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## WHY NOT PLAN AN ELABORATE PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 1923

### A LONG WAIT FOR OUR PROSPERITY

**BUT OPPORTUNITY STANDS NOW AT OUR DOOR AND AWAITS A WELCOME**

Will Midland people plan a progressive program for 1923? Reiterating an expression of a year ago, The Reporter wishes its friends indeed a glad, happy and prosperous New Year and its enemies—far while we are sorry, we reckon right well we've got 'em—the same good wishes, and with the added hope that they may become friends and join us and others in a campaign of optimism and progress.

A program we have in mind is no more impossible or impracticable. Community co-operation would materialize it and round it out to a magnificent success. With whole-hearted earnestness and working together with definite aim, it would not be difficult to comfortably populate Midland County with substantial farmers, and in two years Midland should be a little city of 5000 or more.

We repeat, in part, a program suggested by The Reporter at this time last year. Namely:

A new \$40,000 school building.  
A complete system of sanitary sewerage.

The paving of Main Street north and south, and with Bankhead Highway paved east and west.

The rehabilitation of the Midland & Northwestern Railway and the closing of the 16-mile gap between Seminole and Seagraves.

A creamery and cold press cake mill.

A general hospital.  
One hundred or more poultry and truck farmers.

Five hundred or more cotton, grain, and generally diversified farmers.

Grant you that at first look the latter part of this program may look big and all but impossible of accomplishment, but it is nothing of the sort. In the first place the farmers back east are looking toward the west as a sort of promised land. They are tired of contending with drouths, or almost if not quite as frequent occurrence as in the West; the overflows that have so often destroyed them are greatly discouraging, and noxious weeds and grasses and an eternal warfare with predatory insects have all but taken away their courage, and not much is now needed to induce them to try new fields of endeavor.

Facing these who would seek new homes, the Midland Country offers more than did the farming districts of Ft. Worth, Weatherford, Abilene, and others 20 or more years ago. Some of our people will contend that there can be no profit in farming out here, but these are growing fewer year by year, and they will be finally eliminated entirely, until at last Midland will become an industrial center and a diversified agriculture will make it prosperous.

This year Midland County raised about 1200 bales of cotton, an average of one bale to every section of land in the county. It means, possibly, that one two hundredth part of our land was planted to the staple, leaving a good 128,000 acres, one-half of which might have been devoted to agricultural crops, with no hurt, but rather with benefit to our magnificent livestock interests.

It is something to think about. It is something to think about that when there is a crop failure in the Midland Country, the cowman also is in trouble, and, as stated above, our drouths are of no more frequency, perhaps, than in those sections where so much more moisture is required.

The cowman has come to realize that leases are too high and prices of land too high to graze cattle profitably any more, unassisted by the production of field crops. We hear this repeated, day by day, and it cannot be other than so. On the other hand farmers east recognize in our midst, in the fertility of our soils, that safe haven wherein they may at last profitably take up the pursuit of happiness.

Publicity is the agency that will induce these farmers here. We hope, then, that Midland people will take up the pleasurable task of friendly co-

operation, and it is our wish for them that the New Year may carry over the best things of the old, and then out of its abundance add new successes, anticipations and realizations until it is richer, brighter, better than all the years that have gone before.

### WHY PEOPLE JOIN THE KU KLUX KLAN

**COMPREHENSIVE EXPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION BY THE NEW YORK TIMES**

It was a really valuable contribution to the discussion of the Ku Klux Klan and to the understanding of it that the Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton of Calvary Baptist church made on Sunday when he called attention to the large number of men whom he called "lame duck pastors" that are to be found in that organization.

It is not only those members of the klan who have more or less right to clerical titles that are "lame ducks" in one way or another. Practically every one of them has missed success in life on anything like a large scale. None of them, so far as known, is of eminence or prominence in any line of activity or endeavor. Mediocrity is their common characteristic, and another is their discontent with the obscurity and lack of influence over their fellows to which their lack of ability has condemned them. By joining the klan they all acquire the semblance of power, and some of them, in places where the klanmen are numerous, get something of its reality. They can coerce their neighbors, can inflict punishments in accordance with their hitherto unregarded prejudices, opinions and convictions, and they can find themselves the subject of excited comment all over the country.

All this is intensely enjoyable to the "lame ducks" of every variety, and they have just enough sense to see that if their identities were revealed they would be the objects, not of fear, but of a laughter hard to endure. That is why, in Chicago, the publication of their local roster has resulted in the prompt abandonment of the klan by great numbers, and no doubt publicity will have the same effect wherever it is brought to bear. Only white masked in hoods and secrecy can anybody take these people seriously—only when they can strike from the dark do they dare to strike at all.

A further explanation of the large membership which the klan has gained is to be found in the case with which each of its adherents is able to "rationalize" his motives—that is, to persuade himself that he is engaged in a high and holy mission instead of concealing his weakness and feeding his starved vanity, which is what he really is doing.

He cannot confess, even to himself—least of all to himself—that he is a failure in life; that its great rewards are not for him; that nobody cares much or at all for what he thinks or does. But he can proclaim—especially to himself—that he is taking an active and effective part in upholding the government, in protecting American institutions, in making everybody moral. That he is not doing any of these things make no difference; he says he is and is able to believe it just as any of us can believe anything when the desire is strong enough.

The avowed purposes of the klan are skillfully designed to facilitate this process of "rationalization." They allow one minister, by inviting a hooded klanman to his pulpit, to fill his church with the eager listeners whom the minister could not attract himself, and to do it under the pleasant illusion that he is showing himself a man of fair and open mind, ready to hear both sides of every story.

That is an entirely typical case, and illustrates beautifully what can be done by the Ku Klux Klan and what its attraction is for not a few decent and respectable people—people who regard themselves as decent and respectable and really try to be so. They are the willing dupes of the comparatively few klanmen who are exploiting the thing for the money there is in it or the political influence it can exert on ignorant or vicious electors.

### EXPERTS PRAISE SOIL IN THIS SECTION

**OLDTIMERS DECLARE PRACTICAL FARMER CAN MAKE FINE LIVING**

From the Odessa Times. The practical farmer, old timers who have consistently farmed Odessa land year in and year out without a failure, this week voiced their approval to the plan of the Odessa Commercial Club to get 100 new farmers here by spring.

In statements made to the TIMES, these men stated that they had proven that Odessa was good farm land. The utter absence of the boll weevil, the great natural supply of water, the railroad, are only a few of the many natural advantages which Odessa has to offer.

A bale of cotton to the acre has been raised here by several farmers and one farmer raised eight bales on seven acres. That is a record that few counties can beat in this state or any other.

The Commercial Club is now at work on a plan to pool several thousand acres to get reliable farmers here. Already requests are being received, and in all probability a full colonization movement will be started.

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### A THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR ABOUT TO DAWN

**BY CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN, WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK SUN**

Two storks were nesting. He was a young stork and narrow-minded. Before he married he had consorted mainly with striplings of his own kind and had given no thought to the ladies, either maid or matron.

After he married his attention was concentrated upon his All-Satisfying Wife; upon that Triumph of Art, Labor and Love—their Nest, and upon those Special Creations—their Children. Deeply was he moved by the marvelous instincts and processes of motherhood. Love, reverence, intense admiration, rose in his heart for Her of the Well-Built Nest; Her of the Patient Brooding Breast, the Warm-Wings, the downy wide-mouth Group of Little Ones.

Assiduously he labored to help her build the nest, to help her feed the young. Proud of his impassioned activity in her and their behalf, devoutly he performed his share of the brooding while she hunted in her turn. When he was a-wing he thought continually of Her as one with the Brood—His Brood. When he was on the nest he thought all the more of Her,

who sat there so long, so lovingly, to such noble ends.

The happy days flew by, fair Spring—sweet Summer—gentle Autumn. The young ones grew larger and larger; it was more and more work to keep their lengthening, widening beaks shut in contentment. Both parents flew far afield to feed them.

Then the days grew shorter, the sky grayer, the wind colder; there was large hunting and small success. In his dreams he began to see sunshine, broad, burning sunshine day after day; skies of limitless blue; dark, deep, yet full of fire; and stretches of bright water, shallow, warm, fringed with tall reeds and rushes, teeming with fat frogs.

They were in her dreams, too, but he did not know that.

He stretched his wings and flew farther every day; but his wings were not satisfied. In his dreams came a sense of vast heights and boundless spaces of the earth streaming away beneath him; black water and white land, gray water and brown land, blue water and green land, all flowing backward from day to day, while the cold lessened and the warmth grew.

He felt the empty sparkling nights, stars far above, quivering, burning; stars far below, quivering more in the dark water and felt his great wings wide, strong, all sufficient, carrying him on and on.

This was in her dreams, too, but he did not know that.

"It is time to go!" he cried one day. "They are coming! It is upon us! Yes—I must go! Good-by, my wife! Good-by, my children!" For the Passion of Wings was upon him.

She was stirred to the heart. "Yes, it is time to go!" she cried. "I am ready! Come!" He was shocked, grieved, astonished. "Why, my dear!" he said "How preposterous! You cannot go on the Great Flight! Your wings are for brooding tender little ones! Your body is for the Wonder of the Gleaming Treasure!—not for days and nights of ceaseless soaring! You cannot go!"

She did not heed him. She spread her wide wings and swept and circled far and high above—as, in truth, she had been doing for many days, though he had not noticed it.

She dropped to the ridge-pole beside him where he was still muttering objections. "Is it not glorious?" she cried. "Come! They are nearly ready!"

"You Unnatural Mother!" he burst forth. "You have forgotten the Order of Nature! You have forgotten your Children! Your loving, precious, tender, helpless Little Ones!" And he wept—for his highest ideals were shattered.

But the Precious Little Ones stood in a row on the ridge-pole and flapped their strong young wings in high decision. They were as big as he was, nearly; for as a matter of fact he was but a Young Stork himself.

Then the air was beaten white with a thousand wings; it was like snow and silver and sea-foam; there was a flashing, whirlwind, a hurricane of wild joy, and then the Army of the Sky spread wide in due array, and streamed Southward.

Full of remembered joy and more joyous hope, finding the high sunlight better than her dreams, she swept away to the far summer-land; and her children, mad with the happiness of the First Flight swept beside her. "But you are a Mother!" he panted, as he caught up with them.

"Yes!" she cried joyously, "but I was a Stork before I was a Mother—and Afterward—and All the Time!" And the Storks were Flying.

**FORMER MIDLAND MERCHANT IS NOW BAPTIST PREACHER**

A. R. Toby, of Brownwood, and formerly a citizen of Midland, having been engaged in the grocery business at this place some four years ago, was here for a few hours last Saturday, greeting old friends. Mr. Toby was on his way to New Mexico to bring his father to Brownwood to spend the holidays. Since leaving Midland Mr. Toby has engaged in another occupation and is a Baptist preacher and holds a charge at Mercury, Texas.

W. J. Glenn and wife are spending the holidays with their children in Douglas, Ariz.

### OIL INTEREST AT PECOS STILL ACTIVE

**BELL WELL NEARING 4000 FEET WHERE DELAWARE SAND LOOKED FOR**

The Reporter has given but little attention lately to oil activities of our neighbor, Pecos, on the west, although development there continues with steady interest. Following is last week's report by the Pecos Enterprise:

**The Bell Well**

The Enterprise had high hopes of giving its readers a Christmas story about the Bell well flowing over the top but this is not possible this week and at the same time the editor keeping his faith, with his many readers. This well is now below 3,725 feet and showing more oil and gas as the bit digs into the heavy dark lime formation which is heavily laden with petroleum. This well is making a fine showing and those in charge believe if shot anywhere within 100 feet of the bottom of the hole it would now make a real gusher; but they are making the effort of their lives to put the hole down to the Delaware sand where they feel sure it will gush forth the liquid gold without the necessity of "shooting." It is expected that they will strike this sand somewhere between 3,800 and 4,000 feet. The crew will be off it is understood after today for the holiday season, part of them now being away, but it is hoped that everybody and everything will be in readiness to resume work after Christmas, or Tuesday. The whole town is really expecting this well to come in a gusher in a very short time now and if it does not you could possibly never meet a more disappointed set of oil boosters in the world than in Pecos.

**Hershenson Well**

The Hershenson well is still fishing for a lost bit, but according to Manager Landrum, they hope to recover this bit and begin operations at an early date. This well is said to be located on very fine oil structure but they have had considerable trouble in drilling same. It is in the southwestern part of Reeves County near the line of Reeves and Pecos counties.

**The Laura Well**

The Laura well is still a matter of speculation so far as the public is concerned and most of the people are a little suspicious that nothing will ever be done at that location until one of the other wells now drilling or to be commenced soon have been brought in a gusher.

It is believed that the New Year will bring with it renewed activity in the Pecos oil field and that the time is now very short until we will have a real gusher in the Pecos field. We are all hoping and pulling for those making an effort to bring in such a well.

During C. H. Willoughby's visit to Pecos the early part of this week, W. M. Hopper was engaged in setting up a rig on the Gurchard No. 1 capable of quickly completing that well. Mr. Willoughby says his plans for the immediate future contemplate the erection of a derrick and sub-standard rig at Willoughby No. 1 well on the John M. Cowden lease. This will enable the company to run more. By working night and day it is expected that well will be drilled to production in short order.

**Wesner and Tatum Wells**

The Wesner well which succeeded in making a water shut off at 2430 feet is drilling again and Mr. Wesner reported personally good progress at the well.

The well of the Tatum Lease Syndicate on the Tatum ranch is drilling near 1200 feet and continues to have pockets and showings of oil and gas. The management are at the well now and we are anxious to have their report. This well is in a critical position and depth and is being watched closely.

Most of the operators are dismissing for Christmas and we hope to have something of real interest to report immediately after the holidays.

*We thank you for all favors during the year just drawing to a close, and may 1923 be a year of Happiness and Prosperity*

*We will make you happy*

**LOOK**

### The Real Red Tag Sale

*Begins Saturday, January 6th*

*The biggest and the best ever. Will last for two weeks only, closing on Saturday night, January 20th*

*Pre-Inventory Clearance of all Merchandise. Everything in house will go on Sale at radical reductions. We must reduce our stock before taking inventory. Every item in house will be tagged and marked in plain figures.*

### Dry Goods and Groceries

**TERMS---CASH POSITIVELY**

**Nothing Charged at Sale Prices.**

**No Hold Tickets.**

**Though we have much Staple Merchandise in our house bought for much less than today's wholesale market, we will not reserve anything but put everything into this sale at a sacrifice. From**

**January 6 to January 20**

**Dry Goods Department will be closed on Thursday and Friday, the 4th and 5th, so that we may tag and mark everything in house. Prices will be cut to the bottom.**

**Remember the dates**

**January 6th to January 20th**

**Midland Mercantile Co.**

**"The Appreciative Store"**

**Grocery Phone No. 6**

**Dry Goods Phone No. 284**



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To Our Friends and Customers:

We desire at this time to thank you for the nice business you have given us and assure you of our sincere appreciation of your Goodwill, which is our greatest asset. It will be our earnest endeavor in the coming year to give you the best possible service and just a little bit more than you pay for both in merchandise and service.

May the New Year fill to the brim your cup with happiness and your chest with prosperity.

Midland Hardware Co.



LEGION OF THE LONE WOLF

In the beginning of time, when the world was new and beautiful, all the animals dwelt together in one place. There was no trouble between them, and the weak lay down with the strong and the strong protected the weak and all was peace and quiet.

In those days the wolf was the most beautiful of all animals, and had long hair of glossy black covering his entire body, and was much favored by Manitou, who was the ruler of the whole world.

Often the wolf and the Manitou walked together and counseled together, and they were friends unto each other, and what the Manitou would command, that would the wolf do.

But one day, as the wolf was going through the forest searching for his food, which in those days was herbs and vines and fruit and corn, there

passed a small rabbit, also searching for food. And the rabbit, not seeing the wolf, started to eat at a spot which the wolf had selected for his own meal. The wolf became angry and commanded that the rabbit go elsewhere, for, he said, the fruit belonged to him and the herbs also, and there was none who dared touch it.

But the rabbit was unafraid and he turned to the great wolf and said, "Who are you to command me thus? The Manitou, who is your father, is also my father, and he who placed you here to roam also gave this spot to the rabbit for his home—and here we are told to live in peace and happiness together."

But the wolf was very angry and even as the rabbit spoke the wolf jumped upon him and seized him and, with one snap of his jaws, killed him and threw his body in the brush. And then the wolf went back to his friends and told no animal of what he had

done. But the Manitou, who dwelt in the sky and was father of all the animals, saw the act and knew what had happened; and he was very angry and sent his servants down to bring the wolf before him where he lived in the clouds.

When the wolf saw the servants of Manitou coming he was sore afraid, and he tried to hide away where they could not find him. The hair on his back rose up from fright and as the servants of Manitou approached it was seen to turn gray at its ends from the terror, for the wolf was very much afraid.

So the servants seized the wolf and took him before the Manitou and the Manitou, who was very angry, looked at him and said:

"You are the great wolf and you are my son. But you have killed your brother, the rabbit, and you shall be punished, even though you be my son and of my family."

Then he called all the lesser gods of heaven to pass judgment and to the wolf he said:

"Heretofore you have been brave and fearless. From this time on you shall be cowardly and afraid to run by yourself. You and all your family shall run together in packs, and your hand shall be against all the animals and the hands of all the animals shall be against you. No more shall you eat in peace, but you shall quarrel among yourselves, and the strong will conquer the weak, and to no other animal shall you be friend. Your glossy black hair which this day has been turned gray from fright, shall ever remain gray as a mark of my displeasure, and all that see it shall know that you have disobeyed the Manitou. And now shall you hunt in packs from fear of hunting alone, and you must be on guard always, else you will be killed by your fellows—for the hand of all animals will be against you from this time forth, and the Red Man who has loved you will come to hate you, and slay you, and nowhere in all the world shall you find peace."

When the Manitou had said these words he caused the wolf to be set down again on earth, but all he said was true. The wolf no longer walked with the other animals, but sneaked along through the woods, and never more could he associate with his friends, but only with other wolves who formed into a pack and came forth only at night and killed and were killed, even as the Manitou had said.

So it came unto this day even as the



HAPPY NEW YEAR---1923

Resolve with us to make it a banner year, a better year and a bigger one through earnest work and co-operation; through Thrift and Industry and Saving.

It shall be our earnest aim throughout the New Year, just beginning, to keep this institution worthy of the confidence and friendship which it now enjoys.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
Midland, Texas

Our New Year Resolution

Is to serve you better, more acceptably and with the greatest possible values during the coming year. We would grow in your friendship and esteem.

Our New Year Wish

Is that in its dawning the New Year will open for you a greater vision of purposes to be accomplished, a richer gathering in of the things that make life worth while, and that all may be set off by greater health and greater wealth and greater happiness than you have ever known before.

Basham, Shepherd & Co.

Manitou commanded. If you believe it not, go forth into the quiet of the woods and watch the wolf and see his habits. And be you always on guard, for the wolf which was good is now bad and his hand is against you and yours is against him, and so shall it be always, for that is the command of the Manitou who is the father of us all.

Note—This is a common legend among the Umatillas and occurs in a slightly different form among the Blackfeet.

RECORD BREAKER IN SALE OF FORD CARS

According to a statement issued by the Ford Motor Company, deliveries of Ford cars and trucks to retail buyers during the month of November totaled 106,327. This is a new high sales record that has never before been approached by the company at this season of the year and one which stands out in marked contrast to the November 1921 retail delivery figures which totalled slightly over 58,000 cars and trucks, stated Trafton Yarbrough, manager of Ford Sales and Service in Midland, one day this week. Continuing he states further:

For eight consecutive months, beginning with April 1st of this year retail deliveries have exceeded 100,000 Ford cars and trucks each month; the accumulated total for the first eleven months of 1922 being approximately 1,200,000. While the company points out that it is not unusual for Ford retail sales to exceed the 100,000 mark during the spring and early summer months where the demand is at its peak, the manner in which business has held up throughout the balance of the year is without precedent.

Credit for this remarkable showing is attributed by the Ford Motor Company to the many improvements which have lately been made on Ford cars and particularly to the new low level of Ford prices, recently put into effect. These new low prices not only broaden the field of prospective Ford purchasers but go still further in making the Ford car the best value from the standpoint of the retail buyer that it has ever been.

Although the Ford factories have been operating at capacity for the past eight months, sales have equal-

ed production and judging from the unusual manner in which orders are coming in at this season of the year Ford dealers will be unable to accumulate an adequate stock of cars during the winter months for delivery next spring.

In the opinion of the Ford Motor Company, November sales are an indication that many prospective purchasers, realizing the exceptional value now being offered in Ford cars, are beginning to anticipate an unusual spring demand and are therefore placing orders during the fall and will continue to do so throughout the winter to avoid disappointing delays in delivery later on. While this will relieve the situation to some extent, it is pointed out that the steadily increasing demand for Ford cars is nevertheless sure to create an acute shortage as the season advances.

Accordingly, the Ford Sales Organization is urging prospective Ford purchasers to arrange for delivery during the winter months in order that the demand next spring will be relieved as far as possible.

MASONIC WATCH NIGHT SERVICE BY RADIO

The Masonic service and education committee of the Grand Lodge of Texas, has arranged for a service of radio talks on Masonic subjects to be broadcasted over WFAA station of the Dallas News. These talks will be given each month, the first one of which will be in the form of a watch night service on New Year's Eve, Sunday night, December 31st. The first program will consist of three ten minute talks along Masonic lines, several vocal selections, and two minutes before 12 o'clock a bugler will blow taps as the Old Year goes out. Promptly at 12 o'clock as the New Year is being born, reveille will be blown as a signal for the birth of 1923. The Masonic service committee would be very glad for all Masons who have radio receiving sets in their homes, or their lodges, to listen in on these programs. They will be instructive and educational and the general public is also urged to tune in on WFAA New Year's evening at 10:45 and listen to this program until two minutes after 12 o'clock.

We wish for all our Friends and Patrons a Happy and Prosperous

New Year

We appreciate, very much, your patronage the past year and assure you of our same "Dependable Service" for the coming year.

Western Auto Supply Co.



A pleasant holiday occasion tomorrow afternoon at the Library tea at The Reporter office.

Good specks for bad eyes, at Inman's. adv 27tf

A. T. Barnes, local manager of the Womack Construction Company, accompanied by his wife, went to Kansas City, for the holidays, and spent this glad time with relatives of Mrs. Barnes.

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**FARMERS WANTED IN ECTOR COUNTY**

**ODESSA COMMERCIAL CLUB IS BROADENING ITS FIELD OF OPERATIONS**

While the Odessa Commercial Club is in no wise letting up in its activities in boosting potash and oil development, it has lately broadened its field of activities. The club now decides that it wants farmers, and it is going after them through the medium of publicity—the only real way. During the year just closing Odessa has had more publicity than any small town we have heard of, and at a comparatively small cost. The publicity it has received, too, has paid for itself many times over, and now that it is going after farmers, it is our prediction that it will not fail to get them.

Here is a sample of the publicity that has just been handed out to the press generally:

A concerted movement, organized on a larger scale than any similar movement ever attempted in West Texas, has been started by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce to bring farmers into Ector County.

"One Hundred New Farmers by Spring," was the slogan adopted at a meeting of the club and citizens last week, when plans were laid for the drive which is to start immediately.

E. V. Graham, chairman of the executive committee of the chamber, and the leading merchant of Odessa, presided at the meeting. "The impression has gone abroad," he said, that Odessa country is suitable for nothing but cattle raising. We want to dispel this idea. I believe that our soil is excelled by no other in West Texas for farming. Farmers here last season raised one-half a bale of cotton to the acre. The grains and sorghums we raise are as good as I have ever seen grown anywhere in this country.

Our fruits are second to none in the country. Our peaches, plums, grapes, apricots and others, due to the natural supply of potash in the soil, are unexcelled in flavor, firmness and quality. We can make Odessa the center of one of the largest farming districts in the State. All we have to do is let the farmer on the outside know about it."

Similar remarks were made by Sam R. McKinney, president of the chamber; Dr. F. E. Gibbons, Charles Witcher, L. E. Johnson, B. C. Hendricks, W. T. Henderson and H. C. Foster.

Considerable stress was laid on the importance of development work now going on here for potash and oil. This in the opinion of the speakers, would be an incentive for farmers to come here, and indications are that there will be magnitude carried on in this area. Already engineers are on the ground with plans for deep shaft mining in the event commercial potash is encountered, and if the potash is rich enough to be mined, thousands of people will be employed here.

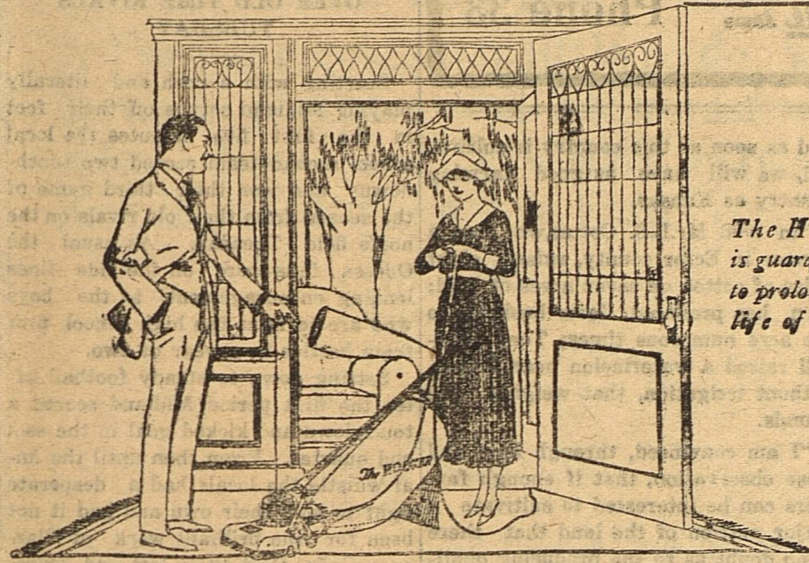
It was agreed to pool, as a started, 10,000 acres of tillable soil from all parts of the county. This would be placed in the hands of a committee from the commercial club. A moderate price would be placed on the land, and this price would be fixed, and would remain unchanged until sold.

**An Electrical New Year**

*Could not be Improved Upon*

**The HOOVER**

*It BEATS... as it Sweeps as it Cleans*



The Hoover is guaranteed to prolong the life of rugs

Would make a Wonderful New Year's Present for the Home Maker

We have so very many conveniences for the home, to make the home cheerier and less arduous in the making, If you make it an Electrical New Year you will have to hurry for the time grows short.

**The Beauty Of It**

All our Electrical Appliances are both Ornamental and Useful. It being a fad and good judgment to give Useful Gifts, it is not less worthwhile to gladden the heart through a combination of the Ornamental and Practical.

*An Electrical New Year Will be A Cheerier New Year*

Our Wish for You:--The whole and wholesome joys the Yuletide

**Midland Light Company**

W. H. Williams, Manager



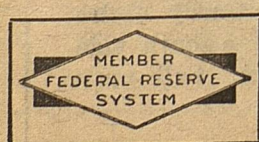
**CHARACTER FIRST**

True friendship is based on ideals and desirable traits of character.

Worthwhile people do not choose friends because of their clothes or material possessions.

It is equally unwise to choose a bank solely because of its physical appearance and assets.

Let the policies of this bank, the earnest desire of its officers to serve you, be the foundation for your connection here.



**Midland National Bank**  
Midland, Texas

This would prevent the boosting of prices to abnormal values, as in other communities, and thus prevent desirable farmers from locating here.

A committee consisting of John M. Gist, B. C. Hendricks, Judge J. T. Cross and C. W. Witcher was appointed to secure the land, and as soon as the pool is completed, announcement will be made to the public and it will be distributed as requests are made on the basis of first come first served. Land owners are prepared to make satisfactory terms on the acreage and the title will cover all mineral rights as well as the fee title.

**THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS "NORMALCY"**

Before the world went to war a few years ago there was a sort of stability in values that had varied but slightly for a long time. Since the war ended a great many people have referred to that condition as "normal" and a great many people have talked in more or less incoherent manner of return to such conditions, referring to them as a sort of yardstick and calling it "normalcy."

The fact of the matter is that the economic upheaval resulting from the

war can not be overcome for many years. In the chaos of prices and values that came following the war many things got out of line with other things, says the Texas Public Service Information Bureau. Some re-adjustments have come about and others are coming about that may be expected soon to establish a sort of balance between values of commodities. When that balance shall have been established conditions may be termed normal. But that will not mean on a pre-war level.

Judging from the state of affairs in the world at this time, it seems to the best informed thinkers that the pre-war level of some prices and costs may possibly be reached in fifteen or twenty years. But in that time the situation will have changed through efficiencies and better methods to an extent that no one will recognize that sort of "normalcy" when it shall come. It is reasonable to expect that greater efficiency due to study and discoveries that follow application to great problems will render many services more attractive than similar services were before the war came at a date much earlier than 15 of 20 years hence. The public utilities are making great progress in efficiencies

and economies.

But the yardstick of 1914 is useless now and will never be useful again. It was made to fit a condition that will never return. Solution of the economic problem of now is not to be found in striving for a measure that used to be fairly accurate. It is to be had in square dealing, efficiency in operations, honesty in government and a united effort to preserve a fair balance in business affairs and in industry.

**THE LISTENING CHILD**

Did you ever see a little baby look away off with wonder in its face and its eyes shining? Did you ever see a baby smile in its sleep?

Poets and mothers love to tell wonder stories about what babies listen to when thus they smile and gaze far away.

The Christ's mother and father had been promised that angels would come to their beautiful child and teach him all things and give him all the gifts of God. So that when his sweet eyes gazed away off, and he smiled at the blue sky and sunshine, and when he stretched his tiny hands to some one they could not see, the mother and father knew what it

meant, and they, too, listened and looked.

Thus some music came into their own minds and hearts, and they understood these looks and smiles because they loved this wonderful gift which came to them—this lovely child of God.

The Christ-Child learned to listen early to the music in his own heart, and he told it the best he could to all those around him.

Every little child hears this same angel music, for the heaven within us all is full of angels, singing forever of love and light.—Andrea Hofer Proudfoot.

Attend the tea tomorrow afternoon in The Reporter office. Library Asso.

**Mother's Favorite**  
The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effective cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs. adv Dec. 1mt.

The Library Association will serve tea tomorrow afternoon in the front office of The Reporter.



### May 1923 Bring to Midland

Paved Streets in the business district.  
 A New High School Building and Auditorium.  
 A Tourist Camp Ground.  
 A Commercial Club.  
 A Hundred Farmers for our tillable land and individually, to each and every citizen of the Midland Country, may the New Year bring continued good health, happiness and a share in the prosperity we feel sure is coming.

## City Drug Store

Phone 33 *The Rexall Store* Phone 33

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### EXPERTS PRAISE SOIL IN THIS SECTION

(Continued from page 1)

The testimonial of some of the solid citizens of Odessa anent the proposition follow:

"I have been here for 22 years," said W. F. Bates, president of the Citizens National Bank here, "and I am positive that if farmers can be interested and will locate here, they will find this to be one among the best farming countries of the West. It has always been my experience that the more ground you put in cultivation, the less rain you will need, for the simple reason that when only a small portion of land is torn up and a dry wind sweeps across the country, it takes up all the moisture from this place in cultivation.

"I have also found that grass takes up all the moisture from the ground when crops that are planted by farmers do not, and if you have a small piece of land in cultivation surrounded by grass, the grass soon takes all the moisture from the crop, when if all the land or most of it, was in cultivation, there would be much more moisture produced by exposure of fresh dirt and the dry winds would not be able to take up all the moisture. I feel sure that our small cultivated portions of lands that requires 100 inches of irrigation during one season, would produce equally well with no irrigation if the surrounding country was in cultivation.

"In my early boyhood days, the state of Kansas was as bad if not worse than West Texas is today, and as the farmers settled and the land was put in cultivation, the crops began to grow and produce more and more every year until now Kansas is one of the best farming countries in the United States, if not in the world. Our soil is as good as it is in Kansas

and as soon as this country is cultivated, we will have as good farming country as Kansas.

"In 1906 Mr. L. S. Cotter, who was a farmer in Ector county, raised eight bales of cotton on seven acres of land; corn has produced forty bushels to the acre numerous times; Tom Waddell raised a watermelon near Odessa without irrigation, that weighed 105 pounds.

"I am convinced, through long and close observation, that if enough farmers can be interested to cultivate a major portion of the land that there is no doubt as to the producing qualities of the soil in Ector county."

Mr. F. M. Coffee, who has been in Odessa thirty years, and has been a farmer for forty years, said:

"With all of my farming experience in different climates and different parts of Texas, I have never found a place that I would rather start out farming in than Ector county.

"I have not failed to raise feed, enough to do me every year and if a farmer knows the few minor technicalities that go with farming in West Texas, he is very safe in starting in farming here.

"There are some things that go with every farming country that, in all probabilities, does not apply to other places and a farmer should be prepared to pick up the new surroundings readily and start off farming in his new location easily, after he learns a few things that must be done in order to make a success.

"One advantage especially that Ector county has over most of the South Plains country is the numerous supply of extra good water, which every western country cannot boast of.

"I raise Kaffir corn, Maize and Sorghum every year and also have an orchard consisting of peaches, pears, plums, apples and grapes which produces fine every year and our climate is such that our fruits are not so liable to be killed by late frosts and freezes, which gives us another advantage over eastern countries. I also have a good garden which produces all the vegetables that could be expected from this amount of ground."

Mr. C. G. Fletcher who has also been a farmer in Ector county for the last thirteen years says: "I raise enough maize, corn and sorghum every year to feed my stock through the whole season and nearly always have some to sell.

"I always prepare my land ahead of planting time, by breaking same in November, December and January and have it ready to plant with the first rain of the spring.

"I see no reason whatever for farmers not succeeding here if they will

only work, but there is no farm that will produce without a certain amount of work being attached to it. Work is absolutely essential on a producing farm and without it the farm will remain as the most of the land is in this county now.

"The greatest advantage of this country is that no small vegetation such as croa grass and small weeds haunt the farmers and this enables one man to cultivate 100 acres by himself without the extra expense of hiring a cotton chopper. The absence of weeds and grass make possible the leaving off of chopping cotton."

### ODESSA SCRUBS 12 MIDLAND SCRUBS 7

THIRD SUCCESSIVE VICTORY OVER OLD TIME RIVALS TUESDAY

Starting with a rush and literally playing Midland scrubs off their feet in the first five minutes the local school second team scored two touchdowns and won their third game of the season from their old rivals on the home field Tuesday. As usual the Odessa fans were on the side lines lending encouragement to the boys who are to fight the high school first team battles in a year or two.

Setting down to steady football after the first period Midland scored a touchdown and kicked goal in the second quarter. From then until the final whistle the locals had a desperate fight to hold their own and had it not been for the brilliant work of Clarence Cody, fleet little left end, Odessa's part would have been the small end of a large score. On two occasions Midland was loose for a touchdown but was brought down by Cody after a chase of more than forty yards.

A more detailed report of the game follows:

Odessa won the toss and chose to receive while Midland selected the south goal. Midland kicked to Angus Voss on the 25 yard line and he advanced 15 yards before being stopped. With a series of end runs and line bucks Odessa back carried the ball within striking distance and Bert Bailey plunged over the goal line. Attempt for point by drop kicking failed, leaving the score Odessa 6, Midland 0.

Midland chose to receive and Bert Bailey kicked almost to the goal posts. Midland fumbled, the ball rolled across the line but was recovered and brought out three yards before the Midland man was downed. Midland made two unsuccessful attempts to gain. On the third play Bert Bailey broke through the line causing a fumble and Dick Whittenberg covered the ball for Odessa on Midland's two yard line. Jack Tripp bucked the line for the second touchdown. Another drop kick fell short and the score was Odessa 12, Midland 0.

Midland again received. Bailey kicked an ugly, rolling, bouncing ball which was fumbled by Midland on their 20 yard line. Clarence Cody caught it on the bounce and ran ten yards before being tackled. Odessa made first down and first quarter ended with the ball in Odessa's possession on Midland's 16 yard line. Score Odessa 12, Midland 0.

**Second Quarter**  
 Midland came back fighting hard. Odessa's two line bucks failed to gain. Lawrence was thrown for loss when called on end run. Odessa's pass was incomplete and Midland took the ball. Midland made downs on cross bucks and end runs. Then Midland half backs got away for a beautiful 50 yard run down a clean field but Odessa had a faster man and Clarence Cody saved the score by catching him on Odessa's 12 yard line. Here Odessa's little line held in a pinch and took the ball only five yards from their goal. Midland held until Odessa was forced to punt. Midland blocked the kick and recovered the ball three yards from the goal line. Midland bucked across and kicked goal. Score Odessa 12, Midland 7.

Odessa received and Dan Ratliff was downed on Odessa's 35 yard line. Ball was near center of the field when first half ended.

**Third Quarter**  
 Midland received and was downed on their 25 yard line. The hidden ball fake play worked beautifully and once more Clarence Cody saved Odessa by catching Midland's tackle after a 40 yard race. Odessa's line again stiffened and held until it was Odessa's ball and Jack Tripp punted. But Midland marched right back. Odessa called in several fresh men but they were all too light and finally Jack Edwards, who had been kept out of the game up to this time because of injuries came in to play left guard. Finally the Midland onslaught was stopped and Odessa had the ball on her own 16 yard line when third quarter ended.

**Fourth Quarter**  
 At the beginning of the last quarter

## Ranch, Close In, to Be Converted Into Choice Farms

### "The South Townsend Ranch"

THIS tract of land, six sections, begins only three miles from Midland, south, and the furthest section is but five miles distant, while a graded highway traverses either side of it, on the east and west; both leading directly into town.

The soil is a deep, rich, red sandy loam, with an unexcelled sub-soil or red clay foundation, enabling it to hold moisture almost indefinitely. It is thus especially adapted to row crops; cotton in particular. The land is level; the whole is tillable, and as good as there is in Midland County.

### Two Sections Already Sold

The two north sections (secs. 23 and 24) have been sold to a Fannin county man, who is the president of a bank, is a merchant, lumberman, and also a farmer. This purchaser states that he will immediately open a farm of 100 acres on each quarter section; also that he contemplates improvements totaling \$10,000, and that his purchase is intended as an investment and not as a speculation. It is not his intention to resell it.

The remaining four sections will be offered for sale (subject to prior sale and changes in prices without notice) as follows:

In tracts of	Price per acre---	Cash payment---
640 acres	\$15.00	\$ 6.00 per acre
320 "	16.00	7.00 " "
160 "	17.00	8.00 " "
80 "	19.00	10.00 " "
Sections 25 and 26, four miles south---		
640 "	\$16.00	\$ 7.00 " "
320 "	17.00	8.00 " "
160 "	18.00	9.00 " "
80 "	20.00	11.00 " "

Nine dollars of the purchase price, on any tract sold, will be accepted in six equal annual deferred payments, bearing 6 per cent interest.

Address,

## John B. Thomas

MIDLAND,

TEXAS

### DIED AFTER ONLY A VERY BRIEF ILLNESS

Mr. Carl Wrage, father of our esteemed countryman, Henry Wrage, living on the ranch southeast of Midland, near Garden City, was suddenly taken sick week before last and after a brief illness of only one day, passed out into the Great Beyond. He was 87 years of age and during those years had lived the life of a pioneer in that he was a developer of the new parts of our State. The body was carried to Seguin for its last resting place Sunday afternoon a week ago, accompanied by his son. We extend the sympathy of the entire community to the bereaved.

### HEAVY FORD SALES DURING PAST FEW DAYS

Trafton Yarbrough, manager of Healy & Yarbrough's Ford Sales and Service Station, reports the following sales during the past ten days:  
 W. L. Holmsley, Midland, coupe.  
 R. H. Eastman, Andrews, Ford truck.  
 L. P. Holman, Midland, touring car.  
 A. K. Murphy, Midland, touring car.  
 Foy Proctor, Midland, coupe.  
 Kenton Boone, Midland, coupe.  
 J. E. Hill, Midland, truck.  
 W. A. Hutchison, Midland, roadster.  
 Joe W. Rice, Odessa, roadster.  
 Sport Brandon, Midland, touring car.  
 E. R. Bryan, Midland, sedan.

### RIALTO WILL HAVE SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S PICTURE

The Rialto Theater has made special arrangements to have a first class comedy-drama picture on next Monday night, New Year's. Special instrumental music will also be arranged to thoroughly illustrate picture.

Will T. Brooks, of San Angelo; his mother, Mrs. L. W. Brooks, and brother, Nat Brooks, the last two of Hillsboro, were here this week the guests of R. O. Brooks.

Garland Dickinson, of the grocery department, Midland Mercantile Company, spent the holidays with friends and relatives at Ballinger. Reports a most enjoyable visit in every way, and says he ate six turkey gobblers—not all at one time, however, but at various occasions.

### FINE CATTLE SOLD BY ODESSA BREEDERS

FANCY PRICES PAID FOR RHODES & SMITH STOCK BY E. S. MARTIN

One of the most important sales in registered Hereford stock from this section, recently, was the transaction, consummated this week whereby E. S. Martin purchased ten three-year-old cows and one bull from Rhodes & Smith registered Hereford breeders, for the sum of \$1750.

All the stock was registered and out of a herd of 48 cows, 25 calves and three herd bulls which Rhodes & Smith purchased recently from Geo. Wilcox, of Big Springs.

The bull sold to Mr. Martin was from the ranch of Rhodes & Smith. It brought \$500. It is registered Doctor Logan and is a great great grandson of Beau Brummell. It was sired by Young Beau Brummell.

Rhodes & Smith also sold to S. R. McKnight off Sonora five cows at \$150 and one yearling heifer for \$100 and 10 range bulls to C. A. Goldsmith for \$100 each.

John M. Gist last week sold to Slaughter and Co. 20 range bulls.

J. V. Hobbs made a brief visit to Abilene this week, accompanying his son, Frank, and wife home after they had spent the holidays in Midland.

### CLOSING OUT SALE

of

### Fall and Winter Dresses

A NEW SHIPMENT just arrived this week and entire stock is new and in latest styles.

### Remarkably Low Prices

Everything priced so they will be quickly sold. Nothing is to be carried over the season. Sale begins January 2nd and lasts Two Weeks.

### HOBBS & MOORE

Phone No. 54 Midland, Texas



## What Chiropractic Is

Chiropractic is the philosophy, science and art that eliminates the cause of the so-called diseases, rheumatism, colds, fever, hay fever, asthma, diabetes, catarrh, hemorrhoids, constipation, gall stones, headache, nervousness, paralysis, and all stomach troubles, kidney troubles, liver troubles, etc., by adjusting the articulation of the spine by hand.

I make no charge for making a complete analysis of your case. Am located in Mrs. Callie House's home, two blocks southeast of depot.

**Bernice Weldon**  
Dr. of Chiropractic

Telephone 397

Midland, Texas

Delbert Rutherford (Bellcord) and wife, arrived Wednesday from Old Mexico, after an absence of 12 months. He is manager for the Ojitas ranch, and will return there in a short time, though his wife and baby will remain in this country.

Will Manning is with us for a few days, after an extensive trapping expedition out in the Sacra range. He is having much success.

J. M. and W. C. Malone and John Elam and their families, all of Plainview, spent the holidays with their sister, Mrs. N.W. Bigham, and family.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### LOST AND FOUND

#### FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—My home one block south of the depot. Will sell at a sacrifice. Joe C. Burman, phone No. 24. 47-1f

#### COAL AND WOOD

#### WANTED TO BUY

**WANTED**—Clean, cotton rags. Must not be smaller than 15 inches square. Old dresses, gowns, shirts, etc., of cotton mixture will do, but they must be clean. Will buy limited quantity at 5 cents per pound at this office.

**RENTERS**—Why do you go on renting when you can own your own farm? Long time; no payment down; keep your money and improve place with it. The Federal Land Loan Bank helps the poor man to get a home that wants one. See Joe Jay, Midland, Texas. adv 3-4t

**PIGS FOR SALE**—Farrowed Oct. 9 and 15. Registered Poland Chinas. None better. Sired by Bryant's Buster. Price \$8 with pedigree at 8 weeks old. Also grade pigs for sale. See or phone P. P. Barber, Midland, Texas. 6-4t

**FOR RENT**—A four room house newly papered in northwest Midland. Phone Mrs. C. G. McCall. 3-4t

**FOR SALE**—Good five room modern house, large lot, windmill and tank, all connected with city water. Will sell this place cheap and give good terms. R. M. Barron. 8-1f

**FOR SALE**—Cotton seed cake, any quantity, by Guitar Gin Co. 9-4tp

**LAND OWNERS**—If you have 160 or 320 acres of good farm land, improved or partly improved, that you will sell with \$1000 or \$2000 cash, and give good terms on remainder, write us full description at once. Stanton Realty Co., Stanton, Texas. adv 3-4t

**FOR RENT**—Four nice rooms. Also barn and garage. City water and cistern. Two blocks southeast of depot. See R. E. Crowley, or address Box No. 143, Midland, Texas. 10-2tpd

**FOR SALE**—I have a good, true ten-or-banjo, practically new, that cost \$31.00 new. 10-inch head, bird's-eye maple rim with nickel trimmings. Will sell it and canvas case for \$15. Also have a first-class York brass valve trombone that cost \$65 new. In a first class condition and all ready to play. Will sacrifice it and leather fibre case for \$30. If interested write, if not, save stamps. Ned Watson, Midland, Texas.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—A few used, light cars, at attractive prices. See Holly Roberts or phone 325-A. 12-2t

**WANTED**—Shoes to repair. Gilbert Ragsdale.

**ROOMS**—With bath, furnished or unfurnished, for light housekeeping. Mrs. H. Klapproth, phone 391.

**FOR SALE**—170 chicken, early hatched pullets, now laying. One cultivator, one Godevil. V. D. Ingle, Midland. 2t-pd

## FARMERS WRITE FOR INFORMATION ON LAND BOOM

From The Odessa Times.

The farm colonization movement for the development of farm lands in and around Odessa, now underway under the direction of the Odessa Commercial Club, received great impetus this week, in the form of scores of letters of inquiry from interested farmers desiring for opportunities such as are offered here.

It was very gratifying to the club members who are working hard to make a success of the move and to bring at least 100 new farmers here by Spring. It indicates that the farmers outside of this section are interested and in the words of one old settler, "if we get 'em here, we'll sell 'em, because there never was a stranger come here that did not fall in love with the country and the climate."

What the outsiders are interested in mostly is the testimony of practical farmers who have been successful in their efforts here. This the TIMES is giving to its readers each week and the club is prepared to back these assertions up with affidavits.

Many others inquire about school facilities and water and railroad conditions. All these we are happy to answer in the most optimistic fashion. We are fortunate in having an excellent school. Our supply of water is our lasting pride, while being on the main line of the T. & P. railroad with an equally good market in El Paso and Fort Worth, with good sized towns and cities at intermediate points is reason enough for the average farmer.

**Tackling Lumber Problem**  
The club is now working to secure the co-operation of the lumber companies interested here, in the matter of getting lumber to assist in whatever construction work that will have to be done. The present boom should mean at least 50 new dwellings and an equally large number of barns, to say nothing of silos, tanks, and motor equipment.

The club is handling all correspondence with as much speed as possible. The club committee is working on the proposition of getting desirable land in the pool and keeping the prices well within reason. Preparations will soon have been completed when announcement can be made of all the land secured, and the farmers can start work at once.

One letter the club received was from a man who had a colony of 20 farmers, prosperous and all good farmers, looking for new locations.

Mr. R. A. Anderson when interviewed by the TIMES man, spoke enthusiastically of the prospects here. It is one of the few places in the state, he said, where one man can cultivate more than two men can harvest. Mr. Anderson has been a successful farmer here for 15 years and has had great success.

**No Boll Weevil Here**  
One argument that is sure to get the cotton farmer, is the fact that no boll weevil can live here. The Odessa country is one of the few places in the state where cotton is absolutely free from the weevil. The parasite cannot live in the climate where the altitude is 3000 feet or better, farmers say. Another reason attributed to the remarkable growth of grains, vegetables and fruits is the abundance of potash in the soil, which in other places is lacking and which has to be supplied.

Mr. Anderson has proven conclusively what one farmer can do on a large scale. His statement to the TIMES is as follows:

"I have done successful farming in Ector county for 15 years," said Mr. R. A. Anderson, "and I am positive

that there are bigger advantages here than any place I have ever been for farmers.

"Owing to the fact that one man can cultivate more than two men can harvest, it is very easy to see that this is the best location in Texas for farmers. One man can cultivate 125 to 150 acres here without difficulty and this is something that can't be done everywhere. Where I was raised it worked a farmer to the limit to cultivate 15 acres and this is the main reason why I can see such great opportunities in Ector county for farmers.

"I can see great profits for a farmer who has ambition and will stick to it here. If a man will raise cattle, hogs and horses in connection with his farm, this enables him to feed his stock and prevents buying feed which always brought me great results.

"I know of no better place in the world than here for farmers. My maize, cotton, corn, sorghum and other crops have always proved good in this county. I also raised a good crop of oats here one year. The only time I ever failed to make a good crop here, it was my fault entirely and no fault of the soil or climate."

### TO AID THE EX-SERVICE MEN

Henry Opydyke's Job is to Speed Up Veteran's Bureau Work in Second District.

Lubricating the machinery now in motion for the care of veterans in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, is the task assigned to Henry G. Opydyke. His job will be to speed up the work of the United States Veterans' bureau in the second district, where he has been appointed manager. "Service for the ex-service man" is the policy announced by Opydyke, who since the war has been active in the Broadway post of the American Legion. In his plan to rehabilitate the soldier he aims to bring the school work directly under government supervision so that exploitation of veterans, through contract schools, will be impossible. The new appointee is a veteran of two wars.

### LIKED IN ROLE OF "VICTORY"

Marjorie Rambeau Stars at Ball Given by the Legion at Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Marjorie Rambeau knows what it means to be victorious. She won a victory in "Eyes of Youth" and in "Daddy's Gone a-Hunting" and in countless other plays. For these and other good reasons she was chosen to play the part of Victory herself at the victory ball given by the American Legion at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, New York. None of the many social leaders and stage stars who appeared there in the historical pageant had a more agreeable part to play than Miss Rambeau, and persons attending the ball noticed that her "eyes of youth" were particularly bright and victorious on that occasion.

### Carrying On With the American Legion

The town of St. Charles, Minn., has received a fully equipped rest room from the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion.

A lyceum course unexcelled in any city of its size is being presented to the city of Christopher, Ill., by the local post of the American Legion.

Soon Austria plans to abandon her paid professional army, substituting a paid militia with a six months' training period for a limited number of recruits.

Oklahoma is planning the erection of a half million dollar triumphal arch, in Oklahoma City, in honor of the 1,000 ex-service men of that city who died in the World war.

Secretary of War Weeks has approved a new style cap for army officers. It is called the "Pershing cap," and differs only in that the visor is longer and at a sharper angle. The top is an inch broader and slightly higher.

A survey conducted by the U. S. Veterans' bureau at the State hospital for criminal insane, Dannemora, N. Y., revealed 48 ex-service men held in confinement for crimes ranging from simple assault to manslaughter. All such men will be examined and if their disability is found to be a result of their war service they will benefit by the relief provided by the government for disabled soldiers, the bureau announces.



Considering its cost, you can think of nothing that will make a greater present---nothing that will bring more pleasure to the whole family---nothing that will be of more real service than a Ford car. A Ford car puts at your immediate command a great every-day convenience. With it, you have the satisfaction of knowing you can go, on business or pleasure, when you please, and where you please, quickly, comfortably and at little expense.

A Ford car costs too little to do without. The returns in pleasure and convenience are too great to miss. New Year's is nearly here. You can't delay now if you'd make it a Ford New Year.

Four-Door Sedan	\$725
Two-Door Sedan	\$595
Coupe	\$530
Touring Car	\$298
Roadster	\$269
Car Chassis	\$235
Truck Chassis	\$380
Tractor	\$395

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And don't forget Ford Service. It is Universal, same as is the car, here there and everywhere, and it is worth a lot to you.

We can make immediate delivery on almost any type of car. Come in and let us talk it over.

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Wishing our friends and customers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## Heatly & Yarbrough

Ford Sales and Service

### PRESCRIPTION FOR 1923

Take two ounces of plain, old-fashioned work.  
Add one ounce of confidence.  
Flavor well all through with common sense.  
Color with a tincture of dreams of greater and better things.  
Eliminate all waste and worry.  
Speak according to knowledge, act according to conscience.  
Mix well and take morning, noon and night the year round.  
Sipped from the silver-lined spoon of optimism, held firmly in a steady hand, this concoction is guaranteed to cure.  
*Have you a bottle of it on your shelf?*

Ben Cowden and family are on the Cowden ranch south for some time.

Mrs. F. E. Rankin is in Brownwood visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Barcus.

Mrs. S. R. McKinney, of Odessa, spent last Thursday in Midland, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Porter Rankin.

LOST—Crank for Buick car. Please return to or notify Oscar Midkiff.

**PROUD FATHER**  
By Edgar A. Guest

There's a smile on the face of the mother today,  
The furrows of pain have been scattered away,  
Her eyes tell a story of wondrous delight  
As she looks at the baby who came through the night.  
It's plain she's as happy and proud as can be,  
But you ought to see me!

The nurse wears her cap in its jauntiest style,  
And she says: "Oh, my dear, there's a baby worth while!  
She's hot pink of perfection, as sweet as a rose  
And I never have seen such a cute little nose."  
Were it proper for nurses she'd dance in her glee,  
But you ought to see me!

Bud's eyes are ablaze with the glory of joy,  
And he has forgotten he'd asked for a boy.  
He stands by her crib and he touches her cheek  
And would bring all the kids on the street for a peck.  
Oh the pride in his bearing is something to see,  
But you ought to see me!

You may guess that the heart of the mother is glad,  
But for arrogant happiness gaze on the dad.  
For the marvelous strut and the swagger of pride,  
For the pomp of conceit and the smile satisfied,  
For joy that's expressed in the highest degree,  
Take a look at me!

Mrs. Frank Youngblood, of Toyah, and Mrs. Paul Brown, of Eastland, are guests of their sister, Mrs. New-nie W. Ellis.

Gordan Reiger and wife, of Grand-falls, are in Midland, guests of Mr. Reiger's grandmother, Mrs. A. W. Dunn.

Elkin Bros. are this week moving their office from the Llano Hotel to the First National Annex, first floor.

Attorney B. Frank Haag has moved his law office from the First National Annex and is now comfortably and conveniently located on the second floor of the Llano Hotel building.

Billie Driver has just returned from a lengthy visit to points west, El Paso, Los Angeles, etc., to which points he accompanied a shipment of cattle.

Friends will regret to know Mrs. O. B. Holt has been confined to her bed for some days. We all hope she may soon be well again.

### FORMER TOWNSMAN KILLED BY A FALL

It was an oversight on The Reporter's part not to have mentioned sooner the death of our former townsman, T. J. (Jeff) Powell. He was killed near Cisco, on Dec. 4th, by falling from a scaffold upon which he was working, helping with the great dam they are building there. His fall, a distance of 80 feet, was unbroken, and he never regained consciousness, though he lived for several hours. His parents, J. M. Powell and wife live in Midland, and he leaves besides a wife and seven children; also a sister, Mrs. Lee Carter, of Merkel.

Mr. Powell was a good man, a hard worker and many friends in Midland profoundly sympathize with the bereaved family and parents.

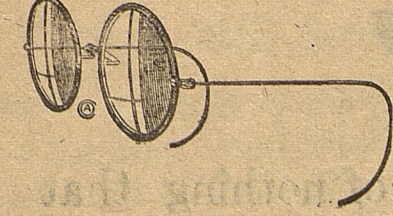
He was buried at Cisco the day after his death.

MMrs. Powell now has a boarding house in Cisco, and friends here hope she may succeed in all her efforts in behalf of herself and those dependent upon her.

Chas. Edwards and wife were holiday visitors to their daughter, Mrs. Gene Cowden and family, on the Cowdens' Pecos river ranch.

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**MESSAGE NOT ALONE TO BUSINESS MEN**

IT IS ONE THAT CAN BE READ PROFITABLY BY ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

The business man, says the Texas Commercial News, needs the best information obtainable. The Bible, continues the News, is the best source of business information, and The Reporter adds that it is the best source of all information that pertains to life's guidance and welfare.

Monday is every man's birthday. In the birth life, and death of Jesus, the agonies, the anxieties, the ambitions, the hopes and the aspirations of a world were epitomized.

The best sanatorium for the business man and others is that daily shutting out of the jangle of the world and a retiring into that inner closet where he can hear the Master speak.

Men do not break down with overwork; they break down from overwork. The Mayos do not have overworked people as their patients; they have thousands of overworked people. The only source of a quiet, patient, hopeful attitude towards one's work is the story of the Christ.

This being true, The Reporter and the Texas Commercial News invites you, tired business man and others, to read the story of the Christ as hereon subjoined:

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; and when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; and when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, their own city Nazareth.

The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Temple where he sat among the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions; after which he returned with them to Nazareth, and was subject to them. Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

And Jesus was about 30 years of age when he was baptised, and the spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights, when the tempter came to him and said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." But he answered and said, "It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

When the tempter took him up into the Holy City, and set him on a pinnacle of the Temple, and said unto him, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, 'He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.'" Jesus replied, "It is written again, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.'"

Again the tempter took him up into an exceedingly high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, and said, "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and wor-

ship me." Then Jesus said unto him, "Get thee hence, tempter, for it is written, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.'"

Then the tempter leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Then leading the multitude up into the mountains, he taught them saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted; blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth; blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled; blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy; blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God; blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in Heaven.

If you bring your gift to the altar, and there rememberest that your brother has sought against you, leave there your gift and go your way: first be reconciled to your brother and come offer up your gift.

Let your communication be yea, yea, nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; you can not serve God and mammon. Worry not about what you shall eat, or drink, or wear; but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

Take heed that you do not your alms before men to be seen of them, and when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and after this manner pray: "Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever."

Whosoever doeth these things, I will liken unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the floods came, and the winds blew, and it fell not, for it was founded on a rock.

And it came to pass that he took Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray, and as he prayed the fashion of his countenance was altered and his raiment was white and glistening, and behold there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias.

After these things the Lord appointed others, and sent them out two and two and two before his face, into every city and place, with this instruction: "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few; go your ways; car-

ry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes; and heal the sick, and say unto them, 'The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.'"

Then cometh Jesus with them unto Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, 'Sit here, while I go and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and said unto them, 'Tarry here, and watch with me.' Then he left them a little ways and fell on his face and said, 'Oh my father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.' And he cometh unto his disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith, 'What, could ye not watch with me an hour? Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.'

He went away a second time, and again a third time, and each return found their eyes heavy, and he said, 'Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.'

Then they took him and led him unto Pilate, and after examination Pilate said, 'I find no fault in this man,' and they were more fierce, saying, 'He stirreth up the people,' and on learning that he was a Galilaean, Pilate sent him to Herod, and Herod mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. Then Pilate said that he would chastise him and release him, but the multitude cried, 'Away with him, release unto us Barabbas.'

Pilate submitted and they were instant in their cry, 'Crucify him, crucify him,' and they led him away; and when they were come to Calvary, there they crucified him: then said Jesus, 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.'

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour; and the veil of the Temple was rent in the midst. Then Jesus said, 'Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit,' and having thus spoken, he gave up the ghost.

And Joseph of Arimathea took him down, and wrapped him in linen and laid him in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never before was man laid.

Then on the third day the women went to his tomb and found it empty. An angel said, 'Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but he is risen.'

After which being assembled together, the apostles said, 'Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?' And he replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the father has put in His power; but ye shall receive power, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.'

And when he had thus spoken these things, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked up steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel, and said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.'

And now, my good business friends of Texas, you have read the life-story of the Man of Galilee, who, without force or money, took a little germ of

love and planted it in the hearts of a few humble fishermen, and today he dominates the world. And we hear Napoleon on the Island of St. Helena, as he retrospects upon the wreck and ruin which lay in his wake, say, 'I perceive that it is not force that counts. With force I made all the world tremble, but my castles are tumbled down about my head, and I am a helpless outcast here on this desert island. I perceive that the greatest thing in life is love, for the lowly Nazarene, 1800 years ago, renounced ad to Message Not Alone

pomp, and power and glory, and championed love, and today He dominates the world.'

The story given you in this Yuletide editorial, epitomizes your life. First, the birth and childhood; then the choice of vocation and temptations; then the strenuous battle to carry on; then the looking over the top, your transfiguration; then the Garden of Gethsemane; then the cross and the grave; followed by the resurrection and the ascension!

Read this old book on business. It has no equal, and that you do read it is not alone the wish of the Texas Commercial News, but it is The Reporter's best New Year's wish to all its readers.

**TRADE RECORD**  
Some Curiosities of World Inter National Trade

Announcement that a big consignment of butter from the other side of the globe is now crossing the Pacific from New Zealand to New York, calls attention to the increasing details in the common products of the various sections of the work are now being interchanged. While we have been congratulating the American cow upon the fact that she has since the beginning of the war supplied a half billion dollars worth of her products for the foreign trade, we now find that the cows of other parts of the globe are quietly invading our own markets by unaccustomed routes and that they have sent us 120 million dollars worth of their products while we were sending 500 million dollars' worth of our own dairy products to other markets, especially those of Europe. We sent 150 million dollars worth of butter, cheese, condensed milk and other dairy products out of the country in 1919, and in the following year, 1920, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Canada and certain European countries sent us 30 million dollars worth of the products of their dairy industries. And the reports of big shipments now on the way from the dairy farms of New Zealand indicate that the great dairy industry of that country does not find even the equator and the long trip across the Pacific a bar to a permanent movement of their products to our markets, despite the fact that the output of our butter, cheese and condensed milk factories aggregated over a billion dollars value in the last census year, 1919, while the details of that census shows that we produced in 1919 6,894,000,000 gallons of milk, 1,620,000,000 pounds of butter and 40,000,000 pounds of cheese. A little more than one-half of the butter produced in the United States is the product of the factories and the remainder from the farms, while of the cheese products of the country about nine-tenths are of factory production.

Eggs are another class of farm products which are being sent from the other side of the globe to this greatest agricultural country of the world. Our importation of eggs in the single year 1921 was over 3 million dozen in the natural state, most of them coming from China, Japan and Australia, while frozen or dried eggs entering country were also chiefly from China, and have averaged about 5 million dollars a year value, despite the fact that the number of eggs supplied by the American hen now averages about 20 billion a year.

Peanuts are another example of the free interchange of articles considered of minor importance. The United States produces from 35,000,000 to 50,000,000 bushels a year, yet our importation of peanuts in the past decade has amounted to 27 million dollars value, and of peanut oil 54 million dollars, while our exports of peanuts in the same period were nearly 10 million dollars though of peanut oil the quantity exported was comparatively small.


Bristles are still another curiosity of international trade. We are the world's greatest producer of swine and send millions of them to slaughter every year, yet the quality of the bristles of the "razor back" swine of the Orient differs so much from that of the refined American hog that our importation of bristles, chiefly for use in the manufacture of brushes, now ranges from 5 to 10 million dollars every year and has in the past decade totaled nearly 50 million dollars, a very large proportion coming to us

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We believe in the future of Midland as a city; we believe its wealth-producing farms will continue to produce. We believe in its citizenship; its churches, its schools and its prospects, and we hope to make our bank a vital, helpful part of the development of the future.

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Midland, Texas

from China. In many other articles we are constantly bringing into the country considerable quantities of merchandise of which we are already the world's largest producer. Our underground coal supply equals that of all the balance of the world yet the northern border of the United States imports considerable quantities of coal from Canada; we are the world's largest producer of copper yet we import quantities of copper especially from South America, Mexico, and even the Orient largely because of our better smelting and refining facilities; we are the world's largest producer of petroleum yet we are bringing large quantities constantly from Mexico; we hold high rank as a lumber and timber producing country yet we are constantly importing lumber in quantities from our next-door neighbor, Canada, and wood pulp from Canada, and the Scandinavian countries. Nearly all of these articles which we are adding to our own domestic supply of food or manufacturing material comes from non-manufacturing countries and are thus paid for in large degree by the products of our factories.

**DAD'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

I will not sin. Never again will I touch the guest towel, for I have seen the error of my ways, and now know that guest towels are to be seen but not used; year, not even for a newly shaved face.

I will reverence the parlor. Verily verily, no cigar stumps nor ashes shall I leave behind me, nor shall I lay my head upon the sacred embroidered cushion.

I will reform. The socks that are taken off at night, even so shall they be picked up by me and put into the laundry basket.

I will be thankful. For the cut glass berry bowl and the mahogany sewing table, for the synthetic toilet lotion, for the belligerent cigars; for

these Christmas gifts, will I show rejoicing.

I will not answer back. Yes though the bills of the New Year morn are mighty as mountains, and I will walk in the shadow of bankruptcy, I will not lift my voice against thee.

I will not complain. No, though goulash and croquettes be handed to me even unto the third evening, I shall hold my peace, and my desire for portehouse shall be no more.

I will not struggle. That good-will may abide throughout the coming year, I cheerfully resolve to obey all the rules of the institution which harbors me. Amen.

**BACKACHE IS A WARNING**  
Midland People Should Not Neglect Their Kidneys

Backache is often nature's most frequent signal of weakened kidneys. To cure the pains and aches, to remove the lameness when it arises from weakened kidneys, you must reach the cause—the kidneys. If you have pains through the small of your back, urinary disorders, headaches, dizzy spells, or are nervous and depressed, start treating the kidneys with a tested kidney remedy.

Doan's Kidney Pills have been proven good and are especially for weak kidneys. Doan's have been used in kidney trouble for over 50 years. Read Midland testimony.

Mrs. J. H. Shepherd, Baird St., says: "Quite a few years ago I had occasion to use Doan's Kidney Pills. I had a great deal of trouble with my kidneys and back and at times my back felt so sore and lame, the least work was drudgery. I had headaches and on stooping, I got so dizzy, everything in front of me turned black. My kidneys were irregular and I was all played out, with no ambition to do anything. I started taking Doan's and they cured me entirely so I haven't been troubled since."

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Roy Parks returned this week from a business trip to El Paso.

**Burton-Lingo Company**  
Building Material and Paint

December 25, 1921.

Dear Friends and Customers:

We heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming years to our old friends, loyal and true; to our values new friends, and to those whose friendship we strive to deserve.

With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless though intangible asset, your good will, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence, and aim to serve you helpfully in the future.

Yours very truly,

**Burton-Lingo Company**  
By Lee Bradshaw

**Frequent Headaches**

"I suffered with chronic constipation that would bring on very severe headaches," says Mrs. Stephen H. Kincer, of R. F. D. 1, Cripple Creek, Va. "I tried different medicines and did not get relief. The headaches became very frequent. I heard of

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and took it for a headache, and the relief was very quick, and it was so long before I had another headache. Now I just keep the Black-Draught, and don't let myself get in that condition."

Thedford's Black-Draught (purely vegetable) has been found to relieve constipation, and by stimulating the action of the liver, when it is torpid, helps to drive many poisons out of your system. Biliousness, indigestion, headache, and similar troubles are often relieved in this way. It is the natural way. Be natural! Try Black-Draught.

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### Notice of Application for Letters of Administration

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 the 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 Probate of Will: The State of Texas.

To all persons interested in the estate of Dick Arthur, deceased, V. D. Ingle has filed in the county court of Midland County, an application for letters of administration on the estate of said Dick Arthur, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1923, the same being the eighth day of January A. D. 1923, 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 you 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 the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1922.

C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk, County Court, Midland County, Tex. adv 12-3t.

### CAPPER'S BAKER'S DOZEN

Here are the more important items in the farm bloc program as announced by its titular leader, Senator Capper, as congress convened:

The establishment of a complete rural credit organization that will provide farmers and stockmen with an adequate financial system.

The reduction of railway freight charges. The repeal of Section 15A (giving the Interstate Commerce Commission control over intrastate freight rates) and other objectionable provisions of the Ech-Cummins transportation act.

The adoption of a policy of legislation that will insure a better system of marketing of agricultural products.

The enactment of a measure that will put the development of the Muscle Shoals project in the hands of Henry Ford.

The passage of a law that will make undisturbed surpluses and stock dividends pay their share toward the maintenance of government.

The submission of a constitutional amendment prohibiting tax exempt securities.

Wall paper, paper-hanging, painting. The best paper at the lowest price. Work guaranteed the very best. P. O. Box 84, L. E. Hyatt, phone 81. adv 4t

### COUNTY CLERK'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarter Ending Oct. 31, 1922. To the Honorable Commissioners' Court, Midland County, Texas, November Term, A. D., 1922. Filed 30th Day Nov., 1922—C. B. Dunagan, Clerk R. E. Crowley, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1 in Account with Midland County, Texas:

Oct. 31, 1922. 1924 State of Texas vs. fine	\$ 1.00
Oct. 31, 1922. 1925. State of Texas vs. fine	\$ 1.00
Oct. 31, 1922. 1926. State of Texas vs. fine	\$ 1.00
Oct. 31, 1922. 1922 State of Texas vs. fine	\$ 1.00
Oct. 31, 1922. 1903. State of Texas vs. fine	10.00
Oct. 31, 1922. 1904. State of Texas vs. fine	10.00
Oct. 31, 1922. 1909. State of Texas vs. fine	10.00
Oct. 31, 1922. 1911. State of Texas vs. fine	20.00
	\$54.00

R. E. Crowley, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, in account with Midland County, Texas:

Oct. 31, 1922. By treas rect. No. 63	\$43.20
By commission	10.80
	\$54.00

C. B. Dunagan, County Clerk, in account with Midland County, Texas:

Midland Nat'l Bank vs. C. C. Woods Steno fee	\$3.00
Midland Nat'l Bank vs. F. H. Stephens steno fee	3.00
Midland Hardware Co. vs. V. C. Ray steno fee	3.00
John Motyl fine	8.00
Voliva vs. Thurston steno fee	3.00
Reader vs. Reader steno fee	3.00
Midland Nat'l Bank vs Anderson steno fee	3.00
Smith vs. S. P. I. O. O. F. lodge steno fee	3.00
Rockwell Bros. vs. Good steno fee	3.00
	\$32.00

C. B. Dunagan, County Clerk, in account with Midland County, Texas:

By treas rect. No. 40	\$ 8.00
By treas. rect. No. 52	24.00
	\$32.00

B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the first class fund:

Aug. 1, 1922. To balance	\$633.59
Aug. 18, 1922. To C. B. Dunagan Co. Clerk rect. No. 40	8.00
Sept. 1, 1922. To W. E. Bradford Tax Col. rect. No. 45	.38
Sept. 29, 1922. To C. B. Dunagan Co. Clerk rect. No. 52	24.00
Oct. 5, 1922. To W. E. Bradford tax col. rect. No. 56	.61
Oct. 31, 1922. To R. E. Crowley J. P. rect. No. 63	43.20
	\$709.78

Nov. 1, 1922. To balance \$340.75 B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 2nd class fund:

Aug. 1, 1922. To balance	\$2,324.31
Sept. 1, 1922. To W. E. Bradford, tax col. rect. No. 46	.75
Oct. 5, 1922. To W. E. Bradford tax col. rect. No. 57	1.23
	\$2,326.29

Nov. 1, 1922. To balance \$1,626.66 B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 3rd class fund:

Aug. 1, 1922. To balance	\$6,919.11
Aug. 1, 1922. To Midland Nat'l Bk. rect. No. 35	16.22
Sept. 1, 1922. To Midland Nat'l Bk. rect. No. 43	18.59
Sept. 1, 1922. To W. E. Bradford tax col. rect. No. 47	4.32
Oct. 2, 1922. To Midland Nat'l Bk. rect. No. 55	10.50
Oct. 5, 1922. To W. E. Bradford tax col. rect. No. 58	7.05
	\$6,970.79

Nov. 1, 1922. To balance \$3,063.79 B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 4th class fund:

Aug. 1, 1922. To balance	\$2,074.91
Nov. 1, 1922. To balance	\$2,061.65
B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 5th class fund:	
Debit	
Aug. 1, 1922. To balance	\$1,658.76
Nov. 1, 1922. To balance	\$1,658.76
B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 6th class fund:	
Debit	
To balance over draft	\$24.65
B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 7th class fund:	
Debit	
Aug. 1, 1922. To balance	\$
Aug. 31, 1922. To W. E. Bradford tax col. rect. No. 43	.75
Oct. 5, 1922. To W. E. Bradford tax col. rect. No. 59	1.23
To balance overdraft	97.06
	\$99.04

Nov. 1, 1922. To balance \$9,316.45 B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, for assessment under 8th class fund:

Aug. 1, 1922. To balance	\$9,316.45
Sept. 1, 1922. To Midland Nat'l Bank rect. No. 42	25.33
Sept. 1, 1922. To W. E. Bradford tax col. rect. No. 44	665.28
Sept. 1, 1922. To W. E. Bradford tax col. rect. No. 49	3,776
Oct. 2, 1922. To Midland Nat'l Bank rect. No. 54	26.44
Oct. 5, 1922. To W. E. Bradford tax col. rect. No. 60	6.14
	\$10,043.40

Nov. 1, 1922. To balance \$8,473.87 B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, for assessment under 9th class fund:

Aug. 1, 1922. To balance	\$67,192.55
Aug. 2, 1922. To Wommack Construction Co., rect. No. 32	4,448.92
Sept. 4, 1922. To State Highway Dept. rect. No. 50	4,331.40
	\$76,972.87

Sept. 1, 1922. To Midland Nat'l Bank rect. No. 41	127.08
Sept. 18, 1922. To Wommack Construction Co., rect. No. 51	4,646.80
Oct. 2, 1922. To Midland Nat'l Bank rect. No. 53	109.69
Oct. 9, 1922. To State Highway Dept. rect. No. 61	7,530.62
Oct. 23, 1922. To Wommack Construction Co., rect. No. 62	3,905.87
	\$92,292.43

Nov. 1, 1922. To balance \$42,341.97 B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 1st class fund:

By amt paid out	\$360.30
By 2 per cent com on amt recd	1.52
By 2 per cent com on amt paid out	7.21
By balance	340.75
	\$709.78

B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 2nd class fund:

By amt. paid out	\$ 685.82
By 2 per cent com on amt recd	.04
By 2 per cent com on amt paid out	18.72
By balance	1,626.66
	\$2,326.29

B. W. Lee, County Treasurer in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 3rd class fund:

By amt paid out	\$3,828.99
By 2 per cent com on amt recd	1.03
By 2 per cent com on amt paid out	76.98
By balance	3,063.79
	\$6,970.79

B. W. Lee, County Treasurer in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 4th class fund:

By amt. paid out	\$ 13.00
By 2 per cent com. on amt paid out	.26
By balance	2,061.65
	\$2,074.91

B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 5th class fund:

By Balance	\$1,658.76
B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 6th class fund:	
Debit	
By bal. overdraft	\$24.65
B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, under the 7th class fund:	
Debit	
By balance overdraft	\$99.04
B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas, for assessment under 8th class fund:	
Debit	
By amt. paid out	\$1,524.50

By 2 per cent com on amt recd	14.54
By 2 per cent com on amt paid out	30.49
By balance	8,473.87
	\$10,043.40

B. W. Lee, County Treasurer, in account with Midland County, Texas for assessment under 9th class fund:

By amt paid out	\$49,825.31
By 1-4 of 1 per cent on amt recd	.59
By 1-4 of 1 per cent on amount paid out	124.56
By balance	42,341.97
	\$92,292.43

Recapitulation

1st Class Fund	\$40.75
2nd Class Fund	1,626.66
3rd Class Fund	3,043.84
4th Class Fund	2,061.65
5th Class Fund	1,658.76
6th Class Fund	24.65
7th Class Fund	97.06
8th Class Fund	8,473.87
9th Class Fund	42,341.97
	\$59,547.50

The State of Texas, County of Midland—I do solemnly swear that the above and foregoing is a true and correct Report for the Quarter ending 31st day of July, A. D., 1922 as required by Article 824, 824b, 824c and 825, Revised Statutes of 1895.

C. B. DUNAGAN, County Clerk, Midland County, Texas

MAK7 \$25.00—\$900 to \$1200—a-year office positions guaranteed by 26 Special Scholarships at \$25 discount from catalog rates. Scholarships good at any time—home study free. \$5 cash for new name of any one accepting this Holiday Offer. Send names and ask for Offer 5 today. Abilene Draughon Business College, Abilene, Texas. adv12-2t

### RODENT EXTERMINATION

4. Trapping. Inside the home the past year has been ideal, climatically, for huge crops of rodents especially rats and mice. Some communities are complaining of the increasing numbers and are requesting the State Board of Health to advise them on methods of extermination.

While mice and rats are not natives of this country, their dominance is due to their great fecundity and ability to easily adapt themselves to new surroundings.

Methods of Eradication

1. Eliminate breeding places. Offer no lodging and exposed food in building.

2. Exclude animals from buildings.

Place screens over all openings, drain pipes, etc.

3. Garbage and offal must be so deposited in metal covered pails that the animals cannot get to food. Towns should install incinerators, and until they have such a plant, should burn all material hauled to the dumping ground.

best type of trap is the snap-trap, set with fried bacon, corn meal, bread, cheese, sausage, or raw meat. Start trapping by using plenty of traps, one dozen are not too many, for one building. Sterilize traps after each catch.

5. Poison. Poison is a quick way to get rid of rats and mice, but the odor from the dead animals sometimes makes it impractical to use in occupied houses. If poison is used, it should be placed so as to be inaccessible to children. Packages containing poison should be plainly labeled. Perhaps the cheapest and most effective of poisons is Barium Carbonate. In small doses it would be harmless to domestic animals, and inasmuch as its action is slow, rats and mice will usually leave the house in search of water before dying. Barium Carbonate may be fed in the form of dough, composed of three parts of meal or flour to one part B. C. It may also be spread on toast, fish or oatmeal.

6. Domestic animals as natural enemies. The smaller dogs, when trained, become fairly good ratters. Cats when trained become good mousers.

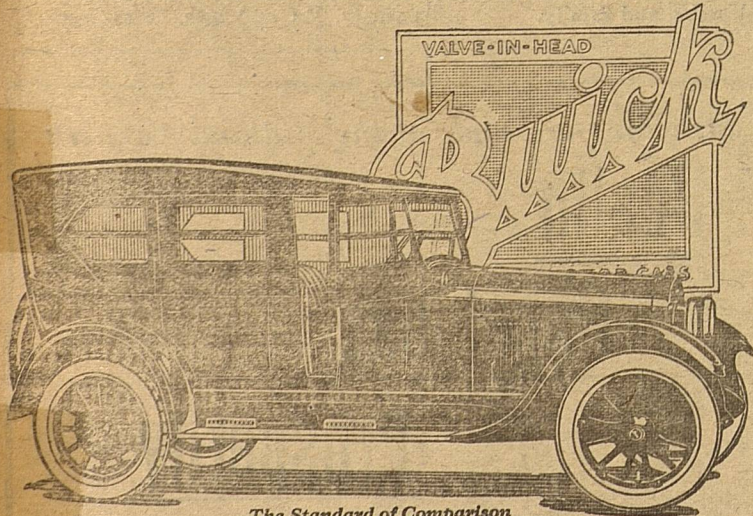
To secure permanent results, and general campaign for the extermination of these animals, the organization must aim at rat proofing or building them out.

When You are Constipated To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation. adv Dec. Int

A jolly good time with plenty to eat and drink tomorrow afternoon at the Library tea in the front office of The Reporter. Come and bring your friends.

Mrs. Joe Ragsdale is spending the week on their ranch south.

Bryan Estes, of Van Horn, was a visitor this week, here for a part of the holidays with relatives and friends.



The Standard of Comparison

## Driving Comfort in Winter

The Buick "Model 45" Six Cylinder—\$1195

As complete as has been the development of the enclosed car, Buick designers have not neglected to improve the open type of car, building into it a measure of comfort, convenience and weather protection surpassed only by the more expensive closed vehicle.

Protection against wind and snow is assured by the snug-fitting storm curtains that open with the doors. The Buick design of storm curtains with a special weather strip provides a coziness, comparable to that of any closed car, while windshield wiper and tight fitting windshield, adjustable from within, make driving safe and comfortable.

Added to this, and equally important in winter driving, is the splendid performance that a Buick car always produces—its constant and surplus power—its roadability and perfect balance and its unquestioned dependability.

For cold weather driving there is no superior to the Buick open cars.

### The Buick Line for 1923 Comprises Fourteen Models

Four—23-34, \$865; 23-35, \$885; 23-36, \$1175; 23-37, \$1395; 23-38, \$1325. Six—23-44, \$1175; 23-45, \$1195; 23-41, \$1995; 23-47, \$1985; 23-48, \$1895; 23-49, \$1435; 23-50, \$2195; 23-54, \$1625; 23-55, \$1675. Prices f.o.b. Buick factories. Ask about the G. M. A. C. Purchase Plan, which provides for Deferred Payments.

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BUICK MOTOR COMPANY, Flint, Michigan

Coyle-Cordill Motor Co., Midland, Tex.

When Better Automobiles are built Buick will build them



### THE NEW GARAGE

Your new car as well as your old car should have a house to shelter it. A garage will pay for itself in the years it adds to the life of your car and the saving in its upkeep. Now is the time to build it, let us talk to you about starting the job now.

**Rockwell Bros & Co.**  
Building Materials

### CHURCH NOTICES

**Baptist Church**  
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon, 11 a. m. Subject, "The People Called Baptists."  
Sermon, 7:15 p. m. Subject, "Ye are not your own."  
Prayer service, Wednesday 7:15 p. m. At prayermeeting the pastor will suggest a program of work for the coming year.  
Every member is urged to be present.

W. S. GARNETT, Pastor.

Mass will be on every third Sunday of the month and on the fifth Sunday when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. Beginning of mass at 10 a. m.

**Senior Endeavor**  
Subject—Lessons from a New Year's Psalm.  
Leader—Mary Fleenor.  
Scripture reading—Judges 7: 1r-23—Lurline Anderson.  
Prayer, song, business.  
Scripture lesson, Ps. 90:1-17—Leader.

Talk on subject—Nellie Midkiff.  
Sentence prayers, opened by Euphie Pemberton and closed by Bill Potter.  
Song.

Scripture reading, Ps. 91: 1-7—Charlie Ethridge.  
Talk: What the New Year can bring—Benjamin Fleenor.  
Talk: What has Endeavor done during the old year—Agnes Mae Wingham.  
Scripture reading: 2 Cor. 5:1-9—Bill Potter.  
Song and benediction.

#### Card of Thanks

I wish to try to express my appreciation to the good Christian ladies of Midland and vicinity for the poundings with good things to eat sent us in such abundance, the ladies of the Presbyterian and other churches. Twice lately they have treated us thus nicely, and in the name of Christ Jesus we love and appreciate all who had a hand in these offerings to a bereaved family.  
God bless the preachers, editor, and all others.

M. M. Bounds.

### MIDLAND SOCIETY

MISS LYDIE G. WATSON, Editor  
Phone 88

**Miss Clella Denton, Honoree**  
On last Saturday afternoon the pretty home of Mrs. Leonard Pemberton was the scene of a delightful hospitality when she together with Mesdames George Ratliff and Alfred Stanley gave a miscellaneous shower in compliment to Miss Clella Denton, one of the brides of the week. The house was prettily decorated in Christmas emblems of red and green and soon after the arrival of the guests a real Santa Claus appeared and after reading a Christmas letter, supposed to be written by the little bride-elect, led her into the dining room where centering the table was a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Santa then presented this, with all its lovely gifts to Miss Denton, and she, her sweet, girlish face registering only joy and happiness, proceeded to open the many packages and admire their lovely contents. After thanking her friends for this lovely manifestation of their love, the hostesses served a most delicious salad plate. Another pleasant feature of the afternoon was the reading on "husbands," by Miss Eulalia Whitefield.

**Littlejohn-Mims**  
One of the outstanding weddings of the week was that of Miss Maurine Ione Littlejohn and Mr. Percy James Mims. The ceremony was performed Friday evening by Rev. W. Angie Smith. This wedding is one of great interest to many friends both here and elsewhere, as the young people are prominent socially and have a wide circle of admiring friends who pray that only Heaven's choicest and richest blessing may be showered upon them.

The bride, who has been teaching domestic art in our public schools the past two years, is a young woman possessing much personal charm and many graces of mind and character. Mr. Mims is one of Midland's own sons and one in whom she is well pleased, a young man of splendid character and most exemplary habits. He served faithfully and well in the late world carnage and since his honorable discharge has been asso-

ciated with Hill & Youngblood's grocery. Percy's sweet voice has charmed many of our Midland audiences, and he has always been prominently identified with every enterprise of a musical nature. The Reporter extends warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mims with the wish that during the coming years and even when they sit in the shadows at eventide their hearts may be just as happy and as joyously attuned as upon their wedding night.

**Denton-Klapproth**  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Denton was the scene of a beautiful though quiet wedding Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock when their daughter, Clella, was united in wedlock to Judge Charles Klapproth. The ceremony took place in the living room, amid trailing feathery ferns, vines and stately floor baskets filled with pink and white roses, forming a lovely background for the youthful bridal party.

A pre-nuptial musical program consisting of the following numbers was beautifully and effectively rendered:

Vocal Solo—"I Love You Truly" (Bonds)

Mr. Percy Mims  
Violin Solo—"Meditation from 'Thais'" Massenet

Mr. Ned Watson  
Vocal Solo—"At Dawning"—Cadman

Mr. Percy Mims

Miss Lydie G. Watson accompanied the soloists on the piano, the soft tender tones of the love notes gradually swelling into the triumphant harmony of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Rev. W. S. Garnett, pastor of the Baptist church, entered first followed by little Dorothy Bess Stanly who was a veritable Christmas doll in her little pink taffeta frock and daintily showering rose petals from an ivory basket. The bride and groom entered from different doors and meeting marched together to the minister who beautifully and reverently read the ring service which made them man and wife. During the ceremony Mr. and Miss Watson played softly Morrison's Meditation on violin and piano. During the prayer concluding the service, the bride and groom knelt on white satin pillows.

Mrs. Klapproth never looked more lovely, sweet and girlish than in this golden hour of her wedding. She seemed almost a dream bride in her dress of white Canton crepe with her misty bridal veil floating about her and becomingly caught at her head by a coronet of orange blossoms. Her only ornament was a beautiful platinum wrist watch, the gift of the groom. Her going away gown was brown chiffon velvet with hat and other accessories of the same rich golden tone.

After congratulations had been lovingly extended the young couple, brick cream in the favored shades of pink and white with angel food cake were served. The cutting of the bride's cake was the inspiration of much merriment. Miss Lula Elkin cut the thimble, Miss Elma Graves the dime, Miss Johnnie Roberts the ring and Mrs. Andrew Faskin the needle.

Judge and Mrs. Klapproth left on the afternoon train for a few days' bridal trip, after which they will be at home to their numerous friends in Midland.

The out of town guests were Miss Corine Flaniken, of Big Spring; Mr. F. M. Denton, of Roswell, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sharp, of Abilene, and Miss Theresa Klapproth, of Mason.

The marriage of these two young people unites two of the oldest families of Midland, both have been reared here, both are graduates of our high school, then their paths diverged for a time, she to pursue her studies further in C. I. A. and he in the classic halls of the State University where he received his degree in the law department. Mrs. Klapproth has been teaching in the Big Spring schools the past two or three years, and he at our last election was elected county judge and will be formally installed the first of January, thus they are beginning their wedded journey under most promising conditions, and The Reporter with others wish them bon voyage.

Mrs. Henry M. Half left Monday night for Dallas, where she will attend the wedding of a cousin. Tuesday she will also be met by her mother, Mrs. A. B. Wechsler, of New York City, and Friday they will return to Midland. Mrs. Wechsler is most pleasantly remembered by many Midland friends, who have met and learned to admire her upon her former visits and these are most delighted to welcome her again.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Snodgrass are enjoying a family reunion this week, all of the children being at home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Will Snodgrass and baby from Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Pope Snodgrass, of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobbs, of Abilene.

Mrs. W. S. Garnett, wife of the young Baptist minister, arrived on Tuesday morning, and is now pleasantly domiciled in the Baptist parsonage. All of Midland as well as members of her husband's congregation, cordially extend Mrs. Garnett a welcome with the sincere wish that her life among us will only be one of happiness and peace.

#### Mr. Eugene Burkett Promoted

Anything pertaining to the family of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Burkett is of particular interest to Midland, hence many friends will be happy to learn of a card which Mrs. Lenton Brunson received from her brother, Eugene and wife, in which he stated he had been promoted to lieutenant. Lieut. Burkett was only a young boy when they left Midland a number of years ago, but later he went to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis where he graduated, afterwards going to Pensacola, Florida, where he took his examinations for lieutenant, and where he is now stationed. This promotion is very gratifying to Midland friends among whom the Burkett family will always be remembered and loved.

On account of not being able to get the data, the wedding of Mr. J. R. Storey and Miss Bannerman, is left over until next week.

Miss Mary Barron, of the Dallas City Schools, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. J. P. Howe and family with Mesdames T. Roberts and Carl Roberts returned Wednesday from a trip pleasantly made by automobile at which time they visited Abilene, Buffalo Gap and Elmdale.

Misses Johnnie, Willie and Tommie Preston, of Simmons College, Abilene, are among the college girls home for the vacation.

Mr. Joe Faskin, of T. C. U., Ft. Worth, has been the guest of Midland relatives this week.

Miss Lydie G. Watson will re-open her music class next Tuesday morning, Jan. 2nd, and will be glad to confer with any new pupils who desire to begin the study of music. Miss Watson is planning to give a series of recitals this winter which promises to be very educational as well as attractive.

A tea will be given tomorrow afternoon at The Reporter office by the 99 Club as a benefit for the Library Association. This will be an attractive finale to the Christmas festivities, so you and your friends be sure and call.

Miss Theresa Klapproth, who is teaching at Mason, and Mr. Herman Klapproth, a student of the State University at Austin, have been the guests of their mother, Mrs. H. Klapproth, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sharp and baby daughter, Eddie Lou, left Wednesday for their home in Abilene, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. H. Klapproth.

Miss Beulah Graves, a teacher in the Ft. Worth city schools is spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. Calvin Nobles and little son, Billie Graves, left Monday night for their home in Kernes, after an extended visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Graves.

Miss Kathleen Eiland, of the State University, is the guest of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Clark, of Abilene, are the holiday guests of their mother, Mrs. W. L. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Stanton are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pemberton.

Miss Lorraine Davis and her cousin, Miss Frances Treadwell, of Dallas, are the Yuletide guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Davis.

Miss Golda Wilhite, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilhite, left Monday night for her home in Ft. Worth.

#### Piano Tuning

I will be in Midland January 1, 2, and 3. Parties desiring to have their piano tuned or repaired will please leave orders for me with Basham, Shepherd & Co. Price for tuning, \$5. Repair work also at reasonable prices. adv. F. M. DENTON.

Mrs. S. W. Smith and two young sons, of Plainview, and Mrs. H. Z. Collier and son were holiday visitors to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Scarborough.

W. F. Scarborough left yesterday for his Winkler County ranch, after spending the holidays at home.

## Happy New Year To You

WE WISH TO THANK OUR FRIENDS FOR THEIR PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU AND WE TRUST YOU WILL GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR WANTS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY TO EACH OF YOU.

## Everybody's

"Everything to Wear."

Healy & Yarbrough this week received a new "crate" of Fords. They had good sales on these cars, and are now expecting to receive soon their Lincoln demonstration car, a 4-passenger phaeton. The Lincoln is said to be one of the very handsomest cars manufactured.

E. W. Nicodemus, representing the Drover's Cattle Loan Company, was a business visitor to Ft. Worth this week.

J. E. Feeler has bought an interest in the Home Bakery. J. W. Cook, former sole proprietor. The institution is now being moved across the street to the Currie building.

Jeff Dowden returned the first of the week from Plainview, where he spent Christmas with his son, Noel, and family. He reports a most enjoyable visit in every way, but especially since his son is doing so nicely with his new business, he having recently graduated as an embalmer and undertaker.

Addison Wadley, of Wadley-Wilson Company, made a business trip to Dallas this week, returning yesterday.

J. C. Holcombe, of Plainview, is here this week, a guest of his brother, W. T. Holcombe, and family.

### DICK ARNETT DRAWS THE LUCKY NUMBER

As will be seen in the advertisement of the Midland Hardware Company, this issue, No. 11051 was the lucky one in the drawing for the handsome Majestic Range given away last Saturday by that concern. Mr. Arnett was indeed lucky and is to be congratulated.

Crockett Horne, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Coss Horne, of Hillsboro, Texas, are here for the holidays, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Horne.

Jno. P. Howe and family went to Abilene for the holidays, spending the happy period with Mrs. Howe's parents.

F. M. Denton was here this week to attend the marriage of his daughter, Miss Clella, to Mr. Charles L. Klapproth, which was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon.

Kirk Flanigan, of Stanton, is in the Midland Sanitarium, nursing a broken elbow, received in an auto accident recently.

Mrs. George Brooks, of Deming, N. M., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Creek.

We wish for the people of the Midland Country

### Health

### Happiness

### Prosperity

### For 1923

Our office is INSURANCE HEADQUARTERS for Midland.

Use it. Call on us for inspections of your property, and let us be sure that you are adequately protected with fire insurance.

We write insurance of all kinds in this office, and do not have to submit applications to the companies in writing insurance on farm and ranch property. See us for quick and efficient service.

Are you prepared for the Land Boom?

It Is Coming!

Let us bring your abstracts down to date while there is time. You may get on a trade for city or country property any day.

If your abstract of title is ready, you save delay that might cause failure of your deal.

We have the only abstract books of Midland County, and are experienced in making and supplementing abstracts of title. Our office force is prepared to handle large volumes of work on short notice.

## Sparks & Barron

General Insurance and Abstracts

We take this opportunity of wishing each of our friends a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and

### Invite You

while home for the holidays not to neglect the picture you have been intending to have made. Both the Family Group and the Individual Ones.



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