

Community Chest to Be Organized

Farm Terracing to Be Major Project of Agent for 1931

Terracing Big Project New Year

County Agent Makes Good Report of Year's Work

Terracing will be one of the major projects of the county agent of Gray County in 1931. According to the report of County Agent Ralph R. Thomas, it was estimated that there are 150,000 acres of plains land in Gray County that would be benefited by terracing from a moisture conservation standpoint, and of this there are 39,000 acres that are well adapted to a more or less extent. In the eastern portion of the county there probably 40,000 acres that are badly in need of terracing, some of which if not terraced will be worthless within the next few years.

Last year terracing demonstrations were held in both the plains and the rolling part of the county. On the farm of John Bell a terracing demonstration was held last July and of Mr. Bell's fields was terraced. About 2,000 acres is under terracing in the southeast portion of the county, some of which has been terraced for several years.

There are four county-owned levels and levels owned by the banks of McLean and Alanreed, and it is the plan of the county agent to teach the farmers to terrace their own land to speed up the work in the county.

During 1930 the work of County Agent Thomas included poultry work as control of disease and parasites, working out rations, and housing problems. Six poultry demonstrations were started in November, which will be continued into 1931.

The dairy work included herd improvement, as in working out dairy rations and the bringing in of better dairy sires. Dairy demonstrations were also started, to be continued in the coming year.

The insect work was done in cooperation with the Texas Experiment Station, who had men in Gray County to assist in working out the wheat insect problem.

Work was also done in cooperation with the U. S. Rodent Control in exterminating the prairie dogs from the county. This work will be continued the coming year, and it is the aim of the county agent to exterminate the prairie dogs from the county entirely.

Wheat variety tests were started in the county this fall, and will be continued in 1931. The variety test this year is on the farm of Jay Evans near Laketon.

Boys 4-H clubs were organized in the county soon after the work was put on in the county May 1st. Forty members enrolled in the clubs at that time. In the month of October 10 more members enrolled. Besides the good the boys got from the work of the demonstrations they carried on, two trips were won by club boys of the county. Aaron Holt won a trip to the Dallas fair, which was offered by the Pampa Hardware, on his cotton demonstration. Paul Griffin won a trip to the National 4-H club boys' encampment at Chicago, when he made one and a third bales to the acre on his cotton demonstration.

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Annual Election C. of C. Officers Monday Night

The annual election of chamber of commerce officers will be held at the city secretary's office Monday night, beginning at 7:30. All dues paying members of the C. of C. will be entitled to a vote, as will any who join at the meeting. Under the constitution, it will take at least 16 members present to constitute a quorum, and it is hoped that enough members will be present to obviate the necessity of adjourning to a future date for the election, as all old officers will hold their places until their successors are elected and installed. Plans for the new year will be discussed, as will the matter of an annual banquet.

JURORS FOR NEXT TERM ARE NAMED

Jurors for the first week of the January term of the 114th district court, who are to appear at 10 o'clock on the morning of Jan. 7, are: Lem Richardson, McLean; A. N. Burelson, Pampa; R. A. Mackey, Pampa; M. K. Brown, Pampa; J. M. Dodson, Pampa; John McKamey, Pampa; J. P. Schmidt, Pampa; L. R. Taylor, Pampa; E. E. Brown, Lefors; H. T. Kirby, Jericho; W. H. Ayer, McLean; W. V. Pettit, McLean; A. Dodd, Groom; S. B. Morse, McLean; R. H. Pipkin, Pampa; Edwin Vivar, Pampa; Haskell Smith, McLean; C. C. Dodd, Pampa; A. B. Word, Alanreed; Lynn Boyd, Pampa; C. A. Griffith, Pampa; N. J. Parker, Pampa; R. W. Lyons, Pampa; R. F. Gordon, Pampa; E. H. Terbush, Alanreed.

FARM JOURNAL PRAISES McLEAN VOCATION'L WORK

A story in the December issue of "Better Farm Equipment and Methods," published at St. Louis, praises the work of Dr. Tampke's vocational work at the McLean high school. The building of sidewalks at the school buildings was mentioned in detail.

CAR ACCIDENT SATURDAY

Two cars collided on the highway east of town during the blinding snow Saturday afternoon. Mrs. H. E. Wesley's leg being broken, two of four children hurt, and Mr. Wesley and brother hurt.

The driver of the other car suffered a gash in one arm and other injuries.

The Wesleys were west bound and the injured lady was taken to an Amarillo sanitarium by a Rice ambulance.

Dr. Batson rendered first aid treatment for the whole party. None of the injured were known here.

BAPTIST ROLL CALL SERVICE

An annual roll call service was given at the First Baptist Church Wednesday evening, preceded by a pot luck supper served in the basement of the church by the ladies.

A large number of the members were present to answer the roll call, and talks were made by the pastor, H. B. Hunter, Claude Williams, D. L. Adams and G. A. Cobb.

BELL

Married, Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1930, at the Methodist church, Mr. Lee Holland of McLean, to Miss Ida Bell of Alanreed. Officiating, Rev. H. Crow.

The young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crow of Alanreed. The ceremony was held at 7:30 p. m. and was attended by a number of friends. The bride is a native of McLean and the groom is a native of Alanreed. They will make their home in McLean after Jan. 1st.



POST OFFICE ROBBED SATURDAY NIGHT

The local post office was robbed of some \$200 in cash and about 75c in stamps last Saturday night, the thief effecting an entrance through an extra large post office box.

Several clues were left, as some mail was broken in to and other mischief attempted, and officers are working on the case with prospect of an arrest soon.

MAYOR STATES GAS REDUCTIONS APPLY IN JAN.

Mayor Jot Montgomery states that there has been some misunderstanding as to when the new gas rates will apply. The ordinance reducing the rates is required to be published three times, today's publication being the last time, which is too late to apply to the December bills. However, the mayor states that the new rates will apply to the January bills. Read the full statement on another page.

TERRY HUDGINS FUNERAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Services were held at Hillcrest cemetery for Terry Hudgins, aged 45, Sunday afternoon by the Masonic Lodge, Pastor Cecil G. Goff of the First Baptist Church officiating.

The deceased took his own life with a 32 calibre pistol at his place of business at Erick, Okla., at 6:30 Friday morning. He had seemed in good spirits when he went to work. Mrs. Hudgins heard a shot and ran from an adjoining room, finding him in a dying condition with the discharged pistol in his hand. No reason was given for committing suicide, but those who knew him believe it was due to financial worries.

The funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. at the home of the deceased, through the services of the pastor.

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PASTORS ASSOCIATION EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

The pastors of McLean wish to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to the proprietors and employees of the grocery stores and meat markets of the town for their recent action in closing their places of business on Sunday. They have been anxious for such action to come and greet it with glad appreciation. The keeping of the fourth commandment is an essential in our modern civilization, as is the keeping of each of the other nine.

CECIL G. GOFF, Secretary Pastors Association.

PAMPA POULTRY SHOW TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

By Ralph R. Thomas, Co. Agent. The Pampa poultry show will be held January 8th to 10th, in the basement of the new city hall.

Detailed plans were worked out for the show at a meeting held Monday by the chamber of commerce. The meeting was attended by Geo. W. Briggs, C. C. Dodd, J. G. Christy, Roy McMillen, F. P. Reid, Ralph R. Thomas and Miss Myrtle Miller.

The management will be ready to receive birds January 7th, and all entries must be made by noon of the 8th.

With the liberal premiums offered on all standard breeds, it is expected that there will be keen competition in all classes. Premiums of \$3.50 for first pens and \$2.00 for first singles are offered. Birds are expected to be entered from all the surrounding counties.

There will be special classes for 4-H boys and girls and vocational agricultural exhibits where no entry fee will be charged. The same prizes will be offered in the general classes.

The show will exhibit their work of the year.

The show will be held in December at the city hall and will be forced the management to have the show to a later date in the county fair which was held with the poultry show.

Plans for a county fair to be held early next fall have been discussed.

Miss Carmen Ulm of Amarillo is visiting in McLean this week.

LIONS HEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR

The annual financial report was called for at the regular weekly luncheon held by the Lions Club at the basement of the Baptist parsonage Tuesday.

Secretary Reep Landers read the report, stating that at the beginning of the year the club was something like \$400 in debt, a number of members dropping out at that time, but that the club has cleared up the debt and paid all current expenses, owing at the present time only \$28.00.

Nominations were called for to fill a vacancy on the board of directors, and O. W. Caussey, Claude Williams, C. B. Batson, W. A. Erwin, O. C. Boswell and C. S. Rice were nominated. Each candidate was required to make a speech favoring his cause, and the election will be held next Tuesday.

The president of the chamber of commerce announced the annual election of officers for that body to be held next Monday evening.

An attempt was made to fine the tall twister, but lacked one vote of being unanimous, Lion White voting for the tall twister, which is a record in the club. Another record was made in that the tall twister failed to fine anyone during the meeting.

Those present were: Boyd Meador, G. C. Boswell, W. A. Erwin, T. W. Gilstrap, O. W. Caussey, C. B. Batson, W. E. Bogan, A. A. Tampke, M. D. Bentley, Sherman White, C. S. Rice, Claude Williams, Cecil G. Goff, Reep and T. A. Landers.

COUNTY OFFICERS SWORN IN TODAY

Both old and new county officers were sworn in by Judge Duncan at Pampa this morning, and have begun their official duties.

The inauguration was held in the commissioners court room at nine o'clock and each officer was required to submit a bond approved by the commissioners.

New officers are: Lon L. Blansett sheriff, T. W. Barnes tax collector, Louise Miller district clerk, S. D. Stennis county judge, S. A. McClesky commissioner precinct No. 3, Raymond Allred district attorney, Sherman White county attorney.

Incumbent officers who took the oath were: Commissioners M. M. Newman, Lewis O. Cox and John R. White; Charlie Thut county clerk, F. E. Leech tax assessor, Mabel Davis treasurer, John B. Hessey county superintendent, A. H. Doucette county surveyor.

FUNERAL SERVICES MRS. LONGAN FRIDAY

Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ Friday afternoon of last week for Mrs. Katherine Longan, aged 78 years, 5 months and 18 days. Services were conducted by Eld. R. L. Massey.

Palbearers were: Mesdames J. O. Davidson, W. A. Lankford, Louis Powell, M. T. Powell, J. I. Bones and E. Exum. Interment was made in Hillcrest cemetery, Mortician C. S. Rice in charge.

The deceased was the mother of H. Longan of Ramsdell, and leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

W. C. ...

W. C. ... aged 49, Amarillo hospital Tuesday following injuries sustained from a horse at the McLean track Christmas Day.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Roy Goodgrass of the First Christian Church, Amarillo, at the Bonwell chapel. Interment in Amarillo Memorial Park cemetery.

A widow, six daughters and three sons, other relatives and many friends are left to mourn his passing.

Fund to Be Raised for Charity

Meeting Will Be Held Friday Jan. 9

A meeting has been called for Friday night, January 9, the purpose of organizing a community chest fund to take care of charity cases in McLean.

It is expected that the meeting will be held at the McLean lodge, and organizations are invited to have representatives present as every individual will be asked to contribute to the fund.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock and all are expected to be present. This work was handled by the local Red Cross organization for a number of years, and it is hoped that the community chest fund will be more efficient in the future.

Officers will be elected at the meeting and a committee appointed to take care of the fund. It is expected that the fund will be able to take care of all charity cases in the community.

The full statement of the meeting will be published in another column.

PAPER HOUSE COMMISSIONERS' CHAIRS

Oklahoma City, Jan. 1, 1931. Mr. T. A. Landers, McLean News, McLean, Texas.

Dear Mr. Landers: I have always considered you a very good newspaper man and one glance at your paper before you read it is a real treat.

The paper is a wonderful city. We are all doing our best to give the city a better and subscribers the benefit of it, and you have our best wishes for your continued success.

Yours very truly, R. R. Moser.

NEWSPAPER

The merchants' association in Washington town has caused a survey to be made of the newspaper industry in the town. The results of the survey will be published in the next issue of the paper.

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...Roberta stared forlornly after him.
...She turned to go toward the house
...and saw the kill-joy, as she mentally
...called Sir George, come along the
...townpath.
...He still looked puzzled, but when
...he looked into Roberta's hostile eyes,
...he saw there was no prospect of help
...to that quarter.
...How could he go to this girl, who
...disliked him enough as it was, and
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...type of hound he had frequently
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...who. In that world of millionaires
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But could he speak to the girl's
father, or even to the girl herself,
on the strength of a likeness, and that
not very strong? He could not even
remember the man's name!
When he came within hailing distance
Roberta spoke: "Are you ready to
go to the village with me to meet
the bank manager?"
"Absolutely. Now?"
"Immediately after luncheon. On
the way back we'll stop at Green
Bend for tea. Father says now that
you're fairly well acquainted in the
city—he wants you to meet every-
body here. We will probably give a
dinner and dance this week for Aunt
Aggy—and for you. I'll have to consult
her as to the night."
"Awfully good of you," Sir George
said mechanically, wishing that he
might ask her a question or two about
the lad in the blue car.
As though answering his thought,
the man with a disdainful
grin. "Entertaining here's the last
cream in old-fashioned stuff. It will
be a mixture of old and young."
"Is the man I saw this morning one
of the 'young'?"
Roberta stopped short, flushed and
answered him slowly: "No, he doesn't
belong about here."
"Sorry. His face interested me."
"Oh, you will probably see him
again," answered Roberta lightly, but
though Sir George nodded, he noticed
she did not give him the man's name,
and she had not made the slightest
effort to introduce him this morning.

They sat around a table in a cheap
Philadelphia restaurant, and they
might have been, such is the uni-
formity of men today in their custom-
made and fashioned clothing, anything
but honest clerks at luncheon. In
clothes, manners and language they
resembled some of the crude but fairly
straight business men of that district.
Their business, if neither legitimate
nor honest, was profitable.
The oldest man, gray haired, with
thin lips, was the head of the business.
He had thought it out carefully during
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with care. It had been a profitable
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with home folks here.
A. H. Carver and family of Texola,
Okla., spent Christmas Day with
relatives here.
Miss Bertha Quarles of Amarillo
is a new reader of The News.
G. J. Abbott has our thanks for a
subscription favor this week.

...Hansel Christian was elected
captain of the McLean fire hose
company in place of Ercy Cubine, as
was reported last week. Both men
were nominated for the place, and
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...Mrs. Harry Bettis and children
were in Berger last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Matthews
visited Mrs. Matthews's mother,
who is sick in Wellington.
Roy Turner and family of Berger
spent Christmas with his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bearr of
Berger spent Christmas at the home
of Harry Bettis and family.
R. C. Meathenia, who has been
sick for several days, is now
improving.
A large crowd enjoyed a party
at the Z. T. Jones home last
Thursday.



...After luncheon Roberta, in her car,
came to the edge of the terrace and
called to Sir George: "Ready?"
(Continued next week)

...Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kennedy of
San Angelo and J. L. Kennedy and
little daughter, Charline, of Wichita
Falls visited in the S. R. Kennedy
home Christmas.
Hugo Riemer of Alanreed orders
the Amarillo News another year at
our bargain rate.
T. H. Andrews has renewed his
subscription to The News and Ama-
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Trimming the Christmas Tree—L.
A. Meathenia, Harold Petty, Jewel
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Petty, Chas. H. Selby, Andy Corbin,
Virgil Turner, Zenobia Rachford.
Darning Stockings—Larry Cunn-
ingham, Francis Petty.
Santa Up to Date—Clinton Dorsey.
Where Santa Claus Lives—Louise
King.
Drill—Primary group.
The Broken Doll—Fleeta Cunn-
ingham.
Christmas Lullaby—Lorraine Selby.
Christmas Every Day—Lillian Dor-
sey, Florence Jones.
Santa's Helpers—Troy Corbin.
Christmas Lullaby—Fourth grade
girls.
Sing a Song of Christmas—Bonnie
Jean Meathenia.
Bobby's Christmas—Lorena Turner.
I'm Waiting for the Twenty-six—
James Corbin.
Three Stockings in a Row—Luile
Lee Corbin.
The Minister's Daughter—Jessie
Corbin, Pauline Meathenia, Bessie
Meathenia, Pauline Matthews.
Merry Christmas Song—Group of
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Merry, Merry Christmas—Oleeta
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CHAPTER V
But could he speak to the girl's
father, or even to the girl herself,
on the strength of a likeness, and that
not very strong? He could not even
remember the man's name!
When he came within hailing distance
Roberta spoke: "Are you ready to
go to the village with me to meet
the bank manager?"
"Absolutely. Now?"
"Immediately after luncheon. On
the way back we'll stop at Green
Bend for tea. Father says now that
you're fairly well acquainted in the
city—he wants you to meet every-
body here. We will probably give a
dinner and dance this week for Aunt
Aggy—and for you. I'll have to consult
her as to the night."
"Awfully good of you," Sir George
said mechanically, wishing that he
might ask her a question or two about
the lad in the blue car.
As though answering his thought,
the man with a disdainful
grin. "Entertaining here's the last
cream in old-fashioned stuff. It will
be a mixture of old and young."
"Is the man I saw this morning one
of the 'young'?"
Roberta stopped short, flushed and
answered him slowly: "No, he doesn't
belong about here."
"Sorry. His face interested me."
"Oh, you will probably see him
again," answered Roberta lightly, but
though Sir George nodded, he noticed
she did not give him the man's name,
and she had not made the slightest
effort to introduce him this morning.

They sat around a table in a cheap
Philadelphia restaurant, and they
might have been, such is the uni-
formity of men today in their custom-
made and fashioned clothing, anything
but honest clerks at luncheon. In
clothes, manners and language they
resembled some of the crude but fairly
straight business men of that district.
Their business, if neither legitimate
nor honest, was profitable.
The oldest man, gray haired, with
thin lips, was the head of the business.
He had thought it out carefully during
three years of imprisonment at Sing
Sing and he had chosen his associates
with care. It had been a profitable
and exciting partnership, although the
offices in this backwater street seemed
dull and respectable enough.
The name on the door was "The
Elite Social Register, Inc." and the
offices, two in number, were duly
supplied with files and card indexes.
If the police ever grew suspicious
what was there to dread? All they
would find was a quiet office run
by one man, a stenographer and
filling clerk. If they should by
chance find the leader there, why
here was a crook who was tired
of the game and had settled
down to earning an honest living
issuing a little blue book that
told society climbers who was
who. In that world of millionaires
which constitutes America's
aristocracy of money.
The youngest man present was
Jack Navarro who was talking
vehemently. While the others
listened to him with attention,
it could not be said that they
listened with patience.
"You bring too little," the
leader interrupted. "You say
there is money in the country
bank, but how much? You say
this Englishman is about to be
trusted by his employer—but how
far?"
Jack shrugged his shoulders. "I
bring you what I can get," he
told them sulkily. "If I ask too
many questions, the girl may
grow suspicious."
"Of what? Why should a rich
kid like her have any suspicions?
Have you been talking?"
"If I say too much," Jack
snarled, "she will be suspicious
that I am after her money. Even
now there is trouble. She asks
me to go to their house so that
I meet the father. Well, I can-
not go."
"Why not?"
"Because of that cursed Eng-
lishman."
"He knows you?"
"On the steamer—we met."
The oldest man looked from one
to the other of his companions
without speaking. Finally he
came to Jack.
"My young friend, this thing
we are all out for is business
and this payroll is very big
business. At the end there is
for you either that nice little
wad of money to invest in a
swell night club, where you can
tango and watch the coin flow
in, or, if there should be any
fumbling, there will be a nice
little bit of real estate, just six
feet long, in some quiet ceme-
tery—if it is you—who fumble."
There was utter silence about
the table for a second—then
they all breathed again as Jack
pushed his chair back and said
with a calm

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Current Wit and Humor



READY AND WILLING

Little Lottie, aged four, who was spending a week with her aunt in the country, had developed a great fondness for milk. One day, having drunk as much as her aunt thought good for her, she was informed that she could not have any more.

"Pshaw!" exclaimed the little miss, "I don't see why you want to be so stingy with your old milk. There's two whole cowfuls out in the barn."—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Ah! 'Twas Brutish

Recent Bride—I can't stand it any longer, Judge. My husband actually swore at me. And I was learning to drive just to please him, too.

Judge—What did he say?

Bride—He sat there in the bench and said: "Holy cats, woman, don't you see that lorry?"—*Border Cities Star.*

Rehearsed

Caller—Is the boss in?

New Office Boy—Are you a salesman, bill collector, or a friend of his?

Caller—I am all three.

New Office Boy—He is in a business conference. He is out of town. Step and see him.

A Big Demand

Kind-Hearted Lady—And do you have nine brothers and sisters? My husband must take a lot of toast every morning for breakfast!

Maggie—I'll say it does! It takes all we can scrape together!

NOT STONE BLIND



"I don't believe Love's stone blind." "Why not?" "Well, he never misses seeing a diamond ring."

What and How

This world, so sadly incomplete, Shows contrasts strange, I vow; With rich folks wondering what to eat And poor folks wondering how.

Family Secrets

"I hope you'll grow up to be a good and intelligent man like your father," said the patronizing relative.

"That's easy," answered the precocious youngster. "Mother says I've got him beat already."

Simple

"What do you do with a husband who always is losing his job?" groaned the discouraged wife.

"Lose him and try to find one who doesn't," replied the practical, modern woman.

A Good Tutor

Employer—I want to compliment you! You are the best collector we have on our force. The letters you send out are irresistible! Where did you get your experience?

Employee—I have a son in college.

DRESS GAVE HER AWAY



He—They say a woman can't keep a secret. She—The way they dress shows it.

Introspection

This world of freaks contains a host; Each day a new one will disclose. And oh, the thought that haunts me most Is, maybe I am one of those!

No So Bad at That

Customer—But doesn't that engine make a lot of noise?

Secondhand Car Dealer—Yes—but just remember! You can't hear any advice that is given from the back seat!

More Strings

"Did you hear that Jones is earning \$20 a night playing his violin? Just think, it's a string!"

"Why doesn't he learn to play the harp?"—*Christian Register.*

Water Below the Dam . . .

There is an old poem with a refrain stressing the fact that "the mills will never grind with water that is past."

And somebody once, in emphasizing potential power, spoke of water above the dam.

Books could be written, and have been, on both subjects, but not enough attention has been paid to water below the dam. How it got there and what to do with it are quite important fields for amateur and professional thinkers.

What do you think of these as samples of waters below the dam?

People who never read advertising.

Others who read it but don't believe it.

Still more who avidly read the worst kinds and believe every word.

Then there are people who answer advertising merely out of curiosity and not as potential customers.

Some believe that advertising increases selling costs.

That advertising costs too much.

That all papers amass wealth from advertising.

That anybody can write it or sell it.

Also that all business men must have it and will buy it.

That an advertiser ought to be delighted to purchase space from every "good cause" that feels the urge of self-expression.

Some advertisers think customers are not interested in advertising copy.

Other advertisers think customers might be interested in any kind of advertising copy, even the poorest advertising copy.

The list is indefinite, but these give the general idea.

But what is to be done with water that is already over the dam?

Go down stream and build other dams, of course!

FOR BEST RESULTS

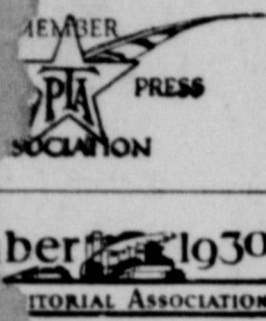
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mas edition of The News. Com-
petitions have been handed us
on all sides, and many extra
copies were mailed to friends
and relatives. There can be
no escape from the fact that
the newspaper represents the
community, and through the co-op-
eration of everyone we were
able to publish an edition last
week that reflected credit upon
our town and every advertiser
interested. No town grows
ahead of its newspaper, and
The News is constantly
striving to give just a little
more service than can right-
ly be expected from a news-
paper in a town our size. No
town can do this alone, and
we are due all those who in
any way help us in our efforts
to advance civic and community
progress.

T. Wilson and son, Gordon;
and Mrs. Donald Beall visited
relatives in Abilene last week.
Johnson has our thanks for
favor.

Next Sunday's Lesson

The Birth of John the Baptist
Luke 1:8-17, 80

By Rev. Cecil G. Goff
For four hundred years the mouth
of prophecy had been silenced by
the hand of God. During the latter
of those years, the Roman oppression,
throughout the world had not failed
to sting the Jewish pride in his racial
heredity, for in spite of the passage
found in Gen. 49:10, "The sceptre
shall not depart from Judah, nor a
lawgiver from between his feet, until
Shiloh come," in 37 B. C. Herod the
Great, an Idumean, had been placed
upon the Judean throne by the
Roman Emperor. One other than a
Judean ruled, but the sceptre, which
in reality was faith in God, remained
in Judah, and the people were gathered
in prayer when Gabriel appeared
to Zacharias to announce the
birth of John.

Little is known of Zacharias, ex-
cept that he was a priest of blame-
less life and evidently a devoted
servant of Jehovah. His duty on
this occasion as a member of the
course of Abijah, was to burn incense
in the Holy Place. His wife,
Elizabeth, was one of the daughters
of Aaron, and related to Mary, the
mother of Jesus. Both the priest
and his wife were old and past the
age when they might expect to have
a son, save by the process of a
miracle.

It is possible that Zacharias had
never before had the privilege of
burning the incense in the temple
because of the great number of
priests and the manner in which the
work of the priests was determined.
During David's reign he divided the
priests into twenty-four groups of
courses. (1 Chron. 24:19-31) Each
course performed the priestly duties
of the temple a week at a time
twice a year. Each group then was
divided into six divisions, one to
serve each day during the week. On
the Sabbath both the out-going and
in-coming group served because of
the heavy work on that day. Thus
each priest functioned in the temple
six times a year, and each time the
duty he performed was determined
by lot or drawing.

The temple proper for the purpose
of worship had three main divisions.
It was in the second of these divi-
sions, or the Holy Place, that the altar
of incense stood, just in front of the
veil of the Holy of Holies, which was
the representative dwelling place of
God among His people. The priest
to burn the incense entered the Holy
Place where the altar was, alone, and
there performed his duties. The pic-
ture given in verse 10 is that while
Zacharias was burning the incense
the people were gathered outside
praying. From the words of Gabriel
in verse 13, Zacharias was also pray-
ing, but the words used for the pray-
ers of the people and those of the
priest are different words. The word
used of the people is the common
word for prayer, while that used con-
cerning the prayer of the priest is a
much stronger word meaning to pray
earnestly, supplication or begging
earnestly. Probably the people and
the priest were praying for the same
thing, and no doubt it was, for the
entrance of the Messiah into their
midst to relieve their oppression.
That, however, had been a prayer on
the lips of many generations, but
now the time was fulfilled.

Gabriel, the same angel messenger
of God, who appeared to Daniel
(Dan. 8:16; 9:21) concerning the
Messiah; and to Mary, announced
that the earnest prayer from the
heart of the priest was answered.
Zacharias and Elizabeth in their old
age were to have a son who should
be the forerunner of the Messiah,
and they should call his name John,
which means "Jehovah is gracious."
The name of the one to be born
was to be a reminder of God's
graciousness in the answering of
prayer.

The child John was to be a
nazirite, one sanctified unto God.
The angel took the pledge for the
child which set him apart, completely,
to the service of God. This meant
that he would never drink wine or
any fermented product, eat grapes,
the fruit of the vine in any way,
or anything that in any way per-
tained to the making of wine. God
demanded a man of full stature for
His service. Also a razor was never
to be placed upon his face or head
(Num. 6:1-21). This meant that he
was to be great in the sight of the
Lord, and that the Holy Ghost would
be upon him from childhood, as the
angel announced.

The most important information
given by Gabriel was that this child
to be born would be a fulfillment of
the prophecy of Malachi (Mal. 4:5, 6)
and would go before the coming Lord
in the spirit and power of Elias
turning many people to the Lord
their God in preparation for the
coming Messiah. The Messiah was
coming. He was coming within a
generation, for this child to be born
was to be His herald. When had
such honor been bestowed upon

parents? No wonder Zacharias could
not believe. When had such honor
been bestowed upon man, that he
should march before the face of the
Messiah and introduce Him to a
people who had through many gen-
erations waited for Him?

PROPAGANDA IN SCHOOLS

The Federal Trade Commission has
been conducting hearings for some-
what more than a year with regard
to certain materials which are in-
cluded in the courses in civics in
many schools of the United States.
It appears that a number of pri-
vately owned corporations which
supply communities with so-called
public utilities, such as water, elec-
tricity, gas and transportation, have
prepared attractive statements about
their services and have secured the
use of these statements in schools.
It was asserted in some of the read-
ing matter supplied from this source
that public ownership of water-works,
gas factories and like establishments
is uneconomical and likely to result
in inefficient service to the public.
The Federal Trade Commission,
which is a branch of our National
Government, created to protect in-
dustries against unfair competition,
was stimulated by some of the be-
lievers in public ownership of public
utility plants to begin official in-
quiries as to the way in which state-
ments favorable to private ownership
were prepared and introduced into
the schools.

Hearings before a Federal commis-
sion on the contents of the school
curriculum are of interest because
they make clear several points with
regard to American education. The
first point is that schools are today
one of the most direct avenues of
approach, if not the most direct, to
the minds of the American public.
People who want to influence opin-
ion recognize this fact. They know
that what is taught in the schools
of this generation will profoundly
affect belief in the next generation.
Anyone who can persuade pupils as
to the best type of ownership of
public utility corporations has in-
fluenced public thought and ultim-
ately public action to a highly signifi-
cant degree.

The second point is that a place
is being found in school courses for
the treatment of problems in econ-
omics and public policy. In the past
the schools of the United States
limited their teaching to subjects
which were simpler. It was assumed
that people could pick up informa-
tion on politics and government
when they encountered these prob-
lems as voters. It is coming to be
recognized that no one can be really
intelligent about his own life unless
he has thought intently about his
relations to his neighbors. To be
intelligent on public policy is to be
intelligent about the world of which
one is a part. Schools cannot do
their full duty to pupils unless they
teach pupils a great deal more than
was taught in the past about social
institutions.

The third point is that fairness
demands a hearing for representa-
tives of all sides of a dispute. What-
ever the Federal Trade Commission
reports about what has been done
in the past, it cannot exclude from
the schools statements on both sides
of the question as to who shall
own and control public utilities cor-
porations. Prevention of improper
competition in trade cannot be se-
cured by closing the ears of pupils
to all the evidence that can be pre-



CHILDREN CRY FOR IT

CHILDREN hate to take medicine
as a rule, but every child loves the
taste of Castoria. This pure vegetable
preparation is just as good as it tastes;
just as bland and just as harmless as the
recipe reads.

When Baby's cry warns of colic, a
few drops of Castoria have him soothed,
asleep again in a jiffy. Nothing is more
valuable in diarrhea. When coated
tongue or bad breath tell of constipation,
invoke its gentle aid to cleanse and
regulate a child's bowels. In colds or
children's diseases, you should use it
to keep the system from clogging.

Castoria is sold in every drug store;
the genuine always bears Chas. H.
Fletcher's signature.



mented on both sides. The worst
possible result of the commission's
hearings would be an attempt to
prohibit a full, two-sided discussion.
The modern world has learned that
only ignorance is to be feared. Ignorance
arising from narrow-minded
prejudiced views is worse than total
lack of knowledge on a subject. Since
the schools are to give instruction
on economic and social problems, it
is important that the way be cleared
for that type of broad treatment of
these problems which will train pupils
to judge for themselves rather
than fall victims to biased propa-
ganda.—Charles S. Judd, in the News
Review.

NOTICE GAS CUSTOMERS

On account of the publication of
the new gas ordinance not being
completed until Jan. 1, 1931, the
December gas bills will not be af-
fected. The new rate will apply to
the January bills.

JOT MONTGOMERY, Mayor
City of McLean.

Advertisement 1c

Evan L. Sitter and children and
Mrs. C. A. Watkins spent Christmas
Day with Mrs. Sitter, in an Amarillo
hospital.

William Henry of Houston visited
his mother, Mrs. T. W. Henry, dur-
ing Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kinard and
daughters of Dalhart visited relatives
here during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay E. Thompson
of Amarillo visited relatives here
Christmas.

S. R. Kennedy says to keep The
News and Amarillo News coming to
his address.

Reep Landers has our thanks for
subscription favors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. "Slim" Windom vis-
ited in Spearman Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cooper visited
in White Deer Christmas Day.

E. H. Browning has renewed for
The News and Amarillo News.

Mrs. Hill of Pampa spent Christmas
Day with her son, J. M. Hill.

R. C. Hammock of Quitaque spent
the week end in McLean.

VERDANT: VERDANT!

J. H. (Buttermilk Jim) Lowry of
the Honeygrove Signal-Citizen tuned
off his radio last week when he heard
a fellow "bawling like the bull of
Bashan" only to learn next day that
this same fellow was the bird who
won five thousand dollars for being
the finest baritone singer in the
Atwater Kent audition contest.

He goes on to say that if this
fellow had been hitting up "turkey
in the straw," the renowned editor
would have been an interested lis-
tener.

And so it goes. The erudite edi-
tor of the Signal-Citizen knows
pretty much about everything but
classical music. Perhaps had he seen
the face of the singer, he could have
discerned the proper value in his
"bawling."

Classical singing is accompanied by
an hysterical expression on the face
of the singer while in action. His
face does a shimmy dance in con-
ditions physiologically that would
put a howling Derivisher to shame.

His audience when appreciating his
so-called art, wear a bored expres-
sion of mixed disgust and pain. It
is a painful procedure from start
to finish all-round, but it is one
of the penalties which nature placed
upon the elite.

Music that does not cause a com-
motion in the bones, waking the
motor nerves to a pat of the foot
just ain't music—it's noise. Butter-
milk Jim Lowry has long been a
"sandpilar" of his church, but he
has not lost his taste for "Turkey in
the Straw," "Leather Britches,"
"Georgia Camp Meetin'," "Hell Among
the Yearlins'," "8th of January," and
a whole lot more grand old tunes
that have brought comfort and joy
to the sensible folks down through
the centuries—one at least.

And right here we want to go on
record as saying that the present
day "tin pan" orchestra racket com-

ing over the radio waves is a de-
gradation to the memory of every old
time fiddler that ever lived.—Donley
County Leader.

TAKE ANOTHER SHOT

A naturalist divided an aquarium
with a clear glass partition. He put
a bass on one side of the glass and
minnows on the other side. Every
time the bass struck at a minnow
he met the glass. After several days
of getting bumped and bruised, the
bass ceased his efforts.

The glass was then removed, but
the bass did not strike at a single
minnow; he was completely sold on
the idea that business was bad.

Moral: Take another shot at your
prospective customer. Maybe the
glass isn't there any more.

Miss Helen Meier of Amarillo is
visiting in the Stratton home this
week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Landers vis-
ited relatives at Texola, Okla., dur-
ing Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Piper were
guests in the L. P. Cunningham home
last week.

H. V. Rice is a new reader of The
News.

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Brown Beans, Chilli Beans
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Bacon, dry salt, lb 17c
Coffee
Chase and Sanborn
bulk, 3 lbs. \$1.00
Sugar pure cane, 25 lb bag \$1.39
Candy
1 lb pkg. stick 18c
All 5c bars, 3 for 10c
Butter, creamery, lb 34c
Soap
P. & G. or Crystal White
10 bars for 34c
Peanut Butter
Armour's Veribest
1 lb glass 21c
Extract
Hogue's—any flavor
8 oz. bottle 33c
Cheese
Pimiento square brick
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Joe Finally Got Wise

By H. IRVING KING

JOSEPH SCARBOROUGH was rather of the opinion that Minerva Fairbanks had "thrown him down," but he was not quite sure. He had known her, it seemed to him, for always; and for some time he had been taking it for granted that he would some day ask her to be his wife—and she would accept. But then came that dashing Martin Van Beekman around and Joe began to think that he had taken too much for granted.

Whatever a "man of the world" is, Van Beekman was that. He had a most engaging personality, talked fluently and dressed perfectly. Joe, on the other hand, while refreshingly wholesome, was not such a left-brained, and sartorially left much to be desired. Van Beekman had become a constant visitor at the Fairbanks home and the girls—Minerva and her younger sister, Susan—found him as Sue expressed it, "perfectly fascinating." When Joe happened to be calling at the same time Van Beekman was, it was as much as he could do to get in a word edgewise, and when he did, his best thought-out remark seemed to be a damper on the company. Minnie, after one of these attempts of Joe's, would look at him doubtfully for a moment and then resume her repartee "with wisdom and allegory" with Van Beekman.

Joe hoped at first that it was sister Minnie that Van Beekman admired. But Minnie appeared to be much fonder of Van Beekman's society than her sister. Joe ventured to expostulate in a blundering way, with Minerva, only to be told that she did not know what right he had to criticize or control her actions, ending with: "Why, Joe, you talk as if you and I were engaged."

That was Joe's opportunity, but he did not seize it, and it was two hours later that he thought of what he ought to have said. When he did think of it he resolved to go to Minnie and have a "straight out talk" with her. But when he arrived at the Fairbanks home that evening Van Beekman was there, and he went away leaving unsaid what he had come to say. He would keep away from the Fairbanks house and "let 'em go it," he thought. Who knew anything about that Van Beekman fellow? He was an adventurer—Joe was willing to bet on it—and was trying to capture an heiress.

Joe kept to his resolution of abstention for a whole week, and then called upon "the Fairbanks girls" with the usual unsatisfactory results. Susan talked to him and tried to cheer him up, but Minerva kept chatting away with Van Beekman, only giving Joe a sidelong look now and then, which he could not in the least understand the import of, and once saying: "Joe, why don't you talk? What's the matter with you lately?"

"Nothing," said Joe, and presently took his leave.

Now Minerva and Susan Fairbanks were orphans. They had no near relatives and their father had left them a very good deal. Joe felt like saying to Van Beekman: "If it's merely a fortune you are after, why don't you take Sue and let my Minnie go?" "But it wouldn't make any difference if I did," thought Joe. Minnie is so much the prettier!

Things dragged along in this manner for some time. Joe began to feel a little weighty. "He don't eat enough to keep a canary alive," his fond mother declared. Then one day to his great surprise, Van Beekman called upon him at the office of the little yarn mill which Joe had inherited from his father and the business of which he was daily extending.

"You probably have noticed," said Van Beekman, "my attention to the beautiful Miss Fairbanks." "Have," glowered Joe. "I have, and I want to tell you that I have not been with pleasure. Who are you to come into this community and try to captivate the best and prettiest girl in town? What are your credentials?"

"That is just what I came to show you," replied Van Beekman. "You may see me up in Bradstreet's and here are letters, documents and references which I think will satisfy you."

Joe looked at the documents and heaved at Bradstreet's "Humph." "He, 'seems to be all right. But I don't have I got to do with it?" "Why," returned Van Beekman, "I told Miss Fairbanks that her sister Susan and I had come to an understanding, and requested her consent to our marriage, as near of the ally she said that she and you had been long engaged and were soon to be married, and therefore, as her husband, you would be the real head of the family, and were the one to be consulted."

"I see, yes, certainly, of course," said Joe. "Your credentials are perfectly satisfactory, sir. I congratulate you." "You may put on his hat and went up to see Minerva. What he told her neither of them ever told, they were married a month before Van Beekman and Joe were.

Keystone

Pennsylvania is called the Keystone State because it was the seventh state in geographical position of the original thirteen states.—Literary Digest

With the Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Jno. H. Crow, Pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Teaching 11 a. m. Youth League 6:15 p. m. Evening service 7 o'clock. We are always glad to have you worship with us.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

W. A. Erwin, Minister. Sunday school 10 a. m., F. H. Johnson, superintendent. Evening worship 11 a. m. Teaching at night. The pastor will preach at Wellington. We begin the New Year with a member at Sunday school and a

"Hinder the bacilli of shirk. Guard your system and work; if through friendship or pity you're put on a committee, be a dead one, but work."

January, from which we get our name, was the ancient Roman divinity with two faces, one looking east and the other west. January is both retrospective and prophetic. The business men are all taking stock. Let us take a spiritual inventory and then take a look forward.

Every morning the pastor will preach "Heaven," and Mrs. Bourland will sing "The City of Gold."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Decil G. Goff, Pastor. January 4, 1931. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts." Psalm 139:23.

ORDER OF SERVICES

Morning: Prelude, Doxology, Invocation, Hymn No. 33, prayer, offering, Hymn No. 195, Scripture reading, Prayer, Hymn No. 233. The Lord's Supper—the Lord's Body, The Lord's Blood. An hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Evening: Song service, prayer, offering, Prayer, hymn No. 160. Sermon, "Christ's Teachings Concerning the Kingdom." All circles of the W. M. S. will meet Monday afternoon in the church auditorium at 2 o'clock for Bible study and business.

The Y. W. A. will meet Monday night at seven-thirty at the pastor's home for Bible study. All unmarried ladies above sixteen are invited to be present.

There were fewer people in S. S. last Sunday than there have been for months—all because of the snow. Let's all be there Sunday for a rally in attendance and then keep it up above the 100 mark.

Be a better servant for the Master because you attend B. Y. P. U. Large, live, interesting unions for every one.

There were 56 who joined our church in the last twelve months. Let us pray God for His power that that number may be doubled during this coming year.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Baptist W. M. U. met with Mrs. H. W. Finley Monday afternoon for Royal Service, "Following the Star," which was led by Mrs. Carpenter.

Mrs. Finley read a letter received from Dr. Burnett, missionary to the Indians, thanking us for the Christmas box.

Refreshments of cake and peaches with whipped cream and cocoa were served to the following ladies: Mesdames Homer Abbott, Carpenter, McCarty, Petty, Minix, Burrows, McHaney, Coleman, Andrews and Finley.

The W. M. U. will meet next Monday at the church for Bible study and business.

SHERIFF'S CHRISTMAS QUIET

Sheriff Graves states that he arrested many "drunks" last Christmas and his deputies and the Pampa police force arrested Christmas of 1929.

Over a head guilty to charge of disturbing the peace and affrays a year, while less than 20 were arrested this year.

HOME MONSTRATION CLUB

The Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. Loyse Caldwell Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

Isadore Cohen of Amarillo and his family will be in the city for Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Cohen.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Smith and family, N. M., will be in the city for the week.

QUERYING THE EDITOR

Col. Dick McCarty, Albany, Texas. My dear Col. McCarty: A newspaper friend of mine has made the statement that fifteen years from now women will hold all of the big places in the editorial division of the field of journalism. Won't you give me your opinion on this subject?

Very sincerely,

HELEN ZANE WORTMAN, Director, Dept. of Journalism, Baylor College for Women.

My dear Miss Wortman: Replying to the above statement that fifteen years hence woman will hold all the big places in the editorial division of the field of journalism, permit us to say that in this fast age it's dangerous to prophesy just what will happen in the next ten or fifteen years. As we see it, though, the office of journalism is masculine, not feminine. Walking through one among the south's largest journalistic institutions not long since, and he said that it had all the earmarks of masculinity, the intricate machinery, those huge presses turning out an afternoon edition of over one hundred thousand copies, linotype machines, telegraph wires red hot with news from every quarter of the globe. News hounds out in the highways and by-ways, down in the slums in the marts of trade and in crowded court rooms gathering the news, that vast organization was born in the brain of a he-man. That marvelous machinery that runs the journalistic mill came chinking from a masculine brain. Modern day journalism is the battle of the age. It's the job of the giant. Masculine or feminine, eh? So far, my dear Miss Wortman, woman is going light housekeeping in the house of journalism, keeping the noogie and taking dictation from the man who audits the journalistic machine. What is the matter with American journalism? Does it not measure up to the demands of the hour? If woman can build a better journalistic machine than man, then she will supersede man, and not till then. The house of journalism is a great big mechanical structure, and not a cog in it did woman fashion. It's also a colossal commercial mill, and what part did woman play in its building? A newspaper has a soul, and minus that, it's just a commercial and publicity sheet. The man who sits on the editorial tripod moulds and shapes its destiny, determines its strength and influence in this great big complex age. He must be bold, daring, courageous, a deep thinker, possessed of a philosophical mind, able to cope with the problems of this 20th century—versed in statecraft, law, politics, science and industrialism. But my, it's a job—a job for master minds. Can woman measure up to it? It's up to her. To the victor belongs the spoils. The battle is to the strong. Can woman stand on the firing line, and meet the demands of the hour? Can she sit on the tripod and wield the golden pen in the moulding and shaping the destiny of nations? If you can, woman, the gods will pass to you the sceptre, otherwise, there will be no chance in the house of journalism. Masculine or feminine, eh?—The Albany News.

THE NEWSPAPER GAME

Newspaper men, every day, manufacture an entirely new product. Today's finished article leaves the presses a complete and entire thing, with no past, and no future. Tomorrow is a new day, and tomorrow's paper must be new in every respect. There's no drudgery here, no rut. If the newspaper man has an inquiring mind (and he has no business being a newspaper man if he does not have it) then he is quickened and excited by every new phase of life. He not only observes the things that go into the paper, but also (what is often more exciting) the things that do not. He sees men and women off guard. He catches life unaware. He is in the center of action. That's fun. It makes for zest of life. That is the key to the devotion to their trade of the young men who scorn to be bankers, realtors, insurance men, bond brokers, merchants, to follow the call of the press. It's a great life, and the men who are in it rarely weaken.—F. P. A. in N. Y. World.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cornett of Petrolia visited relatives here last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray and daughter of Amarillo spent the holidays with their parents in McLean.

Miss Lucile Stratton is visiting her sister in Amarillo this week.

Oran Robinson of Amarillo visited in McLean during the holidays.

"Whitie" Buchanan was a visitor in Amarillo Saturday.

MICKIE SAYS—

THIS HERE GREAT FAMILY NEWSPAPER IS THE FRIEND OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD IN THIS COMMUNITY—OUR AMBITION IS TO SEE YOU ALL HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS, AND WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE AT ALL TIMES—REGARD THIS AS YOUR NEWSPAPER AND US AS YOUR FRIENDS



MAN'S GREATEST FOES

Indolence and deference are man's greatest foes. By indolence is meant man's disposition to let someone else do for him what he should do for himself. This inaction is more pronounced when men are called upon to think. Nothing is more troublesome to the average man. He is pleased to be saved this effort. He accepts second-hand opinions because this is easier than to form independent judgments.

The indolent man is mentally lazy. He yields to a strong-willed man. By deference is meant man's willingness to accept the views of those whom he secretly considers his "superiors."

Men may be educated, but if they lack will power they are found in the ranks of indolence and deference. As a social force they are nil. They are only noticed by vote hunters and the census takers.—A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

Give a little, live a little, try a little mirth; Sing a little, bring a little happiness to earth; Pray a little, play a little, be a little glad; Rest a little, jest a little if the heart is sad; Spend a little, send a little to another's door; Give a little, live a little, love a little more. —Contributed.

Mrs. F. H. King of Mangum, Okla., visited in McLean last week.

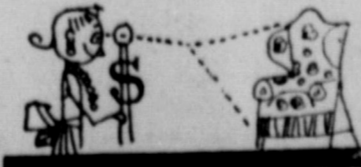
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STOP ALIEN

The alien is not a public enemy. His value as a human being is discounted.

We have aliens in our midst who contribute greatly to the arts and business and social life of the country.

Also, we have aliens in the United States who constitute a peril and a burden to the nation. Our gangsters and racketeers are almost invariably aliens or men whose citizenship sits very lightly upon them.

These facts don't have much to do with whether or not the alien should be represented in the United States Congress. The people of China are an excellent people, but they are not Americans and there is no reason why they should be represented in the American Congress. The people of Abyssinia are an excellent people, but they are not counted in apportionment of Congressional representation. Americans are not counted for representation in the legislative bodies of Italy, or Germany or Japan, which is right.

The truth is that Americans ought to have some rights—some special rights, if you please—in America. The American is a patient fellow, but he is getting a little tired of the idea that everybody has equal rights except himself.

At the present time it is proposed that Congressional representation be taken away from him and bestowed to an increased degree upon unnaturalized foreigners. He doesn't like it and nothing can make him like it, and he doesn't expect Congress to stand for it. What's more, he won't be very patient with the proposition that the colored people be deprived of representation if the alien is. He sees a very real difference between a colored citizen and an alien who is not a citizen.

The representatives of the citizens of those state whose people are being showed aside for the benefit of unnaturalized foreigners in the proposed reapportionment should fight the proposition to the last ditch. It is not our place to tell them how to fight it. A statute may be sufficient. An amendment to the Constitution may be necessary. Whatever is necessary should be done.

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CONTEST RULES

A. A. Tampke, Director

Following are the rules and regulations governing the McLean Lions Club spelling contest for trade territory schools, to be held Feb. 21, 1931.

1. Eligibility. The rules of the Interscholastic League will be followed with reference to grade requirement and residence. Age of juniors to be changed to read under 15 years before Sept. 1, 1930.

2. Classification.
a. Sub-junior. Any pupil who was under 10 years of age Sept. 1, 1930.
b. Junior. Any pupil who was under 15 years of age Sept. 1, 1930.
c. Senior. Any pupil who was under 20 years of age Sept. 1, 1930.

3. Number of contestants. Each school shall be permitted to enter four contestants in each class. Note: To be eligible for the cup there must be not less than two entries for each class (namely, six pupils from each school).

4. Sources. The list of words used in the regular Interscholastic League contest will be used in this contest; that is sub-junior, junior and senior lists.

5. Deciding the winners.
a. The highest total score of six students of each school will determine the winning school.
b. The two highest scores of each class from each school will be the only scores recorded for competition. Note: If a school has four entries in the sub-junior spelling, only the two highest papers will be used. The same method will be used in finding the two competing members of the juniors and seniors.

6. Materials for contest. Each entrant shall be required to furnish theme paper, pencil or pen and ink. Note: The director will instruct pupils before contest. In case of a tie, neatness of papers will decide winners.

7. Schools eligible.
a. All schools within McLean trade territory, or that have been officially invited by director.
b. Any school may enter two or more in any class, two classes or all three classes and be eligible for individual honors, or for awards offered in each respective class. But a school must have a full team of six (two in each class) to be eligible for the cup. Note: If the school has only sub-junior or junior team, bring them to compete for awards in these classes.

Competent and impartial judges and helpers will be secured. Full details of the event will be worked out and published later.

8. The Lions Club cup will become the property of the school winning it three times.

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Local and Personal

Mrs. W. T. Wilson and Mrs. John Saunders have moved their store and beauty shop into the building formerly occupied by the Tonkawa Barber shop, next door to their former location.

Mrs. Harris King says she had four calls to look at an apartment advertised in a recent issue of The News just as soon as the paper was mailed. She has another apartment advertised this week.

A statement in last week's News that Helen Boswell and Irene Smith would receive book certificates should have been Helen Boswell and Ruth Rice.

Jot Montgomery has opened temporary quarters for his drug store in the Cook building next door to the City Drug Store, while his building is undergoing repairs.

Misses Lorena and Letha Ashby returned to Waxahachie Wednesday after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ashby.

Mrs. C. S. Rice and daughter, Miss Verna; Miss Robbie Howard, Mrs. W. B. Upham and Mrs. Sherman White were Amarillo visitors Friday.

Mrs. Carl Ince and daughters, Misses Charlotte and Rosalie Cousins, of Amarillo visited relatives here Christmas Day.

Mesdames Millard Anderson, Clay E. Thompson, C. C. Bogan and Jesse Kinard visited relatives in Shamrock Friday.

Winfred Massay, who is attending school at Lubbock, spent the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Massay.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lowder and family of Clinton, Okla., visited the lady's sister, Mrs. H. M. Barnes, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benson of Shamrock spent Christmas Day with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. Coty Bentley of Hereford spent Christmas with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clement and daughter of Amarillo spent Christmas with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer.

C. A. Gatlin's subscription figures to The News and Amarillo News have been set forward another year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Seago of Lela spent Christmas with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barnes.

Miss Lettie Bogan of Colorado spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Bogan.

H. C. Wilson of Abilene has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.

Russell Grogan of Wichita, Kans., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Grogan, Christmas.

Miss Venita Savage of Amherst visited her sister, Mrs. Harvey Grigsby, during the holidays.

Little Miss Ava Lee Sullivan of Amarillo is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sullivan.

Miss Edith Fleming of Amarillo spent Christmas with home folks here.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Scoggins and daughter of Roby visited in McLean Friday.

Erwin Rice of Matador spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hollis of Foss, Okla., spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. H. M. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wilson and daughter, Doris Nell, visited in Pampa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dunkle of Hereford spent Christmas with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Pettit of Wheeler spent Christmas in the Loyce Caldwell home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Russell of Clarendon visited relatives here last week.

Glen Cooper of White Deer spent the holidays with relatives here.

H. Webb of Laketon was in

Miss Sinclair Rice returned to Lefors Sunday, where she is teaching school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brooks and daughter were Pampa visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Henry and children visited in Amarillo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Davis spent Christmas in Lorenzo.

John Sullivan of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

I. D. Shaw and son, Wilson, were in Pampa Tuesday.

Allen Wilson made a trip to Pampa Tuesday.

T. M. Wolfe of Lefors was a McLean visitor Monday.

Temple Atkins of Shamrock was in McLean Tuesday.

R. H. Harris of Mangum, Okla., was in McLean Monday.

George Thut of Lefors was in McLean Monday.

Raymond Roberts of Shamrock was in McLean Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Winburne spent the holidays.

C. S. Rice was an Amarillo visitor Friday.

T. C. Landers has our thanks for subscription favors this week.

Bob Watkins of Hedley visited in McLean last week.

S. A. Cousins of Lubbock spent Christmas with home folks here.

Miss Mary King of Abilene spent the holidays in McLean.

Mrs. Witt Springer is visiting in San Antonio this week.

Johnnie Prescott of Pampa spent Christmas in McLean.

Mick Dwyer of Amarillo spent the holidays with home folks here.

Raymond Gunn of Mangum, Okla., spent the week end in McLean.

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FOR SALE

BUFF ORPINGTON cockerels for sale. Took all prizes at McLean poultry show. \$2.00 each. Mrs. Ida Green, phone 1601F3. 1p

FOR RENT

FOR RENT.—Cash money received on 323 acres of land 1 mile n. of McLean, just across road from A. Cousins place. Write C. D. Jar-michael, 1400 N. Pleasant, Hillboro, Texas. 1-3c

FOR RENT.—Nice 4 room modern house, convenient to school. Rent reduced to fit present conditions. Inquire at News office. 1c

FOR RENT.—2 room furnished apartment with private entrance. L. Sligar. 1c

FOR RENT.—3 room modern apartment, furnished. Mrs. Harris King. 1c

WANTED

WANTED.—2 copies of The McLean News of August 1, 1930, to complete our files. Will pay 25c each. News office.

WANTED.—Clean cotton rags. 5c per lb. No knit or woolen goods accepted. News office.

WANTED.—Sewing, plain or fancy. Phone 178.

MISCELLANEOUS

ADDING MACHINE ribbons and rolls a News office.

Printed salesmanship pays.

HOORAY!

He looked around to see if all was ready. It was. He gazed into strained, tense faces, but no one made a move to stop him. Suddenly he placed a short 38 revolver on a level with his temple, muttering a few parting words, and pulled the trigger. BANG! . . . And among the cheers of the crowd, four athletes sped down the track.

The world is a looking-glass, and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it and it in turn will look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with it, and it is a jolly, kind companion.—William Makepeace Thackeray.

Chester Savage, who is attending the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth, was shaking hands with friends here Wednesday.

Mrs. J. R. Hindman orders The News sent to Wood Hindman at Eugene, Ore., and the Dallas Post-News sent to her address.

Mrs. Sam Kunkel was in Erick, Okla., last week.

Mrs. A. A. Christian visited in Amarillo Friday.

John A. Roberts of Pampa visited in McLean Saturday.

Alton Smith and mother visited Dallas during the holidays.

Witt Springer went to Clarendon Saturday.

J. E. Kirby orders The News and Amarillo News another year.

Glen Wolfe of Lubbock visited in McLean last week.

Say it with printing; flowers

McLean Hatchery

Begins Operation

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1931

20% discount on all orders booked before Feb. 1st.

W. H. Floyd, Prop.

Phone 70F3

KE BUSY DURING CHRISTMAS

Local instructor kept busy during the Christmas holidays as the farmers in various parts of the county while most of the week in celebration.

Instruction in the shop was given by the woodcraft articles, and about 1000 hens for farmers and established about 1000 of terrace lines for one week. Now is the time to begin egg production and cull your flocks. Also is the time farmers have most of their flocks gathered, when it is ideal time to start your farm. The instructor is ready to help in any way.

The prize winning chickens of the recent poultry show were of excellent quality, and they should be competed in the Pampa poultry show, Jan. 8-10. If you have your birds to Pampa, contact Mr. A. A. Tampke, and he will be glad to transport for you to the show and receive the show.

FOR TO REPORT

Ray Wilson will submit his annual report on the poultry show ready about January 10. It is expected to be a better financial year than has been the case for several years.

Bill Golden of Pampa was a McLean visitor Christmas Day.

Mrs. Pete Fulbright and children spent Christmas in Lockney.

Wilmer Mercer spent Christmas in Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Phillips of Lefors was in McLean Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis visited their sons in Plainview last week.

THE TIGER

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JIM BACK

By Sybil
Back, one of the McLean gram school graduates, is in Aspermont, Okla. Her name was Jim. She has taupe hair and is here for five days following is in Aspermont, Okla. Her father is in the early stages of the occupation of the family. She became a lawyer and later a judge. Her importance in the community is well known. Her father was a prominent lawyer and she has two sons, Edward and Charles. She is a member of the McLean Hatchery.

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- Oleta Holloway
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Charlie Mae Carpenter
Avalie Back
Cleone West
Lois Kirby
Margaret Hess
Charlie Mae Carpenter
James Burrows
Miss Mitchell

JIM BACK'S BIOGRAPHY

By Sybil Graham

Back, one of the teachers of the McLean grammar school, was born in Aspermont, Texas, March 26, 1856. His name was Vera E. Featherston. He has taught in the grade school here for five years. The following is some knowledge we find in a book that Mrs. Dallas Featherston, his daughter, is writing concerning the early ancestors of the family. The occupation of the family was raising geese and selling the skins, and on account of this, the name of the family and their little town became Featherstowntown. The name has later been changed to McLean. The family was of sufficient importance to have a coat of arms. Their motto was "Non est in Est," which means "None is in."

Mrs. Back wrote the class prophecy. At that time she prophesied that a war would break out in which the United States would play a great part. Her father says that the answer to the prophecy was the World War.

Mrs. Back's first school was the country school in the Back school district. Her first pupils still live around McLean. Some of them are Sammie and Ercy Cubine, Minnie and S. B. Moxley, Jesse Cobb, and three of the Back children, Vick, Jack and Viola.

This is where Mrs. Back met her husband.

Following this year of teaching, Mrs. Back returned to Simmons for two more years of work. She graduated in expression in 1915. In 1915 and 1916 she taught Elocution in Floyd.

On September 26, 1916, Mrs. Back was married to Jim Back of McLean. They were married at Aspermont. Later they moved to Breckenridge. In 1926 they moved to McLean. Mrs. Back has taught in the McLean grammar school ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Back have three children. The eldest is Mary Emma, the second is J. D., and the third is Mabel.

Mrs. Back has quite a reputation as a writer. She has written quite a few poems. The following is one of her latest ones:

Our Town
Out in the Panhandle of Texas
Where the scarcity of trees allows
The cool northern breeze
Full sway is fanning our brain,

Where the white cotton grows and
The golden oil flows,
Stands the little town of McLean,
In the county of Gray, where we
Raise meadow hay

And fruits of all kinds abound:
The apple, the peach, the pear, the
Berry and grape grown here
Share no equal, and on the ground
The watermelon vines around their
Rich fruit entwine.

The farmer's wagon is seen
With corn, sorghum and maize thru-
Out the Autumn days.
In the garden we grow the beans
And can them ourselves. The many
Cellar shelves

Bend under the weight of the jars.
The okra, cabbage, pumpkin, too;
Peas and potatoes, too!
No wonder our farmers drive new
Cars!

They raise their own "cats," not for-
getting the meats—
They dine on the fat of the land!
The sheep and the cow, the hen and
The sow
All help our farmer man.

Out in the Panhandle of Texas,
Where the Rock Island road has
Lifted the load
Of transportation for us,
On the 66 Highway, you and your
Family may
Ride in a car or bus.

In the town of McLean, where there's
Plenty of rain,
You may live, and happy, too.
We've electric light wire, natural gas
For a fire,
And plenty of water for you.

Six churches have we. You ought
To come see
The cars parked there on Sunday.
Our schools are the best—been put
To the test—
Of any town this size.

Our children have won, by what they
Have done,
Wide honor and many a prize.
Our merchants are fair, inviting you
Here
To look before you elsewhere try.
Correct style and right price! Isn't
That nice?

Buy once, and you'll always buy.
So come to our town, while looking
Around.
You'll like us and we'll like you.
Buy you a home and cease to roam.
Live where the people are true!
Out in the Panhandle of Texas!

HISTORY OF THE CITY
MANAGER PLAN
Mid-term theme in Civics
By Audra Anderson

"There is no denying that the govern-
ment is the one conspicu-
ous feature of the United States.
The government's indict-
ment in Common-
Law has been
considerable
no denying
that it has
been a
principal
ad-
vance
hopeful
happened
general.

ordinary corporation. He is respon-
sible only to the councilmanic di-
rectors. The amateur administrator,
chosen on political grounds, is dis-
placed by the expert brought in
from the outside to manage the city.
Politics is adjourned. At least this
is the hope.

Remarkable achievements in the
city manager cities have resulted.
Successes have helped to persuade
other cities of the truth of the argu-
ment that the municipality differs
from the ordinary business corpora-
tion chiefly in the character of its
services and that it should be run
on business lines.

The world has struggled for two
thousand years with the problem of
whether we need experts in govern-
ment. In Athens public functions
were entrusted to unskilled men
selected in some cases by lot. Such a
system proclaimed the equality of
all citizens. In Rome experts were
employed and they helped to strength-
en and prolong the Empire. The
great states of Europe at the close
of the Middle Ages were all mon-
archies and they used more or less
permanent specialists. This was one
of the reasons why monarchy en-
dured.

Democracies, on the other hand,
have a natural antipathy for ex-
perts. They believe in rotation in
office. An industrial enterprise does
not change its officials every year
or so, but states and cities do. Pub-
lic service is not a career. We need
not discuss the adequacy of the
reasons for this. It may simply be
said that one danger of a bureau-
cracy is that, although it is efficient,
it may become corrupt; and anyway
we are better pleased to govern our-
selves poorly than to have it done for
us well. It is an age-old problem—
that of making self-government ef-
ficient government.

HOW IT ALL STARTED
In 1908 the mayor and council of
Staunton, Va., in disgust over the
inefficiency of government by coun-
cilmanic committees, hired Mr. C. E.
Ashburner and passed an ordinance
delegating to him all administrative
detail and responsibility, giving him
the title of "general manager." He
made good and became somewhat
famous for his novel title. (Since
then Staunton has changed over
from the make-shift ordinance ar-
rangement to the real city man-
ager plan.)

In the fall of 1910 Lockport, N. Y.,
was looking for a chance to get
aboard the commission government

movement, which was then sweeping
over the country. The Lockport
Board of Trade accordingly had to
prepare legislation and proceeded to
improve on the regular commission
plan by combining its single-elective-
board feature with the Staunton
idea of an appointive manager. Lock-
port did not succeed in getting its
bill passed by the legislature, but
the "Lockport plan" was talked about
all over the country.

In the summer of 1912 Sumter, S.
C., a city of 8,000 inhabitants, adopt-
ed a new charter embodying the
Lockport idea and began operating
under the new system early in the
following year. This was the first
city, therefore, to have the city-
manager system. Two neighboring
towns, Hickory and Morganton, N. C.,
copied Sumter immediately.

Dayton, O., had been through a
long siege of wasteful, inefficient ad-
ministration headed by spoils poli-
ticians. When the charter commis-
sion had thoroughly investigated all
the prevailing and proposed types of
city government, they concluded that
Sumter had the best on the market.
Then came the big Dayton flood of
1913, and the incapacity of the old
government was emphasized anew.
When things became normal again,
the people adopted the new charter
by a big majority.

Springfield, O., took similar action

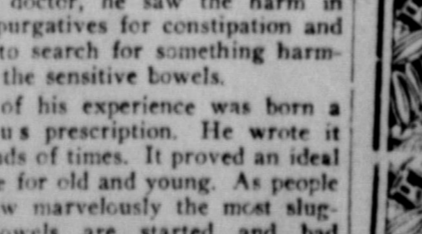
the dangers will be grave. Above all,
common sense and real executive
ability are demanded. These are
gifts from Heaven and cannot be
bought.

During the last ten years, 140
American cities and towns have
changed their municipal charters
and adopted the city-manager form
of government.

This plan has aroused wide atten-
tion and the results are already so
striking that city managers are be-
ing seriously advocated in such cities
as Chicago, Cleveland and Kansas
City.

The development of city manager-
ship as a new profession is well
under way. Thirty-seven times, men
who did well as managers of small
cities have been called to larger cities
at increased salaries. Of these man-
agers, several gained promotion twice
and three are now in their fourth
city. When a new managership is
created, or an old one vacated, the
successful managers of smaller cities
are usually the candidates who re-
ceive first consideration. Over half
of the cities have chosen their man-
ager from out of town. The man-
agers have had conventions for in-
terchange of technical experience
every year since 1914.

YOU HAVE A DOCTOR'S
WORD FOR THIS
LAXATIVE



In 1875, an earnest young man
began to practice medicine. As a
family doctor, he saw the harm in
harsh purgatives for constipation and
began to search for something harm-
less to the sensitive bowels.

the councils of
both Springfield and Dayton taking
office in January, 1914. Eleven other
towns, small cities in Texas and
Michigan, also installed the plan
that year. Since then, an increase
in the number of cities have adopted
every year, the 1920 list of accretions
being by far the largest. The pres-
sure on the legislatures became
widespread that twelve states—Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, Oklahoma, Kansas, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, North Carolina, Wisconsin and Louisiana—have passed
state-wide laws permitting their citi-
zens by a simple referendum proce-
dure to adopt the city manager plan.

The city which first made
the commission-manager plan famous
was Dayton, O. When the first Day-
ton plan was adopted in 1913, it was
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Star Service Station
and
Vulcanizing Shop
CONOCO Products
Wholesale and Retail
Phone 131 J. R. Glass, A

"LOVELY!"
—Was His Compliment
Her youthful appearance fascinated
him, and his compliment . . . "Lovely"
. . . proves what our standard beauti-
cians can do for any woman. We have
just the cosmetic you need for the ca-
re of your complexion.

CITY DRUG STORE
"More Than a Merchant"
Witt Springer, Prop.

M SYSTEM
"Save for the Nation"
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIALS
SPUDS per peck—15 lbs. 25c
COFFEE Maxwell House—1 lb 37c
Maxwell House—3 lbs. \$1.09
SOAP P. & G.—7 bars 23c
OATS Mother's China, per package 29c
CRACKERS 2 lbs. Saltine 27c
HOMINY 300 size—3 for 19c
KRAUT 300 size—3 for 23c
SALAD DRESSING Thousand Island
Mayonnaise 8 oz. for 16c
Satisfaction Guaranteed
JELLO 3 for 23c
MUSTARD Heinz 6 oz jar 8c
GRAHAM'S MARKET
Pay us a visit for your fancy baby beef. A complete
line of market goods at all times.
BUTTER Morris Supreme, per lb 32c
CHEESE Longhorn, per lb 23c
DRESSED CHICKEN per lb 22c

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commissioners took office in 1914. They realized that the success of the government depended largely on the personality and equipment of the man whom they would select to manage the city. The city was offered to Colonel Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, \$100,000 a year. He declined. The commission then discovered H. M. Hunt, the city engineer of Cincinnati, and right hand man of young Mr. Hunt, whose brilliant reform administration there was just closing. He had had a long and important engineering experience. He received an offer of \$15,000 a year from the city corporation and took the management at \$12,000.

During the next seven years the government reduced the death and infant mortality; inaugurated free nursing, medical service, clinics, and extended food inspection; passed pasteurization ordinance; eliminated seven thousand prisoners; substituted correction farm for prison; abolished parole system; established parole system; increased summer and winter program; supervised over 100 vacant lots, home, school boys' and girls' gardens, furnished free seed; increased park from twenty to five hundred acres; increased public utilities; inaugurated free legal aid; handling one thousand cases; eliminated eleven loan sharks; operated free employment office for women; reorganized police departments; established schools, and prevention bureau; juvenile police; employed women; abolished segregated motorized all fire apparatus; building code and provided for day for all city labor; self-supporting garbage plant; bought water supply for \$87,000 as against an of four times as high, and abundant supply for the first year; a municipal garage; several hundred thousand dollars a year to gas consumers by universal natural gas at 34c of artificial gas at 85c; conservation for better street lighting at cost, despite modern costs; adequate budget procedure; purchasing; central billing; floating debt from \$125,000 to \$1,000,000; put civil service on a basis; provided annual accounts; publicity on all matters; appointed city plan commission and numerous other advisory boards; fostered a civic league; published 35,000 annual reports, annually distributing to all homes.

personnel. These results are natural enough in a government freed from red tape and headed by an executive who can work almost as freely as a private business executive. Just as it is the enlightened, progressive business house which treats its employees generously and gets, in return, high-grade service and low labor turnover, so the manager cities are the ones which have contrived to adjust their budgets more promptly in order to treat their workers right.

The reason why the manager plan averages so markedly higher in quality of government is because it is more democratic; i. e., more sensitive and obedient to public opinion.

Two unusual basic features explain this superiority in true democracy, namely:

- 1. The "short ballot" principle. 2. Unification of powers. (1) The "short ballot" principle is the doctrine that only a few offices should ever be scheduled to be filled by election on any one time so as to permit adequate and unconfused popular examination of the candidates. In other democratic countries the plan of government usually calls on the people to fill just one single office on a given day, e. g., member of Parliament or member of a city council from a ward. We really hold not an election but ten, twenty, even fifty, elections in a single election day! Our complex American ballots frequently deserve to be labelled: "For politicians only, not for the people." The slogan of the short ballot movement runs "The long ballot is the politician's ballot; the short ballot is the people's ballot."

The commission manager charters respect this short ballot principle. It would be a violation of principle if the council were made so large that the typical voter was called upon to vote for more than five officers simultaneously. When the duty of making more than five selections at any time is thrust upon the voter, the voter ceases to make an individual choice for every office and begins to fall back upon ready-made tickets prepared for him—by corruptible cliques or machines. Obviously, when the ballot thus requires more choices than his majesty, the voter, cares to remember, power gravitates away from the voters into the hands of the ticket-makers (politicians) who thus acquire opportunities which are open to great abuse. But when politics is made clear, simple and understandable by a very short ballot, the voter can protect himself—and usually he will. In most of the cities which have thus far adopted the plan, the number of councilmen is five. In the larger cities the number can well be more than five, providing, however, that terms expire in rotation so that not too many would be chosen at any one election, or provided that the ballot, as the voter sees it, is shortened in some other way, as by dividing the city into wards, each of them electing a portion of the council.

(2) "Unification of powers (the other basic merit of the manager plan) means the reposing of all power in a single place—the council. This gives to the whole mechanism the single controlling composite mind which is essential to the success of any organism. (The mayor-and-council plan, for example, lacks unification of powers and permits deadlocks and "passing the buck," since the mayor and the council are prevented by the charter from getting together and composing their differences by so simple an expedient as the taking of a joint vote.) It would be a violation of the principles of the city-manager plan, for instance, to give to a separate mayor the power to veto the acts of the council. It would then be a two-headed city instead of a one-headed city.

It is easier for the people to control a unified government than a ramshackle one. For example, the council in the manager plan has power to raise the taxes and hence has power to yield to a public demand for better service; but at the same time, it has power to reduce service and yield to a public demand for low taxes. It cannot say in the first case—"we haven't the money"; nor in the second case—"We can't make the administration economical." It must always accept the complete responsibility, as there is no one else on whom blame can be thrust.

The advantages of having a city manager are obvious to any business man. For counsel, many minds are needed; for execution, a single directing head is required. Universal business practice demonstrates this also the superior success we have had with our typical school systems where a school board does all its work through a hired superintendent.

(Continued next week) B. M. Stephens of Lovell, Okla., renewed his subscription to The News while in McLean last week.

News from Ramsdell

J. G. Davidson made a business trip to Pampa Tuesday.

Rev. Ed R. Wallace called at the H. Longan home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Franks and children came in Wednesday from Kansas City, Mo.

Willie Agee of Tulsa, Okla., came in Wednesday afternoon to be at the bedside of his sister, Grandma Longan. He returned to Tulsa Saturday night.

Grandma Longan died early Wednesday afternoon after a short illness.

Our Christmas tree program was well attended Wednesday night. The program was under the direction of the teachers, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Carver.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pharis and children of Lone Mound spent Wednesday night in the W. N. Pharis home and Thursday in the Oglesby home.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kibler of White Deer attended the Christmas tree and program, and spent Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Meadows and baby of Amarillo spent Wednesday night and Thursday with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kibler.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bones and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Bones spent Christmas Lay in the J. I. Bones home.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kibler of White Deer, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Chambers and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Buster and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Kibler of Panhandle, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kibler and little son of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bones and children of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Meadows and baby of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. George Kibler and children were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Powell Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pharis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Franks and children were guests in the home of Mrs. E. E. Franks Thursday.

Miss Lena Davidson of Shamrock spent Wednesday night and Thursday with home folks here.

Misses Zella Mae, Veta and Zolena Lankford, Carrol, Kenneth and Miss Margaret Brown visited in the E. Exum home Thursday afternoon.

H. T. Fields of Shamrock called at the home of Mrs. E. E. Franks Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bones and children of Childress and Mr. Smith of near Shamrock visited in the J. I. Bones home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bones and children of Shamrock were supper guests in the J. I. Bones home Thursday night.

Miss Donah Mae Exum spent last Thursday night with Miss Zella Mae Lankford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davidson were guests in the R. A. Burrows home Thursday.

A number from here attended the funeral of Grandma Longan at McLean Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kibler and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitley and children called at the R. O. Cunningham home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Privett of Shamrock spent Christmas in the E. H. Privett home.

Mrs. R. A. Burrows and children visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Sant, near White Deer Saturday and Sunday.

Clyde Brown spent the holidays in White Deer, visiting his brothers, Roy and Claude.

Tommie, Misses Lorene and Beatrice Stewart of Borger spent the holidays visiting in the George Kibler and Tom Whitley homes.

Jim Brown went to Amarillo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Carver returned Sunday evening from Clarendon, where they spent the holidays.

Mrs. Arrie Phillips returned Monday from Shamrock, where she spent the holidays with her son, Giles, and daughter, Mrs. Raymond Robertson.

School was resumed Monday morning with the addition of several new pupils.

Mrs. Zella Mae Lankford visited Mrs. Eugene Brewer Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kibler called in the E. Exum home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Lankford called on Mrs. Washburn Monday afternoon.

Back School News

Mrs. Cort Meyers, Mrs. Lantz and daughters and Miss Brown visited in Pampa Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp and family spent Saturday evening at Panhandle with H. A. Tunner.

Miss Anna Renna London spent from Friday evening until Monday morning at Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Back ate Christmas dinner with his brother, Johnnie Back, and family at McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Brannon and family of Pampa spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Harrison are visiting friends and relatives at Tulsa, Okla., and Dallas during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Herndon spent Christmas in Borger.

Cort Meyers, Kenneth Meyers and John Lantz spent Christmas Day hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McKeown and daughter, Mazel May, visited relatives at Okemah, Okla., during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eblen and daughter, Kathryn, spent Christmas with friends at Sayre, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blaisdell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harian, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gatlin visited in the J. W. Ivey home Christmas Day.

T. B. Masterson and family ate Christmas dinner in the C. C. Crosby home.

Mrs. Iva Meis and children of Oklahoma City spent the holidays.

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C. A. Strandberg, Boyd Meador, M. D. Bentley, Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Landers Canyon spent the holidays with home folks here.

Miss Naomi Hunt, who is teaching at Loco, spent the holidays with home folks here.

Prof. A. R. McHaney has renewed for The News and Amarillo News.

Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders visited in Lockney Christmas Day.

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