but she wouldn't eat 'em."

"H'm," Miss Cornelia pondered. "I'm sorry if—well, Lizzie, we musn't meddle in Miss Dale's affairs."

"No, ma'am."

"But—did she say when she would be back?"

"Yes, Miss Nelly. On the two o'clock train. Oh—and—I was almost forgettin'—she told me to tell you particular—she said while she was in the city she'd be after engagin' the gardener you spoke of."

"The gardener? Oh, yes—I spoke to her about that the other night—the place is beginning to look run down—so many flowers to attend to. Well—that's very kind of Miss Dale."

"Yes, Miss Nelly." Lizzie hesitated, obviously with some weighty news on her mind which she wished to impart. Finally she took the plunge.

"I have told Miss Dale she has been lookin' for a cook as

well—and a housemaid—," she muttered at last, "but they hadn't spoken to me then."

Miss Cornelia sat bolt upright in bed. "A cook—and a housemaid? But we have a cook and a housemaid, Lizzie! You don't mean to tell me—"

Lizzie nodded her head. "Yes'm. They're leaving. Both of 'em. Today."

"But good heav—Lizzie, why on earth didn't you tell me before? I'm really very much annoyed with you because you didn't. I shall get up immediately—I want to give those two a piece of my mind. Is Billy leavin' too?"

"Not that I know of—the heathen Japanese!" said Lizzie sorrowfully. "And yet he'd be better riddance than cook or housemaid."

"Now, Lizzie, how many times have I told you that you must conquer your prejudices? Billy is an excellent butler—he'd been with Mr. Fleming ten years and has the very highest recommendations. I am very glad that he is staying if he is—with you to help him, we shall do very well until I can get other servants." Miss Cornelia had risen now and Lizzie was helping her with the intricacies of her toilet. "But it's too annoying," she went on, in the pauses of Lizzie's

deft ministrations. "What did they say to you, Lizzie—did they give any reason?"

"Oh, yes, Miss Nelly—they had reasons you could choke a goat with," said Lizzie, viciously, as she arranged Miss Cornelia's transformation. "Cook was the first of them—she was up late—I think they'd been talking it over together. She comes into the kitchen with her hat on and her bag in her hand. 'Good morning,' says I, pleasant enough, 'you've got your hat on,' says I. 'I'm leavin', says she. 'Leavin', are you?' says I. 'Leavin', says she. 'My sister has twins,' says she. 'I just got word—I must go to her right away.' 'What?' says I, all struck in a heap. 'Twins,' says she, 'you've heard of such things as twins. 'That I have,' says I, 'and I know a lie on a face when I see it, too.'"

"Lizzie!"

"Well, it made me sick at heart, Miss Nelly—her with her hat and her bag and her talk about twins—and no consideration for you. 'Well,' says she, 'you can see that Annie, the housemaid's leavin' too.' 'Has her sister got twins as well?' says I and looked at her. 'No,' says she, as bold as brass, 'but Annie's got a pain in her side and she's feared it's appendicitis—so she's leavin' to go back to her family.' 'Oh,' says I, 'and what about Miss Van Gorder?' 'I'm sorry for Miss Van Gorder,' says she—the falseness of her!—'But she'll have to do the best she can—for twins and appendicitis is acts of God and not to be put aside for even the best of wages.' 'Is that so?' says I and with that I left her, for I knew if I listened to her a minute longer I'd be giving her bonnet a shake and that wouldn't be respectable. So there you are, Miss Nelly, and that's the gist of the matter."

Miss Cornelia laughed. "Lizzie—you're unique," she said. "But I'm glad you didn't give her bonnet a shake—though I've no doubt you could."

"Humph!" said Lizzie, snorting, the fire of battle in her eye. "And is it any Black Irish from Ulster would play impudence to a Kerry woman without getting the flat of a hand in—but that's neither here nor there. The truth of it is, Miss Nelly, my voice grew solemn, 'It's my belief—they're scared—both of them—by the haunts and the banshees here—and that's all.'"

"If they are, they're very silly," said Miss Cornelia, practically. "But it doesn't matter. If they want to go, they may."

An hour or so later, Miss Cornelia sat in a deep chintz chair in the comfortable living room of the Fleming house, going through the pile of letters which Lizzie's news of domestic revolt had prevented her reading earlier. Cook and housemaid had come and gone—civil enough, but so obviously determined upon leaving the house at once that Miss Cornelia had sighed and let them go, though not without caustic comment. Since then, she had devoted herself to calling up various employment agencies without entirely satisfactory results. A new cook and housemaid were promised for the end of the week—but for the next three days the Japanese butler, Billy, and Lizzie between them would have to bear the brunt of the service. "Oh, yes—and then there's Dale's gardener—if she gets one," thought Miss Cornelia. "I wish he could cook—but I don't suppose gardeners can—and Billy's a treasure. Still, it's inconvenient—now, stop—Cornelia Van Gorder—you were asking for an adventure only this morning and the mo-

ment the fittest sort of one comes along, you want to crawl out of it."

She had reached the bottom of her pile of letters—these to be thrown away—these to be answered—ah, here was one she had overlooked somehow. She took it up. It must be the one



Her Fingers Trembled a Little as She Turned the Missive Over.

Lizzie had wanted to throw away—the smile at Lizzie's fears. The address was badly typed, on cheap paper—she tore the envelope open and drew out a single unsigned sheet.

"If you stay in this house any longer—DEATH. Go back to the city at once and save your life."

Her fingers trembled a little as she turned the missive over, but her face remained calm. She looked at the envelope—at the postmark—while her heart thudded uncomfortably for a moment and then resumed its normal beat. It had come at last—the adventure—and she was not afraid!

She knew who it was, of course. The Bat! No doubt of it. And yet—did the Bat ever threaten before he struck? She could not remember. But it didn't matter. The Bat was unprecedented—unique. At any rate, Bat or no Bat, she must think out a course of action. The defection of cook and housemaid left her alone in the house with Lizzie and Billy—and Dale, of course, if Dale returned. "Two old women, a young girl and a Japanese butler to face the most dangerous criminal in America," she thought, grimly. And yet—one couldn't be sure. The threatening letter might be only a joke—a letter from a crank—after all. Still, she must take precautions—look for aid somewhere. But where could she look for aid?

(Continued next week)

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Tommy—"I don't know, pa."  
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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a fire truck, an air rifle, tractor, crossbow outfit, a dump truck, tricycle, punching bag, boxing gloves and a pair of boots.

BILIE CASH.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old, going to school, and will soon be in the second grade. I want you to bring me a big doll, a little sewing machine and lots of candy, oranges, apples and nuts.

DRUCILLA KUNKEL.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl six years old. I want you to bring me a big doll, a little sewing machine and lots of candy, oranges, apples and nuts.

ALTHEA KUNKEL.

Dear Santa: I have been a good boy and I want you to bring me a drum, a horn, a little box of tools and lots of candy, oranges, apples and nuts.

ORIN LEE KUNKEL.

P. S. Be sure and bring Bob Black a pair of socks.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. I want a doll with curly hair, and eyes that close and open; a new sewing basket. Please don't forget my little sister, Glenda, and remember my mother and daddy, too.

We don't have a chimney for you, but you can come in the door.

FRANCES LANDERS.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a big sleepy doll with curls, and a bed for it. And some nuts, oranges, apples and candy. That is all for this time. I want the other girls and boys to have a joyful Christmas, too.

Good-by until next Christmas. Your little friend, MARIE MATHIS.

Dear Santa: I am 10 and in the 4th grade. I am a good boy. I want you to bring me a football and a bicycle and an air gun. I guess this is all this time.

Your friend, MARVIN MATHIS.

News from Pakan

The C. A. Linkey and G. T. Gordon tests were both spudded in last Tuesday. The Linkey test is 250 feet deep at this writing, and is shut down waiting for 12 1/2 inch casing.

John Cadra and John Hrcnar each took a bale of cotton to town Wednesday.

Paul Macina, Mrs. Sam Pakan and sons, Miro and Edward; Mike Mertel, John Hrcnar and daughter, Emily, attended the J. J. Watt funeral at McLean last Wednesday.

Caleb Smith, Paul Ptak, John Cadra, Joe Valencik, and John Hrcnar hauled 66 tons of kaffir to McLean last week.

Those that were seen on the streets of McLean Saturday were: Paul Ptak and son, Paul Jr., John Hrcnar and son, John Jr., John Cadra and R. Janota.

Those that held the election Saturday were: Caleb Smith, Paul Macina, Dusan Pakan and J. W. Stauffer. The votes were 16 for and 11 against.

Paul Valencik returned to his home at Clayton, N. M., Tuesday.

A. C. D'SPAIN BUYS REMINGTON PORTABLE

A. C. D'Spain of the D'Spain Bros. Service Station, bought a Remington portable typewriter of the News this week.

Mr. D'Spain thought he wanted a bigger machine, but after a week's trial was fully satisfied that the Remington portable has all the advantages of the big machines at about half the price.

These machines are sold by The McLean News on easy terms where desired.

MILK BY THE CARLOAD

Shipment of milk by tank-car instead of in ten gallon cans loaded into express or special cars has increased in the last five years.

SOFT BOWS AND ERRATIC HEMLINES CONTRIBUTE TO SMART STYLING



ONE soft bow after another adds its decorative note to the newer frocks. This tying of bows of self series up and down the front of the dress is one way of accomplishing the feminine silhouette concerning which fashion has so much to say this season.

The effective youthful matron frock in the picture illustrates the idea in that its tolerable blouse ties at the side over a fitted bodice. The chief merit of the new self-trimmed or rather untrimmed new satin frocks resort to tied bows on this order as a means of attaining "lines" of grace and charm.

And have you noticed with what "poetic license" skirts flaunt their uneven hemlines? Surely "variety is the spice of life" when it comes to this season's hemlines. The frock in the picture describes a very unusual hemline, in that the plaited flounce has been slit into many strips which, being hemstitched, flutter at every step of the way.

In many cases soft bows lead on to irregular hemlines. That is, the bows which, as said before, are of the same material as the dress, and are not "sewed on" bows, but a part of the frock itself, have long soft streamers which serve as drapes and panels which drop in whimsical fashion below the regular hem into lagged or erratic lines.

It is an open question as to whether the fashionable new draped treatments are the "raison why" for irregular hemlines, or whether the vogue for dipping hems is responsible for the introduction of such a preponderance of draped effects.

The front draped skirt terminating in a point below the hemline is the latest interpretation of the desired uneven effect. Often the drape appears at the side and is duplicated at the shoulder in a draped jabot.

Referring again to the costume in the picture it is significant of the trend of the mode that this young matron tops her frock of crepe Roma with a velvet hat, for really to be smartly appareled one stumpy must have a touch of velvet somewhere about one's ensemble.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY. (© 1927 Western Newspaper Union.)

WHAT CHILDREN NEED

Some of the nutritional and environmental needs of children were discussed in a talk recently given by Miriam Birdseye, extension specialist in nutrition, before the West Virginia State Nurses' Association.

"Adequate food must be provided for children. This means that essential foods must be raised on the farm or available at all seasons of the year in nearby markets. Chief of these are milk and other good-quality proteins, butterfat, whole-grain products, vegetables and fruits, and pure water. Foods must be selected to meet the needs of the body at different ages and to come within the reach of the family purse. They must be prepared and seasoned to meet the needs of different age groups, combined into appetizing meals and served at regular hours. Food habits must be wisely trained.

"Other essentials for good nutrition must be present. These are sunshine, sleep, rest, fresh air, happy work and play, freedom from overwork, normal emotional life, wise parental guidance, protection from illness. A glance at this list shows that agriculture, medicine, sanitation, nutrition, home economics, and psychology all have their contribution to make. Specialized service is needed from a number of

agencies, and on certain points several organizations can unite their efforts."

The annual value of Texas' cotton seed crop ranks third among the crops, occasionally ranking ahead of corn, which is generally second.

C. E. Truitt of Claude was a McLean visitor Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Louis Clement of Shamrock was a visitor here Tuesday.

Born, Sunday, Dec. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lindsey, a boy.

If the dairy cow receives hay alone as the roughage portion of her ration, feed about 2 pounds of hay for each 100 pounds live weight. If both hay and silage are fed, give 1 pound of hay and 3 pounds of silage per 100 pounds live weight. If roots are fed instead of silage, 3 pounds of sugar beets or 6 pounds of mangels per 100 pounds live weight will be sufficient. Feed grain at the rate of one pound daily for each 3 to 4 pounds of milk produced.

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

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Try our service. You will like it.

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Phone 58

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Trees with a Reputation Alanreed, Texas

Stops Coughs

Advertisement for Creo-Lyptus cough medicine, featuring a bottle image and text describing its benefits.

FREEDOM?

By Hazel Oliver

I lie abed on Sunday Morn And hear the church bells ring, It makes my heart to thrill with pride, My soul to dance and sing— To lie abed on Sunday Morn And hear the church bells ring!

My wife gets up to dress the babes, To Sunday school they go, For this is the land of freedom Where the Bible all may know. Oh, it makes my heart-strings thrill with pride, My soul does dance and sing To lie abed on Sunday Morn And hear the church bells ring.

The wife and babes go on to church, I think it should be so, For we want our little family in Christian Grace to grow. I love to think about them As in the pew they sing, While I lie abed on Sunday Morn and hear the church bells ring.

We have the finest preacher— He works the whole week long; And he's always ready Sunday Morn To preach and lead the song. The wife and babes tell me That his words are kind and true, That he's always bright and cheerful And never tired nor blue. Oh, this wondrous land of freedom, its praises I will sing As I lie abed on Sunday Morn And hear the church bells ring. —Kind Words.

THE DANCE HALL

We have no fight to make on any man; but we do have fight to make on the kind of business conducted by some men. We truly sympathize with any man who has the responsibility of supporting a large family of children, especially if he is a poor man. But we do not believe that it is necessary for any able-bodied man in this section of our country to engage in any business that is either a menace or a nuisance to the community at large in order to make a living. We do not believe that a public dance hall is a good thing for any community. The people of Tahoka, if they are wise, will be sure that their sons and daughters stay away from the one near Tahoka. "Safety First" is a good rule to observe in this case.—Tahoka News.

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Six Months	\$1.25
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Advertising Rates upon Application



Next year is election year, and every voter should pay his poll tax in time to exercise his franchise. There is little use in discussing the way things are run, if the voters do not do their duty. And in Texas you cannot vote without paying your poll tax before the first of February. Pay your poll tax!

The new officers of the Chamber of Commerce can be what we expect them to be only as they receive full co-operation from the public. There are many things in which the C. of C. can be of assistance in helping the growth of our community next year, and the new officers will need the help of everyone to put over a progressive program.

The News commercial printing department printed 4,000 four-page sale bills for Hamilton-McGowan Hardware and Furniture Co. this week. Claud McGowan, manager of the company, believes in patronizing home industry whenever possible. This firm, in common with several others in McLean, has all their government stamped envelopes printed in The News plant. Mr. McGowan is a consistent advertiser and says that they find that quality goods at attractive prices advertised regularly pays both the store and their customers.

The Memphis Democrat mentions four good reasons why a newspaper should be put on a cash basis, which is good enough to ask cash in advance for subscriptions. The McLean News has been on a cash basis every since the present editor took charge of the paper. No solicitors of any kind have ever been employed to take subscriptions; our list is made up of only those who voluntarily paid down the necessary coin for the paper. This fact should be interesting to advertisers, for the man who pays cash for a paper as a voluntary action reads the paper each week. And on the other hand, the man who pays cash for the paper has money to buy other things. Cash for subscriptions means quality circulation, and quality circulation means money for the advertiser.

W. C. Phillips left Tuesday for Bowie, Ariz., to visit his daughter, Mrs. T. A. Bodine.

O. G. Stokely, L. B. Muncie, Jim Sullivan and Floyd Phillips were in Amarillo Tuesday.

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

**Cash Talks**

I need a little cash to pay a few small notes in McLean, so I will sell some of my good lots there at a bargain. An abstract and perfect title with every sale. Put your money in the bank until abstract is approved. See Mr. McMillen, Massay, McAdams & Stokely, or take the matter up with me direct. Don't delay; McLean will continue to grow. You can make some money on these lots.

D. C. Jones

Times Circle, Oklahoma City, Okla. Phone Maple 8251

**WHAT I LEARNED AT THE BAKERY**

Prize Essay  
By Dorothy Cousins

One bright November morning the goods class of the Home Economics department visited the bakery. There were about sixteen in the class. We learned a great deal about bread and the process that is used in making bread mixture. We entered the front of the bakery, but we were shown to the back, as all the bread is made in the back of the building. When we arrived there Mr. Caldwell and the other baker were just completing one part of the dough.

We then went back to look at the oven and find out all about it. The oven was about twelve feet square. The bottom of it is made of large concrete fire blocks. It is heated by gas. The flame comes up inside of the oven instead of being heated underneath. It is not a continuous bake oven, but can be heated when it is needed. When we opened the door the heat came rushing out into our faces. Light bread is baked at from 450 to 475 degrees Fahrenheit.

The baker puts the flour, water, yeast, malt, bradax compound, sugar and salt into the mixer to be mixed into a dough. The dough is made up early in the morning and left to rise until the middle of the morning. Bradax is a patent process used in bread to make it stay fresh longer and to make the loaf whiter. Malt that is used in bread is a special kind of malt made to put in bread. The dough should be in a room of about 80 degrees F.

The mixer is a large bowl with a mixer inside it. It is run by electricity. This method is a great deal more satisfactory than to mix the dough by hand, and it also saves time.

When the dough has been sufficiently mixed, it is poured into a large trough and rolled over to the table. At the table it is divided into three parts and placed on the table. It is then cut and weighed into three pound pieces.

Each of these three pound pieces is put through the moulding machine. This machine kneads the bread and also rolls it up into a long round piece of dough, which is later cut into one and one-half pound pieces. The person at the end of the moulding machine takes each piece and places it on the table. All the air is pressed out of the dough so it is allowed to rise five minutes in order that the air may come back into it.

When it has set for five minutes it is put back through the moulding machine and then is ready to be placed in the pans. The second

time it goes through the moulding machine a knife that divides the dough has been removed and the dough is made the length of the bread pan.

When it has all been placed in the pans it is set in the steam box to rise. The steam box is a box. In the steam box are shelves on which many loaves of bread are placed to rise. It is near the oven as it is always kept at a warm temperature so the bread will rise.

Whole wheat dough, dough for buns and rolls is made by hand and is made in smaller quantities than light bread dough. The dough that is made for buns and rolls is made with milk and contains more sugar than other doughs. This dough is also used for cinnamon rolls.

We were shown all the process of bread making and we learned the baker's desire to make bread equal to that of the housewife. After learning all these things, we know how to appreciate the products of the bakery.

Fred Landers, editor of The McLean News, visited the bakery here Sunday.

H. W. Gee of Dallas renews his subscription to The News this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loysa Caldwell were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

**MEADOR CAFE**  
Modern Equipment  
Pleasant Service  
Your Patronage Appreciated

**MANAGER OF BRAVES**



The photograph shows Jack Stutery former coach of baseball teams at Boston college, who has been selected to manage the Boston National League baseball team, succeeding Dave Bancroft.

**A LITTLE Invested in a LOT Now! May Bring You a Lot in a Little While**  
I Sell McLean  
L. G. McMillen

**Christmas Baking**  
Christmas will soon be here, and it is time to think of Christmas dinner. We can help you have one of the best dinners if you buy your cakes and pastry here. You will be saved the work and worry, and you save money as well.  
**CALDWELL BAKERY**  
Bread Is Your Best and Cheapest Food

**WHERE and WHAT to BUY**

**Useful Gifts**  
Always Please  
Do you realize that we have a wonderful selection of articles suitable for every member of the family? And that every gift in this store is a useful one? Useful gifts can be appreciated every day in the year, and you have the satisfaction that your money is wisely spent here. Make this Christmas long to be remembered by giving useful gifts. Come in and look over our stock before you buy.  
**McLean Hdw. Co.**  
W. B. Upham, Mgr.

Miss Olive Saunders of Amarillo spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Saunders.

Mrs. W. L. Campbell returned Thursday from a visit with relatives in Dalhart.

J. R. Phillips made a trip to Amarillo Friday.

Mrs. Sid Denson of White Deer was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

Hugh Cantrill of Sayre, Okla., was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

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**REAL ESTATE**  
We have some good real estate bargains to offer. Buy now and be ready for the advance that is sure to come. Try us when you are in the market. You will like our service.  
**Massay, McAdams & Stokely**  
Phone 44  
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**Quality Meats**  
The right kind of meat is one of the best foods. You need not question the quality of the meats bought here, for we are careful to butcher and sell only the quality kind. You will find the best brands of cured meats here, too.  
Remember we will have real buffalo meat on sale during Christmas week.  
**McLean Meat Market**  
We Sell Better Meats  
Phone 120

**The Personal Touch**  
Here are quality articles which will mean more than the usual gift. Let any of them reflect your thoughtfulness and sincere desire to please. It's the gift with the personal touch that pleases. We have gifts to suit every purse and fancy. Come in and look them over.  
**Erwin Drug Co.**

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Golden oak finished chifferobes, regular \$32.50 value  
**\$26.95**

Enclosed baby cribs, ivory finished, \$12.50 value  
**\$9.95**

A good 99 coil steel spring regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 values, to close out at  
**\$1.95**

A group of 9x12 Axminster rugs, seamless, regular \$35.00 values  
**\$27.95**

Oliver Springfield regular size wagon with 3-inch wheel, 40x44 3x5-8 tire, drop pole, double trees and neck yoke, with brake regular \$145.00 wagon  
**\$129.95**

This complete stock of high grade hardware, shelf hardware, ranges and stoves, tinware, enamelware aluminumware, glassware, china-ware, crockeryware, hotelware, cutlery, silverware, arms and amunition, implements, garden tools, oil field supplies, furniture, rugs, linoleum, duralin, handbags, suitcases and trunks, phonographs and records, gift, art and novelty goods, and complete toyland (with a real live Santa Claus to demonstrate them to the kiddies), and in fact everything to be found in the hardware and furniture store of the better class, and the entire stock radically reduced for this mammoth Santa Claus Sale.

**Selling Starts Promptly at  
9 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 10th**

**Free! Free!**

**Big Basket of Groceries**

To the first fifty adults to enter the store opening day and making a purchase, we will sell a

**Big Basket of Groceries**

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Three-inch cut-under truck, 32x38 wheel, 3x5-8 tire, geared brake, with drop pole double trees and neck yoke—a Springfield Oliver product, regular \$115.00 value  
**\$99.95**

Number new four cultivators, one-row pipe beam, regular  
**\$72.50**

**\$59.95**

Three-inch metal wheel cut-under with removable boxing, drop pole, double trees and neck yoke. This wagon is \$87.50 regular  
**\$69.95**

**That Mysterious  
Mystery Box**

As an added attraction to our famous Santa Claus Sale, we shall have a Mystery Box sale. These boxes contain merchandise picked from over the entire store. The original selling value of each of the boxes is guaranteed to be twice and above the mystery box price. When you buy, you buy a "pig in a poke," no blanks, lots of fun and a profitable price of amusement to everyone.

**Mystery Box**

**49c**



Two-row lister cultivator regular value \$110.00  
**\$89.95**

Boll bearing Primrose I. H. C. cream separator regular \$85.00—No. 1  
**\$72.95**

Same as above—No. 2 regular priced at \$95.00  
**\$81.95**

Two-row I. H. C. cultivator regular \$147.50 value  
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A complete stock of glass ware, cut glass, hand painted china, beautiful gift goods such as found in the art and gift stores of the better class.

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**A Wreath and a Candle Spoke From the Window**

"PLEASE, lady, won't you buy some tulips?"

Ann Dawson, belle of her set, stepping briskly out of a department store, her arms filled with Christmas packages, looked down into the searching eyes of two poorly clad little girls.

"Tulips?" she repeated, smiling.

"Why, tulips are not due yet. You should have red roses, poinsettias, and holly at Christmas time."

"Yes'm, I know," said the one carrying the basket of wax flowers, "but we don't know how to make anything but tulips. They are all red, though, and just a quarter for three."

"I see," said Anne. "Making some extra money, aren't you. To buy something pretty for mamma?"

"No, ma'm," answered the sister. "I wish we could buy something pretty for mother, but we are trying to get us some school shoes before time to go back after Christmas."

Anne's eyes sought the children's feet and her throat filled with a choking lump.

"Why—why—yes, I'll buy a dollar's worth. Will that help much?"

"Oh, yes'm," from both simultaneously. In happy anticipation while Anne, struggling with her packages, clumsily extracted the bill from her purse.

"Now tell me where you live, little tulip makers. I might want some more of them sometime," taking the bunch held out to her. The address was carefully noted, and thoughtfully, Anne stood watching the children as they became lost in the street crowd. For the first time, her eyes had been opened to a new life.

Next day a rap on the door of a cottage in a poor section of the city brought an answer from one of the flower girls. No one was in sight, but as the door opened a big car was seen moving away and on the porch was a large well-filled basket ornamented with holly and one big red candle. When the basket was taken inside and examined many useful gifts for mother and the girls were disclosed as well as a generous supply of fruit, nuts and candy. The card read:

"I shall drive by on Christmas night. If you are happy let the wreath and lighted candle speak from your windows."

Was the candle burning? And did the wreath adorn the other front window? Well, yes; and the bright faces within the well-lighted room brought to Anne Dawson far greater joy than the handsome gifts that were hers on Christmas morning.—Lily Rutherford Morris.

**When Phillip Received That Christmas Gift**

PRISCILLA was making pumpkin pies. The fruit cake had been ripened and the turkey lay in festive state, stuffed with sage and onion. Although it was really a chicken, one didn't mention that, no more than one mentioned the fact that black was Santa Claus, or that the little black stockings which hung before the hearth fire would not be very full.

There was only one blot in Priscilla's Christmas joy. "I can't give Phillip anything," she said to her mother, worriedly. "It isn't as if he were a youngster and satisfied with red-ware knitted mittens, or as if he were a poor boy, even, but when he sends me orchids, mother, I—I don't know what to do." Phillip was the young man from the city who had been exceedingly attentive to Priscilla. Flowers he sent, and fruits and dainty candies, but which she had been accustomed to. It was not this air of richness though that made Priscilla's heart beat quick and thrilled. It was the simple, boyish way of him. Dear? Yes, she had just admitted it to herself.

And now he was coming to Christmas dinner with her and her happy, humble family and Priscilla in her own worldliness, felt that she had no gift for him. Her mother, though, was wiser. She looked with a tender, wistful pride at her fair young daughter, the daughter with soft eyes shining, with hair curled gaily in the steam of the fragrant kitchen, with rose-petal cheeks, kissed warm by young love and by Christmas. She finished her cooking and set the long white table where the hearth fire glowed and the Christmas tree was festive with red and tinsel.

Then Phillip had come and the dinner was progressing, fluffy potatoes and gravy all brown, the roasted turkey which was a chicken, really, the old fruit cake and last of all, the spicy pumpkin pie. The mother watched and smiled, but her eyes were moist a little for every bit of food Priscilla served as a gift. If only Phil could know.

But no one could explain to Phil. After the meal was over and extravagantly praised, the rich boy from the city seemed comfortably at home. He and Priscilla took a walk through the crisp, snowy Christmas starlight and still she could not tell him that she had no gift for him. Back to the front steps they came, then out of the shadows Buddie jumped and ran into the house. Phillip saw the mistletoe first and suddenly there was no need for explanations. The stars and the snowflakes saw him take the sweetest gift of all.—Maxine Chapman.

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Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as reading matter. Black face type double rate. Initials and numbers count as words.  
No advertisement accepted for less than 25c per week.  
All ads cash with order unless you have a running account with The News.

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**—Hogs, Jersey and Holstein cows, Hereford bull. Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

I have meat hogs for sale, dressed. Also weaning pigs. Call B. L. Webb. 50-2p

**LOST**

**LOST**—Tuesday, Presto-lite welding cylinder between McLean and Shamrock. Finder please notify Williams Motor Co., McLean, or Red Top Cottage Station, Shamrock. 2p

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**—2 furnished rooms for light housekeeping, with garage; 1 furnished room for light housekeeping, with garage. Phone 215. Mrs. E. E. Filer. 1c

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Amarillo Daily News and The McLean News, both one year for \$6.00 during bargain days.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The McLean News, both one year for \$8.95 during bargain days.

**GARBAGE** and trash hauled from any part of city at reasonable rates. Phone 217. Frank Haynes.

Groceries are cheaper at Packett's Cash Store. 1fc

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our many friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father, and for the beautiful floral offerings.  
Mrs. J. J. Watt and children.

Mrs. Earl Wilmoth of Texola, Okla., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wingo, Monday.

W. T. Wilson went to Amarillo Wednesday.

Mrs. H. S. Williams went to Amarillo Tuesday.

Jim Simpson made a trip to Amarillo Tuesday.

George P. Wilson of Amarillo came in Wednesday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke were in Amarillo Monday.

Oran Robinson of Amarillo spent the week end in McLean.

H. F. Wingo and family visited in Texola, Okla. Sunday.


Mrs. J. L. Fickens of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Monday.

G. L. Spradlin is in Memphis this week on business.

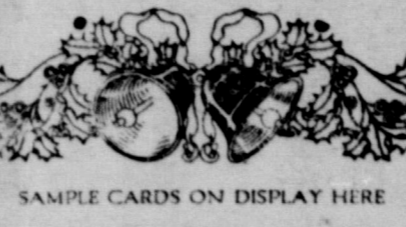
T. B. Roby has renewed his subscription to The News.

Ben Chilton was in Wheeler Sunday.

Robert Crisp went to Shamrock Sunday.



WE invite you to see our new Christmas line. Our Greeting Card stock was never so fine. There's Distinction, Quality, and Good Value here in every card we are offering this year. And your own special taste we can gratify too. To carry your Christmas Greetings for you.



SAMPLE CARDS ON DISPLAY HERE

**The McLean News**

E. A. and E. O. Dennis of Erick, Okla., visited friends in McLean Sunday.

**Christmas Day**  
Christmas is the sweetest day of the year, for the reason that it is, in its proper observance, utterly unselfish and because it is the golden link of time that serves to bind heaven and earth in a closer understanding.

**Singing Christmas Carols**  
Christmas carols were sung as far back as 1521 and were said to be the songs sung by angels at the birth of Christ.

**First Christmas Observance**  
The observance of Christmas began about the Fourth century. It became a general custom only in the Thirteenth century.

**Candles Are Dangerous**  
Matches should always be kept out of the reach of children and parents should be especially cautious around the holiday season when there is so much extra inflammable materials in the house, suggests the national safety council.

**Christmas Greeting Cards**  
Christmas greeting cards will cost this country \$55,000,000, and that does not take into account the time lost in trying to remember to whom they should be sent.

**SURPRISE COOKIES**  
Cream ¼ cup sugar and add three times as much sugar. Beat an egg thoroughly and add, with as much sour cream as you had butter, stirring in ¼ teaspoon soda into the cream before adding it. Sift together 2 cups flour and 1 teaspoon baking powder, and stir all ingredients well together. Roll out on a floured board ½ inch thick and cut in small discs. On half of these put a dab of jelly or chopped nuts, or dates, and cover with the remaining discs and pinch the edges together. A hot oven should bake them in about a dozen minutes. This recipe makes 14 dozen cookies.

Jack Gray visited in Miami Friday.

Miss Mildred Rogers was a visitor in Wheeler Sunday.

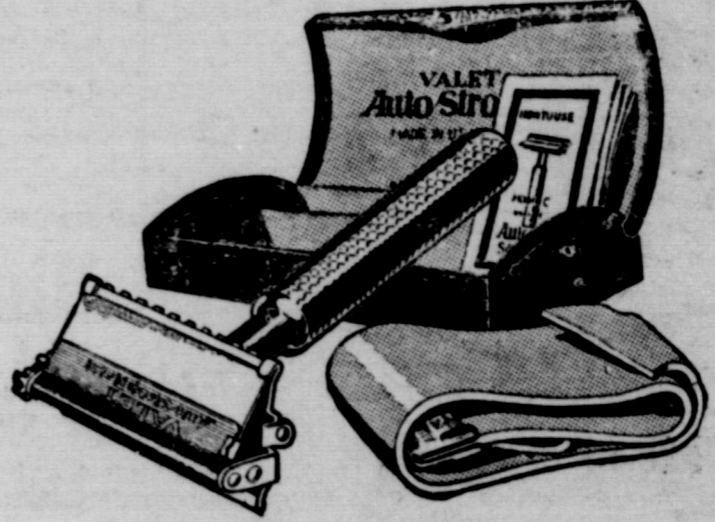
Edward Moore of Amarillo visited in McLean Thursday.

Miss Marguerite Merriman visited in Shamrock Sunday.

Miss Lottie Gressett of Enterprise entered school here Monday.

Mrs. H. H. Lee was in Amarillo Tuesday.

**PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY**



**Free Christmas Present**

We have a limited supply of safety razor outfits that we are giving away to our friends with every new and renewal subscription during the holidays. These outfits will cost you \$1.00 anywhere, and if you would like to give one to a friend, we will supply you with a nice Christmas box for the outfit free of cost. You couldn't make a better Christmas gift than to send both paper and razor to a friend. You must act quickly if you would like to have one of these free outfits.

**The McLean News**  
"The Paper that's Read First"

**Christmas Dolls**

THE modern Christmas doll, so dear to the hearts of little minds of all nations, had its origin in the days of long ago.

Dolls were once regarded as sacred objects, and the word "doll" is believed to be a corruption of the word "idol." The dolls or idols of early days were carved out of wood or bone, and the dolls of later days were probably reproductions of the idols, used in worship.

Dolls are comparatively modern playthings in this country, and the oldest museum specimens only go back to Queen Anne's days, before which time there are no records of their use by British children. They were introduced from Flanders, and were called "Flanders babies," or "children's babies."—Montreal Star.

**The American Turkey**

PERHAPS the most distinctive feature of our American Christmas dinner is the turkey. This noble bird is a Christmas feast requirement, whether the dinner be prepared in Texas or Wisconsin, New York or California. It is interesting to recall the origin of our national Christmas bird. The story of Capt. John Smith, fresh from his wars with the Turks, surveying the wild fowl in the forests of Virginia and of his uproarious laughter upon seeing the turkey gobbler strut proudly before the hens is perhaps fresher in the minds of our school children than in our own. At any rate, we agree with his comparison of the proud gobbler, for he "is exactly like the proud Turk showing off before his harem." So the name turkey is no longer familiar just to Americans, but has fast become an international medium of celebrating the happy Christmas season.—Frank H. Sweet.

**Mistletoe and Kissing**

The mistletoe and kissing are always inseparably connected in the minds of Europeans, and as far back as tradition and history can go the quaint berried plant and kissing have always gone hand in hand together.

**Holly Unlucky**

In some parts of England there is a superstition that it is unlucky to take holly into the house before Christmas.

**Russian Christmas Table**

In the center of his Christmas table the Russian peasant places a bundle of straw, symbolic of the manger, and, before the meal, each guest draws from the bundle a blade of straw, the one who draws the longest being destined to live the longest.

**St. Nicholas**

St. Nicholas, as the patron saint of Christmas, seems to have been adopted by America; Father Christmas is indigenous to Britain, Santa Claus to Germany, and Kris Kringle to Holland, but they all seem to be variants of the first-named.—Montreal Star.

**FINNEY OF THE FORCE**



**Buddies**





**BETWEEN THIEVES**  
WALBERT PERKS

**J**ABEZ GORM was a hard nut to crack and proud of it. Nobody realized it more than the group of hard men who sat around a table with him, comfortable in their armchairs, warm with the heat of steam radiators and plenty of coal, and little interested in those who could not pay for protection against the bitter late December cold.

"I guess he could pull through if we nursed him a bit," one of the group was remarking. "He's young, and enthusiastic. His organization's good. Never let himself get cornered like this before. Sure will be a lesson to him."

"Nurse him long enough, he'll get into the wholesale line and increase competition. Aren't there enough of us already?" It was Jabez Gorm who spoke.

"If you don't encourage the good ones a bit, you're apt to get all the more bad ones." A hard voice from a hard face was speaking on the other side of the table.

"Ever seen a good one when he's selling against you?" Jabez countered.

"Kinda hard to hammer a fellow the first time he's up against it," a rather kindlier voice broke in.

"Harder he's hammered the tougher he'll get. That's how I got toughened," said another.

On and on the debate went.

Figures were tabled. How much the debtor owed; how much he was likely to produce in bankruptcy; how much the dividend would be; whether it would pay better to take 50 per cent and get rid of a potential rival, or get 75 and let him start again with a clean sheet, or give him lots of time to pay in full.

On and on they argued.

The snow clattered on the window and defened the outside sounds of happiness and good cheer, of hasten-



"Look, Daddy, What Santa Claus Left for Me!"

ing feet, of shivering limbs, of arms flapping to keep hungry and ill-clad bodies warm.

And the argument went on. Cheerful greetings, happy salutations, heartfelt good wishes were exchanged right and left in the street below; but in an upper room of the big hotel the hard-faced group argued on and heard nothing.

"Well, look, fellows, we can't stay all night. I gotta take the train to-night. All packed up 'n' everything. Going to play golf in Florida over the holidays. Gotta get this thing over quick or I miss that train."

"Lucky dog. I can't afford to play golf in Florida." This from Jabez Gorm. "Neither can I afford to play golf Samaritan to bankrupt young fools. Let him assign and be done with it."

The final decision was so registered, and the creditors' meeting broke up, one to fly for a train heading south; some to join hilarious parties in the banquet halls of the hotel; Jabez Gorm to return to a big stern-looking house in which many servants had prepared with professional efficiency the seasonal decorations, the gifts and the festal touches that fashion and social custom required to be provided for the children of this very elegant house.

Seven o'clock next morning. The bells were ringing their annual message of peace and good will. A choir in a little nearby church was singing, "Noel, Noel." Charlie Gorm, five years old and full of faith in the things that really matter, was dancing round the paternal bed of the Gorm household.

"Look, Daddy, what Santa Claus left for me! N' a letter, with it an' ev'rythin'." Look!

Jabez roused himself and read: "I was cleaning up your house when I saw the kid's stocking hung up and remembered about Christmas. Hate to do anybody a bad turn on Christmas Eve. Here's a look for the baby's Christmas. Look out for your sinner and other valuables some other night."

Not so long ago Jabez had taken prizes at Sunday school.

Funny that the only lesson he could think of now was about another thief who repented in time and won the first guaranteed pass through the pearly gates of heaven.

Jabez Gorm would have given a hand to call that meeting back.

But they were gone their several ways. Not for months could they all be got together again.

The church bells pealed once more. To Jabez Gorm they seemed to sing, "Too late, too late, too late."

**NOTICE**

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

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

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

On Main Street, from its intersection with the South line of Railroad Street south a distance of 69 feet, known and designated as Unit or District No. 1; the improvements to be approximately 59 feet wide from back of curb to back of curb; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$1638.29; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for curbs is \$0.35; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$7.1629.

On Main Street, from its intersection with the center line of Railroad Street to its intersection with the center line of North First Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 2; the improvements to be approximately 59 feet wide from back of curb to back of curb; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$8109.76; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for curbs is \$0.35; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$10.8890; total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof is \$11.2396.

On North First Street, from its intersection with the center line of North Second Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 3; the improvements to be approximately 59 feet wide from back of curb to back of curb; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$8931.95; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for curbs is \$0.35; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$10.94924; total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof is \$11.29824.

On North First Street, from its intersection with the north line of Second Street to its intersection with the south line of Third Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 5; the improvements to be approximately 37 feet wide from back of curb to back of curb; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$3668.17; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for curbs is \$0.35; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curbs is \$4.3376; total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and owners thereof is \$4.6876.

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

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

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

Of all said matters and things, all owning or claiming any such property, or any interest therein, and all owning or claiming the railway, using, occupying or crossing

said portions of streets, or any interest therein, as well as all others in any wise interested or affected will take notice.

Done by order of the City Council of the City of McLean, Texas, this 28th day of November, A. D. 1927.  
W. E. BOGAN, City Secretary,  
(Seal) City of McLean, Texas.  
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**SPEND IT AT HOME**

Pampa has been visited by no less than a half dozen advertising grafters who are working Northwest Texas communities with their gags. Their usual plea is "it costs very little to get on this card or menu, and look at what you are getting." This "what you are getting" is the catch. The advertiser is getting his name on a few cards that just a few people are interested in. He is paying for a permanent ad, and in most cases, getting his name on a few cards that are soiled so soon after publication that the advertisement is a discredit. The printer gets a small printing job which he would be glad to reject on its principle.

The grafter gets 90% of the re-

ceipts and takes it with him to be spent elsewhere, perhaps in some town where he stops, and the advertisers do not fall for his scheme. Next time let's make the grafter spend his money at home.—Pampa News.

Some wise one said: "Children need models rather than critics."

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

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Shamrock, Texas

**A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE**

a new photograph of the children. Just look at those last pictures and you'll agree they were outgrown long ago.

An enlarged portrait given free with every \$12.00 order during the first two weeks of December.

**Alderson Art Studio and Gift Shop**  
Clarendon, Texas

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E. W. Braxton, Prop. McLean, Texas  
Phone 72

**Ladies' Hats!**  
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**Felts and Velvets**

We have only 20 hats left that we are going to sell before Saturday night, Dec. 10th, 1927. The price of these hats is cut one-half in two. The first 20 ladies in will be the ones who get the benefit of these bargains.

Come early and get your share of these bargains before they are all gone.

**Cobb's Variety Store**

**The Grub Stake**

The man who has a Bank Account has a grubstake in Prosperity. He will make the best Worker in the Workshop of the World.

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**The Citizens State Bank**  
CAPITAL, BOND AND SURPLUS \$55,700.00  
J. S. MOISE, President C. C. BOGAN, Cashier

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BE sure that your gasoline does more than one-third of its job. Don't be satisfied merely with quick starting. See that you also get a quick pick-up and real power and mileage.

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Conoco Gasoline does a 100% job in all kinds of weather.

Pumps bearing the Conoco sign are the trouble-proof fueling points for motorists.

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Producers, Refiners and Marketers  
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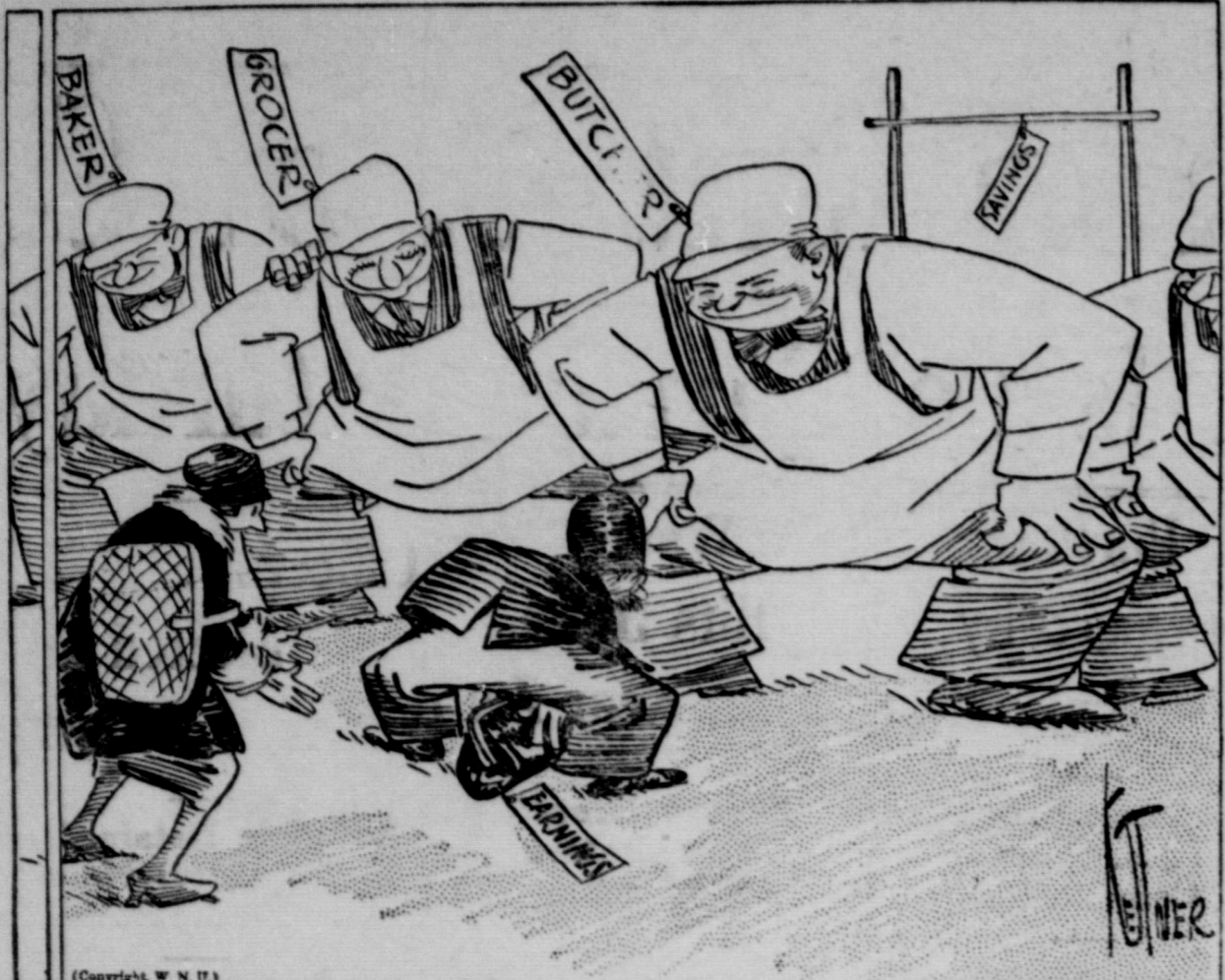
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### What the Home Team Is Up Against



#### News from Alanreed

The expression of opinion given by Miss Rowe on Friday night in the school auditorium was enjoyed by a large audience.

A. H. Moreman gave a radio party Saturday night for a number of his friends, who enjoyed the programs.

Rev. H. G. Walton preached to an attentive audience, notwithstanding the cold weather, both Sunday morning and night.

Prof. J. T. Glass visited relatives and friends in Hedley Saturday and Sunday.

S. L. Ball is reported improving after several days of illness.

Miss Blanche Palmer was taken suddenly and seriously ill Sunday night, but is reported as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hedrick were in Amarillo Saturday to witness the football game and attend to business.

J. T. Bullock was a Pampa visitor Sunday.

The girls basketball team has installed new goals on their court.

The Alanreed gin is kept pretty busy with the cotton that comes in during the pretty weather.

E. B. Hedrick was in Lefors Monday on business.

Chapel exercises in the school auditorium were conducted Wednesday morning by Rev. H. G. Walton, local Methodist minister.

Harvey Sparks, in the employ of the Alanreed Supply Co., was seriously burned Monday night while through mistake filling an oil stove with gasoline. He was immediately taken to McLean for medical treatment. The seriousness of the injuries are not definitely known at this writing.

The D. Y. P. U. is planning a social for the near future, probably one night the latter part of this week.

The Alanreed basketball teams, both girls and boys, are to meet the Groom teams at Groom next Friday afternoon in two return games.

Misses Wenona and Jaundel Street have been ill for several days, but are reported as improving.

#### News from Ramsdell

Mr. and Mrs. Rand Griffin and Mrs. Dolph Burrows made a business trip to Amarillo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pharis and family spent Sunday in the E. E. Franks home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Burrows and children, Mr. and Mrs. Rand Griffin visited in the Ferd Bones home Saturday evening.

The Heald basketball team and Ramsdell team played a match game here Friday. Heald won the game.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Powell and sons, Clyde and Emmett, visited relatives and friends at Panhandle Friday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. L. C. Pharis was a dinner guest in the Mrs. E. E. Franks home Saturday.

Jeff Franks made a business trip to Shamrock Saturday.

Several from here attended the pie supper at Liberty Friday night.

Miss Hazel Cox visited home folks at Wheeler Saturday and Sunday.

Misses J. L. Pickens, Rand Dolph Burrows made McLean Monday.

Mick Dwyer of Canyon spent the week end in McLean.

Judge T. M. Wolfe of Lefors was here on business Friday.

D. C. Carpenter motored to Shamrock Saturday.

Claude Lester visited in Wheeler Sunday.

Clyde Windom visited in White Deer Friday.

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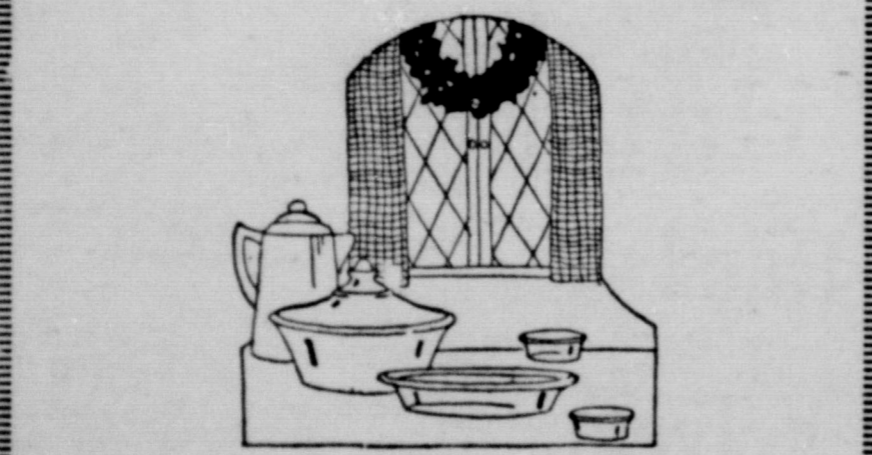
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Christmas candies of all kinds direct from the factory. Fresh, and at attractive prices.

Free delivery in the city.

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**Practical Gifts**

Practical gifts are always appreciated and we have an excellent assortment of articles that will make practical gifts for every member of the family. You will make no mistake in selecting a practical gift from our stock. Come in and look over what we have to offer. Your gift selected here will be a daily reminder of your thoughtfulness all the coming year.

**Western Lumber & Hardware Company**  
 Roy Campbell, Mgr.

#### News from Gracey

Several from here attended a party at the Jack Bailey home at Heald Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Blevens made a business trip to Quail, Memphis and Wellington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Belew and children were Amarillo visitors Saturday.

Miss Rosie Mullin of Seminole, Okla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mullins, a few days this week.

Fred Bidwell went to Amarillo on business Monday.

Miss Ruby Bidwell is on the sick list at this writing.

Ben Mullins and Walter Burdine went to Panhandle Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Bidwell and little daughter, Ima Lee, are spending a few days at the Derrick home.

Miss Leeta Bush spent Saturday night with Miss Lila Mae D'Spain.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harlan spent Friday night at the Ivey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rhodes of Magic City and Miss Rosie Mullins

were called to Panhandle Monday to the bedside of the latter's brother, Oscar, who is very low.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell of Pampa visited in the Kinard home Sunday.

J. O. Holloway and daughter, Miss Gladys, of Liberty visited at the Ben Adams home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Belew and family called at the Bill Webb home Saturday night and listened over the radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reeves visited in Amarillo Friday and Saturday.

**BENTLEY INSURANCE CO.**  
**Fire and Tornado**  
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**A. A. LEDBETTER**  
 Attorney-at-Law  
 McLean, Texas

**PROGRAM**  
 at the  
**American Theatre**

**FRIDAY, December 9**  
 Ken Maynard in a Pioneer Western  
 "The Overland Stage"

**SATURDAY, December 10**  
 Matinee  
 "The Overland Stage"  
 Night  
 Fred Humes in  
 "Loco Luck"

**MONDAY & TUESDAY**  
 December 12-13  
 Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Presents  
 Lew Cody and Aileen Pringle in  
 "Tea for Three"  
 also  
 "Buffalo Bill's Last Fight"

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**  
 December 14-15  
**Zane Grey's**  
 "Drums of the Desert"  
 with Warner Baxter, Ford Sterling and Marietta Milner  
 The King of all Outdoor Dramas!  
 With five hundred Navajo braves.  
 Taken on the exact locale described by the author. Thrills, actions and romance galore!

**THE COMPLETE MEAL**

No meal is complete without the meat course, but you want to be sure your meat is of the best quality. You know that when you buy here. Free delivery with grocery orders. Telephone 23.

**Palace Meat Market**  
 Virgil Threet, Manager  
 McLean, Texas

**PRESENTS THAT WILL PLEASE**

At this store you will find the most wonderful array of gifts for men, women and children it has ever been our privilege to show you. A large shipment is now on display for your inspection. Presents that are useful and will please everyone.

**Blankets**

We still have a large assortment of warm blankets for the cold weather. The prices have been sharply reduced.

OUTINGS in great variety at reduced prices.

Don't fail to see our stock this Christmas.

**C. M. Stone & Co.**  
 Phone 153 Better Quality McLean, Texas