

Devastating Fire Claims Two Of Leon Easley Family

Devastating fire that claimed the lives of two members of the Easley family, completely gutted the six room home and left at 6:45 a. m. Tuesday, December 20th.

Leon Easley, 10 month old son of Mrs. Easley died at Gruber Hospital in Spearman, P. M. Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Easley was killed at the hospital at 11:30 Wednesday morning. Her 21 month old son, Donna Easley, 4 years, was seriously burned, and a 60 percent burn degree, and little boys named for her life, Leon, was seriously burned and died from shock. He was buried last night, neck a black. His condition is not regarded as critical. Burns run from first degree and fourth degree, and the remaining children: Martha Nell, 13 years, 11 years old, were injured.

A fire and disaster that shadow of gloom and over the entire county, when Mrs. Easley, in a fire in the home burned the outside amount of \$10,000.00. The fire was smoldering small flame. Unfortunately the bucket contained gasoline and although the fire exploded, it caught the fire in the outside. Mrs. Easley, in a chair and the burning was scattered over the house, for some of the sleeping children. The father, Mr. Easley, first in the room. He did not get out. He had through it out. He was through it out. He was through it out. He was through it out.

Santa Claus Snow Arrives Wednesday

Old St. Nick, who promised all the kiddies in the county some snow for Christmas, was on the job Tuesday with a beautiful two inch snowfall. This was the only precipitation for the week.

Table with 3 columns: DATE, HIGH, LOW. Shows weather data for the week.

11 inches snow; 0.16 in. precipitation in A. M.

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Disabled Vets Urged To Check On Insurance

Disabled veterans who are disqualified for life insurance because of disabilities have but two weeks left within which to take advantage of special provision of NSLI laws enacted for their benefit. Those affected are those with service-connected disabilities incurred between Oct. 8, 1918 and Sept. 2, 1945, who have less than \$10,000.00 NSLI.

City Manager Dacus Elected Pres. of Canadian Water Assoc.

Perhaps as the result that Leon Dacus, City Manager of Spearman, is the oldest (from the standpoint of service) licensed water and sewerage operator in the Northeast Panhandle, our City Manager was elected President of the Canadian Waterworks and Sewerage Association recently.

At a meeting of the Association, held at Canadian, Texas, December 15, Dacus was elected President. J. D. Mayberry of Perryton was elected Vice President; and R. M. Mundine, Chief of Sanitation of Pampa, was elected as Secretary and Treasurer.

The Canadian Association comprising of all the cities of the Northeast Panhandle, is the only Association of its kind in the State of Texas that has a 99 percent licensed membership. This is in conformation with a state law requiring water works operators to be licensed by the State Health Department. This is not for the protection of operators, but for the protection of the public.

Several local citizens realize the benefit our city derives from the fact that Dacus has been registered with the state health department for many years. It means that he keeps abreast of all improvements for purification of our drinking water, and for modern methods of sanitation.

Dacus has quietly worked with officials of the four year old Canadian Water Association to improve the standing of the entire Panhandle. His work and advice has been accepted, and we understand that only one small town of the entire area at this time, is without registered operators.

This is expected to be corrected not later than March of 1950, so that the Canadian Association will have 100 per cent registered operators.

The water operators of the N. E. Panhandle feel highly enthused about the favorable condition as it exists at this time. This section of the state is gaining a wide reputation for cooperation with state health officials and it is being reflected in both the sanitation credits and credits for insurance against fire.

The City of Spearman has two licensed operators and it is the policy of the city to comply with all rules and regulations of the state health department, cooperate in every way possible to protect the public.

Mr. Dacus expressed the thanks of the city for the aid given Spearman along this line by the health and sanitation department of the City of Pampa.

Dacus has been a guiding spirit in the organization and development of the Canadian Association and plans to ask for the next meeting to be held in Spearman some time during January.

Information from Gay Fletcher of Gruber, father of the popular...

Gruber Basketballers Have Busy Schedule

Gruber boys and girls basketball teams have a busy first of the year schedule. The conference game with Sunray will be played at the Gruber gym Tuesday evening, Jan. 3.

Both teams play at Gruber Friday night, Jan. 6, playing the boys and girls teams from Hartley. On Saturday, Jan. 7, the girls team journeys to Dalhart for an exhibition game with the Dalhart girls as a feature of the Dalhart tournament.

Two talented high school boys: Peyton Gihner and Joe Mack Hill were program guests of the Spearman Lions Club Tuesday noon of this week. The two musicians played two duet selections on the piano and received hearty approval in the applause they were given.

A feature of the Christmas meeting of the club which met with approval was the barbecued beef and sauce donated by Virgil Floyd and prepared by the new underground method of barbecuing, by Virgil and C. A. Gihner. The meat was most delicious and delightful, the ladies of the Methodist Church prepared light, hot biscuits which were served to our mouth. Both the two Lions and ladies of the church were called before the club to receive a standing and appreciative vote of thanks.

A more serious note of the program included a talk by Rev. Watkins, first calling the attention of the club to the disastrous fire that destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Easley. Rev. Watkins made it plain that he believed the situation faced by Spearman was too grave to leave alone and the responsibility with the Lions Club and a motion was made and carried for the Lions Club to sponsor a county-wide movement to aid the distressed family in their hour of trouble.

The annual exchange of silly Christmas toys, which has been a custom of the club for several years, was the concluding number on the program. Dr. Kieberger got a sweet shirt that would hardly fit his right arm, one of the club members received a very fancy modern miniature, Chick Sals special, etc. The toys were all left at the church to be delivered to underprivileged children of Spearman.

Dear Santa Claus Please bring me a BB gun. Love, Roland Swan

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Beeson and Simon Caldwell were Amarillo shoppers Saturdays.

J. D. Wilbanks Appointed Deputy District Grandmaster Of Masons

Announcement was made Tuesday of this week by the Masonic Grand Master of the State of Texas, that J. D. Wilbanks, Pastmaster of the Spearman Masonic Lodge, had been appointed Deputy State Grandmaster of the 192 Masonic District. This District comprises the Masonic organization of Dallas, Sunray, Borger, Slaton, Spearman and Gruber as soon as the lodge is organized at Gruber.

This is an outstanding honor for any Mason, and comes only to those who devote much time and talent the fraternal organization.

Mr. Homer Haralson, 59, passed away late Wednesday evening, Dec. 24 at Gruber. Death was due to a heart attack. Mr. Haralson died in the home of his father, W. H. G. Haralson. He had been living in Fairview, Okla., but spent part of his time in Gruber with his invalid father.

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Introducing Roy Hatcher, student Iowa State Agricultural College, who has been assigned to the Soil Conservation District of this area, under the supervision of Director Tom Etter. Young Hatcher, a very attractive, ambitious man with pleasing personality, began his work with Mr. Etter Monday of this week. The training is part of his educational program.

Incidentally, Roy is an enthusiastic worker for Boy Scouts and that should be enough said for Carl Archer and John R. Colard to draft him into the service for the wonderful work being done for Boy Scouts in Spearman.

Dear Santa Claus Please bring me a billfold and bow and arrow. Love, Eddie Riley

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Editorial

Next Sunday, nineteen hundred and forty-nine years ago, the Christchild was born. A new conception of religion and association of mankind was born with this Babe. At the modern world profess just a little more brotherly love...

... too large for haphazard operation. If we are to face this "Christmas Day" with any degree of quiet satisfaction... with a true realization that "Good will to Mankind" was born with our Savior, we must pour out our hearts and love and material aid to the Leon Easley family.

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Gruber Boys & Spearman Girls Win Tuesday

The Gruber Greyhounds boys team won the main event Tuesday night in Spearman when they defeated the Spearman Lynx, 44 to 29. However, the Lynx held the lead in the first quarter, but fell behind in the three remaining periods.

The important conference game between the Spearman and Gruber girls was won by Spearman, 31 to 24. This puts Morse in the lead in the county championship race, as they have won one game (from Spearman) and Spearman has now won from Gruber.

Box Scores: Boys. Table with columns: NAME, PG, FT, F, PTS. Lists players and their statistics for the Gruber vs Spearman game.

Bob Fletcher, Star Gruber Athlete, Sidelined From Basketball Team Because of Painful Leg Injury

Information from Gay Fletcher of Gruber, father of the popular...

The Scene Changes: Christmas Lights Can Be Seen For Miles

The season of hope and good cheer is at hand and colorful lights and holly wreaths brighten every window. The careful voices and beaming faces of happy children fill the air with happiness, mirth and gaiety.

In these days of trouble and sorrow, our town has put up a brave front, and one can only feel very heartened and encouraged to see the lights of Xmas shining through the gloom.

Among the decorations that are outstanding are: 1. The court house, completely lit with huge electric star, colored lights, and decorated trees, hand decorated by Pat Ryan, June Gibbs and others.

2. The Ford agency, owned and operated by Bill Reynolds, contains the only manger scene we have yet seen, and very effective with darkened background. The display window of the Ford agency is skillfully decorated with specially designed colored rope.

3. The Spearman Hardware, under the ownership of John and Sammy Baker is quite outstanding with its display window. The display window of the Ford agency is skillfully decorated with specially designed colored rope.

Christmas Party For Boy Scouts Held At School Auditorium Here

Boy Scouts of Spearman were given a surprise Christmas party at the high school auditorium on Monday evening, December 19th. The party, planned in all its details by their beloved leader, Bill Reynolds, was a complete success.

Following the presentation of gifts, Scout Executive Tom Cochran made a talk to the Scouts, commending the work and leadership of their scout leader Bill Reynolds. Tom related the story of the shell player, but finally...

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Boeing Ship
The air force's experimental rocket ship, X-3 has a stainless steel hull to withstand heat and pressure at 1,700 mph and altitudes up to 80,000 feet.

Size of Illinois
Illinois has an area of 56,000 square miles, its north-south length being about 385 miles and its maximum width about 218 miles.

LETTERS TO SANTA
Spearman, Texas
Dec. 10, 1949

Dear Santa:
Please come to see my baby sister and I. Bring to Kay a doll, walker and doll to me a sandlot, a suit on, and a read grader. Merry Christmas and Love, Kay and James Roy Patterson

non-resident land owners of Hansford County, Texas; you are hereby notified that the undersigned jury of freeholders, acting under and by virtue of an order of the Commissioners' Court of Hansford County, Texas, on the 14th day of January, AD 1950, proceed to lay out and survey a road of the first class 60 feet in width, on each of the following two routes:

incidental to the opening of said roads, when you may present to us a statement in writing of the damages, if any, claimed by you. Witness our hands this the 14th day of December AD 1949

L. E. Morrison
Ben Harris
R. H. Greene
Gordon Steele
Robt. Alexander.

they see proper so to do, on Monday, the 26th day of December, A. D. 1949, at the Court House of said County in Spearman, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at my office in Spearman this 12th day of December, A. D. 1949.

F. J. HOSKINS
Clerk, County Court, Hansford County

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above and foregoing and correct copy of the same. Write now in my hands.

J. B. COOKE
Sheriff, Hansford County
By Dona Bruce, Deputy

PORTRAITS FOR CHRISTMAS

You still have time to have portraits made for Christmas. Delivery in three days.

COURTNEY STUDIOS
Berger, Texas
412A N. Main

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Court within the State of Texas:

GREETING:
Clara C. Overton, Administrator de bonis of the Estate of Bill M. Rogers, Deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Bill M. Rogers, deceased, numbered 576 on the Probate Docket of Hansford County, together with an application to be discharged as such administrator.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED: That by publication of this Writ for one time, and six ten days before the return day hereof, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Hansford you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if



Dad's a popular guy, he suggested—

home for Christmas! on the Santa Fe

It's a real gift to the whole family! A Santa Fe trip home is the best of all for Dad, Mom, and the kids too.

Remember, Santa Fe is the economical way to travel. Children under five ride free with an adult passenger, and big sister or brother, under twelve years, ride for half fare.

Make your plans with confidence—the Santa Fe will take you home and bring you back in any kind of weather. See your Santa Fe ticket man for full information on schedules and fares.

Gift Tickets! It's easy to send a Santa Fe gift ticket to a relative or friend. Ask the Santa Fe ticket man for details.



Merry Christmas

We cheerily add our greetings to the many in store for you.

Ringing In The New Year



Best Wishes for Christmas

As all hearts echo and re-echo the joyous "Merry Christmas", we wish

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Frank KIMBROUGH

HEAD COACH of WTSC, CANYON

HAILED BY TEXAS SPORT WRITERS ASSN. AS ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST EFFICIENT MENTORS - HE GIVES HIS BUFFS THE TECHNIQUE OF FAST THINKING AND ACTING WHICH HAS CARRIED THEIR FAME BEYOND THEIR BORDER CONFERENCE HORIZON.



WIN LIKE A GENTLEMAN, LOSE LIKE A MAN.

James P. CORNETTE PRESIDENT OF WEST TEXAS STATE COLLEGE - ADMIRER OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES AND HAS HAD HIS NAME SLOWLY PAINTED ON THE BUFF'S DRESSING ROOM WALLS.

WT.S.C. "THE PANHANDLE'S OWN" REPRESENTS EVERY PART OF OUR AREA WITH IT'S STUDENTS OR FORMER STUDENTS.

With 19 Years Experience Marvin Chambers Ready For Xmas. Rush

When you get your Christmas cards from your friends and through the mail, you know a moment and think how service this Xmas is being done by the Post Office and its employees. Marvin Chambers is Postmaster of Spearman, Texas. He has been in the Post Office for 19 years. He is Chief Clerk of the Post Office, and has a clerk, has had six months service. Mrs. Earline Chambers is classified as a sub clerk and works when the Post Master gets in a jam. Such as Xmas. Your mail carriers to the routes is and around Spearman are Will Douglas, Mail carrier to Stinnett, Texas, with 12 years service. Vester Chambers, rural carrier, 10 years service. Don Cook, Mail Carrier, 10 years service.

mas packages received through the mail is possibly the real reason for the hard work the post office employees have through the Christmas holidays. You can go over there today, and say other day until Xmas, and you probably can't even see Paul, Don, or Marvin for the Xmas packages stacked up in the new Post Office Building.

The Post Office now has 500 mail boxes, all of them rented. Postmaster Chambers has put in 150 more, and will install them as quick as he gets them. The post office "business" is based on the amount of stamps sold per year. In 1948, postal stamp sales were 17 percent over the year 1947. In 1949, this year sales are already near 12 percent over 1948 sales. There has been an increase every year for the last 20 years.

The new building housing the post office in Spearman, has been finished approximately one year. It is a beautiful building, featuring all of the latest and modern conveniences necessary to expedite the mail.

It is with pleasure that we call to these men in the post office department, for they are as much Santa Claus, almost as old St. Nick himself.

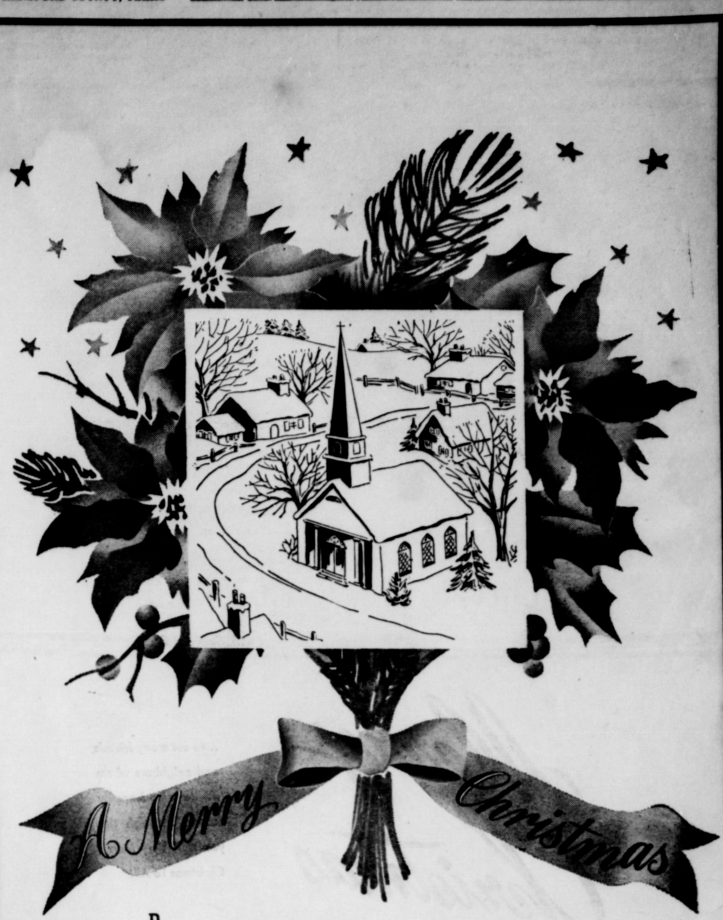
Popular Book
Most popular book ever received in the U. S. information library in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was Sears, Roebuck catalog.

Corn Acreage
American corn growers intend to plant 1.6 per cent less acreage than they planted last year. The difference amounts to 2,167 square miles, and an area equivalent to several Illinois counties, or double that of the entire state of Rhode Island.

Monument to Gulls
Mormons raised a monument at Salt Lake City to the gulls which came in answer to their prayers for an end to a grasshopper scourge.

Sports Palace
Soldiers field in Chicago is the greatest outdoor sports palace in the world. It seats more than 200,000 people.

Speedway Course
Largest automobile racing course in the world is in Indianapolis, the 500-mile Speedway course which is a 2 1/4 mile track.



Riches and expensive gifts do not alone make a Christmas merry. The simple, familiar wishes of neighbors and friends are just as important for a full enjoyment of the holiday. Mindful of this we are anxious to voice our homey, old-fashioned greeting: "To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



NEW YEAR CHEER

PTA Child Study Club

by Mrs. Carlie Knight
The P-T-A Child Study Club met Wednesday afternoon, Dec.

Mrs. Lawrence Brotherton opened the meeting by reading a poem, "A Christmas Wish," written by Mrs. John E. Hayes, president of the national congress of parents and teachers. Her message, the president wishes for every child a home that is a haven and a stronghold.

Then Mrs. Brotherton read an article on "The P-T-A in Japan." It was a stirring account of what the P-T-A is doing in a land that, until recently, had no such organization to weld home and school into a natural and necessary whole.

It was a story that inspires American parents and teachers to continue giving their best through parent-teacher membership and participation.

This article made one realize "That the P-T-A is a mighty power for good, not only in America, but wherever it exists." After the program, the women present had a discussion on teenagers. These discussions could be much more interesting and a real benefit if more women would come and take part in them. The next study club meeting will be on Jan. 4.

WSSC Met December 14

Both circles of the WSSC met in the church parlor Dec. 14. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Eugene Gibson. The meeting was opened with sentence prayers.

Mrs. Watkins was in charge of the program. Mrs. P. A. Lyon read the scripture, Luke 2:1-20. The group sang, "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Mrs. Russell Townsend read a poem, "Christmas Tonight." The Christmas message and the Gospel story of Christmas was read by Mrs. H. R. Hartman.

Mrs. R. S. Watkins spoke on Christmas gifts. "Stories of Christmas in Other Lands," written by missionaries was given by Mrs. Sid Clark and Mrs. C. A. Gibson.

"The Christmas Season," was given by Mrs. Mal Gunter who was program leader. The closing hymn was, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and Mrs. Watkins gave the benediction.

Angel food cake and coffee were served to Mesdames Sid Clark, E. N. Richardson, P. A. Lyon, Bill Gould, Fred Daily, Mal Gunter, H. R. Hartman, Merle Washington, R. S. Watkins, Willis Lackey, Lonnie Kenney, Elizabeth Ann Miller, Bruce Sheets, Clay Gibson and hostesses Mrs. Pope Gibson and Mrs. Russell Townsend.

La Jeudi Club

The La Jeudi Club met with Mrs. Willis Lackey Friday, Dec. 14 for their annual Christmas party.

After the usual round of games, gifts were exchanged and lovely refreshments were served the following:

Mesdames Bill Bratton, Bill Gandy, David Hester, R. S. Townsend, Bill Miller, Johnnie Lackey, Grace Hale, R. W. Morton; Guests Mesdames Jess Womble, Delon Kirk and Miss Elizabeth Miller.

Boxwell's Hired Hand

December 20
Dear William

Well Bill before I write you again Christmas will be past and we will be making our New Year resolutions (but won't keep many of them).

Did you ever stop to think what Christmas does to a person? We lock up and go home the night before tired and wondering if we have missed any deliveries. In fact we are just a little fed up with the whole business but when we arise the next morning we find that we have changed our minds about a lot of things. We don't hate a soul, our families are much to us, or at least we stop and think just how wonderful they really are. By the first of the year we have forgotten a lot of things that we thought of Xmas morning and go back to the same old grind but the spirit of Christmas doesn't leave us and come Dec 25 1939 we will again take the time to think about what a wonderful world we live in again.

Bill I will never forget a Christmas I spent in San Francisco. I had just taken a new job there and did not know a

Bridal Shower Honoring Mrs. Corky Kizziar

Mrs. J. R. Douglas, Jr., was hostess to a bridal shower for Mrs. Corky Kizziar on Friday, December 2nd, in the home of Mrs. Carl Kizziar. Lovely refreshments of cookies, miniature sandwiches and coffee were served to

Mesdames B. S. Hand, H. L. Williams, Hershel Cooley, Kiff White, Lester Howell, Wesley Jenkins, Ralis Richardson, Sybil Dillow, Florene Brown, Sid Clark, Olin Chambers, J. H. Chambers, J. W. Burgess, Harold White, Kuba Birdwell, Jerry New, Walter Wilmet, Jack McKay, Iola Sparks, Joy and Mrs. Blandford. These sending gifts were Mesdames J. W. Bretling, Del-

bert Allen, Fina Brill, R. Collard, J. W. Douglas, Nelson, Lou Compton, Dave Hand, Harry C. Leod, Bernard Barnes, Bill Pattison, Bob Arnold, Jonson, Victor Hill, Kizziar, Olin Kizziar, Thomas, Raymond Sparks, Bennett, Dean Bennett, White, Willard Vilt, Charles and Mr. Leonard Sparks.



reetings

We look forward each year to sharing with our many friends the brightness and good will of the holiday season.

COLLINGSWORTH MOTOR CO.

Merry Christmas

...to our many friends and neighbors whom we have so happily served through the years. A Very Merry Christmas To All



It Rains In The



That your Holidays will be Happy Days and your New Year bright with the Good Things of Life is the earnest wish of Reddy Kilowatt and his fellow workers at Community Public Service Company.

Reddy will be on the job as usual during the Holidays to light your tree, brighten your home and lighten your home tasks. He and his co-workers hope that this Christmas will be your best ever!

COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
Your Friendly Electric Company



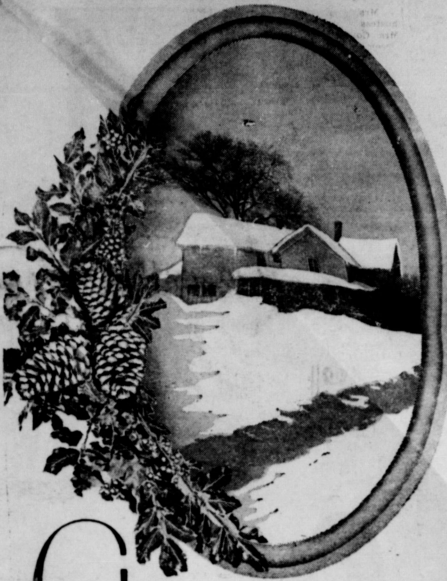
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Dealer



Greetings

Once again it is Christmas... May it bring you peace, good health and happiness throughout the year.

TOP QUALITY FOODS

CELERY	Bunch 15c	BACON	lb. 39c
Fancy, Delicious APPLES	lb. 10c	PORK ROAST	lb. 42c
Fancy California ORANGES	2 lbs. 19c	BEEF ROAST	lb. 49c

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus
My little brother Richard want a play horse to ride. Betty and Pauline want an accordion apiece I want a doll buggy for Xmas. Also some candy nuts.
Love, Yvonda Pipkin

Dear Santa Claus
I want a BB gun and my sister wants a doll and a buggy for her doll. A cap pistol, and my brother wants a cap pistol and some BB's for a BB gun.
Michael Crawford

P. S. Santa— My 13 year old sister wants a boy friend.

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a Sparkie Plenty doll and nuts and candy.
Love, Ruth Swale

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a football helmet, and a wagon and a football.
Love, Omar Sutton

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a doll buggy.
Love, Shirley Spearman.

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a bow and arrow, bicycle, brakes and a gun.
Love, Jerry Setts

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a tonal doll, cowgirl hat and a pair of boots, one gun and a cowgirl suit.
Love, Kay Moore

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a BB gun.
Love, Gene Rex

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a pair of pants and a pair of boots.
Love, Kay Stephens

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a shirt, riding pants and a pair of gloves.
Love, Joyce Ray Sparks

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a Semi truck and bicycle.
Love Jim Morley

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF THE ESTATE OF J. E. GOWER, DECEASED
ESTATE OF J. E. GOWER, DECEASED No. 429 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS
Notice is hereby given that I was appointed administrator of the estate of J. E. Gower, deceased, by the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, on December 12, 1949. All persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. All persons owing said estate are hereby notified to make payment to me. My residence and Post Office address are Spearman, Texas.

CARL E. GOWER
Administrator of the Estate of J. E. Gower, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF THE ESTATE OF A. R. STETSON, DECEASED
ESTATE OF A. R. STETSON, DECEASED No. 611 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that I was appointed independent executor of the estate of A. R. Stetson, deceased, by the County Court of Hansford County, Texas on the 1st day of August, 1949. All persons and concerns holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. All persons and concerns owing said estate are hereby notified to make payment to me. My office is 4221 York Street, Spearman, Texas.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Notice, classified display advertising and news columns close at noon every Tuesday. Please arrange for advertising early, also bring in your news items promptly.

WANTED — Dietician for Hansford Hospital Contact Manager, Phone 2601 No. 3-21-c

FOR SALE — Toy fire truck and baby bed, Merle Washington, Phone 2381. No. 3-21-c

FOR RENT — Three room modern apartment, furnished. Also bedroom Mrs. Grace Hale, phone 3841. No. 3-21-c

NOTICE — Anyone having a sleeping room they would rent during the Yuletide Convocation at the Union Church, call Rev. Durham at 3761.

WILL BUY — A few pieces of growing wheat, L. S. McLain, Spearman, Phone 3241. No. 2-41-c

FOR SALE — 830 acres, two miles east Spearman, Texas. One south and adjoins paved Highway 117, a distance of 13 miles. 730 acres in high state of cultivation, no bind weeds orJohnson grass. Owner received over \$10,000 net wheat in 1949. Two major oil companies have part of it leased. Fair improvement, this farm has an excellent production record. Reason for sell, inc. age and failing health. Price \$115,000 per acre, \$35,000 cash, balance long terms at 4 percent. Excellent prospect for a wheat crop. Purchaser will receive one third rent delivered to elevator, possession of land as crop is harvested. Will cooperate with brokers. See, phone or write:

S. K. Roach, Exclusive Agent
Groom, Texas - Phone 13
No. 3-21-c

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment, Call 4881. No. 3-21-t

MALE HELP WANTED
Man with car wanted for route work, \$15 to \$20 in a day. No experience or capital required. Steady. Write today, Mr. Sharr, 128 East Clark Street, Freeport, Ill. No. 2-21-p

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Don't Name It!

The country editor made an error. We planned to run down our stock of merchandise and it's way up. Through error, we received shipment of two four-drawer letter-size Shaw-Walker re-enforced steel file cabinets. They retail at \$57.50. We do not want to carry them over into next year's inventory and we will offer them on a first come, first served basis for the price of \$47.50 each. This is an outstanding bargain. You probably will never again have the opportunity of purchasing this class of standard merchandise at this low price.

We have an Underwood typewriter that has never been used enough to show it and has a new typewriter guarantee against defects of material and workmanship. This machine sells for \$84.85, retail. First check for \$45.00 gets the portable.

We have only one other typewriter in stock. It is a brand new portable Smith-Corona which sells for \$79.50. Never has been even demonstrated... the ribbon has hardly been touched. Will sell this machine, if sold in December, for \$74.50.

We have 22 packages of No. 1 Peenless typewriter carbon paper regularly priced at \$2.50 per box. If sold in December, we will part with this bargain at \$1.25 per box. You cannot buy this carbon on the wholesale market for less than \$2.45 per box and you pay postage and insurance on mailing it. If you will have need for carbon paper next year, better take advantage of this real bargain.

The country editor resents the fact that our school officials had to schedule the invitational tournament during our business time.

the year. During December, we always enjoy our busiest business... what with printing Christmas cards and Christmas letters and more news happening than usual. We encountered a home demonstration book to print this year and a large school order of inventory blanks has kept the entire bunch working day and night and Sundays. Of course, Billy is the sports editor and he took advantage of his position to attend the tournament while the old man had to feed the press and work on this big issue of the Christmas edition of your Reporter. Hope the school goes back to January for the tournament. Can usually find time to attend every session in January.

Buying at Home... Is Good Business

Do you offer your business to your home town merchants first, or do you automatically think of some out-of-town firm when you need something special in the way of goods and services?

Probably too much emphasis has been placed in most small towns on the "trade at home" slogan, and not enough on the good sound, common sense reasons behind that slogan.

It is generally good business to trade at home, and it generally will save you money. You don't believe it? Give it a fair trial. Instead of dashing off to Amarillo, or Dallas, or Oklahoma City to buy that fall wardrobe, shop around at our local dry goods stores. They handle the same nationally advertised brands that you will find in the cities, and if they don't have exactly what you want, ask them to get it for you. If they are the good business men we think they are, they'll do it.

And instead of grabbing your

mail order catalogue to order new tires for the old jalopy, parts for the tractor, or a school outfit for Junior, try your local dealer first. Chances are pretty good that they will have what you want or be able to get it for you. If you will only give them a half a chance.

It is not that we have anything particularly against the Amarillo, Dallas or Oklahoma City merchants; or even against the mail order houses; but not a one of them pays a dime's worth of taxes in Hansford county; not a penny of their profits from your business will go to help pave our streets or to maintain our county roads; not a dollar of their money will be spent on our school or contributed to our churches.

And what do you save? Do you recon your mileage and wear and up-keep on your car on the trip to the city, or the postage and delay on your mail order? Dollar for dollar, quality for quality, your local business men can compete in most lines on an even term with merchants elsewhere. And they pay you dividends to boot in the money they spend to improve our town, community and county.

Spearman's and Graver's and Morse's future as prosperous communities depend on the prosperity of their individual business firms, and your personal prosperity, the prosperity of every citizen of each town, is inevitably tied up with the growth and prosperity of the community as a whole.

The condition of business in this county, remember, depends upon the condition of the business men in the towns of the county.

That's why we say TRADE AT HOME. IT pays.



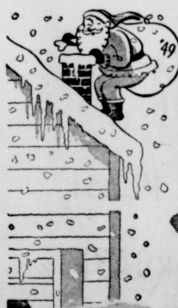
As a partial measure of our friendship we express the sincere hope that this year holds for you a perfect Christmas



May it be touched with the same kind of serenity that accompanies a Christmas Eve snowfall.

Thanks for your patronage and cooperation during 1949.

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Christmas Greetings



A Joyous Christmas

As joyful voices herald the approach of another Christmas season, we are grateful for the friendships and close associations it has been our privilege to enjoy.

At no other time of the year do warm feelings and fond memories seem more fitting and

able

The illustration features three children's faces in circular frames, each set within a Gothic-style arch. The child on the left is a young boy with a bow tie. The child on the right is a young girl with a bow tie. The child in the middle is a young boy with a bow tie. A lit candle is positioned between the middle and right arches. The background is dark with white stars and a decorative border.

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OES Honors Rainbows

Spearman Rainbow girls were pleasantly surprised Tuesday night when they arrived at the Masonic Hall for their regular meeting. A Christmas tree surrounded by gifts had been presented by the order of the Eastern Star.

After the regular meeting each girl was presented with a lovely gift. Delicious refreshments were served to the following Rainbow girls and members of the OES: Misses, Marguerite Wilbanks, Patsy Howell, Mona Beth Heister, Martha Cayton, Kay Howell, Norene Cates, Jeannene Graves, Mary J. Cayton, Elaine Dolly, Marilyn Crawford, Patricia Morse, Anita George, Juanita Peters, Nada Hutton, Mesdames H. M. McCauley, Walter Good, W. I. Robinson, Mickey Westerfield, Homer Beck, Harry Crooks, Wilson Buchanan, Cecil Crawford, Archa Morse, Auble Paddy, R. Hintersgard, Lester McLain, and W. S. McNabb.

Mrs. Blodgett Hostess For Christmas Party

The spirit of Christmas was truly presented at the Christmas dinner for the Better Homes Demonstration club meeting in the home of Mrs. Deta Blodgett Tuesday Dec. 12.

The hostess presented each member and guest with a lovely Christmas corsage which she made. After the delicious dinner consisting of all the seasonal dishes and treats, everyone joined around the Christmas tree and exchanged gifts. Some Pollyanna gifts were received.

Those enjoying the day were Mesdames Frank Novak, Rich-

ard Shedock, Lee Perry, J. M. Blodgett, E. S. Uptegrove, Ralph Latham, Virgil Hull, Merle Beck, Hix Wilbanks, C. F. Bastion, R. V. Converse, Dwight Hutchison, Vernon Crooks, Joe Dan Bryan, Mort Lynch, Earl Church, John Kenney, Claude Slowe, R. L. Uptegrove, Robert Novak and the Agent, Miss Gibbs and the hostess.

Christian Women's Fellowship

The Christian Women's Fellowship met at the Church at 2 o'clock, meeting opened with the group singing the carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The prayer was given by the president, Mrs. Alice Lackey.

Mrs. Ada McLain gave the devotional. The missionary study, "Japan Begins Again" was given by Mrs. Ada McLain, Mrs. Rena Hull and Mrs. Jess Womble assisted.

A short business meeting followed. The president suggested we go to the Spearman hospital and have our blood typed.

A large box was packed for a Christmas party, held annually, in the home of Mrs. F. J. Hoskins, 724 S. Townsend, Thursday afternoon, Mesdames R. V. Converse and O. C. Holt were co-hostesses.

Mrs. R. E. Vaughn, president, conducted the short business meeting. Mrs. O. C. Holt, secretary, read the minutes of the first meeting in September. The story, "The Littlest Angel" by Charles Taewell, was narrated by Mrs. J. M. Neely. Mrs. C. A. Castleman gave an interesting discussion about Christmas customs in different lands, mentioning particularly Norway and Russia. She also told the history of our best loved Christmas carols. Mrs. Marvin Jones played a piano solo, "Star of the East."

Mrs. Marvin Jones and Mrs. J. M. Neely conducted the gift exchange.

Christmas decorations of Caudies and Holly were arranged on

the tables. Guests enjoying the evening included Messrs. and Mesdames: Mack Dorich, Morse; Jack Hendrix, Waker; Bud Benson, Elma Gault, John Pipkin, Jim Sutherland, Cloyd Ricks and J. C. Miller, all of Spearman.

Flower Club Has Ten O'Clock Coffee

Mrs. Elmo Latham and Mrs. Pete Fisher were hostesses to a pre-Christmas party in the Latham home Tuesday morning at 10:00 a. m. The morning coffee was to entertain members of the Jonquil Flower club. Coffee and doughnuts were served to Mesdames, members: Billy Miller, Olin Chambers, Richard Kilgore, Mark Saunders, Max McLaughlin, J. R. Keim, Harold Womble and one guest Mrs. Bill Reynolds.

Club Enjoys Traditional Holiday Social

Members of the Twentieth Century Club were guests for a Christmas party, held annually, in the home of Mrs. F. J. Hoskins, 724 S. Townsend, Thursday afternoon, Mesdames R. V. Converse and O. C. Holt were co-hostesses.

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change. Bountiful arrangements of holly and evergreens, red candles and a lighted Christmas tree decorated the house.

Mrs. Dick Kilgore's attractive little daughters, Margaret and Barbara, dressed in identical dresses of soft yellow corduroy, added just the right touch of mystic anticipation to the party.

Mesdames Ernest Archer, J. H. Buchanan, Deta Blodgett, George Buzzard, C. F. Bastion, Ralph Blodgett, C. A. Castleman, F. J. Dally, W. H. Gandy, S. E. Hale, Fred Holt, Richard Holton, Dwight Hutchison, Wayne Hutchison, Marvin Jones, Butler Kirk, Richard Kilgore, E. L. Latham, F. A. Lyon, T. D. Sansing, Olin Sheets, Elizey Vanderburg, R. E. Vaughn, O. C. Holt, R. V. Converse and Mrs. Hoskins.

The next meeting of the club will be on Jan. 5.

Entertains With Christmas Party

Little Misses Mary Frances Archer and Patty Archer, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Archer and Gertrude Archer, entertained their little friends with a pre-Christmas party Monday, Dec. 18 in the Carl Archer home.

The little guests were entertained with favors of Santa Claus boots filled with suckers, candy and nuts of merry Christmas colors. They all drew names and exchanged gifts and were served refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and punch.

Moving pictures were made during the party by the mothers present. Children enjoying the afternoon included Sharon Womble, Bill and Pammie Russell, Janyth Phelps, Hobson Hartman, Janyth Wilmoth, Judy Mosier, Pat Right-

Celebrate Christmas Birthday On Dec. 16

Little Bethany Donnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Donnell, celebrated her two year birthday last Friday with a party for her little friends. Bethany was born Christmas Day, but the party was enjoyed Dec. 16.

Children attending with their mothers included Nancy Wilmoth, Phyllis Davis, Stephen Richardson, Skipper Robinson, Tommy Gilner and Bill Lockhart of Amarillo.

Birthday cake was served.

Happy Homes Club Has Christmas Party

Mrs. W. E. Sparks entertained the Happy Homes Demonstration club with their annual Christmas party in her home Dec. 13.

Several exciting games were played and the exchange of gifts was enjoyed by the following: Mesdames Clarence Pettitt, Merie Washington, Mal Gunter, Homer Beck, Albert Mackey, Jim Sutherland and Miss Jane Gibbs, the H. D. Agent.

Miss Gibbs was presented with a gift from the club members and a sack treat for each member of her family. The hostess served a delicious refreshment plate.

Mrs. Etter Hostess For Bridge Party

Mrs. Tom Etter was hostess to the annual Christmas party of the Bid a Bit Bridge club on Dec. 19. A lovely dinner was served, after which members exchanged gifts.

Mrs. Bruce Sheets won high score for the evenings games with Mrs. Arnold Richardson, a guest winning second.

Mesdames, attending included the hostess, Hal Jones, Norris Meek, Leonard Jamison, Bill Russell, R. D. Archer, Jr., R. E. Lee, Bill Hutton, Sam Henry, Jesse Davis and guests: Arnold Richardson and Ralph Blodgett.

Bro. Atkinson Brings Inspiring Talk to P.T.A.

The Spearman P.T.A. met on the regular meeting date, the second Tuesday of the month. An unusually large attendance enjoyed the Christmas program and pantomime put on by the third grade under the direction of Mrs. White and Mrs. Godfrey and accompanied at the piano by Miss Salvage.

During a short business session it was voted to again sponsor an attendance prize to be based on percentage of parents in the rooms.

Bro. Atkinson, pastor of the Church of Christ brought a timely and thought provoking discus-

ussion on Unity of the Home, School, and Church, declaring that these are the very pillars of democracy.

He pointed out that there are

number of threatening dangers in our nation, state, community, and homes. Perhaps the most

serious of these dangers is a loss of reverence for divine

principles. We seem to be in a

dark age that Righteousness is



May your Christmas be merry and its joy and happiness spread throughout the glad New Year!

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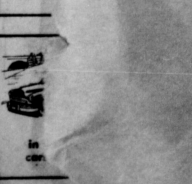
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Advertisement for Christmas Greetings featuring a wreath and the text: 'Christmas GREETINGS May the pleasures you derive from the exciting moments 'round the Christmas tree with your dear ones, linger and provide a host of wonderful memories to make the coming year a very happy one!

Advertisement for Farm Machine Service featuring a tractor and the text: 'Hearty Greetings The Christmas bells resound with lively jubilation carrying the tidings of the Season to everyone, everywhere! May they bring you a message of joy and good cheer! ...naturally as there die'

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