

# THE ELDORADO SUCCESS

Of and For El Dorado and Schleicher County. All the Time.

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El Dorado, Schleicher County, Texas, Friday, February 3, 1928 No. 5

## CITY MEAT MARKET LEASED BY G. R. MEADOWS

Leslie Galbreath has leased the City Market to G. R. Meadows, of Mercury, Texas. Mr. Meador took charge of the business February first. The lease is to run to the first of next January. Mr. Meador is an experienced butcher and we welcome him to our city.

My household goods for sale, if taken quick, leaving town  
Mrs L. T. Barber

You will like  
The  
Trim  
Smart  
Low  
Line  
of the  
New Ford  
Car.

Bush Motor Co.

## COMING SOON, TO ALL, SECOND CHILDHOOD.

There is coming soon, to Eldorado. A Play, "Second Childhood," A Farce in three Acts. Those who are familiar with it say it will give you a thrill and a hearty laugh. The play will be given by home talent and all the proceeds will go to the school. The play is being sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association who are trying to equip our school with a library that is required by the State. The entire proceeds will be used in the school. Then it behooves each of us to keep in touch with the progress of this play and be out to see and hear the night it is to be given. The price for our home plays have always been most reasonable, and the characters always go beyond our expectation.

### Notice To Public.

This is to notify the public that we will have to have cash for all title papers done by us, so please do not ask for credit as we will have to refuse you. All knowing themselves indebted to us will please call and settle. Benton Abstract & Title Co.

## ROCK Filling Station.

We have for you  
Free water and air,  
And another thing, too,  
We'll treat you fair.

(Continued next week)  
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Tires Tubes and Auto Accessories.

T. Palmer West, Prop

## BOB DUNCAN BUYS COFFEE SHOP.

Bob Duncan is now proprietor of the Coffee Shop, having bought out Mr. Lenon Tuesday. Mr. Duncan is an experienced Cafe man and is well known here.

New lot of children and Men's unionalls, just arrived at  
Wright's Cash Store.

## Golden Notes

From Eldorado High School.  
STAFF

Editor-in-chief, Wilma Milligan.  
Assistant..... Prince Murphy.  
Assistant..... Louise Williams.

## GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM DEFEATS SAN ANGELO HIGH.

The Eldorado Eagles swooped down upon the feminine Bobcats of San Angelo, on the local court last Saturday, and sailed off with the victory of a 21 to 8 score. The fur and feathers flew but the outcome of the contest was never in doubt.

The Eagles drew blood in the first minute of play when Mary DeLong scored a goal. The Bob Cattesses showed no fight in the last half but still were unable to locate the basket or prevent the flight of the Eagles to the goal.

Of the 21 points marked up by the Eagles Mary DeLong gets the credit for 19.

This was not the snapest game of the season by any means. The feminine cats did not push the Eagles to show their talons and it was too soon after lunch for great exertion.

The Eagle Players were: Jym Newsom, Nina Smith, Mildred Smith, Mable McClatchey, Louise Williams, Frances Evans and Mary DeLong. The Bob Cats used one substitute.

The El Dorado feminine Eagles have not been defeated this season. They expect to appear in the next game in their new spring plumage of gold and black.

### INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE WORK.

The high school is entering the interscholastic league work with great enthusiasm. Several students are coming out for debates.

Debating has advantage over the other work. It gives one a real chance to show his ability as a speaker, thinker, and debater. Mr. Cury has charge of the debates.

Miss Flanagan has charge of essay writing. The one hundred subjects are very interesting and entering into this contest will help each student in English.

Mr. Lane will sponsor the extemporaneous speaking contest. This field of interscholastic league work is very interesting and helpful. A student who can make a success at this will never be embarrassed when called on to make talks in public.

The spelling contest will prove very beneficial. There is no student who will not profit from entering this contest. It is practical, for the words are common words used every day. Mrs. Holt will have charge of the spelling.

Misses Mable and Jewell Roach and Cleone Dabney were home Sunday from Abilene, spreading good cheer.

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## M. O. SHAFER BUYS SHARP MERCANTILE CO.

M. O. Shaffer, who recently sold his Grocery business in Eldorado, bought out the Sharp Mercantile Co., and re-enters the business circles of our City. Mr. Shafer will carry along with his Dry Goods a line of Cosmetics and patent medicines.

## SPECIAL Friday-Saturday

Heavy grade wash tubs, No. 1 79¢, No. 2 89¢, No. 3 98¢;  
5 gallon oil can guaranteed not to leak..... \$1.00  
Dust and polish mop..... .49  
S ze 16 Linen mops..... .49  
Washboards small size..... .39  
Washboard Large size..... .50  
10 quart galvanized pail..... .29  
W. S. clothes pins 3 dozen..... .25  
Iron handles..... .19  
40 foot clothes line..... .15  
Old Dutch cleanser..... .11

Trade with us and save money,  
A good place to trade.

### City Variety Store

We have now with us, Otis Tuckstone, one of the best mechanics to be found, come in and convince yourself of his ability.  
Evans Chevrolet Sales.

In the Play "Second Childhood," you will find father trying to make "Scientific discoveries," but Auntie seems to think he will never complete any thing scientific—except a little scientific dodging when the rest comes due, Second Childhood will be given at the School Auditorium soon.

## ANNOUNCES FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

Don McCormick announces this week for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Schleicher County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. McCormick is asking for re-election on the record he has made in office, and solicits the vote and influence of every one in the coming election.

Brooks is selling Ladies Dresses at 25 per cent reduction.

## Beginning

January 1, 1928.

We will sell for CASH ONLY. We have a number of 30 day customers whose business we appreciate, but changed business methods and competition forces us to take this step.

### By Selling For Cash

we can make much better prices than we have been making and will be able to meet any Reasonable Competitive prices.

### To All Who Owe Us Accounts

We ask that you please come in and pay as soon as possible so that we may be able to close up our books of the year.

## Brook's Store

"Quality Merchandise"

## Evans Chevrolet Sales.

A loose connecting rod need attention, Uncared for 'twill cause trouble beyond mention. You can't let it go. There's too much at stake. Too much damage will be done should it break. Wait around and let this go too far— For some time you'll be without a car.

(To be continued next week)

### Auto Accessories, Gas and Oils.

PHONE 111.

## Williams Man Shop.

For comfort's sake any kind of clothes would do, Be they floursacks, horsehide, many, or few. But since Adam and Eve left the garden for sin Fashion and style have gradually crept in. 'Til man no longer thinks himself well dressed Unless his suit be cleaned and neatly pressed.

(Continued next week)

(COPR. J. T. HUNTER)

### Gleaning, and Pressing.

PHONE 98.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Finley says Luther made the course in 34  
Monday, while there spent a few hours on the Brady Golf course with his friend L. T. Barber, be  
H. S. Esyy transacted business in Brady the first of the week.

## Farm and Ranch Loans

Let us reduce the interest on your high rate, short time loan.

We now make 5 per cent loans through The Federal Land Bank

Long time if you want it, but you can pay off any time after five years without expense. Come see me or write for literature.

John F. Isaacs, Secretary and Treasury.

El Dorado National Farm Loan Association.

## Stewardson's Grocery

They say that Opportunity Knocks once at every door, That you better let him in For he will call no more, How can we believe this adage Since the Stewardson Store Is a great opportunity That keeps knocking at your door.

(Continued next week.)

(Copr. 1925 Adam Brown Hunter)

Come to see us, will appreciate a share of your trade.

John F. Isaacs,  
President.

L. M. Hoover,  
Secretary

## Benton Abstract and Title Co.

Prompt and Efficient Service.

### Report of Condition of

## The First National Bank

ELDORADO, TEXAS.

at the Close of Business Dec. 31, 1927.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans.....	\$274,411.56	Capital Stock.....	\$75,000.00
Overdrafts.....	405.31	Surplus.....	30,000.00
U. S. Bonds.....	20,000.00	Undivided Profits.....	28,059.16
Federal Reserve Stock.....	3,150.00	Reserves.....	3,040.09 61,099.16
Real Estate.....	3,000.00	Dividend No 33.....	3,750.00
Furniture & Fixtures.....	2,000.00 5,000.00	Circulation.....	20,000.00
<b>CASH</b>		<b>DEPOSITS</b>	
In vault & other Banks.....	\$150,793.84	U. S. & other Securities.....	62,924.94 214,718.78
With U. S. Treasurer.....	1,000.00	<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$517,685.65</b>
U. S. & other Securities.....	62,924.94 214,718.78		
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$517,685.65</b>		

J. B. CHRISTIAN, President

R. P. HINYARD Vice-President.

W. O. ALEXANDER, Cashier  
Leslie L. BARRER, Asst. Cashier

J. E. HILL, Vice-President

DIRECTORS

SAME JONES

J. B. CHRISTIAN

R. P. HINYARD

J. E. HILL

D. E. DELONG

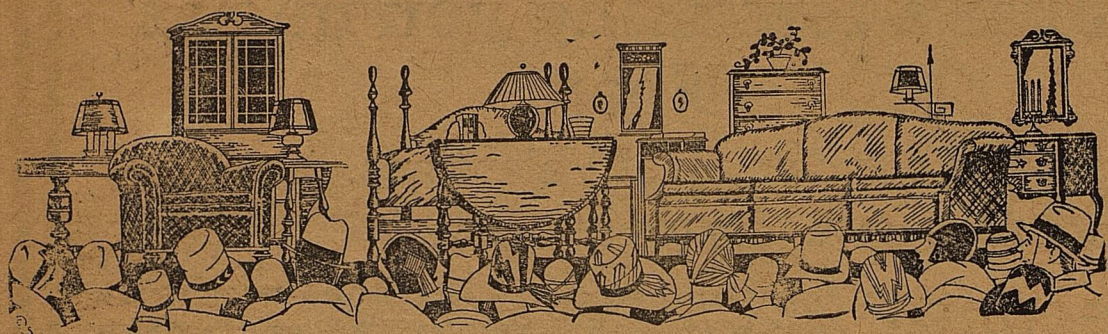






# FURNITURE SALE!

## FEBRUARY



## In Progress Until Saturday February 18

ANGELO FURNITURE COMPANY takes pleasure in announcing substantial price reductions on thousands of dollars worth of furniture, floor coverings and draperies—in effect until Saturday, February 18th.

This announcement is in keeping with a policy inaugurated by this store many years ago—that of offering to its many customers and friends twice a year—the opportunity of buying home furnishings of beauty and quality at less than regular prices. Please bear in mind that no “specials” have been purchased for this event—you are offered only furniture, floor coverings and draperies of the same dependable quality always characteristic of this store.

### Our Convenient Payment Plan

will be in effect during the February Sale—for the use of those who find it more convenient to pay by the budget plan. Any of our salesmen will gladly explain.

## Angelo Furniture Co.

### Increasing Demand Made for Soy Beans

### Call for Expansion of Production in This Country.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Soy-bean growing is a branch of agriculture in which the national supply does not meet the demand. W. J. Morse, of the United States Department of Agriculture pointed out to an Illinois audience at the State Soy Bean day celebration at Urbana. In spite of the very rapid spread of soy-bean culture in the United States in recent years, we imported last year about 31,000,000 pounds of soy-bean cake, 43,000,000 pounds of soy-bean meal, and 4,000,000 pounds of soy beans. These large imports and the increasing utilization of the crop, Mr. Morse said, call for an expansion of soy-bean production in our own country.

In the United States the industry is in its infancy and although soy beans are used primarily for forage, our oil mills offer an opportunity for a greater production of seed. In China the soy bean is primarily a cash crop. It is used in many food products and is an indispensable part of the national diet. In Manchuria, which produces about 70 per cent of the world supply of soy beans, the crop occupies about 25 per cent of the cultivated area, producing on the average about half a ton to the acre.

That the Department of Agriculture is doing its share in promoting soy-bean culture is reflected in the fact that one of its agricultural explorers in China obtained approximately 2,000 introductions of seed, which are being tried out by the government with promising results.

Every day brings forth new excuses for idleness and new inventions to do the work.

### SPECIAL.

Monday and Saturday of each week reduction on Cleaning and Pressing. Mens' Suits \$1.00, Trousers 50c.

Williams Man's Shop.

### CITATION

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Schleicher County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cite all persons interested in the estate of Hannah Emma Porter, deceased, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Schleicher County, Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Eldorado on the 1st Monday in February, 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, 1928, to contest should they so desire the application of Jerome Porter, filed in said court on the 20th day of January, 1928, which will then and there be acted on for the probate of the last will and testament of the said Hannah Emma Porter, deceased, filed with said application and for letters testamentary.

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

Whitness the clerk of the County Court of Schleicher County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in the city of Eldorado, this the 20th day of January, 1928.

John F. Isaacs, Clerk of the County Court, Schleicher County, Texas.

### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are made subject to the Democratic Primary in July.  
Fees for announcement for County and District office \$10.00  
Precinct Office 5.00

For Sheriff and Tax-Collector.

JOE B. EDENS.  
A. F. LUEDECKE

For Public Weigher.  
C. S. CHICK

For District and County Clerk.

JOHN F. ISAACS

For County Judge

G. D. HINES

For Tax Assessor.

DON MCCORMICK.

### Classified.

For sale, one good double row planter and cultivator, four good work horses and harness, all priced right W. E. DeLong.

Dr. W. N. Jones, Dentist, office over First National Bank, San Angelo, Texas.

For Sale—Used Ford Coupe, would consider a good milk cow or city lot. Phone 193.

### TRESPASS NOTICE

This is to notify the public that the Tom R. Henderson ranch is posted and all trespassing, such as fishing, hunting, hauling wood or working stock, will be prosecuted. **Barnie Currie.**

For Sale, Good Jersey milk cows, also a good Poll Hereford bull, at a bargain. **Chas. Mund.**

Wanted a second hand boys saddle, phone or see **Cahrey Mund**

Fresh butter, delivered in town twice-a-week phone **Mrs. Charlie Mund.**

For Sale—Two Duroc bred sows, also Duroc and Chester White sow pigs, see **J. R. Alexander.** (p5)

Have G. D. Hines write your deeds and draw your contracts. He will get it right.

Lost, Two ewe lambs from the town section, marked crop the right ear. **A. J. Roach.**

For Sale, Fullblood Rhode Island Red cockerels and hens, also eggs in large quantities for hatching. See or phone **Mrs. W. H. McClatchey.**

### Agricultural Notes

Sugar beet tops have been used for silage and are quite satisfactory.

Alfalfa and corn for silage are among our most profitable crops.

Every man who grows legumes operates his own Muscle Shoals nitrogen factory.

The fertilizer value of the manure that is lost in feed lots that are not paved is no small item and should not be overlooked.

If vines, cornstalks and other truck aren't gathered up and burned they'll shelter insects through the winter that'll make you grief next season.

Pumpkins and squashes should be allowed to ripen and harden but not freeze. Well matured specimens should then be stored on racks or shelves in a dry, warm room.

Paving of feed lots is an investment that pays good dividends. If a complete program of paving the entire lot cannot be carried out, there are certain places that should be by all means paved.

### Boots, Shoes & Saddle

Repair Shop  
Agents for  
**Schaeg Saddles**  
Brady, Texas.  
Your patronage Solicited  
**E. H. SWEATT.**

When you pay  
\$1195 for a car  
you're entitled to

## Buick Quality

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All that Buick's name means in beauty, performance, stamina and long life—All may be yours for only \$1195. For three of Buick's 16 models—a Sedan, Coupe and Sport Roadster—sell at this low price.

See Buick—and you'll see at once why it is the logical car to buy.

SEDANS \$1195 to \$1995 COUPES \$1195 to \$1850  
SPORT MODELS \$1195 to \$1525  
All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich., government tax to be added.  
The G. M. A. C. finance plan, the most desirable, is available.

HENDERSON-EDE COMPANY

### Citation.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Schleicher County, Greeting:

You are hereby Comanded to summon R. H. Blaylock 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 51st Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 51st Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Schleicher County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Eldorado, on the 1st Monday in March A. D. 1928, the same being the 5th day of March A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 2nd day of September A. D. 1927 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 378, wherein E. P. Sweatt, is Plaintiff, and R. H. Blaylock, is Defendant, and said petition alleging that heretofore, to-wit: On the 7th day of February 1921, Walter Oliver sold and conveyed to the defendant R. H. Blaylock certain lands situated in Schleicher County, Texas, one tract being eighty acres, being the S. E. 1-4 of Section 62, Block A, T. C. Ry. Co., and 158 acres being the N. W. part of Section No. 58, Block A, G. O. & S. F. Ry. Co., and as part of the consideration for said land the said R. H. Blaylock executed his six notes, numbers one to six, inclusive, and in said deed and in said notes the vendor's lien was retained to secure the payment of said consideration.

Notes No. One and Two of said series being for the sum of \$180.00 each, the next two for the sum of \$360.00 each, and the last two for \$540.00 each.

Note No. One due November 1st, 1921, has been paid. Note No. Two for the sum of \$180.00 was due Nov. 1st, 1922, and one note due Nov. 1st, of each year thereafter until all were paid, all of said notes hearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date until paid, interest payable annually, and providing that if said notes were placed in the hands of an attorney for collection 10 per cent of the amount then due shall be added as attorney's fees.

All of said notes are long past due and no part thereof have been paid, save and except the interest has been paid to Nov. 1st, 1923. That all of the above described notes have been sold and conveyed, endorsed and delivered to E. P. Sweatt, plaintiff herein for a valuable consideration, and that he is now the holder of all of said notes.

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.

### Locals

Ladies Dresses at 25 per cent Reduction at Brooks Store.

We sell Edison Mazda Lamp recommended and used by U. S. Government, get our prices before buying your Lamp. **City Variety Store.**

Lost—Sunday morning on Highway between San Angelo and Miles a brown leather traveling bag, containing baby clothing, The address in the Identification tag was A. J. Atkins, Eldorado, Texas. A large truck loaded with wool sacks was seen to pick it up. Will the finder please return to The Success office, Messenger office at Miles, or mail to owner and receive reward. Clothing belonged to small Granddaughter.

Just received a car load of pea coat hay, will sell by the ton or bale. Phone 2 **Roy Andrews.**

25 per cent discount on all Ladies Dresses. **Boooks Store.**

We have reduced the price of Gasoline 2 cents per gallon, making it the same as San Angelo. **Evans Chevrolet Sales.**

We have a splendid assortment of Valentine for St. Valentine's Day. **Wright's Cash Store.**

Ladies Dresses 25 per cent discount for a limited time at **Brooks Store.**

Otis Tuckstone, mechanic for Evans Chevrolet Sales, returned Wednesday from attending a school of instructions at Dallas.

### FOR QUICK SALE.

If taken before Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, any or all of my household furniture is for sale, also my home in Eldorado, see A. T. Wright or **Mrs. L. T. Barber.**

### SONORA MISSIONARY WOMEN ENTERTAIN.

The Sonora Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, entertained members of the first zone on Thursday, Jan. 26. A well arrayed program was rendered with pieces from various members. The Sonora ladies served a plate luncheon in the basement of the church at the noon hour. The next zone meeting will be at Ozona. Guests from the various towns were as follows: Ozona, 11; Christoval 4; San Angelo, 4; Sonora, 27 and Eldorado 22. **Mrs G. A. Neill.**

Showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Eldorado, Texas, this, the 18th day of January A. D. 1928.

John F. Isaacs, Clerk, District Court, Schleicher Co.



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# West Texas

## Lumber Co.

Lumber and Hardware

Paints and Oils

Mrs. Kate E. Robinson

General Merchandise

### Flippancies

"Aren't your remarks sometimes rather flippant?"  
"Perhaps I am overdoing my pose," confided Senator Sorghum. "Sometimes a man has to try to be funny in order to convey the impression that he is not scared."

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Schleicher 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 the notice in the County of Schleicher, 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:

### CITATION IN PROBATE.

The State of Texas,  
To all persons interested in the welfare of Lena Parks, a person of unsound mind:

On the 7th day of January A. D. 1928, the Honorable G. D. Hines County Judge of Schleicher County, Texas, made an order appointing S. L. Stanford temporary guardian of Lena Parks and estate of the above named person, which said order is now recorded in the Probate minutes of said Court, said person having an estate of the probable value of \$4,656.79, consisting of Sheep, use of feed, etc.,

All persons interested in the welfare of Lena Parks, are hereby cited to appear before the County Court of Schleicher County, Texas, at the Court House in the town of Eldorado on the 6th day of February A. D. 1928, the same being at a regular term of said Court, then and there to contest such appointment if they so desire, and that if such appointment is not contested at such term, then the same shall become permanent.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said 1 day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Eldorado, Texas, this 9th day of Jan. A. D. 1928.

John F. Isaacs, Clerk  
County Court, Schleicher Co. Texas.

### Your Druggist

Is making a special effort this week to bring to your attention the new preparations for the proper care of the hair. He has arranged special displays of Shampoos, Brilliantines, Tonics, Hair Dyes, Notox, Hair Nets, Combs, and Brushes. Replenish your supply now from his comprehensive display.

San Antonio Drug Co.

### The American Scene

Americanism, we have long been conscious, heartlessly takes the color out of our immigrants. There was an affecting instance the other day in an Eighth avenue excavation, where two Italian laborers were wrangling. We thought it quite picturesque, but on close approach observed that on their heads they wore the novelty caps so common at Coney Island. One of them bore the legend, "Where did you get those pretty blue eyes?" and the other read, "Kiss me, dearie, I'm lonely."—New Yorker.

### Swat the Rooster

I've always been a bit of a rooster, a leader and a booster. I think this movement is absurd. To swat the poor old rooster.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Texas,  
County of Schleicher  
In the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas, Mrs. Kate E. Robinson, Plaintiff, vs. W. W. Jackson, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas, on the 29th day of March, A. D. 1927, in favor of the said Mrs. Kate E. Robinson and against the said W. W. Jackson No. 371, on the docket of said court, I did on the 23rd day of January A. D. 1928, at three o'clock P. M. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the Town of Eldorado in the County of Schleicher and the State of Texas, and belonging to the said W. W. Jackson, to wit:

All Southeast one-half of Lot No. Ten in Block A, in the town of Eldorado, Texas, together with all improvements thereon.

And on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1928, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. on said day at the Court House door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right title and interest of the said W. W. Jackson in and to said property.

Dated at Eldorado, Texas, this 30th day of January, A. D. 1928.  
A. F. Luedicke, Sheriff,  
of Schleicher County, Texas.

Improved Uniform International

## Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)  
(©, 1928, Western Newspaper Union.)

### Lesson for February 5

#### JESUS MISUNDERSTOOD AND OPPOSED.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 3:19-35; 6:1-6.  
GOLDEN TEXT—He came unto his own and his own received him not, but as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—Friends Misunderstand Jesus.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—Friends Misunderstand Jesus.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Facing Unavoidable Opposition.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Misunderstood Jesus.

I. Jesus Misunderstood by His Friends (3:19-21).

1. The occasion (vv. 19, 20).  
A series of important events in the ministry of Jesus had followed each other in rapid succession. The twelve had been chosen, and He with His disciples had just returned from a trip of preaching and healing in Galilee. Such great interest was aroused that though Jesus was weary and hungry He did not have time to eat.

2. What His friends purposed to do (v. 21). They went out to lay hold on Him. They saw Him giving Himself with absolute abandon to His work so they attempted to rescue Him forcibly by taking Him from His work.

3. What they said (v. 21). "He is beside himself." His passionate devotion to saving the lost seemed to them a kind of insanity.

II. Jesus Opposed by the Scribes (vv. 22-30).

1. Their charge (v. 22). They charged Him with casting out demons by Beelzebub. According to Matthew 12:22-24, the Pharisees joined the scribes in this charge. The occasion which provoked the charge was the healing of a man possessed with a demon. Unable to explain this unwearying service for needy men by attributing His zeal to religious frenzy, they accused Him of being in league with the devil.

2. Christ's reply (vv. 23-27). He exposed their folly by a question and by parables.

(1) "How can Satan cast out Satan?" If after Satan gets control of a man he should voluntarily relinquish that hold he would thus become his own enemy. In view of the nature of the devil, this is unthinkable.

(2) "If a kingdom be divided against itself that kingdom cannot stand (v. 24). Civil war is national suicide. A living example of this folly is seen in China today.

(3) If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand (v. 25). House here means family. The family that wars against itself will surely perish.

(4) No man can enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods except he first bind the strong man (v. 27). Satan here is the strong man, the house is the world, the goods of the house are the human beings whose welfare and happiness Satan is seeking to destroy.

3. Christ's charge (vv. 28-30).

Since He was doing the works of God (for before their very eyes He had driven the demon from the man). He was undoing the works of the devil. He went about doing good. Wherever He went men were blessed. The eyes of the blind were opened, deaf ears were unstopped, the lame were made to walk and the dead were raised. Having with unanswerable logic met their accusations He charged home upon them most awful guilt, that of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is attributing the works of the Spirit to the devil. For this great sin there is no pardon.

III. Jesus Misunderstood by His Family (vv. 31-35).

His brothers and mother came with the object of getting Him home because they thought He had lost His reason. Of course His brothers did not believe on Him as the Messiah, but their filial interest moved them to try to get Him home. No doubt this was most painful to Jesus. Their motive may have been right, but they were used of the devil to hinder Him.

IV. Jesus Misunderstood by His Fellow Townsmen (6:1-6).

The citizens of Nazareth were unable to question the reality of Christ's work and the power of His words, but because He was one of them they were offended at Him. This is a marvelous example of the blighting effects of prejudice. Because of this attitude of soul on the part of the people His wonder working was very limited among them. And He marveled because of their unbelief.

### Vanity

Vanity of vanities saith the preacher; all is vanity. And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.—Ecclesiastes 12:8-9.

### Life

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