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MORE PRODUCTION IN CRANE COUNTY

NEW LOCATIONS IN CRANE AND WINKLER CREATE NEW INTEREST

Fifty-six operations in ten counties near Midland, including one New Mexico County, have ten locations, one derrick, three rigging up, twenty nine drilling, seven shut down, five showing or producing oil, and one abandoned this week.

Crane and Winkler Counties are still maintaining maximum interest among oil men located in Midland and among land owners of this section.

Andrews County

In Andrews County, Maer and Stainforth No. 1 Taylor, section 15 block A-42, is still a location. Zweifel No. 1 Means, section 8 block A-35 which was a location, has been abandoned. Reports from Andrews are to the effect that some other parties are to take this over and drill. Zweifel and Carter No. 1 Cowden, section 18 block A-52, is rigging up.

Crane County

Duffy Bros. No. 1 Cowden, section 65 block X, plugged back from a depth of 3296 to 3250 feet, and will shoot. Eastland Oil Co. No. 1 University, section 47 block 30, is building the rig. Gulf Production Co. No. 4 Crier and McElroy, section 198 block F, is in anhydrite at 2430 feet having topped the salt at 1015. Gulf Production Co. No. 2-A Crier McElroy, section 198 block F, is down to 80 feet in red rock. Gulf Production Co. No. 2-A McElroy, section 203 block F, completed the well at 2906, and is making 123 barrels. Gulf No. 1 McElroy, section 208 block F, completed the hole at 2833 and is making 625 barrels. Gulf No. 4 section 197 block F, is down to 1770 in salt. Gulf production Co. No. 5 McElroy, section 197 block F, is in anhydrite at 950 feet. Gulf State Lassiter No. 1 University, section 35 block 30, completed the hole at 3077 and is reported to be making 192 barrels. Gulf State-Lassiter No. 2 University, same section, is building the rig. Duffy Bros. (Hoffmeyer & Healy) No. 1 Cowden, section 16 block X, is in anhydrite at 2625 feet. Hoffmeyer & Healy Zweifel No. 1 Cowden, section 8 block X, is building the rig. Magnolia et al No. 3 University, section 34 block 30, is in lime at 3010, having topped the lime at 3003. Magnolia et al No. 1 State-Lassiter, University, section 34 block 30 is in salt at 1700. The salt was topped at 1150. Magnolia Hardwick No. 1 University, section 39 block 30, topped the lime at 2944 feet. Magnolia O'Keefe No. 2 University, section 38 block 30, completed the well at 3026 and is making about 110 barrels. Magnolia O'Keefe No. 3 University, section 39 block 30, has the rig up. Prairie-Collett No. 1-B University, section 36 block 31, is down to 2320 feet in anhydrite. Prairie Oil and Gas Co. No. 1-A University, section 39 block 30, completed the hole at a depth of 3050, with initial production of forty barrels. Prairie Oil and Gas Co. No. 2-A University, section 39 block 30, has a total depth of 3036, making about 103 barrels. Prairie Oil and Gas Co. No. 3-A University, section 39 block 30 is in red rock at 450 feet. Simms and Atlantic No. 1 University, section 39 block 30, is a location, 330 feet from south and 990 feet from west lines. Steadham and Thrasher No. 1 University, section 45 block 30, is in red rock at 670 feet. Tidal Oil Company No. 2-B University, section 34 block 30, shut down at 3044. The pay was topped in this hole at 3006, and it is reported to have swabbed 45 barrels in about three hours. Tidal Oil Co. No. 1-C University, section 34 block 30, topped the pay at 314 and shut down for orders at 3050.

Ector County

Cosden Connell No. 1-A, section 13 block 16, reached a depth of 3771, with intentions of shooting the hole where a favorable showing was encountered. Exploration Co. No. 1 Clough et al, section 39 block 45, township 1-south, is in lime at 4275. Exploration No. 1 Slator, section 10 same block, is at 1030 in red rock. Llano No. 1 Cowden, section 1 & 5 block B-14, completed their contract at 4008 and is preparing to plug.

Upton County

Gulf Production Co. No. 2-C McElroy, section 155 block E, is down to 780 feet. Gulf Production Co. No. 1-C McElroy, section 134 block E, is

WEMPLE SELLS BIG SEIBERLING QUOTA

IS ONE OF SIX SALESMEN TO GET TRIP TO BIG TIRE FACTORY

Fred Wemple, owner and operator of the Ever Ready Filling Station and dealer for this territory in Seiberling tires, returned last Sunday from a trip to the factory at Akron, Ohio. This trip was given to Mr. Wemple and five other salesmen in Texas and Oklahoma for selling his quota of tires, based on car registration in his territory.

Mr. Wemple had the pleasure of a personal interview with Frank A. Seiberling, himself, and discussed matters of interest to the tire trade in this section. Among the recommendations made by Mr. Wemple was that a better puncture proof tube be manufactured, and he was given some assurance that Seiberling would investigate making such a tube.

The Midland dealer also made trips to Cleveland, Ohio, and to Chicago before returning to Texas.

HARDWARE-FURNITURE PARTNERSHIP FORMED

C. A. McCLINTIC, H. H. MEEKS AND J. L. TIDWELL TO HAVE BIG STORE

Definite announcement of the organization of a partnership to handle hardware and furniture, at the present location of the Meeks Furniture Company, was made yesterday the new firm to be composed of C. A. McClintic, H. H. Meeks and J. L. Tidwell.

A new lease has been obtained on the building now occupied by the Meeks Furniture Company, and the partnership will assume management beginning January 1.

With the entry of C. A. McClintic into the firm, ample finances are assured to handle a large and complete stock, as Mr. McClintic has "cashed out" considerable valuable royalty in Crane County recently. Mr. Meeks has conducted a successful furniture business here for over a year, and is highly pleased with the new organization. Mr. Tidwell has been associated with the Midland Hardware Company for years, and will be in charge of the hardware department of the new store.

Notice—Car Owners

License numbers for 1927 may be secured now at the Sheriff's office. Be sure to bring headlight test certificates when applying for license. By registering as early as possible, you will save time and avoid the rush. A. C. FRANCIS, sheriff and tax collector, by Ola Dublin, deputy.

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in Red Rock at 800 feet. These were formerly the Bill Dunning wells. Sartain Bros. & Davis No. 1 Bull, section 48 block 41 township 5-South is shut down at 2600 in anhydrite Skelly Oil Co. No. 1 Jones, section 32 block 45 township 4-south, is still fishing for pipe at 3595.

Winkler County

Gibson and Johnson No. 1 Leck, section 30 block 74, is a location. Gulf Production Co. No. 1 Hendrix section 34 block B-5, is building the rig. This is 330 feet from the north and west lines. Independent No. 1 Hendrix, section 42 block B-5, is building the rig. Ladd and Simon No. 1 Amburgey, section 24 B-7, is still fishing. Llano Oil Co. No. 1 Scarborough, section 1 block C22, is building a road. Mathews No. 1 Cowden, section 7 block A57 is fishing at 1225 feet. McCullough Oil Co. No. 1 Morton, section 20 and 21, Block B-12, is rigging up. Pure Oil Company No. 1 Hendrix, section 41 block B-5, is a location. Richardson Bros. No. 1 Cowden, section 21 block C23, is a location. Westbrook Oil Co. No. 1 Hendrix, the discovery well of Winkler County, section 42 block B-5, completed the hole at 3005 and flows 135 barrels in 24 hours. Zoch et al No. 1 Sealy Estate, section 73 block A, is under reaming at 930 feet.

ICE PLANT TO BE BUILT BY THE SOUTHERN ICE AND UTILITIES CO.

ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF MIDLAND PLANT TO BE STARTED WITHIN NINETY DAYS ACCORDING TO LETTER FROM W. G. SMAUDER TO C. OF C.

Construction of an ice plant in Midland will begin within 90 days, according to C. W. Dawley, president of the Southern Ice & Utilities Co., as quoted by W. G. Smauder, one of the chief men of the company, in a letter to the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

The letter promising an ice plant for Midland came in reply to a communication from the Midland Chamber pointing out that if Southern Ice & Utilities was positive of building a plant, several financially able prospects who were ready to establish a plant in Midland would be discouraged from further effort.

Mr. Smauder's letter follows in full:

"Thank you for your letter of December 4th informing us of your ice situation and requesting an expression from us.

"Mr. Dawley concurs in my opinion with reference to our now building a plant in Midland, and while our directors meeting does not come until the week of December 20th, he has authorized me to say to you that he will begin construction of a

plant within the next 90 days.

"In line with my discussion with you, it is our thought to construct an attractive building on the highway side of our present property, the ice storage room to have first consideration. A neat, buff brick front with all trimmings in white and gravel drive with grassed plots will make a splendid station—a credit to any city. Our next step is the water situation, and while the Ulmer analysis indicates that good ice can be made, the quantity is as important as the quality.

"We appreciate most highly, Mr. Vickers, your expression of confidence and your spirit of cooperation. We want you to know that the Midland Light company stands ready to work with you and the good people of Midland in your program of up-building and development. The full meaning of co-operation between the utilities who render public service and the people served by them that these public servants are able to make extensions and keep pace with the community's growth."

BIG ACREAGE DEAL IN CRANE AND WARD

EDWARDS BROS. SELL HALF ROYALTY TO ZOCH AND ASSOCIATES

The sale of half interest in the royalty in 33,000 acres of the Edwards Bros. ranch has been reported, the purchasers being F. P. Zoch and associates, of Fort Worth. The land lies in Crane and Ward Counties. The consideration was not made public. This is one of the major royalty deals that have been reported in West Texas recently.

Finds Two Dead Black Tail Bucks In Yates Pasture

Harve Brooks is showing the picture of two black tailed buck deer, found with locked antlers dead on the Ira G. Yates, 26000 acre ranch west of the Pecos river in Pecos County. Their antlers were so tightly interlocked that efforts to pry them apart were fruitless.

When found the animals had been dead apparently for a month as the lower parts of their bodies were well rotted away. A great gaping hole had been dug out by the effort of the animals, each more than ten points, to get loose from each other. Starvation settled on them and they died. These black tailed deer will sometimes weigh more than 300 pounds and are of the larger species. —San Angelo Standard.

Library

Beau Sabreur—Percival Christopher Wren, a gripping mystery story of the desert. Major de Beaujolias, a French Hussar, is sent to Africa on a special service mission, arriving at a Saharan outpost just in time to witness a bloody mutiny and to rescue an American girl. Fleeing to safety across the desert, they fall into the hands of a fierce Arab tribe. The conflict between his duty and his sorely harassed heart would make a humorous narrative were it not so tragic. Mr. Wren has caught the spirit of the desert, and has made it a charming background for his story. Library opens Monday, Tuesday Saturday—3:30 to 5:30.

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MRS. LIGON BURIED IN TEMPLE LAST WEEK

PROMINENT MIDLAND WOMAN PASSED AWAY WHILE IN MISSISSIPPI

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ligon returned last Friday from Temple, where they attended the funeral services of Mr. Ligon's mother, Mrs. O. W. Ligon, who for many years was a resident of Midland. The deceased, accompanied by her husband, left Midland several months ago for Temple, where she was in a sanitarium for some time. From there, they went to Tupelo, Mississippi, where they visited their daughter, formerly Miss Minerva Ligon of Midland. It was there that the end came. Mrs. Ligon had been in bad health for years, and during the last few months her family had believed that she could not live much longer.

Many Midland people join the bereaved family in deepest regret on account of her death. Mrs. Ligon was active in the religious, social and educational life of Midland throughout the length of her residence here. Her many friends had constantly hoped that her health would improve so that she could come back to Midland.

Besides the son and daughter above mentioned, and her husband, O. W. Ligon, Otis Ligon of Temple survives.

C. A. McClintic went to Sweetwater last night to close a contract for a lease on the building which he plans to erect next door to the post office. McClintic Bros. bought lots 17 and 18, facing the court house, from Thomas et al yesterday.

Mrs. C. C. Watson is here this week from Belton, visiting old Midland friends. She reports C. C. Senior and Junior getting along fine.

W. T. Beasley, of South Carolina, is in Midland visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Atkins. He is a brother of Mrs. Atkins.

Mrs. Bernard Hendrick, Mrs. Tom Jones, Mrs. J. T. Cross, and Miss Irma Jones were in Midland Tuesday from Odessa.

Baptist Church

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Classes for all ages.

Public Worship with sermon by the pastor at 11 A. M.

Baptismal service at 7:15 at which time the pastor will explain the Baptist position regarding baptism.

A most cordial invitation is extended to strangers and the general public to meet and worship with us. George F. Brown, Pastor.

LODGE TO OBSERVE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

MIDLAND MASONS TO HOLD BIG MEETING THURSDAY DECEMBER 16.

The fortieth anniversary of Midland lodge No. 623 A. F. & A. M. will be celebrated Thursday night, December 16, at the Masonic Hall, with an oyster supper and a most excellent program of music, short talks etc.

This meeting has been designated as a Roll Call meeting, and it is expected that every member of the lodge, if it is at all possible, will be present to answer to his name when called.

An invitation committee has been appointed to seek out and invite all Master Masons other than the local members to be present on this auspicious occasion, but all Masons are advised that they are specifically invited whether the committee finds them or not. The local Masons advise that they want to get acquainted with all Masons in this vicinity and to make them realize that they are among friends and at home.

It is expected that every member of this lodge will attend and be prepared to enjoy himself to the fullest extent. The meeting will be thrown open to Masons, and all who feel like saying something will be urged to do so. Every Mason is advised that it is up to him to get busy and be responsible for his part in making this event a "howling success." It is believed that the meeting will be remembered hereafter that if each Mason does his as one of the most enjoyable and profitable ever held under the auspices of the Midland Lodge. "I am counting on your being present without fail, and your hearty cooperation and assistance in putting the matter over the way it should be done", says secretary J. M. Gilmore to all Masons in this territory.

Poultry Show In Currie Building

The club poultry show for members of the Midland County boys and girls clubs, will be held on Saturday December 18th, in the old city bakery just south of the Post Office.

The boys and girls are urged to have their three best pullets in the building, ready to be judged by ten o'clock in the morning.

If the birds are dirty they may be washed in slightly warm water about two days before the show, then kept in a clean coop until time to bring them in. They should be washed in two waters, adding a little bluing in the last water (for white birds only) then wrapped in a clean dry cloth and put by the stove until they are dry. In case the legs of the pullets are rough and dirty grease them with lard or vaseline and polish with a dry woolen cloth.

The building is being furnished through the courtesy of Messrs J. T. and W. B. Currie of Big Spring.

Fine Arts Club

The Fine Arts Club enjoyed a meeting of unusual interest Wednesday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. W. E. Wallace, with Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Paul T. Vickers as hostesses. Despite the inclement weather, a representative crowd was present, and a most comprehensive study was made of the subject "Drama", under which the following program was given: Roll call, Great Dramatists; Leader, Mrs. J. M. Caldwell; (a) Drama—What it is and what it stands for; (b) Drama before Shakespeare, Miss Juliette Wolcott; (c) The English Stage before Shakespeare, Mrs. O. B. Holt; (d) The Five Great Dramas, Mrs. Foy Proctor; (e) The stage as an educator, Mrs. R. B. Cowden; (f) What the stage stands for, Mrs. Paul T. Vickers; (g) Our stage today, Miss Carolyn Caldwell.

During the business hour, much unfinished business was attended to, standing committees were appointed and withal a very profitable and enjoyable meeting was held. The members are greatly enthused over the interest being manifested, and feel that the Fine Arts Club is now a permanent institution in the cultural life of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiley Taylor are in Amarillo this week.

OIL COMPANIES FAVORING MIDLAND

REPRESENTATIVES LOOKING FOR HOUSES AND OFFICES HERE

You can't hold a good town down! Midland is about to bust loose and make an oil town.

The oil men say so, and the home people admit it.

Witness these facts:

1. Two officials of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company have already arranged for houses in Midland.

2. Snodgrass and Ulmer in conference with an official of Simms Oil Co. and the Midland Chamber of Commerce officials agreed to build or have built a house for Simms' manager. Two other Simms men will move here and Simms will open offices.

3. Weekly Oil Corporation will open an office shortly, the local manager having already rented a Snodgrass and Ulmer house.

4. Independent writes the Chamber of Commerce they will open an office in Midland shortly.

5. Pure Oil Co. executives are now discussing moving office to Midland.

6. The Gulf office is already located here.

The oil men say what Midland must have to insure her leadership as an oil town is one or more apartment houses, an office building, and reasonable prices for board, room or apartments. As the situation now exists the town which treats the oil men the fairest and squarest will be the real oil town of the Upton, Crane, Ector and Winkler operations. The great majority of Midland people are showing the finest cooperation and good spirit.

MRS. GRAY TO BUILD THREE HOUSES

J. M. PROTHO AND WIFE TO BUILD

Mrs. George G. Gray let a contract to J. M. Prothro Wednesday for the construction of three new houses, two of them to be five rooms and bath and the other four rooms and bath.

She recently bought the half block just back of the old Murphy place, in the north part of town, and these houses will be located on the southwest quarter of that block. The location is one block north of Mrs. Grays residence. The lots have been graded and leveled, and are already taking on an attractive appearance.

The new houses are to have all modern conveniences and will be up to date in every respect. The exteriors will be along the lines of the newest types.

Evening Of Plays By McCormick Pupils

The pupils of Miss Leona McCormick will be presented in an evening of plays, Tuesday December 14, at 7:30, at the High School Auditorium. A very interesting program has been arranged. Miss McCormick invites the public to attend, and there will be no admission charge.

Hyatt Dairy Sold

W. A. Hyatt announces that the Hyatt Dairy has been sold to John W. Collins, who will continue to operate same under the policies which have been in force. The Butler place has been leased by the new owner, and the same location will be used.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holmsley left yesterday for Comanche where they will visit relatives for several weeks.

1926 RAINFALL TOTAL IS	
TOTAL 19.98	
January	.52
February	.22
March	1.80
April	4.20
May	1.33
June	3.04
July	1.84
August	.67
Sept.	1.07
October	3.12
November	.04
December	1.15

Building More Rooms Second Floor Llano

B. T. Westerman, contractor, and his crew of workmen started the first of the week to build several additional rooms on the second floor of the Llano Hotel, where the old lobby was located.

Guests are turned away from the hotel every evening on account of shortage of rooms, and these extra rooms will help a great deal in accommodating the public.

Livestock Trains Announce Schedule

Agent J. J. Hamlett announces that from now on there will be one train every forty-eight hours that will carry livestock in carload lots, and the following schedule shows when these trains leave points in this section: Pyote 1:50 p. m.; Monahans 2:45 p. m.; Metz 3:38 p. m.; Odessa 4:39 p. m.; Midland 5:41 p. m.; Stanton 6:40 p. m. Big Spring 9:50 p. m.

Mr. Hamlett advises that it is important for every shipper of livestock to have the stock in the pens in advance, to be ready to load in time for this train.

Orndorff Hotel Advertises Here

Midland has been chosen by the Orndorff Hotel, El Paso's newest and biggest hostelry, as the representative town in which to try out an advertising plan for West Texas, and their ad appears in this issue.

The Orndorff, or the House of the Blue Windows, as it is called, is declared to be one of the most magnificent hotels in Texas, and is becoming a popular place of entertainment.

G. R. Brumley and Will Terry were in the first of the week from Gaines County.

Terrapin Scarcity Postpones Races

Inability to find terrapins at this time of year has caused postponing of the speed classic set for Trades Day tomorrow. The terrapins are hibernating, but will be out next spring when the race will be run.

Farmers and ranchers are reminded to be certain to call for their Trades Day tickets if they wish an opportunity to share in the \$40 to be given away by business men participating in the Trades Day Program.

Band Music Here For Trades Day

Band music will enliven Trades Day Saturday.

The Midland band will give its first concert under the new director, Ned Watson. The playing will start promptly at 2 o'clock on the vacant lots where the Trades Day drawing will be held at 3 o'clock.

The Midland band does not claim to be a finished musical organization for relatively little training has so far been given the boys, but they and their director are working and expect to make an organization that Midland will be proud of. They are donating their time to help make Trades Day a success, and thereby showing their appreciation to business men and others who are supporting the band.

Bun Grammar returned Sunday from a week's trip to Dallas.

Bought Property Down At Presidio

Will Manning, J. Wiley Taylor, and two other men living in Crossett, recently went down to Presidio, border town in Brewster County, and bought some property from the U. S. Government. The town of Presidio has a big chance to develop into an important port of entry, according to Mr. Manning, on account of the fact that the Orient rail road is building from Mexico City to that point, and is to connect with the present road at Alpine according to reports.

Methodist Church

Sunday School 9:45
Morning worship 11 a. m.
League 6:15
Prayermeeting Wednesday night.
Choir Practice Friday night.

George D. McCormick, Manager of the Midland Hardware Company has been elected Secretary of the Board of Stewards. We ask that he be given loyal support and encouragement.

The Board of Stewards met at the church Sunday afternoon and despite the cold several were present. Mr. Ulmer, president of the board being sick was unable to be present.

There will be an installation of the Sunday School teachers and officers Sunday morning and a sermon following to them on the Bible.
T. O. Rorie Jr., Pastor.

Arthur Dow, M. S. Doss, Mr. Jennings, R. M. Halley, and T. C. Heard were among those from Seminole who attended the funeral of J. Tom White last Saturday.

Newnie Ellis was a business visitor to Pecos Tuesday.



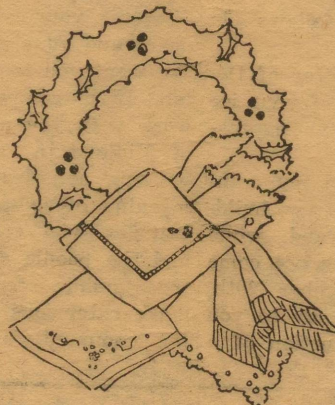
SHOPPING HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

"It is a grand and glorious feeling"—The satisfaction of having your Christmas Shopping done before the last mad rush of Xmas. time. Here is suggestions that will help you, practical, useful and unusual gifts for every name on your list. A corps of willing and helpful clerks at your service.

Handkerchiefs and Handkerchief Combinations

A wonderful assortment of boxed handkerchiefs and combinations of handkerchiefs, and garters. Compacts and Handkerchiefs Garters and Boudoir Caps, all put up in attractive Christmas boxes with gift cards. These are priced from 35c to \$2.35

IMPORTED HANDKERCHIEFS—In addition to the boxed novelties you will find a splendid assortment of imported handkerchiefs in Maderia, Armenian and Swiss hand work and in painted and printed silks in white and colors, at 25c to \$1.00



WHEN IN DOUBT GIVE SILK HOSE—is a pretty safe suggestion for there is no other one thing that will come nearer taking care of the situation.

The finest pure thread silk 22 gauge, top to toe, chiffons in all the wanted colors and blacks, the pair \$2.50

All pure silk top to toe, Wayne Knit and Humming Bird Chiffon Stockings, all full fashioned of course, in the newest colors for early spring wear, just in for Christmas, are priced at pair \$1.95 Service weight stockings at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25 the pair.
Gift Hosiery will be put in attractive Christmas Folders without charge.



BAGS, HOUSE SHOES, GLOVES—

Splendid addition to our stocks in each of these have made a selection for Christmas a pleasure here. New Hand Bags just in are priced at \$3.85 to \$10.00

Attractive numbers in New House Shoes for the entire family, Mens, Womens and Childrens at 85c to \$3.50

Kid and Fabric Gloves in ladies and misses sizes at \$1.00 to \$3.85

Gifts For Men

Bath Robes for men and young men in a variety of attractive designs in Esmond robes at \$4.85 to \$10.00 In boys sizes at \$3.50 to \$6.85. Very attractive numbers in Mens broadcloth silk robes at \$11.75.

INTERWOVEN SOX are always acceptable as gifts from Santa and this year the designs are unusually attractive. Lises at 3 pair for \$1.00 Wool Mixed at the pair 50c, All Wool at \$1.00 the pair, All Silk at 75c the pair Silk and Rayon at 50, all gift hose put up in attractive Christmas folder without additional charge.



NECKWEAR is always popular and not before have we shown so splendid an assortment from which to choose. Some in boxes with Mufflers, some with handkerchiefs to match.

Others have sox to match them etc all in attractive Xmas. boxes at 69c to \$2.00 the box.

Just ties, but wonderful ties, are priced at 50c to \$1.50

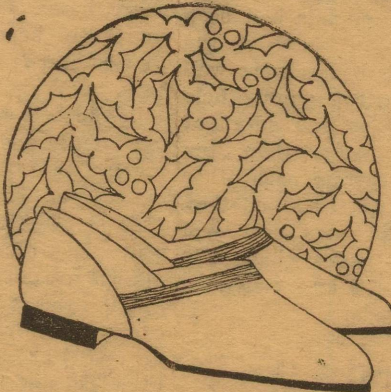
A very attractive gift box costs 10c additional and you will gladly pay this for the box we show you.

AND MENS HANDKERCHIEFS of every kind, Plain Linens up to \$1.00

Initial Handkerchiefs at, each 25c by the box of three, are priced at 69c to \$1.50 the box of three.

Novelties in drawn pongee and silks at 50c and \$1.00

Novelty imported cottons at 25c and 50c each



Comfort Shoes for Men and Boys are one of Santas favorite gifts and there is nothing nicer these long evenings by the fire with a good book than a pair of Comfy warm shoes. Mens sizes at \$1.85 to \$4.50—Boys Sizes at \$2.00 to \$3.50

SUGGESTIONS FOR HER—Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Compacts, Perfumes, Shoe tree sets, Furs, Hand Bags Hat boxes, Mitts, Knitted Robes, Lingerie, House Shoes, Silk Comforts, Blankets, Motor Table Runners, Boudoir Pillows, Maderia Linens, Bobby Sets, Bracelets, Coats.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HIM—Interwoven Sox, Overcoats, Suits, Hand Bags, Gladstone Bags, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Hickock Belts, Initialed Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Bath Robes, Tie Sets, Suspender Sets, Belt Sets, Hats, Suits, Imperial Shirts, Leather Coats, Motor Robes, Boots, etc.



This store can help you with your Christmas Shopping and it will be a pleasure to serve you in any way that we can. Let us wrap your packages for you. We are glad to do so even if we are busy. Your New 1927 Calendar is here.

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Lydie Galloway secretary, Y. Young, R. Young, N. Young

WRIGLEYS 3 handy packs 5c

Wrigley's Chewing Sweet helps teeth, mouth, throat and digestion in a delightful and refreshing way. Removes odors of smoking and eating. People of refinement use it.

AFTER EVERY MEAL

Better Farming Doesn't Mean Harder Work

It includes sanitation, terracing, fertilizing, crop rotation, seed selection, soil preparation, cultivation, diversification and logical marketing.

It merely means more head work and less hard work.

It results in better farms, farmers and families. It brings health, wealth and wisdom.

We have an intense longing to be useful to any farmer friend who wants to throw his common sense "in gear" and will co-operate.

Midland National Bank
United States Depository
"There Is No Substitute For Safety"

Home Curing of Pork

The cotton situation is causing farmers to think of the possibilities of hog production, also the production of feed and food for themselves and their livestock. The records show that over half the farms in Texas have no hogs, and we do not believe that it will be possible to get all the farmers to produce hogs for home meat consumption. Especially during these times of depressed hog prices until they learn how to do a good job of curing their own meat, advises E. R. Eudaly, Extension Service Specialist, A. & M. College of Texas.

Curing Pork is not only a matter of making it keep. It must be put up in such a manner that it will make a desirable food. Not only must it be tasty when first cured, but it should stay that way for 12 months. Mr. Eudaly does not think that the dry salt method fulfills these requirements. Sugar curing by the brine process, he says, is always followed by folks once they have learned to use it.

There are several formulas for making thi brine, the following being a good one:

- 10 Gallons of water
- 20 Pounds of salt
- 10 Pounds of brown sugar.

Bring the water to a boil, then add the salt. Stir this about a minute, then add the sugar and salt peter. Continue to stir until all is dissolved. Allow this to cool and the brine is ready.

It is preferable to kill the hog in the afternoon. Cut up the meat and rub salt on it, spread it out and allow to stand over night. In the meantime, make the brine as directed and allow it to stand over night.

The next morning pack the meat in a barrel. Pack the hams and shoulders first, with the skin side up; then pack the side meat with skin up. Put a weight on the meat and then pour the brine over it. Let it stand in this manner for three weeks. At this time, take out the side meat and hang up to drip. Weight the ham and shoulders down in the brine again and leave it there another two days. After this time, take these out and hang up to drip. When all the meat has dripped dry, smoke it and then wrap it. This is usually done by wrapping first with newspapers and then cotton packing. Be sure to sew the cloth on tight so that no bugs or flies can get to the meat. Sew on a strap to hang the package with. Hang it in a cool place and you will have as good meat as you can buy during the entire year.

Feed Laying Mash For More Eggs

Just now when eggs are scarce and high in price, is a good time to feed your flock for higher egg production. There are many good ready-mixed laying mashes on the market, but it is also practical to mix them at home, as part of the material it contains is grown on every Midland County farm. It has been thoroughly tested, and is approved by the Texas Experimental Station. The materials with quantities are as follows:

- Wheat Bran 15 lbs.
- Alfalfa Meal 7 lbs.
- Wheat Shorts 23 lbs.
- Ground Maize or Kaffir 23 lbs.
- Cottonseed Meal 3 lbs.
- Finely ground Oyster Shells 1 1-2 lbs.
- Fine Salt one half pound.

The alfalfa meal should consist of the leaves from alfalfa hay ground fine. If you have no grinder get one of your neighbors to grind the material for you.

If you are interested in other home mixed poultry feeds see your county agent and he will help you figure a good ration.

Short Days Of Winter Demand More Light

With the arrival of winter the sun is falling down on its job. As a result people will notice an increase in their electric light bill—just as they noticed a decrease when the summer days arrived.

During November artificial illumination is used more than six hours a day, against two and a half hours in June.

The greatest amount of electricity is used during December when the days are shortest.

Apart from this miscellaneous uses to which electricity may be put in the home, which includes various forms of energy, the size of the bill will vary month by month, in direct proportion to the number of hours artificial illumination is necessary.

Statistics in the electric industry have figured out the average number of hours a day that artificial light is needed approximately as follows:

- January 6.35; February 5.38; Mar. 4.10; April 3.48; May 2.95; June 2.55
- July 2.66; August 4.00; September 4.45; October 4.90; November 6.18; December 6.85.

The Pine Tree and a Christmas Inspiration

THE creaking, crunching snow under foot, as well as the crisp, frosty air bespoke a temperature some degrees below zero. However, native mid-westerners looked for, anticipated and expected a quantity of snow and cold weather for the Christmas holidays. Their expectations were usually right with an added cold stretch long before the holidays, and long after them.

The hard lines of the massive, bulky, stone Central Administration building of the college was delightfully contrasted against the dead white, fluffy, fairy-like snow all about it. This building, as did four others, faced a huge stretch of campus, with groupings of trees scattered pleasingly about to break the wide expanse. Trees, heavily hung with the almost artificial-looking cottony webbing formed an artistic group across the road and in front of the building. In the center of the group stood a well formed, tall, perfect specimen of a long-needled pine. It was singled out to be the proud possessor of many colored lights distributed about generously among its branches. Deserving of praise was this awesome tree, and its surroundings.

Silhouetted against the sky, forming a background for the proud pine tree stood the campanile, the pride of every student on the campus. In the dull afterglow of the winter twilight the chimes were extolling the Christmas carols.

At the foot of the narrow winding staircase of iron which leads to the belfry of the campanile, upon close inspection could be seen a maid and young man—not the first time, nor would it be the last time the campanile should witness such a sight. The meeting had been planned in view of their separation on the morrow when both would go to their homes. Moved by the sight of the proud pine, its symbolism, and the chimes, they bade each other farewell in fond embrace, carrying away with them the spirit of the proud pine tree in their hearts.—Eleanor E. King.

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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

HAPPY fatigue. Rushing, hurrying, sitting up late. Doing up bundles. Posting packages. Delivering presents. Getting so tired-out you don't know how you can ever finish and then a new vigor and energy and Christmas spirit coming over you so that you feel you can continue more than ever. Wondering whether it will snow and the snow arriving just in time for Christmas, the stars twinkling down on the white, white earth. Bright red apples with the real flavor of the country. Memories of other Christmases and New Year's, blurred at other times somewhat, but poignantly vivid in the happiness of Christmas-tide. This is the Christmas season.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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Making Others Happy

Will Bring Happiness

AUNT ELIZA had lived alone for many years; her finances had dwindled, and her health was well.

It was Christmas Eve and as Aunt Eliza returned from town with a few little things that her scant purse could buy, her heart was a little heavy, for the winter was before her and her strength was falling fast.

"I'm glad I got that knife for crippled Jim; he so enjoys cutting out those animals. Life is worth while so long as we can give others pleasure, and there is always some one that we can help. I'll read to blind Jane tomorrow and that will help her and me pass away the day. Tonight I must try to think of some way that I can earn money. Sister would help me if she knew, so would the church ladies, but I simply can't tell anyone. Well, the only way to be happy is to make some one else happy, so I'll take Jimmy's knife to him. God has never forsaken me." All this was going through Aunt Eliza's mind.

As she opened the door she stood face to face with her only sister. She was overcome with joy.

"Oh, Eliza, all the children want for Christmas is you, and they sent me for you. We have a nice home next to ours, for you. We will start tonight so we can get there for dinner tomorrow. You shall never feel lonely again."

Eliza continues to believe that making others happy brings happiness.—Emily Burks Adams.

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For the Tree

Has any one ever tried cutting little stars, circles, fir trees, etc., from pumpkin rind for the Christmas tree? Peel pumpkin with as wide a peeling as possible. Then cut out your circles, etc., with scissors or knife and fasten to a piece of card.

Christmas Day Brides

According to an old belief Christmas Day brides are inclined to be frivolous and fond of pleasure.

Useful Christmas Gifts

AT THE WINCHESTER STORE



We have been so busy unpacking Christmas goods that we have not had time to write advertising—But we are here to tell you now that We Have Everything—

For the Boys

- Automobiles
- Tricycles
- Scoters
- Wagons
- Rifles
- Tool Chests

For Men

- Hunting Equipment
- Guns
- Knives
- Flash Lights
- Razor Sets
- Fountain Pen Sets

For Ladies & Girls

- Electric Appliances of all kinds
- Percolators
- Silverware
- Pyrex Ware
- Pretty Dishes

A Carlord of New Furniture and Furniture Novelties unloaded this week

A Gift for every member of the Family

- Occasional Tables
- Red-Green Mahogany
- Magazine Racks
- Easy Chairs
- Floor Coverings

- Floor Lamps
- Fancy Pillows
- Mirrors
- Pictures
- Cedar Chests

- Brunswick Phonographs
- R. C. A. Radiolas
- Spinet Desks
- Hoosier Cabinets
- Sealy Mattresses

BARGAINS

You can make it a Safe, Sane and Economical Xmas by taking advantage of the Bargains we have to offer in useful Gifts. Just investigate our prices before buying at so called Cost and low cost Prices—the cost may be too high



FREE AN R. C. A. RADIOLA To be Given Away Dec. 24th



Every purchase of \$1.00 entitles the purchaser to a ticket—Do your Xmas shopping here—you may get this handsome gift in return.

Every \$1.00 paid on account gets a ticket Pay up now and get in on this

Midland Hardware Company

Quality Merchandise



Company



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Ship your live stock to us and
Expect First Class Sales and
Service,—because that is what
you will get.

according to a letter receiver from Sesqui officials. The silver medal of award went to North Carolina and Ohio. Arkansas won the bronze medal.

Memphis—L. M. Thompson, County Agent, is conducting an exchange list for the purpose of getting native blooded gilts placed with farmers in this section who need them. He is attempting to supply the demand with local swine as a precautionary measure against infected northern stock.

Quanah—Numbering of Quanah's business houses and residences is in progress here as a preparatory step to getting out a city directory. The work is sponsored by the city, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Retail Merchant's Association.

Plainview—The New Harvest Queen Mill recently began operations in this place with a daily capacity of about 800 barrels of flour. Products of this mill, wheat and corn meal flour made from Plains grains, are to be known as Everlite. The mill cost \$150,000.

Artesia—A highway from this place to Las Cruces, N. M. will be opened according to present plans. Work on the Y. O. road has already begun.

O'Donnell—O'Donnell is the proven garden spot of Texas according to a local farmer. J. J. Hodnett, resident near the high school building lives entirely at home, through truck gardening on a 140x150 foot plot of ground. This year he raised almost every kind of vegetables, all kind of flowers, and shrubbery and started a young orchard.

Bledsoe—Work on a temporary school building to relieve congestion in the Bledsoe schools is nearing completion here.

Hale Center—A contract calling for the expenditure of \$37,919 has been awarded for the installation of a complete system of waterworks for Hale Center.

Amherst—A new grain Company has located at Amherst, promising to pay the highest market price for grain and to deal in all commodities

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES
Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weaken their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by
The City Drug Store

West Texas News

Stamford—West Texas scores again. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce agricultural exhibit at the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia has been awarded the gold medal in competition with practically every state in the union. The display won the basis of scope and variety of products ingenuity of arrangement

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Place Your Order Now

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connected with this line of work.

Mrs. Harry Tolbert was in Amarillo the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cowden returned last week end from Houston.

Anson—B. M. White, Exhibit Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and Manager Homer D. Wade of that organization were guests of the Luncheon Club here December 1 at which time Whiteaker made an address on agriculture problems to members and farmers of the community who were special guests. Similar lectures are given by Whiteaker in any section calling upon the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for a service man to assist farmers and stockmen in various communities.

Comanche—Machinery and equipment for a pecan shelling plant has been installed, and operations begun here. During full capacity runs, 32 pickers are employed besides packers and those operating shelling and grading machines. Shelled pecans from the plant will be retailed and sold wholesale all over the northern states in addition to shipping unshelled pecans in car lots.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson, and her son Carroll Holloway Jr., were here last Saturday from Amarillo, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stanley.

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Those who have compared our work, our prices and our fixtures to those of other places have found that we give quality plumbing at a low price.

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"If your hat blows off be sure it is worth chasing," said a sage of old. Pause and ponder before you run after it. Perhaps you have had it too long. Perhaps it is outmoded. Before running down the street after it, bethink yourself that at our store you can be fitted with a new and nifty one.

WADLEY-WILSON CO.

Midland, Texas

Mrs. George Wolcott, Miss Juliette Wolcott, Mrs. R. V. Hyatt and Geo. Hyatt returned last Saturday from a pleasant trip to Austin and Port Arthur.

Let us do your Job Printing

Funny Gwys

BY CHARLES SUGHRON



THE FUNNIEST GUY IS ORLANDO P. HIPPE. HE CLAIMS HE REALLY LIKES TO EAT TRIPE

FRESH FLORIDA ORANGES

Fresh Sweet Florida Oranges \$3 per box of three hundred large size in 1926. In that period market receipts of cattle decreased slightly, and the prices of the better grades advanced from \$1 to \$1.50 a hundred pounds. There were indications, in short, that the temporary market glut was over and that prices were coming more into adjustment with the potential supply of cattle in the country in relation to the probable demand. It is therefore possible to speak of the industry with confidence and optimism in spite of the fact that its returns in the last year have not been wholly satisfactory. The cattle industry has been through the fire since 1920. Of all the major lines of production that were plunged into the postwar depression cattle production suffered, perhaps most severely. Its difficulties continued long after producers in many other lines had begun to recover. But the range country has met its trials with courageous self-reliance.

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Three Hot Meals A Day
Furnished Bed Rooms
Special Sunday Dinners \$1.00
Make Reservations Saturday
Meals served family style.—Good Cooking—Try Us.

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Young People!

You are invited to attend

The Young People's Class of the Baptist Sunday School. The class meets at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning at the Baptist Church.

Come also to the SENIOR B. Y. P. U. 6:15 P. M.—Subject, Dec. 12, "Responsibility" INSTRUCTIVE AND SOCIAL MEETINGS.

A Cordial Invitation to all

The Livestock Situation

(From 1926 Report of Secretary of Agriculture)

On the whole the livestock industry prospered this year. Hogs, sheep and lambs sold readily at remunerative prices. Wool prices declined during the first two thirds of the year, but toward the end of the summer strength in foreign markets was reflected in the domestic market, and wool prices advanced sharply. The finished cattle market was the least satisfactory part of the livestock situation. More high-grade heavy weight beef was produced during the spring and summer than the consuming market could absorb at prices profitable to the feeder. The entire livestock situation can be summed up by saying that a greater tonnage of meat was produced than in 1925, and that the total supply returned to agriculture a somewhat larger amount of money. In other words a greater quantity of meat moved into consuming channels at a higher average price.

Although the finished cattle were not profitable, cattle production as a whole moved into a stronger position. All available evidence indicated a substantial curtailment in basic supplies of beef cattle. With continued industrial activity cattle prices should respond with substantial advances in the finished cattle market during last summer, disappointing though the experience undoubtedly was to feeders generally, tended nevertheless, to strengthen the prospects of better times. The poor demand for fed cattle was strictly a temporary episode, resulting from the price situation of 1925 plus an abundance of corn. It did not change the fact that basic supplies of beef cattle in the country were at a low ebb.

Improvement in Fall

There was improvement in the late summer and early fall market in 1926. In that period market receipts of cattle decreased slightly, and the prices of the better grades advanced from \$1 to \$1.50 a hundred pounds. There were indications, in short, that the temporary market glut was over and that prices were coming more into adjustment with the potential supply of cattle in the country in relation to the probable demand. It is therefore possible to speak of the industry with confidence and optimism in spite of the fact that its returns in the last year have not been wholly satisfactory. The cattle industry has been through the fire since 1920. Of all the major lines of production that were plunged into the postwar depression cattle production suffered, perhaps most severely. Its difficulties continued long after producers in many other lines had begun to recover. But the range country has met its trials with courageous self-reliance.

Cattle Inventory Reduced

Now we begin to see daylight ahead. The country's cattle inventory has been gradually worked back into line with peace-time requirements—a process involving hardship for many producers and requiring skillful management. Liquidation of cattle has gone far enough to assure some degree of stability for the industry as a whole. The country is sold down very much shorter on steers than on cows. The trend in the market demand is toward the younger, lighter weight, but high quality animal. The outlook therefore appears favorable to the cattle raiser so far as the supply is concerned; but the situation has little in it yet as to justify anything but careful, conservative procedure.

Underneath the casual figures of supply and slaughter lies a deeper story of developments in the range country. The events since the war represent only one rather harsh chapter in a longer story of readjustment. We are going through a period of profound transition in the cattle business. The old days of the uncrowded open range are gone. With their passing has gone likewise the old unreckoning, easy going, speculative scheme of things. We have moved forward into the day of high priced land and labor, of heavy fixed charges, of stronger competition. We see a great new marketing development, a specialized system built up about the feed lots of the Corn Belt.

Breathing Spell at Hand

This changing order of things may or may not be welcome. But it must be faced. This is a good time moreover, to face all facts and take stock of ourselves—now when the industry is stabilizing again, when a breathing spell is at hand and a favorable period apparently ahead of us. Never, in the judgment of shrewd observers, will the cattlemen of this generation have so good a time to get his house in order as within the next five or eight years.

I am an optimist on the cattle situation. The tide has turned and better times are clearly ahead. But future stability in this industry depends greatly on how we utilize these next five years. The man who sees now

only an opportunity to pursue an unreckoning, explosive system will be lucky if he escapes trouble. But for the cattleman who is determined to build up a high-grade herd, to cut his unit costs, and to get his production on a plane of real and lasting efficiency it would seem that the opportunity of a generation lies just ahead.

One of the problems of commerce has always been to develop a common trade language, understood alike by buyer and seller. The department has worked out a set of standard market classes, grades, weight, and age groups for both cattle and beef which in all probability will promulgated as official United States standards. We have used this system in the conduct of our market reporting service on livestock and dressed meats for the past seven years, and it seems to have given entire satisfaction.

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New Farmer To Go In For Poultry

There's another new farmer in town, and he's mighty little worried about the low price of cotton.

He is G. S. Jones of Ashland, Ore. He is arranging to buy a farm near Midland. He will raise a little cotton, but—

He will produce a deuce of a lot of eggs!

Mr. Jones knows the oil fields will consume all his surplus eggs, his surplus dairy products (He will have a herd of cows) and also his produce. He will irrigate an acre or two.

This Oregonian knows his onions, and his okra, too. Back in Oregon he had four cows and 200 hens. He always made a living. He knows he will make it here, then, of course, he won't mind taking a little side money from cotton.

Midland farmers who get chickens, who raise produce, who produce milk and butter, needn't worry. Arrangements can be made to operate a cooperative truck, or it should be easy to get an individual to operate a truck to the oil fields.

See the Midland Chamber of Commerce, or county agent. They will help.

Christian Church

Bible School 9:45.
Communion 10:40.
Prayermeeting Wednesday 7:30.
Leader—Mrs. Wilhite.
Topic—"A Concentrated Church."
(Text 2: 11-15 Rom 6: 4-11)

Had an average attendance last Sunday at the Bible School even though it was such an unlikable day. That's what we call loyalty to your Bible School.

Mr. Bedford's class will conduct the Devotional next Lord's Day.

Auntie Sterling arrived Wednesday night from El Paso, and expects to be here the rest of the year. She says El Paso is all right, but Midland and old friends suit her best of all.

Mrs. Calvin Nobles and children are visiting W. L. Graves and family.

Practical Gifts For Xmas.

That are sure to please

Beautify the home and make it more convenient by giving your wife a nice gift such as—

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Breakfast Nook,
Built in Ironing Board,
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A new Bath Room,
Or a Beautiful Pair of French Doors.

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BEST PICTURES

Monday, December 13
Milton Sills In
THE MAKING OF O'MALLEY

Tuesday, December 14
Gloria Swanson In
FINE MANNERS

Wednesday, December 15
GRASS
All Star Cast

Thursday, December 16
Hoot Gibson In
THE FLAMING FRONTIER

Friday, December 17
Mrs. Rudolph Valentino In
WHEN LOVE GROWS OLD

Saturday, December 18
SPANGLES and ANDY GUMP
COMEDY

AT THE
IDLEHOUR THEATER

Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Moran returned the first of the week from an automobile trip to San Antonio.

FOR HOME AND STABLE

The extraordinary Borozone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infectious germs with liquid Borozone, and the Borozone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by The City Drug Store

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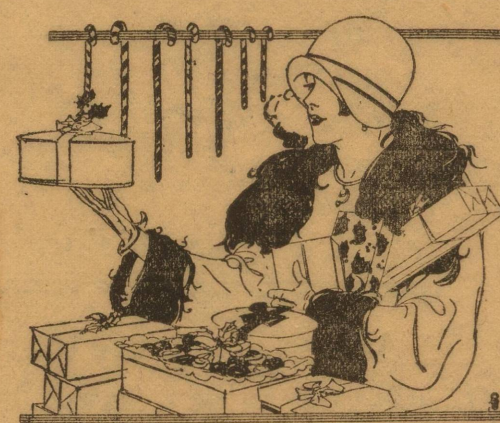
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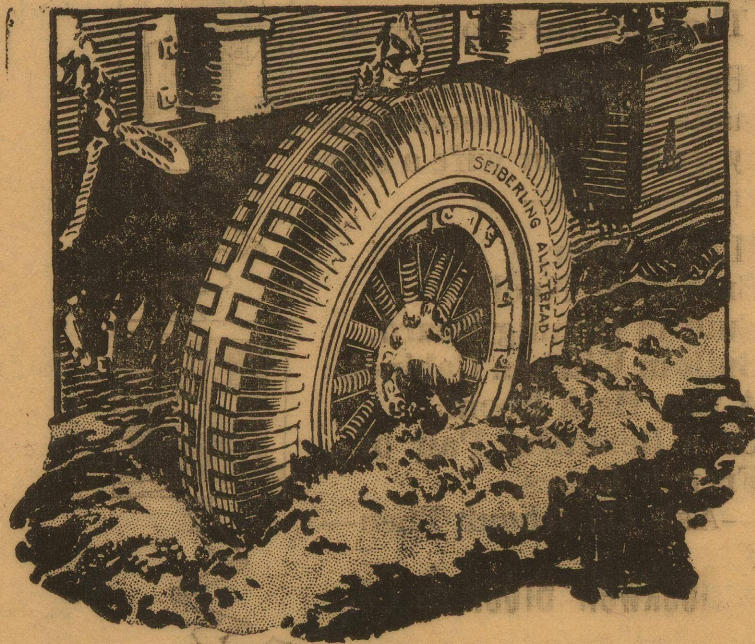
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Not merely a better tire but a better type of tire, embodying the experience gained by its maker, Frank A. Seiberling, in building 40,000,000 tires before it. Full ply in all standard sizes—over ply in heavy duty types.

WE STAKE OUR REPUTATION ON THIS TIRE

Ever-Ready Filling Station

Phone 73

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rowe returned last Friday night from a week's trip to Dallas and Austin.

Mrs. J. H. Williamson, Mrs. C. W. Kerr and children have returned from Dallas.

Provence Elected Manager of Tech

E. W. Provence of Waco, formerly business manager of Baylor University but recently district manager of the Southland Life Insurance Company, was elected business manager of the Texas Tech at a meeting of the board of regents in Fort Worth last Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Haley, Midland member of the board, attended the meeting.

Provence was selected from a list of about thirty applicants. He was highly recommended by S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University, and Pat M. Neff, former governor of Texas.

Midland Surveyors In Del Rio Country

Robert E. Estes and Owen C. Cochran are down near Del Rio, surveying a ranch of about 125 sections. They expected the job to last about twenty days but are now estimating it at over a month.

Dr. J. F. Haley is here this week from San Antonio. J. A. Haley is back from a trip to that part of the state.

THE STRAY COLUMN

By H. B. Dunagan, Jr.

Watch High Prices

The influx of oil men into Midland is steadily increasing. Give them the right sort of treatment on rooms and meals. Just because some oil companies have moved their district offices here is no sign that Midland is an oil town. Exorbitant prices will not be tolerated by the oil fraternity.

Only yesterday a gentleman was complaining of the prices in some oil towns saying that it was difficult to get three decent meals a day for less than two dollars. Its the easiest and most effective way to ruin a potential city—just overcharging.

Midland has the most enviable location of any city in regard to the West Texas oil fields. Four things will put Midland out of the small town class and into the little city class if done judiciously. The four things are:

Reasonable prices on everything.

An immediate building program both residences and business houses.

Building of more and better roads radiating in all directions.

More and more effective advertising.

Advertise for Midland

When you make a trip some place and someone inquires where you are from, do you tell them proudly or do you blush and confusedly stammer the answer? If you are the latter type, the town would be better off if you would leave. Let people know where you are from. Tell them interesting features of the city. Let them know that the place is progressive.

Radio Season

Radio stations are operated all the year round but the real radio season is the cold part of the year. It is then that reception is the loudest and clearest. A good radio set, two or three tubes if properly operated will cover almost the whole United States. Many a pleasant evening can be whiled away listening to the radio.

There are two types of people who tune in and listen to entertainments. One is the fellow who finds a good station and listens to the whole program. The other type is the inveterate station-hunter—always searching for a new station.

The latter type is certainly a pest. Nothing will appease him except a new set of call letters. Loud speakers might as well not exist for all the use the station hunter gives them. One of the freshman calls the station hunter "a chronic dial twister." Even though he is tormented and suffers vocal barrages often, the station hunter is a very natural human. They can not help it. Have patience you may get the dials next.

Exams Soon

Final term examinations for college students will take place this week throughout the country. Immediately thereafter the little Percivals, Reggies, and Cedrics will go back to the old home town for the holidays and give the folks a treat. The cute little Mildreds, Dorothys, and Jeans will have the latest college styles on (what there is of them.)

Be lenient with them—you might have been that way yourself.

Slimish

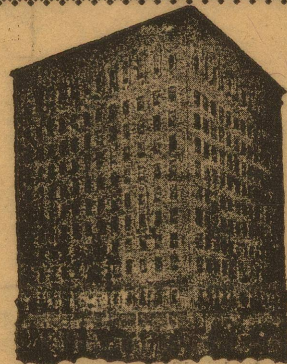
A typical freshman stunt. One of the fresman thought up the brilliant idea of having a "Save-A-Step-Week" during which he would take longer steps which in turn would result in a saving of shoe leather. The first day passed uneventfully with the freshman striding around like a giant wearing seven league boots. But alas! The second day. He strode out of the door to the tune of a ripping accompaniment. The trousers which were a trifle tight. The poor slim wore a pair of trousers had "not done right by our poor Nell."

The freshman is now a distinct advocate of the idea of abolishing all special "weeks."

C. Of C. Meeting Monday, Dec. 13th

Directors of the Midland Chamber of Commerce have been called to meet Monday night. Phases of the oil situation, especially with reference to road building, and the battle being egged on between Cotton and Feathers, more produce and more dairy cows will be discussed. The meeting will start at 7 o'clock. The session is open to all members and other people interested in Midland's development, as well as the directors.

W. H. Cowden Jr. was in from the ranch yesterday.



When you go to El Paso and Juarez, Old Mexico stay at the Southwest's finest and most Modern Hotel.

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The House of Blue Windows On The Plaza El Paso, Texas

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Regular Dinner--Short Orders
Good Coffee and Pie
Reasonable Prices

Crystal Cafe

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Tom Flood, Proprietor—Midland, Texas

Select your Christmas Cards at The Reporter Office. We have them in stock, ready to have your name printed.

High Class Barber Work
By Skilled Barbers
JONES AND JOHNSON
BARBER SHOP
Across Street East of Post Office

Notice to All Automobile Owners

It is necessary that you have Certificate, not more than 30 days old, showing that your headlights have been properly adjusted, before you can pay the 1927 State Highway License. 1927 License is due to be paid by Jan. 1, 1927.

Since we have the only light test station in Midland and have a very large number of lights to test, the public is respectfully requested and urged to have tests made at once that congestion may be avoided.

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Miles Buchanan, formerly of Odessa, was a business visitor from Fort Worth this week.

Anything you want in spectacles from \$1.00 up at Inmans.

Mrs. Irene Merrill of Big Spring formerly Miss Irene Harrington of Midland, was in Midland on business last Saturday.

R. V. Hyatt and John P. Howe returned Monday from Waco, where they attended Grand Lodge.

Texas and Texans
By W. H. Hayes

Building Small Factories

Sherman capitalists are putting \$20,000 into a paper box factory at Abilene a company has been organized with \$20,000 capital to manufacture an attachment for cultivators. All over Texas small manufacturing enterprises are going up. The harnessing of the waters of the Texas rivers is sure to result in vastly increasing manufacturing throughout the State, which is now the great need of Texas. This state has depended too much on agriculture in the past and not enough attention has been given to industries. A state needs to diversify its productions just as much as diversification is needed in farming, and single cropping is bad for a whole state as for an individual. Sherman and Abilene are setting good examples with their small factories.

Confidence By The Millions

The Colorado Southern Railroad is showing its faith in the future of Northwest Texas by making its plans to spend \$7,000,000 in extending its line to Estelline. Seven million dollars is a large sum even for a railroad company to spend, and it is certain that such a large investment would not be made without a feeling of confidence that the outlay will be justified by the returns. Practically all of the great Plains country of Texas is tillable, and much of it is now under cultivation. The railroads are merely endeavoring to get ready to handle the great crops and the immense traffic which the development of the country assures.

Postpone Celebration

The Rio Grande Valley section had planned for this month a great celebration of the coming of the Southern Pacific railroad into that part of the State, but the celebration promises to be bigger than even the enthusiastic Valley boosters had expected. In fact the railroad found that it would be unable to handle the crowds that wanted to take part in the reception and it has asked for more time in which to get ready for the visitors. So the Southern Pacific's big welcome party had to be postponed until January 11.

Hotels and More Hotels

Lubbock has just opened its half million dollar hotel. Childress is

building two hotels. All over Texas money is being invested in larger and better hotel buildings. This has become necessary to take care of the people seeking accommodations, and hotels almost everywhere are crowded and prosperous. It all means that people are coming to Texas and looking over the State in greater numbers than ever before, and that those having money to invest feel sure that investments in hotels will be safe, because Texas will continue to attract people with money to spend.

Growing Health Resort

Speaking of hotels, I am reminded that when in Mineral Wells recently I saw two hotels under construction that will cost a million dollars each. Mineral Wells has for years had a reputation as a health resort, but its good repute and its patronage has been confined largely to Texas and the neighboring states. With the completion of these two hotels it will take a place among the great National health resorts of America, and because of the temperate winter climate it will attract thousands throughout the entire year. Its curative waters are known all over the country but limited hotel facilities have somewhat restricted the visiting patronage. Visitors to Texas health resorts, finding their health restored, are likely to become permanent residents of the State. Mineral wells will become a drawing attraction of real value to all Texas.

East Texas Prosperous

The only part of Texas where there is any financial distress because of the low price of cotton has been the single crop of the year. In fact the single cropper, whether growing cotton, or fruit, or melons, has been hit hard. East Texas has done more diversifying than heretofore and consequently, is not worrying overmuch about cotton prices. Reports from Rusk County are that the unusually good feed crop alone will overcome the cotton deficit, and that farmers have been turning their attention to poultry raising, dairying, fruit, growing and gardening—in fact the are living largely from the products of their farms, and are happy. This condition is found almost all over East Texas.

How's This for Production

Dennis Sullivan, a San Saba truck grower, has marketed 75 bushels of yams from one-eighth of an acre. This would be 600 bushels to the acre and at the prevailing price of \$1.50 a bushel would total \$900.00 an acre. Dennis did well, but if every Texas farmer should plant potatoes next year, prompted to do so by his success, their names would all be "dennis" from a financial standpoint.

Cotton Acreage Reduction

As yet only about 90 Texas counties have taken any steps toward getting signed agreements among farmers to reduce cotton acreage next year. Hill County one of the leading cotton counties of Texas, has had a school house campaign and has agreed to reduce acreage 30 per cent. The campaign was led by the local bankers. Bankers all over the State are as vitally concerned as the farmers, and they might do well to follow the example set by the Hill county bankers.

Texas Art Development

The opening of the \$300,000 art museum in Houston is merely an incident in the development of art in Texas. Other Texas centers are as interested in art as Houston, and hundreds of Texans are giving most of their time to art studies of various kinds. The hardships of pioneer life out of which Texas is now growing, were not conducive to artistic development of the highest type, but that era of pioneering has passed, and Texans are developing more time and study to the brighter side of life and to the cultural arts.

Cameron County Roads

Cameron County commissioners have ordered an election on a \$600,000 road bond issue. This is the largest single bond issue ever voted on in the State, Harris county having exceeded it. Cameron County already has some of the best concrete roads in Texas, and these roads have created a desire for more. Brownsville, the county site, is making its plans to remain the leading commercial city of the lower Rio Grande Valley, in spite of the building activities of its hustling young neighbors. The towns in that part of Texas are all growing and looking forward.

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W. W. Lackey made a business trip to Amarillo the first of the week.

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I have been instructed by the City Council to get up a statement of the amount you owe the City of Midland for back taxes and to proceed to collect same. It will be to your interest to pay these taxes before suit is filed, for every means provided by law will be used to enforce the payment of same.

Yours for service,
**J. M. Gilmore,
City Tax Collector**

New Dental Fixtures

Dr. L. B. Pemberton, who already has one of the best equipped dental offices in West Texas, has received additional modern equipment.

He now has an electric sterilizing fixture, which is used for instruments, towels and gauze, and for the hands.

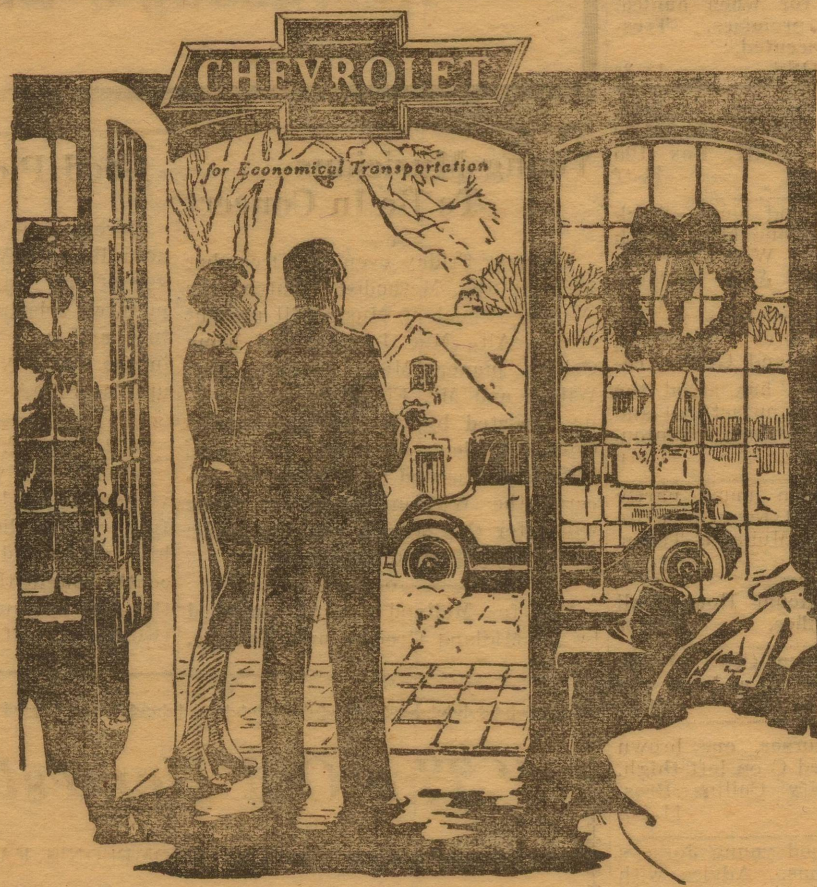
Another new fixture is his development equipment which is used with the up to date X-Ray machine which was installed a few months ago.

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OVERLOOKING A BET

Up in the Panhandle and south plains country, railroads have been fighting for months to get permission to construct lines from that section to Fort Worth. Two or three have been granted permits by the I. C. C. and others still want to build. Down in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, the S. P. and the Missouri Pacific are fighting to keep each other from making extensions, and each of them wants to extend.

All of this is highly commendable. More railroad construction is needed in many parts of the country. But what we can't see is why some of these roads don't get permission to build along the route of the Midland and Northwestern, making extensions into eastern New Mexico. Some of the best country in the United States is merely waiting for a chance to develop. Agriculture, oil development, and cattle development are depending on such a road to be built to their proper importance. Hundreds of miles of fine country will lie un-noticed by the world until some far seeing railroad gets permission and takes advantage of this opportunity.

The fast developing southplains country is not a bit better in many respects than the stretch of country that would be developed if the Midland and Northwestern were re-built and extended into south-eastern New Mexico.

Why don't some of those lines that are so anxious to build get in on a big thing instead of trying to go where other roads are already getting the grapes?

MIDLAND'S BUSY STREET

Those who haven't been in Midland for three or four years, and who have an impression of two or three men on the streets, or perhaps half a dozen sitting on the curb whittling would have their eyes opened if they were to drop into Midland now.

Such has been the scene several times recently, and those who have come back are greatly impressed by the change.

It is a common occurrence for all parking spaces to be taken on any week day, and one often has to elbow his way to walk down the sidewalk.

All of this is just an evidence of the growth of the community. A census taker now would have a much bigger job than when the census was taken in 1920. Many conservative people estimate that the population of both the town and the county is double what it was then.

R. H. White suffered a broken finger a few days ago, while working on a windmill.

M. C. Ulmer is still confined to his bed, on account of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Crow of San Francisco was in Midland this week.

L. H. Gaskins, architect, arrived Tuesday from Colorado to look after business in Midland.

H. C. Barnes and family were here last Saturday from Andrews.

Paul J. Reiger came in this week from Los Angeles, and will be here for some time.

We support Midland Schools and Churches and the Midland Chamber of Commerce—outside Bakeries do not.—City Bakery.

Keno Davis was a business visitor Tuesday from Stanton.

Miss Dorothy Halley was here Monday from Kermit.

V. R. Dockray was here the first of the week on business.

Will Crier was a business visitor to Midland the first of the week.

H. B. Allen of Sweetwater was a business visitor to Midland Monday.

A. C. Caswell has accepted a position as clerk at the Llano Hotel. F. C. Curry is the other clerk, having come here recently from Floydada.

Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer and Mrs. Clifford Hill returned last week end from a pleasant trip to Dallas Waco and other points.

A. W. Cato was in Waco on business last week end.

Frank Ingham was in from the ranch near Stiles Wednesday.

Lee Reynolds was in this week from Upton County.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Midkiff are in from the ranch this week.

When ordering your groceries specify Midland Bread.

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M. S. Hines represents the Franks-ton Nursery Co. Everything kept in a first class Nursery. Price very reasonable. Feb. 27

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Barron strain large type purebred White Leghorn baby chicks, \$10.50 hundred.
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Sheppard strain single comb Anconas, \$14.00 hundred.
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Thompsons strain Barred Rock, \$14.85 hundred.
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All good, healthy, strong purebred guaranteed.

We pay postage charges and guarantee live arrival on all baby chicks. Pullets of any breed listed, \$1.50 each.
Cockerels, good size, \$3 each.
Poultry book on feeding and raising chicks and pullets, \$3 postpaid.

THE FULGHUM HATCHERY,
Emory, Texas. 5-12t

ST. LOUIS Post Dispatch, New York Times, Star Telegram, El Paso Herald, Midland Reporter, and good magazines at the Elite. 35-tf

Fort Worth Spudder for Sale Cheap. See S. J. McKandles. 8-4tp

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DROP in at the ELITE and look for your favorite magazine or newspaper. They are there. 35-tf

FOR SALE—8 head of good work mules, 2 jersey milk cows, 2 wagons, plow tools. W. F. Myrick. 10-tf

FOR RENT—for cash or on shares 100 acres under cultivation, protected by rabbit proof fence six and a half miles west of Midland on highway. Fred C. Stubbs. 10-tf

WANTED—Good second hand iron safe, also good used Underwood Typewriter. Apply Reporter Office. 11-tp

LOST—One Poland China Sow Pig two months old. Finder please notify B. F. Ward Box 462 and Receive Reward. 11-1tp

FOR RENT—Two nice furnished bed rooms. Convenient to town. Phone 248. 11-1t

FOR RENT—Bed Room. Close in Phone 52. 11-1t

Notice is hereby given that no more wood will be moved from my place unless paid for when hauled. See Mr. Kemp on premises. Trespassers will be prosecuted. J. M. MOSS. 11-3t

FOR SALE—My residence in Midland on sixteen acres, \$11,000.00 terms. Henry M. Half, Box 105 Mineral Wells, Texas. 11-tf

FOR SALE—West end block—Block 29 (12 lots) located one block south west of Holt home. Write or wire for price, no agents. A. J. McCarty Taylor, Texas. 11-4t

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FOR RENT—12 room house, partly furnished. See me at farm or write Mrs. Robert Currie, Midland, Texas. 11-1tp

FOR SALE—Six Room House call at The Reporter Office. 11-tf

FOUND—Girls Brown Coat. Owner apply at Reporter office and pay 25c for this ad. 11-1t

LOST—Team of horses, one brown and one bay, branded C on left thigh. Finder please notify Collins Bros. 11-1tp

FRESH COWS—Good young Jerseys three to four gallons. Advise with your banker about buying these cows. See them at Joe Wisdom barn. John Waddell. 11-1t

MATINEE EVERY DAY, beginning at 3 p. m. Idlehour.

DON'T forget the good magazines at Elite. 35-tf

Benefit Tea

Class No. 11 of the Methodist Sunday School will have a Benefit Tea Saturday, December 11, beginning at 11 o'clock, at Midland Light Office. Every one invited. 11-1tp

J. Homer Epley returned last week end from a business trip to Dallas.

WE BUY, SELL OR TRADE, new and second hand furniture and stoves. What have you. Key and Yeats. 48-4t

MATINEE EVERY DAY, beginning at 3 p. m. Idlehour.

Fred Turner made a business trip to Pecos yesterday.

Dick Morelan was in Colorado Tuesday on business.

Dee Murphy was in town last week end to attend the funeral of J. Tom White.



Beautiful Xmas. Gifts

Only two more weeks for Christmas shopping and we have arranged our suggestions so that selections may be easily made.

Lovely Gifts For Her

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- China Novelties, Glass Novelties \$1.95 to \$7.50
- Silk or Woolen Dresses \$16.75
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We shall consider it a pleasure to show and suggest items for each one you have to select for. We suggest early shopping while stocks are more complete.

Everybody's Store

Young Musicians To Be In Concert

On next Friday evening, December 17th at the Methodist Church, the Watson School of Music will present Misses Alta Mae Johnson and Elma Collins, piano, Miss Johnnie Mae Wilson and Mr. Floyd Countiss, violin, assisted by the Midland-Stanton Odessa student symphony orchestra. This is the second of a series of concerts the Watson school of music will offer this season, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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Good Picture Month

December is "Good Picture Month" according to W. H. Williams, manager of the Idlehour. Among the pictures scheduled for the near future are two Navy pictures, "We're in the Navy Now," and "Don't Give up The Ship."

Mrs. Fred T. Hogan arrived last week end to live in Midland. She visited in Carlsbad a few days before coming here. Mr. Hogan and his father and other associates recently bought the J. T. McElroy ranch the deal amounting to approximately two and a half million.

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- Act 2—Interior of the Hopkins' Mansion, New York City.
- Act 3—Grace Church at night, New York City.
- Act 4—Kitchen in the Old Homestead.

Play staged under the personal direction of Percival Vivian.

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COTTON VS. FEATHERS

"Cotton vs. Feathers" is the title of a battle being fomented by the Midland Chamber of Commerce and County Farm Agent.

The Chamber of Commerce and Co. Agent are on the side of feathers and expect to root for Feathers till cotton shows some ability to rise. Feathers already has Cotton whipped to a standstill throughout the United States, and Feathers promises to give Cotton the kayo at Midland for several years.

Three main reasons exist as to why Feathers is the best bet in the contest with Cotton:

First, Cotton is ruinously low and promises to stay there, at least another season.

Second, the Midland market demand for poultry has never been supplied.

Third, and the most important, the oil fields to the south promises to consume all poultry and poultry products raised here.

Perhaps never before in the history of Texas has such a golden opportunity presented itself for farmers who raise poultry as is now presented in Midland. Every other oil field discovered in Texas has been either in or near cities or communities producing considerable produce. The Upton Crane field is not contiguous to any such centers of production and is Midland farmers' "plum" if they will but pluck it. Poultry, dairy products, garden truck, beef—they will sell fast.

MIDLAND ALL ALONE

Midland is in a class by herself! Just at this time it would be hard to compare any town to Midland. Oil Development in surrounding counties is making business better than in many towns, the cattle business is in a condition that puts many cattlemen on easy street, and in spite of the low price of cotton, Midland farmers are in better shape than they are in many localities.

The oil business is felt in many ways. The scouts, office men and women, geologists and other officials who are making their homes here add greatly to the business, social religious and educational benefit of the city. Local people who own land in this territory have sold acreage and royalties, putting new money in Midland. Other Midland citizens have made fortunate speculation in leases and royalties.

The cattle business has been pronounced better than it has been for years. Many cattlemen are reported to have paid off long standing debts some have restocked their depleted ranges, and the cattle are in better physical condition than many winters have found them. The elimination of old cattle debts and the income of new cattle money is felt in the community.

Midland farmers are above the average farm-owning class. Most of them paid cash, or practically all cash, for their farms, because they bought land from people who were needing money. They bought these farms at low prices, for the most part, and in spite of low priced cotton, they are better able to stand a bad year than if they were operating on high valued land. The cost of making the crop here was much lower than in many sections.

Those who are looking for "tight times" here after the first of the year may safely feel more optimistic.

NORTHWEST HIGHWAY

Midland needs better highway connections to the northwest. Too much cannot be said of the need of good road facilities to Andrews, Shafter Lake, Seminole and points north.

But of equal importance, if not greater, is the need of good roads from Andrews, Shafter Lake, to Nadin or some New Mexico line town, with a road running thence to the highway in Carlsbad.

Carlsbad is becoming the center of geologists and oil men who are interested in operations in southwestern New Mexico. Besides that it is gaining more and more fame and attention on account of the Carlsbad Cavern. If more of this travel can be directed through Midland, the tourist revenue will be greater.

El Paso people are working hard on a highway to Fort Worth which will go by way of the Carlsbad Cavern. Their present idea is to go from there to Seminole, Lamesa, Snyder and on to connect with the Bankhead Highway somewhere east of here.

If Midland will get busy and cooperate with Andrews and other towns to get a road from here to Carlsbad, the traffic could very easily come back to the Bankhead highway at this point. A good road to the northwest would serve several ends and purposes, not the least of which would be to route oil people back and forth from Midland to southeast ern New Mexico operations.

E. R. Crews was in from his Gaines County ranch Tuesday.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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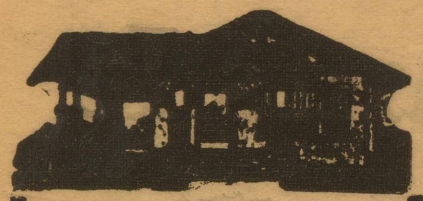
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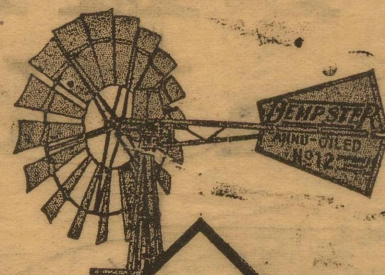
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Writes Of Midland As Cotton Country

"Midland as a Cotton section" is the title with a sub-title "Is one of most promising in West Texas" appears in the current issue of "Progressive Farmer." The article is written by Eugene Butler and carries a photograph of a negro cotton picker on Frank Dale's farm, which was furnished by the Midland Chamber of Commerce. The article is very illuminating on west Texas conditions and is worth an incalculable amount to Midland. "Progressive Farmer" has been extraordinarily kind to Midland in its columns, and articles in this farm paper are worth perhaps more to Midland than in any other publication read by farmers, as it is among the leading farm journals of the United States.

Mr. Butler's article follows: There are two factors that determine the cost of raising cotton: (1) yield per acre and (2) cost per acre. Based on these two factors a contest in cotton growing between the eastern and western sections of the Cotton Belt is being waged. The East has the advantage in yield, but the West offsets this advantage with the opportunity it offers for the handling of a large acreage.

One of the most promising cotton growing sections of this Western Cotton Belt is that around Midland. It is rapidly taking on the earmarks of a real cotton country. Last year B. L. Moss, one of the most successful cotton growers in the South a farmer who knows cotton growing from A to Z, began to look around for a section where cotton might be grown economically. He realized the need of reducing the cost of growing the crop. After considerable investigation, he settled on Midland as the place that offered most for the money. We don't know anything that presents Midland's claim as a cotton section more forcibly than the fact that B. L. Moss decided to locate there.

Temperature and Soil Conditions What sort of cotton country is the Midland section? Since returning from out there we have been looking up records as to weather, soil etc., to check up on what we saw with our own eyes and heard from the lips of county agent J. B. Snider and Paul Vickers, secretary of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. Experience in cotton growing has proved that to grow cotton successfully over a period of years, the mean summer temperature of a section should not fall appreciably below 77 degrees and its growing season should average 200 days.

Midland has a mean summer temperature of 78.8 degrees as compared to 82.7 degrees for Dallas, 82.3 for Corpus Christi, 76.3 for Plainview and 74.8 for Amarillo. The growing season for Midland is 211 days long the average date of last killing frost in the spring being April 2 and the average for the first killing frost in the fall October 30. In this respect Midland compares quite favorably with Dallas with its 241 growing season and has a 16 day advantage over the 196 days growing days at Amarillo.

Cotton likes a sandy loam soil. Midland has a sandy loam soil and it is perhaps better suited to cotton than the section further north on the Plains with heavier soils. There is, however, a disadvantage in farming sandy land in the West. You must be careful or the wind will pick up your soil and put it down in some one else's field, at the same time dumping a load of some one else's soil on top of your own crop. But farmers in the Midland section have learned to handle this "blow" sand successfully. Instead of cultivating with the ordinary implement that forms a mulch of easily blown fine dirt on top of the ground, we found them knifing their cotton. Knifing cotton isn't as bad as it sounds. It is done with an implement that is equipped with two knives that run an inch or so underneath the surface. This cultivator cuts off the weeds below the surface, taking a row at a time, leaving a mulch underneath with a covering of clods or small irregular shaped cakes of soil on top to retard blowing. Of course additional precaution against blowing is taken by planting in the furrow.

Annual Rainfall Low Another handicap to cotton growing in the Midland section is its low annual rainfall of about 15 1-2 inches. Approximately most of it comes during the growing season approximately 12 inches or 75 per cent of it falling during the period from April to October inclusive. The harvest rains come at planting time in May and June and again when the crop is being matured in August and September. Experience in cotton growing in West Texas, however, has proved that cotton is a very drought resistant crop. When it can get as much as ten inches of rain fairly well distributed throughout the season fair yields can be made. It is only when the annual rainfall falls below 10 inches

that cotton growing becomes impractical and the records at Midland show that only in three years out of 14 has it gone below 10 inches. This year the section has had plenty of rain, enough to make the weeds troublesome and to give certain of the farmers out there the feeling that cotton may respond to fertilizer. At any rate, certain of the farmers around Midland are trying out fertilizer. If it will increase crop yields sufficiently to pay for itself and leave a small margin of profit, it will prove a great boon to the section. Low acre yield is the weak spot in the western cotton country. Give this country any sort of decent yield and price it can make money growing cotton.

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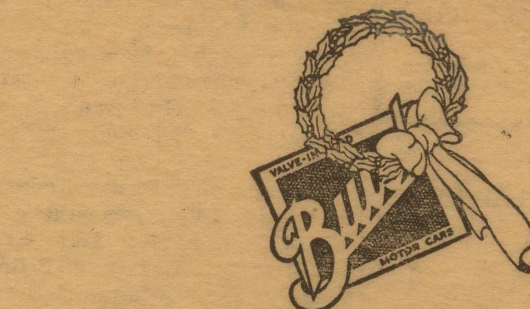
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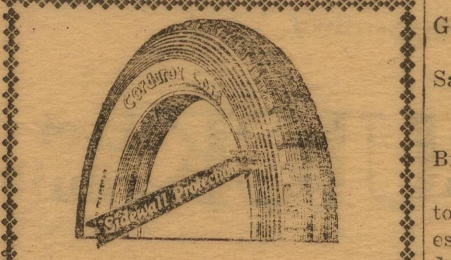
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 Bible Study 10:00 A. M.
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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clayton were here Wednesday and Thursday from Muleshoe. Jerry says Midland has picked up a great deal since he was here last.

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On last Friday evening when it became known that the soul of Mr. Tom White had fared forth to that bourne from whence no traveler returns, many hearts in Midland experienced a feeling of deep sadness, for Mr. White's death marked the passing of another pioneer citizen and prominent stockman of the Old West.

Those fine splendid men, who like the Veterans of the Civil War are so rapidly passing on to attend the next round-up—that one in the great beyond, on which green pastures the cow boys will all meet again, and will lie down to rest, while the cattle graze on. Like the Indian goes to the Happy Hunting Ground.

Mr. White, or T. Bar as he was familiarly called, was a native of Texas and when a very young man more than fifty years ago came to this country, where with truth honor, and high ideals he became one of those cow men who have paved the way across these plains, giving law and order for the coming of our modern civilization.

He has owned and operated most successfully a number of fine ranches and when drouth and low price of cattle would deplete his fortunes, he would refuse to admit defeat but would continue to meet life with high hope, deep courage and faith, and when downed, get back up and carry on the struggle.

In his home life perhaps Mr. White's character was shown at its brightest and best, tender, loving and considerate always his family will never have a memory but of love and peace at home. What a splendid heritage, what golden memories; and when his soul was moving out to that silent land, we know that he found Gods right hand in the darkness, and was caught up into the radiance of the City of Eternal Love.

The funeral was held at the family residence Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. T. O. Rorie pastor of the Methodist Church, of which the deceased had long been a member, and at one time a steward, conducted the service and his talk was beautiful in illustration and bright with promise of the "Land That is Fairer Than Day" finally committing the bereaved wife and daughter to that Comforter which never faileth.

The pall bearers, both active and honorary, were the sons of old friends and old timers, and a long cortege followed Mr. White to his last resting place. The flowers from far and near were many and beautiful and made of his grave a thing of beauty and remembrance.

He is survived by a wife and one daughter, Miss Thelma, a sister Mrs. G. T. Craig, head of Anna, Texas and a brother Mr. Jeff White of Portales, N. M.

To those sadly bereaved ones many friends are deeply sympathetic. Mrs. W. B. Bull, a niece from El Paso and Mrs. C. C. Watson, of Belton are among the out-of-town relatives and friends who came to be with the sorrowing family during these days when the home seems filled with shadows and the world outside has turned to fog.

The writer has known Mr. White for many years, and has glimpsed the fine clean soul of him and with many others, we feel like saying "Not Good Bye but God Speed."
 Lydie G. Watson.

Senior B. Y. P. U.
 Baptist Church 6:15 P. M.

Subject—Responsibility.
 Eccl. 12—Read Responsibility by Virginia Hale and Thomas Inman.
 Introduction—Rex Long, Leader.
 What Saith the Scriptures—C. B. Ausums.

Responsibility and Privileges—Herschel Arnett.

Three illustrations—Foster Brown.
 Responsibility of Rejecting the Gospel—D. W. Brunson.

Equipment is a talent—Madison Sandidge.

Sins of Omission—Leon Arnett.
 Conclusion—Pastor George F. Brown.

All have a most cordial invitation to the B. Y. P. U., and members are especially urged to be present Sunday for a report from the State B. Y. P. U. Convention. Be RESPONSIBLE for one visitor.

Senior Epworth League

Subject—Great prayers of the Bible.
 Leader—Lillie Mae Norwood.

Scriptures: Gen. 18:23-32; 32:9-13; Ex. 33:12-23; 2 Chron. 14:11; Dan. 9:4 19; John. 17: 1-26; Acts 4:23-30-19; Eph. 1:15-23.

Song and Prayer Service.
 Introduction—Leader.

Eight Great Prayers of the Bible.
 Leaders.
 Song.
 Benediction.



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