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## HOTEL SCHARBAUER DINING ROOM AND CAFE CONTRACTED TO MASTERS

TO BE FINEST AND BEST EQUIPPED COFFEE SHOP AND DINING ROOMS BETWEEN FORT WORTH AND EL PASO, OWNER STATES

W. R. Masters, well known and experienced restaurateur, has secured the contract for the operation of the coffee shop, the dining room, including the banquet privileges, and the entire eating concession of the Hotel Scharbauer, according to a statement authorized Friday by the owner of the hotel, Clarence Scharbauer. The lease is for a term of five years.

Mr. Masters has cafes in Big Spring and Odessa, in hotels, and this will be his third along the Bankhead Highway.

The equipment and furnishings for the coffee shop and hotel dining room have been bought from Albert Pick and Company, and will cost from \$14,000 to \$18,000 when installed, according to Mr. Scharbauer's statement, giving Midland the finest eating place between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Mr. Scharbauer has realized the value of getting a first class cafe operator to lease the business, knowing that it will be one of the big features in the business of the hotel.

Being conveniently located on Wall Street, the route of the "Broadway of America," the coffee shop and dining room bid fair to attract many tourists to stop here.

## MIDLAND COUNTY PROVES ITSELF AS DEPENDABLE FARMING COUNTRY

The Year Just Closing Believed To Be One OF Worst On Agriculture, But Good Revenue Made On Cotton And Feed Crops.

Closing what is regarded as one of the worst years on farming in the Midland section, farmers of Midland County are coming out with a record of having made good cotton and feed crops. The past year, according to leading farmers of the county, has proven that Midland County is a safe and dependable farming locality, year in and year out; and that fewer crop failures will be found here than in other sections which have greater reputations established as farming countries.

The fact that practically 2,000 bales of cotton have been produced in the county with the average cut to the minimum, and with all crops in the county produced on rains which fell in from the middle of June on, proves that "it's never too late" in Midland County.

In addition to this good average cotton crop, which brought including the seed and deducting the ginning, an average price to farmers of about \$110 per bale, good feed crops were made in the county.

Much of this feed was sold, but a great part of it has brought a double profit by being fed to poultry, hogs, milk cows, or to cattle fed for the market. The County Agent, H. L. Atkins, has been promoting this profitable business, and will conduct a big program on it next year.

Up to last Thursday night, when the three Midland gins closed down for the holidays, there had been 1,684 bales of cotton ginned.

Ginners believe that the total will run close to 2,000 bales when the crop is all picked and ginned.

## TO SPUD TEST ON UPTON RANCH SOON

February 1, Is Date Of Starting Livestock Exchange Test.

Contract with Victor H. Martin, of Winfield, Kansas, calls for spudding a test on the Livestock Exchange Ranch in the northeast part of Upton County by February 1, according to Leon Goodman.

He intimated that the lease held by Mr. Martin had been sold, but that the drilling contract would be carried out by purchasers.

The exact location for the test has not been made, but the lease lies near Midland County. The owners of the land, Elkin Bros. and Goodman, are Midland men, and the test will be watched with interest here.

## Dance at Cactus Thursday Night

J. H. Burt and wife, who have just returned from Kansas City, state that a dance will be held at the Cactus Thursday night. The hall has been decorated with Christmas regalia, and he states that it will be well heated and that there will be good music.

Mr. C. H. White of the Vacuum Oil Company is visiting his family during the holidays in Weatherford.

## Moisture From Snow And Rain Is Beneficial

The entire Midland country is receiving much benefit from the snow which fell last week, and from the slow drizzling rain and heavy mist which has followed it.

In some sections, especially south of Midland in the Midkiff country, the snow is reported to have been much heavier than in the city; and the rains are also reported to have been heavier in some sections.

A splendid season is being out in the ground as a result of the past week's moisture, and both farmers and ranchmen are jubilant over the prospects for a "wet winter."

E. V. Van Huss, of Galveston, spent Christmas in Midland, visiting R. E. Van Huss and family. This is the first time in seventeen years that the whole family has been together, Earl says. He left Midland over ten years ago, and now operates a tourist camp at Galveston, where he enjoys a big business, especially in the summer months. He was much impressed with the development of Midland, although he has been keeping in touch with it through The Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Preston are visiting in Dallas during the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Cantress spent the week-end visiting relatives in Lamesa.

## M. F. BURNS LAID TO REST SUNDAY

KNOWN THROUGHOUT SOUTH AS PIONEER BUILDER.

M. F. Burns, pioneer business man of Midland, and known throughout the south as a builder and fosterer of highways and good roads, passed to his reward early Saturday morning in the Midland cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Coming to Midland in the early days of the city, from New York where he was born, Mr. Burns engaged actively in the dry goods and grocery business, being associated for years with his good friend, F. F. Gary now of Big Spring.

He was one of the first Texans who saw the need of good roads, and of a connecting highway from coast to coast. Realizing that Midland was situated on what could be an all year, all weather, route; he was one of the first to begin promotion of what has since become the Bankhead Highway known today as the "Broadway of America."

In this pioneer work, he was undaunted even when many of his fellow citizens did not see the good of the project, and did not put money into its promotion. Spending his own money, without desire of having his expenses returned, Mr. Burns spent years in bringing towns, communities and people along the proposed route to a realization of the need of the highway.

The deceased had also been prominent in Texas on account of his Masonic work and attainments, and he was a devoted member of that fraternity, with its various organizations. He has held the highest offices in the local lodge.

He would have reached his sixty-sixth year Sunday, the day he was buried. No relatives survive the deceased, an only aunt having preceded him in death by about one year.

Retiring from business several years ago on account of failing health, Mr. Burns had made his home in Midland most of the time, and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances.

The funeral services were held at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. George Gray, with Rev. Stedman, Episcopal minister of Big Spring, officiating.

Among the out of town people who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Gary, Walter Largent, E. A. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ethridge and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Bivens, all of Big Spring, and Dan Wadley of Dallas.

A large number of Midland people attended the funeral, and beautiful floral offerings paid tribute to the love and respect in which Mr. Burns was held in Midland.

J. Evetts Haley of Canyon, Miss Cora Mae Haley of S. M. U., and Mr. and Mrs. John Haley Junior from the ranch near Pyote, have been in Midland for several days, spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haley.

Clyde Y. Barron and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Barron, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cummins on their ranch west of Odessa. Edd Cole and family were also there from their ranch nearby.

E. V. McCright, well known building contractor of Dallas, has been in Midland this week on a business trip. It is reported that Mr. McCright is representing theater people, and is looking for a site for a large theater.

Mrs. L. O. O'Neal was here from Odessa during the holidays, visiting Lee Bradshaw and family, Mrs. Jake Irion and Mrs. Clayton Bond of McCamey, Mrs. W. B. Sullivan and Miss Pyle Bradshaw of Big Spring, were also here for the family reunion.

H. N. Garrett and family returned last week from a month's trip to Phoenix and other Arizona points.

Ellis Howell is in Dallas this week on a business trip.

## MEXICANS SHOT AT STANTON FRIDAY

Dead Bank Robber Reward Alleged Cause of "Frame-Up."

What was later confessed to be a frame-up in order to get the reward offered by the Texas Bankers Association for dead bank robbers, is alleged to be the cause of the fatal shooting of two Mexicans and the wounding of a third in Stanton early Friday morning, and for which charges of murder have been filed against C. C. Baze, Glasscock County deputy sheriff, and Lee Smith of Wink.

Baze, held in the Midland jail, is said by local officers to have made a full confession Saturday afternoon, stating that he and Smith "framed" the fake bank robbery, "planting" the Mexicans by the side of the Home National Bank of Stanton, and shooting them down to get the bank robber reward.

He is said to have placed the blame for the affair on Smith, who is in jail at Big Spring, stating that Smith threatened to kill him (Baze) unless he went through with the plot.

The confession states that the Mexicans were picked up at Pyote and Odessa, while the men charged with the shooting were en route from Wink, and the Mexicans were promised jobs grubbing.

After the shooting, two of the Mexicans, Norberto Diaz and Hilario Nunes, were found to have been killed, and a third, Victor Ramos, was badly wounded. Statements made by Ramos were similar to those contained in the statement made by Baze, in the presence of County Judge M. R. Hill, Sheriff A. C. Francis, and Deputy D. E. Covington.

Smith, lodged in the Big Spring jail, has made no statements, according to officers here who have been in touch with Howard and Martin county officers.

## SMITH SAYS BAZE STORY IS NOT TRUE

REFUSED TO MAKE STATEMENT TODAY TO OFFICERS.

Lee Smith, held in jail at Big Spring in connection with the shooting of the two Mexicans at Stanton early Friday, told officers of Howard and Martin counties this morning that the confession made here Saturday by C. C. Baze was not true, according to information given The Reporter today at noon by Sheriff Frank House of Big Spring.

The officers showed newspapers to Smith, wherein the report of Baze's confession was made public, but he still refused to make any statement regarding the shooting, merely saying that the Baze confession was not true.

Pictures of Smith, who came from Wink, have been made and will be sent to the Bureau of Identification, Sheriff House stated, as little seems to be known of him in this section.

## Kimbrough Is Attorney For Mine Interests

T. D. Kimbrough, Midland attorney, has been retained by G. P. Davis, oil operator and civil engineer, to work out the legal details in connection with a silver mine which he plans to develop in the near future, the mine being located somewhere in Hudspeth County.

Mr. Davis reports that the find is said to be the richest silver deposit in the United States, according to Mr. Kimbrough, and may possibly be on the same vein as the Mabel Mine, owned and operated by the World Exploration Company.

The silver deposit was found by Mr. Davis while he was prospecting for oil.

Dr. D. K. Ratliff is back from Colorado, where he spent the holidays.

## ONE OF OUTSTANDING NEEDS OF MIDLAND IN 1928 IS MAIL DELIVERY

BUILDING OF SIDEWALKS, STREET CROSSINGS, MARKING OF STREETS AND NUMBERING OF HOUSES NECESSARY BEFORE THIS POSSIBLE.

The past week or two, when the local post office was taxed to capacity, when all available mail clerks were working night and day to serve the public, and were then hampered by too small quarters and not enough help; has demonstrated that the town has grown entirely too large for everyone to receive mail through the local office without the added service of free city delivery.

The free city delivery would make it much easier to clear the building of excess mail and packages, making it easier to serve the general delivery, parcel post, and postage windows, as well as those who make use of boxes.

The building now in use, held under contract with the postal department, is too small to handle all of the mail adequately without city delivery.

The only way to get free mail delivery in the city is to have sidewalks, street crossings, numbered houses and marked streets, along with the other requirements to be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the U. S. Postal Department.

A definite program of side walk building is hard to promote in a few months unless some organized effort is made.

The Reporter makes the following suggestion: Let the City Council, if it can be properly financed, build street crossings between each two blocks which have complete sidewalks. In other words, if there is a sidewalk running the length of a block, and the next block on that street has a sidewalk running its full length, let the city connect the two blocks with a concrete street crossing.

This would encourage property owners to get together and build sidewalks, connecting them up in such a manner that free mail delivery could possibly be obtained in a few months over the thickly settled portions of the city.

It is understood that plans are already under consideration for the numbering of houses and the marking of streets by the City Council.

## E. H. Braswell Is Seriously Ill

E. H. Braswell, manager in this district for the Texas Electric Service Company, is seriously ill, suffering from pneumonia. Reports this morning were to the effect that he is holding his own, but he has been very low for several days.

## Disastrous Fire Prevented Monday

What might have been a disastrous fire, endangering the two story building in which Everybodys Store is located, and other buildings in that block, was quickly exterminated yesterday about 12:30 by prompt work of the fire department.

A storage closet at the west end of the hall on the second floor of the Cowden Building was the scene of the blaze. It is believed that someone must have dropped a cigarette in there, and that it came in contact with papers or with floor sweeping compound.

A dense smoke made fire fighting difficult, but the firemen went through it and turned the water on the blaze in time to prevent great damage. The building is owned by Mrs. Lillie E. Cowden of Mineral Wells.

Miss Georgia Kirk Davis, senior in the North Texas College, is spending the holidays here in the home of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Bucy. Mrs. Davis, who also lives in Denton, has been here for the past three weeks.

Miss Sinclair and her nephew, William Sinclair, are spending the holidays in Abilene with relatives.

Anabel Youngblood is at home from Dallas, where she has been for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bond and daughter Miss Lela, were here Monday from Stanton, visiting friends.

B. F. Ward is in Roswell, N. M., having gone over to spend the holidays with his niece, Erlene Goode, and her family.

Herman Klapproth, who is completing his medical degree in State University, is at home for the holidays, visiting Mrs. H. Klapproth and family.

## LIQUOR, DROPPED FROM CAR, GIVEN CLOSE EXAMINATION

A half pint of liquor was dropped from an automobile as it proceeded through the business section of Midland Sunday afternoon. It was picked up by a group of men and given a close examination. Applying a match to it, the men found that it was inflammable but not explosive. One adventurous member of the group applied a small quantity to his finger nails, and as it did not eat them off immediately, it was given the verdict of "good liquor."

## Marland to Drill In Lea County, N. M.

Marland Company late yesterday evening made public announcement of the first location for Lea county, which has been awaited with much interest since the arrival a few days ago in Carlsbad of a number of cars of casing and rig materials.

Their first test will be in the south west corner of the southeast quarter Section 19, Twp. 26, R. 37, which is two and a half miles practically due west of the Texas production Company's Rhodes No. 1, near Jal. This location is a 330-330 foot location from the southwest corner—Carlsbad, (N. M.) Current.

## Legion Trebles Membership Quota

Woods W. Lynch Post, American Legion, has trebled the membership quota set for it by state officers, under the able direction of Samuel K. Wasaff, acting commander.

First efforts were directed to doubling the quota of 25. The fifty members were acquired so quickly and easily that a goal of 75 was set, and has been reached.

It is believed that there are numbers of ex-service men living in Midland who should yet be enrolled in the local post.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ligon of Temple have been visiting relatives and friends in Midland during the Christmas holidays.

**Carter Garage Damaged by Fire**

Fire of unknown origin damaged the automobile repairing business of D. E. Carter, on Texas Avenue, about 10:30 Wednesday night, but was prevented from destroying the building by quick work on the part of the fire department and individuals who rushed to the scene.

As everyone had left the building doors had to be broken in for the firemen to enter.

The Williams Auto Supply Company occupies the part of the building which fronts on Main Street.

Experiments and investigations have demonstrated that the best success in growing forest plantations and windbreaks in the Great Plains region of North Dakota and eastern Montana results from meeting the following requirements: Summer fallow during the year prior to planting; cultivation as long as horses can be worked between the rows; careful selection of kinds of trees used. The trees recommended for this part of the northern Great Plains region are: Caragana, boxelder, green ash, north-west poplar, white and Chinese elms, Jack and Scotch pines, Black Hills spruce and Colorado blue spruce. These requirements are believed to be necessary rather generally through the great Plains west of the 98th meridian. Very successful shelterbelts have been grown in this region when due care has been taken. A typical shelterbelt plantation would be in a strip about 100 feet from the buildings, 100 feet wide and about 400 feet long. On the outside is planted a hardy shrub as a snow catch, followed by hardwood species with some conifers in the inside rows.

There is no best breed of dairy cows. Good cows and poor cows may be found in any breed. It is not especially important which breed you select, but it is all important that you select good individuals of the breed, however, it is usually best to choose one that is common in the neighborhood.

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Midland, Texas

**NEW LIGHT METAL**

Beryllium, a metal one-third lighter than aluminum, and one-fourth more elastic than steel, may soon come into general use through a new method of electro-deposition, says the Texas Public Service Information Bureau.

Beryllium has been known for more than a century, but the cost of its extraction has hitherto made it too expensive for commercial use. By the electrolytic method it can be made available for airship frames, motor pistons and various other purposes where strength, lightness and elasticity are essential.

Beryllium is chemically related to aluminum, and its ores are found abundantly in this country, particularly in feldspar mines where they have been considered as waste. Common form of beryllium ore is Beryle, the semi-precious stone, is a

Mount Pleasant—Shipping of cream from this point increasing.

Mount Pleasant—Work progressing on remodeling of Jefferson Hotel here.

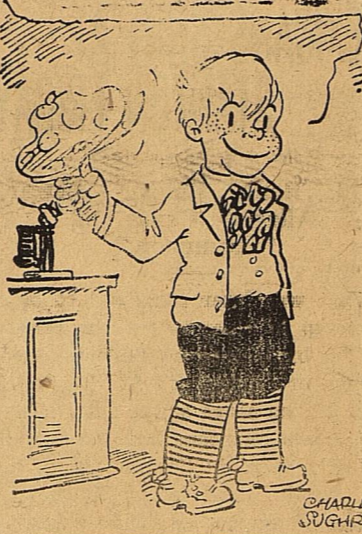
Mount Pleasant—Work in progress on 2,000 feet of paving.

Austin—Contract awarded for 14 miles of grading and drainage in Austin county.

Ingleside—Humble Oil and Refining Company will erect \$125,000 refinery here.

**MICKEY SAYS—**

PUBLISHING THIS NEWSPAPER AIN'T ALL THAT GOES ON IN OUR PRINTING PLANT, NOT BY A HULL LOT. OUR SHOP ALSO TURNS OUT GOBS OF FINE PRINTING, COMBINING TYPE, INK AND PAPER WITH MUCH ARTISTIC ABILITY AND PLENTY OF SPEED. JEST... WHAT YOU WANT AND WHEN YOU WANT IT.



G. George Coates and R. H. Woods are on a hunting trip down in Mexico.

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**Bird Home Started In Belmont Addition**

C. H. Bird, district representative for Clark drilling engines, has started construction on his new home in Belmont Addition. The construction is of tile and stucco, the new home being located on South Main Street.

Foster Brown is home from Simmons University at Abilene to spend the holidays.

Miss Ruth Blakeney will be home Friday from Baylor University at Waco, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. B. Smith, society editor of the Midland Daily Telegram left this morning for her home in Belton where she will spend Christmas. She will visit Mr. Smith's people in Waco before returning to Midland.

Intelligent selection of dairy animals is one of the most important steps in building up a high-producing herd.

Elliott H. Barron and G. H. Cowden left early Thursday morning for San Antonio to spend the holidays. Mr. Barron will visit his mother, Mrs. J. H. Barron, and his sister, Mrs. Herman Spaulding, Mr. Cowden will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cowden.

Herman Spaulding was here Wednesday afternoon from Crane, where he is in the hardware business. He left for San Antonio Sunday to spend Christmas with his wife and son.

Marvin Spaulding came through Midland Wednesday from Wink, en route to Lubbock to spend Christmas with his family.

Guy Green of the Vacuum Oil Company, was called to Texarkana Thursday morning on account of the illness of his wife.

Mrs. W. G. McMillan and son, of Lubbock, are spending the holidays in Midland. Mr. McMillan is on a hunting trip in the Davis Mountains.

**A Gem Of Understanding**

Speaking of Tennessee's industrial awakening with the development of her marvelous water power, the Nashville Tennessean remarks: "This state has not, up to this time been a fertile field for the political demagogue. The most amicable relations have existed between capital and labor, and the people generally have appreciated the fact that they could not capitalize on the great natural resources of the state without enlisting the aid of outside capital."

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Good Job Printing at Reporter Office

**COURTEOUS ORGANIZATION**

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CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. M. Eddy and wife, Alda J. Eddy, Hamilton B. Van Camp, Mrs. Halsey, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Halsey, E. R. McMahon, and wife, Clarissa McMahon, Agnes Hawley, and husband, Dennis S. Hawley, and or Dennis Hawley, Ira L. Van Camp, Bertha Van Camp, Charley E. Morgan, George Culhane, and or George Culhane, J. A. Hope, T. J. O'Neal, W. C. White and wife, M. E. White, if living, and if not, then the unknown heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives of each of said parties, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2040, wherein Ophelia Ferrell and E. M. Ferrell, are plaintiffs, and J. M. Eddy and wife, Alda J. Eddy, Hamilton B. Van Camp, Mrs. Halsey, E. R. McMahon, and wife, Clarissa McMahon, Agnes Hawley, and husband, Dennis S. Hawley, and or Dennis Hawley, Ira L. Van Camp, Bertha Van Camp, Charley E. Morgan, George Culhane, and or George Culhane, J. A. Hope, T. J. O'Neal, W. C. White, and wife, M. E. White, if living, and if not, then the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of each of said parties, are Defendants, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: That plaintiffs are seized and possessed of the following described property, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: The South One-half of Block 150, Southern Addition to the town of Midland, Midland County, Texas; that the defendants are asserting some character of claim against said property by virtue of being heirs, or legal representatives of J. M. Eddy, and other claims not made apparent to the plaintiffs; that the claims of the defendants, though void, or voidable, and inferior to the right and claim of the plaintiffs, casts a cloud upon plaintiff's title, and disturbs them in the free use and possession of said property, to their damage, in the sum of \$4,000.00.

Plaintiffs further allege that they and the defendants whom they claim, have had peaceable, continuous, quiet and adverse possession of said property continuously for more than ten years preceding the filing of this suit, and have paid all taxes due thereon, in season, and enjoyed the use, fruits, and revenues therefrom, and if the defendants ever had any right of claim to said property, the same has become barred by the statute of limitation.

Plaintiffs further allege that they have held quiet continuous and adverse possession of said property, holding the same by a continuous chain of title from the sovereignty evidenced by deeds duly recorded for more than twenty-five years preceding the filing of this suit. Plaintiffs pray for title and possession of said property, and that the cloud cast upon the same, by the defendants, be removed, and for relief, general and special, legal and equitable.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this 20th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk District Court Midland County Texas.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk District Court Midland County Texas.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, 26-4-T

CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Hiram E. Gardner, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Hiram E. Gardner; Miles J. Herndon, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Miles J. Herndon; D. Flanigan and Margaret M. Flanigan, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said D. Flanigan and Margaret M. Flanigan, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published in the 70th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof in Midland, Texas, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 2038, wherein F. L. Williams, as surviving husband of Capitola Williams, Winnie Prothro, joined by her husband J. M. Prothro, Lotta Williams, a feme sole, Alma Ligon, joined by her husband, Otis Ligon, these being the surviving heirs of Mrs. Capitola Williams, deceased, and O. D. Dillingham are plaintiffs, and Hiram E. Gardner, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Hiram E. Gardner; Miles J. Herndon, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Miles J. Herndon; D. Flanigan and Margaret M. Flanigan, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said D. Flanigan and Margaret M. Flanigan, are defendants, said petition alleging:

Plaintiffs allege that they and those under whom they hold have had open, notorious, visible, adverse and peaceable possession sufficiently under the terms of the law to perfect their title by limitations of five years and by limitation of ten years and pray that their title by limitation be established, and that the deeds by virtue of which the defendants claim apparent title be cancelled and held for naught, and the cloud created thereby be removed from the title of the plaintiffs herein; and further pray for general relief.

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

Witness J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the City of Midland, Texas, this 19th day of December, 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, 25-4-T

CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Lizzie A. DeWitte, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors and administrators of the said Lizzie A. DeWitte, and of L. La Rue B. Bissell, and wife, Leonard A. Bissell, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors and administrators of the said L. La Rue B. Bissell, and wife, Leonard A. Bissell, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return date hereof, in some newspaper published in your county to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 2034, wherein Dock Wesson is plaintiff and Lizzie A. DeWitte, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors and administrators of the said Lizzie A. DeWitte, and of L. La Rue B. Bissell, and wife, Leonard A. Bissell, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors and administrators of the said L. La Rue B. Bissell, and wife, Leonard A. Bissell, are defendants, a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action being as follows: That November 16, 1927, plaintiff was seized and possessed, and owned in fee simple, lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, in block 124, Southern Addition to the town of Midland; that on said date, the defendants unlawfully entered and dispossessed plaintiff, and withholds possession thereof from plaintiff; that the defendants claim, right of possession by virtue of a deed dated January 1, 1921, recorded in book 7, page 144, and a deed dated January 6, 1925, recorded in book 32, page 234, deed records, Midland County, Texas; and that said deeds and claims by defendants, casts a cloud upon plaintiff's title, though inferior to plaintiff's title, to said property; that if the defendants ever had any right to said property, same has long since become barred by the ten years statute of limitation; that plaintiff, and those under whom he claims, has had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of said property, using, cultivating and enjoying the same, paying taxes thereon, in season, and holding same under enclosure for more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit.

Plaintiff prays for title and possession of said property, for his damages, and costs of suit, and for relief, general and special.

Plaintiffs further allege that they and those under whom they hold have had open, notorious, visible, adverse and peaceable possession sufficiently under the terms of the law to perfect their title by limitations of five years and by limitation of ten years and pray that their title by limitation be established, and that the deeds by virtue of which the defendants claim apparent title be cancelled and held for naught, and the cloud created thereby be removed from the title of the plaintiffs herein; and further pray for general relief.

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

Witness J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the City of Midland, Texas, this 19th day of December, 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, 25-4-T

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Plaintiff prays for title and possession of said property, for his damages, and costs of suit, and for relief, general and special.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the City of Midland, Texas, on this 12th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk County Court, Midland County, Texas. (Seal) 23-F

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

The State of Texas: To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of notice in the County of Midland, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for a period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of application for letters—Estate of decedents.

The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the estate of W. B. Driver, deceased. Know ye that G. W. Driver has filed in the county court of Midland County, an application for letters of administration upon the estate of said W. B. Driver, deceased.

Now, therefore, these are to notify you, and each of you, who are interested in said estate, to be and personally appear at the next regular term of the honorable court, which will be held at the next term of said court, commencing on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1928, at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this 16th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk District Court Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, deputy.

Issued this 16th day of December, A. D. 1927. J. M. Shelburne, clerk district court, Midland County, Texas, by Virgie Ringo, deputy. (seal) 24-4-F

CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cite all persons interested in the welfare of May Beth Judkins, a minor, and the due service hereof does cite them to appear at the next regular term of the county court, to be held at the courthouse thereof on the 1st Monday in January, 1928, the same being the 2nd day of January 1928 and contest, if they see proper to do so,

the application of Arthur L. Judkins, which has been filed in said court for the guardianship of the person and estate of said May Beth Judkins, a minor.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said court, at the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. M. Shelburne, clerk of the county court of Midland County, Texas. Issued this 7th day of December, 1927. (Seal) 22-3-F

CITATION THE State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County, Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County, Texas.

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for ten days exclusive of the dates of publication, in a newspaper published in Midland County, Texas, which has been so published for more than one year prior to date of publication, the following citation:

The State of Texas, to all persons interested in the Estate of Edward R. Benedict, Deceased.

Know ye that Pearl Benedict having filed in the County Court of Midland County, an application for letters of administration upon the estate of Edward R. Benedict, deceased;

Now, therefore, these are to notify you, and each of you, who are interested in said estate, to be and personally appear at the next regular term of the honorable county court, to be held at the courthouse of said county, in Midland on the First day of January, A. D. 1928, same being the 1st day of January, A. D. 1928, then and there to contest said application should you desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make due return showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal this 8th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk County Court, Midland County, Texas. (Seal) 22-3-F

CITATION THE State of Texas: To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Parker Jeffcoat by making publication of this citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return date hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the 1st Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 2031, wherein Daphne M. Jeffcoat, plaintiff, and Parker Jeffcoat, defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Suit for divorce and restoration of plaintiff's maiden name.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this 12th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk County Court, Midland County, Texas. (Seal) 23-F

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The State of Texas: To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of notice in the County of Midland, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for a period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

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Now, therefore, these are to notify you, and each of you, who are interested in said estate, to be and personally appear at the next regular term of the honorable court, which will be held at the next term of said court, commencing on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1928, at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this 17th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, deputy. (seal) 25-4-T

CITATION The state of Texas: To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon L. L. Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. Daisy K. Hoffman; Paul Keller Hoffman; Harry D. Hoffman; Phillis Hoffman, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors, and administrators of the said L. L. Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. Daisy K. Hoffman; Paul Keller Hoffman; Harry D. Hoffman; Phillis Hoffman, and Oma Perot Hoffman, and Mrs. M. A. Estes, and the unknown husband of the said M. A. Estes, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs of the said M. A. Estes, by making publication of this citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next

regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the First Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 2036, wherein E. N. Snodgrass and M. C. Ulmer, are plaintiffs, and L. L. Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. Daisy K. Hoffman; Paul Keller Hoffman; Harry D. Hoffman; Phillis Hoffman, and Oma Perot Hoffman, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors, and administrators of the said L. L. Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. Daisy K. Hoffman; Paul Keller Hoffman; Harry D. Hoffman; Phillis Hoffman, and Oma Perot Hoffman, and Mrs. M. A. Estes, are defendants, said petition alleging:

Plaintiffs allege that they and those under whom they hold have had open, notorious, visible, adverse and peaceable possession sufficiently under the terms of the law to perfect their title by limitations of five years and by limitation of ten years and pray that their title by limitation be established, and that the deeds by virtue of which the defendants claim apparent title be cancelled and held for naught, and the cloud created thereby be removed from the title of the plaintiffs herein; and further pray for general relief.

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

Witness J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this 16th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County, Texas.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County, Texas.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, 19-4-T (Tues)

CITATION The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon B. F. Yoakum, if living, and if not living, then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said B. F. Yoakum, and W. L. Payne, if living, and if not living, then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said W. L. Payne, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in the said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the courthouse thereof in Midland, Texas, on First Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 2037, wherein E. N. Snodgrass and Chas. L. Klapproth are plaintiffs and B. F. Yoakum, and W. L. Payne, are defendants, said petition alleging:

Plaintiffs allege that they and those under whom they hold have had open, notorious, visible, adverse and peaceable possession sufficiently under the terms of the law to perfect their title by limitations of five years and by limitation of ten years and pray that their title by limitation be established, and that the deeds by virtue of which the defendants claim apparent title be cancelled and held for naught, and the cloud created thereby removed from the title of the plaintiffs herein, and they further pray for general relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court on the said first day of the next term hereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas.

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J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, deputy. (seal) 25-4-T

CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. J. Allen & Bros., and the unknown members of said firm; Heyn-Koohn, and the unknown members of said firm; J. C. Kerr, Trustee, and J. B. Deardoff; J. D. Dulaney & Bros., and the unknown members of said firm; J. C. Kerr, Trustee, Mary T. Lancaster, J. C. Kerr, Trustee, and E. B. Lancaster, I. Goldberg, and wife, Maud D. Goldberg, J. W. Spain, J. W. Spann, and wife, Nancy E. Spann, J. W. Spencer, Nora Grossman, and Nora Marks, Carle Whitehead, and Bankers Trust Company, a defunct corporation, and the unknown stockholders of said defunct corporation, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2039, wherein John Scharbauer, is plaintiff, and H. J. Allen & Bros., and the unknown members of said firm; Heyn-Koohn, and the unknown members of said firm; J. C. Kerr, Trustee, and J. B. Deardoff; J. D. Dulaney & Bros., and the unknown members of said firm; J. C. Kerr, Trustee, Mary T. Lancaster, J. C. Kerr, Trustee, and E. B. Lancaster, I. Goldberg, and wife, Maud D. Goldberg, J. W. Spain, J. W. Spann, and wife Nancy E. Spann, J. W. Spencer, Nora Grossman, and Nora Marks, Carle Whitehead, and Bankers Trust Company, a defunct corporation and the unknown stockholders of said defunct corporations are Defendants, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

That plaintiff is legally seized and possessed, and holding in fee simple, all of lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, except the West 60 feet thereof, in Block 52, of the original town of Midland, Midland County, Texas; that the defendants above named, are asserting some character of title to the above described property; the nature of which seems to be unrecorded deeds of trusts, vendor's liens, unrecorded abstract of judgment liens, errors in the spelling of the names of grantors and grantees, in various conveyances,

and by deed executed by Nora Grossman in favor of Carle Whitehead, recorded in Book 27, page 353, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas; that although the claims of the defendants are void, or voidable, and inferior to the rights and claims of the plaintiff, yet the same casts a cloud upon plaintiff's title, disturbs him in the free use and occupancy of said premises, to his damages in the sum of \$20,000.00. That plaintiff, and those under whom he claims, have had and held, quiet, peaceable, notorious, and adverse possession of said property, holding the same by virtue of actual enclosure, and deeds of record, for more than ten years preceding the filing of this suit, paying all taxes thereon in season, and has enjoyed the use, fruits and revenues thereof for said period, his possession being notorious to the right or claim of all persons whomsoever, especially the defendants herein; that the plaintiff, and those under whom he claims, have had, and held quiet, continuous and adverse possession of said property, holding the same by a continuous chain of title duly recorded, from the Sovereignty of the Soil, down to, and vesting in plaintiff herein, for a period of more than twenty-five years, and has enjoyed the fruits, revenues and rents therefrom, and paying all taxes in season for said period of time.

HEREIN FAIL NOT but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this 20th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk, District Court Midland County, Texas.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk, District Court Midland County, Texas.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, 26-4-T

regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the First Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 2036, wherein E. N. Snodgrass and M. C. Ulmer, are plaintiffs, and L. L. Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. Daisy K. Hoffman; Paul Keller Hoffman; Harry D. Hoffman; Phillis Hoffman, and Oma Perot Hoffman, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors, and administrators of the said L. L. Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. Daisy K. Hoffman; Paul Keller Hoffman; Harry D. Hoffman; Phillis Hoffman, and Oma Perot Hoffman, and Mrs. M. A. Estes, are defendants, said petition alleging:

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

Witness J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this 16th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County, Texas.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County, Texas.

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**DURING THE DEPRESSION**

Everywhere is heard that lament  
about oil depression—that is, every-  
where except Midland.

Midland has experienced the great-  
est period of growth in her history  
during the oil depression.

As a visitor casually remarked yester-  
day, "What would have been done  
had it not been for the depression?"

The year 1928 bids fair to be Mid-  
land's greatest year, and the expres-  
sion coined by a local real estate man,  
"30,000 population by 1930" may not  
be an idle boast.

**MIDLAND'S SKY LINE**

Imagine the twelve-story Petrole-  
um Building when it is completed, and  
take a glance at Midland's sky line.  
With that big building, the six-story  
Thomas Building, the six-story Hotel  
Scharbauer, the four-story Llano Ho-  
tel, the three-story Haley Hotel, Mid-  
land High School, and a score or  
more of two-story buildings, Midland  
will soon have a sky line that will  
not be equaled in towns of less than  
25,000 population.

**WALL STREET'S NEED**

Wall Street, prior to the laying of  
pavement on other streets, was the  
best street in Midland on account of  
its asphalt topping. The asphalt has  
been worked off badly, especially on  
the edges; the street is hampered by  
poor drainage, and after even a light  
rain the water stands for days in the  
gutters.

Just at this time, those who have  
their places of business on Wall  
street, the Broadway of America, are  
hampered in the conducting of their  
business.

Rumors have it that several blocks  
of the street may be paved early in  
1928. A member of the city council  
stated some time ago that the council  
would be ready when proper petition  
came from the property owners.

Looks like all that is needed is for  
someone to start it.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

LOST—Pair of glasses between Mid-  
land and Circle Bar ranch last Fri-  
day. Wardlow Lewis name on case.  
Finder please leave at Reporter of-  
fice.

Two room furnished apartment,  
with all conveniences for rent Dec.  
22. Call at first house north of  
Methodist church. Mrs. J. P. Ulyrick  
25-1t

FOR SALE—Dressed hogs, whole,  
half or quarter. Phone 80 or see  
25-2-p Henry Currie.

LOST—2 duck coats, close to cross-  
ing at depot. Finder leave at de-  
pot and get reward 25-1t.

FOR SALE—Four burner, eight hole,  
oil cook stove, in first class condi-  
tion. Price \$25 cash, with oven. Mrs.  
M. L. Sholle 24-3tp.

DO YOU WANT a Barred Plymouth  
Rock cockerel for breeding purposes,  
large and vigorous, 9 months old, I  
have four of them left, \$5.00 each.  
Also some two months old cockerels,  
\$1.50 each. All out of J. W. Parks,  
Altoona, Penn., strain. F. C. Stubbe,  
6 1-2 miles west on highway. 27-2t

TO LEASE—Quarter section of land,  
seven miles east and one mile south  
of Midland. Write A. G. McRey-  
nolds, Rt. 1, O'Brien, Texas. 26-1tp

**Society**

By Mrs. Paul T. Vickers  
Phone 436

**JAMES HARRISON  
HERE WITH BRIDE.**

James Harrison, formerly of Mid-  
land, but now on the teaching staff  
of a leading Oklahoma State Normal,  
arrived in Midland today with his  
bride, who prior to their wedding on  
Christmas Day was Miss Ella Seran  
of Castle, Okla.

While here, they are visiting his  
sister, Mrs. Clyde Y. Barron, and will  
return to Oklahoma the last of this  
week.

Mr. Harrison spent many of his  
boyhood days in Midland, having  
graduated from high school here, and  
has a host of friends who congratu-  
late him on his marriage as well as  
his success in the realms of educa-  
tion.

**PARTY AND DANCE  
AT COUNTRY CLUB.**

Invitations are out for an elaborate  
party and dance to be given tomorrow  
night at the Country Club by Mr.  
and Mrs. W. B. Elkin and Miss Lula  
Elkin.

Dancing, bridge and forty-two will  
be indulged in. Special numbers will  
be given for the entertainment of old  
timers who will attend.

**KOLONIAL KARD KLUB  
AT AFTERNOON BRIDGE.**

The lovely new home of Mrs. Dick  
Knox in Belvedere Court was the  
scene of an afternoon Christmas  
bridge party last Wednesday after-  
noon. Mrs. Knox was the hostess to  
the Kolonial Kard Klub.

The reception rooms were beauti-  
fully decorated in Christmas colors  
with wreaths of mistletoe and holly  
hanging here and there added to the  
setting of the Christmas scene. The  
dining room table was adorned with  
a small Christmas tree brilliantly  
lighted with Christmas colors. Tal-  
lies and score pads carried out the  
Christmas scene being miniature  
Santas. Candies were passed during  
the enjoyable games.

High score was held by Mrs. Jeff  
Haynie who received a Japanese  
crochery pot and Jasmine teapot.

The members and their guests in-  
cluded Mesdames George Wolcott, B.  
C. Crawshaw of Denver, T. Jeff Hay-  
nie, J. A. Finlayson, J. O. Garling-  
ton, Van Lowerre, Ray Sindorf, B.  
G. Grafa, W. I. Pratt.

**GERMAN GIVEN  
AT COUNTRY CLUB.**

A German, given at the Country  
Club Monday morning by members  
and guests, was greatly enjoyed;  
quite a crowd having assembled there  
for the early morning hours.

**O'BRIAN-COLE  
WEDDING FRIDAY.**

On last Friday evening Miss Eva  
O'Brian became the bride of Mr. Ath-  
el Cole. The impressive ceremony  
was read by Rev. Stanley Haver at  
the Methodist Parsonage. The couple  
was accompanied by Miss Eulalia  
Beauchamp.

Mrs. Cole is the daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. John Woods of Abilene and  
has lived in Midland the greater part  
of her life, making her home with  
her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Brooks Lee. She has been a student  
of Midland High school having many  
friends among the students.

Mr. Cole is the son of Mr. and Mrs.  
A. B. Cole and has been a resident of  
Midland some time, coming here from  
Garden City. He is connected with  
the Flood and Daughtry firm.

The happy couple will be at home  
to friends in their apartment in  
North Midland.

**METHODIST PAGEANT  
TO BE HELD ANNUALLY.**

The great interest and enthusias-  
m manifested by those attending the  
Christmas pageant Christmas night  
has led to the placing of the event  
on the church calendar as an annual  
performance. It is hoped that more  
extensive preparations each year will  
make this a marked feature for  
Christmas in Midland. In spite of the  
small amount of preparation this  
year, the beautiful scenes of the Na-  
tivity of Christ were most impress-  
ively rendered. The stage setting  
showed a very realistic cave topped  
by great boulders within, which were  
scenes of the First Christmas shown.

The introductory solo, Cantique de  
Noel by Adam, was beautifully sung  
by Mrs. Roy Parks, whose rich and  
sympathetic voice gave superior help  
to all the scenes shown, especially  
Mary's Cradle Song.

The parts of the Wise Men were  
filled by George Glass, Thabert  
Thomas, and Dossie Pinnell, who

characterized the Oriently kings with  
splendid effect. The supporting solo,  
"We Three Kings of Orient Are" was  
beautifully rendered by Charles Wat-  
son. Shepherds appearing in the Pa-  
geant were John M. Speed, Jr.,  
Winston Elkin, Ray Guynn. Dorothy  
Bess Stanley effectively represented  
the Angel.

The most impressive scene was that  
of Mary and the Manger, and this  
was rendered by the sympathetic in-  
terpretation of the part of Mary by  
Miss Leona McCormick, who made  
this impressive story intensely real,  
with the glowing contrast of the  
Madonna showing against the rugged  
crudeness of the rocky cave, the  
kneeling shepherds, and the rough  
manger.

The choral parts of the pageant  
were rendered by a choir consisting  
of Charles Watson, Mesdames Roy  
Parks, Jim Flannagan, Jess Prothro,  
Addison Wadley, C. C. Watson. Miss  
Lillie B. Williams rendered the piano  
music accompaniment in sympathetic  
an beautiful way. A vested choir  
of boys and girls with lighted candles  
made an effective processional and  
recessional, and sang "Joy to the  
World" antiphonally with the adult  
choir.

Miss Lotta Williams in prophetic  
garb occupied a niche in the rocks  
beside the cave and read the scrip-  
ture parts of the pageant. Her clear  
and able interpretation of the narra-  
tive lent much to the success of the  
presentation.

**WEDNESDAY CLUB  
TO MEET DEC. 28.**

Members of the Wednesday Club  
met at the home of Mrs. M. R. Hill  
on last Wednesday Club for their last  
meeting of the year 1927.

The following program was given  
at the afternoon meeting:

Paper—"The Flame and the Wat-  
erways it Followed"—Mrs. Clarence  
Scharbauer.

Paper—From Ashaffenburg to  
Budapest—Mrs. J. M. DeArmond.

Paper—The Terrible Balkans—  
Mrs. Frank Elkin.

**CACTUS SCENT OF  
EVENING BRIDGE.**

Members of the P. D. A. Club were  
hostesses to boy friends and other  
guests at a lovely Christmas bridge  
party on last Thursday evening at  
the Cactus.

The reception hall was gaily de-  
corated with streamers of red and  
green and large Christmas bells.  
Mistletoe and holly hanging here and  
there added to the beauty of the  
decorations. Five tables of bridge  
were laid for the evening's pleasure.  
Leola Bigham held high score for  
the ladies and was awarded a combi-  
nation perfume and powder set,  
Miss Clifford Heath, holding second  
high score for the ladies, was pre-  
sented a lovely bud vase. High  
score for the men was held by Bob-  
bie Morris, who received a clever  
little jug. Second high for the men  
was won by Mr. Vaughn, and he re-  
ceived a carton of cigarettes. Cut  
prize for the evening was won by  
Jerry Fitzgerald, he receiving a  
double deck of bridge cards.

A tasteful plate of tuna fish sand-  
wiches, potato chips, olives, fruit  
cake and coffee was passed to Misses  
Leola Bigham, Ethel Norwood, Wil-  
lie Preston, Blanche Moran, Evelyn  
McCall, Adella McCall, Jane Camp-  
bell, Margaret Snodgrass, Clifford  
Heath, Thelma Riddle; Messrs Earl  
Horst, W. H. Jennings, Roy Moran,  
Jerry Fitzgerald, Curtis Bowers, Bob-  
bie Morris, Cliff Maples, Tom Pat-  
terson, Booger Bryant, Mr. and Mrs.  
H. B. Dickinson and Mr. and Mrs.  
Vaughn.

**WINBORNE-BUTLER  
WEDDING FRIDAY.**

The marriage of Miss Maurine  
Winborne to Mr. Lynn Butler came  
as a surprise to many friends of the  
couple. The ceremony was scienti-  
fied on last Friday morning at Big  
Spring.

The bride is the daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. John Winborne of Midland  
and has a wide circle of friends here.  
She is a graduate of Midland High  
School and also of El Paso Junior

College. For the past two years she  
has been teaching in the public  
schools of El Paso.

The groom is the son of Mrs. G.  
H. Butler, and has been a resident  
of Midland several years. He is con-  
nected with the firm of Winborne  
and Butler, contractors.

Immediately after the ceremony  
the couple left on a honeymoon trip  
to San Antonio and other points and  
will be at home in Midland after the  
first of the year.

**YORK-TOWNSEND  
WEDDING LAST WEEK.**

The wedding of Miss Ruby York  
and Mr. E. L. Townsend took place  
last Thursday evening at the Bap-  
tist parsonage, Rev. George F.  
Brown reading the impressive ring  
ceremony.

The bride was gowned in a navy  
blue georgette frock trimmed with  
tan, and accessories to match.

Mrs. Townsend is well known in  
Midland, having been here some  
time while employed at the city hall.  
Before coming here she lived in La-  
mesa, and has a host of friends at  
both places.

The groom is connected with the  
Hamilton Gin Company, having been  
a resident of Midland for some  
time.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend left im-  
mediately after the ceremony for a  
honeymoon trip in Arkansas. After  
the first of the year, the couple will  
be at home to friends in Midland.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
TO MEET THURSDAY**

The woman's auxiliary of the  
Presbyterian Church will meet Thurs-  
day afternoon, at three o'clock, in the  
home of Mrs. H. J. Gossett. Mrs.  
Frank Wolcott will be leader.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR  
EPWORTH LEAGUE TONIGHT**

The first Christmas party of the  
Epworth League will be held tonight  
at the home of Rev. Stanley Haver,  
and all members are urged to attend.

This will be the first of several par-  
ties, and will be at 7:30.

Edward Black, Franklin Black and  
Kirk Lee Black spent the Christmas  
holidays in Denton and will return  
Saturday.

Wilbur Wimberly and wife will ar-  
rive tomorrow to spend the remainder  
of the week with W. W. Wimberly  
and family. He has been on a deer  
hunt, and Mrs. Wimberly visited rela-  
tives in Sierra Blanca while on their  
vacation from his position as head of  
the manual training department of  
EEL Paso High School.

**FORMER MIDLAND  
SCHOOL MAN WEDES**

Friends of Wiley Seale, former  
high school principal of Midland, re-  
ceived announcements this week of  
his marriage on December 23 to Miss  
Gladys Elizabeth Flanson of Grand-  
view, Texas.

The young couple will make their  
home in Gonzales.

Mr. Seale, during his boyhood days  
lived in Floresville, graduating from  
the public schools there, going later  
to San Marcos College, Baylor Uni-  
versity and the Texas A. & M. Col-  
lege.

After his principalship in Midland,  
during which time he was athletic  
coach, he went to Brownsville, and  
later with the West Texas Military  
school at San Antonio.

He is one of the leading young  
school men of the state, and has  
made an enviable record. His many  
friends in Midland will be interested  
in his marriage.

"...and just as good as they  
look." 25-tf

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look." 25-tf

Alex Turner, accountant of Dal-  
las visited his friend Harry L. Haight  
here last week end.

"...and just as good as they  
look." 25-tf

**AGAIN...**

*the Minute Inn Scores*

Now the Minute Inn is equipped to accomodate its ever-  
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complete Frigidaire equipment—new chairs—new tables—  
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vance in prices.

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the Minute Inn. Plan your social dinners to be served at  
the Minute Inn.

Our Frigidaire equipment guarantees pure food—our ex-  
perienced cooks and large ranges guarantee well-cooked  
food—our water softener guarantees pure soft water—our  
enlarged quarters guarantee pleasing service—our mode-  
rate prices guarantee pocket-book satisfaction. But why  
not come and see for yourself.

**Minute Inn Cafe**

East of Main on Highway

AS ELECTRIC

**"Mugs"**

There is an advantage sometimes in being an eaves-dropper. While it may not be the highest form in ethics one can find the subject of the conversation be about himself hear what others think of him and just about how high he is regarded in the community. This however is meant to mean in a general way for there are likes and dislikes that are not universal and perhaps it is well that such is the case as it prevents the victim from being regarded wholly from one side or the other, and in either event the result would be demoralizing to the person so regarded. All of this leads up to little eaves-dropping we indulged in the other day, not purposely, you understand, but for the reason we were placed in a position where we had to listen or else reveal our identity which, by the way, is of no importance for we realize that we weigh only about so much mentally and physically, with a preponderance greatly in excess on the side of avoidupis. That is to say, we heft a certain number of pounds and then we're through for the day. On that point there is no room for intelligent dispute.

The eaves-dropping we refer to came about in this wise: We were standing near a group of men who were settling the affairs of the nation and telling each other exactly how the President of the U. S. A. ought to do things if he had any sense at all when one of the more intelligent of the crowd asked, "Say, do any of you know this guy Van Pelt?" Another spoke up and said, "I don't know him but I see him strutting around the town an' he gives me a pain." "Well," said the first one, "He seems kind o'fresh to me an' besides I don't like his face." Some one else in the crowd came into the discussion and remarked, "Who does he think he is anyhow tellin' us down here how to run things? Does he think we don't know nothin'?"

The first one broke in again and said, "Well, I'm tellin' you I don't like his face an' I never seen a face like that with any brains under the hat, did you?" and most of the rest agreed.

Now that comment came nearer the truth than all of the others and in it we fully concur but for the benefit of those gentlemen who are undoubtedly unbiased judges and ex-

pects in facial architecture we wish to state that we had very little to do with the selection of the face we wear. When they were handing out faces we were playing hookey and when we got back we had to take what was left or go without. The features were put on at random with a perfect disregard to uniformity and we never have been able to drink a glass of beer without sticking our nose in the glass and as for the ears they keep hearing things of the kind referred to and not much else for the obvious reason that there is not much more could be said about this mug of ours. The eyes are also not much well trained particularly when there are good looking girls around with short dresses and the mouth never did have any sense for it keeps blabbing about things that's none of our business. To be perfectly frank about this face the only thing we use it for is for purposes of identification as Paul Barron would say, but up to date it has not appeared in the Rogues Gallery. If we could swap it for one that would meet with popular approval we'd gladly do so and pay something to boot, still it's a hard thing to be compelled to go through life with such an affliction.

As for the other traits these gentlemen referred to as being undesirable we would like to remark that not once since we came to Midland have we commented on any individual other than in a friendly spirit and with a wholesome regard for their good qualities and in that we challenge any report to the contrary, and as for running things, we dispute that with indignant enthusiasm. What we have said was for the benefit of Midland and because we have a deep affection for her and her people and if it and they can put up with this face we intend to stay right here where we have formed many warm and sincere friendships. As for our strutting propensities we'll let you in on a secret which we had hoped would never be found out and that is this: we have two pet corns, one on each little toe and we have an 8 1-2 foot that we try to use in a 6 3-4 shoe and what you call strutting is our attempt to ease our selves along the streets in a maximum of comfort and a minimum of profanity. So far the profanity is three jumps in the lead.

To get back to this face of ours

**Power Systems Bound to Grow.**

The American people make more use of electric lights and power, use more telephones and radios than all the rest of the world put together.

Dreams of great power plants operated by federal or state governments or public ownership of telephones are absurdities from the practical standpoint.

Interconnected power systems are already in existence in all parts of our country, and just as reserve banking systems have grown and will continue to grow, so will electric power systems continue to grow into larger operating units.

Under federal and state regulation centralized production of electricity and long distance transmission by interconnected units result in increasing service and declining rates. This is not true of politically conducted public service.

There are now approximately 5,000,000 stockholder owners of public utility properties. Most of these stockholders are also customers, thus forming the largest body of interrelated American citizens. They seem to be the mythical "power trust." Salaried executives must manage these electrical properties for the customer stockholders efficiently, or lose their jobs.



BERT LYTELL as MICHAEL LANYARD in "Alias The Lone Wolf"

and just as good as they look." 25-ft

M. O. Means and family, of Valentine, are here, having spent Christmas with Mrs. Means' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cowden.

which we don't like any better than you do, if any of the gentlemen above referred to would like to change it a hearty invitation is extended to any of them to begin operations at any time that will suit their convenience and ability.

Deidrick Van Pelt, Jr.

**"What Price Glory" On Screen Excels The Stage Triumph**

A little more than three years ago two young men employed on the staff of the New York World decided to collaborate on a play. They were Maxwell Anderson, an editorial writer, and Laurence Stallings, an assistant dramatic editor. Stallings had been a captain of the Marines in the Second Division in France during the war; he had been terribly wounded and had been confined in various hospitals for nearly five years. Maxwell Anderson had written one or two successful plays before. The result of their plans for a great war comedy-drama was "What Price Glory?"

After the play had been established as the most successful of the New York theatrical season, with various road companies starting to invade the surrounding country, the officials of various film companies negotiated with Arthur Hopkins, the producer, for the movie rights to the spectacular play. Fox Films finally acquired the rights to "What Price Glory" and Raoul Walsh was assigned to direct the picture.

His task was not an easy one. He was dealing with a play that had been seen and approved by vast numbers of people and he knew that these people would be extremely critical of the picture.

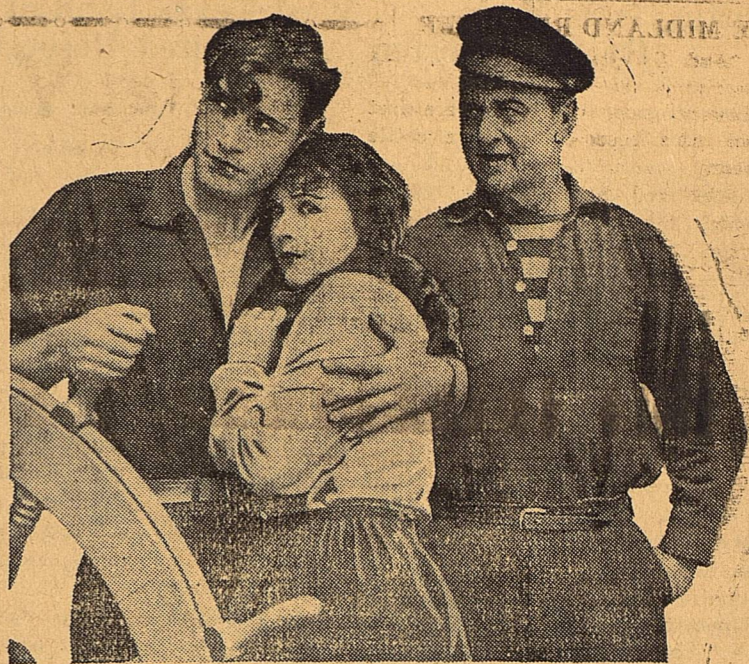
To the credit of Mr. Walsh, however, and the tremendous resources of the Fox West Coast Studios, and the general supervisor of production, Winfield R. Sheehm, vice president and general manager of Fox Films, it must be said that the cinema version of Stallings brain-child surpasses in every respect the great stage presentation.

"What Price Glory" is a wonderful picture, stirring entertainment and, above all things, vehemently interesting. It has all the ringing spirit of the play with a pictorial impressiveness that no stage production could ever possess.

Ted McNamara, as Private Kiper, and Sammy Cohen, as Private Lipinsky, undoubtedly comprised the best comedy team the movies have ever seen.

If any individual acting honors are to be given in this screen production they should go to Victor McLaglen, the swashbuckling, amorous, devil-may-care Captain Flagg. His performance is an indescribably effective one. Edmund Lowe, as the fighting, smartest, handsomest sergeant in the United States Marines, also deserves a world of credit for his remarkable characterization.

Dolores Del Rio, as the seductive Charmaine, could not have given a finer performance.



Richard Arlen-Jacqueline Logan-Hobart Bosworth in a scene from "THE BLOOD SHIP"

**THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS**  
By H. IRVING KING

**THE RED-HAIRED MAN**

IN SECTIONS of the country where hunters most abound, it is considered unlucky for a hunter to meet a red-haired man when he sets out upon his hunting expedition. The part played by the red-haired man in the world of folklore is one which has been the subject of much learned investigation. That many ancient peoples sacrificed red-haired men to their gods is a well-known fact.

It was formerly the theory of anthropologists that this was because to those peoples red-haired men were strangers, they themselves being dark-haired, and in those days strangers and enemies were synonymous. But Sir James Frazer, who is the greatest living authority on such matters, is of the opinion that among the ancients the red-haired man represented the "corn-spirit," the color of his hair corresponding to that of the ripened grain, and points out how in Egypt red-haired men were annually sacrificed at the shrine of Osiris and, the body being burned, the ashes were scattered over the fields to insure a satisfactory crop. The idea was that of the dying god—the death of grain, its sowing as seed and its resurrection in the form of a new crop. Sir James has written at considerable length upon the relation between the red-haired man in antiquity and the grain-spirit and casts doubts upon the "stranger" theory of the sacrifice of the red-haired. He relies mostly upon Egyptian mythology and ritual. But perhaps Sir James and those anthropologists who differ with him are both right, partially. What was true in Egypt may not have been true in those European regions from which we most directly inherit our folklore traditions.

In the latter the "stranger" theory perhaps prevailed. If, as Maspero says, "a study of modern superstitions will enable us to correct the past by the present" this superstition of the hunters, that it is unlucky to meet a red-haired man, would appear to prove the "stranger" theory with regard to our European ancestors. A red-haired man was a stranger, a stranger was an enemy. To meet an enemy when starting on a hunting expedition boded ill luck, for his companions might be lurking about, and make that hunting a hunting of "Chevy Chase."

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**SAWS**  
By Viola Brothers Shore

**FOR THE GOOSE—**

WHEN you're in trouble you think of your relations; when you're in danger, of your friends.

You recognize an enemy after you make him and a friend after you lose him.

It's the stone that hits you, but the little boy you wanna tick.

All work and no play makes Jack's wife turn to the cake eaters.

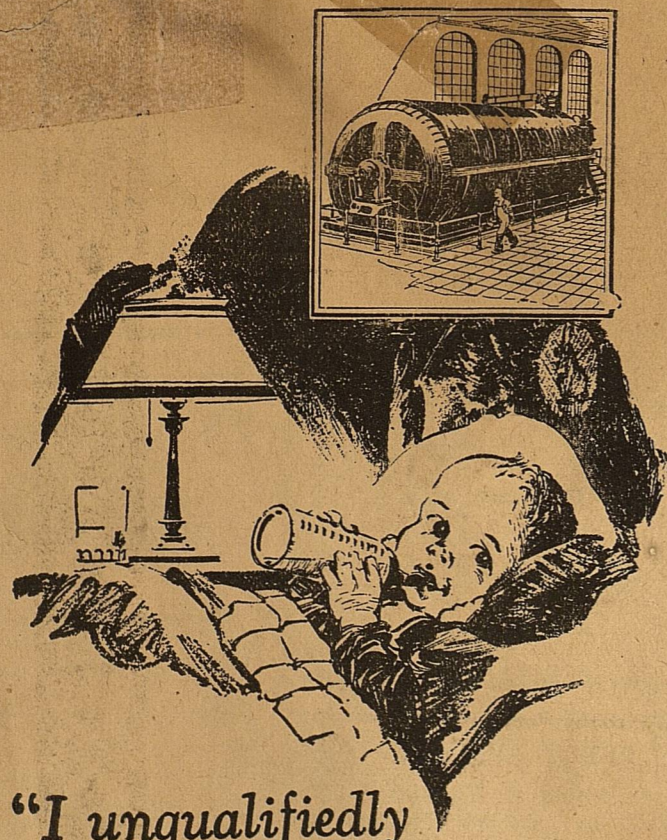
**FOR THE GANDER—**

The river kills when the flood goes down. Look out for a woman that shuts her jaws on her temper.

To the Baboon that escaped in the park the Traffic Cop was only a man.

Even if it's a small snake you better soak it with a big stick.

The better fruit a tree carries, the more it gets stoned.



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**Cattle Deals Made  
By Bob Preston**

Bob Preston, who was here last week, has been doing some cattle trading recently, having sold 50 head of steer and heifer calves to Herd Midkiff; also purchasing from Henry Wrage 100 head of young cows. The well known quality of the Wrage herd is evidence that Mr. Preston bought a fine young herd.

**Collins Dairy  
Sold Last Week**

The Collins Dairy, located two miles southwest of Midland, was sold last week to L. J. Scruggs who moved here from Arkansas, according to information given out Friday by Mr. Collins. He states that Mr. Scruggs is an experienced dairy operator, and will have the very best of equipment.

**Boy's Leg Broken  
When Horse Falls**

James "Big Boy" McCullough had the misfortune to break one of his legs Friday night when his horse fell on the pavement in front of the Crystal Theater.

The bone was broken in two places, but late reports state that he is doing as well as could be expected.—Stanton Reporter.

**South Side Lots  
Traded This Week**

Several southside lots were involved in a trade this week between J. N. Wells and Harry McClintic, Mr. Wells exchanging a seventy-five foot east front on Main Street for five lots, two being located near the T. O. Midkiff place, and three in the T. A. Fannin block.

**Sheriff Says  
Pay Auto Taxes**

Sheriff A. C. Francis urges automobile owners to pay their 1928 auto license taxes immediately, to avoid the last minute congestion.

Head lights must be tested before the taxes can be paid, bringing the headlight certificate to the sheriff's office, and there will be no time for all auto owners to get certificates at the same time.

When the time comes for putting the incubator into service for the spring hatching of chickens it should be cleaned thoroughly and disinfected to destroy disease organisms before the eggs are placed in it. Be sure that all down and dirt have been removed from the incubator, and disinfect the interior of the machine as well as the egg trays and nursery drawers with an efficient disinfectant, such as a saponified cresol solution.

In the campaign against the stem rust of small grains, more than 15,000,000 common barberry bushes have been killed, including 6,800,000 seedlings, and over 300,000 sprouting bushes. About 8,000,000 have been grubbed, pulled, or dug and over 7,000,000 killed with chemicals. Salt is the most effective and cheapest chemical for this purpose. Twenty pounds of salt applied to the base of a mid-sized barberry will kill it. Over 1,500 tons of salt have been used.

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**OIL ROYALTIES WANTED**  
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**West Texas Land of  
Unlimited Resources**

West Texas' vast and varied resources are difficult to compute. It is certain, however, that her new wealth production is now at least seven hundred and fifty million dollars annually and that it will soon reach a billion. Although the price of cotton, the principal crop, was at a lower ebb in 1926 than in many years West Texas' total agricultural production, exclusive of livestock, was more than \$350,000,000. Principal items were cotton and cottonseed, wheat, sorghum grains, oats, corn, hay and forage, wool and mohair, fruits, pecans and vegetables, eggs, butter and honey.

Her mineral production for the year amounted to \$225,000,000, consisting of petroleum, natural gas, gas oil, carbon-black, coal, gypsum, limestone, granite, clays, trap rock, glass sands, quicksilver, silver and other minerals.

Livestock production, including horses and mules, cattle and calves, swine, goats, sheep and poultry, had a total value of more than \$150,000,000.—West Texas Today.

**HOUSING THE DAIRY COW**

The main essentials in housing dairy cows in the winter seem to keep them dry and out of the wind and drafts, and to provide plenty of fresh air and sunlight. Apparently the matter of temperature in itself is not a vital consideration, except perhaps in the more severe portions of the United States. It has been noted at the Federal dairy experiment farm at Beltsville, Md., that cows do their best in the coldest weather and their poorest during the hot summer months. Probably there is no advantage in keeping the stable temperature much above freezing, and there may be a disadvantage if the temperature rises above 60 F.

The dairyman of limited means is the one who can least afford the great losses that come from using a poor site at the head of his herd.

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Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Graves and Miss Ora Orr are among the new residents in Midland, having moved here from Odessa.

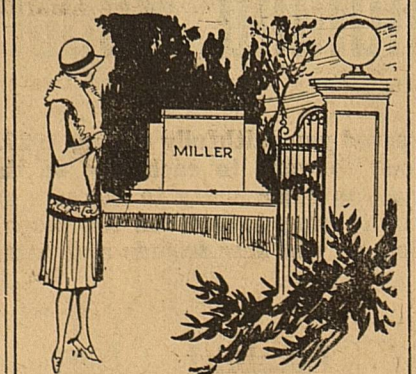
**For Meditation**  
By LEONARD A. BARRETT  
A PUBLIC NECESSITY

EVERY young man who contemplates starting into the manufacturing business should pause to ask himself two questions:

First—Does the thing I want to manufacture meet a definite need? Does the public want it and need it? If so, the chances are ten to one more in favor of success than if an article is manufactured the need for which had to be created. Find out what the public needs, satisfy that need, and success will reward your efforts. The public is more than willing to pay the price if it can get what it needs.

Second—Be sure the article you manufacture meets a constant need. The manufacturer of an article for which there is a demand but once needs to guard against overproduction. Competition may be keener, but success is more assured if the article manufactured must be constantly replaced—like breakfast foods, clothing, fountain pens, etc.

Satisfaction is essential to success. You will derive a real satisfaction in manufacturing a product which ministers to the human need of the race.  
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**A NASTY DAY**

A man remarked yesterday morning on the street, while the slow drizzle was soaking Mother Earth, "It's a nasty day." Well, we hope there will be many of them. A wet winter just now would be a great thing for the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Evans of Breckenridge have spent Christmas in Midland, visiting his sister, Mrs. John Winborne, and her parents, and Mrs. J. H. Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Vickers spent Christmas in Spur, visiting her father, J. H. Richbourg.

D. E. Holster and family spent Christmas day in McCamey, visiting relatives.

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**New Chevrolet To Be Seen January 1st.**

Detroit, Dec. 24—Promising the most spectacular low priced automobile of all times, the Chevrolet Motor Company announced here today that a complete new line of motor cars will be introduced to the public January first.

Chevrolet assembly plants have been in production on the new car since December 12, factories in Flint Michigan, Tarrytown, N. Y., St. Louis, Mo., Oakland, Cal., Buffalo, N. Y., Janesville, Wisc., and Norwood, O., have been humming with activity preparing for the highways the first of the new cars that promise to make motor car history in 1928.

Shipments of the new cars to dealers have been leaving the various assembly plants since December 15.

Unbridled enthusiasm is being displayed over the new cars by Chevrolet field sales officials, who have been milling into Detroit for private showings of the new line.

Practically every Chevrolet dealer in the United States will have cars ready for public inspection January first. From Bangor, Me. to San Diego and from Miami to Vancouver there will be simultaneous exhibitions of the new car that has caused so much discussion in the last few months.

This gigantic distribution achievement of supplying thousands of dealers with cars in such brief space of time was made possible only through the far-seeing policy of the Chevrolet organization and the tremendous resources and production facilities of the Chevrolet Motor Company. Never in the history of the industry will so many new models of one make have been placed in dealers' hands in such a limited space of time.

Cars will be ready for the boulevards and highways immediately after the first of the year. Production at the various assembly plants throughout the United States is racing along as fast as precision manufacturing will permit.

Unofficial reports from the Chevrolet offices here that the new car will embody many improvements in design and construction. New standards of beauty are promised. Easier handling and smoother riding qualities are heralded as some of the outstanding features of the new Chevrolet line.

Many unlooked for changes have been made in the appearance of the car, according to reports, providing the new Chevrolet with a beauty and style appeal, unexampled in the low price field.

Without doubt, officials, Chevrolet officials declared, the new cars would embody the results of 13 years experience and progress in the building of low priced transportation. Lessons learned from millions of testing on the General Motors proving ground have been brought to bear on the new product, officials declared. In fact all the resources of General Motors have been employed for months to design and build the car that is heralded to be by a wide margin.

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More than 5,500 newspapers across the entire country will assist through their advertising columns in broadcasting the announcement, which will take the form of one of the most comprehensive advertising campaigns ever attempted in the automobile industry. Every city, town and hamlet in the country will read the details of the 1928 Chevrolet on New Year's day.

From Chevrolet Motor Company. Roy C. Hayes, Publicity Director. Please observe release date.

**Christmas Edition Papers Mailed Out**

In spite of the fact that an extra supply of the Christmas edition of the Midland Reporter was printed, all copies have been called for and mailed out to people over the country.

A few of the Thomas Building editions are still on hand, although several oil companies and individuals have had extra copies mailed out.

Canadian farmers this fall sowed 1,009,000 acres of wheat, it is estimated, as compared with 823,000 last year. This fall's sowing was slightly greater than in the fall of 1925. Of the crop this year less than 4 per cent was from fall sown wheat.

With the increase in aviation the new service of the Weather Bureau in furnishing weather data for flyers at 8:15 a. m. each day, is highly important to those in the work. The weather reports received at 8:00 a. m. are broadcast on three wave lengths, so that aviators can get them much sooner than the ordinary weather reports, which are entered on the weather maps in public places about 9:30 a. m.

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Good Job Printing at Reporter Office

**Wimberly Active In The Cowboy Band**

Wallace Wimberly of this city has been with Simmons University and the Famous Cowboy band this fall. Mr. Wimberly is a senior in fine arts this year and has been of exceptional value to the band because of his ability on the trombone.

He is an old member of the cow-hand crew and has traveled with them from New Mexico to Florida. His efforts have done much to secure for the Cowboy band the national recognition that it now enjoys according to Y. P. Kuhn, the drum major.

Wallace is full of the old Simmons spirit and has always been a loyal student and a booster of his school and the Cowboy band.

The Cowboy band is built on the undying spirit of college men, and is professional in execution and tone only. Full of that pep, spirit and determination, the Cowboys have fought their way to national recognition. In all the leading newspapers of the south they have been eulogized and several times they have been photographed by the Pathe service and other news reels.

At Roswell, New Mexico, the band proved its superiority by securing the first return contract ever offered there.

The Cowboy Band was the official band for the inauguration of Gov. Moody, and last year was chosen the official band of the United Confederate Veterans for life.

The Cowboys are looking forward to a Texas tour in January, a trip to the Texas Cattlemen's Association Convention at Amarillo, and above all a trip to the convention of the Confederate veterans in Little Rock Arkansas.

All the members of the band are bonafide students of Simmons University filled with the old spirit of Simmons. They are bound to those principles of character and conduct which typify the institution which they represent.

**Golf Tournament at El Paso Soon**

El Paso, Texas, December 24. Plans have just been completed to stage El Paso's second annual \$3,600 open golf tournament in the Pass City, January 21, and 22. El Paso is rapidly assuming an important place among the cities of the nation in the spotlight of sport due to the very mild temperature here. Golf can be played the year around.

Prizes totaling \$3,200 will be offered as follows: first prize, \$1,200; second prize, \$700; third prize, \$200; fourth prize, 200; fifth prize, \$100; and twelve prizes at \$50 each.

Indications now are that this will be one of the outstanding golf events of the year.

Indications now are that this will be one of the outstanding golf events of the year. Increasing interest is being shown in the event by national figures according to the Chamber of Commerce of El Paso under whose auspices the event will be held.

Tommy Armour, now national open champion, was the winner of the first prize last January. Armour is expected to compete again.

Arrangements are being made to care for the out of town visitors who may wish to see the matches, according to Dr. C. M. Hendricks, president of the GGateway Club.

Elaborate plans are being made to stage several entertainment features in Juarez, Old Mexico, it was also stated by the arrangement committee.

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**Briefs Today Briefer Than in Former Days**

Laymen have often wondered why in the legal profession briefs are so called, when, as a rule, owing to the more or less elaborate legal phraseology, they are anything but brief.

A lawyer explains that this name was given because such documents "are supposed to cover the necessary subject matter in as brief a space as possible." It is also pointed out that many of the "Whereases," the "fore-saids" and the "to wits" are really essential.

Although the uninitiated may still flounder in the mazes of law technicalities, modern briefs are very much less encumbered with verbiage than were the briefs of the earlier days, says the New York Times. The modern tendency is to simplify.

Writing long legal documents used to be profitable, because, to begin with, they were prepared by scribes who were paid by the word.

An amusing story is told of a certain ancient scrivener in England who has lived through the ages because he perpetrated the most voluminous brief ever evolved in the profession. It was so prodigiously long the authorities thought the time for reform had come.

They decided to make of him an example. The wordy manuscript was affixed to a placard board and as punishment the scrivener was forced to parade with it all about the town.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Drum of Andrews spent the day in Midland on their way to Rankin to spend Christmas.

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**IMPORTANT CHANGE In Schedule Midland---Oil Field Bus**

**NEW SCHEDULE**

Leave McCamey for Midland, Via Rankin  
7 A. M. — 1 P. M. — 5:30 P. M.

Leave Rankin at 8 a. m., 2 p. m., 6:30 p. m. for Midland.

Leave Midland for Rankin and McCamey  
8 A. M. — 1 p. m. — 7 P. M.

Leave Rankin for McCamey 10:15 a. m., 3 p. m., 9 p. m.

Arrive Midland From McCamey and Rankin  
10 A. M. — 4 P. M. — 8:30 P. M.

Leave McCamey for Crane and Odessa  
7 A. M. — 12:30 P. M. — 6 P. M.

Bus connection at Midland with cars going east to Big Spring, Colorado, Sweetwater, Abilene, Cisco, and Fort Worth,—11:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 5:30 p. m.

North to Lamesa, Lubbock, Plainview, Amarillo and Borger 11:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

Trains east to Big Spring, Colorado, Sweetwater, Abilene, Cisco, Eastland, Fort Worth, 4:34 a. m., 8:05 p. m., 9:07 p. m.

West bound trains 6:23 a. m., 10:57 a. m., 12:28 a. m.

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T. D. Jones Junior and family, of Abilene, spent the Christmas holidays in Midland, visiting relatives and friends, returning yesterday. T. D. says the home people cannot realize how much Midland has grown like never who has been away for several months.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown of Cisco and Chas. Mulholland of Eastland visited relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Dr. A. L. Cantrell returned yesterday from Lamesa, where he spent Christmas day.

J. R. Black of the Black Electric Company is ill this week, having contracted the flu.

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K. E. Nutt, Junior, spent the Christmas holidays on the ranch with his father and mother, near Lovington.

Longview—East Texas Chamber of Commerce sponsoring campaign for oemh orchards.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Elkin have enjoyed having their family together for the Christmas holidays. Walter Elkin, student in Clarendon College, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cooper of Clarendon, Glenn Brunson and family from the ranch, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wilson have all been here for several days.

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Joe Alexander spent Christmas in Lamesa, visiting his sister, Mrs. Dr. Smith.

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Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Graves and Miss Ora Orr are among the new residents in Midland, having moved here from Odessa.

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**RICHARD ARLEN**  
as JOHN SHREVE in  
"The Blood Ship"

**Our Wonderful Language**

It takes a spelling contest to bring out how many words there are that are spelled in two ways. Several failed this year on the word "brier," spelling it brlar. They were marked wrong—a careful look at Webster's latest International reveals "brier" a variant spelling of "brier." "Skillful" was a poser for many of the graders. Webster permits both the single and the double "l" form. The last man to drop out in one match went down on "ascendant." He spelled it with an "e." Either way is permissible.—Cap per's Weekly.

**Defect in the Painting**

Zeuxis, a famous Greek painter who lived in the latter half of the fifth century, B. C., is reputed to have painted a bunch of grapes that looked so natural that birds came and pecked at them. This is said to have occurred during a competition between Zeuxis and a young rival named Parrhasius. Zeuxis admitted that his rival surpassed him when Parrhasius painted a curtain by which the older artist himself was deceived, says Pathfinder Magazine. Pliny gives a different version of the story. He says Zeuxis painted a boy holding grapes toward which birds flew. The artist, commenting upon the incident, said that if the boy had been as well painted as the grapes the birds would have kept at a distance.

The dairyman of limited means is the one who can least afford the great losses that come from using a poor sire at the head of his herd.

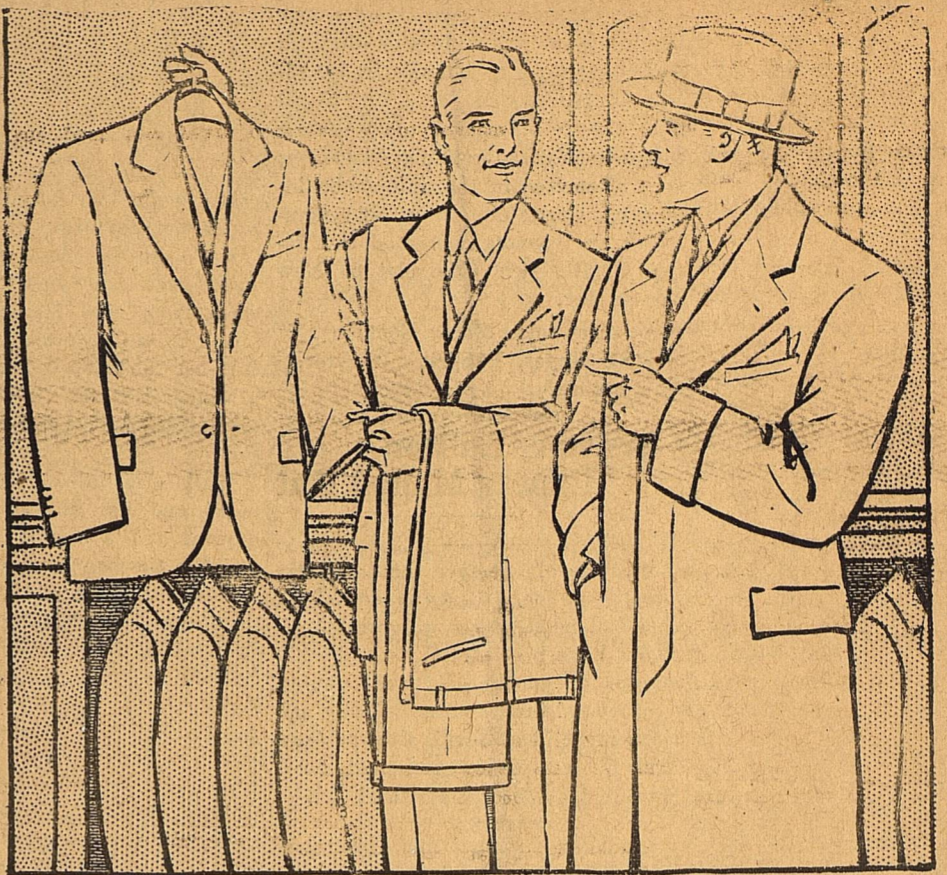
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A family re-union has been in session in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Scarborough this week. Miss Evelyn Scarborough, student in the Tech College at Lubbock, Mrs. S. W. Smith and sons, W. F., William and L. R., from Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. H. Z. Collier and son, John; Will S. Harris, of El Paso; and Hollis Scarborough and family from the ranch, have all been in to spend Christmas at the Scarborough home on South Main.

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Carl Andrews, of Carlsbad, N. M., visited his father, J. A. Andrews, during the holidays.

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**West Texas is the Mecca of the Farmer**

One of the country's leading writers on economy and industry, in a recent article published in "The Nation's Business," stated that the influx of farmers into West Texas in the past few years has been "the largest mass movement of farm population America has seen since the historic trek to Western Canada in the nineties."

This statement is borne out by the best figures available. The population of West Texas in 1900 was shown by the census to be 773,259. In 1920 it had reached 1,469,805. Later federal census figures are not available but in 1925 a scholastic census was taken by the state, which indicated a total population of 2,034,680. In other words, the growth during the five-year period had been at the rate of more than 100,000 per year.

The rich and widespread oil discoveries since the beginning of 1925 have greatly accelerated the rate of growth and there is no question but that there is a population of at least 2,250,000 in West Texas at this time. Literally scores of towns have doubled, tripled and even quadrupled their population within a few years. Many that were the merest villages in 1920 now boast of from 5,000 to 15,000 and are provided with paved streets, electric lights, gas service, sewers, modern water systems, ice plants and every other modern convenience.

Too much cannot be said about the character of the population of West Texas. The area remains a stronghold of the native-born white American. It is the meeting-ground of the old South and the new West and its population retains the characteristics of each section. Here is found the chivalry and unbounded hospitality of the South and the virility and progressiveness of the West.

An actual check shows the population to be 96 per cent native born white, and that the percentage of illiterates ranges from less than 1 per cent to slightly more than 2 per cent in the 130 counties of the area.

A score of large gas fields have been opened in the past few years

and as this is being written gas pipe lines aggregating nearly 1,000 miles in length, are being laid. They will carry natural gas to scores of towns and cities not now supplied.

Several of the large public utility groups have entered West Texas in the past five years buying up and rehabilitating many light and power plants and building many new ones, linking the towns of their groups with power lines and, because of the cheap fuel available, furnishing both light and industrial power at most remarkable rates.

Many of the municipalities have constructed great storage reservoirs and many more are being planned. Lakes at Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Cisco, Abilene, Sweetwater and other cities have proven such invaluable assets to the communities creating them that many other cities are now following suit.

Not only are these reservoirs being built for municipal water supplies but along the watersheds of the Colorado, the Brazos, the Trinity and the Pecos a great development looking to the conservation of flood waters is going forward. The rapid fall of the ground along these watersheds and the fact that throughout long stretches there are few trees makes the runoff very rapid.

These projects are being worked out, therefore, not only as a means of flood prevention, but to conserve the waters for irrigation and for the development of hydro-electric power plants.

While the normal rainfall is sufficient for staple field crops, the irrigation projects look toward the development of truck farming on a large scale. Applications already filed with the State Board of Water Engineers, many of which have been granted, involve developments which will cost approximately \$100,000,000.

A large area of the Plains section, centering on Hale County, is underlain with a vast supply of shallow water which is found in some places at a depth of only twelve feet.—West Texas of Today.

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Chas. L. Sinclair is in Dallas and other cities on business.

**Covers Ties for Sea**

After selling his ancestral estates in order to buy a little with the sea and to see the world, Captain Gerhardt is now in the waters of the world. He was in Sava after the crossing of the Atlantic and Pacific. He has a 22-foot cutter and a 10-foot motor launch. He seldom ventures ashore and has entered two violent hurricanes. He has through the straits and visited Gallapagos, Gauder, Marquesas, Fanning, Palmy, Phoenix, Pagan and Apia. Warned of the dangers and storms he went there and was wrecked but only the simple-hearted people so that he remained four months.

**Advocates of public ownership of industry are active in Our Country and are attacking private electric power development. They claim there should be a Congressional investigation of power companies.**

There is no reason why Congress should not carry on such an investigation if it deems it in the public interest. On the other hand, there is every reason why agitators should not be permitted, unchallenged, to use Congress to bulldoze and bludgeon private industry for their own special ends and as a camouflage designed to encourage the establishment of socialistic policies in a free and independent country.

The power companies have been criticized for combining openly to fight the program now under way to put the government into the power business. Why shouldn't any business or industry fight a political attack which would exterminate it? Why should agitation be encouraged to cripple private enterprise in America? Would not private enterprise in the United States be cowardly and failing in its duty to its stockholders if it did not fight attacks which place in jeopardy the savings of millions of investors.

Power companies have stated that they have no objection to federal or state investigations of their business but that they wish such investigations conducted in a fair and unbiased manner and by persons not "politically interested" in the findings. Such an investigation can only result in good to the industry and the public.