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CONVERSE SAYS:—
and it shall be as the chased
and as a sheep that no man
up: they shall every man
to his own people, and flee
one into his own land.
Isiah 12-14.

we are getting some
The rambling hobo of
an organization of ho-
announced last week that
had severed diplomatic re-
with hoboos of Russia,
Italy and Germany.

is still pounding away
the little country of Finland,
it looks like some more na-
will become involved in
war. This was a bad move
Russia as now it is apparent
she is not nearly the mili-
menace that she was thought
to be. It will not take much ef-
to create enough internal
in Russia to put her clear
of the running as far as giv-
any help to Germany.

you know there is at least
definite in the way
handles the political peo-
that do not agree with the
party. They just con-
a purge and execute the
that is not a yes man.

President Garner is going
missed around Washington
1941 as there is no way he
get back into the Senate in
if he makes the race for the
presidency.

The Republicans will probably
create a farm program that
be more on the order of a
off than the one we have now,
sources that are usually
able it seems that they think
larger payment per bushel or
guaranteed price payment is
what the farmers will fall
and you know there may be
good in a plan to guarantee
and make up the differ-
by a special tax in years
the market is below parity.

A few days ago while in a
neighboring town a crowd of men
two women were gathered
certain place and politics was
discussed. Someone proposed
each person present write
a piece of paper and drop it
in a hat. The name of the politi-
party they thought would
win the next presidential elec-
well out of 14 who partici-
ated there was ten who wrote
Republican.

New York the odds are 3-2
Roosevelt will say he is not
candidate for a third term.
However he is playing the wise
game and may in time say
boys if no one else will do
it for me.

Some are predicting a down-
trend in industrial activi-
the months just ahead, fol-
lowed some think, by a boom
inflation, such as has not
been seen by many.

Yours,
R. V. Converse.

GRUVER NEWS

Mrs. J. C. Harris and her new
baby Billy Bob will come home
from the hospital in Amarillo
this week. J. C. the proud father
is distributing the cigars to all
of his sundry. Better get yours
now.

The many friends of Mrs. Joe
will regret to know that
she is still very ill. She has been
in hospital but will return
home this week.

Mrs. Hugh Frazier is still in
hospital taking treatments
and has been ill for some time.
It was announced at a recent
meeting that Miss Eula Frazier
is shortly loose her identity
and become Mrs. Dick Goodall.
The date set. We wish the
young couple much
happiness.

Many if not all of the faculty
of the Gruver school will visit
their homes over the Christmas
holidays. Supt. and Mrs. Mc-
Callum will visit the south
country. Miss Love will visit her
parents in Wellington. Mr. Hugh
Frazier will visit his parents.
Rev. Cox and his family will
leave Christmas eve and visit
his, Dallas and Belton. Brother
Cox is pastor of the Gruver
Methodist church.

Mrs. Mary Fletcher is expecting
her children to be with
her on Christmas. Her daughters
from El Paso, Hooker, Okla., and
Rapid, Mich. will be here.
Community Church News—The
Methodist church will have their
present and Christmas tree at
the community church, Saturday
evening, 23rd at 7 p. m. The title
of the pageant is "They Lifted
Up Their Voices". Following the
pageant will come the Christmas
tree and distribution of gifts. On
Monday morning, the pastor Bro.
Cox will preach on the subject
"The Word Became Flesh".
There will be no evening services.
The Church of Christ will hold
their regular services at the
Community Church Sunday at

TROY ISRAEL GUEST SPEAKER AT LIONS CLUB

Mr. Troy Israel, district executive of Boy Scouts was guest speaker at the regular Lions Club luncheon Tuesday at the Pekoe Cafe.

Mr. Israel explained Scout work in its entirety, emphasizing advantages offered local scout units. He is connected with the Adobe Walls Council of Boy Scouts and was secured as feature speaker in connection with the re-organization of Scouting in Spearman.

Nadine Hardin was also guest of the club and entertained with three special numbers—a piano solo, cornet solo and one song.

SPEARMAN BOXING TEAM PROCLAIMED INELIGIBLE

The 2 Spearman boys that entered the Follett Boxing Tournament were ruled ineligible just before the final matches.

Carl Edd Wilbanks, fought in the high school welter weight division, won his first and only bout in the first round with scarcely an effort. Carl Edd made an excellent showing during the short time that he fought.

Ben Maize, the other contestant from Spearman, fought in the amateur welter weight division. He won his fight by a clean KO in the early part of the 2nd round. Ben displayed an unusual technique in spite of the fact that he had not fought in 5 years.

Carl Edd was ruled ineligible because of his age. This seemed to be a very unfair ruling since Carl Edd is only 20 and since over half of the other boys in the tournament were from Oklahoma and Kansas the age limit is 21. Ben was proclaimed to be a professional and therefore ineligible to fight. It is a known fact that Ben has not fought in 5 years and at that time he fought only as an amateur.

After coach Earl Madden proved the eligibility of his boys the Follett coach and tournament manager admitted that Carl Edd and Ben were not ineligible but were to tough for anything that he could offer. He stated that the boys had a perfect right to fight in the tournament, but that the objection came from several of the other coaches who threatened to withdraw their entire teams rather than fight one of their men against someone superior in skill. He stated further that he was forced to make the decision against the Spearman boys in order to keep the tournament from being broken up. When the basis for the decision was explained to the Spearman boys they at once withdrew.

The same proverb holds true in boxing "The best man doesn't always win"! Signed Earl Madden

SPEARMAN ROOM MOTHERS ACTIVE IN SCHOOL WORK

Mrs. Hutchison, chairman of room mothers reports special entertaining feasts for all the rooms as Christmas treats.

Besides visiting the rooms, encouraging and enjoying the students the council of room mothers held a cafeteria shower which netted \$12.10, 7 tea towels and 15 pot holders.

CORRECTION

Dr. Powell will not be in town on the 3rd as previously printed in this issue of the Reporter. He will be here JAN. 10TH.

ternoon, Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. followed by preaching service. Bro. Graves is the minister. Baptist Church News. Last Sunday was a great day for the Baptists and marked the dedication of their new basement. Special services will be held next Sunday which is Christmas Eve. Sunday which is Christmas Eve. The pastor Bro. Hughes will preach at the morning service on the subject. They Presented Unto Him Gifts. There will be no BTU but the church will present a Christmas pageant entitled "The Light of Christmas, at the evening hour. Following the pageant will be the Xmas tree and distribution of gifts.

Everyone in Hansford county should go to the church of their choice next Sunday and worship Him whose birth we are now celebrating. In spite of the fact that the world is ravaged by war He is still the Prince of Peace and only on the principles He enunciated can peace ever come.

Spearman Represented At Water Conservation Meeting

Judge Barkley, Will Miller, C. A. Gibner and Commissioners Vic Ogle, Gus Olsen and Judge King attended the 4th annual meeting of the Water Conservation Authority held at Borger Tuesday with the Borger C. of C. and the Canadian River Association as hosts.

Some 300 Panhandle citizens and county commissioners were guests.

A 'Bob Grimes' barbecue was served at the Legion Hall at the noon hour and the afternoon session was held in that building. There delegates were recognized.

The meeting was given to the discussion of Water Conservation and Flood Control.

CUSTOM SHOULD BE REVIVED

Revival of a custom most popular a generation ago—reading Christmas stories aloud to the family is sought this holiday season by Dosca Hale, specialist in parent education and child development for the A. and M. College Extension Service.

What to read? There are many beautiful stories in the Bible, especially Luke 2:4-20 which tells of the shepherds' journey over the snowy fields to Bethlehem.

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, Thackeray's Christmas Books, Frank Stockman's 'The Poor Counts' Christmas' from Fanciful Tales.

Older members will still enjoy "The Two Pilgrims" by Tolstoi and The King's Jewel from The Unknown Quantity by Van Dyke.

Don't forget, please, "The Night Before Christmas."

Give something made of cotton this Xmas!

There is still time to buy your Xmas Cards at the Reporter.

May we figure with you on your office supply and printing needs for 1940—Call 10.

FARM LOAN PROGRAM EXTENDED DURING 1939

HOUSTON—Dec. 21—More than 5,550 Texas farmers have bought farms with financing through agencies under supervision of the Farm Credit Administration in the past four years, according to a statement made today by A. C. Williams, president of The Federal Land Bank of Houston.

"Broader ownership opportunities made possible by the 1935 Farm Credit Act and by administrative measures of the FCA have produced at least a small crop of new farm owners in almost every county in Texas.

These farmers have obtained altogether \$12,990,000 of mortgage loans and other credit to purchase farms—some of which have been bought from farmers who have retired, from other individuals or from the Federal Land Bank.

Although the Land Bank and Commissioner cannot lend to farmers who have nothing to pay down on a farm, their financing opens the road to farm ownership to many farmers and tenants who do not have all cash to buy the farm they want, but have moderate savings and can meet the requirements of Land Bank and Commissioner credit to get the rest of the money.

Simeon Improving

Simeon Caldwell who is still confined in St. Anthony hospital, Amarillo, is improving but will not be released until after the first of the year.

Stores To Close

The stores of Spearman will be closed Xmas day. So look ahead and buy enough.

County Committee Named At Meeting Of Wheat Growers Dec. 18th

R. C. Bennett was named county chairman at a meeting of 126 wheat growers of Hansford county Monday at the annual meeting called for the purpose of electing members of the county governing committee.

F. R. Wallin of Gruver was named vice-chairman and John Venneman was named as committeeman. Two alternates were elected. They were Sid Lackey and Ed Close.

The county committee will be the governing body regulating the activities subject to antional program of the Hansford wheat growers. The committeemen and alternates will serve as community committeemen.

CAROL SINGING

The Methodist Young People have decided to sing Christmas Carols next Sunday night after church and are inviting all who will to come and go with us. Regardless of where you attend church you are invited to come as soon as your services are over and join us in singing carols over town.

We expect to have a large truck ready so we can all go together.

If you want us to sing carols in front of your house please have a light shining in the window. Merry Xmas to all. W. B. Swim, Methodist pastor.

Generous Spearmanites Promise Bountiful Xmas For Some 30 Families

Business men of Spearman and individuals interested in the Christmas enjoyment of some 30 families who would otherwise face a rather scant Christmas, contributed \$125.00 to purchase food and gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cooke will prepare the baskets of food and gifts and deliver them on Xmas morning.

Gruver Defeats Phillips In Basketball Games Saturday Dec. 16

Gruver boys and girls defeated the boys and girls basketball teams of Phillips in two thrilling games played at Phillips Saturday night Dec. 16.

The boys won by a free throw in the closing minutes of the game 26-25. The girls won by a field goal in the last seconds of the game 15-13.

Guests Of Aunt Rhoda Wilbanks

Mrs. G. B. Reed, daughter of Mrs. Rhoda Wilbanks and children Nell and Nelda and Wanda Gene from Amarillo are spending the week with Spearman home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hays, Teetot McLeod, Mrs. Howell, Dot Richards and Hazel Jenkins visited in Borger Tuesday.

\$290,236.71 Wheat Checks Received in Hansford County

A shipment of wheat allotment checks received this week amounting to more than \$50,000 brought the total amount of government payments to \$290,236.71.

That amount represents 81 per cent of the payment due for the 1939 allotment.

Twenty Thousand Bushel Sales Of Wheat in a Day

After the spectacular rise in wheat which climaxed in a 4-c market rise Monday of this week one dealer reported purchasing \$20,000.00 worth of the golden grain Monday Dec. 18.

The price in Spearman was 90c per bushel.

PAPER PUBLISHED EARLY!

Good morning. Your paper this week is one day early and several stories were omitted. The important stories will be in the next issue of the Reporter. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE LUCKY EIGHT CLUB

Mrs. Olin Chabers was hostess to the Lucky Eight Bridge club last Thursday afternoon in her home.

Those playing were Mesdames James Spittler, Charlie Cox, Lester Howell, Gene Cline, Walter Good, and Misses Bernice Vernon, and Mattie Lou Easley and the hostess Mrs. Chambers.

High score prize went to Miss Bernice Vernon and second to Mrs. Cline.

Next Thursday the club is having a party at the Pekoe cafe.

SUNSHINE NEEDLE CLUB

Mrs. Odell Washington entertained the Sunshine Needle club with a Christmas party at her home Tuesday afternoon.

The afternoon was spent playing games. The Christmas theme was featured in the decorations and gifts were exchanged from a gaily lighted tree.

Lovely refreshments were served Mesdames R. B. Archer Jr., Freeman Barkley, Gus McLain, Raymond Kirk, W. E. Sparks, Charlie Cox, O. C. Holt, Ray Phelps, Mrs. Gagsdale a guest, and the hostess.

The first meeting in the New Year will be held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Window Jan. 9.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS BROADCAST

Dec. 16th the Home Demonstration clubs of Hansford county broadcast a program over KGNC Amarillo, telling of the many uses of cotton and urging the use of better cotton beds.

Miss Locke, county HD agent, announced the program. Mrs. R. V. Converse gave a talk on land use planning. A playlet and the club quartette composed of Mesdames McClellan, Mitts, Banister and Beck sang "Carry Me Back To Old Virginny", accompanied by Mrs. John Kenney. This broadcast is given each year by each county.

BID A BIT CLUB

The Bid a Bit Bridge club met Thursday Dec. 14 with Mrs. Joe Hutton for a luncheon.

Mrs. Lloyd Campbell played high for members and Mrs. Jimmie Jackson for guests.

Members present were Mesdames Bill Hutton, R. E. Lee, Lloyd Campbell, R. B. Archer, Jr., Bruce Sheets, Gwnefred Lackey, guests were Mesdames: Bob Douglas, J. N. Jackson, Roy Wilmeth, Will Miller and Roy Russell.

SNAPDRAGON FLOWER CLUB HAD XMAS PARTY

Mrs. Lafe DeArmond was hostess to members of the Snapdragon Flower Club for their annual Xmas party. Bingo was played and enjoyed by the guests present.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. D. Clement with Mrs. Roy Jones as lesson leader.

Present were Mesdames H. H. Crooks, Roy Jones, J. E. Gerber, T. R. Shirley, E. D. Clement, B. Maize, Jim Southerland, Frank Hardin, Lester Howell, Gernie Howerton, W. S. McNabb and Fred Mizar.

Guest Mrs. L. G. Andrews.

BOY SCOUTS HAVE CALL MEETING

Tuesday evening Rev. W. B. Swim met with 25 prospective Boy Scouts in the old gym.

Scouting and its principle were introduced to the boys by Rev. Swim. About 13 interested parents were also present.

After the splendid talk Bro. Swim led the boys in a series of games.

The Boy Scout organization is sponsored by the Lions Club. They selected Rev. Swim as the scout master.

Boys present Tuesday ranged in age from 12-15. But all ages from 12 up are eligible. The next meeting will be January 2nd at the old gym.

Matthew Grandon Tells Of Grand Lodge Meet

Matthew Grandon, former worshipful master of the Hansford Masonic lodge told members of the organization of his recent trip to the state meet held at Waco, Texas the early part of December. Mr. Grandon has attended the meeting each year for the past three years, and has the honor of receiving a 3 year certificate membership. Perry Hawkins, local officer, accompanied Mr. Grandon on the recent trip to the state lodge meeting. A one year certificate membership is quite an honor and represents the work of many years to become proficient in the Masonic work. A three year certificate is counted an outstanding accomplishment among Masons.

The fact that a local member of the Hansford organization has received this honor as a fitting acknowledgement of his work is appreciated by the membership of the local lodge.

TECH STUDENTS HERE FOR XMAS

Bill Russell Jr., R. L. McClellan, Perrin Lyon, Dorris Kirk, Buster Kirk, Vera Beth McClellan, Julia Wilbanks, Willard McCloy and John Gillispie arrived home Wednesday from Texas Tech for the holidays.

Mrs. Gillispie, mother of Walter and Sam Gillispie is quite ill.

HOLT NEWS

Mrs. Charlie Rosson, Mrs. O. K. Pendergraft and Mrs. J. R. Kirk and Miss Betty Ruth Beck were shopping in Spearman Tuesday.

J. C. Lee made a business trip to Spearman Tuesday. Mr. Feral Lee is employed at the Keith Appliance Store in Borger. Mr. and Mrs. Lee and son Lovall and daughter Christene are making their home in Borger at this time.

Mrs. E. W. McJunkin shopped in Spearman Monday and also visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiff White and children were shopping in Borger Saturday.

Charlie Batton made a business trip to Borger Saturday.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

Last Thursday night, the freshmen and sophomores had a party. We played games and then we had the present exchange. Present were 73 out of the 90 that are in the 2 classes.

We have our three weeks tests this week. But next, we have our vacation.

Last Thursday and Friday the Literature classes made talks on the authors of the poems that we have been reading.

Miss Winkler's home room pupils will be in charge of the assembly program this week.

ELLIS THEATRE PERRYTON, TEXAS

Dec. 21-22—"Henry Goes To Arizona." with Frank Morgan, Virginia Weidler and Slim Summerville.

Dec. 23—Pride of the Blue Grass—with Edith Fellows, James McCallion and "Gantry", blind horse.

Dec. 24-25—William Powell Myrna Loy, Otto Kruger in Another Thin Man.

Dec. 26-27—The Dead End Kids with John Littel and Cissie Loftus in "On Dress Parade".

Dec. 28-29—Cary Grant, Ronald Russell in "His Girl Friday".

FREE XMAS MATINEE Dec. 25 Two shows 1:30 and 3:30 p. m.



AND A HAPPY HEALTHY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!
The Wish of the—

ABSTRACT C

A. LYON, Mgr. Ph. 42

Spearman

Christmas Dinner

By Katherine Edelman

AS SOON as Darrel Thorpe got a chance to use the phone, he dialed his home. He must tell Edna, how sorry, how terribly sorry he was for what had happened this morning. All the way down on the car he had reproached himself for the hasty words he had said. He couldn't understand how he had spoken to Edna like that, and on Christmas eve.

He drummed impatiently on the desk as he waited. Edna was always punctual about answering the phone and doorbell. It was a way she had, going right through with things.

Which really was the cause of his flash of temper this morning. In her quick, decisive way, she had swept aside his idea of having old Mrs. Darby for Christmas dinner. The little lady, now down on her luck, had befriended Darrel when he had come to the city.

"I'm not going to have her!" Edna had declared emphatically. "We're



The big man did not seem to hear Mrs. His eyes were glued on a closely-typed statement.

going to skip Christmas as much as possible—go out and eat somewhere—and miss all the rush and bother."

"I think that's a darn selfish way of doing," Darrel shot back. "Christmas is a home day, with a turkey, and a tree, and gifts, and above all, someone to share them with us."

Then, without waiting to see the effect of his words, Darrel rushed from the house, banging the door.

Now, he dialed the number three times, but there was no answer. Panic seized him. Had Edna believed that he meant what he had said? He had heard of young wives who had packed up and left for much less reason. What a brute he had been to flare up as he did!

THE morning was unbearable long. Inwardly fuming, he hung up the receiver, to answer an imperative buzzer from the inner office. It was about the tenth this morning. If it hadn't been for Wheatley, keeping him running around in circles, he might have been able to reach Edna long ago. And if the old man hadn't been in the same ugly mood yesterday, Darrel knew that he himself wouldn't have been on edge this morning, that he wouldn't have spoken to Edna as he had done. He blamed Wheatley as much as himself.

"You sent for me," he said stiffly, as he waited beside the desk. The big man did not seem to hear him. His eyes were glued on a closely typed statement. Darrel spoke again. Then Daniel Wheatley looked up, and rubbed his hand across his forehead as if trying to remember something.

"Oh, yes, yes," he began; "Mrs. Thorpe called before you got to the office this morning. I forgot to tell you. She left word that she was going marketing with a Mrs.—Mrs. Darby, or some such name. Also, she wanted me to be sure to tell you to bring home a Christmas tree and all the trimmings." There was a merry twinkle in Wheatley's usually hard eyes. "Looks as if you were going to celebrate Christmas at your house," he finished, with a laugh.

"We certainly are," Darrel grinned back; "we're going to have a real old-fashioned celebration of the day."

"Think your wife would object if you took a cranky old man to Christmas dinner?"

Darrel wondered if he were hearing things, then his quick wit jumped to the surface. "If you really mean that, Mr. Wheatley, I can assure you of a hearty welcome. My wife thoroughly believes in having people for Christmas dinner. At least, I am sure she does now." The last sentence Darrel whispered to himself.

Cards on Fields of Bethlehem
On the hillsides of Bethlehem, "where shepherds watched their flocks by night" on Christmas eve and Christmas morning, tourists from many lands gather annually to sing carols and remember the life and words of Jesus of Nazareth.

In Bethlehem for Christmas
Due to modern transportation one can leave America as late as the middle of December and be in Bethlehem in Palestine for Christmas, 4,000 miles away.

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

The State of Texas County of Hansford To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of AUSTIN L. HARTZELL, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration with will annexed upon the estate of Austin L. Hartzell, deceased, were granted me, the undersigned, on the 13th day of December 1934, by the County Court of Hansford County, Texas; and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to come forward and make claim against, and those having claims against

said estate to present them to me within the time required by law.

My residence and postoffice address is Arkansas City, Cowley County, Kansas, Rural Route No. 4. Correspondence concerning the matters herein may also be addressed to me at Spearman, Texas in care of T. D. Sansing, my attorney of record.

Lulu Hartzell Hanna Administratrix with Will Annexed of the Estate of Austin L. Hartzell, Deceased. First published Dec. 21, 1934

SUPT. McCOLLUM OF GRUVER UTILIZES EVERY INCH OF SPACE IN BLDG.

Supt. McCollum is successfully combining education and play. His idea is: waste no time, no space. No hanging around the hall no miserable idleness is seen about the building.

Students and teachers alike are busy at something.

Each child plays at least one hour at school for 4 days and on Friday a lecture on hygiene is given.

Miss Flathers has charge of high school girls; Mrs Lowe the grade girls Mr Malphurs the high school boys and Mr Long the grade boys.

DASH DIXON



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for guests and Marie Louley for members. The club meets next Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Chambers. Mr and Mrs C. A. Gibner visited in Amarillo Saturday.



Earth, Goodwill Toward Men"— Prosperity, Health and Happiness is the wish

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... error.

Being Directions How to Carve Christmas Turkey

...round ye masters of the
...dinner table. Uncle Sam
...each you a lesson:
...government has issued an of-
...bulletin on the proper tech-
...carving the Christmas tur-

...bulletin rules on such impor-
...problems as whether the fa-
...should stand or sit while do-
...honors and the position of the
...on the platter. All you have
...to read this, and carving the
...bird will be a lead-pipe cinch.
...turkey rides on the platter
...down," says the bureau of
...economics. "The first prob-

*The most important
rule is to keep the
bird on the platter.*



...ther's: Should he stand or
...carving?"
...are two schools of thought
...subject, and the government
...father his constitutional
...to do as he pleases. But it
...erred, after deliberation, that
...person had best stand and a
...person should sit for the most
...work. Are you short or

...next problem, says the bulle-
...the point of attack. It is
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...as spirit through ignorance
...ardness—or just plain stub-

...a few simple rules need be
...ed. The most important, of
...is to keep the bird on the
...because it's rather difficult
...on the floor. Also, the bu-



...estimates, a bird on the plat-
...worth two on the tablecloth.
...t," the bureau said, "remove
...from the body by grasping
...your left hand (but what if
...left handed?) and cutting
...down to the hip joint. Re-
...wings and the other leg.
...place the fork squarely
...the breastbone toward the
...the keel, to anchor the bird
...you carve the breast in slices;
...slightly sawing motion."
...don't like the shape of your
...or the distribution of dark
...the meat, well—why not have
...the carve in the first place?"

Christmas Hymns Sung From Depths of Michigan Mine

...EMING, MICH. — "Silent
...Holy Night" drifts mysteri-
...up the pitch-black Morris mine
...here. Down below, 1,500 feet
...around, 200 grimy-faced work-
...pause for the world's most
...Christmas party, an annual
...held at the Inland Steel com-
...iron mine here.

...and Austrian, Swede and
...man, Italian and Irishman,
...helmeted giants of the earth
...tantly in Christmas hymns as
...carry them to the 1,500-

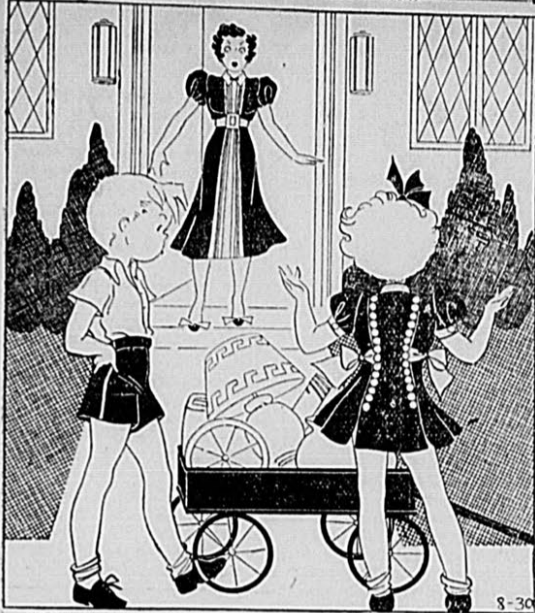


...sional Jim Fowler, garbed as
...Claus, gives Elmer Waara,
...of the miners, a folding
...as remembrance of a six-
...error.

...level where their party is held.
...sional Jim" Fowler, 225-pound
...boss, strides forth in a Santa
...costume and takes his place
...brightly lighted tree. Like
...around a tree at home, the
...stand eager and expectant.
...as are rib-tickling reminders of
...during the year. Last year,
...ample, the mine carpenter was
...a rule—inspired by a six-inch
...made a few months earlier.

FLAPPER FANNY By Sylvia

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"A lot of encouragement we get from our families. If we can't keep it in our yard or mine, how do they expect us to make a success in the junk business?"

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Christian Science" is the sub-
ject of the Lesson-Sermon which
will be read in all Churches of
Christ, Scientist, on Sunday,
December 24.

The Golden Text is: "Break
forth into joy, sing together, ye
waste places of Jerusalem: for

the Lord hath comforted his
people, he hath redeemed Jeru-
salem." (Isaiah).

Dr. Powell, Eye, Ear, Nose and
Throat. Will be at Dr. Gowers
Office Wednesday December 20.
Glasses fitted and tonsils and
adenoids removed.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION



LOW ROUND-TRIP COACH FARES

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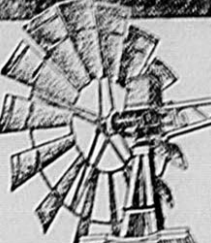
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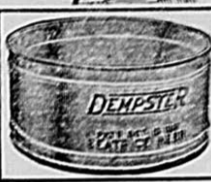
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LOOKING AROUND IN GRADE SCHOOL

This week to give parents and friends an idea of our children's talent, your Looking Around Reporter visited Grade school.

In the first grade the children have decorated a large Xmas tree, doing all the work themselves. Popcorn streamers red and green rope, handmade red, blue, yellow and green links, colored bulbs, and a large star and with snow as a base and holly silver rope red cellophane, strips added, one views a very attractive tree. The children have also made Santa Claus posters, and the village of Bethlehem.

The second grade under Miss Roach have also Santa Claus and wise men riding camels. They are also decorating a tree. Pictures of Christmas and sprigs of holly are also on the walls.

Mrs Skinner's second graders have made bells, Santa Claus, wise men and the Star, and a miniature fire-place. They also have a decorated tree. For Xmas gifts they are making wooden owls and cats.

On arriving at the Third and Fourth grade room, Mrs Loftin's, you see a large Merry Xmas. Their tree is decorated beautifully. They have made red and green holly, candles, bells and poinsettias.

The 4th grade of Miss Spark's have bells, balls, rope and stars with silver icicles on the tree. They have also made bells and candles.

Beware when entering Miss Gant's room, for mistletoe is hanging over the door. Their tree is also very pretty.

Mrs Gunn's fifth graders have a very pretty room. Twisted rope and bells are hanging from the blackboard. Their Xmas tree is pretty too, and already has presents under it.

As I was looking around in Mr Graves' 7th grade room I saw a group of children decorating their tree and listening to the radio. Their room has twisted red and green rope run diagonally across it, with a large blue bell in the center. They also have pot-plants of geraniums, peppers and four-o'clocks.

The 6th B have a large Merry Xmas in crayon colors and a prettily decorated tree.

The 5th B under Miss Todd have painted bells from crayons on their black boards. Their Xmas tree is very nicely decorated and has presents under it.

The 6th A room has bells, and holly on their blackboards. They also have a Merry Xmas to greet you. Blue rope hung with silver icicles have been hung diagonally in their room.

The grades are decorated in the true Xmas spirit—and make the children appreciate our holidays and fun.

SOUR NOTES FROM THE SPEARMAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Spearman Band played for the Shamrock-Perryton football game last Friday. Although

BOOK REVIEW

The Gentleman From Indiana—by Booth Tarkington is a story of a young college graduate, John Harkless. He was the leading student in his class. Being the leading student, he would be expected to go into his life's career as he graduated, but the question whether he did or not is now to be considered.

Was young Harkness a coward or was he brave.

The climax of the story? What would you think it would be? Would it be when he dashes off into the darkness and is attacked by the cut-throats? He did leave his girl in a mad rush. The only way the officers could find a trace of him was by some blood on a railroad track. Did they think him dead? Was Harkness found to be alive? The girl ran his newspaper business while he was gone. Did he come back and marry her or was the scene in which he left a break in their love? The book itself tells the rest of the story.

FIVE B NEWS

We are glad to have a new member in our room; Jimmy Sheildknight from Childress has joined our group.

We are very proud of our new curtains and flower pots.

Our tree and Christmas decorations have been the source of much interest and excitement.

CHORAL CLUB NEWS

The entire chorus is extremely disappointed over not getting to go Christmas carol singing. It was quite impossible to do this because of the fact that something was going on every night this week. Singing carols for shut-ins and elderly people would have been a very good way to show a true Christmas spirit.

We can only hope that this plan may be carried out next year. Everyone seems to be looking forward to the Christmas holidays. We are learning a new piece in chorus called Shortin' Bread which seems a bit out of order when one stops to consider that everyone is concentrating on fruit cakes and plum pudding.

SENIOR NEWS

Monday night the seniors had their Christmas party, which was sponsored by our room mothers. Those present entertained themselves playing checkers, dominoes, fiddle-sticks, and working a puzzle. After the refreshments were eaten, the presents were handed out by Mr Finley, who acted as Santa Claus. Everyone received nice presents. The seniors who did not come missed a swell party because everyone had lots of fun and we wish to thank our room mothers and Mrs Caldwell for the good time.

School will be out Friday for Christmas holidays to which the seniors are looking forward. Some plan to go visiting while others will be seen about town celebrating.

The seniors take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There were three other bands there namely Canadian, Shamrock and Perryton the Spearman band experienced little difficulty in stealing the show. We went on the field from the NE corner. After turning a square corner we marched, playing, to the center of the field. The drum majors then divided the band into two equal parts and led their respective groups into a formation of two circles. We marched counter clockwise, stopped, marched clockwise, stopped, marched counter clockwise and played at the same time. We then marched single file off the center of Perryton's side of the field.

Saturday night the band played for the Daroulette-Spearman basketball game.

PREVIEWS:

As a foresight for the oncoming contests Mr. Rattan put out Western Wanderlands overture. The notes, time, and key signature are not hard, but the tune is so tricky that no player can miss his part without its being noticed. In most numbers a given horn has the general lead, but this one has leads for everyone. This is strikingly a symphonic number since the flutes, oboe and French horns have very prominent parts.

The bands new French horn has been ordered and is expected to be here about Christmas. The player of this horn has not yet been selected.

TALE LIGHTS

Dear Santa Claus

All of us have been very, very good (well pretty good) and we are asking you please to bring us the following gifts.

Seniors—A's on mid-term exams and cards, and please prevail on Mrs Caldwell to forget Shakespeare for a little while!

Juniors—The girls are favorably eyeing prospect for the Jr. and Sr. banquet. The boys would like to have a few new girls to enter class.

Sophs—Have only this thought "May our popularity and dates steadily increase in the future as they have in the past!"

The Fish ask only for mercy and understanding hearts in all their teachers.

The boys basketball team and the girls would like to have the district trophies and a winning season.

Mr Finley and Mr Gunn put all their chances together and ask for a machine to write tardy excuses (please Santa for the sake of the Seniors don't bring them a big paddle for tardy-excuse getters...)

Mrs Caldwell says Nothing, the present senior class is enough.

Miss Deakin wants more students and less just pupils.

Miss Frazier would be very happy to have a quiet study hall occasionally.

Mr Platt wants some general science pupils who will study at least occasionally.

Mr Rattan—more practice, music, and less sour notes.

Miss McLain would like to have pupils who work faster and can go home earlier.

Miss Winkler would like more quality and less quantity in students of course.

Thank you so much Spearman High School.

P.S. could you rake up some news for the Tale light reporter I hunt and hunt for news and all I find out is

Henry has the chicken pox and everyone is waiting to see which girl will take it now.

"Several of the sophs and fish were late for their party, but no explanation.

Two handsome boys in a green car were following four senior girls in a Buick Saturday night.

A. L. seems to have a weakness for band sweethearts.

SPORTS

The Spearman Lynx and Lynettes won a double header in their first home game by defeating Darrouzette. The Lynettes took the lead early in the game and stayed there until after the final whistle. Beuna Vernon was high point. Janelle Womble played a very good defensive game.

The Lynx were pressed very close the first half, but finally got started in the last half. The final score was 31-9. Melvin Schell played a very good game and held the visitors ace to 6 points.

SAMPLINGS

Found in a Grade School Waste Basket—A Thim about Candy.

I eat candy because I like it and because I think it's good. I eat Lucky Seven. I like to eat in class. I like to eat candy because I think it is fun. I eat candy because I think I can get away with it. I think that the teachers should let us eat candy in school and out of school because the USA is a land of the free. If you are not supposed to eat candy what do they make it for? I am very, very, very, very sorry that I ate candy in your class, and I guess that I won't eat candy in your class again. I thank you very, very, very, very much that you told me to write a thim. I hope you have a very happy Xmas.

FIFTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

—A—
Retta Lou Howard, Billie Jo Sparks, Arlan Womble, Donald Cook, Joy Close, Pat Becker, Billy Jack Glover, Hershel Jones Jimmy Crawford, Wilson McClellan Gene Sparks, Billie Jean Stephens Bobby Ray Schell, June Tucker, and Kay Kizziar.

—B—
Worley Smith, Patsy Pearl Jones Betty Jean Clements, Billy Bob Lee, Doris Hester, Bonnalea Thompson, Idella Close, Retha June Jackson, Marjorie Riggs, L. W. Rosenbaum, Frances Spearman, and Helen Unruh.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MERRY Christmas! Yes, that is the Christmas word; it belongs to the day, and no other word will do. Think of wishing anyone a happy, jovial, or even a pleasant Christmas!

No. Merry is the magic word, telling of candles, carols, cooking, candy, of children dancing for glee and a teasing joy tug.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School 10:00. R. L. McClellan, supt. We have a class with an efficient teacher for each age group and we invite you, if you are not already in. Sunday School else where, to come and study with us. Our school is showing signs of growth.

Morning worship 11 a. m. A Christmas Message by the pastor Epworth League meets at 6:45. If you are not attending young peoples service, you will enjoy these programs. Come and meet with us. We are planning some better times in the near future.

Evening Church hour 7:30. At this hour we are having a Xmas program. The public is cordially invited.

GRUVER PTA WORK GIVE SATISFYING RETURNS

The Gruver PTA with Mrs Bill Lowe as president is realizing satisfying benefits from their lunch room project. This has been their pet activity for several years.

From a spacious room in the school building they serve from 100 to 120 lunches daily. They make a flat rate of 10c a plate. A sample meal would be one vegetable, one meat, milk or cocoa and a dessert.

Menus are worked out by the home making department.

Each Friday they serve hamburgers and 2c candy bars and milk or cocoa and it is always their biggest selling day. The lunch room is operated by Mesdames Laugly and Dozier.

The room is self-supporting.

Their study for the year is "A Well Rounded Education."

JOLLY TRIBE BRIDGE CLUB

Jolly Tribe Club Members enjoyed Luncheon and Bridge in the home of Mrs Leonard Jamison Friday Dec. 15th.

The house was decorated in the festive holiday motif. The dining table lighted by white tapers had as a center piece. Clever hand made white elephants standing in a bower of ever green was very beautiful.

Small white elephants also were used as place cards and tallies. After a delicious three course luncheon members enjoyed bridge. Favors were small boxes of candy.

Members playing were Mesdames Woodville Jarvis, R. L. Gamertsfelder, P. H. Jamison, Geo. Winter, Major Lackey, S. H. Graves, Jess Womble and Willis Lackey.

Mrs Jess Womble and Mrs Major Lackey winning traveling prize and Mrs Major Lackey high score.

A beautifully decorated tree held gifts for all.

ging at our hearts with all the pull of playtime.

God be thanked for a day of poetry amid gray days of prose, if only to rekindle the dying embers of our faith in all the beautiful things that ought to be, and are, true.

Foolish? No doubt, but it is when we fear we are being foolish that we are most truly wise, free, for one day, from a wisdom that is dry, hard, weary heavy laden, and without high hope.

Merry Christmas! But how can we be merry in a world awry, upset by strange upheavals and overturnings, when we think with dread what horror a day may bring forth?

Ah, yes; but that is the secret of Christmas—it sings of a faith that can be merry even in a dark tragic world, because it has heard an unheard, unutterable music

not born of earth.

Jesus did not shut the mood into one swift season, put a seal on it as we do. In middle of the Parables of Things, it is said, "And the man to be merry"

All these sad stories of Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, the two Lost Sons, ended in and rejoicing. As if to teach that all sad stories will end last, in a song of joy!

Nay more; it is the faith of Christmas that there is hope for all our hurts, and healing the turbid ebb and flow of man misery—if only we have childlike wisdom to use it.

Our wisdom has ended in and fear. But Christmas sings a faith that dares, a love cares and a grace that shares wonder and the joy of life afraid, undefeated and merry W. B. Swim

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NOTE) We reprinting the material appearing in the issue of the Re- We reprint this standpoint of ex- worthy of because it gives this newspaper a satisfaction to after year the small town show generosity to- fortunate. It gives pleasure to re- marches on, his set an example and worthy of

Every paragraph of written one year this Christmas the incidents a bit, but the spirit remains with the of Hansford county.

Thousands of Christ- will be published the finest talent of take the English blend it into in- emotional, reading articles. doubts if there is the whole nation who subject matter for a editorial than your editor. town where the

that Biblical statement, it more blessed to give than receive." I live in a town where various organizations have fridly rivalry in their efforts to out-do each other in making this town a more Christ-like and happy home for the poor and needy.

A valuable cow, part of the meal ticket of a deserving widow and her children, died some two weeks ago. One of the organizations of my town quietly solicited funds and purchased this courageous lady another cow—a rough harsh speaking GENTLEMAN of my town supplimented his cash donation with enough feed to last a month or so—That's my town.

An old time citizen who has lived a life-time in my town and who has always been liberal when his health and earning powers were intact, has suffered the loss of health during the past year. His money gone, his relatives more or less burdened good people of My Town quietly passed around the petition this week, and this gentleman will know what kind of people live in My Town before the Christmas holidays are over.

In my Town 400 children will be happy with a Christmas sack of candy, fruit and nuts Xmas eve night at the Community tree.

In My Town 25 families of the county who according to the records of the county are classi-

will know the joy of abundant food, warm clothing, Christmas toys for the children, and will realize There Is A Santa Claus. I know of a half dozen families who live on a close margin and who do not find themselves able to purchase large quantities of food at one time, who will enjoy fresh pork, beef, and canned food from neighbors during this holiday season. It is not a case of charity—just neighbors who get such a wonderful blessing in Giving. That's in My Town!

The wife of a more or less prominent man in my town is very sick. His neighbors and friends are anxious to help. When it was learned this man was seeking a nurse in a nearby community, his friends left instructions that he was not to go to Amarillo for the nurse, if it became necessary, but call on one of his many friends—Not, you understand, a case of expenses but just the matter of relieving their friend of as much additional worry and detail as possible. That's My Town!

Five of my friends were discussing basketball over "coffee" the other morning. One broke out with the statement that our Winning basketball boys looked ragged in comparison with teams from neighboring towns. Bob Archer declared he would give a dollar more than anyone else towards giving the team respectable looking uniforms for Xmas.

Lynx boys play in our home tournament, you will know why I am proud of my Town.

I served on two committees collecting funds this week for Worthy affairs. One man swallowed hard, said "This makes \$31.00 I have donated the past two days, but I can't pass up such a worthy cause." That's my Town!

Christmas is coming in my town and there will not be many visible causes for sorrow. Joy will reign, peace on earth and good will toward men is here. Families will laugh and cry with joy, rough men will hide their finer feelings with an oath but it all serves to make this writer glad that My town is M Y TOWN!

XMAS ORANGES — Our first load of tree ripe grape fruit and oranges will arrive Friday Best quality off the tree to you. When in town Saturday come in and see us. Fresh Car Quaker feeds just arrived.

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The freshman-soph. party was a big success. The freshman math class will have a party Thursday night. The contest is somewhat close and just who will give the party is as yet unknown.

Elinor Faye Womble is improving rapidly and it won't be long until she can be back with us. Charlene Tucker has also been out of school with sickness, but she returned this Monday.

FHT NEWS

The FHT club had a Xmas party last Friday. Jerry Stephens and Garland Caldwell acted as Santa Clauses. They were good to everyone in the class including Miss McLain.

If you want a chance on our radio you had better hurry because we are going to give it away Friday the 22nd.

BLODGETT NEWS

Mr and Mrs Edward Beck and son Berlin and Harvey Morse attended the show in Spearman on Saturday night.

Mrs J. F. Simm and Kenneth were Spearman shoppers Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Mearl Beck Mr and Mrs John Kenney, and Mrs Ralph Blodgett were in Amarillo Saturday.

Mrs J. M. Blodgett, Kathleen and J. M. Kenney enjoyed the

Lynx and Darouz J. M. and Kath spent the week-end M. Blodgett.

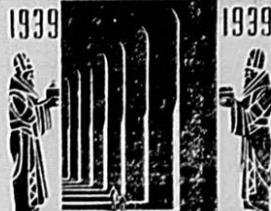
Mr and Mrs Earl Cl. were in Perryton Tuesday seeing turkey.

Mr and Mrs Dave Lard from Hot Springs N. M. visited Monday and Tuesday in the Blodgett home. Mrs Lard is a sister of Mrs. Blodgett.

Friends in Perryton Tuesday. Mrs Mearl Beck, Mr and Mrs John Kenney, Mrs Ralph and J. M. Blodgett were Borger visitors Monday.

Jim King and family will start to Rockport, Texas Saturday to spend the Xmas holidays. They will visit Mr and Mrs A. King and see the important things in Austin, Corpus Christi and other cities south.

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Christmas Invitation

By Katherine Edelman

JACK TRESLAR hunched his broad shoulders deeper into the big chair, turning a new page of his book. He was reading a Christmas story, trying hard to become absorbed in the tale.

A sharp ring from the telephone brought him to his feet. Who could be calling him on Christmas eve?

A strange voice responded to his "hello." "I hate to bother you on Christmas eve, Mr. Treslar. But I'm ringing up to ask if it would be possible for you to come and spend Christmas with me. My name is Bevan Willers. I live out at Richmond. I have a big home, and—"

"But—but I don't even know you, Mr. Willers. There must be some mistake."

"I want you!" the low voice was emphatic. "Will you come or not?" Jack repressed a quick exclamation. "I—I had thought of spending Christmas—"

"Wouldn't it be possible to change your plans? I have a feeling they could be side-tracked easily."

Jack thought of the lonely Christmas he had been anticipating. Af-



He ascended the steps leading to the massive door.

er all, there might be something to this unusual invitation.

"You are right about my plans," he admitted. "They are rather in the air. But—but going to spend Christmas with an utter stranger took me back for a moment."

"That's why I thought you might come." There was a note of disappointment in Bevan Willers' voice. "I probably got the wrong man, however."

Jack thought again of the lonely Christmas before him. And before he could debate the question, he heard a voice inside of him answering, calling through the wire to Richmond. "You got the right man, Mr. Willers. I'm coming."

An hour later, bathed and dressed, Jack Treslar was speeding along the frosted highway to Richmond. Following the detailed instructions that had been given him, Jack found the long winding drive leading from the roadway. What a secluded, ghostly place, he thought, as he drove under the snow-sprinkled trees.

BEVAN WILLERS was waiting. In the dim light from the chandelier, his tall bent figure seemed grotesque. "I have let the servants away for the evening," he said, his bony hand motioning toward the end of the shadowed hall.

Jack Treslar felt a twinge of fear as he followed. Here he was—alone in the house with this strange old man. Anything could happen. There wasn't another residence within blocks. Then, his adventurous spirit reasserted itself, and he looked smilingly across the table at Bevan Willers. "Well, what's it all about?"

A dead silence was the only answer. Gray eyes under heavy, bristling brows stared at him intently. Jack stared back unflinchingly.

Then a hearty laugh rang through the library. With amazement Jack saw the old man straighten up in his chair. Years seemed to fall off his shoulders. The twisted, grotesque appearance vanished as if by magic. He spoke quietly.

"I'm not crazy," he began; "I'm just a lonely old fellow, ticketed as a sort of recluse. The true facts are that I've been trying for years to write. Yesterday I got word that a story of mine had been accepted."

"But I still don't understand your strange invitation, and—" Jack interrupted.

"I'm coming to that," Bevan Willers continued. "The hero of my book is a daring, adventurous fellow. A man willing to answer a strange call that came in the night. I got intrigued with the fellow, and began thinking. Wondering if there was any young fellow who would act as he had done. So I rang the first hotel that came to mind and described my hero. Young, unmarried, interesting sort of chap. Pretended his name had slipped my mind for the moment. They connected me with your room. You know the rest."

Signs of Christmas



It's Christmas the year around where these pictures were taken: Christmas, Fla.; Bethlehem, Pa.; Nazareth, Pa., and Santa Claus, Ind. Each year thousands of Christmas cards are forwarded to postoffices at these communities for stamp cancellation.

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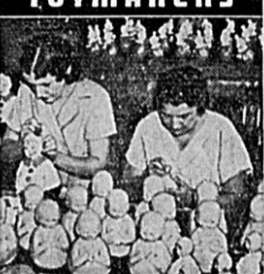
Watch Your Weather During Christmas Day!

Remember these old superstitions about Christmas weather: If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be a good crop the following year. If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterward. Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow the rest of the winter. Wet causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas. If it snows Christmas night, the hop crop will be good next year. At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost. If windy Christmas day, trees will bear much fruit. Christmas wet gives empty granary and barrel. A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard. A warm Christmas, a cold Easter.

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Helping Make Your Yuletide A Happy One

TOYMAKERS



Since last spring they've been painting toy wagons and putting eyes in baby dolls, just to make your family happy Christmas morning!

Follow the Rules When Addressing Christmas Cards

How do you address a Christmas card to a widow? A divorcee? A business acquaintance? Here are some tips on cards:

Generally speaking, greetings fall into two classes, formal and informal. If you use printed or engraved cards for formal use, the title Miss, Mr., or Mr. and Mrs. should preferably appear above the greeting. For instance: "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stanyon wish you a Merry Christmas," rather than "A Merry Christmas from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stanyon."

On informal cards, signed in ink, the husband's or wife's name should come first, although ordinarily the person signing would put his own name last. In general, the husband's name comes first. These can be signed "Bob and Betty," or "Bob and Betty Bentley," depending on how well the acquaintance knows you.

No card should ever be sent without a Mr., Mrs. or Miss prefix. An unmarried woman is always addressed as "Miss." A married woman, whether her husband is alive or not, is addressed with "Mrs." prefixed to her husband's full name. Since a woman's maiden name is used only on legal papers or when she uses it professionally, a divorcee's maiden name may be used if it's been established by legal procedure.

Cards to a married couple should be addressed Mr. and Mrs., even though you may know only one of them. If it's a business acquaintance and you haven't met the recipient's wife, it's permissible to send the card in his name only. Business addresses are quite all right, though there's a bit more courtesy and more personal touch to find out the home address and send the card there.

A family in mourning may send and receive Christmas cards as usual unless the bereavement is very recent—within the last two or three weeks.

The First Santa Claus
The first Santa Claus was St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who started mysterious midnight gift-bearing journeys. In the Fourth century he was famous because he was a rich man who enjoyed giving secret gifts to the poor. One of his tricks was to throw purses of gold into cottage windows and run away.

HOLIDAY HINTS for HOUSEWIVES

HOLIDAY cookies and cakes in which honey is used need about two weeks for ripening. They improve with age, provided, of course, they are stored in covered jars in a cool place.

Apples stuffed with mincemeat and baked make a delicious winter dessert. Wash, peel and core the apples and stuff them an inch from the top. Bake as usual. Lemon sauce goes well with this combination.

To make your holiday popovers really pop over, be sure to have the baking pans well greased and very hot. The pans should "sizzle" when you quickly touch them with fingers dipped in cold water.

CONVENTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the convention will be held at the Commissioners Precinct, Hansford County, Gruver's Elevator in the city at 2:30 o'clock on the first Tuesday in January, being the 2nd day of A. D. 1940, for the purpose of electing a member to the Soil Conservation Commission of said Precinct.

Only land owners residing in said precinct are entitled to participate in said election. Dated this 14th day of Dec. A. D. 1939. Gus Olsen, Chairman, Precinct No. 3, Hansford County, Texas.

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Salvation Lassies Retain Yule Spirit Of Founder Booth

Christmas will be happier for thousands of homeless people this year because Catherine and William Booth carried the torch of evangelism from their New Connexion church in England in 1861 and started the Salvation Army. Today that torch is being carried by the second Booth to succeed the founder, Gen. Evangeline Booth, who in turn succeeded Bramwell Booth in 1934.



So familiar at Christmas time, the Salvation Army's group singing on street corners and "boiling kettles" for which contributions are solicited, had their beginning in the youthful reformer of 19 who was almost stoned to death preaching in slums and denouncing "rum." Penniless and with four children, the Booths worked tirelessly in London amid taunts of critics, yet old General Booth lived to banter with jovial King Edward. He also lived to see the Salvation Army become better established in the United States than in England, to see it acquire banks, insurance companies, factories, public houses, farms, hospitals and cadet schools, all the outgrowth of the "expeditionary" force of seven lassies sent here in 1880 under George Scott Rail-

Oerry Christmas

With our hearts full of Christmas spirit we wish to convey our appreciation for your loyal and valued patronage during the season of 1939. It's good to know that our efforts have not been in vain and that we have met with hearty approval.

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MERRIE, GENTLEMEN

I.

God rest you merrie, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray;

REFRAIN:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!

II.

From God our Heav'nly Father,
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.

REFRAIN:

III.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other does deface.

REFRAIN:

... Traditional English Carol

Please accept our Christmas Greetings, and allow us
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MARRIED AT BEAVER, OKLAHOMA, SUNDAY DEC. 10



MRS. WALLACE ABELL

The marriage of Miss Marie Sanders of Spearman, to Mr. Wallace Abell of Spearman, and Midland, Texas, took place in the First Christian Church at Beaver, Oklahoma at 4 p. m. Dec. 10th, 1939.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders and lived in Beaver many years, and was graduated from the Beaver High School.

She also attended the Wichita Business College, Wichita, Kans. PAMC at Goodwell, and was a student at the University of Texas last year.

Mr. Abell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Abell of Orion, Kans. He was a student at Colorado A. and M. and attended the University of Kansas where he was a member of Sigma Epsilon Fraternity. He has been engaged in the oil business in southwest

Texas for several years and at present has farming interests near Spearman.

The church was beautifully decorated for the wedding with a profusion of large white chrysanthemums, Areca Palms and ferns. On each side of the Altar were white tapers in tall candelabra in front of which stood floor baskets of white chrysanthemums.

Miss Margaret Green played a prelude consisting of "A Midsummer Wooing" and "At Dawning" after which Mrs. Otto C. Barby of Beaver sang "Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life" and "All For You" by Bertrand-Brown. Miss Green then played the Lohegrin "Wedding March" for the entrance of the bridal party and Mendelssohn "Wedding March" for the recessional.

The bride, who came in on the arm of Mr. Otto Barby of

Knowles, Okla., was lovely in a bridal gown of French imported white satin, fashioned in princess style with long sleeves and V neck. The gown had a long train and the veil was of full length lace, edged and was caught with a pearl brooch effect on the head. Around her neck was a sweet-heart necklace, the wedding gift of the groom. She carried a bridal bouquet of Briarcliff rosebuds and Adiantum and an old Irish lace handkerchief, featuring the Shamrock and Harps.

Miss Louise Gretzinger of Beaver was bridesmaid and was attractively gowned in a long peach net, over peach colored taffeta. Tiny, multi-colored velvet bows, decorated the knee length flounce. Her ensemble was accented by the charm of a quaint old fashion bonnet, lawishly trimmed with a floral motif and a peach net wimple. Her bouquet was of Tailsman rosebuds.

Little Norma Lee Sanders, sister of the bride, carried the wedding ring on a white satin pillow. She was adorable in a teal blue taffeta dress, with shirred yolk and full length ruffles. She wore a pink sash and pink ribbon in her dark curls.

Mr. Walter Abell of Midland, Texas, brother of the groom was best man and the ushers were Max Quinn and Harville

Huguely. Max Quinn lighted the candles.

Out of town guests present at the ceremony were Mrs. Grace Sanders, mother of the bride, of Spearman, the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Abell of Orion, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. George T. Abell, Midland, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Abell, Orion, Kans.; Miss Esther Abell, Greely, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Abell, Oakley, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Oza Green, Spearman; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carter, Darrouzett, Mr. and Mrs. Marr, Goodwell, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Lester McLain, Mr. and Mrs. Gus McLain and Judge King all of Spearman.

Following the ceremony the happy couple received congratulations and departed amid a shower of rice for Amarillo, Tex.

For travel Mrs. Abell wore a Brown Tweed Spring suit, topped with a Red Fox jacket, a moss green hat and accessories.

From Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Abell will drive to Los Angeles. They expect to sail on the S. S. Matsonia, Dec. 16th for the Hawaiian Islands where they will spend a two months honeymoon.

We'd like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas in person—but since we can't, here's the next best way.



Christmas would be incomplete unless we expressed our deep appreciation for your patronage, and wished you and yours the most of Christmas joy.

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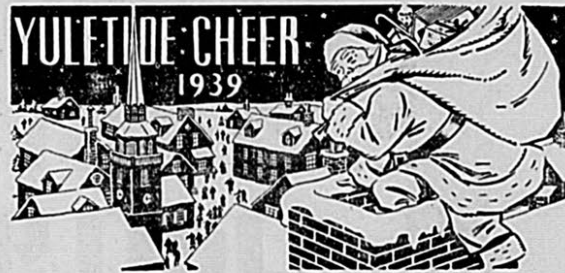
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it to their advantage to take advantage of the special offerings which are being made during the holidays by the business houses. The merchants have many special inducements during this week and until Christmas, which will prove profitable to those people who visit our city. Remember Saturday Dec. 23 is Trades Day—Some Spearman Shopper will benefit to the amount of \$50.00



Spearman Chamber of Commerce

'Merry Christmas, Mary Christmas,' Says Santa Claus

What's in a name? Plenty, if it happens to be Mary Christmas, or Santa Claus, and that's actually happened.

Both Evansville, Ind., and Racine, Wis., have their Mary Christmas, and at Marshall, Mo., there's a jolly fellow whose last name is Claus, and whose parents christened him Santa.



Evansville's Mary Christmas comes from an old family which has had a Mary in each generation. Racine's Mary Christmas Mary Christmas got that way by marrying a fellow named Samuel Christmas, and she's now a telephone operator. Which explains that strangely personal and timely message long distance operators hear out of Racine around Christmas time: "This is long distance, operator—Mary Christmas!"

Racine's Mary Christmas, who is short, chubby and looks just like the artist's conception of Mrs. Santa Claus, gets hundreds of fan mail letters every year. Three years ago she appeared on a Yuletide radio program and has been so deluged with fan mail ever since that she's founded a "shut-in" club which has members in 40 states, Canada, Hawaii, India, China and New Zealand.



Marshall's Santa Claus is similarly Christmas-minded. Each Yuletide he tries to answer the fan letters which come from all corners of the globe, many in such strange foreign languages that he can't reply. He's much in demand for church parties and other Christmas affairs. Santa is a plumber on weekdays, a vegetable gardener on the side and a preacher in the Church of God at Blue Lick, Mo., every Sunday. Two years ago, when plumbing business was bad, he was grateful for a \$250 check sent him by Mae West, the actress.

In Rosindale, near Boston, lives an Ambrose Claus who with his wife last year celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. Like all other folks named Claus, they seem to have a lion's share of Christmas spirit.

Hide Away Extra Toys So You'll Have Reserve For 'Indoor' Days Later

Most children are flooded with so many toys on Christmas day that they're positively bewildered and therefore jump from one plaything to another uncertainly. This is why so many child experts recommend that mothers take away and store out of sight certain of the youngsters' new possessions. When a spell of bad weather comes later to



Too many toys confuse the child. keep the children in the house, bring out one or more of the toys in this reserve supply. Or do it when you have special company of your own and want to be sure of peace and quiet. There are two reasons for this. First, children enjoy playing intensively with a few things than being "snowed under" with too many gifts. In the second place, some of the toys they receive at Christmas time may be too complicated for their age.



At home and abroad they work long hours to guarantee delivery by Christmas morning.

Will Toy Satisfy His Majesty? She Asks Him—and Finds Out

A PRETTY toy—but does it have educational value? Don't ask the nearest child expert, but hand it to a youngster, who'll probably think up more instructive ways to use it than its inventor ever imagined. And that's the theory on which the Test-ed Toy laboratory of New York has helped manufacturers select the toys you buy for the children this Christmas.



The "laboratory" is really Miss Lillian Rifkin, who takes a toy to a school, recreational center or park and records children's reactions to it while they play. Then she fills in an elaborate questionnaire, commenting on the toy's durability, fitness at various age levels and value in stimulating mental, artistic, physical or scientific activity.

She doesn't question parents very often except regarding the toy's desirability for indoor or outdoor play. But the child is the final authority. Little rubber automobiles, says Miss Rifkin, are second in popularity to blocks. She's astounded by the elaborate kinds of dramatic play

DRESSMAKING—This dress designing "game" is being tried out by two youngsters at the elementary demonstration school Miss Rifkin runs under sponsorship of New York university and the Child Study association of America.

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PROVING GROUND—Miss Rifkin watches a boy putting a new toy to its practical testing paces. Among her conclusions: (1) Children may be unpredictable in their likes and dislikes, but they're notably consistent in their reactions; (2) play appeal of a toy is paramount; any education value it may have is secondary in the child's mind.

One mother, she says, believed militant tendencies would be fostered if her child were allowed to play with toy soldiers. So she forbade them, but instead the child collected bottle tops, lined them up in military formation and shot them down by cocking his finger. Miss Rifkin says it's all "pretend" anyway. "Even a child old enough to know war means cruelty realizes his soldiers are just toys, and it's only a game."

that children build around the cars. "Sometimes a child travels all around the world with them. After he will recreate a trip he's taken in the family car. Sometimes he'll play detective and chase gangster, and sometimes he's a taxicab driver."

Miss Rifkin finds that toy automobiles, like toy soldiers, help a child get the surplus energy out of his system. And both appeal to his instinct for collecting.



Real Christmas Joy by Blanche Jenner Dillin

IT WAS foolish to waste time and material making them, John Carlson told his mother when she said she would like to make some "gingerbread dolls" for the Christmas display in the window of his bakery. No one was interested in such things any more.

Yes, he was a very good son to her—he had given her a good home. She had nothing to worry her now—no responsibility. But she would enjoy making the dolls; that wouldn't seem like work. She would furnish the materials and make them in her own kitchen. Of course if she wanted to make them she could, John said.

That he was wrong, John had to admit. "We have never had so much interest shown in the window display and never sold more than we have since we put those gingerbread dolls in the window," John told a customer who had returned for a second purchase of dolls. Hulda Carlson had made not one type of doll, but different ones, and grouped them into families. "Her idea of grouping them into families is new. That's what attracted attention," the customer said.

10-MILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY!



Christmas trees in the United States, C. W. Simmons, for the Texas A. and Extension Service, out that the Texas market may be a seasonal income to own timber. Cutting of X a commercial basis done primarily to condition of the rem Pines, eastern red ce and liveoak are am trees suitable for Ch

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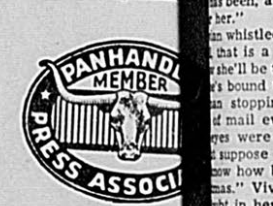
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Yule Show

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It's Christmas TIME

From the Botton of our Heart we wish each and everyone of you a right Merry Christmas. May it mean the continuation of a valued friendship.

Bill & Preach

Yuletide Shower

Elizabeth Eastman

WISH we could do something exciting — something different — something that would make a winter landscape as she spoke, to the instance? Vivian Clark and up from the magazine. something like making someone tremendously happy." Peggy came closer to her sister as she smiled, and Vivian saw that she was very much in earnest. "I've been thinking," Peggy went on, "wonderful it would be to do something thrilling — something unforgettable — into someone's life. I don't mean like helping with the church; we've always done that sort of special something for one particular person. A minute youthful voices surged to silence. The gay little girl in the dresser made audible. Suddenly Peggy jumped to her feet. "I've thought of something," she cried breathlessly, "something really different! You know Sara Werby — she's been in the hospital for 10 years — shut in from the except for a few friends who come every now and then." "What can we do for her?" We asked her occasionally, and have taken her a little Christmas. You know she's much too proud to accept charity." "I'm talking of charity? What I mean is something that will thrill her. I'm going to write a letter to Sara — you know, she runs the department on the Star — and I'm going to tell her how wonderful she has been, and ask a card show-her." "You whistled through her teeth. That is a grand idea, Peggy. She'll be thrilled." "I'm bound to be! Think of the fun stopping with loads and mail every day." Peggy's eyes were dancing. "I suppose people don't write? How busy everyone is at the moment." Vivian's face reflected her words. "I'll write," Peggy's was emphatic. "I'm going to be thought that Sara Werby just swamped with mail."

ETHER they penned the letter to Sara Werby on the big city. Later, between snatches of work, they discussed the possibility of cards and letters to be delivered at the lit-tle on Bank street. They seemed to be more concerned about Sara Werby was going to

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their real happiness came on the eve when they stood by Sara Werby's bed and saw the radiance on her face. Stacks of letters, and packages were piled there, with postmarks from every state in the Union. "The most thrilling thing that happened in my life," Sara said. "I never knew there were so many wonderful people in the world. It will take me weeks to answer them all, but I'm going to be thought that Sara Werby just swamped with mail."

"I'm pretty happy then," Sara whispered softly, "for I don't know there is anyone — anywhere — going to have a more thrilling Christmas than mine."

Indoor Christmas Trees
When in Alsace the folk there you of St. Florentine, who goes ago went out into the Christmas time and placed probably candles, on the straw for Remembrance of the Christ Child, Christmas in Poland always have a straw sticking out from under the dining table cloth.

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Tyrolia Village Folk
Have Odd Yule Rites
VIENNA.—Simple-minded, devout folk of the Tyrol have grotesque Christmas customs. At Innsbruck, for instance, they celebrate the Lord's birthday by wearing masks of animals. In another section the Christmas tree is carved out of wood and elaborately decorated. A third extraordinary custom is the wearing of towering headpieces which are brought out only on the December holiday.

CHRISTMAS PILLS
Getting a Sheaf in Holland
Not on reindeer but on a white horse, St. Nicholas arrives in some parts of Holland, and instead of looking for stockings he searches for wooden shoes to fill them with gifts.

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Christmas at the Homestead
By Agnes Myers

"THE doorbell, Amanda! It may be the man with the hobby-horse," cried Natalie Parker, as she gathered up a confused heap of Christmas ribbons and gay colored wrappings strewn about the sitting room.
There was a sound of quick stamping and crunching of boots on the scraper. The old servant opened the front door and a man set an enormous package in the hall, said something about the blustering snowstorm and was gone.
As the woman carried the package in to Natalie, a chirpy sound of funny little tinkling music issued from the bulky bundle. Her black eyes snapped with delight as she cut the heavy cords.
Out tumbled a hobbyhorse, a handsome fellow with a leather bridle; a white, woolly lamb with button eyes and a bell on his neck; a long-eared rabbit with a perky tail; and a queer little whimsical top that seemed to laugh with merry music every time it was moved. There was a wispy angora cap just big enough for a baby, and a tiny white muff, oh, so little, of real fur with a tippet to match.

Amanda gasped! "All 'em Christmas gifts! No one cep'in you, Miss Natly, would ever think of such things! I jes hopes 'em Harlow chillun 'preciates the—the—" but her voice wavered. The sleeve of her alpaca frock brushed across her dimmed eyes as she picked up the crumpled brown wrappings and fled from the room.
Early next morning Natalie settled back in a train for a five-hour ride, her heart brimming with happiness.
Many changes had come over the young girl's life. Edith, her older



"Why, Natalie Parker!" Exclaimed the Dumfounded Youth.

sister, married Arnold Harlow and lived in Hillsboro. Her house adjoined the lovely old rambling stone homestead where Benjamin Parker, a widower, lived with his daughter Natalie and the faithful Amanda. When Mr. Parker passed away Natalie closed the house and went to teach kindergarten in Boston. Amanda went with her.
The train dashed along through a whirling snowstorm. Deep in the tender mood of reminiscent reverie, Natalie fell asleep.
"Hillsboro!—Hillsboro!"
She awakened with a bound. Clutching her grip, a box of barley candy, and almost dragging the cumbersome and unwieldy pack, Natalie, still half asleep, stepped out at the very end of a long frosty platform.
A tall young man in a big fur coat was waving good-by to someone on the train as it pulled out. In his excitement he took a long, free stride backwards on the platform and crashed into Natalie.
The two went down in the drifted snow in a heap. The cord broke on the big bundle. Helter-skelter the multitude of Christmas gifts scattered in every direction.

From Europe's Christmas Menu
Take your choice of Christmas eats: Plum pudding in England, Pfeffernuesse in Germany, Viernack in Denmark, Fatigman's Bakkels in Norway, Horse-shoe cake in Hungary, Speculaas in Holland, and Lutsk in Sweden.
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JUNIOR LEAGUE
Members of the Methodist Junior League met in the church annex and planned their Christmas party. Thirteen members were present.
The party date is Dec. 22.

WHITE COTTON GIFT MONTH
The Week following the mattress making training school given on Oct. 27, there were nine mattresses made, using one ball of cotton. One mattress was made in each of the clubs to show the women who were not able to attend the training school which was given by the county home demonstration agent how to make a mattress.
Two more balls of cotton was secured and used. This made a total of 35 mattresses made throughout the county. The Medlin club made eight of these and the Gruver club five.
It seems as though 3 balls of cotton isn't going to be enough for this county. There are 16 women who want cotton to make mattresses; they seem to know something good when they see it.
By making cotton mattresses, the women have cooperated with the proclamation that was issued by the governor in using more cotton.

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Merry Christmas. Your kind cooperation has made possible our success and we appreciate it. This is the season when we like to renew our friendship for a coming year. May it bring to you everything you desire, good health and happiness.

Ike Klutts



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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Ike Baggerly

Christmas Play

By Katherine Edelman

THE town hall was wreathed with holly and mistletoe. Bright red bells hung from the old-fashioned chandeliers. Christmas candles sent their soft glow into the night. The whole place cried out welcome to the crowd who thronged through the doors.

By eight o'clock every seat was occupied. Small gossip and murmurs of expectancy ran through the crowd. The little town was proud of the boy who was taking the leading part in the play. They had known Ted Rawlings all their lives. Known him as an easy-going lad, interested in nothing more than fishing and hunting around the country, and later as an astonishingly changed ambitious fellow. No one seemed to understand how the quick transition occurred.

All eyes turned to the stage as the heavy curtain rolled upward. Three hundred pairs of eyes fastened themselves upon the moving, speaking figures. "Isn't Ted wonderful," young girls whispered breathlessly to each other. Between acts, thun-

CHRISTMAS TREES



They start several weeks before Christmas each year, cutting evergreens in the north woods and shipping them to far away corners to brighten up a living room on Christmas.

CANDLES



Miss Ella Butner of Winston-Salem, N. C., works all year making candles for the Moravian church Christmas love-feasts.

I VISITED THE GRUVER SCHOOLS

By Margaret Locke Kirk

Wednesday I visited the Gruver School. No one had said "Come see", but when I asked superintendent McCollum if he would give me a school story, he said he would like for me to see what was going on in the school and tell me about their work.

The interview was like a pleasant and educational visit. The school has ten teachers. They are cooperating in their work to

FOR the time it was no make-believe to Ted. He was living again all the agony of parting, of seeing Sally Howard go away without a word. He had been sure until her train pulled out that she would come and say how sorry she was for the bitter, reproachful words she had hurled at him. Words that had left their mark upon his soul—that had stung him into a mad, ambitious desire to show her what he could do.

He found no real satisfaction in the tumultuous applause that followed. In this hour of his triumph, his heart cried out for Sally. If only she was here! If only she had cared! He scarcely knew what he was saying in answer to the lavish congratulations.

Suddenly small hands pressed tightly around his arm, and a remembered voice spoke in his ear. "Ted, you were perfectly wonderful," Sally was saying, "wonderful, wonderful. I'm so proud—so proud of you."

"But, Sally, I don't understand. I thought you were in New York."

"I was, until last night. I've been keeping track of you. I knew all about the play, and—and the way you have been working lately. I wouldn't have missed this for anything in the world."

"But the things you said, Sally? They hurt—they still do."

"I wanted them to hurt, Ted. I know—I know it was cruel, but there seemed no other way. Someone had to give you the right kind of push to get you going. You know you were really lazy? But now, well, you've really put on speed."

"Nothing like the speed I'm going to show in getting ready for a Christmas wedding. There's just two days left. We've got to make it a really big event. Let's give out the announcement now—while the crowd is still in the hall."

An Able Man

To become an able man in any profession, there are three things necessary—nature, study and practice.—Aristotle.

Gigantic Buddha in Japan

The giant bronze Buddha in Nara, Japan's oldest city, is so large that a full-grown man can easily pass through one of its nostrils.

Most Sparsely Populated in France
Basse-Alpes, a region in the northeast part of Provence, is the most sparsely populated in France.

Crust of Earth

The crust of earth consists largely of granite, which is 20 miles thick in places.

Daisy Means 'Innocence'

In florigraphy, the ancient Greek and Roman language of flowers, the daisy means "innocence."

1939 BEST WISHES



At Christmas time we forget about ourselves for a moment, and do a little thinking about the other fellow. Maybe that's what makes Christmas the happiest time of the year. At any rate we are going to try more earnestly than ever this year to keep the other fellows, our customers, uppermost in our mind.

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