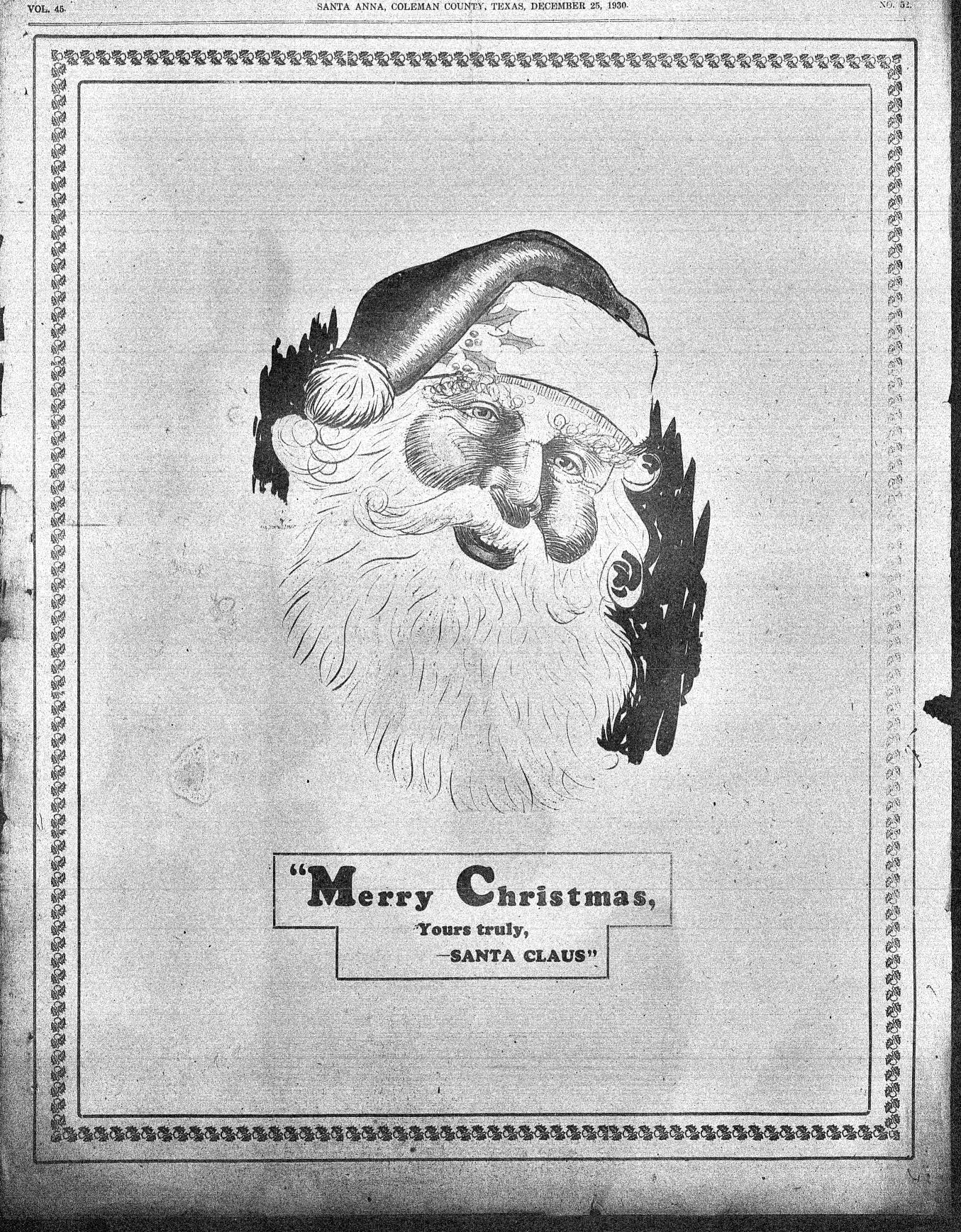
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The Night Before Christmas at Station 10

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TEFF THARP, district superintendent for the Red River Power Company, hung up the telephone receiver with a bang. Quin Walden, who stood by, waiting for final orders before going home for Christmas Eve, knew by the scowl on the chief's weathered face that somewhere there was trouble.

"Something is wrong out at Station Ten," Mr. Tharp snapped testily. "Sorry, Quin, but you'll have to run up there and get the trouble fixed before you quit. Farmers in Green Cove are without light, and on Christmas Eve. too

"I'll go!" the young "trouble-shooter' promptly answered, buttoning his leather coat, and raising the warm, fleccedlined collar around his neck. A cold December wind howled outside. The prospect of an eight-mile ride on his motor bicycle through a winter storm was anything but pleasant. Yet it was all a part of the day's work to Quin Walden.

"It won't be necessary for you to report at the office when you return," said Tharp. Keep tab of your extra time. The bookkeeper will mark it down in the morning. So long! And a pleasant journey." The chief grinned and waved a big hand

Quin drew on a pair of thick driving mittens and pulled a woolen cap over his ears. Two minutes later he slung a repair kit from his shoulders and hauled a motorcycle from its shelter near the office. Though it lacked a few minutes of being six p. m., a murky darkuess enveloped the town, made all the more dense by the whiring snew. Street lights blinked dimly.

"Trouble Shooter" Off With a Roar

With a wild clatter the eager little motor started at the first kick of Quin's foot on the pedal. The "trouble shooter" was off with a roat. In less than half an hear the speeding motorcyle left the paced streets, and bored through the dense blackness of a country foad. Its headlight scarcely penetrated the thick. gloom, but Quin could have found the was to Station Ten blindfolded. He had mide the run out there more times than he cared to count-yet seldom on a colder night than this. The stiff, frigid wind bit icily at his cheeks, and the sleety reating on the road, with the tube instrument for greater distance. As smother of 'snow, made the going partners in a common interest they treacherous. These things, however, did not bother the,"trouble shooter;" they were an accepted part of his job. But to

A few miles out, he left the road and turned into a little-used trail, the shortcut to Porcupine Ridge, on whose bleak summit Station Ten was located. There were short curves and dangerous turns, through the blinding murk with scarcely a pause.

headlamp revealed the ghostly steel the favored ones. skeleton of the transformer station. Quin hurtled across the barren, snowpiled yard, and ran in under the platridge and whistled through the tall structure.

By aid of his flashlight he found the ladder, which was kept securely locked and chained to one of the steel posts plenty.

to prevent any exeept company employes from reaching the upper platform. The eight transformers, all of them connected to high voltage power lines, were not safe playthings.

Blown Fuse

Quin set up the ladder hurriedly, and after whipping his benumbed hands to and fro a number of times. to start the sluggish blood flowing, climbed to the "roost." Reach-ing the metal floor, he sused his flashlight to grope his way forward. If e proceeded with the trained electrician's meticulous caution and soon dis-

covered the trouble a "blown fuse" on a farm line. Quin gave utterance to a surprised ejaculation when he noted the number; it was the line that supplied electric current for the XX-Bar ranch.

on the "trouble shooter's" uneasy mind. In younger days he and Thad Burnett were inseparable companions. They shared the same games, the same hobbies, the same occupations. Both were "radio bugs" at a time when to own a feeble erystal set was the topmost height of attainment. Then they built a onetube instrument for greater distance. As solved the riddle of various "hook-ups" and became experts at radio receiving. have an old chini turn against him - electricity, and this past summer Quin descend, he found it impossible to reach some country folks wonder what friend.

power company. Thad, too, wanted the snow been deeper. Such a drop he fearjob. When Jeff Tharp retained Quin for Saturday and holiday work, Thad was angry. Then a decided coldness came between them. They were chums no but the "trouble shooter" sped on longer. Tonight Thad was giving a party at the XX-Bar ranch, which was owned by his uncle. A number of town friends Finally the flickering ray of the were invited, but Quin was not among

On With the Christmas Party

Quin opened the switch on the dead form. The wind shrieked across the high line, removed the blown fuse, and snapped a new one in place. When the current was cut in again, the glowing test lamp assured the "trouble shooter" that the XX-Bar ranch house had "juice" in

ed, might result in a broken ankle.

He was marooned-stranded in the air-biting, freezing air it was that already had chilled him to the bone. He tramped round and round, in a desperate effort to keep warm.

More than an hour dragged by-a long, dreadful hour it was for the stranded "trouble shooter." Several times he was on the verge of dropping over the edge, but each time he stayed the impulse, hoping for a safer way. Once he cut out the switch that connected the XX-Bar ranch line. And for that brief length of time darkness must have reigned again in the big ranch house where the party-

Freezing in the Tower

"The Christmas party!" Quin hissed the words through chattering teeth. By this time the party was under way. Thad and the others were making merry down there, while he staved up in the tower and froze.

Then he found himself speculating. If he let the ranch line stay open-and the XX-Bar house dark-they would get alarmed and call up the division superintendent again. Which might lead to an investigationtime the marooned "trouble shooter" No, he must find

"I have it!" Quin suddenly exclaim-He broke off abruptly. Mingled with ed. "I'll use the code. Thad may catch

On the instant he began repeating the two letters, "Q-T," over and over. This was their own private call, and one they many times had used in signalling messages back and forth. Though he had no means of being assured whether it earth 25 feet below. It required several , had been caught, he followed it up with and I knew nothing of it till tonightthe brief S. O. S. "Stranded-Station Ten-Help! Quin!"

the switch. On and off, on and off went my call!" He was too glad to say any transformer tower. But, when he had the lights on the line, in irregular, spas-, more, for he knew that Thad-good old, They went on higher into the study of closed his kit bag, and made ready to modic pauses that must have made Thad-was "on the level" and still his

self was beset with anxiety-and the fear that Thad and the other merrymakers would attribute the blinking antics to the wintry gale.

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Yet he kept right on with the signal --giving the "Q-T" call and the message a second time, till at length his benumbed fingers scarcely had the strength to operate the switch. Black darkness en-, veloped the tower-a howling, shricking darkness through which the snow whirled in a blinding maze.

As the minutes passed, and there came no evident sign of a response to his call, the "trouble shooter's" hopes almost died. He began to fear the message had gone unheeded. Anyhow, it was too much to expect of Thad Burnett. Thad was no longer his friend. Thad could have no interest in one who had-

His dejected musings were interupted by the appearance of a blurred, blinking. light on the murky gloom. When Quin, watched, with strained, eager eyes, he saw the light become a close-set, moving pair of glowing eyes which he knew were the headlamps of a motor car. Then a muffled droning rose above the shrieking howls of the storm. An automobile shoved up at the head of the ridge road and pushed across the snowpiled yard toward the tower. A) few moments later it halted under the platform. Three heavily-coated figures got out. The ladder was hoisted.

The "trouble-shooter," no longer able to stand on his feet, slumped to the sometime before to stand on his ieet, sumped to the morning! By that edge of the platform, when he heard a familiar voice shout from below? "Quin-Quin! I got your S. O. S. Hold would be frozen stiff., on just a minute, longer-and) we'll bring you down ?"

When Quin Walden roused to full consciousness he was lying on a leathercouch in the comfortable glow of a big wood fire of the XX-Bar ranch house. Thad was bent over him, smiling close into his eyes-and offering him a cup of hot tea. A dozen other boys, guests at the party, were in the room. "I'm sorry you didn't get your invitation." Thad declared regretfully. "We had one prepared-along with the others-but uncle failed to mail it, by an oversight, "That's all right, Thad!" the "trouble shooter" interjected, raising his hand. Open and shut-open and shut went "I'm glad-I'm glad that you answered



"The Christmas Party1" Quin hissed the words through chattering teeth.

"On with the Christmas party!" Quin some other way. Once again he cut out ironically exclaimed. "Though I was not the switch and darkened the line-then invited-and can't be there-I hope the Drought it in again. others will have a good-"

"Bitter reflections were started again the shrieking of the north wind came on-and read my signal!" a loud thud and a clatter as something fell to the ground.

Quin went over and blinked his flash light along the edge of the platform. The ladder was blown over. Black space lay between him and the snow-covered' minutes for him to fully grasp the seriousness of this apparently slight mishap. He felt certain he could shin down one of the steel supporting posts of the

By L. H. LOWRY (Copyright, 1930, by the Home Folor Frint Co The Christmas Spirit-What Is It? S the Holy Anniversary approaches, man is prone to pause at the hour for retiring, peer into. the grate of expiring embers and reflect. He thinks of the coming Christmas, and he asks himself, "What is it?" * * j#_

The mind runs back to childhood's happy days, when the dews of innocence were upon the brow and cternal sunshine was in the heart; to the long rows of stockings, empty on Christmas Eve when the children were tucked away in bed, too full of excitement and anxiety to fall at once into restful sleep, but gloriously full on Christmas morn when the little women and men awoke at the first clarion call of the barn-yardcocks. He readily recalls that about this time in the long ago a new twinkle came into the eyes of the children, that their movements quickened, that an invisible something touched the features of joy into their faces and the music of gladness came into their voices. And he also recalls that a change came over the spirit of the dreams of the older people; even over the fathers and mothers who were bowed under the problems of the workaday world that faced them daily-problems that had turned their smiles into frowns and made of life a dull routine, a ceaseless grind that had deepened the wrinkles on their brows and driven the lustre from their eyes. He recalls that the voices of the good old people lost their accustomed harshness, that their tones were gentler, and that a spirit of greater forbearance, kindness and good cheer stole into their lives. They turned from a hard routine of life that had chilled their better natures to cultivate a deeper friendliness with their neighbors and to pet and humor their children. They made the tasks of gelic choir chanted Heaven's mesthe children easier, they were less exacting of those over whom they held dominion, they passed slight infractions of their rigid rules of decorum un-noticed, and in the yielding they seemed to find joy.

What was it? Christmas! nd we would pay no attention to risimas this year. We have problems at challenge our most serious consid- perennial joy and hope, and its ultimate abion and our supremest efforts. We triumph is certain.

have promised a loyalty to these problems that a Christmas season could not shake. We have mapped out tasks calling for all of our time. We have need of all our resources, and we have closed our purses against any demands that Christmas time might make. We have philosophied, and reached the conclusion that such expenditures are needless and a wanton waste.

But Christmas comes on. And why this desire to turn from our weighty

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affairs and give attention to the "nothings?" — the things that give no pain or profit? Whence comes this kindlier feeling toward all mankind? Why do we let serious problems rest and play with the children. Why is it that purse-strings are loosening; why instead of trying to add to our little store of coin do we want to spend a few dimes on others? The same old answer: It's Christmas. We can't get away from the fact that Christmas time is a good time. Why?

Back of all our beautiful customs, sacred memories and benevolent impulses there is a Power, resistless, unceasing and undiscouraged. It is God imminent in men. In the deepest heart of man there is a spirit of the same nature as the spirit of Jesus. Christ, who gave all for others.

One blessed night Heaven came down to earth and the magazines of the skies poured out their glory upon Jordan hills. And as the evening star held its radiant torch over the hallowed scene the ansage to earth-"Peace, Good Will.

ciety visit the homes of wealthy people The years will roll on. Greed will live in the hearts of men; the grim accidents of history will discourage, and the wrath of animalism will darken the visage of man created in the image of his Maker, but the spirit of Him who came to enthrone Peace and Good Will will give to the recurring seasons their are supplied on application. The chil-We the same now. Many of us have his Maker, but the spirit of Him who

Christmas Children

Christmas Reflections—Whence Comes the Kindlier Feeling?"

Love, came forward a few years ago with a new Christmas custom that breathes the real spirit of the glad season and at once takes the lead for novelty as well as appropriateness. In this great city there is an organization known as the Children's Aid-Society. Realizing that the home in which the laughter of children is not heard cannot enjoy Christmas to the fullest extent. this society makes a business of supplying childless homes with children for

factors, and have everything in the way of Christmas toys and Christmas dinmuch more in return. They give laughter, song, sunshine and innocence that Claus. yield honey in the life-cups of their Christmas parents and restore the gladness of youth.

So charmed are many of the childless rich with their Christmas visitors that they set about at once to make the chil-

dren a permanent part of their homes and lives. Adoption papers are frequently the second part of the "Christmas Baby" story.

Santa on Christmas Eve-Not Before

Before I forget it I want to protest once more against the latterday practice of having Christmas before Christmas comes. I was taught that good old Santa Claus lives in the frozen regions of the North and never ventures away from home except on Christmas Eve, but when the shades of night have gathered on December 24 and been pinned back with stars, he harnesses his team of reindeer, loads his sleigh with all kinds of toys, fruits and sweetmeats and visits every home in the world before the first faint streaks of purple flash along the eastern horizon on Christmas morning, descending the chimneys and flues, and filling the stockings of the kiddles with beautiful presents, I want to keep on believing this, and want it taught the kiddies throughout all the ages. For myself, I refuse to be disillusioned, but fear some modern practices may create doubt in the minds and hearts

the children. It's too pretty a of picture to be marred by commercialism. Of recent years, the practice has become common of having Santa stroll over the country several weeks before Christmas, and actually exhibit himself in the daytime. As a consequence Christmas is over before are supplied on application. The chil-dren go from the flats of poverty to , ing seen Santa in the fleth, lose faith the mansions of the rich to spend the in his ability to descend every chinney

glad season. Of course the little ones and flue in the world in one night. Let Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly are handsomely dressed by their bene- me say again to the kiddles that every Santa Claus seen prior to the night of. December 24 is an imposter. It's fine to ners that their hearts could desire. have a big Christmas trade, but cold They are given much, but they give commercialism must keep its unholy hands off of Christmas and Santa

About Christmas Giving

Christmas, like all other days and institutions, has its problems. A season of gift-giving calls for gifts, and the great question confronting most people at Christmas time is, "what shall I give?" Sensitive natures, it is feared, will be humiliated by gifts of value, while to those more materially-minded gifts of trifles may bring the secret charge of penuriousness. In my humble opinion a gift, if it goes beyond a card or a flower, should be something that the receiver can use in some way. Articles of dress that will never be worn, or table decorations that will never find a place on the table can have no higher classification than waste. A pretty card appropriately inscribed is infinitely better. The foolishness of much of our Christmas giving was so splendidly told in a poem I read several years ago from the pen of an unknown author that I am reproducing it here. In this pretty little poem there is more than catchy rhyme -there is fine reason:

"She needed pots and a new floor broom, And window shades for the children's room: Her sheets were down to a threadbare three, And her table cloths were a sight to see. She wanted scarfs and a towel rack And a good plain, useful dressing sack, Some kitchen spoons, and a box for bread, A pair of scissors and sewing thread. She hoped some practical friend would stop And figure out that she'd like a mop, Or a bath-room rug, or a lacquered tray, Or a few plain plates for every day. She hoped and hoped; and she wished a lot, But these, of course, were the things she gots

A cut-glass vase and a bonbonniere, A china thing for receiving hair, Some oyster forks, a manicure set, A chafing, dish and a cellaret, A boudoir cap and a drawn-work mat, And a sterling this and a sterling that; 1 A gilt-edged book of lofty theme. And fancy bags until she longed to scream: And fancy bags until she longed to scream Some curling tongs and a powder purif And a bunch of other uscless stuff. But though she inwardly raged, she wrote To all of her friends the self-same nota And said to each of the damfool host-'Just how did you guess what I needed most'?"

While on the subject of Christmas-(Centinued on Page 4, Column 5)



who are not blessed with children and take orders for "Christmas Children," just as the city salesman takes orders

The angelic choir chanted Heaven's message to earth:

"Peace, Good Will."

the holiday season. Agents of the so-

Current Comment—Making Twelve Months Out of Ten

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December

N the old Roman calendar Decemyear. It gets its name from the Latin decem (ten), there being only ten months in the year at that time. Just why two more months were added I am somewhat in doubt, but I do know the addition has worked a great hardship on people who have to pay with one's attitude toward labor. Last procery and dry goods bills and meet Hallowe'en a boy of my acquaintance, installment notes on automobiles, ra- who is about 14 years old, carried a

economists may tell you that it has proved a blessing in keeping down unemployment by providing jobs for bill collectors, but personally I prefer unemployment to bill collectors. I know that I am much happier when I am unemployed than when five or six bill collectors are chasing me. It is quite probable, however, that members of the Roman Senate were paid

by the month, and when they wanted more pay they were afraid to raise their wages lest they be defeated at the next election, so they hit upon the wise scheme of making twelve months out of ten After further study of the matter, I incline to the opinion that I was wrong postage must be advanced from 2 to 3 in charging the Roman Senate with the change. Old Augustus Caesar probably made it. He wasn't any too popular with the soldiers, and had to do something stamp. Well, the law of compensation to cinch the soldier vote. With October the last month of the year, the soldiers were away fighting when Christmas dun us. came on, and were as mad as Tucker. Augustus added the two months, which made Christmas come later when the takes precedence over everything, alweather was too cold and too wet for fighting. This put the soldiers at home for Christmas pudding and Christmas egg-nog, and from that day all of them swore by Augustus.

I may do some bad things this Christ--mas time. I may dance a little, may eat more than my share of the Christmas dinner, and if I get an invitation to an egg-nog party I may be strong enough to decline; but there is one thing I will not do. I will not write the holy day "Xmas!" From the dittle studying of algebra that I did I learned that X represented an unknown quantity; furthermore I don't want to leave the impression that Jesus Christ couldn't write His name and had to sign with a cross mark.

service, is remembered kindly, because year's triumphs will live on and one financial condition and the high cost of Paradoxical as it may seem or sound, with less than 200,000 people, and Delaware with not many more, ought to be living, I told my friend that he should his life bettered the lots of those it with torch ever burning, to light the the child that will have the poorest touched; the man whose touch is hurt- way to perfect life. Christmas is the child that will have the demoted into counties or precincts until postpone the nuptial event until his sav-And now, as the fires of Nineteen ful, whose words wound, and whose they can raise enough people to hold an ings were larger and his salary suffimost. It is a question of which is most deserving of pity, the child that has election and put out a fire at the same cient to meet reasonable family ex- deeds touch sorrows into hearts is Hundred and Thirty are burning low in the grate, let us read in the glow of the penses. Three days later the young man gladly forgotten or admitted to memnothing or the child that has too much. fading embers brighter hopes, sweeter and his little turtle dove were joined in ory as an unwelcome guest, I am inclined to the opinion that the An Eastern woman, despite the les- matrimony's holy bonds, and since our Man has his standards for judging joys, better conditions, and stronger latter is the greatest sufferer. The petted child of wealthy, foolish parents al- sons taught by the Master at the tower confidential talk he hardly speaks to me years, just as he has his standards for faith in God and man and things to be.

can't think of anything he wants, and worries his mother trying to get her to ber was the last month of the think of something for him. It is rather a painful feeling to want something, but a far more horrible condition to have everything already, leaving nothing to be wanted.

Age and viewpoint have much to do dios and phonographs. Half-baked neighbor's gate, which weighed fully

100 pounds, 100 yards and dumped it into a ditch. If that boy keeps on living he will reach the age of fifty some day and when he does I wonder how much he would puff and blow and cuss if he had to carry a gate of his own, weighing fifty pounds, a distance of one hundred yards. After all, perhaps labor is only a matter of viewpoint. If it is merely a part of a dull routine, a sort

of cruel concatenation that kills dreams, it taxes the muscles, and is drudgery, but if it is surrounded with the mists of imagination it makes of drudgery a thrilling adventure.

The Postmaster General says letter cents if the postal service is ever made self-sustaining. This means that in a short time all letters must carry a 3-cent can be found even in as cruel a blow as this. It will cost our creditors more to

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Some people believe that wealth ways and everywhere. They are dead wrong. Recently I heard a fair young thing say that even beauty could never stand a ghost of a show against wealth. She was sadly in error. If you doubt what I say, make a fair test. Suppose a very rich and crabbed old sister and a radiant damsel of eighteen summers, with cheeks as lovely as the ripe winesap and form as perfect as the angelus, desired the assistance of a man in crossing a branch; which one do you say would get across without soil to her slippers, and which one would be left to wade the mud?

Looking over the census returns of the States of this glorious nation, I find that three of them "aren't fitten to ing; and no prospect of an immediate be called States." Nevada and Wyoming,

made, and so much sweetmeats and can dwell together in love, peace and fruits that he can't eat any of it. He unity. She wants to show that this is possible, and will attempt to so do by a concrete example. She says she will adopt fifteen children, of the same age, representing all races and nationalities. and raise them under the same roof. I am sure this woman is a lady of philanthropic impulses, but she is courting trouble and will get more than her share. The Mexican will start an insurrection before the family is out of kilts. The Jew will soon have all the money, which may turn the other fourteen into anarchists, crying for an equal division. The American will fool away most of his time talking politics and then insist that the negro do most of the chores. The frolicsome Irishman will cut off the Chinaman's queue; the German will consume more than his share of beer, and all the other nationalities will pound the Englishman because he can't see the point to their jokes. The good woman will land in the asylum for the insane, and most of her adopted family will probably find the way to the penitentiary.

> Of course we can't have Christmas all the time, yet I know a lot of people in my neck of the woods whose stockings are filled with pretty things every day in the year.

In giving advice you must be very careful. If possible, first, find out what the person seeking your advice wants to do, then so advise. Not long since a young man whom I had always liked called me to one side and told me he wanted me to give him some advice. He went on to say that he had always looked upon me as one of his best friends, was sure I was deeply concerned in his welfare and happiness and would take a deep interest in a matter that was bothering him. He tickled my vanity and caused me to feel very important by saying he knew I was a man of sound judgment, and that he knew of no other whose opinion he would prize so highly. He ther in trembling voice told he was considering the very important step of getting married. He said he was deeply in love with a rare and radiant maiden, and that her love for him was just as deep and pure, and he wanted me to tell him what he should do. Approaching the matter in a very sensible, practical way, I first asked the young fellow about his savings. He confessed that he had only thirty-five dollars in the bank. The next question was about his salary, which was just about sufficient to pay his board and laundry bills and leave a few dollars for clothraise. Duly considering the young man's

ready has every kind of a toy that's of Babel, believes all races and peoples and seemingly looks upon me as a cruel judging men; and his standards are enemy who has done him a great wrong. My experience in this unfortunate affair has caused me to praise the judgment of a West Texas friend in the matter of giving advice. This friend and another man were partners in the cattle business, and his partner went to Mexico to see about selling a large drove of cattle. When the partner reached Mexico he found the price of cattle very low and going lower, so he wired my friend whether he should sell at the price offered. The reply was, "take one more drink and use your best judgment."

The only tilt I have ever had with the clergy was on the question of lying. On this question I am somewhat of a liberal, while it appears to me that my pastor and other good ministers are radical. The ministers say we must tell the truth every time, even though the heavens occasionally take a tumble; I contend that when a lie serves humanity better than the truth it is all right to lie. I have lied many times to sick people, telling them they looked so well, when in truth they looked as if they were headed for the grave on a straight track. Wasn't that the thing to do? As a newspaper writer I have written of many a fellow who had frequently strayed from the royal road of right, as a good man, when life's golden bowl' had been broken and his loved ones were in sorrow over his demise; and I have praised the beauty of brides who were red-haired, freckle-faced and bow-legged. Anything wrong in that? Rahab was a woman of Jericho's underworld. She sheltered the Hebrew spies who were sent to look Jericho over; and Rahab lied in order to save the lives of the spies. Rahab's life was spared, she was adopted into the family of the people of God, and the list of her illustrious descendants includes David, the sweet singer, Solomon, the wise, and Jesus Christ, the Saviour. Seems to me that Rahab was rewarded for saving the lives of the Hebrews by telling a lie.

The Year Is Closing

This is the last installment of Current Comment for the year that is now . of disease hitherto believed incurable, with us. Nineteen Hundred and Thirty and the ties of brotherhood have been nears the end of its journey, and with a few more risings and settings of the truly said, although we are yet far from sun will live only as a memory, Death the ideal life, that we have made a to years is what death is to human be- year's journey in that direction. The ings-a passing from the stage of ac- white wings of peace have been spread tion to make room for other actors; over our land, and, despite war rumors, they, like human beings, are (remem- the love of peace is so strongly enbered for their contributions to the trenched in the hearts of our people world and their influence upon life. The man who contributes liberally to human happiness, who renders large, unselfish failures will soon be forgotten, but the

not always true. Men who give large service to the world are frequently misunderstood, and are despised, because they look beyond the hour, and their deeds and motives are misjudged-but Time dispels the clouds of error that darkened the vision of those who misjudged them, and then tall monuments are erected in honor of the toilers who went to their graves condenined by false standards.

Nineteen Hundred and Thirty has not ministered abundantly to the material prosperity to the people of this section, and, for a time at least, will not have a golden setting in the galaxy of years. The seasons have not been well-timed, the elements have been unkind, and plagues of dtstroyers have been visited upon the land. The yield of the country's great staple crop was far below expectations, the prices below the cost of production, and tillers of the soil have but slight reward for their toil. The merchants' trade has been light, and instead of money in the bank, they have goods upon their shelves, notes in their safes, and unpaid accounts on their ledgers. The professional man and the artisan have fared no better. Large factories have been shut down, or operated only a day or two each week; great stores have reduced their sales forces, leaving thousands without the means of earning a living. As man counts the years good or bad, the year now drawing to a close has not been a good year. and for a time it will not be a year pleasant to dwell upon.

But perhaps if we look higher than our bank accounts, our houses and lands, we may be forced even now to admit it is the best year given man since, the Divine hand turned chaos and utter darkness into order and light. People are better than ever before and righteousness is more strongly entrenched in the hearts of men. Science. has witnessed some of its greatest triumphs, official wickedness has been routed from many cities and States. and corruption now dwells in fear in dark places whereas it once walked proudly on broad avenues. Ways to better health have been pointed out. progress has been made toward the cure strengthened. I believe that it can be that we almost feel we can safely sav that we will war no more. The year's



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T was a cold, rainy morning in December when Bill, the errand boy, for Macey Co.'s department store, 35 came blustering back to the big

four of the sales staff. While warming his hands Bill gave vent to his feelings as follows: "I shore wush everbody would write ther own let-

ters and quit botherin' me about it." "That's right, Bill; if you start writing letters for your friends they will take up all your s p a r e time," said Miss Harkins, the milliner.

'Taint no frien' that wants me to write for 'em," con-tinued Bill — "no-

with his Granma Roberts, who takes in washin' an' lives twixt here an' wher I

live "Bill, I wish you would reconsider the matter, as I was counting on you writing a letter for me to my sweetjokingly observed Miss Myrtle; heart. the blonde young lady who sold laces and ribbons.

"You mean that long-legged grasshopper what's got a head about the size of a nickle watermelon?" inquired Bill. "Naw, I wouldn't write 'em a letter a tall even if you wus to pay me. I'd lack to hit 'em between his jimlet eyes

Bill's Story of the Mason Boy

moren a week, ever house, to write a Sandy Claus." letter to Sandy Claus to bring 'em some presents. He's the funniest lookin' boy I ever seen wears an old coat with the sleeves rolled up and the tail almost tetches the groun'; his breeches air full of

wears a gal's hood "Bill, here's the paper and here's the pencil with a tossel on it to write that letter to Sandy Claus."

an' goes barefooted. body but that Johnie Mason, what lives The fust time he tackled me to write that letter I tried to got shet of 'em by tellin' 'em to hang up his socks an' old Sandy Claus would put presents in 'em. But he jumped up an' down an' bellered that he tried it last Christmas an' didn't get a thing. 'I ain't got no paper to write on,' I said, an' run off an' left 'em still bellerin.

"Natuly I thought I was through with 'em, but I wusn't, fur the very nex mornin' when I was passin' his house he come runnin' out shoutin', 'Bill, Bill, with a rotten termater, insted uv writin' to 'em." some wher and wes lower for a pencil sayin' I had no pencil and left 'em in a some wher and was layin' fur me that Bill's ludicrous criticism of Miss evenin' an' come a runnin', meetin' me,

Myrtle's sweetheart evoked a round of and wavin' that little piece of paper, laughter that quickly subsided when screamin', 'Bill, Bill, Bill, here's the Bill resumed his story of the Mason boy. paper an' here's the pencil to write that letter to Sandy Claus!' But I was tard of foolin' with 'em an' told 'em to quit "I wish you all could see that boy. botherin' me, that I was too busy to stove where were assembled three or He's about six or seben years old and write fur anybody. And blamed if he looks like a skeer ain't still tryin' to git me to write that crow. He has been letter. This mornin' when I passed his will save Johnie's life I will give 'em ding-dongin' me fur house there he stood out in the cold rain barefooted, holdin' out that ragged time I pass his little paper, pleadin' with me to write to

the Errand Boy-A Yuletide Story

Sympathetic Response

Strange as it may seem, Bill's story created no merriment, but left a look of sadness on the faces of his listeners. The milliner and the young lady in charge of ribbons and laces thought it was smoke from the stove that made their eyes water and Mr. Hill, the clothing salesman, attributed tightness in his throat to one of the worst colds holes, showin' his he ever had. necked hide an' he

The gentle-voiced, charitable Miss Mary Winters, who had charge of the doctor, will it be all right for Billie to ladies' ready-to-wear department at come out and see Johnie tonight? He's Macey's, was loved by all who knew her. For the first time in his life Bill's heart was heavy. He had always fought his him, Miss Mary. Good bye.' own battles in his own way without asking for help. But now he was in a losing fight—he was in a battle with his conscience and he had about gone down for the count, when he thought of Miss Mary.

It was probably a week after Bill had related the story of Johnie and the Santa Claus letter he refused to write. that he came into Miss Winter's departhere's the paper, now you can write me ment and said: "Miss Mary, could I get that letter,' but I put 'em off agin by you to pray for a little boy that's sick with pneumonia?"

"Why, Billie, you surprise me. Who is the little boy?

Miss Mary cried like her heart would break and hugged Bill to her bosom.

"Yes, Billie," she said, "I shall pray for Johnie as I have never prayed before."

"Tell God, Miss Mary, fur me, if He the suit of clothes I was goin' to buy fur myself this Christmas, to say nothin' of the toys I'm a goin' to stuff his stockings with the night before Christmas."

Armful of Christmas Presents

"Dr. Jones, this is Miss Winters speaking. How is our little patient, Johnie Mason, coming along?'

"The finest kind, Miss Mary," replied the doctor. "The crisis is passed and Johnie, thanks to you and the splendid nurse you sent him, will soon be up and out again.'

"Oh, thank you so much. But say, standing by me at the 'phone now.'

'It's all right if you will come with

Miss Winters knocked gently at the door and it was opened by Grandma Roberts who threw her arms around Miss Mary and hugged her. Bill followed with an armful of presents, no matter if it was five days before Christmas.

"Hello Johnie, how air you feelin'?" was Bill's greeting.

"Fine," came a weak little voice. "Now, Johnie," said Bill, "lay right still while I tell you about my experience with Sandy Claus. Soon as you was took down with pneumona I wrote 'em that letter about them presents you wanted. But I was afeard he hadn't got the let-Then in a husky voice Bill told the ter and telephoned 'em that you was 13, 1915.

pitiful story of Johnie and the Santa - awful sick and not to wait till Christ-Claus letter that was never written. mas, but to come right on with yoar presents an' bring um to my house an' I'd give 'em to you. So las night about midnight here come old Sandy lickaty split with bells ringin' an' reindeer rarin an' sportin'. Here's what he brought you.

And then Bill began to untie bundles. True to his promise, there was a new suit of clothes, a box of candy, four big oranges, five red apples, a pistol with a box of caps, a drum, a tin bugle, a rubber ball, a set of glass marbles, a French

harp and a toy fiddle and bow, "Oh, Bill," exclaimed Johnie, "you" air the bestest frien' I ever had, and this is goin' to be the bestest Christmas that ever wus!"

Johnie was tired and weak and fell asleep surrounded by his precious gifts. Miss Mary and Bill stole softly out into the night, hand-in-hand, filled with a strange, inexpressible happiness.

The story of Bill's devotion and sacrifice was published in one of the local newspapers several days before Christmas. The story touched the hearts and loosened the purse-strings of all who read it and caused many men and women to go into the homes of the sick and unfortunate in the remote and obscure parts of the town and give aid and comfort without stint to the poor and needy.

THREE CHILDREN IN FAMILY. HAVE SAME BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Owen, of Coleman, have three children who were born on the same day of the month, and they are not triplets. The three children were born on the 13th day of October. Wilson, who is 20, was born October 13, 1910, Charlie Joe was born October 13, 1917, and Francis was born October



Brief Texas News-From Over the State

TRIPLETS PERFECT IN HEALTH In the home of Mr. Mauldin, of Palestine, there are three girls who are triplets. The young ladies are twenty-three months old and have been termed perfect specimens of babyhood by health authorities.

70,000 ITALIANS IN TEXAS According to the Italian consul, there are 70,000 Italians in Texas. If the consul's statement is correct there has been a large increase of the Italian population of the State the last decade. The census of 1920 showed 8,000 immigrant and 20,000 American-born Italians in Texas.

CHILDREN TUBERCULOSIS HOS-PITAL OPENED

On November 10 the Children's Hospital of the State Tubercular Sanitarium at Carlsbad, Texas, was opened. About 125 children between the ages of 6 and 14 are now patients there.

The building and equipment cost \$250,000, and 162 children can be cared for.

GAS TAX YIELDED \$2,900,000 FOR MONTH

For the month of September, this year, collections from the 4 cents a gallon gasoline tax were \$2,900,000. Twothirds of the tax was paid by five of the distributors as follows: Gulf Refining Company \$596,379, Texas Company \$561.679, Magnolia Petroleum Company \$448,786, Humble Oil and Refining Company \$227,907; Sinclair Refining Company \$150,147.

AUTO 29 YEARS OLD

Probably the oldest automobile in Texas now in use is the property of Mr. Harry Olsen, of San Antonio. The auto is a one-cylinder Oldsmobile, and was purchased in 1901. The car is still able to run under its own power and will make from twelve to fourteen miles an hour. As to gasoline mileage, the owner says he is sometimes able to get 20 miles to the gallons of gas, and sometimes not so much. ¹

DEVELOP \$1,000,000 IRRIGATION SYSTEM

At least \$1,000,000 is to be spent in the development of the ten thousand acre tract near Harlingen, which was recently sold to the Farm Home and Savings Association of Nevada.

The tract is to be organized into an irrigation district and an irrigation system, costing not less than one million dollars, will be constructed to irrigate the tract. The district is to be of concrete canals throughout.

THREE GREAT FIRES IN TEXAS

Three Texas fires are listed by the National Fire Protective Association as among the eighty most disastrous conflagrations that have scourged the United States and Canada during the last one hundred years.

The three Texas conflagrations inlude the fire at Paris about twelve

COFFEE TREES TO BE TRIED IN

VALLEY There is a probability that the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, which already furnishes the nation with so much citrus fruit, soon may help fill its coffee pot.

Commercial coffee culture is to be introduced by Mr. Warden, of Pharr, Texas. Mr. Pharr has been experimenting with growing coffee trees for two years, and his experiments have convinced him the crop would perhaps be- South just after the close of the war. come more profitable even than grapefruit.

WEALTH OF TEXAS SHOWS INCREASE

The total wealth of Texas is now more than twelve and a half billion dollars, according to figures from the State Comptroller Department.

An increase of more than \$300,000,-000 annually in the total wealth has been made during the last eight years, indicating the tremendous growth and financial progress of the State.

Taxable value of all Texas property for the current year is given by the department at \$4,280,498,578. This is Worth, the highest figure in the

history of the State, and represents an increase of 870,393,116 over that of last year.

The ratio of total wealth to taxable_wealth in Texas at the date of the last census of wealth was 3 to 1. The most recent wealth census was in 1922, and if this ratio has been maintained, the total wealth of Texas is slightly more than \$12,500,000.

COWBOY ACTIVE AT 100 YEARS.

Doubtless the oldest cowboy in the world, who is still active, is Mr. Reece Barton, of near Childress. Mr. Barton still performs active duties on the B. P.

Smith ranch. The subject of this item was born March 8, 1830, near Charleston, S. C. He has been a Texan eighty years, coming here when twenty and working first on a ranch near Alice. In 1867 he helped trail a herd of cattle to Kansas City, and for several years was a' trail- driver to Abilene and Dodge City, Kansas. In 1887 he helped move the army equipment and cavalry horses from old Fort Griffin to Fort Elliott, in the Panhandle, then a frontier post in what is now

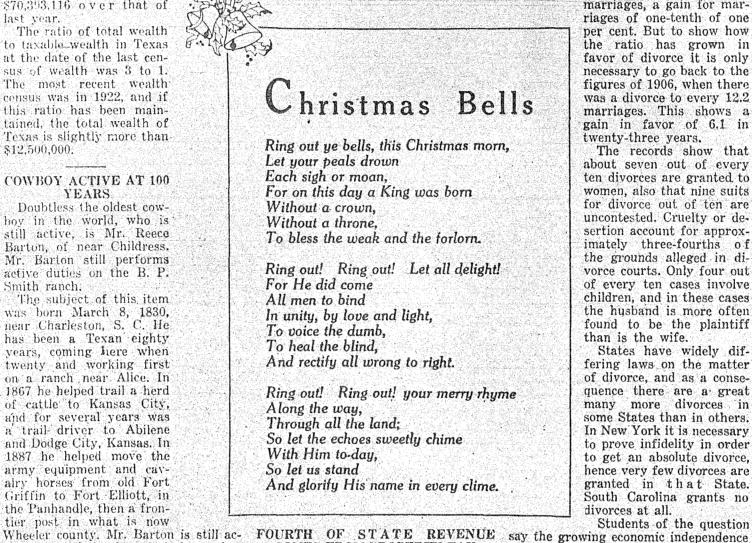
tive in ranch work and declares that riding stimulates him. He is enjoying health and gets on and off horses un- United States Department of Commerce sought and granted. aided.

PREACHER 100 YEARS OLD DEAD Rev. Charles McCarr, who died in Gause, near Cameron, in October, was in his 101st year, having celebrated his 100th anniversary in June of this year.

Deceased preached fifty-six years, his last sermon having been delivered about two months before he reached his hundredth birthday. Rev. Mr. McCarr was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1830. He served as second lieutenant in the Federal army, and was wounded. He came

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAIL **LINE BEGINS JANUARY 1**

Construction of the Vernon to Seymour extension of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway is to begin about January 1, according to announcement of officials of the company. Unless plans have been changed since the announcement was made, the work will begin at Vernon. About \$2,000,000 will be spent on construction of the new line. The line will bring connection with Fort Worth through the Gulf, Texas & Western, which now stops at Seymour, and through the Rock Island into Fort



COMES FROM PROPERTY TAX of women accounts largely for the great A pamphlet recently issued by the increase in the number of divorces

REFINING PLANT BEING ENLARGED

Work is now in progress on enlarging the Waggoner Refining plant at Electra. When the work is completed the plant will have nearly double its present capacity.

The additional stills and equipment will make use of 3,000 barrels of additional crude oil per day in the manufacture of gasoline and other products. The present capacity of the plant is 3,500 barrels of crude oil per day. The entire amount of 6,500 barrels will be taken from the Waggoner leases in Wichita and Wilbarger counties.

A LEAD OF WHICH TEXAS IS NOT PROUD

Be it said to her shame, rather than to her honor, Texas had more divorces in the year 1929 than any other State of the Union. So many divorces were granted in this State last year that Texans no longer have room to jokingly speak of Nevada as the divorce State.

The country as a whole showed a slight improvement in the ratio of divorces to marriages, but Texas did not. In 1928, taking the country over, there

was a divorce to every six marriages. In 1929 there was a divorce to every 6.1 marriages, a gain for marriages of one-tenth of one per cent. But to show how the ratio has grown in favor of divorce it is only necessary to go back to the figures of 1906, when there was a divorce to every 12.2 marriages. This shows a gain in favor of 6.1 in twenty-three years.

The records show that about seven out of every ten divorces are granted to women, also that nine suits for divorce out of ten are uncontested. Cruelty or desertion account for approximately three-fourths of the grounds alleged in divorce courts. Only four out of every ten cases involve children, and in these cases the husband is more often found to be the plaintiff than is the wife.

States have widely differing laws on the matter of divorce, and as a consequence there are a great many more divorces in some States than in others. In New York it is necessary to prove infidelity in order to get an absolute divorce. hence very few divorces are granted in that State. South Carolina grants no divorces at all.

Students of the question

HATCHERY TO BE ESTABLISHED AT HUNTSVILLE

A new fish hatchery is to be established at Huntsville, making the ninth in Texas. The new hatchery will be on Harmon creek, near Huntsville, and will have forty-acre feet under water, on a site of 200 acres. Three buildings will be constructed and the entire cost will be about \$35,000.

The eighth hatchery for the State in now under construction near Jasper, in Jasper county.

Christmas Reflections (Continued From Page 2)

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giving, let me warn all persons against the practice of keeping the unneeded gifts received and sending them to other friends the following Christmas. This practice may be economically sound, but it's dangerous, because nobody's memory is perfect. A lady who is a neighbor of ours received at Christmas time a few years ago a beautiful cup and saucer. The cup and saucer, 'though very pretty, didn't fit into the scheme of the lady's china closet, and besides, she was already overstocked on chinaware. The cup and saucer were laid away, and the following Christmas were sent to a friend. A few days later our neighbor was surprised when a letter substantially as follows was received: "I was very glad to get my cup and saucer back, and certainly thank you. They were in perfect condition, after being in your possession a year, which shows that you are very careful in handling chinaware." The pretty custom of gift-giving at Christmas, thus broken between two former friends, has not yet been revived. 难 难 难

Merry Christmas-Not Christmas Gift

To those of us who have reached the yellow-leaf period of existence 'tis pleasant indeed to recount the pleasures of the halycon days of youth-when we were artless and sinless, when care had curled no frown upon the lips, when h sorrow touched no sadness into the heart-when one could eat his fill and not be sick-could run all day and Morpheus would lull all the tiredness into sleep in a minute. Yea, it is delightful to dwell upon the time when a painted toy made the eye laugh and the heart leap, and when sweetmeats cured all hurts and chased all tears away. This was the Christmas of our childhood-a season of pleasures born of the gratification of our desires for sweets to eat and playthings to charm. But the look backward should occasion regrets as well as rebuild pleasures-regret that, we were so poorly taught, and caught? such a stained vision of the Great Day. We were encouraged to want things and expect things. We wondered what our stockings would contain when we sought them Christmas morn-would we get two sticks of candy or three; would there be enough fruits to last a day. And we wondered whether anybody us anything. Unristinas to

years ago, which virtually destroyed that city. More than fourteen hundred buildings were burned and the property loss exceeded ten million dollars. The other disastrous fires listed among the eighty were at Houston in 1912, when damage to the amount of \$3,000,000 was caused, and the \$1,000,000 fire at Grandview, when 136 buildings were destroyed.

BIG ORDER FOR TEXAS REPTILES

Hundreds of Texas snakes, lizards and insects have been ordered for January delivery to the National Zoological Park in Washington. All these are to be placed on exhibition in the new reptile house now nearing completion. A permanent exhibit of these reptiles and insects, with appropriate background of Texas cactus, yuccas, Spanish daggers, etc., is being arranged.

This big order for reptiles and insects was given W. C. King, of Brownsville, who owns the largest snake farm in the world. The order includes snakes of several species, such as rattlers, yellow bulls, indigoes, racers and chicken snakes. Also lizards, horned toads, tarantulas, tree frogs, etc.

CAUSEWAY AT ARANSAS PASS COMPLETED

The automobile causeway connecting Harbor Island with the mainland at Aransas Pass is now completed or will be in a very short time. This six and a half mile causeway will afford access to Harbor and Mustang Islands, where the Munsill interests are planning to invest several million dollars in port and resort development.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 38 YEARS

The dean of Texas school men in length of service in one place is Superintendent J. G. Wooten, of Paris. Mr. Wooten is now in his thirty-ninth year as superintendent of Paris schools. He was born in Kentucky, taught for a while in Oxford, Miss., and then located at Paris as superintendent. More Texas, 76 cents, and Kentucky 79c.

than three thousand boys and girls have graduated from the Paris H i g h School during his adminisgraduated from the tration.

of Texas revenue is obtained from a general property tax, and that the property tax increased 100 per cent in the decade from 1917 to 1927, and that the motorist in reality pays more tax money to the State than does the property owner

In 1928 the Texas per capita property levy was \$4.59. All revenues totaled \$16.70 for every tax payer, and the Texas per capita property tax was about 70 cents greater than the average per capita property levy for all the States.

shows that one out of every four dollars

The gasoline fuel tax ranked next as a source of income, bringing in \$19,211,-000, as compared to \$25,442,000 from the property tax. Auto licenses were the third largest source, netting \$13,404 .-000. Only four States in the Union had a debt of less than \$1 per capita, and Texas was one of the four. They were Wisconsin, 54 cents; Indiana, 65 cents;



Because no history studied in the public schools of Texas gives the name of any Texas officer who served in the World War, nor mentions the part played in the great struggle by Texas divisions, the American Legion asks the revision of these histories, so that Texas children may learn what part the Texas divisions played in the war.

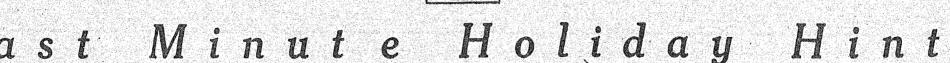
It is said that no history now studied in the schools mentions the fact that it was a Texas division that captured St. Enctionne, though this was one of the great events of the war. The Legion contends, and correctly so, that as a matter of simple justice the histories studied in Texas schools should tell of the valorous conduct of the 200,000 Texans who so nobly served in the great contest. It is pointed out that at Vilmy Ridge a Texan just about equaled the

record of Sergeant York in killing Germans single-handed, but he gets no mention in the his-

tories.

a book of bills receivable. It was "Christmas Gift." not "Merry Christmas." Christmas is the anniversary of our freedom-freedom from bondage, freedom from the curse of sin. As such it is truly a day for rejoicing. But it is not a time for us to expect or to receive. It is a time to give-to give in word, in deed, in heart-throbs-to make hearts gladder, to give a second lustre to teardimmed eyes. With such a conception of the Great Day Christmas can never grow old to us, and we can never grow old to it. It will come to the aged as to the young, and there can never be what we have heard so many shriveled, selfish souls term "a dull Christmas." It is well to fill the holidays with things so beautiful and joyous that they will be a treasure house of pleasant memories for the children, but it is far more important that we impress upon the childmind what so many of us missed-that Christmas comes not to minister to us, but to awaken us to the beauty of ministering. The Christmas feeling, the Christmas watchword must be, Merry Christmas," not "Christmas Gift.'

the childhood of most of us was merely



PERHAPS there is nothing new in

ing up the house for Christmas. Have a cans of grape juice in cellophane paper ball of green twine and a roll of red crepe paper and have

the boys bring into the kitchen an armful of pine and evergreen branches. Make long loops of green by winding the stems (it goes fast) and drape them over the door arches, over the curtains, mantles, etc., not forgetting wreaths at the windows and outside doors. Don't know of anything at

Christmas that so enthuses all of us also make strings of cranberries for with the Christmas spirit, as we think the tree. and breathe Christmas whenever we enter the house. The wreaths with large bows of red paper.

this suggestion but we cannot re- wrapped or put in a basket make an sist urging mothers to spend at acceptable gift for anyone who does not least a couple of hours in dress- make her own. Also wrap pint or quart

and Christmas seals for inexpensive gifts to shut-ins. Fruit cakes also are nice gifts.

How many make their own Christmas wreaths and find it almost impossible to get holly or other red berries for a bit of color? Have you tried cranberries with toothpicks for a stem? They are just fine for that,

. . .

When trimming the Christmas tree use rubber bands instead of cord to

bands hold well and are easy to remove.

Instead of using a regular Christmas tree stand, plant the tree in a pail of sand or dirt. It keeps it moist and the needles remain green longer and will not droop. 6 6 ¢

At this time of year use an inexpensive substitute for maraschino cherries. Use cranberries, pricking each one with a fine needle to prevent their bursting and cooking them until almost done in a fairly thick syrup, just enough to cover them well.

At the Christmas season keep red confectioners' sugar on hand to use for garnish.

paper, lay it straight, then one sheet of red tissue paper on top of it. Fold the red sheet diagonally upon itself. Onehalf will thus be red and one white. Wrap the package, using seals where the red and white paper join, if you wish.

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For an attractive Christmas tree decoration use glossy hard candies in pretty shapes. Heat fine wires over the gas flame, insert in the candy and bend a hook in the wire so it can be hung on the tree.

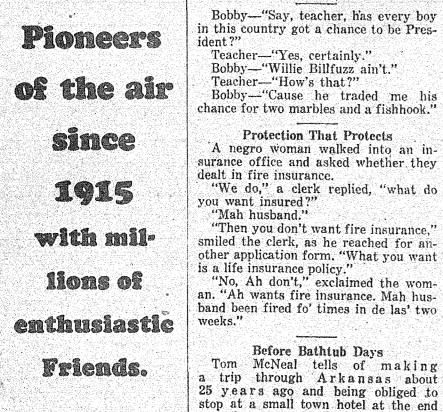
In the fall gather the loveliest leaves you can find, the nicest in shape and color and dip them in melted paraffin. Let them dry thoroughly before touching them and pack them away in a large To make an attractive Christmas box. When tying Christmas packages,

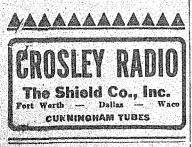
Three or four glasses of jelly nicely fasten the ornaments in place. The package take one sheet of white tissue use two or three of the pretty leaves along with the ribbons.

> Put equal parts of raisins and nuts through a food grinder to make paste filling. Place this filling between walnut halves and press together gently. Roll in powdered sugar. These are very nice for the Christmas candy box. * * *

. A last minute small gift which may be given by the children: By taking a cigar box, four empty spools and four clothespins, one may make a little four⁵ poster bed for dolly. Remove the cover and paper from the box. Glue the spouls on each corner of the bottom for legs. Place the clothespins, one in each cor-ner of the top. The bed can be painted a solid color and if you wish you can paint a design on it or paste a small picture on it.







Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long

The Pied Typesetter

Just to Be Safe

The president of a small bank had

Taking No Chances Grocer (to small customer)---"Willie,

Willie-"No, sir. I'm afraid to eat

Grocer---"Why?" Willie---"Cause my grandfather died

Irish Ability

An Englishman and an Irishman were

The Irishman had successively claim-

"Well, I can't say he was altogether, but

Bobby-"Say, teacher, has every boy

Bobby-"Cause he traded me his

Protection That Protects

A negro woman walked into an in-

"We do," a clerk replied, "what do

"Then you don't want fire insurance,"

Before Bathtub Days

appeared with a cake of vel-

low soap, a rough towel and a shovel. "But what's the shovel for?" asked Tom.

"Oh, you may need that,"

explained the boy, "to dam

up the creek in case the water ain't deep enough for

you. It's been powerfully dry

here."

Tom McNeal tells of making

Teacher—"Yes, certainly." Bobby—"Willie Billfuzz ain't."

Teacher-"How's that?"

'Mah husband."

would you like to have an apple?"

'em."

"See here," said the angry visitor to the reporter, "what do you mean by in-serting the derisive expression "Apple sauce' in parenthesis in my speech?" "'Apple sauce?' Great Scott, man, I wrote 'Applause'."

Couldn't Fail

The old lady was quite nervous and finally resolved to ask the conductor: "Are you sure the train will stop when you pull that rope?" "You bet it will," the conductor as-

sured her. "The other end is tied around the engineer's neck."

And That's That!

Hubby-"I miss the old cuspidor since it's gone.

Wifey-"You missed it before. That's why it's gone.'

Putting One Over

She: "John, did you mail that letter I gave you? John: "Yes, dear. I remember very

distinctly mailing it in the first mailbox I came to. You can see for yourself that it isn't in any of my pockets."

She: "That will do, John. I gave you no letter to mail."

Disillusioned

Sambo, a Southern darkey, married Liza. In about two weeks he came to the reverend gentleman who had tied the knot, looking as if he had lost his last friend in the world.

"What's the matter, Sambo; aren't you happy?" the preacher inquired. "No, suh, pahson. Ah wants a divorce.

"I'm sorry to hear that, Sambo, but you remember that you took Liza for better or worse.'

"Ah knows dat, pahson, but she's wuss dan ah took her fo'.'

Sex Running True to Form

It happened in a small grocery store, where they kept anything from a twofoot rule to a pearl necklace. Court plaster and sausages were also sold, and, if necessary, you could get a hair-cut or a horse shod in the backyard.

A farmer stopped there to get some liniment to rub the rheumatism out of a cow, and two or three days later he returned with a grievance.

"Look 'ere," he said. "I wish ye would be a little more careful how ye throw yourself about behind that counter. The other day ye gave me some eau-deof a hot, dusty day, he asked if he Cologne instead of liniment, and hang might take a bath. Soon a boy me if I didn't put it on the cow afore I found out what it was."

"It hasn't hurt her, has it?" broke in the grocer. "Can't say it has," an-

swered the farmer; "but ever since I put that sweetsmelling stuff on 'er she's done nothing but look at her reflection in the duck pond and sigh."

SANTA, SAINT NICHOLAS AND CHRISTS BIRTHDAY Holly and mistletoe, which

without them at Christmas.

sages of greeting, and

symbol of peace and good will.

On Thursday morning, De-

kindness and generosity, with hold feels itself complete

Such was his hold on the Nor did the old Druids, from

hearts of the people that whom the Christian world deafter he died, December 6, rives its feeling for such

about 1,600 years ago, the things. Each year, at Yule-

date was set as a feast and lide, the Druids sent their gift day, in commemoration young men around with mes-

His name was Nicholas, branches of mistletoe, which

As the feast and gift-giv- When the mistletoe was found

ing day of St. Nicholas in an oak they sacrificed spread, the Dutch took it up, white oxen, and with great

The nearest they could come ceremony the Arch Druidcut

confused in the minds of the spirits of ill will, for only

free for all scramble, with in France. "Joycux Noel."

ber 6, the feast day of Santa louch the ground.

When persons tell children, mistletoe."

'Santa Claus brought you

tree. Candies, nuts, fruits and mas!"

prompted the gift.

After his death folks called they regarded as sacred—a

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Santa Claus is mistaken.

once walked this earth.

a deep love for children.

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Santa Claus.

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nim Saint Nicholas.

Claus, giver of gifts, and De-

Whoever says there is no come to town in carloads be-

Their quality is put into them with infinite care. That's why they live so much longer.



o saying St. Nicholas was the mistletoe from its parent PLATING Established 23 Years stem with a golden knife, tak-Silverware Repairing - iluming Gal vanizing. Any serticle made of metal Plated in Gold, Silver, Bronze, Brass, As time rolled on, Decem- ing care that it should not Mistletoe first was hung Southern Plating Co. cember 25, the feast day of over the doors of the ancient 226 Fourth St., San Antonio, Teasa Christ, giver of life, became Britons to propitiate the

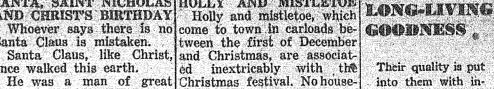
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this," they are speaking the Few things in a world of to kiss the silver star set in truth. For the spirit of change remain so persistent- the marble pavement which Santa Claus that still lives, by the same as Christmas, represents the exact spot.



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patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts.—The Epistle of James, v, 7-8.



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be making prepara-tions of selecting your breeders. Surely you , are not going to breed from your entire flock. Select the most promising individuals for your breeding pen. If you are trapnest-

Selecting the Breeders

Poultry Facts By F. W. KAZMEIER Poultry Breeder, Bryan, Texaa,

place the best layers in your breeding pen. Even among good layers it is necessary to discard such individuals as do not measure up to their respective breed standards. A Barred Plymouth Rock must look like a Barred Plymouth Rock, otherwise the bird must be discarded regardless of trapnest records. Breed characteristics must be maiantained at all cost.

Vigor and Vitality

Vigor and vitality are important requirements in the breeding pen. The chick is no better than the parents; weak parents will produce weak baby chicks. The male bird that can crow the loudest and longest, can put up the best fight, is the most gallant, of good size, type and color is a desirable bird to head the breeding pen. He must be healthy, strong, well developed and vigorous. He should also, if possible, come from an equally as good hen, with a high egg record. In the case of breeds like Leghorns use males from hens with rec-ords of 240 on up. In the case of Rocks and other similar breeds use a male from thens with records of 200 and up. Remember heavy laying hens do not come about by accident. Remember you must first breed egg-production into a flock before you can hope to feed it out.

How Many Eggs Are You Getting?

That may be a mean question to ask of any one right now, still it is an all important ques-tion. You breed egg-production into chickens like you breed speed into horses. If you have some real top notch layers, place them in the breeding pen. Breed from hens that possess some of the

following characteristics: 1. Are late moulters, moulting as late as

November and December, this in reference to hens, not pullets.

2. Do not go broody often, or better not

more than twice a year. 3. Laid at least 20 eggs in January, as pullets, and started to lay early, say when not more than six months old.

4. Lay eggs of good size and color, averag-

ing at least 24 ounces to the dozen. 5. Are winter layers and as pullets laid right on through December and January. One good way to get winter layers is to hatch from heas that lay in the winter time.

incubators, or he planning on taking some eggs to a nearby custom hatchery or public incubator. It does not matter which plan of It is not too early to incubation you will follow you are going to be interested as to whether the eggs are to hatch

or not. The care of the breeding flock is to a large extent responsible for the hatchability of the eggs. Use only strong, vigorous hens and males in the breeding pen. Allow the entire flock free range, if your

lawn and garden will not do well with the chickens walking and scratching on it, then fence the lawn and garden, but allow the chickens free range. As a general rule we recommend mating

one male to 10 or 12 females in the case of Barred Rocks, and other breeds, similar in size and weight. In the case of such small breeds as Leghorns, Anconas, etc., we recom-mend one male to every 15 to 18 females. Do not use male birds more than two years old.

Green Food

A flock in order to produce fertile eggs and strong chicks must be fed a liberaly supply of succulent green food daily. In North Texas and Oklahoma barley and wheat may be sown for winter pasture. We also provide a large collard patch from which we are gathering each day, loads of green collard leaves. When these fail, it is necessary to resort to all sprouting oats, which takes time and is troublesome, yet green food is absolutely necessary for the production of fertile hatching eggs.

Direct Sunshine

Often poultry raisers have trouble getting eggs with good shells on them, many soft shells being produced. This is an indication of a lack of lime in the ration or a lack of direct sunshine. It is best to allow direct sunshine to strike the hens for several hours each day. On sunny days be sure to give the flock an opportunity to enjoy the sun to the fullest ex-tent. Direct sunshine will do much to help produce fertile eggs and vigorous baby chicks. It is also a good idea to keep a box full of oyster shell before the flock all day. This is important and oyster shell is cheap.

Milk in Ration

If you have any surplus milk, such as sour If you nave any surplus Milk, such as sour milk, skim milk or buttermilk, be sure and feed it to your hens. Milk fed to breeding hens will do much to increase both fertility and hatchability of the eggs. We do not know exactly why this is, but we do know that those flocks getting plenty of milk to drink, always produce better hatching eggs. Even if your pigs need the milk, experimental data proves you can make more money feeding this milk b. Are winter layers and as pullets laid ght on through December and January. One ood way to get winter layers is to hatch from ens that lay in the winter time. People will soon be rigging up their small products and offered for sale.

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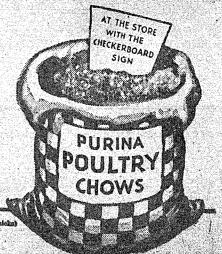
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Texas Farm News

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A survey of the results Grande Valley production. In cotton fields in the destruc-won every ribbon and prize a five-acre pasture demonintroduced into Porto Rico sight of until recent years, of using lights for winter the last three years many of door the results of the last three years many of door the supervisby the United States Agri- when a small patch of it egg production at thirty- these so-called "high-pay" destructive insects. Jeff cultural Department a few was found in Oregon. It one experiment stations in crops have become important Parchman, of Franklin counyears ago, and have proved was cultivated and later the United States and sources of revenue. Unusual the really didn't have as many so valuable as insect des identified as the lost grass Canada indicate that this vegetable shipments last sea-troyers, may prove of great of Palestine. The grass is practice is very profitable, son included two cars of dill, help to truck farmers of being introduced into Tex-the soil Austrian field near help to truck farmers of being introduced into Tex- In Oregon it was found one car of mymisher, 32 cars turkeys. He had a flock of 70 a part it may play in the the soil. Austrian field peas, to see what it will do that too pull-the world will be sourced a 22 more of animal turkeys. He had a flock of 70 a part it may play in the hairy yetch, oats, barley and the coast country of South- as to see what it will do that 400 pullets would yield of escarole, 33 cars of anise, turkeys that got rolling fat farming of the future. A Corcast Texas. A number of toward providing a winter these toads were received grass. at Beaumont, and some of them were released in that also punets would yield of estatole, as cars of anise, turkeys that got rolling fat these toads were received grass. at Beaumont, and some of them were released in that also punets would yield of estatole, as cars of anise, turkeys that got rolling fat farming of the future. A cor-cleaning out the leaf worms on thirty acres of cotton. Not the produce six heads by keep-them were released in that the Texas Feed a culled flock increased we cars of parsies and 17 cars of agent. Throughout most of

them were released in that Recently the Texas Feed a culled flock increased pro- cars of parsley, and 17 cars of the leaf worms, but they gave ing the plant at high tempervicinity, and others are be- Conference Board, which duction to 50 per cent in egg-plant. The returns from attention to the boll worms ature over a period of months, the winter three cows, five ing held at the agricultural was in session at A, & M. two weeks and held at 50 the parsley shipments alone also. The turkeys got fat, and In Italy a new electric plow is were particulated on the plot station, where a study is College, recommended the per cent over a two-month were \$537,000. Most of the Mr. Parchman couldn't find a pulled across a field by a cable with the vatch lesting until being made of their habits substitution of ground period. The records of 750 new types of Valley crops worm in the field after the which winds up on a drum, beto spring and sweet clover and an accurate check is wheat for ground corn. Ohio calendar flocks show were introduced four years turkeys had spent a few days greatly reducing plowing late spring and sweet clover being kept on them by mile or kaffir in the faving lighted flocks produced 20 ago by the Gill Brothers, who in it. He says he either had costs. In New York a fifteencompetent workers. The mash for hens, and of per cent more than un started growing them on their too few worms or too many acre field was plowed by an buy and vielded 1 600 pounds. toads are twice as large as ground or relied whole lighted ones from October farm in Hidalgo county to turkeys, and he had to pro-electric gang plow which imthe bative American toad, wheat for hommy feed to March, and 9 per cent supply the Italian colonies in vide other food for the tur-are very active in their mile chop of ground bar- for the year.

live insect. They are prov- This action was taken after the general interest at this



In 1929 there were 2,575 Another triumph for Ex-cars of potatoes shipped from periment Station varieties of with fifteen days required on Texas. Up to October 1 of the seed is recorded in Collin untreated soil, and beans and present year 5,269 cars of po-tatoes had been shipped from Frisco, harvested 20 bushels sprouting in the electrified Texas. Watermelon and to of Denton wheat per acre soil.

had a yield of 85 bushels of agent of Gaines county, says Nortex oats per acre, com- it takes laying mash and skim

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a net profit of \$91.15 per made in the South was made month, and one-third to threeacre. Total seed produced was recently by J. R. Oliver, of fourths gallons of skim milk, breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs, shy on these important feeds and sold to the penitentiary the profits dropped to 14 Moses Speight, farmer of boars. He says he has fre-cases lower. In one flock of

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ing it from the packing G. O. Peterson, a Grayson Many cases have been re- houses. At the Red River Val- county farmer, reports a place many of the old stand-ported this year of turkeys iey Fair, held this fall at profit of \$38 an acre from ard crops in the Lower Rio proving very valuable in the destrice Sherman, Mr. Oliver's hogs vetch seed. Mr. Peterson had ion of his county agent. Be-

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seemed to destroy weeds, bac- pound. teria and grubs, and in addition to restore the fertility to

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For Our Boys and Girls By AUNT MARY

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DEAR FRIENDS: Again we celebrate that most joyous and happy season of the year—the birthday of our Saviour. How we should rejoice and thank God for His goodness and blossings. First, I think we should blessings. First, I think we should pause and meditate on the many good things He has done for us this year. For my part, I am thankful the blessings and friends. He to Him for health, happiness and friends; He has given a year of good health to me and all those dear and near to me; He has given me frond, clothing and a happy home. In addition and as a crowning glory, He gave me a darling little son, whose shining blue eyes speak-love and adoration. Oh! He has been very, very good to me. What has He done for 3'00'

I have been trying to think of the nicest thing we could do for our Shut-Ins during this Christmas season—something that would make them very happy, 1 want them all to be just as happy as possible-don't you? Well, this is the I have thought of: There are twenty-two Shut-Ins on our list at present; I am afraid if I should just assign numbers to each name some Shut-In might be overlooked, because of some member being too busy or too neglectful to write. Therefore I am going to ask each

member in the club to send a pretty Christmas post card to every Shut-In. There are a great many pretty cards that can be bought for a penny each, and mailed for one cent; this would make a total expense of 44 cents for each member. In this way each Shut-In will receive a post card shower, and what fun that would be and what a nice collection to keep as a momento of the Shut-In Club. If you think well of my suggestion buy your cards at once and mail them early; in that way you will not forget your duty and will also help lift the burden

list of Shut-In names and addresses until your cards are mailed.

To each one of you I want to send my personal greetings and wish for you the merriest Christmas you have ever had. I hope dear Santa Claus will fill your stockings to the brim with everything you want. In closing, I would like to remind you to be

on watch for your Christmas letter and please don't fail to mail back at once your pledge of membership for another year-that you want to continue to be a member of the Sunshine for Shut-Ins Club. I believe it is best to re-organize the club each year and in this way Shut-Ins will be sure to get their full share of synshine. If you should not get your letter from Aunt Mary by the first of January, please send in your name and address as soon as possible thereafter so that you will receive your new number for 1931.

Hoping that all old members will continue with the club and that many new ones will be added as time goes on, I am, affectionately,

(Signed) AUNT MARY. * *

Shut-In List for Christmas Cards Rob Boyd, Rt. 2, Box 6-6B, Scurry, Tex. blind. Miss Bertha Bently, Rt. 3, Rush Springs, Okla.

In bed. Beulah E. Lamb, Rt. 1, Box 9, Hazel, Ky. Mrs. Grace C. Koch, 353 E. 146th St., New York City, N.Y.

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across the east. Then I thought of my own littleness and the greatness of Eternity. Next day a great change took place—a new

actor appeared on the scene and whom do you suppeas he was? I hardly believe you can guess—it was the blustery West Wind. It seemed to say: "Come little leaves; come with me and play!" So the little leaves scampered and frolked here and there—so did the tiny seeds that are like fairy boats. Oh! how that cruel West Wind stole the pretty decorations from my stage-but I know it is God's plan; that at His command the West Wind scatters "God's footstool" for the west wind scatters "God's footstool" for the seasonable winter rains and snows. Day by day the great West Wind grew in force until, at last, he whipped and bent the big trees, breaking off dead and weak limbs; whereupon I knew the West Wind was promotion of the west Cod's where the the start was something else—he was God's pruner—he pruned the trees of dead limbs. So now, I shall watch for the beauties of

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Some of our most beautiful stories are told in verse. Here is one that

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CHRISTMAS

I love very much and I hope you will learn it by heart.

It is very appropriate to speak at a Christmas entertainment: Two Little Stockings

Two little stockings hung side by side, Close to the fireplace broad and wide.

"Two?" said Saint Nick, as down he came Loaded with toys and many a game. "Ho! Ho! said he with a

laugh of fun. "I'll have no cheating, my pretty one I know who dwells in this 24324324324324

from Uncle Sam's faithful house, my dear, house, my dear, little girl lives here." So he crept up close to the chimney place, And measured a sock with a sober face. Just then a wee little note fell out, And fluttered low, like a bird about 'A-ha! what's this?" said he in surprise, And he pushed his specs up close to his eyes, And read the address in a child's rough hand, Dear Saint Nicholas," so it began, "The other stocking you see on the wall, "The other stocking you see on the wall, I have hung for a girl named Clara Hall. She's a poor little girl but very good, So I thought it kindly if you would Fill up her stocking too, tonight, And help to make her Christmas bright. If you've not enough for both stockings there, Please put all in Clara's, I shall not care." Saint Nicholas brushed a tear from his eye And "God bless you darling," he said with a sigh. Then softly he blew through the chimney high, A note like a bird, as it soars on high. When down came two of the funniest mortals That ever were seen on this side earth's portals.

"Hurry up," said Saint Nicholas and nicely prepare All a little girl wants where money is rare.

Then oh! what a scene there was in that room! Away went the elves, but down from the gloom Of the sooty old chimney, came tumbling low, A child's whole wardrobe, from head to toe. How Santa Claus laughs as he gathers them in And fastened each on to the

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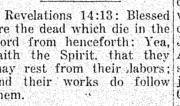
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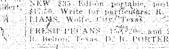
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BEAUTIES OF LIFE

In this world there are so many beautiful things to see, so many wonderful things to hear and, best of all, so many

kindnesses we can do for other folks, During the glorious autumn

days I was very happy to be able to look at the wonderful picture Mother Nature painted for me

each day. As I have told you pre-viously, I live on the top of a high hill and can look for miles

and miles in every direction. At the foot of this hill winds the beautiful Clear Fork, a tributary

of the Trinity River (one of the principal riv-are in Tanas). The banks of Clear Fork River

of the transf. The banks of Clear Fork River are in Taxas). The banks of Clear Fork River inte covered with a great variety of trees; and in the fall, when old Jack Frost has touched the waves with his magic paint and brush, the glory of the scene is beyond human descrip-tion. Each morning at suntise I went to my that staps to see what new beauty awaited me. Each day the scene grew more beautiful until an excitation day, nature scened to fairly the staps to see what new beauty awaited me. Each day the scene grew more beautiful until an excit with site and joy—such a riot of color we never witnessed; the ground was cov-with sparkling dew and the pungent smell a spanning leaves filled the air with sweetest provide never witnessed; the ground was cov-with sparkling dew and the pungent smell a spanning leaves a filled the air with sweetest provide near cattle lowing, dogs barking, chil-tren calling, and all the homaly, yet lovely bings of life From the glories of the earth mission to eyes to between and in the great imaging the sending teil and golden streaks

filled and done, Then Santa Claus tucked a toy here and there, And hurried away in the frosty air. Saying, "God pity the poor, and bless the dear

stocking too.

sock with a pin. Right to the toe he hung a

blue dress, "She'll think it came from

ing the folds of blue And tying the hood to the

When all the warm clothes

And both little socks were

the skies, I guess,' Saint Nicholas said, smooth-

were fastened on,

child. Who pities them too, on this night so wild. The wind caught the words, and bore them on high

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Till they died away in the midnight sky, While Santa Claus flew through the icy air Bringing peace and good will with him everywhere. * . * *

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say over and over, "Merry Christ- year. mas and Happy New Year." 1 hope you will have the happiest

Christmas' of your entire life. This they have sent me. It is only because of should be true of every Christmas, how-your help and encouragement and ever, because life is not worth living un- the hope that I may bring a little less we can

brighten ¢ and make happier each recurring year. Nor is life worth living unless

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THE MINE & OUTSIDE

CHRISTMAS GAROLS Christmas carols from early est times have been closely associated with Yuletide ceremonies and festivities. They have come down to als from immortal ages. The mos familiar of these is "Oh. Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant." "God Rest

According to figures gath- Nothing, Ye Dismay," goes ered and published by the back into the ages and has been sung for centuries, with Dallas Chamber of Commerce, the immortal refrain, "Recitizens of Texas have a total member Christ, Our Saviour, may be made so successful that of \$3,152,005,000 spending Was Born On Christmas young people will be more in of \$3,151,005,000 spending Was Born On Christmas

latesti report, while only one "Silent Night, Holy Night," other State of the southern is sungin nearly every Christpart of the country exceeded ian home in the world on \$1.000,000 This was Okla-Christmas Eve, as well as homa, which was a poor sec-ond with \$1,180,599,000. Of Shepherds Watched Their The alter Southwestern States Flocks By Night," first pub-Louisiana is next with 776.- lished in 1702. 203,000, and Arkansas is Then there is the thrilling fourth with \$547,797,000, "Hark, the Herald Angels

T o you, my dear reader, I wish to humility to guide me through another Primarily I wish to thank all the

readers of the Woman's Page for the kind suggestions (direct and indirect) good into



and the man or woman who mainly seek selfish needs of your neighbor; it will guide me happiness; Christmas means nothing to in my efforts to make the Woman's Dehim or her. But it means much to the partment of some value to all our womunselfish and the thankful. I thank the en readers. Thanking you sincerely, and kind Lord on the anniversary of His with Merry Yuletide Greetings, I re-Son's birthday for the good and tender main, ever your friend, (signed) Mrs. mercies He has shown me. On the New Margaret Stute, Box 1012, Fort Worth, Year Day I shall pray for wisdom and Texas.

SANDWICHES: Serve on toasted bread or

better still toast the sandwiches in a hot oven

after you have spread them with the follow-ing mixture: One-fourth cup deviled ham, one-

CHRISTMAS CRISP: Cream one cup/short

ening: and two cups sugar until smooth. Add

three beaten eggs and mix thoroughly, then

add the juice and rind of one lemon. Measure

and sift in three cups of sifted flour or enough

chocolate or coffee.

to make a dough that may be

rolled thin. Roll and cut into

SOME DAUGHTERS THAT ENTERTAIN delicious refreshments that can be served: DEVILED HAM AND PEANUT BUTTER

toast or bread.

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If you have a daughter who is old enough to be a hostess in her own right, encourage her to do so. There is nothing that will add to a girl's natural poise and grace like entertaining. If a wise mother will "help" her daughter to plan the party beforehand and then dis-cretely stay in the background during the party, she will go far in making her daughter "natural entertainer."

If a girl's home is in the country, one of the best ways to assure her city guests a real treat is to invite them to a coasting, sleighing or skiing party. Or. if there is an ice pond near the home, kating would be enjoyed by some of the guests. Then there is the oldfashioned but fery popular "hayrack ride;" with plenty of sweet-smelling hay, warm blankets and a good team, the most blase city guest will relax and "have a' good time." Rather than scree guests at the dining table with the snack that must follow such an expedition, serve them on card tables arranged uear the fireplace. By grouping the tables at-tractively and using those ador-able spaper luncheons covers.

that can be purchased so reasonably, with appropriate deco-ontons centered around burning candles, the effect is quite en-oblanting. Refreshments over, the jolly group can pop corn and eat apples as a crowning)

cvent to the party. The fire, popping corn and soft candle-light, will lend a fragrant, cozy atmosphere. The first attempt at "hostessing"

clined to "stay at home," for their parties and good times instead of forever trying to go out and "take in something." for their parties

For the girl whose home in in the city there are, in addition to outdoor parties, the always popular card games, luncheons, as well as watch parties and dancing. All these afford an excellent opportunit; for visiting and provid-ing a good time for everybody. The kind of food served will depend on the

local market, the purse, and the size of the crowd. As a rule, the quickly prepared and the dantiest dishes



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give "her" something dif- silver medallion on which ferent from the usual things we will inscribe her name or any sentiment you desire.

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read "To a friend in the far North J ent a box of mistletoe that was

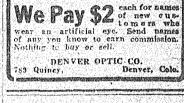
fourth peamit butter and one-fourth cup ground sweet pickle, thoroughly mixed and ubbed together. Add one tablespoon mayonsimply covered with berries. I had naise or more if desired and spread on butter to pack this very carefully with tissue paper so that the leaves an⁴ berries would not shatter. They SURPRISE SANDWICHES: One-half cup hopped dates and one-half cup chopped nuts were delighted, as they had never seen anything like this before. held together with grape and currant ielly and spiced with one-fourth teaspoon cinnamon; "Now there are several othe spread on toast (do not try to toast sandwich). This makes most delightful and unusual sandthings in a package that folks enjoy, To friends that lived in town HALF MILLION **DOLLAR**

I tried to send country products that were hard for them to obtain fresh. To friends in the country I tried to send something I felt they would enjoy that was difficult for them to obtain, such as extra nice grapefruit, large packages of raisins, unusual canned goods (shrimp, etc); in fact I found

fancy shapes. Bake in a hot oven for ten minutes. Serve with hot many stores carried special delicacies ranging in price from a HOT GINGERBREAD: Hot ew cents to several dollars.

gingerbread is a most delightful treat. If you will have the in-"By doing a little careful shopgredients measured and ready to mix it does not take long to lack or inclination to "fix" things bake. Some prefer to bake ginfor themselves. "I like," continued Nell, "to give gerbread and warm over "for the spread." Whichever you prefer to do, the following recipe will prove a delight: Cream together ½ cup short cning and ½ cup sugar. Add 1 cgg, well beaten, course, dear, you must not forget the home-made candy, the fruit and cup of molasses. Sift together 21/2 cups

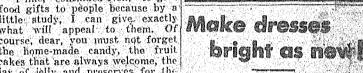
cakes that are always welcome, the jar of jelly and preserves for the ones that do not do their own canflour, 112 teaspoons soda, 1 teaspoon each ¢innamon and ginger, 'a teaspoon cloves, 'z teaspoon salt, and add to first mixture. Add I cup ning. In fact, I supply most of my of hot water and beat until smooth. This makes a very thin batter; but if baked in a moderate Christmas gifts from my own kitchen and you have no idea how 35 minutes the results are delightful. popular they are. So many of my friends are trying the idea, them-Bake in a well-greased and floured par. Decorations for "daughter's party" should carry out the holiday spirit. In the South, where there is so much mistletoe and winter green vines, simple, inexpensive decoration selves this year that I am sure we are on our way back to an old-fashioned Christmas where the gift



DAM AT SWEETWATER

The \$500,000 reservoir .on Bitter Creek, near Sweetwater, has been completed and turned over to the city.

Thou believeth that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believeth and tremble. But wilt thou know, the lives of those who haven't the out words is doed? out words is dead? - The Epistle of James, iii, 19-20.



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674,000. Fourth place is held It is a lovely custom that by South Carolina, fifth by these hymns and carols are Mississippi and the last by known to our children and Toppasson Tennessee.

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Of the States of the South-east, Georgia is first with King," And the New Born spendable money income of hymn, "Joy to the World, the \$949,5543,060, Alabama places Lord Is fome, Let Earth Re-second with \$739,898.00, and Florida is third with \$668,-City Her King."

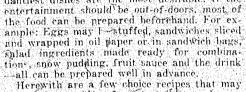
young people, and sung in our

Comparison of the spend homes during the Christmas able money income of the season, for the spirit of Southwest and Southeast Christmas is meant to give shows that the Southwest has gladuess and glory, and \$5,657,304,000, "while the brightness and beauty to the! Southeast is far below with whole world at Christmas time.

> **ONE-YEAR-OLD BOYS** SELF-SUPPORTING Texas can boast of four boys who are only one-yearold and yet are self-supporting. These boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Perricone, of Beaumont, and are quadruplets. They are the only living quadruplet boys in the Unit-

ed States, and were born Oc-tober 31, 1929. They have made the rounds of the county fairs this fall and were the most interesting curiosities at the exhibitions.

II Corinthians 5:1: For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.



give you some ideas for entertaining and some.

* * * CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

didn't tell us one thing about

the Wise Men and their costly gifts. I believe that is be-

cause he was a physician and

knew the real hearts of the people. We don't have to give

costly things to have them appreciated; but rather give them from the heart. I will

tell you some of the things I

"Here are the things I

gave: To

friends in

town I sent

a real coun-

try basket

First of all.

I took a half bushe

basket and

o m e

Nell's Christmas Gifts "How discouraged I am this year," said Ruby one day to her chum Nell. "I really hate to see Christmas come. I have so little to give.", "Oh, you should really be thankful for good health and, your share of happiness,' re-plied Nell.

"Well, I am thankful for that; but I would like to be

gave last year and I am still being thanked for them." "Oh! I would so much love to hear, Nell. Tell me at able to give some really and truly nice gifts this year, but 1 simply do not have the money."

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doesn't have to have lots of money give really and truly nice gifts," ad-

"that 🚥 Nell, is, if one will do a little work

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is, is one will do a little work and prepare the gifts with a truly Christmas spirit." "Why, what can one give?" Ruby asked cagerly. "I have so many that I would love to rive something to this work give something to this year; and so little to do with." "Oh, you have lots to do with if you would only open your eyes, dear, and give with your heart, not your mind." You know, St. Luke told us about the shepherds and their visit to the Christchild. He

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lined it neatly with heavy

red paper. In it I packed a pound of our own butter, a dozen eggs in a carton, a jar of honey, a pound of cottage cheese with cream, a jar of pecans, three ears of poping corn, some dried peppers (sweet and hot), and I deco-

rated with mistletoe gathered from our own trees. I sealed the top with white paper, on which I pasted the pictures of some farm animals which had been cut

from magazines. On the handle I tied a pretty Christmas ribbon, in the center of which I stuck a piece

of mistletce. "To another friend

"To another friend that was very dear. I sent a similar backet, only to het gift I added a dxsssed chicken. "A friend who just thatched" I sent a little basket which contained only a jar of honey, half a pound of butter and a loss of home-backet

can be achieved with a little planning. We like to the our mistletoe with bright fed ribbons; by bunching it and adding a few red Christnas bells, the house may be made to vibrate with the Yuletide spirit. Give daughter her "chance" to become the sort of hostess that everyone admires—that tries to keep her guests happy and entertained but does not impose too much of her own personality.

annunes they contain. Cost more the brain. Do you like the idea?" to make. Surely. But you pay no "Yes, indeed, I do Nell." said more for them. All drug stores Ruby, "I want to thank you for the 15c. suggestion, and I am going to fol-low it, including a few ideas of my own, that came to me while you talked. I hope you have an espe-cially Merry Christmas for giving

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Santa Claus, - this is my

new brother. You see

he wasn't here when

you came last

Christmas "

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STMAS SPIRIT RULES OVER MILLION DOLLAR GOVERNMENT DROUTH RELIEF

The Introduction

BUSINESS MEN SHOKLD TAKE **UPTHE MATTER** WITHOUT DELAY

The 45 million dollar loan recently voted by Congress, for drouth relief for the farmers, while slow in coming, will probably enable the farmers to find the where-with-all to make a crop on next year. Texas will very likely receive more than two million dollars of this fund and the people of this county should take immediate steps to secure a portion of this appropriation for the local farmers. Organized effort on the part of merchants and farmers will be required to get the money.

farmers who would otherwise have difficulty in securing as-sistance, and it will place the purchasing of cotton seed in the hands of a faw experienced food cotton.

Clinton Lowe, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lowe,

A. Standly.

ghter Inez of Waco and Mrs. S. seems to this reviewer unparalled A. Moore of Travis, are spend-performance of sterling worth. ing the holidays with Mrs. Reba-McCreary.

Pioneer Citizen Dies

at his home, 508 Main Avenue, December 22. He was one of

Methodist Church A new feature in the local pro-gram at the M. E. church was inaugurated this week. A church bulletin was edited and printed

by the Pastor and the Epworth Leaguets. This church organ will add much to the efficiency of the church.



A two fold benefit will be de- A compelling and extremely rived from the negotiation of moving marrative of the effects these loans. It will help many of prison evironment on a young

hands of a few experienced seed eved a masterful touch in playmen and they will buy only the ing a searchlight on the devastbest grade of seed, there by im- ating aspects of contact with proving the staple of the crop hardened criminals, the frusand give the farmers from 2 to tration of confinement and the 3 cents more per pound for their pathetic separation of the boy from the girl he loves.

Using a powerful-staged peni Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Balke, of tentiary riot as the climax of the Summerville, Texas, are visiting story, the director has built up the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. a series of episodes which hold the attention from the first

moment to the last and leave Clifford Lowe is home for the one at the conclusion of the picholidays, visiting his parents, ture with plenty of food for thought.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Rainbolt were up from Rockwood Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Chester Morris, Robert Montzomery J. C. Nugent, Karl Dane, Mrs. Dovie Chapman and dau-

Scenes which will keep the obtanks, the wild revolt of hundinner. At Brownwood dreds of conviets in the prison

yards, the mad demonstration in 6 grandchildren could be pres-Archibald J. Reaves, 77, died the cell house and the dramatic death scene of Wallace Beery.

at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening, "MONTANA MOON" DIRECTOR gram and gifts from those not DOUBLES FOR COW!

When the scene was retaken

John Mack Brown plays op-

feature and the supporting cast

includes Ricardo Cortez, Dorothy

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan A very enjoyable day was Palo Alto, Cal., Mrs. W. E. Mcspent despite the freezing wea- Knight who has no children, ther, Dec. 16th, when Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blake, Haskell, Texas server sitting up straight in his Mrs. J. M. Morgan of Santa and four children, Guy C. Mor-seat include the breaking in of Anna celebrated their 50th wed- gan and two children, McCamey gan and two children, McCamey, the prison doors by huge army ding anniversary with a turkey Texas, J. S. Morgan, 3 children relatives.

AUTOCASTE

dren not present were: Rev. C.

De Kalb, Texas. Miss Allie Pearce, is spending the holidays with homefolks in Coleman.

Christmas

py things of life.

is a Day on which to remember

and forget-forget your worries,

and remember the bright, hap-

--We hope your life will

be full of Happy

Christmases.

OF SANTA ANNA, TEXAS

Miss Kathryn Baxter came in Saturday from Waco to spend

=By Albert T. Reid

Mrs. Henry Newman and sons Raymond and Kirk, of Alpine, I are visiting her mother, Mrs. Wallace Kirkpatrick an dother

Prof. and Mrs. D. D. Byrne eft last Friday to visit relatives in each month. in South and East Texas.

CHRISTMAS TREE **BIG SUCCESS**

Good Cheer Boxes Spread True Spirit of Christmas

A festive spirit prevailed in Santa Anna, Tuesday and Wed nesday. Streets were crowded with cars and the sidewalks were almost impassable. Fireworks stationed vendors at the crowded corners were typical heralds of the holiday season.

Fvery store in town in spite of the unusually had financial con-dition of the country, has been tastefully decorated in beautiful Yuletide colors and materials.

The Queen Theatre was filled to capacity with happy youngsters who were there to see Santa and receive their gifts from the Legion boys last night. Lovely sacks of candies, fruit and nuts with a toy were given to the little fellows,

This will become an annual custom with the Legion.

The United Charities distributed some twenty or twenty five 'Good Cheer Boxes'' over town on Christmas eve.

The Christmas spirit seems to be just about the best we've ever seen. This always happens when we forget our selves and remember others.

PREACHING AT STACY Rev. E. J. Smith will preach nt Stacy Sunday. Everyone invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Gilmore were Coleman visitors Tuesay



The regular meeting night of Jack Laughlin Post of American Legion is the first Tuesday night

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday January 6th, 1930



the pioneer citizens of this section, having settled in Brown county in 1884 on a ranch 20 mich northwest of Brownwood. He lived there until 11 years ago when he came to Brownwood to make his home.

He was born August 23, 1853, in Selma, Alabama. He left Alabama as a young man and settltain location equipment. ed for a time in Falls county, Texas. There he married Miss from another angle, the moo had Sorah Henderson. The couple came to Brown county and settlto again come in at the same place so Mal supplied the mooed on the ranch northwest of ing from the sidelines. Brownwood. Mrs. Reaves preceeded her husband in death 36 posite Miss Crawford in the vears ago. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Western

Mr. Reaves was one of the old time cattlemen of this section and was actively engaged in the business until he came to Brown-wood. He was well known not only in Brownwood but thrught. and was actively engaged in the only in Brownwood, but thruout the county.

Living most of his life in a rural community where there was no church, Mr. Reeves did not join a church, but favored the Presbterian church. After coming to Brownwood he attended the Methodist church and was regular member of Dr. Ragsdale's Bible class at the the First Methodist church until ill health prevented his attendance.

For the past several years Mr. Reaves has been in ill health and for more than two years was. confined almost entirely to his bed.

Surviving Mr. Reeves are three daughters, Miss Carrie Reeves, Brownwood; Mrs W. R. Hickman, Coleman; and Mrs. Ace Hickman Baird. Six grandchildren survive and a brother, C. H. Reaves

of Brownwood, also survive. A short service will be held at the home, 508 Main Avenue, Wed. Merning at 10 oclock. Another mert service was held at the home, 508 Main Avenue, Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock Another short service was held at Salem cemetery, 5 miles north West of Bangs, where Mr. Reeves whe buried on the family plot. Hey J. S. Cook, pastor First Mothodist church, Poy. J. W Johnson of Dallas conducted the word He gyr as werful Onancier in the statement of the second seco

Doubling for a cow is Mal St. Those present for the occa Clair's newest claim to fame.

Right in the middle of a scene were: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. I ne was directing for "Montana tin and son, Roy, Mr. and Moon" which will open Fri. night F. A. Rollins and children, at the Queen theatre with Joan win, Cathrine, Elizabeth Crawford starring, a cow mooed, Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mo the sound being recorded with and son, Leon Jr. the dialogue through the moun-

ent.

They lived in and near Sa Anna from 1906 to 1912, y they moved back to Red F Co. They came back to Coleman is spending the holidays with ing school in Breckenridge, is Audas Smith. Co. in 1922.

They received cards, a tele-	Coleman.	Miss Mary Lela Woodward who	be Tuesday January 6th, 1930
R gram and gifts from those not present. Among which were 3 st. five dollar gold peices.	le se se l'anne de la contra de la cont ra de la contra de	is attending Sul Ross College at Alpine, is spending Christmas	All ex-service men whether members of the Legion or not are cordially invited to attend There will be something discus-
ia uni and son, noy, wit. and wits.	Miss Lillian Durham, is spend- ing Christmas in Hamilton.	of Litle Rock, Ark., after a few	sed that will be of interest to everyone.—Committee.
ht F. A. Rollins and children, Ed- in win, Cathrine, Elizabeth and d, Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Morgan	Miss Barbara Hardy is spend- ing Christmas in Ft. Worth.	days visit to relatives and friends here, went on to San Antonio to spend the holidays.	MR. AND MRS. W. B. BROWN Will Celebrate Their
th and son, Leon Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were mar ried at Mt. Pleasant, Miss., Dec.	are spending the holidays in	Mrs. Frank Adams and daugh- ter, Frances Louise, Edna Sham-	Golden Wedding Anniversary
ad They have seven children liv-	of Oklahoma University, Leon Bartlett and Simms Johnson of	man Tuesday.	Sunday, December 28th Open House From 2 to 5 P. M.
Paris in 1891.	of Teck Mary Lela Woodward	Jess Stacey of Los Angeles, Cal. is visiting his parents, Mr.	Friends and Relatives are Invited
They lived in and near Santa n Anna from 1906 to 1912, when st they moved back to Red River		and Mrs. Morgan Stacy. Miss Edrine Tyson who is teach	Please do Not Bring Gifts

visiting her father, Dr. J. Tyson.

Man is Killed in Row at Houston

Houston, Dec. 23-Gus Vaughn 35 was shot and killed after an altercation here Tuesday afternoon. Joe Roppolo, 43, shoemaker, surrendered and was being neld at the sheriff's office. The shooting followed an arument in which Vaughn and wo negroes participated.—Ft North Star Telegram The vicim was a former resident of Trickham community. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vaughn of Trickham. Burial servies will be held in Brownwood.





THURSDAY DECEMBER 25, 1930

SANTA ANNA NEWS



FIRST INSTALLMENT

"Gee, that is pretty" said Mary Margaret Petheridge Johnson, in heard nothing of this. One of by alone, and shuddering with pleasurable excitement and chill, she hung upon the gate of the paternal residence and paid to the miracle of paling and brightening lights and colours in the gray world about her an involuntary tribute of delight and reverence.

Behind her shabby little back and the draggled strings of her shabby little kitchen apron, and the carelessly massed ringlets of her tousled little head, the sun was rising.

The Johnson cottage stood at the very top of a steep city block factories and in the big machine It was a meek, self-effacing little shops began to gather visibly in dwelling, disruptable lacking the streets. For a few minutes, paint Behind the cottage was their shadows moved long and a low row of miserable outbuild- red, ahead of them. Then it was ings, none able to stand alone, day, ordinary, commonplace, each one yet managing to afford work-time again, and Maggie a wretched support to its neigh- rousing herself with a guilty bour.

On this cool winter morning, ing, returned to her household a light from the kitchen window cares with the velocity of a little lay warm and yellow across the dynamo. brightening yard, and a cat. The sense of beauty and adhuddled disgustedly against the venture was still strong upon closed kitchen door, mewed oc- her as she caught up the bottles cassionally in a protesting and that supplied the Johnsons with affronted fashion.

the street gate, however, saw and en. an awed whisper. Small, shab- them was a small cur dog. The the kitchen, but nobody in Magother figure was that of Maggie gie's seventeen years had ever Johnson.

"It's pretty" she said aloud, in a dreamy voice, as the gold flashed on the distant windows and dripped through trees, and the familiar silhouette of the city grew more and more recognizable. "It's like it was a big tide— washin everyone along before it!"

For as she hung there, eranced whistles far away and nearby shrilled the quarter before seven o'clock and the early workers in

start from the luxury of dream-

their breakfast milk and cream,

The two figures that were at and fled to the neglected kitch

There was everything, domestically speaking, to be done in done it, or even half done it, and the wild disorder troubled her not at all. At seventeen, a peculiarly youthful and innocent seventeen, she was not analytical. She had spent every night of her life under this low, oldfashioned cottage roof and the dirt and disorder that Ma and Liz created in their wake and spread about them instantly were one of the simple and unavoidable conditions of her life. Maggie had to push aside the ugar bowl and the blue plate of stale and broken soda crackers. to find room on the cluttered table to cut the fresh loaf; she had to unearth the coffee-pot from the confusion of the sink and rinse away the cuff of black

ground from its spout before she could mix fresh coffee and set it on the stove to boil. This done, she seized an instant to run into the adjoining

bedroom and whisper into the ear of the man who lay asleep there: "Seven, Pop! Lissen—seven

o'clock!''

The man, a small, huddled, insignificant figure in the close gloom of the ugly little room, himself alertly. roused The double bed's other occupant also roused, groaned, and Maggie's mother stirred reluctantly and asked anxiously apparently out of the deep slumber:

'Maggle, how's the Mayor?" "I didn't have time to look. Ma. But don't get up," the girl urged her, concernedly. · T ? [] bring you in some breakfast, and the paper too!" "It don't seem right you should" Mrs. Johnson said perfunctorily. "Is "Lizabeth up?" she asked. "You make her, her share! The worst housekeeping," Mrs Johnson, who had a very slight

cold acquaintance with the subject, resumed, sighing, "is dividing up the work so one don't get it all.' Maggie, too well accustomed to

these rambling dissertions to waste time in listening, to them had returned to the kitchen. She poured her father, who came noiselessly out in his postman's gray, a cup of smoking coffee. poured herself a glass of milk,

tween them. Len Juison sat down cautiously, sent an interrogative glance to the bedroom door. He was a small, timid man, with strands of silky hair brushed damb and neat across the shin-

entirely beyond our control, and "Maggie, I wish you wouldn't to sweep a cottage of five rooms don't pay no more attention to be so sharp with Lizabeth," her __why,' I said, "it's child's play. the father and mother that bore mother said, protestingly; it's her than the babe unborn-considerin' that you are slavin' aways squabblin'. If she borrowed cents a day!' way the best part of your life your stockin's-" in a five and ten cent store,"

"Borrowedl you might as well borrow a waffle," Maggie burst forth scornfully. "You might as well borrow a bath! How long Mrs. Johnson took up the challenge with deadly readiness, and considerin' that your father who was supposed to have a fine fuago did Pop go?"

ture in a bank when I married "I can catch him-good-bye, him as God is my judge, and as I set here this minute-Maggle," coming back on the wave of cold she broke off the automatic and air that was admitted by the quite unattended tirade to ask opening kitchen door. suddenly, "what are them cotton

Mrs. Johnson sat on dreamily nunching and pondering. Mag-"I didn't hear you, Ma, I was

gie and the man of the family had to punch time clocks at half past eight. But Elizabeth, the

older daughter, could saunter complexion cream, at any time before ten.

useter, dearie?"

"No—you get comfortable an read your paper after dinner. Murphy comes right to this corn-"—it ain't so far, anyway. Youwill be on for the Christmas ush next week anyway.'

gloves like, at the Mack?"

talkin' to Pa," Maggie said?"

Maggie washed her hands at sheets of a newspaper. the faucet with a piece of yellow soap, pulled a small and shabby I'm dead. I got a cold anyway. hat, once her older sister's tightly down over her thickly coiled Chess Rivers was just in from hair, and hung up her disruptable apron. She was slipping her dead!" Elizabeth, obviously unarms into a thick, clumsy coatalso a discard from her sisterwhen, reminded perhaps by the

garment of its important first owner, a change came over her face, and she said in consternation

"Oh heavenly day! It's five past eight, and Liz says to wake her at ha'f-pas seven!'

"For heaven's sake, what is it Maggie?" Mrs. Johnson screamed agitatedly a moment later. "Dont them. 'A few dishes,' I said, and come flying out of rooms that vay—you'll have me in a faint

on the floor. 'What's happened! What is it!" "What's happened is that Liz Johnson and all her bedclothes are down on the floor!" Maggie

answered, veice tearful with rage. "And the next time she wears only my silk stockings, I'll have her arrested-that's what's the matter! I went without lunches four days for those stockngs, and she's got 'em full of uns, and I want to tell youweher's Pop?" She interrupted

herself, suddenly calming. "Has Pop gone?" she demanded blankly,her angry face taking on an almost ludicrous look of concern

"Pop, I'm workin' to-night. It's Sat'day. Are you on late?" It was nardly above a murmur, it down to the beauty parlour. breaks!" Elizabeth repeated ab-did not in the least interfere where she "demonstrated" a sently. was hardly above a murmur, it the lady of the house. "Shall I wait for you like l

and wrapped like her mother, in a soiled kimono. "Oh, Lord, I'm dead!" she said simply. "Have a good time last night?"

her mother asked, rattling the "The time of my life. Oh, Lord, Helen's got her death of cold. Denver and he's just about disturbed by thesemortuary details

thing awful!"

der what next! 'Two dollars a hadn't made much of a match day for what?' I asked one of when she had chosen Leonard

When I first was married,' I told common to have two sisters al- him, 'I could gat a girl for fifty

"It seems like Maggie thinks of nobody but herself," her mother said, out of a long pause, "and that's the truth!"

"But fortunately for Maggie it was only on rare and terrible occasions that her mother and Ma!" Maggie called, her voice sister agreed in criticizing her. Now Elizabeth came indifferently to her defense.

> "Oh, poor kid, she doesn't get many brakes!"

"You'd stand up for her, of course," Mrs. Johnson commented in resentment.

"Well, she don't get many

Mrs. Johnson presently responded vaugly. But her daughter had She came out now, tousled and heard this remark so often that sleepy as her mother had been, it made no impression, except, perhaps, that of deepening the formless discontent that was one of Liz's most marked char-

> acterictics. Maggle had danced along the frosty winter street beside the bent, meek little figure of Len Johnson, postman, chattering with her usual eager rush, of everything in general and of themselves in particular.

Len Johnson made almost no response. She was always like this, her eyes, her voice, her feet eager in the rush of joyous vi-"Ma, you ought to get a Jap tality that marked, for Maggie, in here. This place looks some- the rise of every new day.

But even he took Maggie large The older woman continued ly as a matter of course. Lizao crunch and read, unruffled. beth was the beauty of the fam-Her first born could do no wrong ily, aristocratic and exacting "I know it, 'Lizabeth. But two and discontented, like her mothdollars a day! My God you won- er, and poor Minnie-well, she Continued on last page

Every year is full of sunny days and cloudy ones. We hope that the sunshine of our good wishes will brighten your way, always.



Christmas Greetings

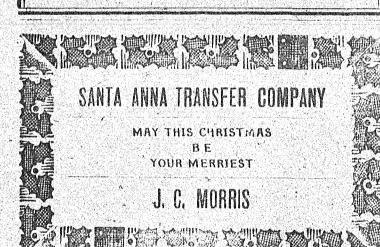
We wish to take this method of wishing our many friends and customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We also wish to express our gratitude and thanks for your patronage and good will.

Special Attention

We wish to announce that in the very near future we will be located in the building next door East of the Piggly-Wiggly Grocery. 'The building will be remodeled and arranged in a very few days.

Mrs. Comer Blue

JEWELRY





Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation we wish to thank you for your part in our prosperity and wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mrs. G. A. Shock

ing bald dome of his head. "Mad?" he asked, without ound.

Maggie set down her glass ooked straight, at him, looked at the bedroom door, and shook her head.

"You wakin' her up—" Len Johnson breathed almost includibly.

"She didn't care" Maggie shaped the words, with her lips, rathir than said them.

Mrs. Johnson, lured by the appetizing odours kitchen-ward, appeared majestically in the door vay.

A worn and spotted kimono vas wrapped about her, her rich lark hair was in disorder, her yes were fixed steadily upon ter husband's shrinking form. Maggie leaped to her feet, and as her mother, who was an enornous woman, sank heavily into he vacated chair, she busied herself with the coffee-pot and sacrificed, without a second's hesitation, the toast she had nade for herself.

While she spread fresh slices on the oven grating, she watched both parents uneasily. Her father, pretending to eat and to act naturally. was smitten as a mouse might have been under the eyes of a cat; her mother, automatically stirring her coffee and reaching for sugar and cream, never moved her gaze from him.

"I could laugh at this," she said presently, in a clear, rich rolling voice, every word enunciated. "I-a Petheridge-eatin' in my kitchen! And waitin' on me—is my daughter! This don't seem funny to Maggie, Len, but considerin' the home you took me from, and the way things was there, I should think it'd seem funny to you! Don't it?" Len Johnson started nervousy as the last word was shot at

"Indeed it don't my dear! You're quite right, I think we got along reel well-considerin," "Considerin' what?" the wo man asked with gulet menace.



Like the treasure ship of olden times, so may Christmas come to you laden with all that will make for your happiness throughout the year.

May we serve you in the future

R.J. MARSHALL & SONS



love to all nations of the earth. As a messenger of glad tidings, the Comforter rest with the sad, a preacher of the blessed gospel and may the humble remember of Christ, I wish to say to all who by His being born in a manger shall read these lines that my that God understands and sym- prayer for you at this particular pathizes with the poorest in the season is that God may bless you and yours today and forevermore, leading you by His Blessed er Home. Let us praise God for Presence through all the troubles of your pilgrimage here below, and bringing you finally to that afresh to the proclamation of the Holy City of love, peace joy and sinlessness He is now preparing

> Hal C. Wingo, Pastor, Baptist Church

Mrs. L. J. Clayton, of Houston is visiting her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Faulkner,

Miss Cody Wallace who is a teacher in the San Angelo schols is home for the holidays, visiting

To all the people of this community we wish a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

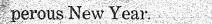
and hope that we have had some small part in making it so

D. R. Hill & Brother

born in the City of David, a for those that love Him.







Phillips Drug Co.

Merry Christmas but a Happy and Pros-

Merry Christmas

and Нарру

New Year

to our

Friends and Customers.

W. C. Ford & Co.

watching over their flocks by night" upon the rocky Judean hills, decend into the hearts of all who have helped to make this a happy worth while time for 'others.

angelic choir to the shepherds

There is much discussion at this time of year concerning Santa Claus. Shall we banish Santa Claus has brought forth much discussion recently in a well known magazine of religion education. Mrs. Grace Reese Atkins a writer with National reputation got the prize. Her article appears .below. Whatever else is done or taught most people will agree that Christ should have the pre-eminence at this time.

Keep Santa in the Realm

of Make-believe This is the prize winning letter) By Grace Reese Adkins When confronted with the bald query, "Is there a Santa Claus?" I never say "Yes." Still, I never say "No!" There is a middle ground of evasion where one can loiter through all the delicious December days until the spirit of giving is woven into the heart of the child that he will forget his question.

There are ever so many things besides "Yes" and "No" which can be said. For instance: "Well, I've heard people talk about Santa Claus, but I never really saw him. Did you? Of course, I saw those santas in the toy stores last year, but they were just people dressed up to look like him. He must be a sort of fairy person."The children know that fairies are make-believe, but they go right on with the delightfull magery, enjoying it as much/as if I had said "Yes" to their question.

On another day we approach the matter from a different angle. "Wouldn't it be fun to make presents for our parents and slip them into the stockings on Christmas eve? They'd say: "Why, Santa Claus must have been here!"" Interest is shifted from Santa to an absorbing per-sonal project, and another insur-ance policy is taken out against



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GROW LESS GET MORE

every farmer's while to read it, to the advantage of all.

the less of any crop were produced, the more actual money only secrets of real farm prosper- comical. the growers would get, it is fur- "ity. nished in the figures which the Farm Bourd cites. Every farmer scarce in the market he gets a higher price per bushel. What folks. many do not realize is that the price per bushel is so much higher, in time of scant supply, that he actually makes more money on his small crop than when he grows a large crop.

largest potato crop on record- friend. 463 ... Illion business. The average farm price for potatoes that the total received by the farmers, well to emulate. It should be a was 195 million dollars. In 1925 comfort to her daughters, Mrs. the potato crop was small--only 321 million bushels. As a result, the average price was a full dollar higher than in the year of the big crop, or \$1.66 a bushel. The farmers received 337 million five-eighths as much

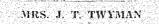
Of course, crop reduction won't doing fine. work to increase farm prices unless all, or most of the farmers in a given district, growing the same commodity agree to cut down their acreage. One of the results of cooperative system which the Farm Board is charged by law to inaugurate is a

among farmers, and a better That is the title of a little mutual understanding, so that it After an interesting program the pamplet which has just been got should be easier to reduce their gifts were distributed by one of out for free distribution by the acreage in wheat, corn, cotton, Santa's helpers. Due to the Federal Farm Board. It is worth potatoes or the other staple crops price limit, the gifts were small

If any proof were needed that be loss of any cron were pro-

Mr and Mrs. R. William Turn-

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In the recent death of Mrs. Mr. Pieratt: (to Mrs. Pieratt) ones the Farm Board uses. In limentary words of her life, as must be a scotchman) 1922 the United States had the a mother. Wife, neighbor and

Her calm and serene dispo- A. G.? sition and patience in suffering A.G. I'm just at the awkward year was 66 cents a bushel, and were examples we would all do age. that. Krupa and Mrs. Blake that A. G. (bitterly) I'm too old to throughout her days she wore cry and foo young to swear. the white flower of a blameless SA-H-Slife.

H. J. Parker was in Dallas this The following program was dollars for less work and less ex- week to be with his daughter, presented by the Scribblers and pense than when they got only Adeline, who was operated on. Choral Clubs: Last reports Miss Parker was Songs-Choral Club Reading—Irene McCreary

PLENTY PURE JERSEY MILK!!!! Sweet Milk and Cream DELIVER

Mountaineer The

The staff

Editor-in-Chief the sideline and Sports Editor had the time of Joke Editor and all enjoyed the Senior Reporter June Bond punch, and next year all of us Freshman Reporter Thelma Lowe

-Scribblers.

Reading—Francis Adams

-S-A-H-S-

FRESHMAN PARTY

Saturday night, December the

rwentieth, Annie Louise Wat-

kins gave the Freshman class a

There were a large number present and a number of games

were played which seemed to

party at her home.

Bond.

MOUNTANEERS BGOULTEEET Eyes Ca: :r taol hrdl hrdtmfw Heap on more wood! the wind, my Eyes," "Around the Corner"

is chill, But let it whistle as it will,

Editor

Owner

\$1.00 \$1.56

> We'll keep our Christmas Merry still. This selection was composed

Song-Choral Club. by Sir Walter Scott, as it was good advice in his day it also is good advice now. Don't let hard times bar your good time. It isn't the gift but the giver that counts

Let us resolve to keep up the Christmas spirit and celebrate Christmas in the good old way.

S-A-H-S SEVENTH GRADE CHRISTMAS have been enjoyed by all. TREE

Last Friday fifty two seventh graders and a number of friends wider exchange of information gathered in the study hall for

their annual Christmas, tree. but everyone agreed, that it was

> S-A-H-S JOKES

realizes that when polatoes are er of Houston are spending the " Mrs. Scarborough: This es- Plains, Irene McCreary and Ka-Christmas Holidays with home say on "Our Dog" is word for (word the same as your brothers". host served meat loaf, peas au-Jack DuBois? Yes mam, it's gratin, waldorp salad, glazed the same dog.

Twyman Santa' Anna has lost Good-bye dear and don't forget a good citizen. Those who knew to take your glasses off when you The polato figures are the her best spoke the most comp- aren't looking at anything. (He

Visitor: And how old are you Pep squad and Football boys a party. Visitor: And what do you call The Pep Squad and Football boys

CHAPEL PROGRAM FRI DEC 19 and may one of their memories

After the games the refreshments were served with cranberry men for plate favors. After the refreshments more games were played.

Everyone then went home, having enjoyed themselves very much.

-S-A-H-S-----A LUNCHEON

Miss-Mary H. Simpson and Annie Wilson gave a luncheon for their Home Project. Miss Haynes watched them cook and then about5:30 the guests, Miss Hettie Fae Todd, Helen Upton of Cross thyrn Rose Pinney, arrived. The host served meat loaf, peas ausweet potatoes, peaches and cream, biscuit, and hot tea. -S-A-H-S

PEP SQUAD AND FOOTBALL PARTY

Last Friday night our Pep Leader, Annie Wilson, gave the The crowd-gathered at her home about 7:30 many games were played and some danced. gathered for one of the last times together, may the boys that graduate this year think

back over the years in the past be the last year that they play-

gether. The crowd left the hostess home about 10:30 and all re- Brown. 35 i.d Pantomine"-Aunt Ella"-Anne Mae Smith, "Her Niece"-June

and how proud the Pep Squad was over their victories. / May the Pep Squad girls that gradu-ate think about their last year idays with Miss Mattle Ella Momust meet together again and bring back our good times to-

ed for Santa Anna High School ported a swell time.

-S-A-H-S Mrs. Frank Parks of Hobbs Creary.

Miss Florence Niell, is spendng the holidays with homefolks.

WANTED-Two 1000 pound mules or horses for their feed H.H.'s Diffe 2tc.

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To all who have favored us with their good will, we esteem this occasion a priceless privilege to express our appreciation and wish everybody a Merry Christmas.



OUEEN THEATRE PROGRAM

Friday & Saturday this week -Joan Crawford in

Montana Moon

than landing stars in ture at last a musical Western concu in the great open. Joan Crawford's, greatest in ubph, a wild society celt, tam-ed by cowboys. Comedy in connection.

Matinee Sun. 2 & 4

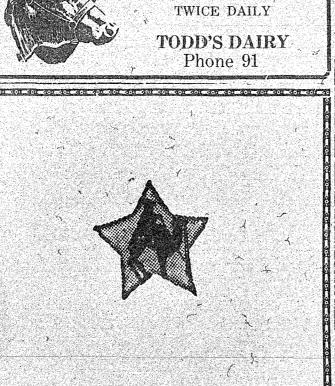
Sun. Mon. & Tues. -William Haines in-

The Girl Sed No

With Leila Hyams, Polly Mo-ran, Marie Dressler, here is haines funniest picture his talking successor to Navy Blues, you'll roar at the screens smartest comedy, two reels. Comedy in connection.

WED & THUR, 31 and JAN 1 The Big House

Featuring Chester Morris, Walface Beery, Lewis Ston. and many other leading stars, a mighty drama of a city of sorrows. A drama of men be-yond the pale, is man his brothers keeper. See the Big ouse this is a Metro Goldwin special. Comedy in connec-



With so much to be thankful for, that we can't count our blessings we thank you most sincerely for your part in them and wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Yeay.

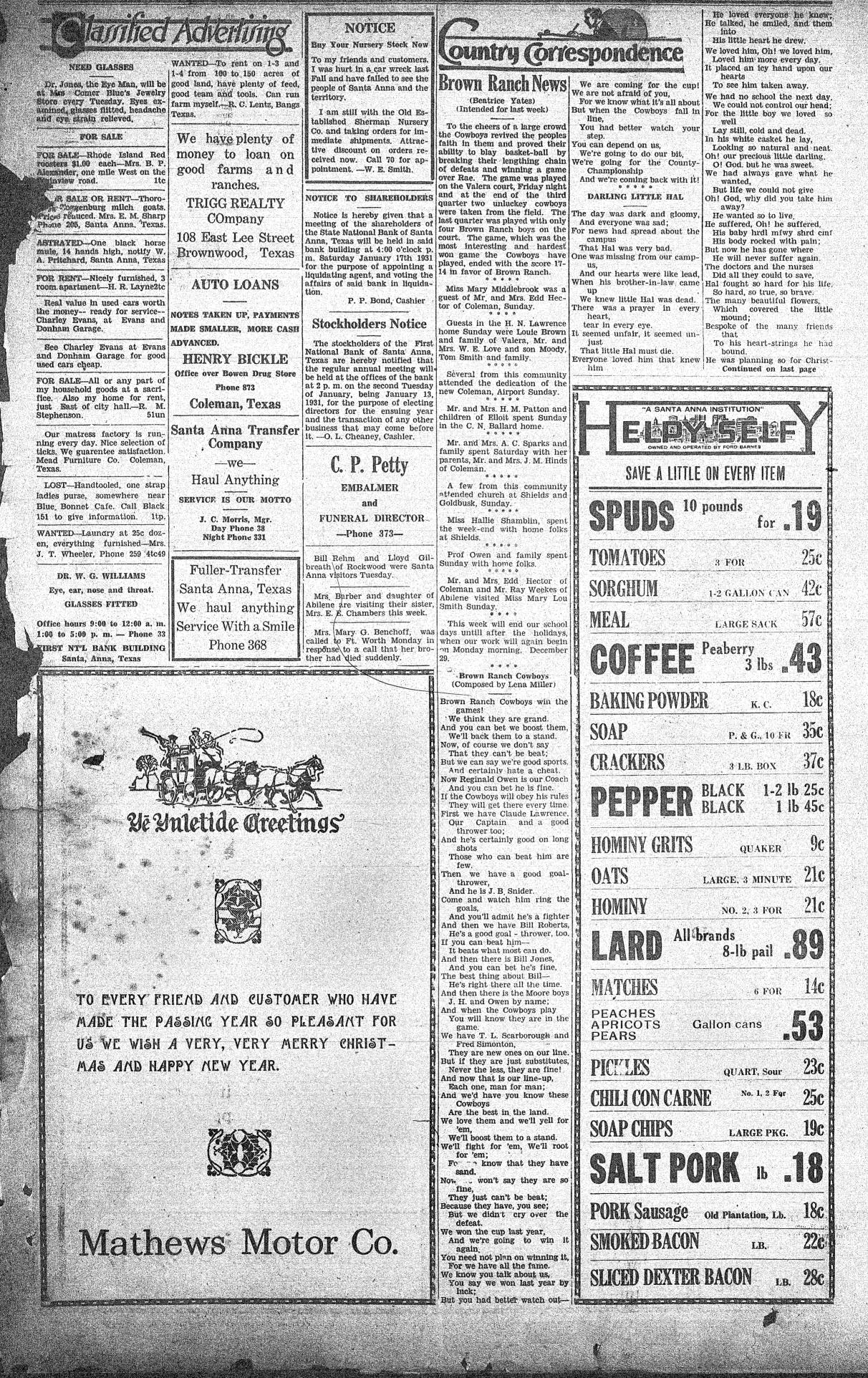
Another Christmas-Another Opportunity, to thank you for a year of valued patronage

Another opportuity to wish you happiness and prosperity.

Gehrett Dry Goods Co.

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No part of the federal farm board's first annual report, its summary and justification of its activities is of more interest to the average farmer than its discussion of relatively small general crops, as opposed to the great staple commodities which have monopolized the limelight. The first of these discussed by

the board in its report is the bean crop. A conference held a year ago with producers of dry beans indicated, said the report, that "production of dry beans was widely scattered over many states and that the cooperative operating in various areas all selling in competition with one another."

As a result the National Bean Marketing association was or ganized early this year in order to strengthen membership and captial of these cooperatives and to eliminate wasteful competition. The first duty of the association was to strengtehen its individual member cooperatives A Magazine for by adding members, forming new units and strengthening their capital.

Pending completion of this program the association will attempt to handle the marketing of its members' beans. Besides aiding in establishing this nat- that way. These undesirable ional, the board loaned to two associations funds on beans in cause some parent made bad storage supplementary to credit mistakes in child training. Not they had obtained from the in- | because he intended to but betermediate credit banks. This allowed the association to, advance a larger share of the market value of the product to their members.

Plans for a similiar program for potato growers are now under construction at the board, it was stated. The polato situation differs from that of the bean growers, however, in that there are already local and regional associations of growers.

The cooperatives in the industry as a whole, However, are of unequal strength and further development'of some of these in the important potato producing areas will precede actual forma-(bion of a national selling agency for, the industry,

A similiar need exists in the opple industry before the atstempt at coordination of all producing and marketing agencies is may affect the entire future of made. Apple growers in various your boy or girl. That is why you sections have been among the can't afford to be without "The most enthusiastic of those co- Parent' Magazine." The suboperatives seeking a national scription price is only \$2.00 for program, but the board feels that further time for organization of Subscriptions will be received at local units and unifying of com- the office of this newspaper, or

Because of its importance to the general farmer, the discussion

s reproduced here in full: "Before undertaking to devela program for the extension co-operative activities in these states, the board felt it necessary to obtain further in- est fad in how a Japanese flapformation concerning the exist-per should dress. We brought the ng associations. Accordingly, it week to a complete and delightis financing a survey of all cooperative marketing associations tea in honor of those whom we in the twelve northeastern states in co-operation with the state agricultural colleges in that region

"With the information which is to be obtained from this inventory of co-operative effort it is hoped that plans for further development may be made most successfully.

Apparently, so far as the gen eral farmer is concerned, the board intends in all cases to await strengthening of local cooperatives before moving toward have been started for such stapwheat.

(Intended for last week) tea. Virginia Hooper spent Sunday with Jane Whitlow and enjoyed the nice birthday dinner which was given Mrs. Whitlow on her seventy-ninth birthday.

Parent Training

You see them everywherechildren who are disobedient rude, unpopular with others But these children wern't born traits developed gradually because he didn't understand child psychology, didn't know how to Whitlow celebrated her seventy-teach good habits, how to guide ninth birthday. While they also his child to sucessful living.

Hooper. The eyes of many parents have been opened to a new un-derstanding of children, they have been helped to work out better, easier, happier ways of training their children by read- parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lowe "The Parents' Magazine." ing Each month it brings them very practical, helpful articles on every phase of child care from the crib to college. It deals with such subjects as obedience, baby care, sex education, finicky appetites, adolescence, temper habits and character training. Doctors, teachers, psychologists. experts in many fields of child training, as well as mothers and fathers write its interesting, helpful articles. Mistakes in child training are costly. They the office of this fiewapaper, so munity groups is needed before the national program is tried. "Loans have been made to the the office of this fiewapaper, so may be sent direct to the S. N. Department, The Parents' Mag-azine, 251 Forth Ave., New York.

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JAPANESE TEA

The girls in Home Economics I have been very busy for the past few days cooking, writing invitations, planning menus for tea and trying to learn the latful ending by giving a Japanese love and esteem, "Our Mothers."

The Home Economics Laboratory was decorated as a Japanese tea garden. From the ceil-ing many Jack-o-lanterns were and green creepe paper. We had

pass plates and entertain our mothers. In one corner stood a Christmas tree, on which there was a linen handerchlef for each mother. As the mothers exchanged a friendly conversation over the following refreshments, carry-

and immediately walked to the Vinson. radiator to warm himself, briskhanging from streamers of red ly rubbing his blue fingers together to increase circulationreal Japanese ladies to pour tea, he was half chilled. Being a very active, spare man of 60 he abhorred wraps; he disliked "bundling up". So, he had

This morning a man came to

been dashing out into the cold, often without taking time to put on his coat; this morning he wore no vest; was still sticking the national programs which tea table they were served the to summer underwear, and had on low shoes. At this very hour les as livestock, cotton and ing out pink and green as color his ankles were almost bloodless scheme: Bread and butter sandand, it would have taken a full wiches, Angel food cake, divinity half hour for the warm room to drops; mints, nuts, coffee and

restore his surface circulation to normal, if, indeed it could have Among those who signed in been brought about in that time. our guest book were: Mrs. J. Ed. Of course he had a laryngitis Bartlett, E. C. Newman, H. M. with congested lungs due to his Smith, E. W. Polk, G. F. Bartlett, careless exposure of his body to Joe Spencer, J. W. Lewis, J. S. cold air. The surface-blood had Vestal, Dora Bell, Fred A . Rollbeen driven in by a skin which ins, Haynie L. Voss, J. C. Scarresented the very uncomfortable borough, D. L. Pieratt, J.F. Turnatmosphere. Such things are er, W. I. Mitchell, Misses: Oliva first-rate causes of the dread Land, Robbie Lee Vestal, Wilma disease, pneumonia!

Jo Spencer, Rita Campbell. -S-A-H-S

visited their aunt, Mrs. M. L.

Governor General

Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, former

back to the surface and keep it (Intended for last week) there. Hot drinks, hot lemonade especially; rest in bed in a Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pool of Moan and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Moore room that is comfortable; to inof Albany spent the week-end duce a sweat is not bad rule, and vith their mother, Mrs. L. T. can be done by the family. The Whitlow and grandma Whitlow pathologist may blame the teeat Camp Sunset. Grandma th and tonsilys in a man of this age, but it is dangerous to ex-

Grady Lowe is home from Abilene where he is attending school to spend the holidays with his

ever foci of infection may or may not be present. The man or woman at that time of life, who wears summer shoes and stockings in winter, and does not keep up a good surface circulation, is flirting with serious consequenc-

nearly as possible to body on Fashion among its other crimes puts fur around the neck and strips the lower extremities as earth can convince me that such silly things conform to the laws of right living—and I think as much of "fresh air" as any one.

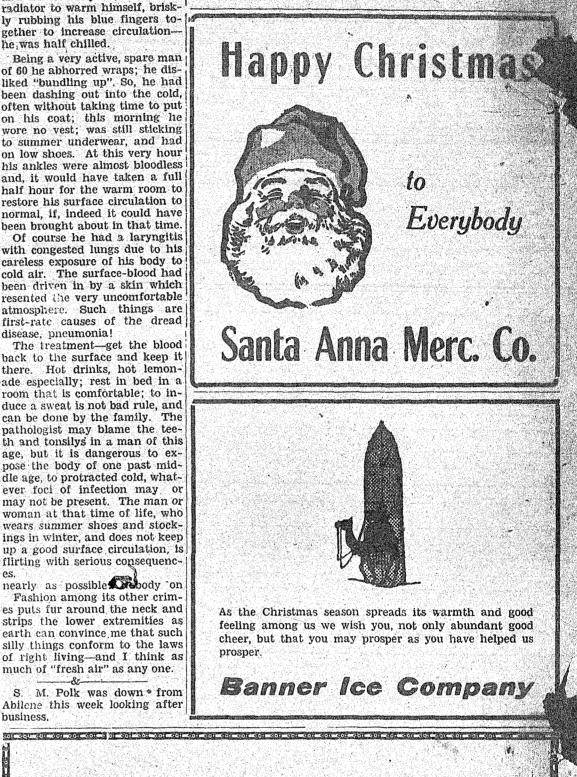
pose the body of one past mid-

S. M. Polk was down * from Abilene this week looking after business.

cordially invited to hear him talk on subjects that are in keeping with the season of the year Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Blagg who

are teaching school in Demmitt, New Mexico are home to spend Miss Jimmie Vinson arrived my office-my first patient for from Ft. Worth today to visit the holldays with the latters the day. He was quite hoarse, her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Vinson and other relatives.

at Stacy Saturday night. day morning and Sunday night. Everyone in the community-is





them to advance to their growers a greater proportion of the market value of the products in holidays. storage than could otherwise be done and for the construction of local packing facilities, the + board said.

Somewhat in contrast to the bean, potato and apple situation is that of the pecan industry, in that the national association, when formed, will be designed mainly as an sales agency and to supervise grading on the part of member associations. Here again, however, the organization of the national awaits unification of the local organizations. Perhaps the most important single development among these general crops is the board's survey of the northeastern states.



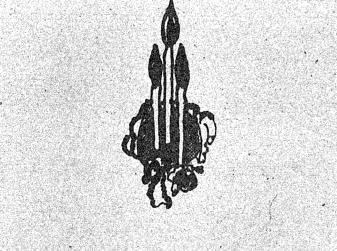
For years we have been extending our sin cere best wishes for a verv

> HAPPY CHRISTMAS

to everybody in Santa Anna. We fervently do so again.

Turner's

Orug Store



Many of the local teachers have gone home to spend the holidays.

You've been generous to us all year. Christmas would not be Christmas unless we generously acknowledged our debt and wished for you unbounded happiness and prosperity.

> Leeper-Curd Lumber Co.



E feel very keenly that our customers are our partners, and

That our success is but a reflection of your good will.

> Long may we go on happily together.

