

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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## Good Showing Oil Found Black Shale Holmes-Morse No. 2

The Holmes Morse No. 2 well struck a good showing of oil in black shale this week at around 2,000 feet. This is the first black shale encountered in the Panhandle field, and is something oil men have been looking for in every well drilled and which makes this well the best prospect for a real producer in the Panhandle.

Bottles of oil taken from the well are being exhibited in town and the oil is of the best quality yet found anywhere in this field, burning almost as easily as gasoline. Sixty feet of the black shale was penetrated at 1:30 this morning when the bit struck a sand formation, and it is hoped to strike a cap rock soon, when 6-inch casing will be run and the rock drilled to what is taken to be a sure producer.

There is a much better showing of oil and traces of gas in this than the old Morse No. 1. The stem is covered with oil when the bit is withdrawn and the slush bucket brings oil every trip.

The finding of the black shale means, according to experienced oil men, that an oil well is nearby, and other locations will be made with other wells drilled near this location, regardless of the outcome of this well.

### WHITE DEER CITY COUNCIL PASSES CURFEW LAW

White Deer, Feb. 6.—The City Council met last Monday night with all members present and transacted the routine business. They also passed a curfew ordinance making it unlawful for children under 16 years of age to be on the streets without business after 8 o'clock at night from September 1 to May 1, and after 9 o'clock from May 1 to September 1. The ordinance is enforceable under penalty. Mr. Bob Lawver, the city marshal, states that he intends to enforce the new ordinance to the letter.—White Deer Review.

### R. O. DUNKLE IS ON THE JOB AT HEREFORD

Hereford, Feb. 5.—The new county agent, R. O. Dunkle, drove his Lizzie into town last Monday and, after a wondering look at the huge crowd milling around that day, hunted up Judge Wilson and started right in on his job.

The Court has given Mr. Dunkle the southwest corner room on the ground floor of the courthouse opposite the library, and he pitched in with a hammer and some boards and made himself a library table and some other needed pieces of furniture.

Mr. Dunkle has a wife who is teaching in the schools at McLean, so he will "batch" until school is out in the spring. Meanwhile he wants to meet all the people, and especially the farmers. He has been invited to address the luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce next Monday, and has accepted, though modestly disclaiming any ambitions as an orator.

The Brand's first impression of the county agent is that he is a cheerful, likable chap who will wear well, and with a tremendous lot of earnestness in the job ahead of him.—Hereford Brand.

The News is in receipt of a letter from H. T. Fields of Ramsdell, in which Mr. Fields says that The News is a splendid paper, the best he has ever read for a town of McLean's size. We appreciate these kind words from Mr. Fields, and we assure him that it is our purpose to put out a paper that the town can be proud of at all times.

W. C. Oxford is moving to Hereford and orders The News to follow him. Mr. Oxford promises to write us a letter telling of his impressions of the new location.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Landers of Heald visited in the T. A. Landers home yesterday.

## Army Expense Doesn't Worry Monaco



The principality of Monaco has no need to consider the decrease of its armed forces, for its army, shown above, consists of just 24 men. The prince bears all the expenses of maintaining this army.

### SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

The second Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church will be held next Sunday. Rev. J. T. Griswold, presiding elder of Clarendon district, will be present and hold the conference at four o'clock Sunday afternoon.

We hope and trust that every department of the church may be represented at this conference, and that they may have a report.

We urge every member of the church to be present at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Also at the conference in the afternoon, and the evening hour.

If you live within any reasonable distance of the Methodist church and are not attending services at some other church, we do most cordially invite you to these services. Especially do we invite you to sample the evening hour.

Sincerely,  
J. G. THOMAS.

B. E. Glass and family of Alanreed visited relatives here Saturday.

Frank Bailey and family of Heald were in town Saturday.

M. T. Powell and family of Ramsdell were McLean visitors Saturday.

C. A. Lawrence of Jericho was buying groceries in our city Saturday.

Estel Bowen of Texola, Okla., was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Master Orman Harlan of White Deer was in Sunday to visit in the Kibler home.

### DISTRICT DEPUTY O. E. S. ADDRESSES LOCAL CHAPTER

Mrs. C. P. Burnett of Miami, deputy grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star, paid an official visit to the local chapter Thursday evening and was the guest of honor at a banquet put on under the supervision of Mrs. W. P. Rogers of McLean.

Mrs. Burnett is considered one of the best organizers of the Eastern Star in this section and her visit here was highly appreciated. She was accompanied by her husband, who is a prominent stockman of Miami.

Those who made talks at the banquet other than Mr. and Mrs. Burnett were: Miss Ruby Cook, worthy matron of the McLean chapter; J. H. Bodine, worthy patron; Rev. J. L. Joyner, pastor McLean Presbyterian church; and Dr. J. A. Hall of Shamrock.

### SHAMROCK BOYS BASKET BALL CHAMPIONS SECTION

A basketball game was played on the local court Wednesday afternoon between McLean and Shamrock to decide the championship honors for Gray and Wheeler counties, resulting in Shamrock winning with a score of 14 to 12.

The McLean girls team won the championship from Shamrock last week.

Mrs. Bill Bentley returned Sunday from a visit with her parents at Clarendon.

Cecil Bible is a new reader of The News.

John Chisholm of De Funiak Springs is a new reader of The News.

## Petition Presented Court House Election Called For March 19

### FIRE BREAKS OUT IN COFFEY HOME MONDAY

Fire of unknown origin was discovered in the kitchen of the T. J. Coffey home Monday afternoon, and as the fire siren had a sparrows nest in it and would not blow until someone climbed upon the tower and cleaned it out, it was some time before the fire department got to the scene. However, the fire was still inside the building when the water was turned on and it was never allowed to break through the roof.

A high wind was blowing and the Methodist church and Western Lumber yard, together with other property, would probably have been destroyed if the fire had not been kept under control.

The house belongs to Ross Biggers of Oklahoma City, formerly assistant cashier of the American National Bank here, who was notified by telephone at once of the disaster. The building was covered by insurance, but it is not known whether the furniture was insured.

### ROAD COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS EDWARDS

Messrs. M. D. Bentley and M. M. Newman, who were appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to interview Engineer Edwards of Amarillo in regard to securing two men to work our portion of the Postal Highway as provided by law, met Mr. Edwards in Shamrock one day this week and Mr. Edwards promised that District Road Supervisor Spiller would be in McLean in a few days to look into the matter.

### DAVIS CHILD DIES TUESDAY

Gariand, the two months old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Davis, died Tuesday, Feb. 10th. Funeral services were held at the Davis home Tuesday afternoon at 4:30, conducted by Rev. J. L. Joyner, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment in Hillcrest cemetery.

Misses Kathleen and Marie Copeland, Minnie Morse, Vina and Rachel Stratton, Audra Wilson, Beatrice Cash, Sallie Campbell and Martha Stokely attended the ball games at Shamrock Monday night.

Mrs. S. A. Cobb left this week for Plainview, Lubbock, Lockney and other South Plains points as demonstrator for the Iren Biscuit Company.

Sain Brown and family and Mrs. Smith of Alanreed were McLean visitors Thursday.

Dr. Montgomery orders The News sent to his daughter, Mrs. L. V. Lonsdale, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lander, Misses Jimma Searcy, Eunice and Lucile Stratton attended the ball games at Shamrock Monday night.

Misses Lucile Astracan and Opal Dutton attended the ball games at Shamrock Monday night.

C. C. Bogan, cashier of the Citizens State Bank, made a business trip to Wellington Monday.

O. M. Rogers, Lee Wilson, Tom Clark, Dallas Waters, Milton and Ned Carpenter and Mick Dwyer attended the ball games at Shamrock Monday night.

C. H. Meador of Clarendon was in the city Thursday of last week.

C. T. Calvert of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Godfrey Krc of Slavonia was in town Wednesday.

Paul Macina of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

An election has been called in Gray county to determine whether the court house shall be removed to Pampa or allowed to remain at Lefors.

A petition signed by 217 voters was presented to the Commissioners Court Monday asking that such an election be called.

This question was voted on five years ago, when Pampa lacked 47 votes of the necessary two-thirds majority to make the change. There was a total of 800 voters cast in that election, divided as follows: Pampa 363 for, 8 against; McLean 4 for, 185 against; Alanreed 4 for, 63 against; Knorp 63 for; Laketon 11 for, 35 against; Lefors 2 for, 20 against; Hopkins 17 for; Farrington 23 for, 1 against.

There seems to be quite a sentiment in the north part of the county for the change, but it is intimated that a large bond issue would be necessary to build a new court house and jail, should the change be made, that may influence the voters to some extent.

Following is the list of poll taxes paid for this year in each precinct in Gray county: Lefors 30, Pampa 899, Knorp 130, Alanreed 152, McLean 356, Laketon 82, Farrington 44, Hopkins 33; making a total of 1732.

### SERVICE TAILOR SHOP ADDS NEW EQUIPMENT

Hansel Christian, proprietor of the Service Tailor Shop, installed a brand new Hoffman steam press of the very latest model. The new press is bigger and better in every way than the one formerly used, and his customers may expect the best of work from the new outfit.

### DR. COPPEDGE OF ALANREED DIED SUNDAY

Dr. J. A. Coppedge of Alanreed died Sunday at the age of 71 years, 11 months and 20 days. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor White at the Alanreed Methodist church Monday afternoon. Interment in Alanreed cemetery.

### CHILTON CHILD DIES FRIDAY

J. B., 2 years, 9 months and 15 days old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chilton died last Friday of tumor of the brain.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church, Pastor J. G. Thomas conducting the services. Interment followed immediately at Hillcrest cemetery.

### B. Y. P. U. ELECTS OFFICERS

The adult department of the B. Y. P. U. at the First Baptist church elected the following officers last Sunday evening:

President—N. E. Savage.  
Vice president—T. H. Andrews.  
Recording secretary—Mrs. R. L. Appling.

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Treasurer—Mrs. H. M. Kunkel.  
Bible readers' leader—M. R. Landers.

Group Captain No. 1—R. L. Appling.  
Group Captain No. 2—Mrs. Ethel Hodges.

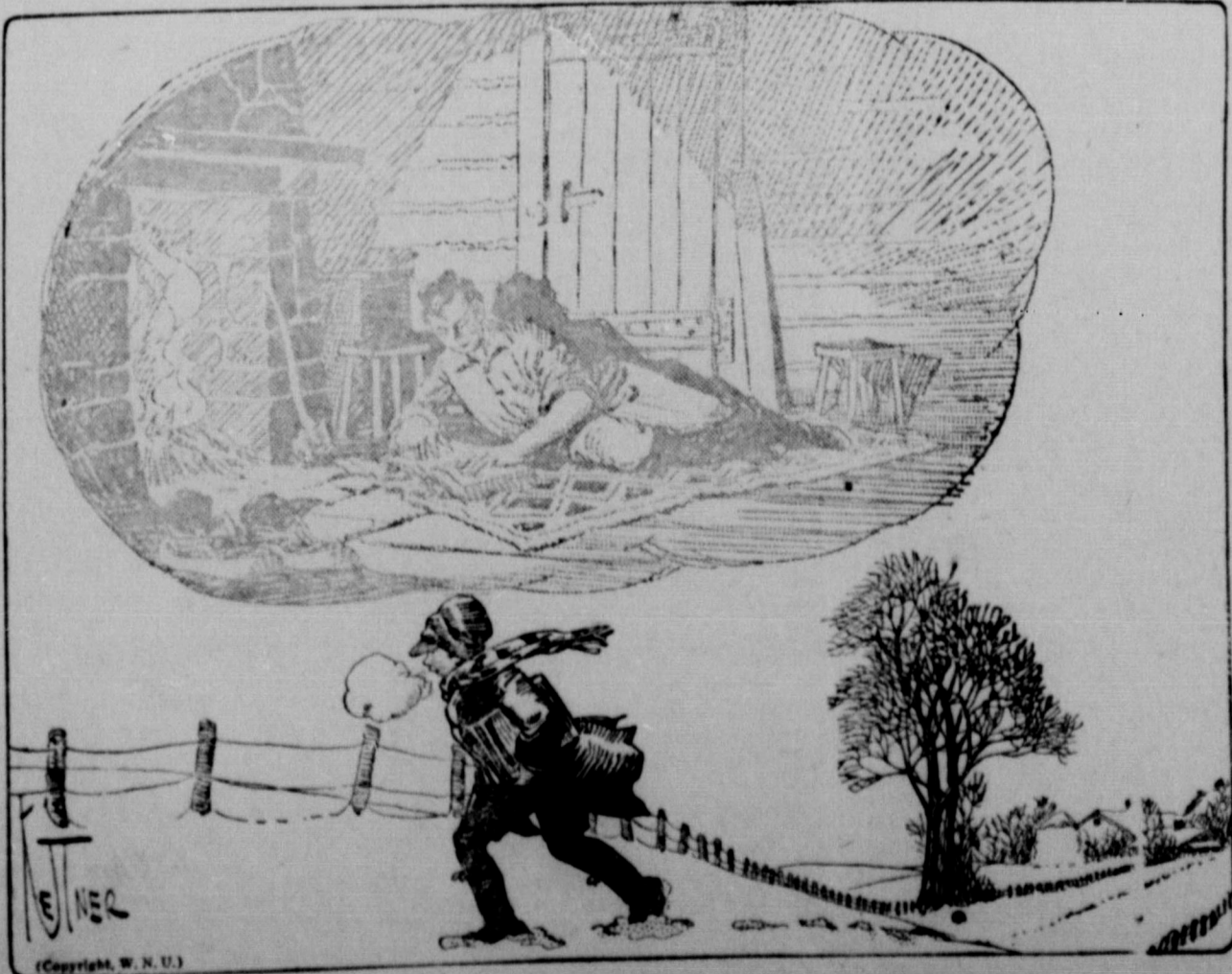
### KIBLER OPERATION SUCCESS

John W. Kibler is in the Baptist sanitarium at Dallas, where he underwent a successful operation Tuesday morning, and is recovering nicely, according to reports received here.

### WALDRON FARM SALE

A. C. Waldron in the Liber community has sold his farm and is offering his stock and farm equipment at public auction Wednesday, Feb. 18th. See Mr. Waldron's advertisement in this issue of The News, also sale bills that are being distributed.

## Inspiration



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# The Mystery Road

By E. Phillips Oppenheim

### Synopsis

BOOK ONE—CHAPTER I—Fleeing from a brutal stepfather, an unhappy home and a proposed husband she detests, Myrtle, young French girl, stands in a country road on the verge of desperation.

CHAPTER II—Halted by an exploded tire, two young Englishmen, Lord Gerald Dombey and Christopher Bent, are attracted by the girl's distracted appearance. She begs them to take her away from her misery. In a spirit of adventure they do so, conveying her to Monte Carlo and leaving her with friends. Myrtle speaks English, her mother having been an educated woman.

CHAPTER III—Gerald sees a beautiful young woman in the gambling rooms, and is fascinated, but can only learn that she is called Pauline de Poniere and is with her aunt. He is unable to secure an introduction. Christopher and Gerald decide Myrtle shall not go back to her home. Lady Mary, Gerald's sister, secretly in love with Christopher, disapproves of the young men's guardianship of Myrtle.

CHAPTER IV—Gerald and Christopher arrange for a mutual guardian ship of Myrtle.

CHAPTER V—Lord Dombey makes the acquaintance of Pauline. He is puzzled by the air of mystery and concealment surrounding her.

CHAPTER VI—Myrtle falls desperately in love with Gerald, but he is a natural flirt and only mildly interested in the girl, while Christopher Bent really loves her and would marry her.

CHAPTER VII—A mysterious Russian, Zubin, wins a large sum at the gambling tables. Gerald learns he knows the De Poniere, but can get no information from him.

CHAPTER VIII—Christopher makes little progress in his courtship of Myrtle, who is completely infatuated with Lord Dombey and would gladly become his mistress. He really cares little for her, his interest being in Pauline.

CHAPTER IX—Gerald tells Pauline of Zubin's gambling. She is at once interested, and asks him to find the Russian and bring him to her and her aunt. Gerald finds Zubin, the Russian has lost all he had won and practically everything else he had. On their way to the ladies Zubin kills himself.

CHAPTER X—It is learned that Zubin was the steward of Madame de Poniere and has lost at the gaming table 200,000 francs, all the money she and her niece possessed. The two women leave Monte Carlo after selling their jewelry. Gerald is unable to trace anything else he had. On their way to the ladies Zubin kills himself.

CHAPTER XI—Gerald is giving a convivial party to a few acquaintances of the gay world. Myrtle urges him to allow her to attend. The company is not suitable for a young girl, and she refuses.

CHAPTER XII—Lady Mary offers to take Myrtle to England with her and employment. Christopher accepts the offer gladly. Myrtle goes to Gerald's party. At its conclusion Christopher takes her away when Gerald would have kept her in his rooms. Myrtle goes to England with Lady Mary.

BOOK TWO—CHAPTER I—In London Gerald meets Pauline and her aunt, but realizes he is held at a distance. Telling Pauline of his love for her she declares she cares only for one man, her brother, and he is in prison. Myrtle is living with Gerald's father, Lord Dombey, and Lady Mary.

CHAPTER II—Gerald raises a large sum of money, refusing to explain the reason to his father. Christopher asks Myrtle to marry him. She refuses, confessing her love for Gerald.

CHAPTER III—Gerald tells Myrtle of his love for Pauline, and that he is leaving for Russia at once. Pauline informs him her brother is confined in a fortress at Sokar. He tells Myrtle, Krossneys, can be bribed to allow her to escape. With the hope that if he can aid her brother to freedom he can win Pauline, Gerald undertakes the task.

CHAPTER IV—At Sokar Gerald meets Elia Francka, mistress of Major Krossneys. He tells her of his mission and of the money at his command, learning that the man he would free is the Grand Duke Paul.

CHAPTER V—Krossneys arranges that Gerald take the place of the grand duke in prison until the latter can reach safety, a matter of a few days. At the expiration of the time Krossneys should have returned to release him, Gerald makes inquiries and learns that Krossneys is dead, killed by Elia Francka.

CHAPTER VI—Myrtle, believing Gerald has left her forever, decides to return to her home in France. Lady Mary allows her to go.

CHAPTER VII—Gerald's disappearance in Russia is complete, and his father and sister have about given up hope when Elia Francka seeks an interview with Lady Mary. She announces she has brought Gerald home, he being then in a London hospital. She tells Lady Mary a harrowing tale of the hardships she and Gerald endured while escaping from Russia. Refusing all reward the money Gerald took to Russia being sufficient for her future needs and disbursements.

### Chapter VIII

Christopher had taken his seat—had already, indeed, made his maiden speech—when Gerald left the nursing home into which he had been moved from the hospital. The doctors, however, were far from satisfied with his condition. He was still thin, listless in manner, with long periods of abnormal-mindedness. He seemed, in a way, to have lost self-control. Mary, Asher drove home together to Hinderley's house, made up her mind to break the long silence which had existed between them on the subject of Pauline.

"Gerald," she asked, "have you seen or heard anything of the De Poni-

eres?" Gerald turned and looked at her out of his hollow eyes. "Nothing," he confessed. "I wrote from the nursing home six times. I have had no reply. They must have left the hotel in South Kensington." "Would you like me to try and find out?" "It doesn't matter," he answered. "I have made up my mind to go there myself this afternoon." "May I come with you?" she begged. "If you like," he answered half-heartedly. "They won't be there, though. I am just hoping that I may hear of them."

The hope, however, was not realized. Madame and mademoiselle had left the hotel many months ago, and had left no address behind.

Gerald and his sister drove away from the hotel in silence.

"You were disappointed?" Mary asked him anxiously.

"I thought they might have left a message for me," he admitted.

"You'll come down to Hinderleys tomorrow?"

He shook his head.

"I must find her," he announced, in a tone curiously devoid of enthusiasm or hope.

Mary said nothing then, but she took him to task that evening. They had dinner tete-a-tete, Lord Hinderleys having already gone down to the country. For the first time Gerald showed some interest in Myrtle's absence.

"What did you say had become of Myrtle?" he inquired.

"She has gone back to France," his sister told him. "She had a little money left to her, and she wanted to go. I had a letter from her this morning. She has bought the old farm where you first saw her and is growing cabbages."

"Why did she want to go back?"

Gerald persisted. "You were all kind to her, I hope?"

"We all tried to be," Mary answered. "Dad misses her terribly—Why, here's Christopher!" she broke off suddenly.

"Whatever are you doing neglecting your duties in this manner?" she asked, as Christopher, still in morning clothes, was shown in by the butler.

"I've come to beg for some dinner," was the smiling reply, "and incidentally to welcome Gerald back."

Mary, who was watching him closely, fancied that his indifference was almost natural.

"Queer thing," he observed, "to think that she should end up there, after all I wonder whether she blesses or curses us, Gerald, for taking her to the end of the road."

Gerald sighed a little wearily.

"Curses us, I should think," he replied. "All knowledge is pain; so is memory. Last night I woke up suddenly and I remembered fighting with that great brute on the Polish frontier (did Elia tell you about the man I killed there?)" he asked, frowning.

Mary rose abruptly to her feet.

"Remember the doctor's orders," she insisted. "The last twelve months are enough. There are worse things in the world than killing Bolsheviks, anyhow."

"The chap had some one who was fond of him, I suppose," Gerald said gloomily. "You ought to have seen that woman who brought me home, Christopher. I can't get the thought of her out of my brain. The first time I saw her, I went to persuade her to bribe her lover, Krossneys. I thought her the coarsest, most brutal, most unkindly creature who ever abused the name of Woman. Then I saw her month after month, playing a man's part. She lied, she swore, she fought—fought with her fists if there was nothing else handy; she drank, once she almost carried me over a mile of marshland, with some outpost sentries sniping at us all the time. She was a hideous, glorious, epic figure. There was a man whom we both knew to be a spy and on my tracks. I saw her whoosh him into her room. Two minutes afterward, his blood was streaming out from under the door."

"Gerald," his sister entreated.

"All right," he muttered. "I'm not sure that it doesn't do me good to talk of these things. They've been a silent horror with me for so long."

Later, the doctor called to see Gerald, and Christopher led Mary across the hall into the billiard room.

"Mary," he confided, as soon as he had closed the door. "I had a reason for coming round tonight. I have seen the girl."

"Where?" Mary asked breathlessly.

"Here in London. They were opening the gates of Marlborough house as I came along Pall Mall, and I was stopped for a moment on the pavement. A small brougham came out. The windows were closed, but I was within a few feet of it. The girl was inside with a young man."

"If only you could have found out where they went to?" Mary exclaimed.

"Gerald will never be better until he has seen her."

"He can do that when he likes, then," Christopher replied. "I jumped into a taxi and followed the carriage. It drew up before quite a small, detached house at the back of Rosamption lane. I jumped out of my taxi quickly, and I was just in time to stop her as she was entering the gate."

"Go on," Mary begged. "This is exciting."

"She recognized me at once," Christopher went on, "and she made no attempt to get away. I told her that I was Gerald's friend and that he was looking for her. 'You can tell him,' she replied, 'that he can find me here.'"

"What did the young man say?"

"Nothing at all. He was very good-looking in his way, a great strong fellow, but he looked as though he had

been ill. What are you going to do about this? Are you going to tell Gerald?"

She nodded.

"I think so. I don't believe this girl means to marry him. It is much better, however, that he knows the exact position."

"I wrote down the address and here it is," Christopher said, handing a card. "If I can be of any use—"

"You dear man!" she exclaimed. "We must leave it to Gerald. I hope that he will let me go with him. I think he ought to find out just where he stands at once."

"I am not going back to the house," Christopher remarked. "Could we have one game of billiards?"

"I should love it," she answered. "Gerald will come and look for us as soon as he has finished with the doctor. You used to give me fifteen, wasn't it?"

Gerald came to presently. Mary seated herself by her brother's side.

"Gerald," she said, "Christopher has discovered Pauline's address. It is quite close by here. You must go and see her tomorrow. Would you like either of us to come with you?"

Gerald began to tremble.

"She is here—in London—all right?" he demanded.

"Absolutely," Christopher declared. "She was looking quite well. Her brother was with her."

"I will go alone," Gerald decided. "I will go tomorrow. Now you have told me something worth hearing. Perhaps tonight I shall sleep."

Gerald, after all, derived small satisfaction from his visit on the following day. He found his destination easily—a small, detached house in a retired back street, with a bell at the front gate and spiked railings. He was admitted without undue delay by an ordinary-looking parlor maid and conducted into a small sitting-room. After waiting a minute or two, the door was opened and Madame de Poniere entered.

"You have come to see my niece, Lord Dombey?" she inquired, after a word of conventional greeting.

"Is it very surprising that I should come?" Gerald rejoined, a little bitterly.

"Perhaps not from your point of view," was the equable reply. "My niece has, in fact, been anticipating your visit."

"It would have been kinder of her," Gerald ventured, "if she had let me know her whereabouts. I have been in the hospital and afterward in a nursing home for some time."

"My niece had other matters to consider," Madame de Poniere declared dryly. "She is living in the utmost retirement, through force of circumstances."

"Can I see her now?" Gerald asked bluntly.

"She will grant you an audience," Madame de Poniere replied. "I have not permission to disclose her whereabouts to you only, enjoying secrecy."

"Where is she?" Gerald asked.

"My niece is to be found at Duvenny castle in Scotland," Madame de Poniere announced. "It is a somewhat inaccessible place. Particulars of how to reach it are here."

She handed him a slip of paper.

"In Scotland?" Gerald repeated, a little wearily. "But she was here yesterday."

"She left at night," Madame de Poniere retorted.

Gerald folded the slip of paper and put it in his pocket.

"Very well," he said, "I will go to Scotland."

Madame de Poniere looked at him through her lorgnettes for a moment thoughtfully.

"You have been ill," she remarked.

"I have been ill," he assented.

Madame de Poniere lowered her lorgnettes and closed them with a little snap.

"If I thought that you would accept it," she said, "I would give you a word of advice."

"I can at least hear it," he suggested.

"Go back to the manner of life you were living before you met Pauline—and forget her. Your visit to Scotland will be of no service to you. It will only end in disappointment."

Gerald shook his head.

"That," he said obstinately, "I must discover for myself."

Gerald, following in the main the directions on the slip of paper given him by Madame de Poniere, reached his destination on the afternoon of the third day. He was in the car which he had hired at the last town on the railway route, a town which seemed to him, unacquainted with this corner of Scotland, almost an outpost of civilization. After miles of moorland, unbroken except for huge boulders, the way had led around a range of steeper mountains until he had suddenly encountered, when he had been least expecting it, the tang of the sea. Many hundreds of feet below in, and at least his destination, a dwelling of stone as ancient and rudely fashioned, as ancient and rudely fashioned, as any of the massed-up boulders on every side. The road by which it was approached was precarious in places almost impassable. The last quarter of a mile was along a narrow bank, unprotected on either side, with the spray from the waves leaping up into his face. The road ended in a circular sweep, surrounded by a high wall. In front of him was a massive gate, closed and barred. The porter who appeared in answer to the bell kept him waiting while he communicated with the house. Finally the gates were pushed open and the car allowed to proceed up a steep, stone-paved ascent to a courtyard also flagged with stones and also surrounded by a high wall. In front was another massive door, which, however, already stood open.

Two men servants, both foreigners, awaited his arrival. One attended to the closing of the door and remained with the chauffeur; the other silently beckoned Gerald to follow him across the stone floor of the bare, circular hall into a room at the further end. He stood aside to let Gerald precede him. "The gentleman will please be seated," he said.

Gerald found himself alone in an apartment not unduly large but exceedingly lofty. It was simply but magnificently furnished, but only a



"You Have Had a Long Journey, Lord Dombey," She Said.

single rug lay upon the floor. The windows looked sheer over the sea, and the thunder of the waves against the jagged rocks seemed almost at his feet. The windows themselves were narrow—the windows of a fortress—and the depth of the window seat showed the thickness of the walls. Gerald had little time to take note of these things, however. Within a moment or two of his being left alone the door opened and Pauline entered.

Speech of any sort, it seemed to Gerald, must be pitifully inadequate. He stood looking at her, wondering if anything in her expression would give him the clue to her mysterious behavior. She came toward him, however, as composed and unresponsive as ever. There was nothing whatever in her manner to indicate the fact that she was greeting the man who had risked his life in a mad enterprise for her sake.

"You have had a long journey, Lord Dombey," she said.

He bowed over the hand which she had extended to him.

"A long journey, indeed," he assented. "A journey down into hell and back."

"Sit down," she invited, "and I will give you the explanation I owe you."

"Thank you," he answered. "I do not feel at home in this house. Let me remain standing until after you have told me what it all means. I have done your bidding. I have come to beg for my reward."

Her eyes looked at him coldly.

"I promised no reward," she reminded him.

"Not in words," he admitted. "Yes, you know what I desire."

"What you desire is absurd," she declared. "That is what I wish to explain. You have discovered, perhaps who I am."

"I learned who your brother was."

"My brother?" she smiled. "Well, she went on, "listen. I am the Grand Duchess Pauline of Russia, princess and hereditary ruler of the Caspian provinces, and nearest in kin among living women to Nicholas, who was murdered by the people. The man whom you rescued is Paul, grand duke of Volostok, hereditary ruler of seven teen provinces, and nearest in female line to the crown of Russia. He is my cousin."

"Your cousin?" Gerald exclaimed.

"And my husband," she answered calmly.

Gerald was extraordinarily cool. The situation began slowly to shape itself in his mind.

"It has been the province of royalty," Pauline continued, "to make use of their fortunes, without explanation, in whatever way may seem good to them. I have made use of you. I did not seek your acquaintance or your friendship. I have made you no promises. I have kept you much farther away even from hope than would many of my illustrious ancestresses. Yet, in these days, you will probably think that you have been ill-treated. I cannot help it. I and others of my race have been ill and mercilessly treated. Yours has been a small wrong. I made use of you and your devotion to free my cousin, to whom I was affianced. So far as my thanks can satisfy you, I tender them."

"You are very gracious," Gerald acknowledged, forgetting all his weariness and holding himself like a man.

"May I ask, were you married to the grand duke when I fetched him from his prison?"

(Continued next week)

Groceries are cheaper at Pickett's Cash Store. Advertisement, etc.

DESK BLOTTERS, large size, at the News office.

Fred Bidwell prominent farmer of the Gracey community, has our thanks for a subscription to The News this week.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the County of Gray, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in a newspaper published in the nearest county to said Gray County, for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, A. D. Tucker, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Gray at the Court House thereof, on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court, on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1924, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 1234, wherein N. J. Tucker is plaintiff and A. D. Tucker, R. E. Underwood, M. J. R. Jackson, Floyd Eastley and George Eastley are defendants. The nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff alleges that she and A. D. Tucker were lawfully married about April 21st, 1913, and continued to live together as man and wife until about Sept. 1st, 1922, when final separation was had on account of cruel treatment of A. D. Tucker to plaintiff, since which time they have not lived together as man and wife; and that in addition to cruel treatment, defendant A. D. Tucker has been leading a life that makes it absolutely insupportable for plaintiff and defendant A. D. Tucker to live together again as man and wife, and that said A. D. Tucker now stands charged with violations of the criminal laws of this state.

Plaintiff further alleges that before she married A. D. Tucker as alleged, she was Mrs. N. J. Pegram and owned in her own right 320 acres of land in Collinsworth County, Texas, together with personal property, and that thru the influence and under the advice of A. D. Tucker, sold said property and with the proceeds purchased Section 8 in Block No. 2 H. & G. N. Ry. Co. Survey in Gray County, Texas, and that instead of taking the title to said land in the name of N. J. Pegram, who paid for same, the said A. D. Tucker had the deed to said land made to him and same stands on the records of Gray County in the name of A. D. Tucker, while the rightful owner is Mrs. N. J. Tucker and plaintiff asks that the title to said land be restored into her and out of A. D. Tucker and be decreed her separate property.

Also, plaintiff alleges that R. E. Underwood and M. J. R. Jackson composing the firm of Underwood & Jackson, are asserting some kind of lien on said land by virtue of a Deed of Trust executed by A. D. Tucker and plaintiff asks that said Deed of Trust be cancelled.

Plaintiff further alleges that Floyd Eastley and George Eastley are tenants on said land and asks for an accounting of rents.

HEREIN FAIL, NOT, and have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Lefors, this, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1925.

CHARLIE THUT, Clerk District Court Gray County, TEXAS (SEAL) JRB-7-4c

Hugh Miller of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Walter Bailey and family of Gracey were McLean visitors Saturday.

**W. Sherman White**  
Attorney-at-Law  
McLean Texas

**W. D. Oliver, M. D.**  
Rectal Diseases  
Amarillo Pickett Building—  
Thursdays and Fridays,  
Erick, Okla. — Mondays,  
Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**Ora Oliver Gooch**  
Graduate Optometrist  
Glasses Correctly Fitted  
All work first class and guaranteed.  
First National Bank Building  
Shamrock, Texas

**INSURANCE**  
Fire, Hail, Tornado  
Health, Accident  
You are fully protected when insured in the strong companies we represent.  
**Haynes & Ledbetter**  
Office Theatre Building

**V. H. Moore**  
Auctioneer  
Wheeler, Texas  
Dates made at News office or call me collect.

## Repairing Economy

When we do a repair job, whether it is fixing a light or overhauling your motor, we do it right, as all of our many customers will testify. Our prices are always reasonable, and you can count on the work being satisfactory in every way, or we will make it right without question.

### GRIGSBY'S AUTO SHOP

"A Square Deal Always"

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## Just as You Picture It

You can have a home, just the home that you and your wife have dreamed over and planned, but you must make a start.

The first step is to start a bank account and add to it at regular intervals. It will only be a short time until you will have a nice balance if a part of your income is deposited each month.

Start a "home" account with us today.

### The Citizens State Bank

A Guaranty Fund Bank  
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$33,750.00  
J. S. MORSE, President C. C. BOGAN, Cashier

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### That Doubtful Age



### News from Enterprise

By Special Correspondent.

The sand did not miss blowing Monday afternoon and Tuesday.

Fred Hock visited friends at Amarillo Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Mathis visited her father, J. B. Hart, at McLean this week.

Robert Mathis of McLean visited home folks Saturday night.

Prescott, Robert and Miss Urcie Mathis and Miss Lillian Burt took dinner with Miss Vivvie Lee Allred Sunday.

Miss Vivvie Lee Allred came home from Wellington Friday to stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Nicholson took dinner with his parents Sunday.

A nice crowd attended the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Eurie Burt spent Saturday night with his grandfather, J. B. Hart, at McLean.

Buster and Miss Lona Nicholson, Misses Lillie Williams and Vivvie Lee Allred attended the show at McLean Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mendor returned Wednesday from Clarendon, where they have been for several days at the bedside of Mrs. Mendor's sister-in-law. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Miller, died Monday evening and the funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

Yukon flour is better. Advertisement. tfe

C. A. Christopher of Amarillo visited his sister, Mrs. Ed D. Smith, Saturday and Sunday.

Chico is recommended to be a milk producer. We have it. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement tfe

Judge T. M. Wolfe made a business trip to Lefors Monday.

H. Longan of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Everybody smiles on Yukon sack. Perfect goods. Advertisement tfe

Mrs. J. A. Sparks and daughter, Miss Lena, and Miss Verna Rice attended the ball games at Shamrock Monday night.

Mrs. C. J. Cash was a Shamrock visitor Monday night.

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

Mrs. Clyde Slavin of Alanreed was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell were Amarillo visitors Thursday.

Mrs. L. H. McLarty returned to her home at Lubbock Thursday.

Hansel Christian was an Amarillo visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell were Shamrock visitors Monday night.

J. M. Carpenter made a business trip to Pampa Monday.

Mrs. D. M. Graham was a Pampa visitor Monday.

M. C. Bardine of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

L. V. Lonsdale of Washington, D. C. is visiting in the Dr. W. C. Montgomery home.

Full stock feeds of all kinds at Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement tfe

M. H. Kinard and family spent Friday night on the farm at Gracey.

Buy a ton of that good nut coal from car on track. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement tfe

Jim Mitchell and family were in from the Clark and Bullington ranch Saturday.

DESK BLOTTERS, large size, at the News office.

BALD-HEADED BLONDES AND BALD-HEADED REDS!

Some people think and so they say that we will live to see the day when women also have bald heads—Bald-headed blondes and bald-headed reds.

Then we shall chuckle over quite a sight.

When theatre curtains rise each night.

As bobbed heads lift hats from their heads.

Oh you bald-headed blondes and bald-headed reds!

Call Cheney & Callahan for the BEST in flour. Advertisement tfe

NOTICE OF DEPOSITORY BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gray.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that at the next regular term of Commissioners Court of Gray County, Texas, to be begun and holden at the Court House thereof, in the town of Lefors, on the second Monday in March, A. D. 1925, the same being the 9th day of March, 1925, sealed proposals will be received from such banking corporations, associations, or individual bankers in such county, as may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of such county, in accordance with Chapter 2, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by Chapter 11, page 16, Acts regular session 35th Legislature.

Such proposals must state the rate of interest to be paid on daily balances, and must be accompanied by a certified check for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) as a guarantee of good faith on the part of each bidder.

Such sealed proposals must be delivered to the undersigned County Judge of said county not later than 10 o'clock a. m. on said 9th day of March, A. D. 1925.

The right is reserved by the Commissioners Court of said county to reject any and all bids.

Done at Lefors, Texas, this 9th day of February, A. D. 1925.

T. M. WOLFE, County Judge. TMW-7-4c Gray County, Texas.

MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS TO KNOW

It's the things that you know—and that you know you know—that make you strong and unshakable.

Judgment, as a wrapping decision, forms the greater part of success.

General knowledge, taken up by the car load and carried around, makes a man so cumbersome in his actions that he gets but a small way. But if he has learned

to select, to crystallize, to make his own the things that are vital and important, he enters the leader class at once. He knows—and he knows why he knows.

Make it your business to—know! Nothing rattles the rafters of the house of character like the little and big Don't-Knows. Your pride is never lessened by admitting that you do not know everything, but it is surely bent and bruised by not being able to know, at the cross roads of everyday experience just how to handle the things that you do know.

The business man makes it his business to know people, as does the publisher, the writer, the entertainer, or the statesman.

I once heard the story of a man who kept one office boy for many years, he liked him. He went to him for information, and the boy always told him in yes's or no's. He never said he didn't know, at least he never stated it that way. And the man always noticed that when the boy did not know, he always found out.

You never know when you will be wanting to know something that may not now seem important to know. So do not shove too much information aside, stamp it and label it and put it into a handy place.

(Make it your business to—know!) —The Panorama.

Call Cheney & Callahan for the BEST in flour. Advertisement tfe

READ THE ADS

YOU TELL'EM

HONK! HONK!

What this country needs is fewer auto drivers and more wheel barrow pushers

We also need more and better homes. We handle everything needed for building the new home. Let us figure on your lumber bill.

CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.

W. T. Wilson, Mgr. Phone 3

### DISTRIBUTION DOUBLES COSTS

Probably forty-five million persons are gainfully occupied in the United States. More than one out of each four are engaged solely in moving commodities and selling them to the consumer.

Out of the average dollar spent for the necessities of life 49 cents goes not for the material in the article, or for the work of manufacturing it, but for the services necessary to place the article where you can get it.

The sentences above explain why a purchaser of shoes, hats or gloves pays as much for the opportunity of buying them as the manufacturer gets for making them. They tell why one baked potato in a city restaurant costs as much as the farmer got for a peck, and why a ton of coal, in the cellar, represents three and four times

### as much money as was paid for it

at the mine mouth. Some say at once, abolish the middleman. Suppose we do, who will perform, for nothing, the services now undertaken by him for profit? The cost of distribution may be subject to reduction but the greatest factor in present increased living costs is the insistent demand of Americans for service, for a permanent supply of standardized products. In the case of foodstuffs this means buying, grading, storing and preserving perishable foods in addition to the ordinary incidents of distribution.

### COTTON FIGURES

What did your cotton average per acre in the season of 1924? Every bit of it, including that little strip that something happened to? If it averaged a quarter of a bale to the acre, which is about 380 pounds of lint cotton, it did over twice as well as the average for the state of Texas. Uncle Sam's officials figures for authority.

On December 1st, the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics gave the production per acre average for 1924 at 141 pounds in Texas. This is less than the average for 1923, which was 147 pounds, and more than the

### figures for 1922 which was 130

pounds. According to these figures the man who says he raised a half a bale per acre is saying a mouthful and the man who says he raised a bale per acre will have to have a cloud of witnesses to prove it. That is, saying that Uncle Sam is right in his estimate, and of course he is, almost exactly—Floyd County Hesperian.

Yukon flour is cheaper. Advertisement tfe

### RUINED

Pennybrain—"No more advertising for me. I'm through with that kind of business. I advertised last year and it darned near ruined me."

Fried—"How come?"

Pennybrain—"Why hang it, man, a mob rushed in and bought nearly all the goods I had."

### IT ALL DEPENDS

Him—"Yep, a man is never older than he feels—and I feel like a two year old."

Her—"Horse or egg?"

### Patronize Advertisers

### Wants

FEBRUARY OFFER on the Star-Telegram. From now until Dec. 1, 1925, daily and Sunday, \$5.95. Daily without Sunday, \$4.95. Leave your subscription at the News office. 6-4

GROCERIES are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tfe

GARBAGE and trash hauled from any part of the city at reasonable rates. Frank Haynes. tfe

FOR SALE.—East one-half of southeast quarter of Section No. Ninety-one, Block No. Twenty-three, also three acres out of the northeast corner of northeast quarter of Section Sixty-six, Block Twenty-three, Gray County, Texas. If interested write John Burns, Clemmons, Iowa. 40-26p.

MULES.—For sale, span black horse mules. Coming four years old, broke, good size. T. H. Hardin, phone 112, 111. 6-4p

MILCH cows for sale. Young cows, fresh and fresh soon. Phone 43, 21. Geo. R. Reneau. 5-4p

STORAGE.—Clean dry storage under daily supervision. Inquire at News office.

ART EXHIBIT.—At Mrs. Christian's on Main street, from 3 to 4 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 14. Come and see I solicit art students. Also sell pictures, pottery, etc., at a reasonable price. Maude Piersall. 6-2c

THESE little ads bring results. Try one. 25 words for 25c.

FRESH JERSEY milk delivered anywhere in town. Phone 61. A. L. Hibler. tfe

PURE Mebane cotton seed, acclimated, fully matured, \$1.35 per bushel. See John Saunders. 6-4c

SEE L. S. Stockton for a Jersey cow and some shoats. Phone 146, 2. 1c

BRED TO LAY Buff Orpington eggs for hatching. \$1.00 per 15, or \$5.00 per 100. Mrs. S. W. Brown, Alanreed, Texas. 7-2p

FORD ROADSTER for sale or trade. Starter type, in perfect running condition. Fred Bidwell, Phone 76, 414. 1p

FRESH typewriter ribbons do better work and last longer. Buy the best made at the News office.

SOME GOOD work mules and span of young horses for sale. Also saddle pony, safe for children to ride, to trade for narrow tire wagon. R. S. Thompson, Phone 46, 2. 7-2p

FOR SALE, by Mrs. W. W. Overton, pickled beets, cucumbers, hot pepper and chow chow, pickled, tomatoes and other canned goods. Phone 196. 1p

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS may be had printed to order at the News office.

FOUND.—License tag for car No. 735080. Finder may have same by paying for this notice.

LOST.—4 ton step jack on streets of McLean. Finder please leave at McLean Filling Station or notify Harry Barnes. 1p

EGGS FOR SALE. Owen's Farm Reds, \$1.00 per setting. Come and see. J. G. Thomas, Methodist pastor. 1c

BUFF ORPINGTON eggs, \$1.00 per setting, \$5.00 per 100. Phone 206. Mrs. J. F. Corbin. 7-2c

**AMALIE OIL**  
was used in a Buick car which won first prize in a recent 2,000 mile endurance race at El Paso, which proves its good qualities.  
We also have in stock Amalie non-chatter oil, special for Fords.  
Firestone Tires  
**STAR FILLING STATION**  
"Headquarters for Service"  
L. L. Rogers, Prop.  
PHONE 131

**GOOD COFFEE**  
We can please you with good coffee in Folger's, Brazos, Golden Wedding, Morning Pep, Schillings, First Pick, or the best of bulk Peaberry. Coffee is going up in price, but we have several of the standard brands that we are selling at the old price. Investigate.  
**Cobb's Cash Grocery**

**For Men**  
Just received a nice line of men's work and dress shirts of good quality and pleasing patterns. Also men's work shoes and dress oxfords. Look over our line before you buy.  
**JOHN MERTEL**  
Fine Shoe Repairing

**FOR YOU! FOR EVERYBODY!**

**Remington Portable**  
STANDARD KEYBOARD  
—No Shifting for Figures!  
THIS handy, compact writing machine is the latest addition to the famed Remington family.  
Especially designed for intimate, personal use. It fits in a case only four inches high, can be carried anywhere, used everywhere, and is a real necessity to every man, woman or child who has any writing to do.  
Like all Remington Typewriters it turns out clean-cut, beautiful work speedily and efficiently.  
Price, complete with case, \$40  
**THE McLEAN NEWS**

THE McLEAN NEWS

Published Every Thursday

T. A. Landers Fred Landers LANDERS & LANDERS Editors and Owners

Entered as second class mail matter May 8, 1905, at the post office at McLean, Texas, under act of Congress.

Subscription Price One year \$1.50 Six months .75 Three months .40

Four issues make an advertising month. When five issues occur in the calendar month, charge will be made for the extra edition.

Parents who blame their children usually forget to place the blame where it belongs--on the parents.

Who ever started the idea that the ground hog could predict the weather, anyway?

There is quite a difference in a boy's gait when he is answering the school bell and when responding to the fire alarm.

There may be too much pussy-footing now, but you would never know it to hear the kids of McLean come into the house after school lets out.

Kids used to get plenty of exercise walking about three miles to school. Now they want free transportation in motor trucks and a costly gymnasium in which to exercise.

We may be proud that our fires are so far apart that birds may build nests in the fire whistle, but it would be wise to see that the whistle is screened so that it may always be in condition to give the alarm. Minutes count for much when a fire is raging.

You should not blame the newspapers for not printing what you want to read unless you tell them about it. Don't blame them for not printing something about what you are interested in unless you are interested enough to send in the News. No paper prints just what it wants to print, but all are anxious to publish the news you are interested in, if they can only learn such items.

It has been suggested to The News that McLean needs a civic organization of some kind composed of women. Men have an excellent medium in which to do work for community betterment through the Chamber of Commerce, and women should have some such organization in which to express themselves. There are many things that could be undertaken for civic betterment that need the consideration and advice of the women folks. Why not start something of this kind right soon?

The Higgins News tells of a foolish bird that was trying to build a nest on ground hog day, and reminds its readers that the season for spring millinery is not here, despite the pretty hats in the show windows of the progressive merchants of Higgins. We figure The News will have better luck instructing the bird to wait until the proper season than its women readers, for if it is the style to wear spring hats in February, why women must wear them. And that's that.

It seems strange that county commissioners, school boards and other bodies of like character will persistently refuse to publish financial statements as the law requires. If the law is unnecessary, it should be repealed, but as long as it is in the statute books, and a great many people believe that it is only just and right that the general public should know just how the tax payers' money is being used, then such reports should be published. The small amount charged by the newspapers for publication cannot be used as an argument against it, for it would only amount to a very few cents on each tax payer, perhaps to only a fraction of a cent in most cases. It is the people's money, and the people are entitled to know how it is being used.

The National Billiard Association of America has been making a desperate effort lately to have the playing of billiards in public halls legalized in Texas, so far without convincing our lawmakers that such things tend for the betterment of the community. The News, in common with other papers of the

state, has been asked to use its influence to see that a bill is passed in the Legislature to this effect, using the argument that the great majority of people want and need the game. We cannot see our way clear to endorse such a movement, but on the other hand would be opposed to opening a billiard hall in our community and would not be willing to allow anything in any community that we would not endorse for our own people. We hope the Legislature will continue to turn down such propositions.

We like to think of people in this age of the world as being much more intelligent than those of other times, but as long as a considerable part of the world's population in the more enlightened districts will prepare for the end of the world upon the unsupported script of a woman who has no other claim to notoriety than such a prediction, we have not much room to boast. Those who committed suicide rather than face the world's doom, had the prophecy fulfilled in their cases, but those who said or gave away all their property will have a long time in which to reflect upon their gullibility. To believe in the final judgment and the end of all things, one must of necessity take what the Bible says in the matter, and we are plainly told that no one will know the exact time. The only requirement is to be ready at all times, and this is wise, for death comes usually without warning, and death ends things as far as the individual is concerned.

We noticed a news item in a daily paper under a McLean date line this week describing the recent fire, in which it was stated that the building and contents were a total loss and that the firemen could not control the flames. It is perfectly natural for newspaper correspondents to want to send in as good a story as possible, but articles such as this are liable to mislead readers to the extent that they might think that our fire department did not do all that could be expected. While the fire whistle was out of order, one hose cart and company was on the way to the fire when the whistle blew and the fire was never allowed to break out of the house. The fire boys swarmed over the roof and it can be said that the fire was completely under control from the time the first hose was turned on. It seems to us that it would be nothing but fair if the insurance companies would offer a premium for volunteer firemen who oftentimes risk their lives in saving property. In this case several hundred dollars was saved the insurance companies, whereas without the help of the firemen it would have been a total loss.

The News hopes that whichever way the court house election goes, both sides of the county may remain friends. We should be democratic enough to abide by the will of the majority in the matter, and as far as The News is concerned, there will be no mud slinging of any kind. We shall vote against the change at this time, as we do not feel that this is the proper time to make a change. We are right on the eve of oil development that could easily cause a change in county affairs that might call for something entirely different in the kind of court house and jail needed, while if we had just bonded ourselves for something entirely inadequate, it would prove embarrassing to have to tear down and

build again. On the other hand, while we all agree that the present situation is far from ideal, yet we are able to get by at very little expense to anyone, and it is certain that to move the court house will call for additional expense to the tax payers. We trust that every qualified voter in the county will vote on this question, so that there will be no question as to the wishes of the majority of the citizens of our county.

ADULT B. Y. P. U. Leader--D. L. Abbott. Introduction by leader. The Pastor's Part--M. R. Landers. The Other Office--L. O. Floyd. The Service of Worship on Sunday--Mrs. D. L. Abbott. The Preaching Service--Mrs. M. R. Landers. The Prayer Meeting--W. C. Garrett. All Should Attend Sunday School--Mrs. Ethel Holmes. Church Members' Should Attend Conference--Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. The Senior B. Y. P. U. will have an important business meeting Sunday night instead of the regular program. Every member is urged to be present.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE The State of Texas, County of Gray by virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 19th day of November, 1924, in favor of Frank Hommel and W. O. Hommel and against S. L. Hall, No. 422 on the 3rd day of January, 1925, at 10 o'clock a. m., levy upon the following described property situated in Gray County, Texas, and belonging to the said S. L. Hall, to-wit:

One sixteenth (1-16) of all the natural gas, oil, petroleum, coal and all other mineral and mineral substances in and under the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

All of the East one-half (E 1/2) of Section No. 28, cutting said Section half into North and South, being in Block No. B-2, certificate No. 15-3165, original grantee H. B. Lovett; and on the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1925, the same being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said S. L. Hall in and to said above described property.

Filed at Lefors, Texas, this 3 day of January, 1925. W. C. GRAVES, Sheriff. by ROHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy. AAL-7-3c

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement. 1c

DESK BLOTTERS, large size, at the News office.

CARDBOARD for any purpose at the News office.

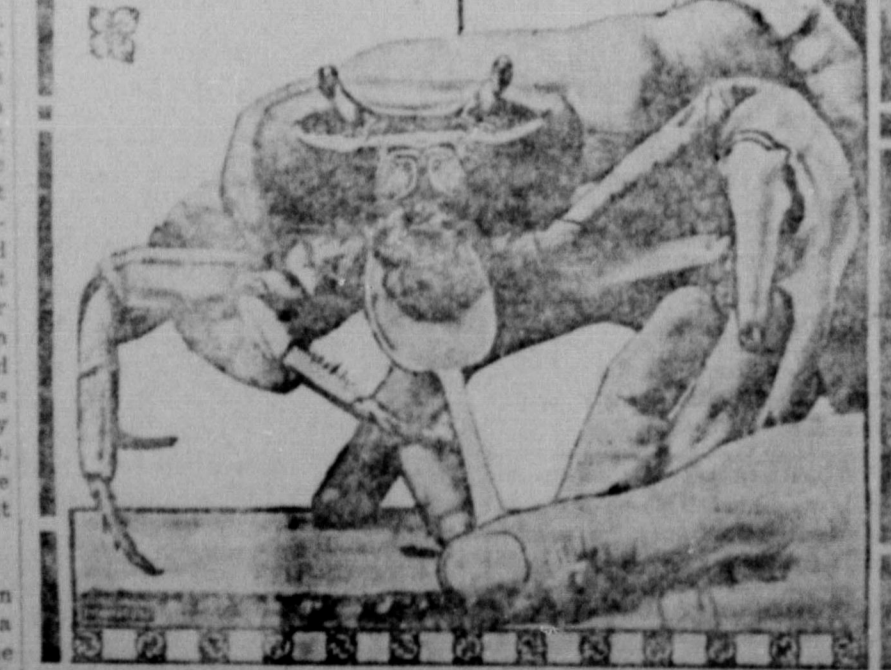
Do not fail to see the Oliver Wheatlon Lister before buying. Best lister on earth. Sold by McLean Hdw. Co. Advertisement. 1c

AT THE LEGION THEATRE Saturday night, February 14th, look Holt in "Fifty Hands" a play of the great Northwest woods. You will enjoy this one. Advertisement. 1c

Frank Haynes has renewed his subscription to The News.

Mrs. G. J. Abbott has our thanks for a renewal subscription to The News this week.

London Zoo's Spoon-Fed Crab



Among the profits of tender care at the London Zoo is this land crab which has lost its feeding claw and has to be fed from a spoon. It seems to take to the method naturally and the keepers take delight in serving the crab in this manner.

News From Ramsdell

Ed D. Smith renewed his subscription to The News Saturday. Jack Bailey and family of Heald were in the city Saturday. Henry Bailey of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday. Mrs. Nida Green of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday. W. W. Breeding of Enterprise was in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Luther McCombs of Gracey were in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Bentley were Clarendon visitors Sunday. Marvin Davis, Lee Jackson and Oran Robinson were Shamrock visitors Monday night. C. M. Eudy of Childress came in Monday. F. E. Robinson returned Monday from a business trip to Wichita Falls.

A. A. LEDBETTER Attorney-at-Law McLean, Texas

VULCANIZING McLean Vulcanizing Shop

BETTER PRESSING In keeping with our policy of Service, we have installed a new Hoffman press. We are now prepared to give better service and better pressing.

Service Tailor Shop Hansel Christian, Prop. 1st door north of McLean Hardware

Hail-Fire-Tornado Insurance The kind that absolutely protects you against financial loss, in case of fire, hail or tornado.

RIPPY & BEALL Office at Citizens State Bank

McLean Filling Station Oils, Gas and Accessories Sudden Service

DR. J. A. HALL Dentist Of Shamrock, Tex. Will be in McLean on Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday in each month.

Shell's Pharmacy

BLACKSMITHING We are prepared to do your blacksmith, wagon and wood-work promptly, at reasonable prices. Give us a trial. McLEAN BLACKSMITH SHOP P. V. Rhea, Prop.

Hansel Christian, J. F. Watson, Sammie Cubine, Fred Bentley, Russell Grogan, James Jackson, Jack Steger, Harold Senter and John Haynes were Shamrock visitors Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hedrick of Alanreed were in the city Wednesday.

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Hansel Christian, J. F. Watson, Sammie Cubine, Fred Bentley, Russell Grogan, James Jackson, Jack Steger, Harold Senter and John Haynes were Shamrock visitors Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hedrick of Alanreed were in the city Wednesday.

W. W. Breeding of Enterprise was in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Luther McCombs of Gracey were in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Bentley were Clarendon visitors Sunday. Marvin Davis, Lee Jackson and Oran Robinson were Shamrock visitors Monday night. C. M. Eudy of Childress came in Monday. F. E. Robinson returned Monday from a business trip to Wichita Falls.

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The price you receive for bollie cotton depends upon how well the gin does its work. Our modern cleaning machinery insures you the best possible sample. Bring us your next bale.

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C. C. BOGAN Agent

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You are all wrapped up in the merchandise that fills your store. You enthuse over the quality of this article and that line. You probably display the goods attractively, too.

All you need now is to transmit your enthusiasm to the buying public of your community--and your goods will move out and profits roll in. Advertise. For advertising makes the customer feel as you do about the goods you have to sell. Every time you talk to prospective buyers through an advertisement in The News, you are increasing the fellow feeling that brings business to your store.

An Advertisement Is an Invitation

NOTICE

THE STAT COUNTY ( On this 1925, came petition of other persons to be held to determine county seat Lefors, Tex And it said petition than two, qualified citizens of Texas Civil NOW, I WOLFE, judge of hereby held in said county day of M not the c moved for All per voters unc laws of th entitled to and, on shall write or printed ( place); or favor of ing where located, he be written For rema Said elec as near a Notice given by paper of has been published than one of the no Texas; a published for the j dative of cation b election s public pl of which the Cou county. Done a 9th day of T. M. of Attest: County C of the Gray Cou Ne

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF GRAY.

On this the 9th day of February, 1925, came to be considered the petition of T. W. Johnson and 216 other persons praying that an election be held in Gray county, Texas, to determine whether or not the county seat shall be removed from Lefors, Texas:

And it appearing to me that said petition is signed by not less than two hundred free holders and qualified voters who are residents citizens of said county, as provided by Article 1390, Vernon Statutes, Texas Civil Statutes, 1914.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. WOLFE, in my capacity as county judge of Gray county, Texas, do hereby order an election to be held in each voting precinct in said county of Gray on the 19th day of March, 1925, for the purpose of determining whether or not the county seat shall be removed from Lefors, Texas.

All persons who are qualified voters under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas shall be entitled to vote at said election; and, on each ticket, the voter shall write or cause to be written or printed: "For removal to \_\_\_\_\_" (inserting the name of the place); or, should the voter be in favor of the county seat remaining where the same is already located, he shall write or cause to be written or printed on his ticket: "For remaining at Lefors."

Said election shall be conducted as near as may be, as election for county officers.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in said Gray county, Texas; and said notice shall be published at least once each week, for the period of thirty days exclusive of the first day of publication before the date of said election and also posted at three public places in said county, one of which posted notices shall be at the Court House door of said county.

Done at Lefors, Texas, this the 9th day of February, 1925.

T. M. WOLFE, County Judge of Gray County, Texas.

Attest: CHARLIE THUT, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Gray County, Texas. 7-4c

News From Back

By Special Correspondent. So far as we have been able to learn, Lewis Morse is the champion wolf hunter, he having brought in three one day last week; and Frank Corum is the champion trapper, he having caught two skunks in one trap at the same time. These boys didn't get all the coons up one tree, but they are entitled to the chicken pie.

Jesse Cobb and family were shopping in McLean last Tuesday. Mrs. W. I. Bacon visited Mrs. C. M. Carpenter last Tuesday afternoon.

Geo. Colebank had business in McLean Wednesday.

Sherman Clayton of Amarillo spent Wednesday night in the W. I. Bacon home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carpenter and daughter, little Miss Gwynn, were McLean visitors Thursday.

Louis Morse was a McLean visitor Friday.

C. M. Carpenter and daughter, Miss Charlie Mae, were shopping in McLean Saturday.

Geo. Kyte and Lawrence Watson were in McLean Saturday.

Miss Ruby Watson spent the week end with home folks at Pampa.

Geo. Colebank and family visited relatives in McLean Sunday.

Chas. Pack was a visitor at the Holmes No. 2 on the Morse ranch Sunday.

BECAUSE A GUN WAS HANDY

An abnormal girl, low in tastes and vicious in habits and associates, given to fits of blind rage, flew into a temper at her mother for asking her to keep reasonable hours. So, as Chester Rowell puts the case, she went to her brother's room, took his revolver and shot their mother dead. Now from a mean, obscure, coarsely uninteresting person, sordidly on her way to the devil, she becomes suddenly a national sensation, as the "jazz-girl murderer." It is not a question why a girl went wrong. There are always girls stupid, vicious or crazy enough to go wrong. It is, why did she kill? And the answer is—because a gun was handy. It is the presence of the "gun" that transforms brawls or hysteria into murder.—Capper's.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson of Ramey were McLean visitors Saturday.

Miss Ona Taylor of Hald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarry Hudgins of Erick, Okla. visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement, etc.

RAH-RAH EDUCATION

Interest in higher education has been increasing rapidly in America during the past five years. To many moneyed philanthropists the interest has been more than casual; they have contributed millions of dollars to various universities for the furtherance of research work and for extending the privileges of education to more and more young men and women. But to a great number of other persons, the interest has been of a rah-rah nature, centered around football and other college sports.

In our own Southwest the same conditions exist as in the East. Athletics are over-emphasized in too many cases. Texas University for years has been crying for money to remove the disgraceful shacks from her campus, yet the first big drive staged by alumni is not for more class room and laboratory money, but for a million dollar athletic stadium. The great stadium is being completed this spring. At the same time another school, Rice Institute, the only one in the state that can claim financial independence, is completing a million dollar structure for the study of chemistry. Apparently there is an incongruity somewhere.

The instance cited is not meant to be an invidious comparison of the two institutions; it is just a prominent, typical example of a condition existing all over the country. It may be said in all fairness that Texas University, too, is completing a beautiful building for the study of biology, and that Rice Institute recently signed a contract for an athletic coach at an unheard of salary.

Sports are not to be condemned wholly. The physical welfare of young men and women is a prerequisite to mental progress, but the difficulty seems to be that money spent on sports benefits too small a number. From a student body of 1,000 scarcely more than 100 individuals can participate in the college athletic programs. And this 100 always is the pick of the crowd, the select bunch that needs physical training least. The flat-chested, waddling boy or girl is crowded out, because gymnasium facilities are not complete enough.

True, the university does not purport to be more than a place for mental pursuits and hence it is no business of the authorities if a student is emaciated and weak. That stand is all right if the authorities are consistent, but when they start spending great sums for what appears to be public entertainment, there is a legitimate howl.

Football, of course, is interesting, and valuable even to the spectators. But the highly organized competition between colleges is tending to make the schools lose sight of their real purposes and aims.—Texas Commercial News.

NEWSPAPERS AND THE PUBLIC

Roy W. Howard, head of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, discussing what newspapers owe the public, says first of all a newspaper must be a good citizen and a decent neighbor.

He says they should encourage tolerance and never forget that a smile has an asset value even in the midst of a fight. He would not print a story that puts a criminal brand on a young person. He says they should encourage printed that raises a question on the part of a clean-minded boy or girl that cannot be answered or explained by any parent familiar with normal realities of life.

This is a fine stand by an executive of a group of papers that go to working people in hundreds of thousands of homes, registering a tendency toward cleaner journalism.

This new order is bound to minimize crimes, scandals, details of social and moral delinquencies, and substitute more space for industries and enterprises by which nine-tenths of the people make a living.

Mrs. A. A. Christian returned last Thursday from a visit with her children at Amarillo.

L. B. Muncie of Hedley was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Chas. Lester, manager of the McLean Supply Co., visited relatives at Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarry Hudgins of Erick, Okla. visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

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GROUND HOG WEEK

By the way, this week has not been named, not devoted to any one cause, so far as announced. So why not have a Get-By Week, devoted and set apart to getting by?—Terrell Tribune.

Land sakes, man! The week you thought was a blank was Ground Hog Week. There aren't any blank weeks. Every week serves some noble purpose or celebrates some holiday. Ground Hog Day gives tone to the week in which the day falls, and the ground hog's prognostication gives texture to the weather for the ensuing three fortnights. Last Monday the earth swine came out, took a look at his shadow and returned to his subterranean abode to remain a month and a half in obscure repose.

When he sees his shadow on the day of his experimental advent he knows there are six weeks of winter weather still in store. Not liking such weather, preferring the solid comfort of a hole in the ground, he retires to his burrow and goes to sleep with his chin between his paws. It is an ideal life, although not an exalted one. Outside of his profession of weather prophet, the ground hog is absolutely no account. He serves no cause, he engages in no labor calculated to uplift the unlifted. He contributes nothing to art, science, literature or constructive enterprise.

He is like men who do not subscribe for a newspaper—available for enlightenment. If preferring darkness if the ground hog were a bird, even a jaybird, he would be of some use. Birds devour dangerous insects and are within themselves contributors to tender sentiment in the bosom of mankind. Ask Editor Statton of *Holland's Magazine*, v. 1. was made an industrious and ready campaigner for bird sanctuaries, taking the matter from the egg so to speak, straight up to the Legislature. Would as busy a man as Editor Statton bother himself over ground hog sanctuaries? He would not, for he is a man of business as well as of feeling, and he knows the ground hog is an economic loss.—State Press in Dallas News.

He shoots it through, the proof we get— Hell's bells, the job is not right yet. We chop that proof to splinters. It takes two days before he knows just what each hieroglyphic shows. A dumb lot are those printers. —Blossburg (Pa.) Herald.

THE PROPER PLACE FOR JAZZ MUSIC

The Herald editor, in company with others, visited one of the state's insane asylums last Friday evening during the semi-monthly dance which is given the inmates of the institution. The music for the dance was furnished by a jazz band and it was the first time we had ever heard this class of music in its proper place.—Panhandle Herald.

A SUCCESSFUL DINNER

Let us aid you when you plan your special dinner. The many choice cuts of fresh meats we have will solve the dinner problem successfully.

THE CITY MARKET

BRYANT HENRY, Prop. PHONE 165

Look for the Label

All genuine DIAVOLO coals carry this label. It is pasted on DIAVOLO lump and scattered thru the nut size.

The DIAVOLO label is your guarantee—your protection against inferior quality. It carries the DIAVOLO trade mark, and you will see it wherever good coal is sold.

DIAVOLO. "This is the sign of better coal—more heat and comfort, less expense."

Western Lumber & Hardware Company

H. F. WINGO, Manager

THE PRINTER

It may be sad but still 'tis true, There's one thing all us humans do And that is blame the printer. He does his best, without our help, For all we do is stand and yelp, Then cuss, and blame the printer.

We write our manuscript by pen— To read it is beyond our ken— Yet we expect the printer To dope it out and get it right. We think not of his time or sight; If wrong—we blame the printer.

We hold our stuff until the last, Then try to rush it through so fast The printer gets snowed under. But still we camp upon his trail, And prod him on with woeful tale, Or rant and roar like thunder.

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Reliable Insurance

NOT WAY TO HELP MATTERS

The Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association says that the term "independent grower," applied to the farmer, who is not a member of a co-operative, is a misnomer. Since co-operatives, when they handle a large per cent of the crop, tend to increase the price of the crop as a whole, this organization says that such a farmer is really a parasite, profiting by the efforts of others rather than by his own.

It is to be hoped that as co-operatives grow stronger they do not take an attitude towards non-members similar to that held by labor organizations towards unorganized laborers. Under ordinary conditions, a farmer should join a co-operative but if he cannot see his way clear to do so, it is his privilege to remain outside the co-operative, and stigmatizing him with such ugly names as "parasite," etc., is not calculated to help matters in the least. It certainly will not put him in the frame of mind of ultimately becoming a co-operative.—The Progressive Farmer.

INTERESTING PEOPLE

You Meet in the Advertisements The girl you just know wears 'em.

The man whose nose knows.

The young athletes with rosy cheeks, who seem to be so healthy through use of cigarettes.

The happy family who sit around the house in their underwear.

The young lady who keeps her school-girl complexion.

The girl who likes to display her legs to the public.

The tailored looking men whose clothes are always like new.

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Amalee Motor Oils 100 per cent Pure Pennsylvania.

W. D. WILES

Agent Phone 131 McLean, Texas



Shell's Pharmacy

The boy stood on the burning deck, The heat was past endurance, And shouted let her burn, by heck, It's covered by insurance.

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C. S. RICE

for Fire Tornado and Hail Insurance the oldest established agency in McLean, Texas

Unusual Performance

Chevrolet is famous everywhere for the power and economy of its motor. Power to climb hills—to go through sand and mud—to travel the most difficult roads! And the quality of the motor indicates the quality of construction characteristic of the entire car.

Quality at Low Cost

It is easy to pay for a Chevrolet.

Smith Bros. Chevrolet

It Matters Not--

who you are or what your income is, a consistent, persistent plan of economy in its truest meaning will surely point the way toward bigger, better things.

The essence of economy is a substantial bank account.

We solicit yours here.



The American National Bank

News From Liberty

By Special Correspondent. Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel James of Jericho visited in the C. E. Francis home recently. While there they all visited in the Luther Petty home one day. Jason Morgan of Clarendon spent the week end with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pearce and children attended preaching services at the McLean Baptist church Sunday night. Reuben Woodley went to McLean Tuesday. C. E. Francis went to Amarillo Tuesday to undergo an operation. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and children visited relatives near Clarendon Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Garrett filled his appointment Sunday. Mrs. Luther Petty and Misses Opal and Levi Nelson called at the Holder-on home Sunday after Sunday school.

COSEL FISHERS UNION

Opening exercises. Group No. 2 in charge. Subject—A Friend Who Invited Jesus to Her Home. Leader—Merle Young. Martha Serving Jesus in Her Home—Elizabeth Wilkerson. Sorrow in Martha's Home—Versie Savage. Jesus in Our Homes Today—Floye Landers. Our Heavenly Home—Lloyd Hurt. Original Papers—Mildred Landers. Poem, "Mother, Home and Heaven." Closing exercises.

Groceries are cheap at the Cash Store. Advertisement. Clyde Willis gave us \$1.50 Monday to renew his subscription to The News. F. Y. King of Jester, Okla., was a McLean visitor Saturday.

W. A. Armstrong of Hedley visited his brother, G. L. Armstrong, Saturday. Kid McCoy and family were shopping in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Rippey and daughter of Electra came in Friday to visit relatives.

Our good friend, J. E. Williams, brooded us \$1.50 Saturday and said to keep The News coming to his address.

HE PROVED ADS ARE READ

So many customers were out of town on vacations that one of our pharmacist friends in a nearby town concluded that it wasn't worth while to continue his advertisement in the home paper. He knew the editor well and called him up and ordered out the ad. "I don't believe the people see it anyhow," the pharmacist informed his friend, the editor. The latter suggested that it might be well to change the copy, but the pharmacist had made up his mind. The paper came out as usual, but following the editor's instructions, the illustration in the pharmacist's ad was upside down. That evening the editor strolled into the drug store and was immediately hailed by his friend. "What's the idea of having that ad upside down in my ad?" he inquired. "I told you to take out the whole ad." "Well, you're probably the only one that noticed it," replied the editor. "Is that so?" replied the pharmacist, "why I bet fifty people have already called my attention to the change—asked if I had seen it. A dozen customers brought their own paper to show me. Two women went to the trouble to call me on the phone about it. I didn't realize that so many people noticed my ad. You had better let it run and I will get up some new copy right away." — Guadalupe Gazette-Bulletin.

THE EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR

We have a friend who breezes in our office at stated intervals, and if perchance he finds us at our desk he sings, "The editor sat in his easy chair." Now, this man is one of our very best friends, but we resent his continual assumption that the editor does nothing but sit in his easy chair. Another man came in to collect a bill this morning and he found us setting a head at the case. "Why I thought you never worked," said this humorist. "Why, my dear sir," we replied, "I have worked nearly 62 years in a printing office, and as publisher of newspapers over 53 years." "A very commendable record you may well be proud of," he replied, and then proceeding further, said: "It seems to be a prevalent idea throughout the community that an editor just loaf about the office and draws his salary." Ye gods and little fishes! Do people believe that the newspaper prints itself? Do they imagine the types just march into line and fill columns? If some of the men who think an editor sits in an easy chair could spend a whole day with the editor, they would very quickly change that point of view.

Then there is another wise guy who calls at the office at intervals and brings in a column or two of matter "just to fill up the paper." If the average reader could see the editorial wastebasket he would be amazed at the amount of propaganda, free press stuff and vain efforts to get advertising published as news that goes into that wastebasket every day. Just why otherwise intelligent men will spend money in an effort to get something for nothing in the newspaper, is one of the big problems of today. Ever since the World War, when newspaper editors generously published columns of free matter for the war loans, the army and navy activities, and other appeals for foreign relief, a hundred corporations have been trying to get into print on the same basis. They have wasted enough money in this effort to pay for the space they seek at the regular advertising

rates. Politicians, reformers, charity workers, a hundred welfare organizations that pay everybody else a salary, pile the editor's desk high with free publicity. For a time the editor smiled and hung the copy on the compositor's hook, but as everybody got to doing it, the hook wouldn't hold the free copy and the wastebasket got the overflow. Today the wastebasket won't hold it and most of it goes direct from the editorial desk to the haler. In self-defense the editor who seeks to meet his bills and pay his employees has adopted the very simple little slogan: "You charge, we charge." Which means that advertising for all events where an admission fee is charged must be paid for.

No, the editor does not sit in an easy chair. He has as many problems as other business men. He puts in as many hours and goes home just as tired as other business men and he never needs any copy "just to help fill up the paper."—Shelby County Leader, Shelbyville, Ill.

AN OVER ZEALOUS OFFICIAL

A jack rabbit drive was arranged for New Year's day in the west end of the county. P. J. Martinez, game warden rushed into print with a "notice to hunters," quoting Sec. 2833 of the game law. Mr. Martinez then warns the public that "Anyone caught hunting without license will be placed under arrest and brought into court for trial."

Now, Mr. Martinez is probably

an efficient officer. But there is such a thing as being too zealous in the enforcement of a law that is no longer useful in this section of the state. Millions of rabbits are destroying millions of dollars worth of grain and other crops. To say to the farmer who has cast his lot in Colorado, "Sure—we know you but you must not even kill a jack rabbit with a club until you have paid two dollars into the state treasury," is rotten, to say the least. It gives him the impression that the state of Colorado don't want him—and perhaps it don't, at that.

A rabbit drive has been announced for next Sunday down in the Dalerosse vicinity. No guns or dogs will be used. The rabbits will be gently persuaded to enter a corral. A prominent citizen of the community will read them a lecture on the evils of nocturnal prowling, after which they will be permitted to commit hari kari. Surely there is nothing in this program to excite the game warden, and it is hoped he will be conspicuous by his absence.—Kim (Colo.) County Record.

Mrs. N. E. Savage, who has been visiting her sister at Cleburne, is expected to return home tomorrow.

FREE MEAL

Buy one of our meal tickets and get one fifty-cent meal free.

Good food cooked like you want it.

J. A. MEADOR

A Stitch in Time

saves the need of buying spring clothes too soon. Have your winter suit and overcoat cleaned and pressed and get several weeks more wear out of them.

City Tailor Shop

Charles Gray, Prop.



Let the Victrola help you entertain your callers

For "breaking the social ice" and making the self-conscious caller feel at home, the Victrola is a splendid aid to the hostess. And when conversation flags, the Victrola fills in the awkward gaps admirably.

The unlimited range of entertainment that the Victrola offers makes it easy to please the individual tastes of any guest.

It will be a pleasure to help you select a Victrola to match the furnishings of your home.

Erwin Drug Co.

The Rexall Drug Store

Fresh Vegetables

With the approach of spring comes the desire for fresh vegetables. The winter diet of canned goods has by this time become an irritating monotony and the freshness—the crispness of spring vegetables right from the garden is what appeals to one's palate.

Come and see the supply of fresh spring vegetables we receive every week—the sturdiest, the most solid and hardy garden products you ever saw—or better yet, have your name added to our telephone list and we will be glad to call up when we have something new to offer.

McLean Supply Company

Chas. Lester, Mgr.



Public Sale

Have sold my farm 4 and one-half miles south east of McLean and will move to a smaller farm at Rush Springs, Okla., so will sell on Feb. 18 at public auction all of my dairy herd, consisting of a good mixed strain of Jersey and Holstein Presien cows and Holstein Presien heifers and my thoroughbred Holstein Presien bull.

Have 16 head of mules and a number of farm implements of various kinds and descriptions. Have a good line of implements, mules and dairy cattle.

Everybody come. Free lunch at noon. See sale bills for list.

A. C. Waldron

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O. G. STOKELY, Representative, McLean, Texas

DATES

"Do you love me, darling?" "Of course I do, Harry." "Harry? My name's Sam!" "Why, so it is. I keep thinking today is Monday."

WOULD TAKE BRAVE MAN

She—"The man who marries me must be bold and daring." He—"Yes, he must."

PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS

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