

GENERAL RAINS OVER ENTIRE COUNTY BENEFIT GRAIN AND RANGES

Burglars Loot Two Safes of \$700 In Raids Sunday Night

HAUNTED BY TEAR GAS BOMB DEVICE

Safe Away When Door To Open
The safes of stores Sunday night, with an estimated \$700 worth of contents were hauled away by burglars who were unable to open the safes. The burglars had been unable to open the safes in the stores and the contents were found Monday morning.

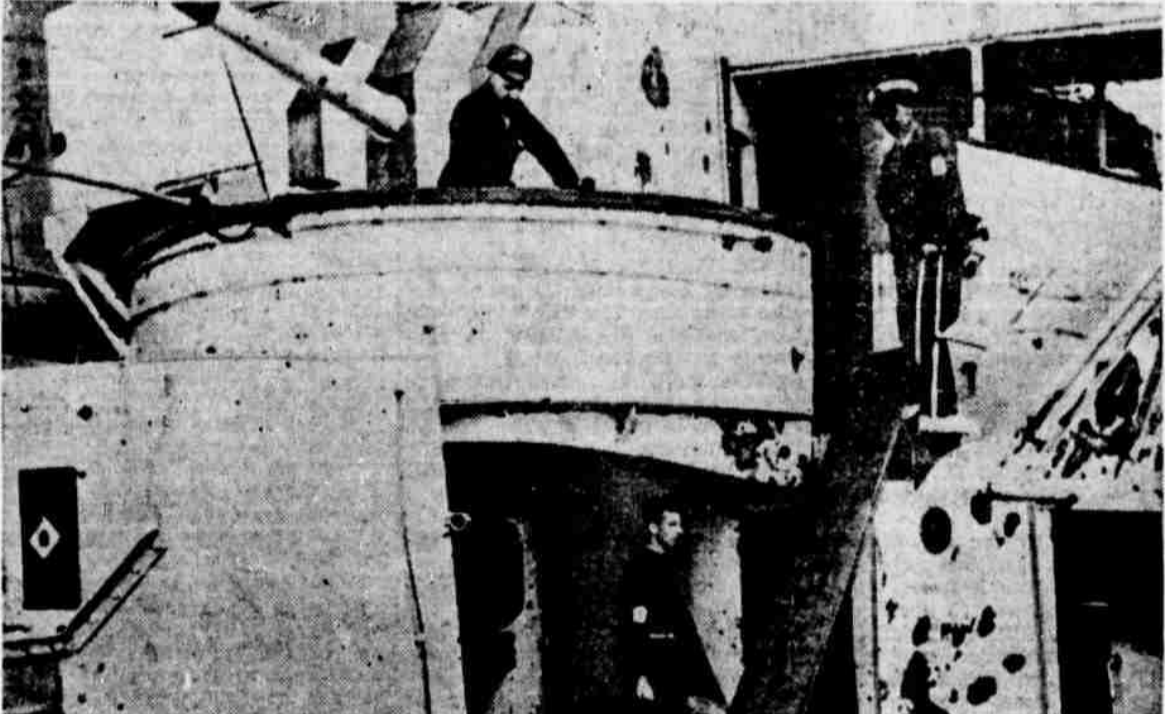
APPROVAL OF WPA GRANT ASSURED BY STATE DIRECTOR

\$50,000 To Be Appropriated For WPA Labor on Highway Project

Assurance of an appropriation of \$50,000 of WPA funds for highway labor to be used in completion of Highway No. 120, was granted by H. P. Drought, State Director of Works Progress Administration Monday morning.

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Demand for full satisfaction for the bombing of H. M. S. Ladybird, British gunboat which was damaged during the Japanese airplane bombardment of the U. S. S. Panay, has been made by the British government. Photograph shows the shrapnel-scarred vessel. An earlier "explanation" was rejected by the British cabinet and a blunt demand was made that a full explanation and indemnity be forthcoming.

YOUNG FARMER KILLED IN TRUCK-AUTO CRASH NEAR HASKELL FRIDAY

New Candidate Is Listed Today For Precinct Office

I. A. Leonard, prominent Haskell county farmer and long-time resident of this section, is added to the list of candidates for office in Haskell county since our last issue. Mr. Leonard will be a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct 2 in the coming Democratic Primary, he stated while a visitor in the Free Press office Monday. With his announcement, twenty candidates are now listed for various county and precinct offices.

J. L. Howard, 22, Is Victim; Brother and Companion Are Injured

The first fatal traffic accident of the year in Haskell county late Friday evening claimed the life of J. L. Howard, 22-year-old farmer of the Howard community who was instantly killed in a car and truck collision on Highway 30 one mile south of the square. Two others in the car with the victim, a brother, Hollis Howard and O. A. Treadwell were injured and have been confined in a Stamford hospital since the accident.

ACC Cagers To Play Haskell Club Tuesday

The Abilene Christian College academy cagers will play the Haskell high school quintet here Tuesday night at the local school gymnasium. A game will also be watched for the Haskell junior club, announces Coach Perry Mason.

Local Members Are Guests at Wichita Falls CC Banquet

Members of the local Chamber of Commerce were special guests at the annual banquet of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce Thursday night.

SUNSET WINNER IN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT RULE

Mattson Is Runner-Up And Lueders Consolation Winner

Sunset basketeers, with an undefeated record swept through the Rule basketball tournament to finish in top place. Winning all their games by wide margins as they have practically every game this season, they easily copied first position in the three-day round-robin play, leaving Mattson the runner-up prize.

Winners Named In Home Economics Girls' Contest

Winners have been named in the sewing contest of the first year Home Economics class of Haskell high school. Based on workmanship, individuality, and style first place was awarded to Virginia Heath, second to Marjorie Busby, third to Martha Post, fourth, Myrta Bob Barch, fifth, Patsy Pate, and sixth Doris Hamner.

Subscription Expired?

Look at the address on this newspaper. If after your name it reads . . . 1-15-38 It indicates that your subscription expired on January 15th, 1938. . . . 12-1-37 means that your time was out on December 1, 1937. The Semi-Weekly Free Press is now the greatest subscription bargain ever offered by any Haskell County newspaper. \$1.00 1 year In Haskell and Adjoining Counties Is less than one cent per copy. Is less than postage if you paid it. Let us have your renewal now before this offer is withdrawn. More than 400 Haskell County people have taken advantage of this offer since January 1st. . . . Are You Among Them?

TWO-DAY RAINFALL TOTALS 1.02 INCHES

START TRIAL OF DAMAGE SUIT IN DISTRICT COURT

Former Section Hand Asks \$10,000 Damages For Alleged Injuries

Testimony in the case of J. V. Turnbow vs. Panhandle and Santa Fe Railroad company, damage suit, had almost been completed Monday afternoon in District Court. Turnbow is asking \$10,000 for alleged permanent injuries received while working for the railroad company in 1936 as a section hand. He claims to have received permanent injury while lifting crosses on the railroad almost two years ago.

Moisture Followed By Dust Storms And Low Temperatures

A slow drizzle Friday night terminated with drenching rains throughout Saturday night thoroughly covered this section and gave relief to grain farmers and cattlemen.

The downpour Saturday night and early Sunday morning in Haskell resulted in .92 inches of moisture and with Friday's showers brought the total to 1.02 inches. Badly needed by grain farmers, the rains were a bonanza to wheat, oats and barley, which had started suffering from lack of moisture. Although, still insufficient, the rainfall will revive grass lands report cattlemen who were facing dried tanks.

Moisture in the northern part of the county was reported much heavier in sections with heaviest precipitation in the Weinert area. An electrical storm, accompanied by a light downpour of hail that completely covered the ground early Friday morning, followed by a short torrential downpour increased moisture there. Driven by high winds the small pellets of hail covered the ground almost two inches in depth before falling rain melted them.

Albany Man Is Seriously Hurt In Auto Wreck

George Fletcher, 60, Albany resident, received serious, if not fatal injuries, when his automobile struck a calf on the highway six miles south of here Monday evening and overturned four or five times.

The injured man, discovered by a passing motorist, was carried to a Stamford hospital. Extent of his injuries were still undetermined until further examination by hospital attendants is completed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses issued from the office of Jason Smith, county clerk during the past week are: Walter G. Decker, Jr., and Sophia Louise Arend; Harold B. Leathers and Johnnie Jones; Clarence L. Cross and Creola Phillips; and Harvey Leo Holt and Mary Alice Davis.

TWO NEW LOCATIONS STAKED IN COUNTY

Complete Final Signing of AAA Papers This Week

With the exception of a few signers, all final applications for payment in compliance with the 1937 agricultural farm program have been mailed back to College Station, stated B. W. Chesser, county farm agent, today. Farmers have been signing final application papers totaling almost a thousand at the rate of a hundred per day and the work is almost completed. However a few, although they have been notified, have not signed these final applications which are necessary before payments are made, and these will be held up until signatures can be obtained.

Wildcat Test To Be Drilled Twelve Miles South of Haskell

Two tests were staked this week-end in Haskell county, one a wildcat twelve miles south and a mile east of Haskell, and the other an extension test in the extreme southeast corner of the county near the Shackelford county line.

The productive area of the shallow field in the southeastern part of the county is extended by the test being drilled by the Superior Oil Company, with a combination rotary and standard tools slotted to spud in Monday. Rigging up was completed Sunday. The 4,000 foot test is located in the southeast corner of the north-east quarter of subdivision No. 3 A. Rodequer survey. This test is a northwest extension of the 1,630 foot producing area.

ASK FUNDS FROM STATE COMMISSION

Appeared Before Commission in Austin
The Haskell County Court, representative of the Chamber of Commerce and County Judge will appear before the State Commission in Austin in interest of the construction of highway No. 120. The commission will ask the Commission to grant to Haskell a half million dollars for the highway. The commission will meet with the County Court and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Highway Commission at the Perkins Timberlake store.

Appeared Before Commission in Austin

Those that will make the trip to Austin to appear before the Highway Commission are: Dr. T. W. Williams, president of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, Bill Rife and P. G. Kendrick, Commissioners, Charlie Conner, County Judge, and Porter Campbell, Rule representative.

Goos To Dallas Market

Mr. J. J. Tucker, owner and manager of the Style Shoppe went to Dallas Saturday to buy Spring merchandise for his store. A complete stock of ladies-ready-to-wear will be purchased, Mr. Tucker stated. He will return Tuesday.

Basketball Games Funds To Be Given

Proceeds of basketball games between rival teams in celebration of the President's birthday, will be donated to the fund for the support of the newly created National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

First of the serious of games will be played between Rule and Haskell at the local school gymnasium Friday, January 28. Other games have been scheduled between Weinert and Mattson at Weinert, and Rochester and O'Brien. Dates for these two games will be announced later.

The entire proceeds of these games will be turned in to this organization, which was established at the President's request to perpetuate the fight for the control of this disease in every precinct in America wherever there is need for the prosecution of such efforts.

In previous years funds raised by the President's birthday celebrations have been divided 30 per cent to Warm Springs Foundation and 70 per cent retained by the local groups for local aid to crippled children.

Realizing the necessity for a nationally organized drive against infantile paralysis, President Roosevelt, on September 23, 1937, announced formation of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to "lead, direct and unify the fight on every phase of this disease."

Medical authorities, public health officers and civic leaders throughout the nation have enthusiastically approved the Foundation and its plan of organizing the battle against infantile paralysis on a national basis.

The foundation will attack the problem on four fronts; scientific research, epidemic first aid, proper care-disseminating to doctors and parents the present and the new knowledge for proper care which may prevent sad after-effects, such as crooked backs, curvature of the spine, twisted bodies, contracted limbs; grants of money to orthopedic centers, hospitals and clinics for combating human wreckage.

With an impressive season of a club towering over six feet with rangy and accurate forwards that led them to the finals in the Abilene high school tournament last week, which was won by the Eagles.

Of the three or four game schedule the ACC club has been playing since the season started only three games have been lost. After losing 38 to 12 from the Sunset club in the Rule tournament this past week-end the Indians stand little chance against ACC according to fans. However in the tournament they defeated Weinert 26 to 23.

Game time has been called at 7 p. m. Mrs. J. M. Diggs visited her son, Milam and daughter, Mary Eleanor students in Texas Tech at Lubbock this week-end.

Mrs. Andy Norris visited her daughter Geraldine, student in Texas Tech this week-end.

The O'Brien girls' basketball team won first place in the three-day tournament at Weinert, ending Saturday night. Mattson girls were consolation winners, with the Bomarton team runner-ups.

Trophies were awarded by the Weinert school to the winning teams. Judges chose three forwards, one each from Weinert, Midway, Bomarton, on the all tournament team, and three guards from Mattson, O'Brien and Weinert.

Starting Thursday night ten strong West Texas teams will enter a round-robin tournament at Weinert, lasting three days, announces I. J. Duff, superintendent. Three games will be played Thursday night, Friday night and elimination among winners will continue all day Saturday and championship games will be matched Saturday night.

The following bracket has been scheduled for the teams: Thursday Night: Sunset vs. Bomarton, 6:30 p. m. Weinert vs. Mattson, 7:30 p. m. O'Brien vs. Bomarton, 8:30 p. m. Friday Night: Monday vs. Knox City, 6:30 p. m. Gore vs. winner of Sunset-Benjamin game, 7:30 p. m. Rochester vs. winner of Weinert-Mattson game, 8:30 p. m. Elimination games among the winners will be scheduled Saturday and the final play-off Saturday night.

SOCIETY

Center Point H. D. Club Has Meeting In Home of Mrs. H. F. Harwell

Center Point H. D. club met at the home of Mrs. H. F. Harwell. House was called to order at 2:30 p. m. by the president. Meeting was opened with song and prayer by Mrs. Whatley. Mrs. Bill Pennington gave council report. She stated the secretary must send in the new list of all active members and name of bedroom demonstrators. Prizes will be awarded to 3 best bed room demonstrators and 3 best reporters and each individual club will finance one delegate to short course.

There will be a training school for making home made rugs held at Miss Vaughan's office at 1:00 o'clock Jan. 31. Three women from each club will attend with material for making a rug. Mesdames W. E. Johnson, Don Bland and W. T. Morgan were selected to attend. There is to be an educational fund collected at next meeting to help send a 4-H club girl to college. Each member is asked to bring 5c Club will buy new parliamentary book out of club funds. Mrs. Fouts gave an interesting talk on practical dresser scarfs. Mrs. Moore talked on why we use scarfs.

Meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. W. E. Johnson the first Thursday in February after brief recreation. Pie and cocoa was served to the following: Mesdames H. D. Bland, T. M. Patterson, R. L. Moore, Jim Fouts, W. E. Bland, W. E. Johnson, A. B. Corzine, Odie Bland, O. J. McCain, W. T. Morgan, Bill Pennington, Bill Fouts, John Fouts, Whatley.

Visitors: Mesdames H. F. Eason, Bruce Raley, Myrtle Bland. Reporter

Cotton Doomed Unless Change Is Made Says Expert

If present conditions continue, cotton in the United States is doomed. E. R. Alexander, head of the department of agricultural education at Texas A. & M. college, told members of the Texas Agricultural Workers' association convention Saturday. The two-day 11th annual meeting at Houston ended at noon.

R. E. Manire, director of agricultural education of the state department of agriculture, Austin, presided.

Alexander said "more than 50 per cent of the consumption of American cotton has been by foreign nations until 1936-37 when it dropped to 40 per cent," and urged tariff reductions and increased purchasing power of cotton to solve the problem.

I. W. Duggan acting director of the southern division of the Agricultural Adjustment administration, Washington, D. C., suggested the South produce a supply of cotton sufficient to meet requirements for domestic consumption and exports.

Duggan said he could see nothing but a breakdown of the so-called domestic allotment plan leaving behind it bankruptcy and ruin for the South.

The Texas council of agriculture was formed at a breakfast meeting. The council is composed of the Texas Agricultural association, the Texas Cooper council, Texas Soil and Water Conservation association, Texas Farmers' union, and the Texas State grange.

Eugene Butler, editor of the Progressive Farmer of Dallas, was elected chairman.

The council voted to pass a resolution asking congress to take all the time necessary to write the farm bill, even if it becomes necessary to continue this year under the present law.

W. W. Cole of Chillicothe was awarded a silver plaque for distinguished service to Texas agriculture over a 50-year period for services in cooperative ginning over half a century.

The A-1 Feed Store will be open for business Monday in their new location in the building across the street from Hardin Lumber Co., one block east of the post office.

Sore Bleeding Gums

Only one bottle Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is needed to convince anyone. No matter how bad your case, get a bottle, use as directed, and if you are not satisfied, druggists will return your money. Oates Drug Store.

\$25.00 REWARD

Will be paid by the manufacturer for any Corn, GREAT CHRISTOPHER Corn Remedy cannot remove. Also removes Warts and Callouses. 35c at Oates Drug Store.

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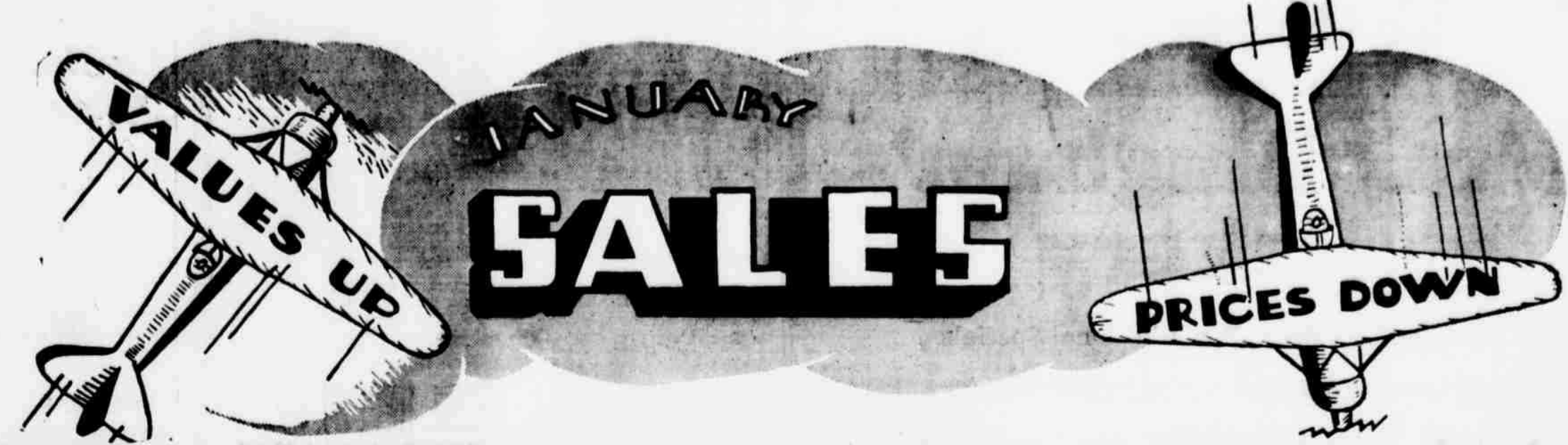
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Low Sale Prices That Will Unload Our Shelves of All Winter Goods!

MEN'S PANTS

Mens Mole Skin or Heavy Winter Pants. We don't have many of these, but while they last you can buy them for only—

\$1.29

CORDUROY PANTS

Mens Corduroy Pants. These are values to \$2.98. In our January Sale—

\$1.98

HEAVY SHIRTS

Mens Grey Part-Wool Shirts all in our January Sale. These are regular \$1.50 values for—

\$1.00

MEN'S SUITS

One group of Mens Suits for January Sale. These are exceptional values and are reduced. With two pair pants—

\$15.00

Other Suits **\$18.50**

ALL WOOL JACKETS

Mens Blue Melton All-Wool Jackets. Values to \$3.98. Reduced for January Sale—

\$2.98

All Boys Jackets Greatly Reduced

MEN'S TOP COATS

Mens Top Coats reduced for January Sale. These are all new Coats, only bought last Fall. Now is the time to buy. \$18.75 Coats reduced to—

\$12.50

Other Coats Greatly Reduced

LADIES HATS

One group of Ladies Hats by De Leon reduced. Your choice—

50c

MARCY LEE DRESSES

14 only Ladies Long Sleeve Marcy Lee Suava Crepe Dresses. These are \$2.98 dresses. Go on Sale for—

\$1.98

Be In the Crowd When the Doors Open at 8 a. m. Wednesday!

BLANKET ROBES

Ladies Blanket Robes, all greatly reduced for this January Sale. Values to \$3.49. Reduced to—

\$1.98

We will have lots of cold weather so don't overlook these Robes.

LADIES SHOES

Ladies Shoes in this sale are reduced below cost and are all leather shoes in good styles but broken sizes. Reduced to—

\$1.49

CHILDREN'S SHOES

Childrens Shoes On Sale—

\$1.00

These are all of good Star Brand Shoes, and of course you know the quality.

LADIES DRESSES

21 only Ladies Dresses go in our January Sale at this close-out price. These are values to \$5.95, on Sale for—

\$2.98

Come early and get first selection. These won't last long.

LADIES COATS

Group No. 1—Ladies Coats that were formerly sold for \$16.95. Now is the time to buy that Coat. These are reduced for January Sale to—

\$10.95

Some Are Fur Trimmed

Group No. 2—These are Coats that were bought this last Fall. All in new materials and good styles and what a value in our January Sale—

\$6.95

All Children's Coats Reduced For This Sale

Childrens and Ladies Underwear All Reduced For This January Sale

HEAVY OUTING

36 inch Heavy Weight Outing for January Sale—

10c

These are in Dark and Light Shades

SILKS REDUCED

Silks Reduced for January Sale. These are values to \$1.00. On Sale—

49c

OUTING GOWNS

Ladies Outing Gowns in assorted colors. These are of heavy weight Outing in all sizes. For this sale our \$1.00 Gowns reduced to—

79c

Other Gowns **49c**

LADIES SWEATERS

All Ladies Sweaters reduced for January Sale. These are values you can't pass by. These are in twin sweaters, also in coat style.

\$1.00 Sweaters **69c**
 \$1.69 Sweaters **98c**
 \$1.98 Sweaters **\$1.39**

VELVETEEN FABRICS

Velveteen in a good assortment of colors that go in our January Sale at this low price—

79c

SALE OF REMNANTS

Our Remnants all on sale and as you already know that means you will have to come early to get first selection.

MEN'S WORK SOX

"Men here is one for you". These Rockford Part Wool Work Sox in January Sale, Pair—

10c

MEN'S SWEATERS

Men's Heavy Pull On Sweaters in maroon and navy colors. For the cold weather ahead. In January Sale—

\$1.00

These are exceptional values. Other Sweaters reduced.

