

School News of ALANREED

The seniors, with the help of the juniors, put on their play, "Peeping Through a Keyhole," Friday night to a well-filled house. It was an excellent play and efficiently portrayed. Supt. Knight deserves much praise for his long and tireless efforts in putting the play on. Proceeds of the play go for the senior trip.

The people of the community met Monday for school ground improvement. Swings and giant slides were repaired, a new slide put up, the ground was leveled around the giant slide and merry-go-round, and grass was set out on the grounds.

The Rainbow girls from McLean are planning a skating party at the Alanreed skating rink soon.

Betty Allen has been absent due to her brother's illness.

Virginia Hill was absent from school Monday.

Ella Mae Castleberry visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Castleberry, Sunday.

The Church of Christ members are having a skating party Monday night.

Mickey Allen, a 6th grade boy, is in the Groom hospital recuperating from an appendectomy.

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No date has been set for his return home.
Ann Hill and Jean Fish were absent Monday due to illness.

5th Grade News:

Beth Hall went to Pampa Saturday and attended the J. C. Daniel show.

Pansy Castleberry visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Castleberry Sunday.

Jo Dean Trout visited her grandmother from Clarendon, who is in the Groom hospital.

Jeanne Sherrod's Sunday School class planned to go coon hunting the past Saturday night, but it rained, so they had a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter. Everyone had a nice time. Pansy Castleberry spent Monday night with Jeanne Sherrod.

Those who visited in the Sherrod home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sherrod and Mr. and Mrs. Walsler and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cockerham and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Matthews of Clarendon Sunday.

Mrs. John Goldston and Vernon of Clarendon were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Goldston and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Welsh of Amarillo visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith and family during the week-end.

Barbara McNear spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. James McNear of Brice.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hall and children, Beth, Jack, and Kay, visited Sunday with Mickey Allen, who is in the Groom hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hill and sons were dinner guests of Mrs. Hill's mother, Mrs. J. T. Blakney. Mr. and Mrs. Add Prock are the grandparents of a girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Addie Prock of near Memphis.

Those to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Brown Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rhodes of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rhodes and daughter of Ashola, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mauldin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green of Borger, and Mrs. Loren Rhodes and son of Amarillo. Maborn Trout is in the Groom hospital for a medical check-up.

Personality:
Willie Marie Davis was born in

NEWS FROM KELLERVILLE

Mrs. Mary Boydston was honored on her 89th birthday with a dinner in the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. B. Kiser. Movie pictures were taken of the group and the birthday cake by C. J. Merrick of Groom. Relatives and friends attending were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Merrick and Marly and R. P. Boydston of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Merrick and Janie, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Berry James, Cora Venall, Elizabeth and Nella, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Knapp, Lawrence and Laura Jean, of Groom, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gibson, Mrs. Leta Phillips and Judy of Amarillo, Mrs. Cora Harris of Erick, Okla., Mrs. Ethel Ricketts of Clinton, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kiser, Sanford and Phil of McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elliott, Feleise, Wayne, and Don, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kiser of Kellerville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. West, Marjorie and June, spent the week-end visiting relatives in Oklahoma. Mr. West's mother, Mrs. Elnora West, returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. Rachel Vance of Panhandle

Bill Mounce, Barney Myatt, and Arvin Smith arrived home Wednesday from New Mexico A. and M. Las Cruces, to spend the Easter holidays. Mounce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Mounce, Myatt the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Myatt, and Smith the son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ledbetter of Compton, Calif., former McLean residents, announce the birth of a son, James Edwin, on April 2. He weighed 7 pounds and one-half ounce.

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Alanreed on October 22, 1932. She is president of the Junior class, and is active in all sports. Willie has a very pretty olive complexion, brown hair, and brown eyes. Her dream man must have black hair, blue eyes, and a nice personality. Willie's ambition is to be a nurse. She works at the Alanreed telephone office. Her favorite song is "Till the End of Time," and she doesn't have a favorite teacher.

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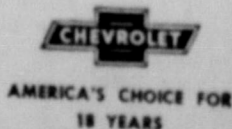
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Mrs. Herman Hunt and Ray Hunt of McLean, Fred and Glenn Hunt and Mrs. Kefneith Preston of Amarillo attended the funeral March 31 of Mary Jane Hunt, wife of J. Ernest Hunt, at Bakersfield, Calif. She died March 23 at her home in Norfolk, Va. Survivors include her husband, two sons, Gary K. and Michael, and five brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris and Mary visited relatives in Elk City, Okla., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamlin are moving this week to a ranch north of Canadian.

Mrs. Mary Reynolds of Cloris, N. M., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. R. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shirley and son of Sunray visited in the home of Mrs. Shirley's brother, Ray Gossett.

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and Herb Chase returned Sunday from a fishing trip to Elephant Butte near Hot Springs N. M.

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Cooperation Needed for P.T. A

Editor's Note: This is another series of articles concerning Parent-Teacher Associations, and the importance of the principal's participation in the organization. This article is a series of questions and answers.)

Question: What part has the principal in the administration of a Local Parent-Teacher Association?

Answer: He is a member of the executive committee; he is invited to sit in all committee meetings, such as program, membership, and study group. He can render much valuable aid in planning the work of these committees, and it is a courtesy due to be invited to participate.

Question: Can a P.T. A. function efficiently without the cooperation of the principal and faculty?

Answer: No. The name is a designated word and the success of the organization depends upon the harmonious cooperation of parents and teachers.

Question: When organizing, who sends out the call for the first meeting?

Answer: Usually the principal of the school. He generally presides at the meeting also, stating the purpose of the meeting and conducting the election of a temporary chairman.

Question: Does the attitude of the principal influence the success or failure of an organization?

Answer: Undoubtedly so. By wise guidance the principal can make a helpful unit or because of his lack of interest it may become unmindful of the work for which it was organized.

Question: Is the P.T. A. primarily a money-making organization?

Answer: No. Funds are needed, however, to carry on the work of an organization. Securing and appropriating these funds are under the direction of a finance and audit committee with the advice of the principal. Methods of raising funds should be dignified and ethical; a budget should be adopted at the opening of the year and an audit made before the close of the year, and these should be accepted by the association.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wilson of Hereford spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Anderson Jr. and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris King left Sunday for a business trip to Dallas. They are attending the furniture convention.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fulbright and Mrs. Dolph Burrows visited over the week-end in Abilene with Miss Irma Ruth Fulbright and Mrs. Barney Fulbright. Mrs. Burrows returned Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Fulbright made a trip from there to Temple.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simpson were Mr. and Mrs. Porter Smulcer and Mrs. Smulcer of Wichita Falls.

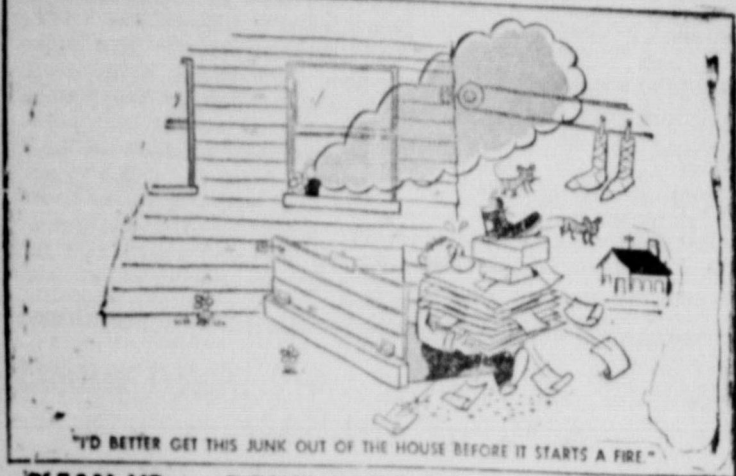
Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spencer were Sunday visitors in Canyon and Mo Duro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore returned Friday after a visit in Oklahoma with Mrs. Moore's mother.

Miss Tommy Nichols and Mrs. Graham were Sunday visitors in Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cooke spent the week-end in Borger visiting the home of their son, Joe Cooke and family.

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Pioneer Club Has Meeting in Home Of Mrs. Thomas

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, March 31, in the home of Mrs. Bob Thomas, with Mrs. J. D. Coleman and Mrs. June Woods as co-hostesses. The affair was the annual April Pools party. Plans for a style show, to be held here April 28, were discussed. Mrs. Clyde Magee, president, presided at the business meeting.

Present were Mesdames J. D. Coleman, Jesse Coleman, W. S. Lentz, Logan Cummings, John R. Fulmer, C. R. Griffith, Forrest Hupp, Clyde Magee, Roger Powers, Earl Stubbiefield, Bill Webb, J. B. Hembree and Bob Thomas.

Mrs. W. C. Shull visited last Friday in Childress.

Jolene Fulmer and Amso Stokes to Be Wed Here June 4

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Fulmer of McLean announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Jolene, to Amso Stokes of Portales, N. M.

The wedding vows will be exchanged in McLean June 4. Both Miss Fulmer and Mr. Stokes are students at Eastern New Mexico College at Portales.



McLean
Lions Club
Tuesday, 12:05

Lions Hall - Visitors Welcome

Do you tell time by Baby?

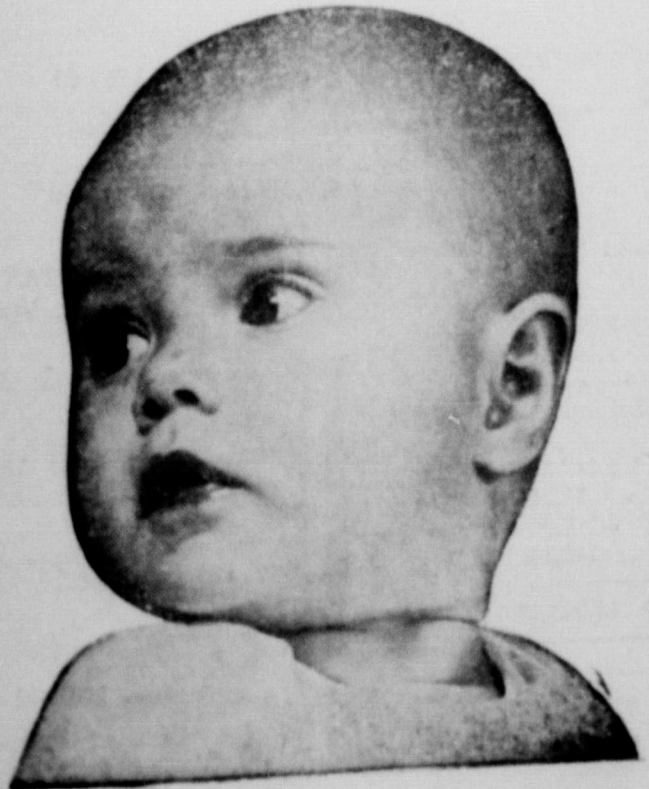
At his feeding times, yes. He sounds off on the dot when a meal's due. But the rest of your day, you're wise to depend on electric clocks.

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Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Henderson of Elk City visited Sunday in the home of his sister, Mrs. B. E. Caudill.

Mrs. Robert Reel and son Bobby of Oksdale, Wash., came last week for a visit with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Langham.

Mrs. W. H. Douglas and children of Santa Fe, N. M., Mrs. Elmer Decket of Mountainair, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Meier and daughter of Amarillo were week-end visitors in the Stratton and Switzer homes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jones were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bigham in Lefors.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wetsel of Lefors were visitors in McLean Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. La'e Smallwood visited Friday and Sunday in Claremont with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pittman and Mrs. R. L. Smallwood. Mrs. W. E. Means of Dallas visited here last week with her brother, Mr. Smallwood.

Mrs. C. O. Cooper and Mrs. Neil Cooper and son of Canyon, and Miss Mary Lee Cooper of Amarillo were week-end visitors in the John Cooper home.

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J. W. Sullivan visited last week in Hereford with his mother, Mrs. G. W. Sullivan.

J. M. Payne returned Saturday from a business trip to Dallas.

Cecil Simpson, Mrs. Jim Simpson, and Miss Iva Nora Simpson accompanied Mrs. Marvin Simpson to Plainview Saturday where she received a medical examination.



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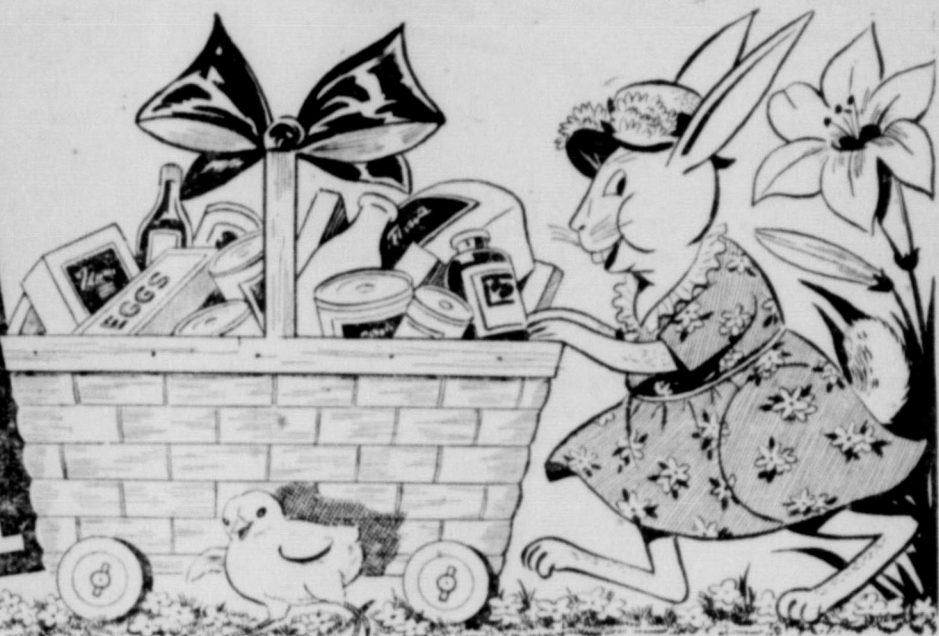
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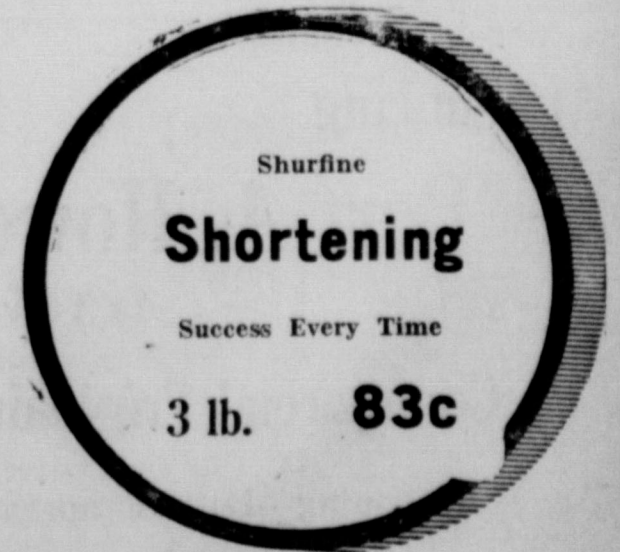
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MAKE IT PAY AND/OR BUST!

THE FOLLOWING IS PART OF an editorial which appears in the March 23 issue of the Pathfinder News magazine. Since it expresses our sentiments, we are reproducing it.

A depression of serious proportions may well be unleashed upon the nation if the administration's bill for higher postal rates is made law in its present form.

The increase in postal rates proposed are ruinously high. They would force out of business practically all magazines and many newspapers, particularly those that rely most on the mails for their distribution. There would be disastrous effects upon the paper, printing, and allied industries, and, in turn, upon millions of families that depend upon them for their livelihood. The resulting drop in the post office's business would even endanger jobs of thousands of postal employees.

Even more serious would be the effect upon our entire national economy. Our nation's huge business structure and high standard of living have been built on a foundation of mass production, mass distribution, and mass selling. These are made possible only by wide distribution of magazines, newspapers and other forms of advertising and promotion, largely by mail. Few people realize how absolutely indispensable are the services of the Post Office Department to our nation's economic stability. Make these too costly to use and the country could head for economic disaster. Everyone would suffer—except Stalin and his gang, who hope fervently for a depression in the U. S.

Such drastic boosts in rates would cost the government more in taxes than it would gain in postal revenue. As little as a 1% drop in our national income would mean the loss in taxes of \$300 million—more than the additional postage revenue sought. And the drop could be very much more than that.

We are fortunate in having the finest, most efficient postal service in the world. It should not be expected to show a profit, or even be self-sustaining. Many government agencies are not. The Department of Agriculture alone cost \$34 million last year to operate, and is well worth it, though it serves only part of our population. The Post Office Department, on the other hand, serves anyone, yet in the last ten years it paid all but 9% of its own way.

LES TALK
BY LESTER

Been thinking more and more about the \$50,000 bond issue election which has been called for next Tuesday. Been thinking more and more about what such a structure would mean to McLean.

The city now has a bonded indebtedness of \$98,000. The payments on the bonds would be extended out in a longer period of time. Taxes would not have to be raised, although it should be understood that paying out the bonds would take longer than the present schedule. That's only natural, can't borrow \$50,000 and not owe more than you did before.

However, taking into consideration the benefits of such a building as is proposed, it seems worth it to me. I've heard some say that the building wouldn't be worth anything to them. Maybe it wouldn't. But generally, those same people probably won't be paying taxes here as long as I probably will be. I'm not exactly a spring chicken, but I'm only 32 years of age, and chances are I'll be living for at least 30 more years. Chances are I'll still be living here if I don't get run out of town first. Chances are I'll pay my part of the cost of the building in taxes.

And yet I'm still in favor of it. Now this building will be quite something. It will not only house the city offices, library, and the school and county tax collectors offices, but also will be ideal for a municipal auditorium.

The auditorium will also be built so that it can be used as a gym by the school. The school cannot build a new gym, although they need one badly. But the school is simply not financially able to do so. It's all the school board can do to meet its present bonded indebtedness payments now.

Some say if we can build an auditorium, or gym if you want to call it that, why can't we use the money for a new grade school building? The answer is very, very simple. The city cannot legally build a school building, but the city can legally build an auditorium which can be used as a gym. The city cannot legally give one penny to the school system, and neither can the school give anything to the city. Another thing is that the cost of a school building, adequately large to take care of the grade school needs, costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, not just fifty thousand.

So, if you want to argue against the proposed auditorium, don't bring up the grade school building. That isn't logical.

If you've read this far, you gather that I am strongly in favor of the proposed building.

It could have a multitude of uses, all for the good of the community. First, it could be used as a gym for the school. McLean could play host to many many teams from many, many towns. The crowds could be cared for at a district boxing meet, or a district basketball meet.

But aside from the use of the building for school purposes, the structure could have many other purposes. The building will probably have a stage at one end. Folding chairs can be bought to be placed on the floor, and large crowds can be accommodated at many different types of programs. No longer would the high school auditorium have to be utilized for every function which comes along. Yes, I have seen the high school auditorium full and practically running over. This occurs every year at graduation time, and I imagine it has occurred at other times.

Then, too, suppose we get progressive and decide to hold a four-county fair, with exhibitions of various kinds, including livestock. Suppose we get our good neighbors around McLean in Gray, Wheeler, Collingsworth, and Donley counties interested in such a fair. Livestock could be exhibited in the building—it wouldn't hurt the floor if proper preparations are made. Canning, cooking, and all other kinds of exhibits could be made.

The building could also be equipped with kitchen facilities. Then it could be used for large gatherings where food is served.

Where would such ranchers as J. L. Hess entertain members of the Top of Texas Breeders Association at a barbecue if he should choose to do so now? He could, of course, entertain them at his ranch, but the weather might interfere when it came eating time. That is just one example—there are certainly plenty more.

Oh, I could go on and on about the many uses such a building would be good for. But you know them as well as I do. To my way of thinking, such a building would be one of the greatest assets this little town could have. It's true we'll be paying for it

for a long time to come. But unless we get something here in the way of progress, we'll pay harder through a loss of population, business, school enrollment, and many other things.

I have been told that never in the history of McLean has a bond issue proposed by the city failed to pass. The people have agreed with the members of the council in the past on bond issues which their representatives have believed to be for the good of the town. I am hoping that the 100 per cent batting average thus far will continue 100 per cent after April 19. As you can easily see, I am

trying to convince you to vote for the bond issue. I am not a fence-rider on practically any issue that comes up. I take the side I believe is right. I hope that you will take the side that you believe is right, too.

However, I also hope enough people get on the side I think is right to okay the bond issue.

Then, if the attorney general of the state of Texas approves the bond issue too, we can have a wonderful building. Remember, even after voters approve the bonds the attorney general must also okay them before they can be issued.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND DISBURSEMENTS
CITY OF McLEAN**

Fiscal Years	General Fund for Years 1947-48		1948-49	
	1947-1948	1948-1949	1948-1949	1948-1949
	Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Cash Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on Hand April 1st	1947—\$18,805.57		1948—\$ 6,617.31	
Band Expense		\$ 5,720.43		\$ 2,505.52
Band Revenue	848.00			
Bonds Paid from General Fund		9,100.00		
Cemetery Expense		462.20		801.65
Cemetery Revenue	831.66		383.50	
Donations		56.87		38.48
Fire Boys		241.00		274.00
Fire Department Equipment				1,251.35
Freight and Express		61.47		103.86
Franchise Tax Collections	1,371.57		1,492.98	
Gas Revenue	32,059.12		33,038.82	
Gas Co. Labor		8,010.90		8,910.05
Gas Co. Material and Repairs		9,505.08		17,310.20
Gas and Oil for Pick-ups and Truck		855.33		810.36
Garbage Revenue	3,188.85		3,231.22	
Garbage and Sanitation Expense		2,487.55		2,984.52
Gas Royalties Paid		753.63		780.07
Gasoline Tax Refunded by State	43.18		71.75	
Hospital Building Expense		1,450.00		2,008.19
Insurance		1,282.59		1,430.90
Insurance Premiums Collected	52.67			
Jail Expenses and Repairs		389.84		5.00
McLean Public Library		856.15		790.10
Miscellaneous Labor		1,349.10		1,994.80
Miscellaneous Expense		2,796.07		2,917.52
Miscellaneous Supplies and Equipment		1,747.97		646.32
Miscellaneous Merchandise Sold	1,080.29		1,715.76	
Office Supplies and Repairs		1,495.48		1,333.82
Office Rentals	573.00		462.00	
Police and Night Watchman Labor		2,434.68		2,972.85
Park Expense		3,788.60		592.95
Power, Lights, and Street Maintenance		4,630.75		5,217.15
Paving Collections	615.38		408.25	
Penalties Collected	58.45		168.70	
Rent Revenue from Farms	425.25		490.26	
Miscellaneous Revenue			363.05	
Real Estate Easements (Gas Line)				723.25
Recreation Program				491.09
Street Maintenance Labor				836.20
Sewer Revenue	2,496.05		2,600.01	
Tapping Charges	\$7.50			
Telephone Expense		146.81		177.70
Water and Sewer System Improvements		7,091.23		2,269.11
Water System Labor		3,507.90		4,138.62
Water Revenue	15,533.40		16,424.37	
Withholding Tax Deductions from Labor		1,211.00		870.70
Cash on Hand		6,617.31		2,241.65
		\$78,049.94		\$78,049.94
		\$78,049.94		\$67,467.98

TAXES 1947

Delinquent 1946 & Prior Years	\$12,733.17
Taxes Assessed 1947	9,163.34
Totals	\$21,896.51
Collections Fiscal Year 1948	\$21,896.51
1946 and Prior Years	\$ 1,142.37
Taxes Charged off	32.21
Taxes Assessed 1947-48	8,170.04
Discounts	198.74
	\$9,543.36
Total Taxes Due 1947-48	\$12,353.15
Assessed Valuations 1947	\$733,067.00 @ \$1.25
Assessed Taxes 1947	9,163.34

TAXES 1948

Taxes Assessed 1948	\$12,353.15
	10,192.77
Totals	\$22,545.92
Collections Fiscal Year 1949	\$22,545.92
1947 and Prior	\$ 2,269.42
Penalty and Interest	365.86
Taxes Assessed	9,982.05
Discounts	210.72
	\$12,828.05
Total Taxes Due 1948-49	\$ 9,717.87
Assessed Value 1948	\$816,038.00
Assessed Taxes	10,192.77

Paving Certificates Due

Paving Certificates Due April 1st, 1947	\$3,470.78
Paving Certificates Canceled	620.03
Balance Due	\$2,850.75
Paving Certificates Due April 1st, 1948	\$2,850.75
Collections	408.25
Balance Due	\$2,442.50

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Society

Wesleyan Service Guild to Install Officers Sunday

Officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church will be installed at ceremonies at the church Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock. The program will be as follows: song, "This Is My Father's World"; prayer, Mrs. Paul Kennerly; scripture, Mrs. Guy Hibler; Wesleyan Guild, Mrs. Hill; hymn, Mrs. Victor Cliett; installation of officers; third stanza of hymn, "Now the Day is Over"; benediction, Mrs. Bob Mack.

Montevideo is the capital of Uruguay.

Iva Nora Simpson Named Honoree At Bridal Shower

A shower, honoring Miss Iva Nora Simpson, bride-elect of Bobby Cliett was held at the home of Mrs. Alma Weaver Monday night.

Hostesses were Mrs. R. L. McDonald, Mrs. R. L. Appling, Mrs. H. W. Grigsby, Mrs. E. L. Price, and Mrs. Velma Betchan.

Mrs. Grigsby registered guests at the door and Misses Mary Lee Stevens and Mildred Carpenter served punch and cookies.

Attending were Mesdames Wayne Erister, Maude Powell, Robert Howard, Lloyd Simpson, Homer Abbott, Jim Simpson, Evelyn Cobb, Bill Boyd, A. E. Carpenter, J. M. Stevens, J. C. Holloway, Bill Earles, Elizabeth Miller, W.

L. Copeland, Elton Johnston, Hal Mounce, Marvin Simpson, Leo Gibson, Victor Cliett, George Humphreys, Ruth Caudill, and Misses Vergie Smith and Grace Wilson.

Sending gifts were Mesdames Joe Simpson, H. M. Roth, Noah Smith, T. A. Langham, Robert Reel, C. P. Callahan, Jess Ledbetter, C. R. Gray, George Yearwood, Olen Davis, Luther Stevens, Bill Pearson, D. F. Burgess, J. W. Smyth, H. L. Dorsey, Fred Cooper, Lawrence Lee, Odessa Gunn, Vita Cooke, Gladys Smulcer, Corinne Trimble, Leon Crockett, Orien Fuqua, George Anders.

Mesdames Clyde Willis, Boyd Reeves, Raymond Smith, Oran Dorsey, Fred Sligar, R. N. McMahon, Granville Boyd, Walter Simpson, Alvis Woods, Terry Cliett, E. G. Lampp, W. C. Kennedy, W. C. Simpson, Lady Bryant, G. Nicholson, Sam Jones, Mattie Graham, John Dwyer, Frank P. Wilson, F. L. Bones, James G. Smyth, B. L. Newton, and Misses Roxa Lee Jones, Sherrell Rae Dennis, Dotha Kelly, and Marnelle Ledgerwood.

Baptist W. M. U. Mission Study Held at Church

The Elizabeth Pool circle of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church held a mission study Tuesday afternoon in the church parlor, with Mrs. R. L. McDonald bringing a lesson from the book, "Stewardship in the Life of Women."

The speaker used the chapter on the woman with a needle, the stewardship of sewing. In her discussion she pointed out the help a needle can be by aiding needy people.

The cottage prayer meetings were reported and all church members are being urged to call in others and conduct prayer groups, preparatory to a revival meeting starting Sunday.

Present were Mesdames McDonald, E. L. Price, Homer Abbott, Boyd Reeves, George Colebank, Bunia Kunkel, R. L. Appling, and Luther Petty.

Ladies Auxiliary Easter Program Held at Church

The Presbyterian Ladies Auxiliary met Tuesday at the church, with Mrs. J. B. Hembree serving as leader of the following Easter program:

Prelude, "The Holy City," Mrs. Travis Stokes; devotional, Mrs. Marvin Wells; "Resurrection and Life," Mrs. Hembree; prayer, Mrs. Hembree; "Holy Week," Mrs. Arthur Erwin; "Gardens in the Bible," Mrs. J. B. Rice; solo, "One Day," June Bender; "The Easter Moment," Mrs. F. H. Bourland; "Missionary Names and Prayer," Mrs. Cort Meyers; Mizpah benediction.

Present were Mesdames Mittle

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McLAUGHLIN ILL

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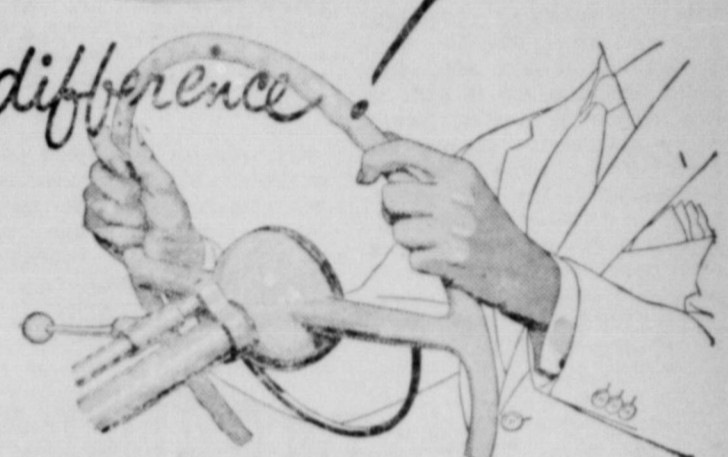
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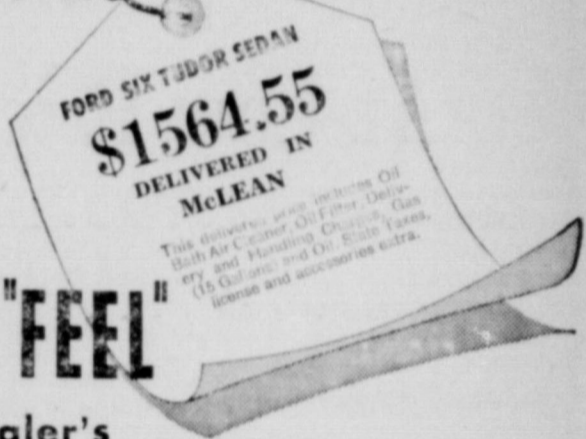
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	BLACKEYED PEAS	Kimbell's Fresh	2 No. 2 cans	25c	
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SOCIETY

John S. Pakan Is Given Party On 10th Birthday

John Samuel Pakan was honored with a party on his 10th birthday April 9.
 Games were played and were directed by Mrs. Dusan Pakan of Shamrock. Refreshments were served to the following:
 Betty Ruth Dickinson, Maureen Miller, Marilyn Patterson, Dorothy Marie Pakan, Helen Ruth Pakan, Bob and Jerry Stubblefield, Cleland Mehary, Don Woodrome, John Pakan, Mrs. Dusan Pakan, and Mr. and Mrs. Miro Pakan. Sending gifts were Martha Joyce Hrncliar and Derry Daniel Hrncliar of Shamrock, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Budinsky of Chicago, and Mrs. Christine Pakan of Shamrock.

Friendship Class Has Anniversary Party at Church

Members of the Friendship Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church held their first anniversary luncheon Tuesday at the church parlor.
 A birthday cake with a single candle centered the dining table, and about 25 class members and guests were in attendance.
 Mrs. Frank Howard, class president, was in charge of a short program. The devotional was brought by Mrs. E. L. Price, teacher, and Mrs. Howard sang a solo, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Paul Miller. This was followed by an informal discussion on the benefits derived from the class meetings.

Methodist WSCS Meeting Is Held In Church Parlor

The W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church met April 12 in the church parlor, with Mrs. Ellen Wilson as leader of the program.
 The program was as follows: song, "Lead Me to Calvary"; devotional, "He Is Risen"; "What Does Easter Mean to Me?" Mrs. R. N. Ashby; "Evangelism in Latin America," Mrs. S. A. Cousins.
 An announcement was made that the Wesleyan Guild will hold an installation service Sunday evening. No meeting of the Society will be held next Tuesday, as members will attend the

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district conference at Clarendon. Present were Mesdames Cousins, H. A. Longino, J. L. Hess, Frank Wilson, Ellen Wilson, Dyer, R. D. Patterson, J. E. Kirby, Ashby, W. E. Bogan, and Smith.

Students—

(Continued from page 1)

auditorium will have a seating capacity of about 1,000. When it is used as a gymnasium, it would provide space for basketball and boxing, tournaments, and other programs which require more room.

With adequate facilities, larger crowds would come to McLean when programs and tournaments are held here. These crowds would in all probability make a decided difference in the sales of drug stores, cafes, and other businesses.

The large part of the burden of paying for this structure would not be paid by you, the voters of the bonds but by us, the beneficiaries of the structure, for the retiring of the bonds must not exceed 30 years with not more than 4 per cent interest bearing.

Most people of McLean that oppose such a building are people that are self-centered and for the most part could be classed as stingy. As a future voter, I believe it is time for the people of McLean to quit being so self-centered and provide by their means adequate facilities for the students here. The first step in this direction would be by voting "yes" for the construction of this new gymnasium.

Jack Collie Is Accidentally Shot

Jack Collie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Collie of McLean, was accidentally shot in the leg when a .32 caliber rifle was discharged as he was hunting last Saturday. Collie has been working for Gerald Patterson's dairy at Jericho.

Mrs. Luther Petty and grandson, Vernon Kennedy, returned home Sunday morning from Amarillo, where they attended the Panhandle Press Association convention at the Herring Hotel. They also visited with Mrs. Zora Kennedy, and in the home of Riley Scott, Mrs. Mary Collier, and Mrs. Ethel Hodges, former McLean residents.

Dan Deen of Merkel visited this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dickinson.

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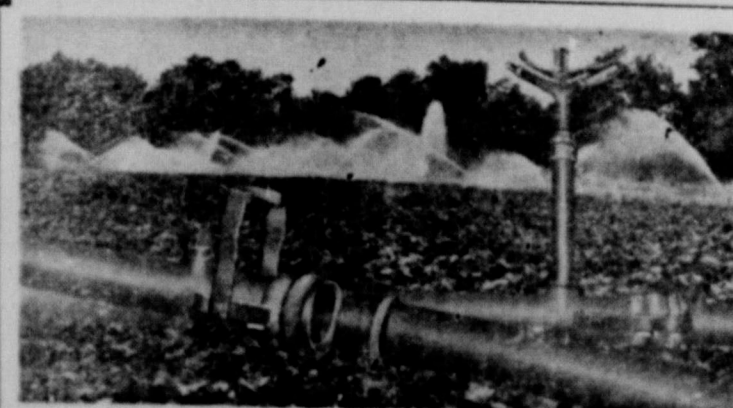


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Your present City Board has worked hard on this proposition from every possible angle. There is no legal method for our city to finance a school project with city funds. It must be a city project, if it is financed by the city. To do otherwise, would be against the law.

We know that the McLean school needs a suitable gymnasium and can realize a larger enrollment in the school with one that is up to requirements in size and meets state regulations for athletics.

This election has been called to give the qualified taxpaying voters a chance to decide upon the only sound and legal plan we can offer. The city can build a combined city office and auditorium on the city owned lots across the street north of the present city offices, AND the auditorium in this building can be used by the school as a gymnasium, but it MUST be a city auditorium.

Our present outstanding bonded indebtedness requires a tax rate of \$1.40 per hundred to retire them as they mature in both principal and interest. We are at present making an assessment of only \$1.25.

In order to call this election, it was necessary for us to call all of our present outstanding bonds for a refunding issue of new bonds which will all mature by 1979 rather than 1963 which is the maturity date of the last of our present outstanding bonds.

If this election carries and we build the new city auditorium, it will take 16 years longer for all of these new bonds to mature, but we can retire them by assessing a tax rate of only \$1.14 per hundred, which is a reduction in tax rate, if we want it.

Whether or not the election carries, we must now go through with this refunding anyway, as we had to call our present bonds in order to be able to call the election.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Aldermen:
 O. G. Stokely
 E. J. Lander
 R. T. Dickinson
 Roger Powers
 Guy Hibler
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