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## We Want You to be a Reader of the News

### Building Good Roads Comparatively Easy

Those folks who have looked with a wary eye on the proposition recently suggested to vote a bond issue for good roads in this precinct, basing their objections on the supposition that road building along the highways in certain directions from town would be impossible, should drive out the lane by the Foster place and see what a few citizens have accomplished with a small amount of money.

It has been generally conceded for some time that that particular stretch of road was in the worst repair and the hardest to negotiate with any kind of a load that approaches the city and a few people most directly interested made up a small donation of \$132 for having it worked. J. T. Foster and C. E. Anderson undertook the work of overseeing the job and with a few teams and wheel scrapers they went at it, having first secured a donation from Mrs. A. A. Beall of such clay as they should need out of her pasture. That their efforts have been entirely successful is apparent.

After cutting the main hill down to an easy grade and making the road surface as level as possible they placed a heavy surface of clay along the center, packing it thoroughly as they proceeded. At either side of the road a ditch was left to carry off the trash and accumulating sand and in this manner it is believed there will be little likelihood of it banking up and covering the road surface.

The road as completed is as hard and firm as could be desired and thoroughly demonstrates the feasibility of undertaking road building in this vicinity on a large scale. One thing is certain, there will never be the de-

velopment and industrial progress in the McLean country that it should enjoy until some radical changes have been made in the highways, and the vast acreage of untilled land lying at a little distance from town will never be brought into its own until it is connected with the market by passable roads.

There is hardly a hamlet in the state that has not awakened to the imperative necessity for good roads, and not only is this true of the towns, but farmers and land owners are also realizing that there is no other one thing that means as much to them as the condition of their roads to market. If they raise stuff for the market the difference in good and poor roads amounts to practically the same thing as the difference in a good crop and a poor one. If their land is for sale it will bring twenty-five percent more on the market if it is easily accessible to some good town.

The principal drawback to the McLean country, and the one most frequently remarked by prospectors and homeseekers, is the condition of the roads, and more than one man has gone away dissatisfied with the country because of them. Our land is fertile, our seasons are as even as can be found in any section of the United States, our climate is delightful and our people are intelligent and law-abiding, and in order to take our place among the most advanced and prosperous communities of the state we have only to turn our attention to such public improvements as are lacking.

We should not hesitate any longer on the bond issue for good roads. We must eventually have them and the longer

### TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

#### I. SUGGESTION.

THE boiling over of a kettle set Watt to thinking and the power of steam was harnessed; the falling of an apple stirred the brain of Newton and he gave us the laws of gravitation. Great minds throughout the ages have been swayed by the magic touch of suggestion. All the elements of nature and all the agencies of civilization are vying with each other in suggesting progress to the citizenship of Texas.



WATT'S SUGGESTION.

Our broad virgin prairies—130,000,000 acres—have never known the caressing touch of husbandry; our raw material—\$1,200,000 per day—leaves the State on its weary journey to the distant factory. Our minerals—nature's laboratory—are awaiting an opportunity of flooding the channels of trade with a golden stream of prosperity. Our population—progressive and prosperous—must travel in some instances 150 miles to hear the shrill whistle of a locomotive and our latent resources—powerful for progress—can be heard across the continent, crying out for master minds to release them. Texas needs great men.

we put it off the longer will our country be undeveloped to a very large degree. There are quite a few people in the vicinity who oppose such a move and if there is merit in their objections the News would be glad to give them space in the paper to put them before the people. If there is no merit in them let us admit it and go after good roads for the great McLean country.

The subscription for building the peice of road above mentioned was donated by the following people:

- T. J. Bailey, \$25.00
- J. T. Foster, 12.50
- C. E. Anderson, 12.50
- J. L. Crabtree, 5.00
- J. R. Hindman, 5.00
- A. A. Callahan, 5.00
- Sam Kunkle, 6.00
- J. S. Earp, 3.00
- J. N. Saye, 3.00
- County, 50.00

#### Time Table.

- Westbound—
- No. 41—1:45 p. m.
- No. 43—4:10 a. m.
- Eastbound—
- No. 42—11:55 a. m.
- No. 44—10:55 p. m.

### Teachers Institute Here This Week

Monday morning at nine o'clock occurred the opening of the teachers institute for this county at the McLean public school building, with County Superintendent Williams in charge. Altogether there are in the neighborhood of thirty teachers present and participating.

At the opening session the following program was carried out, there being also a number of short addresses and some special music to enliven the occasion:

- Organization.
- Address of Welcome—C. S. Rice.
- Response—Bowen Pope.
- Voluntary address.
- Enrollment.

It was announced in the catalogues that school would commence on the 4th, but on account of the institute being called for this week the school opening was postponed until next Monday, September 11th. All the teachers for the ensuing year are here and as far as can be seen there is nothing to hinder the school from starting right off on what is claimed will be the most successful year of its history.

There are quite a few out of town students already here and several families will move during the present week in order to place their children in this excellent school. McLean is justly proud of her school facilities, not the least among which is the handsome \$25,000 building erected last year and which will furnish ample room for seven or eight hundred students. The corps of teachers have been selected with an eye single to qualifications, regardless of salary, and it is safe to say that the very best talent

available has been secured. The Peterson Creek school, which had not been supplied with a teacher at the time of the publication of the catalogue, will be taught by Billie Biggers.

Monday evening at the school house the local teachers gave an informal reception to the visiting teachers from 8 to 10 o'clock. Some special musical features by prominent musicians of the city added to the pleasure of the affair and Misses Collier and Stewart served punch. There was a large crowd present and all enjoyed it to the utmost.



### Do You Enjoy Hunting?

No one really enjoys hunting unless he has a good gun and uses good ammunition. Don't be satisfied with anything but the best. We have the firearms and the ammunition that is conceded to be the best.

If it is to be found in a hardware store, we have it. Phone 51.

### McLean Hardware Company

If it happened it is in the News.

### Bundy-Hodges Coming Here

Definite announcement has been made to the effect that the Bundy-Hodges Company of Oklahoma City will open up a stock of dry goods and groceries in this city the twentieth of the month, having purchased the old Simmons building for that purpose.

The building will be refitted and renovated within the next few days and the work of installing their stock commenced. These people were formerly in business here under the management of Kiah Hodges, now of Clinton, Okla. It is understood that S. H. Bundy and Sam Hodges will be personally identified with the firm at this time, both of them being well and favorably known to the people of this vicinity. We bespeak for the new firm a successful business career.

The telephone company will issue a new directory in the very near future and parties contemplating putting in new phones or making changes in number should do so at once in order that their proper numbers may be placed on the card.

### HARVEST TIME IS UPON US!

"Whatsoever you have sown, that will you also reap"

Have you, or are you investigating

**A Safe Place**  
to deposit  
**The Harvestings?**

IF SO, REMEMBER

Deposits are secured against loss from every cause whatsoever in

**Citizens State Bank**  
McLEAN, TEXAS



### Just Plumb Disgusted

We know of some people who have been reading our ads, right along—people who ought to know that although we make a hobby of "quality," our prices are as low as others charge for inferior lumber—who have gone and bought lumber elsewhere, without asking our price, and then have been plumb disgusted for their carelessness, when they discovered the difference between the quality of our stock and what they bought. Don't you make that mistake. The same money will buy better lumber from us than from anywhere else in the country.

**Western Lumber Company**













