

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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## Both of Alanreed Bank Robbers Captured and Taken to Amarillo; All Stolen Money Is Recovered

Following an unsuccessful break for liberty, E. E. Owens, who with his partner, Joe Kartey, alias John Bailey, are charged with the robbery of the Guaranty State Bank at Alanreed Friday at noon, was captured by a posse of men in a nearby ravine, and was brought to Amarillo and lodged in the Potter County Jail. The two robbers were arrested on a prairie near Alanreed Friday afternoon, after abandoning the car in which they were trying to make their get away.

Kartey, who is alleged to have had in his possession \$1,300 in silver, was being searched by the officers when Owens made a dash for the breaks. Kartey was brought to Amarillo on the train Friday afternoon. Owens being brought through the country in an automobile a few hours later. Both men declined to make any statement other than that given the officers.

The robbery of the Alanreed bank is believed by officers to have been a deliberately planned affair. The bank was entered by the two men during the noon hour and the cashier, E. B. Hedrick, was forced to lie down at the point of pistols, while the bank vaults were looted. The robbers are alleged to have got away with \$2,640.65 in silver and currency. The cashier was in the vault and the men made good their escape. The vault door was not locked, however, and a general alarm was sounded within a short time after the robbery.

The men left Alanreed in an Overland car, and were met only a few miles from the town by a searching party. They undertook to make for the breaks, but were halted on the prairie.

Officials of the Guaranty State Bank at Alanreed said Saturday that practically all of the money taken by the men had been recovered, with the possible exception of \$400. The bank was

protected by burglary insurance and no loss will be entailed.

E. E. Owens Jr. is the son of a farmer living in Gray county, and Joe Kartey, who gave his name as John Bailey, says his home is at Amucan, Ala. He is said to have been working on the Owens farm near Alanreed.

Owens declares that the reason the bank robbery was attempted was that he had made a short crop and as he intended to get married, it was necessary that he secure funds. — Amarillo Tribune.

### Former News Editor Owner of Big Producer

According to news received by his friends in McLean, a 1200 barrel oil well came in recently on property owned by A. G. Richardson at Breckenridge. Folks who learned to think a whole lot of "Rich" and his family while he lived here and edited the Sandhill Jazz, will be glad to learn of his good fortune.

According to the terms of the standard drilling contract and the present price of crude oil, Mr. Richardson is getting rich off his well at the rate of about \$400 or \$500 per day.

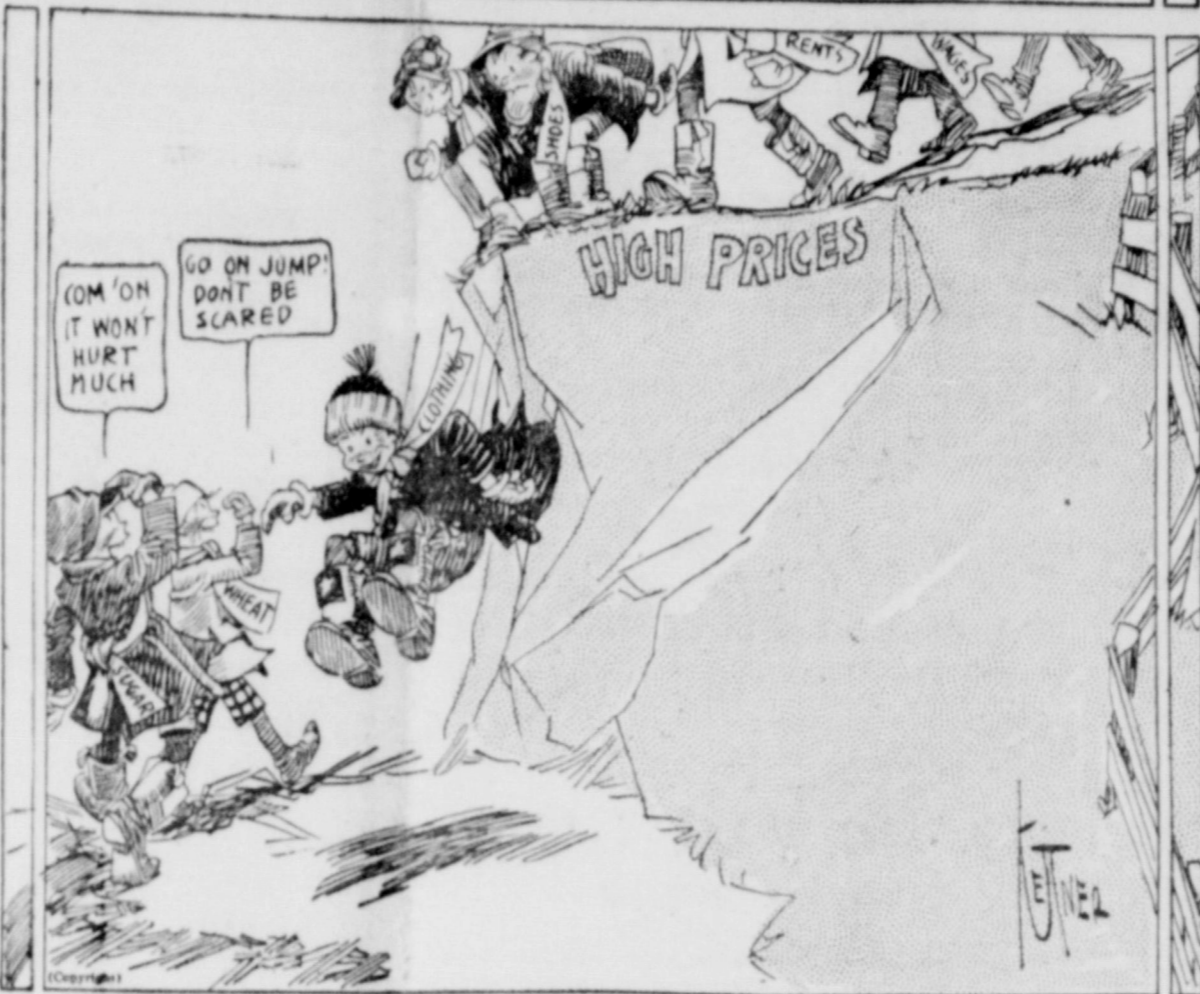
Miss Opal Davis went to Jericho Sunday, where she is employed to teach the Schaffer school, but on account of the busy wheat sowing season and no coal having been provided, it was decided to postpone the school until after Christmas, so Miss Opal returned home Monday.

Mrs. Egbert Freeman of Ramsdell returned to her home Saturday after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cash.

Mrs. S. H. Bandy left Friday for her home at Hammond, Okla., after a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ross Biggers.

Mrs. Waldrop of the Sitter community is visiting Mrs. Harry Malone this week.

## Follow the Leader



### Epworth League

Bible study questions: What was the action of Pharaoh when he learned that the Israelites had fled?

Give an account of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea and the destruction of the Egyptians. How did Moses and the children of Israel praise the Lord for their miraculous deliverance from Egypt?

Why did the Israelites murmur against God?

In what manner did the Lord provide food for them?

What miracle was performed to get water for the Israelites? Relate the victory of Joshua's army over Amalek.

What was the advice given to Moses by Jethro, his father-in-law?

What was the Lord's message to Israel when they had come to the desert of Sinai?

How was it received?

Why were the people forbidden to ascend Mt. Sinai?

### Pampa School to Be Finished Soon

Pampa—Pampa's new high school building, which was erected at a cost of \$115,000, will be ready for opening exercises some time in January. It has all up to date, sanitary facilities, and will be one of the largest school buildings in the Panhandle country outside of the modern colleges. The equipment will be furnished by the Parent Teacher Association of Pampa, which has raised thousands of dollars and is ready to equip when the building is completed. Then Pampa will have all the affiliation that is required by the State of Texas.

### Junior Red Cross

The work of the Junior Red Cross in McLean is marked by unusual activity at this time, as plans are being worked out for the next few months' work.

Mrs. B. L. Burk has been appointed to take charge of the junior work, and will be assisted by Mrs. Jno. B. Vannoy.

The Juniors will be expected to raise money for certain equipment they need, and it is planned to put on a health crusade among the youngsters.

Messrs. Stone and Bell of Wellington were here on business Saturday.

C. A. Watkins attended court at Wheeler Monday.

### McLean Wins Over Shamrock, 30 to 22

The McLean High School basketball boys defeated Shamrock by a score of 30 to 22 on the local court last Friday in the fastest game played this season. The game was fast from the start, the locals holding the visitors down through superior speed. Shamrock men out weighed the McLean men, but could not stand the rapid passes made by the locals.

Ewell Beall of Shamrock and Victor Back of McLean each made 14 points for their respective teams. Both of these men showed bursts of speed which surprised all rooters.

### Vags Spend Night in Calaboose

Four suspicious looking vags unloaded in Shamrock the latter part of last week, but from reports didn't enjoy their visit long. City Marshal Sammons called on them, searched their few belongings and discovered two six shooters, a screw driver and a few other implements used by modern hold up men. He placed them in the calaboose for safe keeping Saturday night, and showed them out of town Sunday.

The store of J. M. Stubblefield of Groom was robbed by the same bunch the first part of this week—Shamrock Texan.

Hughes Quattlebaum, formerly of this place, has accepted a position with the Santa Fe railroad at Amarillo. He visited friends in McLean Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Alexander returned from Hedley Saturday after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Masterson.

Charlie Tipton left Friday for Clinton, Okla., where he will make his home. Mrs. Tipton and children went Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Foster returned Friday from Wellington after a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. W. R. Orr.

Tommy Watkins of Plemons spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Back moved to town Saturday.

W. R. Patterson of Lefors was in town Saturday.

## Red Cross to Have a Local Health Nurse

McLean Red Cross Chapter has arranged for a public health nurse to be sent here by Feb. 1st, to work in the schools of the south side of Gray county, as well as to do health work among the public in general.

One of the first things to be done will be to weigh, measure and examine all the school children for physical defects. Experience has proven that a large per cent of children have some defect which interferes with their school work, and that in many cases the children are undernourished, merely because people in general have never been taught how to plan a balanced diet. It is said that when a child is as much as seven per cent under weight, there is something wrong, and the public health nurse will make it her business to find out what it is.

### HEALTH PROGRAM

Following is the health program that has been outlined for the public health nurse and will be begun as soon as she arrives: Meet with mothers of the children and explain the project—physical defects, malnutrition, etc.

Meet with the children and explain to them.

Weigh and measure each child. Go into schools with local doctors and examine each child for physical defects.

Meet with each mother, advise and make suggestions.

Conduct classes for mothers and older girls in home hygiene and care of sick.

Act or serve as public health nurse while here, working with local doctors.

Establish health center and rest room if wanted.

### ABOUT DONATIONS

Those who would like to contribute to the Red Cross and have all the money spent in the local public health work may do so by seeing T. J. Coffey, chairman of the chapter, and specifying that the money is to be spent locally.

Mrs. Ira Chambers and little daughter went to Shamrock Tuesday.

## Do You Ever Pass Up This Kind of News?

A special sale on furniture starts Saturday in one of McLean's leading stores. Prices will be reduced one fourth on all house furnishings.

A local repair man has just received an additional piece of machinery.

You will smile at a clever cartoon on "Kitchen Comforts."

There seems to have been rumors that a certain local merchant intended to go out of business. He says he is just getting started.

Somebody has been doing business in McLean for 13 years, and proposes to make the "hoodoo" number a lucky number for you.

There is a dry goods sale at Clarendon, with everything going at cost or less.

These and numerous other interesting news items will be found in the advertising columns of this week's paper. If you don't read the ads you miss much important news.

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## Farming in the McLean Country

BY F. P. WILSON

The agricultural resources of the McLean country have not as yet been fully developed; however, the variety of crops grown and marketed here is surprising. It is a place where Old Mr. H. C. L. met his Argonne. The farmer sets his own table with everything good of his own raising. One farmer had served his friend a sumptuous meal that would tickle the palate of Dives himself, and when it was over he informed his guest that the actual money spent for that meal was two cents, and that was for sugar.

The farmer at McLean plants first in the spring Indian corn, then kafir and cotton, milo maize and sorghum. In the meantime he has his garden growing with all kinds of garden truck and his sod seeded with watermelons. His sweet potatoes are growing apace, and he works happily as he watches the apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, apricots, grapes and berries forming on the trees and vines.

The boys and girls on the farm delight in the promise of peanuts, popcorn and candy. In fact, the McLean farmer lives at home, and with his home as his heaven and his children as his angels, he sleeps peacefully at night without any disturbance from the worrying thoughts that are wont to pester the one-crop wheat farmer or the one who trusted his all to a crop of cotton.

"Come to Texas" but do stop till you land at McLean, where peace and happiness, hospitality and friendship abound, and take a ride with Mr. H. L. Mann in his new seven passenger Nash, which he purchased with a part of the proceeds from a 20-acre watermelon patch.



**THE McLEAN NEWS**

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Six months	.75
Three months	.40

**BAD MEN GET WORSE**

Paducah is normally a law-abiding community, but it seems that every man in Cottle county who had it in mind to violate the law or happen to an accident did so last week. Following are some of the head-lines from last week's Paducah Post: "Drew Gun," "Killing Over Load of Feed," "Saddle Thieves Caught," "Killed in Crap Game," "Negro Cutting Affray," "Run Over by Car," "Collar Bone Broken," "Cut Off Water From Oil Engine," "Killed Negro," "Found Whiskey in Shop," "United in Matrimony." And it all happened in and around Paducah, too!

Mrs. Robert Davis of Carter, Okla., returned to her home Sunday after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Cubine.

**Feed**

Cake and meal, bran and shorts in rear of Cicero Smith Lumber office. Geo. W. Sitter, 1p.

Mrs. A. J. Worley went to Amarillo the latter part of last week to visit relatives.

Mr. Jamison, of the Lumus Gin Co., left last Thursday for Dallas.

Mrs. Leroy Freeman returned to her home at Dalhart Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Murphree visited N. L. Carter and family at Shamrock Sunday.

M. V. McDonald of Dallas came in Monday on business.

Sheriff Graves of Groom was in town Saturday.

**UNLUCKY**

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This will be the Thirteenth Christmas that I have been in business at McLean, and from the present prices paid for cattle, hogs, cotton and kafir corn, I believe I am justified in thinking Thirteen is unlucky for me. But I am going to turn my bad luck into good luck for you by CUTTING PRICES on Cut Glass, Silverware, Chinaware (not the hand painted), all Parlor Clocks, all Jewelry and all Watches (except bracelets and Ingersolls).

You will need a present to give some loved one, and my LARGE ASSORTMENT and CUT PRICES will make it easy for you to get just what you want.

Come at once so you can get your choice.

**Jno. B. Vannoy**

OPTICIAN AND JEWELER

**\$25 REWARD**

I will pay a twenty-five dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of any party guilty of tampering with the lines. The state law on the subject is as follows:

Penal code, Art. 784: If any person shall intentionally break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner injure any telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery or other necessary appurtenance to any telegraph or telephone line, or in any way willfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of any messages along such telegraph or telephone line, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

McLEAN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

We guarantee all of our Repair Work to satisfy

**Let Us Fix Them**

Even though your shoes do look as though they are beyond repair, bring them in and let us inspect them. Often times, at very small cost, we can make your shoes like new.

A very important consideration when new shoes cost so much.

It is better to have half soles sewed on your good shoes

**John Mertel**

**DRAY AND TRANSFER**

ON TIME—ALWAYS  
PHONE 150

**KUNKEL BROS.**  
McLEAN, TEXAS

**Registered Jersey Bull**

for service at \$2.50. Terms cash. This animal is TB tested. At my barn in south edge of McLean.

**A. L. Hibler**

43-8p.



**Ready Cash for Shoppers**

Illustrated above, you will see two characters, whom you will find in almost any crowd these days. You can readily tell which of the pair has been saving and banking his money the past year, and in doing so showed wise judgment in providing himself with ready cash for this season's shopping tour.

There is a lesson in his smiling countenance for you. Start a bank account now, and when the next Yuletide rolls around you will be one of his jovial number. Come in and see us.

**THE CITIZENS STATE BANK**

A GUARANTY FUND BANK  
Capital and Surplus \$33,500.00

J. S. MORSE, President      CLAY THOMPSON, Cashier

**SEND US YOUR KODAK FINISHING WE DO IT BETTER**

Developing films single rolls, 10¢ each; packs, 30¢ prints, 2 1/2 and smaller, 4¢ each; larger 5¢. A deposit with order for full amount required. We return any excess. YOU WILL BE PLEASED with our French gloss finish and prompt service.  
C. M. BRIGGS, Photographer      Elk City, Okla.

LET THE NEWS PRINT FOR YOU



**"Kitchen Comforts"**

In those two words you have the whole story of the modern kitchen range. And have you not noticed how popular has become the kitchen that has one these cold days? It is now just the place for Dad to read his paper, the kids want to dress and undress there and Grandma likes to sit with her feet in the oven. And how Mother and We do sympathize with the folks who haven't one, but we'll back up our sympathy by selling you the best range on earth at the right price.

It's a Rock Island or a Round Oak. Come in and make us prove it.

**McLean Hardware Co.**

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McLEAN, TEXAS

**A Merry Christmas in Your Own Home**

There the "Yule Log" seems to burn more cheerily, and the Christmas spirit finds true expression.

If this Christmas finds you in a house other than your very own, make the resolve right then and there that the next Christmas will find you in

**A Home of Your Own**

Why not surprise your loved ones with a decision that has been acted upon and means a home of comfort and convenience.

A wonderful Christmas gift it would make, and we are prepared to co-operate with you fully in making such a gift possible. See us now, and it may mean added happiness to you and your loved ones this Christmas and many others.

Everything Needed in Home Building  
Plus Helpful Co-operation

In our hardware section we have many useful articles for Christmas gifts. Let utility be the keynote. All kinds of handy hardware—also cut glass, Silverware, and toys for the kiddies.

**Western Lumber Co.**

T. J. DOSTALIK, Manager

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about seventy of the leading artists from every section and representing every denomina-

with home folks at McLean. Mrs. Neely spent Friday afternoon and night with Mrs.

ination Lefors Friday and Saturday

Mrs. Thomas Bodine returned to her home in Tucumcari, N. M. Saturday after a four days



### Heald Items

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and daughters of Wellington visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Walter Litchfield, the first of the week.

The young folks enjoyed a social in the Parker home Saturday evening.

Miss Fannie Bailey and brother, Raymond, left Saturday for Lubbock, where they went for medical treatment for Raymond.

W. L. Haynes and family of McLean visited in the J. A. Haynes home Sunday.

Melvin Savage of Nashville, Tenn., is visiting his brother, N. E. Savage.

### Rig Here for Katcheloffer Test

Late last week an oil rig arrived for use by a Joliet, Ill., concern in drilling a test well on the Katcheloffer property east of town. The machinery loads two flat cars, and has not been unloaded yet, as the company lacks a little of having blocked up all the leases they desire, so The News is informed.

For Sale.—Two farm wagons, one nearly new; one hay press, and a complete set of farming implements. Van Webb, 49 3c

Notice—We have fresh fish and oysters every Saturday. Hindman Bros.

John Stratton went to Amarillo this morning.

There is nothing more suitable for a Christmas present than a nice rocker, rug or photo frame; a new shipment just arrived. C. S. Rice, the Furniture man

Mrs A. L. Timmons of Amarillo is visiting Mrs. B. L. Burk this week.

### SPRAINS

This soothing, healing, penetrating remedy takes all of the smarting pain out of burns, scalds, cuts, sprains, etc., and quickly heals the injury. Get a 25c or 50c bottle at drugists today.

**HUNT'S LIGHTNING OIL**  
ERWIN DRUG COMPANY

# New Car of SPUDS

A car of Fancy Idaho Potatoes was unloaded at our warehouse last week.

\$3.00 Per Hundredweight, Cash

\$3.50 Per Hundredweight  
On Credit

## Haynes Grocery Co.

Phone 23

# Let Us Care for Your Car

In the end it is much cheaper and more satisfactory to let us care for your car, if you take account of the many clothes you spoil, the labor you must do, and the difficulty of doing work you are not prepared to handle.

The next time drive in here. We will do your repairing promptly and economically.

Guaranteed Battery Work

## Carpenter Motor Co.

B. I. Carpenter, Prop.

# Bargains in Used Cars

Two 1917 Model Ford Touring cars, good condition, recently overhauled.

One 83 Overland Touring car, thoroughly overhauled.

All kinds of used cars bought and sold. If you need an automobile of any kind see me.

## T. V. WEBB

Dort Agent

Phone 16

# Suppose

that your house should burn, would it be an entire loss to you, or have you got it insured?

Fire is no respecter of persons, and unless you are well able to rebuild in case of loss, it would pay you to keep some insurance on your house and furniture.

I write all kinds of Fire and Tornado Insurance. Special attention given to country property.

## C. S. RICE

### Cunningham Flower Shop

Bedding plants, Cut flowers and designs of all kinds.

Amarillo, Texas

1909-11 Van Buren St.

Phone 1081

You defy the very laws of Nature when you fail to provide for the future.

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## News From Back

Back, Dec. 6.—T. F. Henley is able to be out after being sick with tonsillitis the past week.

Bert and Eugene Lindley went to McLean Saturday.

The C. A. Henderson family visited in the Lindley home Sunday.

C. E. Hunt spent Saturday in McLean.

The Back school will have a program the night of the 17th.

Ray Jones spent the week end at the Lindley home.

C. A. Henderson went to McLean Saturday.

Percy Kinard and sister visited in the Lindley home Saturday evening.

The rain and snow the first of the week delayed the farmers in gathering their crops.

### Special Sale

Have just received a new shipment of Dry Goods bought on today's market, and have marked all goods, both old and new, for a special sale. Have a nice line of Christmas toys, ladies kid gloves, handkerchiefs, mens ties and other things too numerous to mention. Come and see for yourself. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Mrs. W. T. Wilson.

Cotton seed cake and meal, bran, shorts and hog tankage at T. W. Henry's store. t/c

See Foster & Childress for all kinds of fire insurance. 47-4c

## Miss Montgomery to Wed Denver Man

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Montgomery of McLean, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Davida Virginia Montgomery, to Lionel Vinton Lonsdale of Denver, a betrothal that will be received with pleasure in social and college circles. Miss Montgomery was graduated from the art department of the Texas Christian University and is now attending the University of Denver, where she is in her senior year. She is a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority and prominent in student activities. Mr. Lonsdale will complete his education in June when he will be graduated from the law school of Denver University. He is a member of the Beta Theta Phi fraternity and is popular in the college set. No date has been set for the wedding, tho it is probable that it will take place late next summer or early in the fall.—Denver Post.

According to a friend of the bride-to-be, the date for the wedding has been set for Dec. 22nd, and will take place at the home of her parents in McLean.

The 2nd grade pupils were given a nice treat on last Friday afternoon. It being B. L. Burk Jr.'s eighth birthday, his mother surprised him by bringing his birthday cake and treating all the children to a piece of delicious cake and a popcorn ball.

Plenty of money to loan on farms. See Foster & Childress 47-4c.

## In Memoriam

On Wednesday night, Dec. 1, 1920, the beautiful spirit of Buster Phillips passed in peace to its home in heaven. During his illness all that loving hands could do was done to relieve his suffering, but in spite of it all death came, and his pure spirit went out to receive its reward. His glad smile comes no more to gladden the loved ones; no footsteps meet them at the door; all seems dark and gloomy, while hearts are torn and bleeding, yet we feel that heaven is sweeter than ever before.

Parents, be reconciled to the will of Him who giveth and taketh away. He will give them beyond the trials and troubles of life where death is not known. May God comfort the sad hearts. A Friend.

### Notice

All persons are warned that my place is posted and no hunting, fishing or trapping will be allowed. All trespassers will be prosecuted. L. H. Webb. 48 4p

For threshing and corn shell ing see Perry Koons. Address, Shamrock, Rt. A. t/c

## Basketball at Shamrock Today

The McLean High School boys' basketball team go to Shamrock today for a game with the Shamrock team. McLean defeated Shamrock in a fast game last week, and will try to do it again.

Registered big boned Poland China boar for service; \$2.50, cash; at my place in south part of town. A. L. Hibler. t/c.

Alton Green left Sunday for his home in Fearcey, Ark., after a visit with his cousin, J. E. Kirby, and family.

Mrs. Hattie Grigsby left last evening for her home in Dallas after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Smith visited Fred Smith and family at Shamrock Saturday and Sunday.

Those who are ready to pay school and city taxes can do so at any time. T. W. Henry. 48 4c.

Extra fine Mammouth Bronze turkeys, toms only. Mrs. Lee Van Sant. 47 3p.

## Not Going Out of Business

### Just Starting in Business

I carry the best goods made; I carry a complete stock.

For Christmas gifts I have: Hand Painted China, Cut Glass, Silverware, Aluminum, Boys Wagons, Velocipedes, Air Rifles, and many other items of interest.

Don't fail to see our stock.

# S. R. JONES

First Door North of American National Bank

# Fordson

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# Farm Tractor

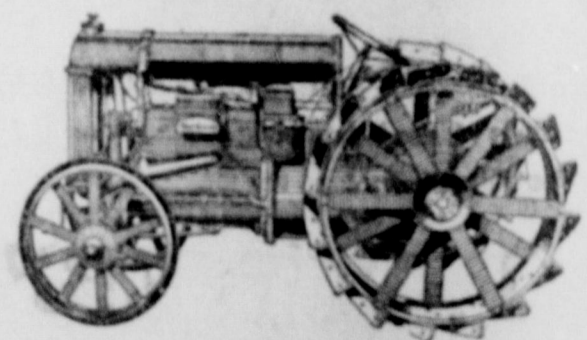
The after-service that goes with the Fordson tractor is second to none. Fordson dealers are located in every community with stocks of repair parts and employing skilled mechanics who know just how the Fordson should be repaired and taken care of to do its best work.

This Fordson service means that your tractor can be kept busy every working day during the entire year, that Fordson repairmen are ready to show you how to get the best results from the tractor.

Fordson service insures you against delay in getting parts. It is your protection. It is a protection now being enjoyed by more than 100,000 Fordson farmers in the United States.

Let us tell you all about the Fordson tractor and Fordson service. Let us demonstrate the Fordson on your own farm. Come in and let us prove everything we say.

## Bentley Motor Co.





**Baptist State Executive Board to Meet Tuesday**

Dallas.—The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will meet in a three day session at the First Baptist church, Dallas, Tuesday, Dec. 14. The board is made up of about seventy of the leading Baptists from every section and representing every denominational interest in the State. F. S. Groner is general secretary, Dr. T. V. Neal, executive secretary, and Dr. J. L. Ross, enrollment secretary. Other members include the officers and trustees of the convention, college presidents, editors, heads of hospitals and efficient institutions, leading ministers and laymen. Plans and policies for the carrying on of all phases of Baptist work will be discussed and outlined in the meeting of Dec. 14. Appropriations for the various institutions and enterprises fostered by the denomination will also be made at this time. This will be the first session of the Executive Board since the State Convention met at El Paso, and it is considered the most important of all those held during the convention year.

**Card of Thanks**

To our dear friends who have done everything that human hands can do to break the dark cloud that has crossed our pathway in the sickness and death of our darling little Buster, we wish to extend our appreciation. Your sweet expression of sympathy shall be cherished in our memories as long as life shall last. We do not know how to express our gratitude; we cannot find words strong enough, but will say that all those who assisted us so kindly in so many different ways hold a warm place in our hearts. May God's richest blessings rest upon you. Mr. and Mrs. Rish Phillips and relatives.

Mrs. Dollie Harrel returned to her home in Canyon Saturday.

**News From Back**

Back, Nov. 28.—(Delayed)—Mrs. Neely, county demonstration agent, visited the Back school Friday and explained the club work for next year.

Miss Minnie Huff, teacher of Back school, spent the week end with home folks at McLean.

Mrs. Neely spent Friday afternoon and night with Mrs. Henderson.

Mrs. Henderson went to McLean Saturday to get the club girls' canned goods that had returned from the Dallas fair. They arrived in a poor condition.

**Notice**

Beginning at once all accounts must be paid on the first of the month following purchase. All coal is strictly CASH. We believe that this plan will be best for you and ourselves. Yours very truly, Western Lumber Co., T. J. Dostalik, Manager. 1c

Found.—A watch, 1 1/2 miles east of McLean, on highway. Owner can have same by describing it and paying for this ad. Ira H Chambers. 50 2c.

C. E. Bowden purchased a Ford car of M. D. Bentley yesterday.

NOTICE—We wish to request those who have hemstitching to be done to bring it in between now and December 22nd, as I will not work the 23rd. and 24th. Mrs. Moody.

Misses Opal Davis and Leona Wilson took the teachers examination at Lefors Friday and Saturday.

Miss Creta Boyd of Rockledge was in town Tuesday.

**Attention, W. O. W.**

All members of McLean camp W. O. W. are requested to be present at our next meeting, Thursday night, Dec. 16, at 6.30. Election of officers and other important business to be attended to. M. D. Bentley, C. C., C. S. Rice, Clerk.

Mrs. Thomas Bodine returned to her home in Tucumcari, N. M., Saturday after a few days with relatives.

**Safeguard Your Family's Health**

Have your sanitary plumbing done by experienced and expert workmen whom we can place at your disposal. Poorly done plumbing is a constant source of annoyance, and leaky joints are very unhealthful—may produce typhoid or other disease.

See us for anything you may need in the way of Plumbing Supplies. If we haven't got it, we can get it for you.

**McLEAN TIN SHOP**

WILLIAMS & SON, Proprietors



What can express with more delicacy your sentiments at Christmas time than a Gift of Jewelry?

Our display is replete with excellent suggestions:

- Cameos, Watches, Diamonds, Rings
- Lavallieres, Watch Chains, Bar Pins
- Stick Pins, Brooches, Necklaces, etc.

**Erwin Drug Co.**

Headquarters for Gift Goods

The News Prints Pretty Wedding Invitations

**A New Machine**

I am better prepared than ever to do your Harness Repair Work. This week I received a machine for sewing harness, which will enable me to turn out a job for you in the shortest possible time.

T. A. Landers

**FURNITURE**

Begins Saturd'y  
**Dec. 11**

**SALE**

Sale Closes  
the Last Day of  
the Year

During the balance of December we will give ONE FOURTH OFF on all our Furniture. This means everything—Rugs, Mattresses, Cabinets, Rockers, Linoleum. Everything in this line goes FOR CASH.

**One-Fourth Reduction on All Furniture**

JUST LOOK! This reduces Linoleum from \$1.65 a square yard to \$1.24 yd. EVERYTHING ELSE IN PROPORTION.

**Come Now!**

We invite comparison with any mail order house, and you don't have to wait for goods to come.

**Bundy-Hodges**  
MERCANTILE COMPANY



**"The birds fly southward"**

to avoid the cold, and well before the coming of the snow, the thrifty squirrel lays by a store of nuts. The bee remembers that the flowers will fade. All nature seems to sense the coming need. And man, alone, of all the living things, seems blissfully content to live today as if tomorrow's sun would never rise."

You defy the very laws of Nature when you fail to provide for the future.

**The American National Bank**  
C. L. COOKE, Cashier



THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS

As prices of some commodities have declined of late, and some other drops are expected, the impression has gone abroad that everything is coming down to the old level. This is far from the fact. The future will undoubtedly see advances as well as declines, for this is a period of readjustment in which fair prices will be sought, rather than of general reduction.

In the printing trade there are no signs of any reduction, and the old level will not be restored either in cities or small towns. The production of nearly all kinds of paper is behind the demand now, and the trade estimates that consumption is five pounds for every four pounds manufactured in the United States. No increase in the supply from imports seems probable for several years. Latest price lists quote the highest figures ever known, which generally are 300 per cent of the pre-war prices.

The logic of the situation requires that prices in the country towns be maintained permanently above the old time level, for the preservation of the business. Some twenty years ago the printing business in both cities and towns—excluding from consideration the metropolitan newspapers—was in a most deplorable condition. Only a few concerns with special advantages of some kind were earning interest on their investment. It was nip and tuck with them to keep alive.

In the country towns the situation was even worse. Do you remember the numerous jokes about the country editor? How he had to take wood, potatoes, butter, turnips or any other produce in payment of his bills? These jokes were realities for the man in business, and his compensation was the lowest and the most precarious of any in the country. He occupied a small shack for shop and office, lived in a rented cottage,

had to scrape and beg to get cash to pay wholesale bills, and when he died a lodge buried him.

At the same time, the merchant sold his wares for cash, the banker collected his interest, the lawyer received his fees and all of them lived in the big houses of the town. They had their vacations and went to the mountains or the seashore; and their children finished high school and proceeded off to college. The farmers built larger barns and modern houses and bought the latest and most expensive machinery. And not one of the men of these classes put in as many hours a year of

hard, exacting, nerve consuming work as did the conscientious country editor doing a comparatively large business in his line.

Some twenty years ago the printers in the large cities found a way out of their distress through the establishment of cost systems and the formation of associations which raised prices to the point where the business could live and prosper. In the small towns practically nothing was done to improve conditions until it was forced by the war. It was a case of meet the facts or quit, and those who have stayed in the business have put up prices and now believe they are entitled to maintain them at a level where they will not fall into the old poverty.—Exchange.

REMEMBER

All accounts for purchases made last month and before are now PAST DUE; please call and settle.

Ten per cent will be added after Dec. 15. We must have money to save ourselves. We earnestly ask you to take care of this matter at once.

Yours very truly,

Cicero Smith  
Lumber Company

W. T. WILSON, Mgr.

Phone 3

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HINTS

What to Give

is a perplexing question to most people at Christmas time. If the gift problem puzzles you, come to this store and let us make some suggestions. We are sure we can help you decide.



Some of our beautiful Cut Glass will surely be appreciated. We have a large assortment of the prettiest designs.

One is always glad to receive a good book. Hundreds of good ones for boys and girls as well as the grown-ups will be found here.



A Grafonola Will Make Your Home Happier

The Columbia Grafonola—perfect, unapproached, unapproachable—"the one incomparable instrument of music"—is the final expression of Columbia priority, prestige and leadership.



Toys, mechanical and otherwise—Dolls—Doll Buggies—Games—Books—Stationery—Cut Glass—China—French Ivory—Toilet and Manicure Sets—Cosmetics—Parker Fountain Pens—Eversharp Pencils—full line of Holiday Goods.

THE CITY PHARMACY

Strickland-Story's Entire Stock of Dry Goods, Shoes and Clothing Goes on Sale Dec. 11th

AT ACTUAL COST OR LESS

The Store Will Be Closed All Day on Friday

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Our Stock Is Still Too Large Only 11 Days of Opportunity

Our November sale was a gratifying success, but we want to move more goods before inventory time, and we have determined to sell our merchandise at cost or less for the 11 days ending Christmas Eve.

Begins Sat., Dec. 11th; Closes Fri., Dec. 24th

By cost or less we mean that nothing will be priced at more than we actually paid for it. More than that startling reduction, there are large quantities of merchandise that we are pricing at much less than cost. You have positively never had such rare bargains offered to you. If you have waited for lower prices your waiting is over.

Don't Forget the Date

Did You Ever Hear of a "Turkey Trot" Without Music?

Strickland-Story are going to have just such a Turkey Trot on Opening Day at 9:30 a. m., Dec. 11th. From coops on the balcony in front of the store, three Christmas turkeys will be turned loose over the crowd. The captor of the turkey will have a Christmas dinner at our expense, and besides that, each turkey will have on its leg an order for \$1 worth of merchandise.

Other free gifts will be given away—gifts that will make desirable presents for Christmas. Don't miss this Turkey Trot! Fun, fun for everybody and turkeys for somebody! The Trot will be held regardless of rain or snow. Tell your neighbor about it and be here without fail.

Don't Forget the Date

Strickland-Story's Clarendon