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### The Dirt Farmer

the presence of the Virgin Moth presence we hear John telling what Christmas means, "And the word was made flesh and dwelt amounts and means and mea us, and we behold His glory, t

and the Holy Child. Standing in the Lloyd Bros. Buy The Main Drug Co. glory as of the only begotten of th-A deal was closed some week or

Father, full of grace and truth." more ago whereby Ralph and Raymon Christmas reminds that Jesu loyd became the proprietors of the Christ who was born in a mange Main Drug Co., located on North in the little town of Bethlehem, morMain street, and will continue the business possibly at the same loca-

> Ralph Lloyd is a registered pharmacist, having been in the employe of the City Drug Co. for some time, while Raymon is attending a pharmacist school at Dallas, from which The W. B. Bathe will graduate sometime in the cery and its erspring when he will be associated with his brother in conducting the

> to you the Sebusiness of the Main Drug store. and express si Both these young men are very attentive to business and we bespeak for them a goodly share of the drug ebusiness of the city.

> W. W. Oliver, who opened this that our ple store about a year ago, has made may continue. many friends here who regret his loss from the business circles of the city, but are hoping we are not to lose this good family as citizens of Winters. At present Mr. Oliver does not know just what he will do in the

The change in the business is become effective January 1st.

W. B. BARRETT

GIN TO CLOSE

We are requested to announce to We are requested to announce to the public that the Farmers Gin Co. "Where Every will be closed from Thursday evening until Monday morning. Patrons will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

> Bank Has Christmas Tree For Employees mas Tree For

OF 1926

MAY Th. It was the pleasure of the writer mas celebration Thursday morning, given by the First National Bank to

THE CL when the force arrived they were oyous by surprised to find erected in the bank a dainty miniature Christnas tree laden with presents, the major items of which were from the and brin days—a represented in cash a bonus qual to the same per cent that had been paid the stockholders for the rear, their salaries representing its ralue in stock. Every employee of the institution was remembered in this, including the janitor.

ever enjoyed our the janitor. AND MAY THE DAWN

Lead you into prosperous fields deavor where you may su through service which will others and serve as a satisfact you.

MUSSER LUMBER C

Spirit of Christmas

HE whirligig of time again brings us to Christmas, to Santa Cluas, to the day when youthful dreams come true and the minds of men revert to memories—the day when the spirit of good will, peace and happiness remind us of the birth of Him to whom we owe all that we are and all that we have.

Millions of new Americans will make the acquaintance of Santa Claus this year. He is more wonderful than ever before, with the strange toys that were not dreamed of by the youngsters of last year. He travels now with lightning speed and his voice is heard around the world. He is in every home where childhood is cherished.

Christmas is the day of motherhood and childhood. It is a day for little children. Until Jesus came, children had no rights, not even their right to live was respected.

On December 25, in the United States, in England and many other countries, the Christian churches will be decked as for the coming of a bride, and the special services will be rejoicing in the memory of a gift from Heaven which brought new light to a darkened world. The Christmas story will be told in chant and chorus in thousands of temples, millions of homes and everywhere the message is carried will be smiles and cheerful greetings.

Christmas is a universal festival of good will and fellowship. It shoud be observed in that happy spirit and in sanity. It is the season of giving, as the wise men bore gifts to the new-born Savior. And there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.

We all strive in our way to make it a Merry Christmas; to follow the precepts of the Master that there may be "Peace on earth, good will to men." On Christmas we emphasize the spirit that should guide us all, not only on this occasion of joy and feasting but as we live each day of our span of life—the spirit of humanity, of kindness, of devotion to all that makes for the good of mankind.

The Enterprise wishes you, one and all, our friends, a Christmas jeweled by happiness, health and contentment; and a 1926 whose every day is ushered in by the dawn bugles of greater opportunities for service and prosperity.

#### ristmas Spirit At the Winters State Bank

Winters State Bank, at its check was tendered.

this directors meeting the regu per cent semi-annual dividend

#### Trades Home For Rio Grande Valley Farm

directors meeting on December has traded his beautiful brick resi- 25,542 bales of cotton, and at that we may be of service to them. They generously provided for its dence in Winters for 40 acres of time they were still running. Fol- give their time and best thought to e for Christmas by giving each ing valued at \$575.00 per acre. The k for \$50.00. This strong old does was bonded the control of the control o k for \$50.00. This strong old deal was handled through a San Ancution never does things by tonio real estate firm. We under- Farmers No. 1 (planting seed) 1,073 and the only one Winters has availes and to show their employes stand Dr. Sanders does not contem- Farmers No. 2 appreciation of their earnest and plate a change in residence until Reid & Hinds ient service, the \$50.00 Christ- some time during the latter part of next year.

lips, but do them with your heart.

#### Ford People Have Big Christmas Celebration

and others, too, who gave real and being used to buy new stocks inferuseful things. But real gifts were ior in quality to those carried by not the only ones for many and competitors and less likely to attract varied were such gifts that might to buyers. be termed, "humorous" things, and It is much the same with towns. these created much mirth and laugh- Every taxpayer, every man who lives ter among all. But no one of the in it and expends a part of his inorganization was overlooked, each come is a stockholder. "Jones pays receiving a substantial gratuity, and the freight." Besides every town this firm is to be commended for has live competitor towns who find celebrating Christmas in this "family it most profitable to advertise to the

firm on this occasion expressed their their less progressive competitor appreciation to their employees for towns are sadly lacking. And they the co-operation, diligent and faith- emphasize abundant pure water as ful service rendered by them during among their chief assets. the past year, and that this "Christ- It is one of the chief liabilities things may be accomplished.

toastmaster, Frank Flynt lifted spread by" on water-it should have water best chicken "feed", artistically ar- it without any ultimate cost to the ranged on bright new paper plates, taxpayers of Winters-and that corn, with water as a beverage.

ate when they felt so disposed.

# **Banks** to Close

As is their usual custom, the two (Thursday) at noon and will remain the water proposition will be taken closed till Saturday morning, the up covering costs, receipts, etc, both 26th. Patrons and the general pub- of the old plant and the new. The tutions before noon today.

### Winters Gins Tie Out 25,542 Bales

Dr. W. D. Sanders, we understand, the total ginnings to date to be co-operate with them in every

Runnels County Gin

The Abilens & Southern, according to S. E. Hunt, local agent, has Sing Christmas carols with your received for shipment this ps, but do them with your heart. up to date 30,344 bales.

#### Information On Water Situation

No business operated for profit to its stockholders could very well be The Christmas spirit reigned sup- satisfactory to them as an investreme Tuesday night at Nance-Brown ment if they were called together Motor Company, who gave a Christ-each first of the year and shown a mas party to their employees and balance sheet showing nice profits their families. A huge tree, gayly since the last meeting of June first decorated and laden with gifts of preceding, and then at the annual every description, was in the lobby of meeting of June following were askthe office. This event was strictly ed to "kick in" an assessment in cash, exceeding the total profits, to an informal affair and everyone be used for current purposes, so that present possessed the Christmas the business always required more spirit and a hilarious time was in- money to be put into it annually or bi-annually than the net receipts The gifts consisted of a present could take care of. Suppose furfrom the company to each employee ther that the assessment money was

world what they have to induce in-Messrs. Nance and Brown of the vestment and industries and what

mas party" was given to show them of Winters, probably its greatest, and the high esteem in which they hold the chief obstacle to its immediate each of them. They thanked each growth to a commercial, industrial and everyone and was very optimis- and residence city of more than tic in their views, that next year, double its present population-this with the co-operation of their em- fact that it is constantly being forced ployees, greater, bigger and better to scratch around in the highways and byways to get enough water to For sometime during the past the tide over the needs of a population company's employees have been con-double what it was when the present ducting a Dearborn Independent plant was installed. In fact it is the subscription campaign and the bar- belief of the Chambes of Commerce gain was that the losers should give that no time should be lost in doing "chicken feed" to the winners. something along that line now to The losers did this. They prepared guard the supply for this year, but a table in an obscured corner, and at nothing in the way of an experiment late hour baskets containing this that will so encroach upon the city's feed were brought in and a table set finances that it can not put through and covered with linen paper. When the only solution of the water probit was announced to the winners that lem. The city must not be put fortheir elaborate feed was ready, the ever to the task of trying to "get consisting of a handful of shelled ought to be cheap enough. And when obtained instead of being a Christmas fruits and candies were burden on the taxpayers it will carry conveniently arranged and everyone the expenses of this city practically alone, enable it to pave, enable it At the conclusion of the party to provide numerous municipal imevery member of the organization provements-in other words enable made a talk expressing their thanks it to keep pace with the progress of to the Nance-Brown Motor Co., for Texas cities. That is the position this occasion and pledging themselves of the Chamber of Commerce. An to do more, bigger and better things abundant water supply pure so that you need not fear an invasion of your home by typhoid fever, sufficient for a city of ten thousand people-if that is not beig enough surely the other seven thousand people who will be here then can help Thursday Noon ple who will be here then can help take care of an enlargement of the

Beginning with the next issue of banks of Winters will close today the Enterprise the financial side of lic will please arrange to transact only object of these articles is to their business with these two insti-tutions before noon today. thoroughly, so far as possible, get all the facts before the public. This is a public question and concerns every man, woman and child, and affects the permanent values of every piece of property in Winters. It will be placed before you for your deliberate decision as a citizen and property owner during the Spring months and it is our desire that and Still Ginning every one should have the proposition placed farily before them before they decide it at the ballot box. We Wednesday afternoon a report believe in our city officials and their from the gins of the city showed loyalty to Winters and are going to 10,150 stallation of an ample water supp 4,897 able—that is unless providence 3,418 creates some more mountains. J. E. 3,470 Farrow, Secretary Chamber of Com-2,584 merce.

Mrs. Farris Callan is spending the

May the joys usual to this season be yours in the fullest portion and may Your

### **Christmas**

Be the happiest ever is our sincerest wish

### E. A. SHEPPERD

Insurance and Loans

#### Winters Enterprise and were defeated. Valentino WINTERS COUPLE HILL & HALL, PUBLISHERS

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#### ARISTOCRATIC BEEF

There's big money in purebred greatly. stock. It's worth a moment's pause to note some of the prices paid for champions at the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago. The Aberdeen Angus, was sold to a New Brophy. York hotel for \$3 a pound, a total of \$4,680. This means about \$9 per portion by the time the meat reaches purse. the table of this high-toned hostelry A carload of 15 head of Angus prize winners was knocked down for 43 cents a pound, a total of \$6,772.50. That's a nice walletful. A prize winning Shorthorn bull sold for \$1,050. And so it went.

A dozen hotels joined in the bidding for Christmas beef, and they had to pay out good hard cash if they wanted quality. To be sure, these prices were a bit fancy. Not everybody can raise a champion, but it doesno't take a champion to cash in on some of the big money. Just a few moments with the stub of a lead pencil and the back of an old envelope is all anyone needs to cipher out the difference between a good sire and a scrub. Better times for breeders are at hand, and they are turning their hearts and minds to enjoy it.

#### AN UNLUCKY YEAR

Nineteen hundred twenty-five has been an unlucky year for adventure. We tried to fly to Hawaii and failed. Two attempts were made on the North Pole without success. The best girl swimmers of the world made an ef-

### PAINS ALL OVER

Lady Says She Took Cardui and Never Saw Such Improvement-Was So Weak Couldn't Stand.

Weathersby, Miss.-Mrs. James M. Hall, of this place, writes that she was "getting weaker all the time" when Cardui, the woman's tonic, was first brought to her attention. After she had taken Cardui a while, she writes that she "never did see

such an improvement."
"I suffered all the time and had pains all over," says Mrs. Hall. "I was so weak I could not stand. My skin was cold and flabby. I did not have any color. I had always been a very active woman-used to outdoor exercise, walking and going where I pleased, and to get down, not able to get myself a drink, was

indeed a hardship. "Nothing seemed to help me, till I began on Cardul. The first bottle seemed to strengthen me, and I sent for five more. By the time I had taken these, I was on my feet, going around, doing my work,

ined in health and strength.
"I took two more bottles, and l I haven't had any more

fort to swim the English Channel thought he was making a venture in matrimony, but it seems to have been

#### ABOUT THE SAME

It is very wonderful, of course Readers, Per Line, Per Issue .... 10c this radio. We sit at the supper Subscription Rate, the Year \$1.50 table and listen to an orchestra at Los Angeles or at Schenectady quite as a matter of course. But the meat and bread and potatoes are the and the youngsters have the same and happy life. old colic, and life has not changed

#### NOTICE

My office will be closed from Degrand champion steer of the show, an cember 21 to January 1 .- Dr. F. J.

May this

CHRISTMAS

Be to you

One filled

With Every

Happiness

and Joy

During 1925 it has been a pleasure to us to

serve you and if it is within our power we want

1926 A Prosperous,

Happy Year for You

Accept, if you please, our thanks for each favor

G. E. SEAGLER

Coal and Feed

to help make

of the past.

A wedding of interest to many In romance once again, friends was that of Miss Loreta Lewis, And now I sing of love once more, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis to Mr. W. F. Clark, which occured That now I feel my heart beat fast in Ballinger Friday of last week.

Both the bride and groom are well known and popular young people SET FRUIT AND here. The groom is the son of Mrs. Pearl Clark of the Crews community.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have a host of I have the Holbert and Burkett same as they were forty years ago, friends who wish for them a long pecan trees which are the best vari-

> Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pace of Killeen peaches, plums, pears and apricots.—
> are spending the holidays in Winters W. W. Slater Nursery Co, Clyde, this city on the second Tuesday of tick the guests of their children, Mesdames Carl Davis, R. A. Cramer and son, Sid Pace.

Mrs. Kidd and children of Sweetwater are spending the holidays with A happy heart is better than a full Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Jordan and other TRUTH AND LOVE CAN'T DIE

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again The eternal years of God are hers, But error wounded writhes in pain And dies among her worshipers. -Oliver W. Holmes.

I cared for her and she for me, Though never a word was spoken. And still I care but she does not The cords of love were broken. I loved her and she loved me, But now she loves no more; But still I love with all my heart, And will forever more.

She loves another may God bless him Who's fortune is so sweet. While I who love her trudges down This old forgotten street, And now I hide my face in hands, And bathe my eyes with tears, As precious memories flood my soul Of those departed years.

But as God lives and truth can't die I pledge my soul to thee, And pray to God that he'll give back Your tender love to me. And now I feel your love once more O, Heaven eyes of blue, I pray for thee I'll die for thee, To thee I'll e'er be true.

MARRIED AT BALLINGER And now love lifts her golden head Above all falt and stain, Love conquered all and marches forth

> And thank my God above, With raptures of thy love.

PECAN TREES NOW

eties for West Texas. Also the famous Delicious apples and some other good varities. Also

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

room of the First National Bank of for the ensuing year and the transac- m

### A Merry Chr.

You'll have to ! the morning Christmas wish

It's this:

We hope you happiness and over that you'l ing some over next door.

Merry Christm wish that the has a blowout of your door.

#### SPEER BROTHI

Phone

Eventue

33-4tc January, 1926, same being the 12th pr day, the annual stockholders meet- co ing of the First National Bank of Winters, Texas, at which time there There will be held in the banking- will be elected a board of directors

With Double Zest We Give You th

Wherever you ~-- 1- 1 to those who building of hope to ser year and we gives great OUR P calls for a

with your v

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AN

A Prospero NEW YE

greater val give before

our hearts and our homes, with joy of the only Son of God." and gladness. It speaks to us of the In Jesus Christ the life and charac-

Christ who was born in a manger, the real thing. We must do more dwell there. If Jesus had his true in the little town of Bethlehem, more than this we must believe in Christ place in our American homes there French officer. Theodore Kosloff,

The W. B. Barrett Cash Gro-

cery and its employees extend

to you the Season's Greetings

and express sincere apprecia-

tion of your splendid patron-

that our pleasant relations

W. B. BARRETT CASH GROCERY

"Where Every Day is Saturday"

earnest wish is

Our

may continue.

than ninetenteen hundred years ago, as a redeemer, as a saviorur of fallen

On Christmas day we listen to the who Christ is, if we grasp the true from day to day. songs of the Angels. We hear that message of the Gospel of Christ we great chorus singing, "Glory to God will find no difficulty in believing in in the Highest, on Earth Peace, good the Virgin Birth of Christ and of his place, in our homes, which belongs by secret service agents behind the Will Toward Men." Our hearts fol- resurrection. There is nothing im- to Christ. It reminds us that Jesus lines. low the wondering shepherds into possible or unreasonable in these two entered into the life of an earthly the presence of the Virgin Mother great facts of history. If all hinges home and sanctified it for ever with and the Holy Child. Standing in this on the supreme question, "What think His presence. The most sacred and presence we hear John telling us ye of Christ?" If we consider Christ beautiful thing on earth is a real celebrated Parisian dancer and the what Christmas means, "And the only a great friend of man and the Christian home. Where the Christian toast of the French capital, who word was made flesh and dwelt among greatest example of manhood that the ian spirit dwells three hundred and becomes involved in the intricate us, and we behold His glory, the world has ever seen—all people ac-sixty-five days in the year. If you workings of her country's secret serglory as of the only begotten of the cord Him this place-we are merely do not want gloom and depression, vice. Her first assignment is to Father, full of grace and truth." holding Him up as an example, a and sorrow, and sadness in your home check up on the movements of de Christmas reminds that Jesus model of manhood—an imitation of let Christ with his sunshine and love Montrichard, believed to be an enemy

is still present with us on earth. The man. When do this we cannot believe Word who was made flesh still that man is growing more porfect Christmas Message Word who was made flesh still that man is growing more portect dwells among us and gives us strength all the while and some day will be agreed with God for if we do we are and courage, and happiness. If we equal with God for if we do we are seek Him with believing hearts, we bound to admit that man does not Christmas comes each year to fill also shall see in Him "the Glory as need a redeemer-only a model man.

Do we believe what the Scriptures and the whole experience of the church tell us of Jesus Christ? If we ricture, "New Lives for Old," commost wonderful event of all history—ter of God himself are revealed unto believe that in the person of Christ, the birth of Christ. It is on this day us. We see the goodness, the greatthat the door of heaven stands wide open to all of us and we get a glimpse of Jesus Christ. If we fully realize for salvation and invoke His blessings tures of the World War, not so much

would be more respect for law and authority, for womanhood and and Sheldon Lewis in the picture, motherhood, and for God and things that are Holy. The American home is the foundation of our Government. If we fail to raise our children right in the home our nation

must all accept Christ as our own Heilborn. personal Savior then bring the spirit and law of Christ into all the depart- OLD MR. CARTER HELPED ments of our lives, social, industrial, economic, and religious. Christ must be our master in all things. Let us all remember that the Christmas spirit which brings us so much joy it is ideal—so different from other and happiness at this time is only the Christ like spirit. The thing that makes Christmas wonderful is that for a time, at least, we are all Christ-

love, and forgivness, and bigness of If we would only do this the coming system. Excellent for chronic conyear, whatever our age or circumstances, will be the best, the happiness, and the most worth while one we have ever lived. -A. J. Jones,

J. H. Hall, W. F. Windham, H. W. Rodgers and Dr. Sanders left Saturday for the Rio Grande Valley on a prospecting trip.

#### **Betty Compton** Star in Big Paramount Picture

Betty Compson's new Paramount star tures of the World War, not so much as it was fought in the front line Christmas speaks to us of the trenches, but as it was worked out

atmosphere, "New Lives For Old" tells the story of a French girl, a spy sarading in the uniform of a featured with Wallace MacDonald portrays this role. MacDonald is cast as Hugh Warren, an American officer whom Betty meets on her aunt's farm in Normandy, where his company is billeted on its way up to the front. Lewis is in league with Kosl-Christ speaks to us of the place in off in the production, which was our homes which belongs to Christ We adapted for the screen by Adelaide

#### BY SIMPLE MIXTURE

"After taking Adelika I feel betmedicines." (signed) W. W. Carter. Aderlika is a simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., which removes 'GAS' in ten minutes and after brings surprising relief to the the year. Why not let that spirit of stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Brings out old waste-matter you never thought was in your

> Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Taylor and daughter Miss Mary D. left Wednesday for Levelland to join the rest of the family for a reunion during

# A Merry Christmas

#### And Thank You, Vereyone

—On this day of Universal Happiness we wish to express to you our heartfelt greetings.

-We wish to thank our many good friends for their generous patronage during the holiday season and for the year 1925.

-May the New Year with its bright prospects be one of great happiness to you—and may you now enjoy your Merriest Christmas.



READ THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

A Good Position -a big salary is what counts We quickly train you

MAY THE GOLDEN SUN BREAK THROUGH ALL THE CLOUDS

and bring to you and yours brighter days-a Happier Christmas than you ever enjoyed before.

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AND MAY THE DAWN OF 1926

Lead you into prosperous fields of endeavor where you may succeed through service which will bless others and serve as a satisfaction to you.

MUSSER LUMBER CO.

# TO ONE TO ALL

A Merry Christmas **A Happy** New Year

C. Kornegay

# Local Store Robbed

Johnson, L. L. Graham, and the last them and at midnight Saturday,

Jones, manager of the store, notified also loaded into the coupe and start-Marshall Sam Kirby and Nightwatch- ed with them. man Brandon and an investigation When the wreck occured with an cers along the line when they left Shepherd and made a confession.

highway. Officers on guard in months. Ballinger were informed of an auto- Henry Townsend was arrested mobile wreck on the Ballinger-Coleman highway about 1:00 o'clock and went to the scene of the wreck at Ballinger and lodged in jail. once. Arriving they found that the coupe and the four men had run headon into a touring car, and the coupe was lying on its side with all the home Saturday from John Tarleton occupants more or less seriously in- at Stephenville, to spend the holi-

Night Patrolman Walter Watson of Murry at Abdence, that city, took charge of the men and loot as soon as they reached the scene of the smash, finding the goods which were later identified by Mr. to Ballinger and placed in confine-mid-season hat free with each silk

According to evidence brought out at the hearing held Sunday by Merry Christmas.

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd, the robbery was planned by the men United Charities Saturday Morning Several days before it was committed.
On the night of the robbery three men left Golden's bowling alley together and at the door Golden removed, entrance being made by vicinity for about two hours but upon rested by Sheriff McWilliams, and L. L. Graham, a young man who lives poor and needy. is also confined in the Runnels coun- nine miles north of town and made ty jail. Charges of robbery will be a trade with him to carry the men Dr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Craig are little brother are extended the sin-

filed against the men, whose names to Brownwood Saturday night, as spending the holidays in Dallas in the cerest sympathy in this sad hour, of were given as S. E. (Steve) Golden, soon as he closed his place of busi- home of their daughter, Mrs. Jno. A. a host of friends. Pete Hawthorne, C. A. ("Slim") ness. The young man agreed to carry Madole. man apprehended, Henry Townsend. Golden closed his bowling alley and As soon as the robbery was dis- they loaded up for the trip. At this covered Saturday morning, H. O. time a fourth man turned up and he

was started at once. The men who automobile driven by Sid Sides of are alleged to have committed the the Maverick country, all the men in robbery were soon under suspicion, the coupe were hurt, Pete Hawlocal officers believing they would thorn being the worst injured. Beattempt to carry their loot to Cole-sides being bruised and cut in several man or Brownwood that night. Cole- places, Hawthorne was badly scalded man and Ballinger officers were post- when the radiator burst. He was cared along all roads leading between ried to the Halley & Love Sanitarium the two towns while the local officers in Ballinger, where he remained until watched the suspected strties, so Sunday morning at which time he they could "tip off" the other offi- was taken before County Attorney

S. E. Golden was for a time in The party loaded their grips into the restaurant business in Ballinger a small coupe about midnight Sat- operating the American Cafe here. urday night and departed on the After operating the cafe for a short Ballinger-Winters highway, and at time he sold out and moved to Win-Ballinger took the Ballinger-Coleman ters, where he has been for several

Monday morning in connection with the same case, and was taken to

Harold and James Neely arrived days with the home folks. Sid Neely Deputy Bill Ford, of Ballinger, and from Dallas and Gattis from Me-Murry at Abilene, come in home for

#### SPECIAL!

Saturday, and all next week, a or wool dress .- Norman-Smith Dry

A Merry Christmas To All COZY CAFE

G. T. Pounds

### IF WE COULD ONLY BE YOUR SATA CLAUS

We'd fill your needs of life with the things you most need and desire

To all our patrons we send the season's choicest greetings and express our lasting thanks for favors of the past.

FREEMAN'S DRY GOODS

breaking a window out at the rear finding nothing returned to town, and the bank some two years or more comed to the disease.

Deceased was six years, and three in the meantime entrance had been doing nobody no good, so Mr. Walter months old and all was done that lov-Four men were arrested Sunday effected into the Farmers Mercantile Neely, who has the fund in charge ing hands and skilled physicians could morning about 1:00 o'clock by Co. store, and seven Hart Schafner has decided with others that the do in ministering to the little one to deputies from Sheriff R. E. Mc- & Marx suits, a suit case, two over- thing to do was to donate this fund allay the malady and restore him to Williams' office, on the Coleman coats and other items were removed. to the United Charities of the city health, but the loving Father saw road about five miles from Ballinger All the goods were positively identi- and if the donars of the fund make best to call him home. and near Benoit, and are now in fied. The goods were stored in a no complaint, the money will be Funeral services were conducted by jail. A fifth man, alleged to be a room where the men stayed, and on turned over to this organization to Bro. A. H. Clark at the home of Mrs. member of the same gang, was ar- Saturday afternoon Golden called in be used in its work of helping the Goolsby and burial was made in the

Merry Christmas.

THE PASSING OF LITTLE JACK HARDIN

To Give Nice Gift On Sunday, December 20, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hardin and their little visit with relatives. separated from the trio and it is Some four years ago a fund was son, Jack, answered the summons. of Saturday morning the Farmers alleged he decoyed the Winters night made up among the churches and peo- The little fellow was a strong manly Merchantile Co. store was entered watchman out a few miles in the ple of Winters for the purpose of little boy but the dreaded disease of and seven suits of Hart, Schafner & waterman out a few miner waterman o Marx clothes and two overcoats were officer remained with Golden in this ance of \$106.62 has been lying in after a few short days of illness suc-

Winters Cemetery.

The grief stricken parents and

The stork is the old bird that knows the proper Christmas present.

# STOPI

We Want to Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish to extend to our many customers and friends our good wishes and assure you we rejoice with you in your year's prosperity. May your Christmas be indeed a happy one, and may the New Year hold nothing in store for you but happiness and success.

### **FARMERS** Mercantile Co.

NOTE-Watch for our important announcement to be made next week.

# Our Christmas Wish

For our good friends is that it may bring you in touch with those you love and that together with those friends and relatives you may revel in wholesome, helpful enjoyment.

FOR 1926

We are hoping each day will be filled with happy hours in which you will accomplish much for yourself and for others.

WINTERS OIL MILL **Runnels County Gins** 

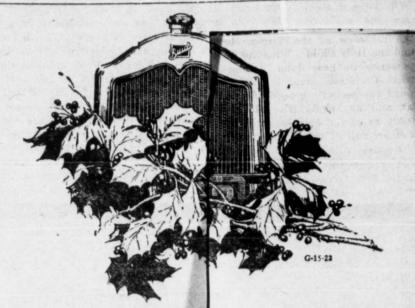
Recently a deal was consummated whereby W. F. Mason of Wilmeth Don Towler for his gin plant at Ballinger. Both of these gentlemen are first-class gin men and gentlemen of the highest type.

How fresh and clean the 1926 Co. resolutions now look.

Mrs. G. A. F. Jones and son, Paul to attend the funeral of Mrs. E. E. of Rush Springs, Oklahoma, are Morris last Monday were B. I. Guinn, spending the week in the home of wife and daughter, Miss Midred, Rev. her brother, Rev. H. H. Stephens. and Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. She leaves Thursday for Eden for a Elliott, Mrs. E. E. Chamberland, Mrs. Elmer Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chapman, all of Munday, Tex-

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gloom gives away to the radiant rays of good cheer and when the world seems at its bestjoy season-and that's

### WE WISH FOR YOU

A bountiful share of all the happiness the season affords.

THANKS

Kindly and sincerely we tender you our thanks for 1925 business. We hope to serve you in 1926.

> ALAMO GARAGE Steve Unfred

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SOUTH MAIN



Mrs. V. Vanzandt Entertained Sunday School Class

gave the holiday air to the lovely evening. rooms of the Vanzandt home on last Tuesday evening when Mrs. Van- prepared by Miss Barber, Sponsor what cake with holly sprigs as zandt was the charming hostess to for the class, and proved a happy E. Clements, J. W. Dixon, H. W.

were enjoyed and in the midst of the or horn or some other toy. the merriment the doors were open- In behalf of the class Auburn Mrs. J. Q. McAdams Hostess clamations of delight were heard as the class for their sponsor. the tree was a surprise to all, as each one was met at the door and Sue Key in serving dainty refreshtheir gifts were secretly placed on the ments of hot chocolate and cake.

After an hour spent in the en- The Neely Home Scene of joyment of the gifts the hostess serv- Lovely Christmas Party ed delicious refreshments of hot chocolate and cake to the class mem-Louise Burton, Clotis Dawson, Jno. mas party. Q. McAdams, Edward Clift, Ora Louise Jordan, Gladys Graham, Marie Jones, Maggie Sue Key, Mary Hthel Clift, and Eva Cox.

#### EGO AMO TE CLUB

day evening when the Ego Amo Te ed. Club entertained at the beautiful The greatest surprise of the evenkome of Mrs. O. C. Williams with a ing came when the guests were al-Christmas tree following a theatre lowed to draw numbers which cor-

ed in all of the party plans, with Miss Kilgore, who, in turn, received poinsettas, holly wreathes and mistle- a surprise when the class presented toe, bedecking the various rooms. In her with a beautiful automizer filled the living room stood a big Christ- with perfume. filled with attractive packages and salad and hot chocolate, cake and ice bags of nuts and candy.

served to Mesdames Speer, Patrick, mas. Phillips, Garret, Unfred, Williams. Misses Dunn, Lloyd, Carter and Mrs. J. Frank Paxton Hostess Flynt.

#### Junior Class Enjoy Lovely Christmas Party

McAdams, their daughter, Miss invited guests. class, following the presentation of fully arranged, brightened one cor- success in life.

before.

Lovely holly wreathes, Christmas fully decorated in Christmas decora- each member experienced a keen bells, and festoons of red and green tions and the holiday spirit was very sense of pleasure in the exchange of crepe paper, artistically arranged, apparent in the merriment of the gifts.

Several very clever games were the members of her Sunday school diversion for the evening. A charmclass and invited guests. Each ing basket filled with gifts which member was asked to bring one were exchanged caused many expressions of delight as each opened Quite a number of lively games their package and found a doll, whis-

ed to the adjoining rooms, reveal- Neely presented Miss Barber with a To Literary and Service Club ing a wonderful Christmas tree beau- beautiful comb, brush and mirror, tifully decorated and holding gifts in mother of pearl and amber, attestfor each one present. Many ex- ing the true love and devotion of

Marjorie was assisted by Maggie day, December 17.

bers, Ruth Woodrow, Clara Nell week occured at the home of Mr. sion on Home ownership as a medium McAdams, Mildred Spill, Irby Key, Mrs. Walter Neeely on Friday, Dec- for greater civic pride and progress Rvelyn Davidson, Arley Dry, Mozelle ember 18, when their daughter, was led by Mesdames Owens, Gaston Wilson, Mamie Jones, C. T. Rives Lavera, entertained the Sophomore and McAdams. and invited guests, Maurine Speer, class with a cleverly planned Christ-

fully decorated with Christmas bells ing the holidays with her parents, and wreathes and the holiday spirit Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Jones. prevailed throughout the evening.

Various games were played and The wholly hilarious holiday spirrt hour. The music by Miss Mitchell son, came in one day the past week

responded with gifts on a Christmas The Christmas motif was express- tree presented by the class sponsor,

mas tree effectively decorated in Delicious refreshments were served brilliantly colored ornaments, and in two courses consisting of chicken Sunday, December 20. cream. The guests departed each future home in Littlefield. A lovely refreshment plate was wishing the other a Merry Christ-

#### To Diversity Club

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Paxton was the scene A wedding of interest to many On last Friday evening at the when Mrs. Paxton was the charm- Bryant to Earl B. Caffey on Decemlovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Q. ing hostess to the Diversity club and ber 19.

Mrs. Will Curry was program leader and the following program was carried out:

Roll call, "What I want for Christmas" and exchange of gifts. A naner by Mrs. Carl Henslee on Christmas Customs in Foreign the class play "Seventeen," the night Lands," and a paper by Mrs. Maddox on Christmas Literature. The entire The reception rooms were beauti- program was intensely interesting and

> A dainty refreshment plate of chicken sandwiches, olives, hot tea plate favors was passed to Mesdames Lynn, Townsend, H. W. Robinson, J. M. Pyburn; W. L. Curry, C. S. Jackson, R. C. Maddox, Carl Henslee Geo. C. Hill, T. D. Dunn and Carl

The Literary and Service club met in regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. McAdams Thurs-

Mrs. Chas. Chapman was program leader and the following program was carried out: Roll call, "What is Home?" Song, "Old Folks at Home." The Home as Social and Educational Center, Mrs. J. M. One of the loveliest parties of the Skaggs. The round table discus-

Miss Mary Lena Jones, who is The reception rooms were beauti- teaching at Corpus Christi, is spend-

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Patterson of furnished a happy diversion for the Plainview, parents of J. W. Patterprevaded the atmosphere last Thurs- was appreciated and greatly enjoy- to make their home in Winters. We welcome them to our city and assure them they have chosen the best place in West Texas for a home.

#### LEWIS-BEELER

of the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. C. T. Rives. Miss Florine to Mr. Clarence Beeler. The marriage was solemnized

Mr. and Mrs. Beeler will make their

The Enterprise joins with their many friends in wishing for them a long and prosperous life.

#### MISS EFFIE BRYANT WEDS EARL E. CAFFEY

of a lovely party Friday of last week friends was that of Miss Effie

Marjorie was hostess to the Junior Colorful Christmas decorations the parsonage of the Church of class at a cleverly planned Christ- combined with pot flowers and cut Christ, Bro. A. H. Clark officiating. mas party, which came as a fitting flowers added beauty to the recep- Mr. and Mrs. Caffey have a host climax to the many activities of the tion rooms. A Christmas tree, care- of friends who wish for them every



In this Quietide season, the old message is still the best.

With the spirit of Christmas eber growing stronger, we send our greeting, thankful for the strengthened friendship and finer good-will the year has brought.

### The Winters State Bank

The many Winters friends of the Miss Bonnie Rives, student of home from State University to spend sister, Mrs. J. W. Gideon. family or Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis Trinity University, is spending the the holidays with her parents, Mr. and were interested in the announcement holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Stevens.

John McNeil went to Abilene Wednesday to accompany his daughter,

J. M. Baird of Temple, is spend- Miss Irene, a student in McMurry Miss Mattie Mae Stevens is at ing the holidays in the home of his college, home for the holidays.

**Christmas** 

GOOD WISHES



If we had the ordering of your Christmas it would certainly be the happiest you ever enjoyed.

As it is, accept our wish and our hope that you will enjoy this Christmas in an old fashioned way and have the happiness that you had in childhood days.

We also wish the children a Christmas of merriment of the fullest degree.

Appreciative of favors and patronage, we wish all our customers and friends in Winters and vicinity a joyful Holiday Season.

WINTERS ICE & FUEL

# Important Notice!

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

After trying the fall credit business I find it not a success, as it creates the costs of groceries too high for the cash trade, so I deem it best to make my house a cash store, starting Jan. 1st, 1926.

I always tried to do all I could for my customers, and I know there is no one who appreciates them more than I do, and I ask that you come in and see if we can not give you the same good service in the cash business, as we have in the credit.

#### **Until Next Christmas**

May you all have a year full of good health, happiness and prosperity. We thank you one and all as friends who have helped with generous patronage and goods wishes to make our business the past year, both profitable and a pleasure.

Hargrove Grocery

# New Fords Call For Lots of Raw Material

The shipping list taken to market by the Ford Motor Company when buying materials for the improved Ford cars would impress even Santa Claus. Yet the most canny housewife is no more critical or painstaking in disposing of her modest budget than were the Ford purchasing agents in spending millions.

The new "longer and lower bodies,"
"All-steel construction" and "closed cars in colors" made necessary vastly increased supplies of materials which had gone into the discontinued line as well as distinctly raw materials and equipment in staggering amounts.

Changing over to all-steel bodies alone meant an increase in consumption of steel of that type of more than 38,000 tons per year. Increasing the size of the gasoline tank and changing its location called for another increase of 2,000 tons. Effecting the changes in the design of the running board and shield to give greater rigidity and improved appearance required 5,000 extra tons of that type of steel.

Other improvements and refinements were proportionate. A year's production of the enlarged rear wheel brakes would require, it was estimated 13,000 extra tons of east iron, 10,000 tons of steel and 2,500 miles additional asbestos brake lining. Color enamel to the volume of 100,000 gallons were estimated to cover a year's production of "closed cars in colors." Adoption of nickled headlight rims and radiator shells as standard equipment on closed cars required 125 tons of pure pickel annodes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Labenske and daughter, Mildred, Ed Labenske, E. M. Wallace and Mrs. J. J. Swatchsue spent Sunday in Bronte.

The afternoon and evening of Dec. 24 is the time most people wish they had paid some attention to the plea that they shop early.

Miss Elden Jones of Miles was a week-end guest of Misses Pauline Dunn and Carrie Flynt.

Mistletoe strategically placed?



Betty Compson and Theodore Kosloff

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# To Our PATRONS

WE WISH YOU THE

HAPPINESS

of Pleasant Association and Rich Experience During Christmas

**PROSPERITY** 

Health and a Busy, Useful Year in 1926

J. I. STREET

# Resolved

That we may best show our appreciation of your loyalty and patronage to this business by

SERVING YOU BETTER IN 1926

And if you present us the opportunity we will do it.

ACCEPT OUR THANKS

for your patronage during 1925 and our wishes that 1926 will be good to you.

WILLIAMS & MILLER GIN COMPANY

As We Come Gratefully Acknowledging
How Good You've Been to Us

We not only tender, as best we know how hearty thanks, but from the depths of sincere heats

Wish You a Christmas Filled WITH EVERY HAPPINESS

And a New Year, each day of which you may bask in the sunshine of love, health, material posperity and the joy that comes from the satisfaction of usefulness

Wm. Cameron & Co.

**HOME BUILDERS** 

# Vuletide - Good -Fellowship



It was a story in the Atlantic that quotation, it comes from Mathew for by the women's clubs. Christand reads thus, "Inasmuch as ye have mas boxes are prepared by members, done it unto one of the least of these, with the definite stipulation that the

that is exemplified in the good fellow with gifts of satisfactory cards, cigar- some of the suggestions given here work that has been carried on for ettes, different things the men will will prove worth while. It becomes, many years. At the Christmas sea- enjoy. In one place, one organiza- after all, a matter of looking beyond son, it is a truism, of course, to say, tion gave each man a handkerchief, one's own doorstep, a matter of that as our hearts are overflowing another group gave socks, another with "good will to men" we desire prepared a tree for each ward and "Peace on earth, good will to men" to share of our bounty with those so on. not so fortunate.

How best to extend of our good to others is the great question. The joyous occasion to the needy ones.

But while with these names a house, that soap would be welcome, splendid work may be done, there remain those dear shy folks who will not admit that for some good reason this Christmas is to be a slim one. If through careful questioning ne can find out these people, an opportunity is afforded for giving, that will be deeply appreciated.

#### Teacher Distributes Packages

In the schools, too, good fellow work has been carried, with excellent esults. Packages are brought to the eachers for distribution, and each Ald has thus had a chance to share his good with his "brother."

The children, no question about it, will enjoy their Christmas more for having thought of others, and for baving prepared for their happiness. A valuable suggestion has come in the form of interesting children in the hospitals of their own cities. Children in one family or in small floups can prepare Christmas for he Children's ward of the hospital. For one thing, broken toys can be epaired for the sick ones. Paint nd paste will do wonders, and keep ittle fingers happily busy. Games can be donated or bought. Then there are scrap books to be made. Colored pictures from magazines and dvertisements can be cut out and pasted on paper cambric, the edges of which have been neatly "pinked." Animal pictures always interest children, and all sorts of childish scenes and activities.

#### Arrange "Letter" Scrapbook

Then other scrapbooks can be filled, in the form of letters. A little printing is necessary here for example, "Dear Friend, (lettering) Father (picture) and Mother (picture) join me in wishing you a very merry Christmas (lettering). We xpect Santa Claus (picture) and his reindeers (picture) soon." This will give an idea of how to arrange a 'letter" scrapbook.

The older folks can assist in arranging for the decoration of the bospital ward, and arrange, too, for ome Christmas music. In some wards, new records for the phonoraph will be acceptable and in others, a little program of Christmas arols can be sung for the invalids. There are many, many ways to bring happiness to those who are perhaps weary of waiting to be "up" and well,

Speaking of hospitals, reminds us et to forget the ex-soldiers who are

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#### Help for Settlement Houses

newspapers have taken a lively inter- clubs may undertake at Christmas is expect to make their future home. est in the matter and have supplied to assist a settlement house. One We regret very much to have them barbed wire corrale names to all who wished them so club reported to its members, that leave Winters and wish for them that Christmas would be more of a clothes, especially stockings, were every success in their new home. needed at its "adopted" settlement

the gospel of sharing. In case the or other, in our institutions. In group of members were asked to Holt, Noah Beery, Billie Dove and reader isn't quite certain of the entire some communities this work is cared make baby clothes, that were much Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. needed, for babies in that district.

> For each club, and for each famof \$1.50 so that all will receive gifts vidual way of handling their "Good that we all so ardently desire.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Anthony left Another fine work the woman's Saturday for Brownwood where they

Merry Christmas.

We Greet

YOU

Dear Friends and

**Patrons** 

With the age old, but never

surpassed wish for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MIDWAY BARBER SHOP

S. Roe- H. L. Bobo- C. G. Smith-

A. V. Duncan- H. S. Meredith-

# New Zane Gray

new and high-powered western melo- horse paced a mile in one minute Owens. drama, "Wild Horse Mesa," will make and twenty seven seconds. I should its local debut at the Queen Theatre have said two twenty seven. And A warm heart brightens a cold Friday and Saturday, December 25 then the editor being used to telling Christmas.

To the lively plot, full of adventurous action and compelling drama, staged against a rugged, majestic background-a duplicate of the Wild Horse Mesa, a gigantic and practically inaccessible wilderness in Utah,-has been added a spirited cast featurreferred to the "Inasmuch" theory, - still paying for the war in some way and preserves and jellies too. A ing such sterling favorites as Jack

Interwoven with the theme of the story, which has to do with the capturing, taming and selling of wild my brethren, ye have done it unto box is not to exceed in value \$1.00 ily, there is an interesting and indi- horses, is a virile romance that has a surprising twist, since it involves It is the spirit of this quotation alike. Pretty boxes are made ready Fellow" work and it is hoped that a half a dozen people whose love affairs are strangely crisscrossed.

"Wild Horse Mesa" was adapted by Lucien Hubbard and directed by George B. Seitz. Advance advices "sharing," a matter of adding to the hail it as "the production of a thousand thrills," for from start to finish it is milestoned with gasp-provoking scenes and situations that are topped by a smashing climax in which several thousand terror-stricken wild horses are stampeded into vicious

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#### "I STAND CORRECTED"

In my article on diversification in

'fish stories," dropped the seven seconds from the twenty making it Story Coming last week's paper, I was writing for with it if it hadn't been for Bert a prize and was naturally making Low and H. W. Lynn, who are Paramount has picturized another things look big-but I had no inten-golfers and used to yarns like that. of those red-booded stories from the tion of disgracing the pacing record I want to warn the public to watch facile pen of Zane Grey, and this of "Dan Patch" when I said our their golfing record .- Mrs. M. L.

# Season's

### Greetings

Here's hoping your Christmas will be cheery and bright and that good fortune will smile on you through the days of 1926.

AND TO THIS WE ADD OUR THANKS FOR

YOUR BUSINESS OF THE PAST

#### **CURRY BROTHERS**

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And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold. I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. "Peace On Earth

### Good Will Toward Men"

Only the soul that knows Peace and Good Will can radiate them to all.

In the efforts of the Statesman of the world, urged onward by the prayers of all men everywhere, "Peace on Earth," the song of the angels at Bethlehem, is becoming a reality.

So our wish to you and yours is that you may know Peace; peace from sorrow, from anger and hate, from worldly care and the deceitfulness of riches; that your heart may be filled to overflowing with the love that comes from the knowledge of work well done.

#### Nance-Brown Motor Company



# **Christmas** Greetings

-What would be more appreciated by your family or your friends who are not with you at Christmas time than to hear your voice over the telephone on Christmas Eve?

—Our evening rate on station-to-station calls from 8:30 p. m. until midnight is approximately one-half of the day rate and our night rate on station-to-station calls from midnight until 4:30 a.m. is approximately one-fourth of the day rate.

—Distance is eliminated. Our service is universal. Ask our operator to quote you rate to any point reached by telephone in the United States.

—The employes and management of your telephone Co., extends to you Holiday Greetings with the wish that this Christmas of 1925 will be to you and yours a time of Happiness and Good Cheer.

> **MERRY CHRISTMAS** 'AT YOUR SERVICE"

West Texas Telephone Company

### With the Baptist

Announcements

SUNDAY-Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U's. 6:00 p. m. Preaching 7 p. m.

At the evening service there will be a Baptising. WEDNESDAY-

by a business meeting of all Unions colors: and Deacon's meeting.

#### WHITE CHRISTMAS SER-

The white Christmas service at Some respond in accents sweet; the First Batpist church last Sunday Some push by on hurried feet; was one of the most impressive ser- Some look daggers down the street. vices we have ever been privileged Some withstand, while some exto attend, and we understand an of-

fering of \$725.00 was made. An unusually good program was carried out and Miss Laura Coup- 'Tis a joy upon the street, land's appeal as one from the foreign fields, was very forceful and from You who scan the tribe of man, the heart, and Miss Myrtle O. Barber spoke very touchingly and made the You who greet accents sweet, appeal of one who is ready to go to the foreign fields. Bert Low, in a Keeps me happy down the street. very earnest manner, spoke on "Our Responsibility," and a recitation by Mrs. Leslie Alexander entitled "White Some there are who understand Gifts For Our King," was a strong K.C., Mo., Christmas, 1925.

appeal for gifts for the Master. White envelopes were passed and each laid his or her cash offering MRS. E. E. MORRIS on an alter of white.

#### Scouts to Perfect District Organization Winters

James P. Fitch, Regional Scout of the following seven counties: as, where they have resided for the Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Taylor, past nine months. She made a pro-Callahan, Runnels and Coleman.

been in existance for three years will and has been an active worker in the be a part of this area organization, church. Her church life was one of Mr. Fitch and Mr. Barnes have been faithfulness and consecreation and in Abilene during the past week per- Rev. P. D. O'Bryan, her pastor at feeting plans and the work has al- Munday said some beautiful things of

The plan is a part of the scheme being formulated by the National Friday at the first Bautist church by Council of the Boy Scouts of Ameri- Rev. H. H. Stephens who spoke in ca to cover the whole of the United words of tenderest sympathy and com States with this type of organization. forted the heart broken relatives with Already the states of California, Christian hopes and promises. Inter-Arizona, Utah, Nevada and New ment was made in the Winters Mexico have been completely covered. Cemetery. It makes possible the employing of highly trained men to supervise the ones are extended the sincerest work and all the communities in the sympathy of many friends. area council will participate in the same type of program that has been in operation in the large cities of

Mr. Barnes, area Organization Executive, with organization headquarters at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, will be on the job until the organization is completed. Representatives from the various towns in the seven counties will be secured to form the area council.

The need for Scouting in this area is apparent. 10 per cent of the population are boys. The average boy has 3,000 hours of leisure time, annually to spend from the leadership of home, church and school. The leisure time hours, Scouting seeks to fill with useful activities.

Scouting turns the boys of the community from an unorganized group to an organized force for community service and good.

Scouting will make better citizens through having served as citizens while boys. It turns the activities of the gang into safe channels. What boys do builds their habits and character. Scouting provides attractive, interest, gripping activity of the right kind. Scouting provides adult commadeship in plastic years whence crime and religion alike recruit largest numbers. It satisfies the boy's normal craving for adventure. It gives the boy concrete code of ideals to reinforce the teachings of home, church and school.

Judge Ben Lindsay says, "If every boy could be a Scout we would no longer have need for Juvenile Courts and Reform Schools for boys." Judge Lindsay has handled more than 40,000 juvenile delinquents. The money spent in the seven counties to be organized into this Area Council, to care for juvenile delinquents, amounts to three times as much as is needed to finance the Scout program for the entire area.

FOUND-Ladies' white Kid glove an Winters streets. Apply to C. E. Jordan. Owner can have same by describingg the love and paying for

The following Christmas greeting was sent to Rev. and Mrs. Hal F. Smith by Rollin J. Bretton of Kansas City, Mr. Bretton cach year composes and designs his own greeting cards and writes under the name of Guy Blue. Rev. Smith lived in Gallatin, Mo., at the same time of Mr. Bretton's residence in that city. Following is the sentiment which was Regular prayer meeting followed beautifully printed on the card in

#### Greeting

I'm a greeter on the street, Speaking to each one I meet; VICE VERY IMPRESSIVE Boy or man-child or woman,

Dog or cat-spook or human;

pand-

Some there are who understand.

Your sweet graciousness to meet

With a love that's truly human.

With a smile that's hard to beat; Some withstand, while some ex-

pand. -Guy Blue

BURIED HERE FRIDAY

The news of the sad death of Mrs. E. E. Morris, which occured Thursday, December 17, at the local sanitarium was received as a profound shock by the entire citizenship of

Deceased was born June 8, 1902 and was before her marriage Miss Executive of the National Council Lella Lois Mills and had made this Boy Scouts of America together place her home most all her life, with Carl W. Barnes, Area Organiza- coming here with her parents, Mr. tion Executive, have completed ar- and Mrs. Jno. H. Mills when she was rangements for the organization of an infant just six months old, mova large Boy Scout Council composed ing with her family to Munday, Texfession of faith at the age of eleven The Abilene Council which has years and joined the Baptist church her in his tribute to her life.

Funeral services were conducted

The bereaved husband and loved

#### To Our Friends and Patrons

There are days for selling merchandise And days to send a bill, But this one day of all the year We send you just "Good Will"

-Yes, 'tis Christmas Time again-and we want to take this opportunity of wishing you the compliments of the season-a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

-We've appreciated the business sent our way during 1925—we have tried mighty hard to please youand we hope to number you as a friend and customer in the years to come.

-So here's a hearty "Thank You" for your good will in the past, and the best of wishes for your prosperity, health and happiness in 1926.

CAMPBELL'S CAFE

# Removal Sale

Owing to the fact that I am going to move my stock of groceries and fixtures to a new location about Jan. 1st, 1926, I will make special reduction in prices on many items in the grocery line so that I can reduce my stock as much as possible before moving.

I will be located after the first of the year in the building now occupied by Gardner Bros. Dry Goods, where I hope to have a better location for operating a grocery business.

If you have not been a customer to my house start in now while I am offering you goods at a reduced price preparatory to moving the first of the year.

Come to me for all kinds of fruits, candies and nuts for the Christmas season and oblige.

Yours truly,

### The OAKLAND SIX has a fighting heart

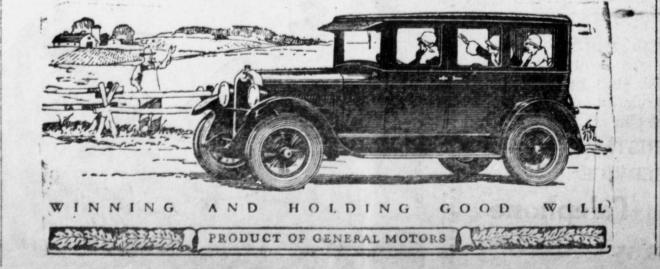
Top speed all day long if you wish Your new Oakland Six can "rake it." And be ready and cager next morning for more. You don't have to coddle this car You don't have to be afraid of high speed and haid going. Advanced engineering has pre-pared the new Oakland Six for gruelling servide.

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#### AT THE

# YULETIDE

### **WE ARE** REMINDED

Of the kindness shown us back through the year and of the new friends and old friends. As we do so this Christmas our hearts are filled with gratitude and we are made to believe that 1925 has been good to us. Thus feeling and in the great spirit that fills our hearts and minds at this season we extend

# GREETINGS

And good wishes for Christmas and for 1926

LANKFORD'S BAKERY

Let Us Stop At This Mile-stone Called

# CHRISTMAS

And linger awhile in the sacred observance of a Great Day to recount the blessings of life. Before we pass on into 1926 let us pause here a moment at Christmas time to exchange greetings and good wishes. Let us assure you that from us our patrons are given a message of good cheer in which we wish to voice our appreciation of your generous treatment in 1925. And as we pass on into 1926 may we work together in unity-in the spirit of unselfish service for the upbuilding of our community.

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Five o'clock found Ben at his evening job of milking old Star, appointed about a party. Maybe this in all sorts of outfits, silently exhis head pressed against her flank one would be different. and a foaming pail between his A strange figure in a domino ad- powder puff and mirror. No word knees. With the rhythm of the mitted them to the house and point- was spoken for voice were too well She had whispered to Ben that they thought drifting. He thought of the ed the way upstairs. Both had known. splashing milk. Ben found his slipped on their masks. In the ladies She joined Ben and went down to evening coming. Margaret had been room Margaret found other women, the long living room. They stood

a little excited about it. He hoped she wouldn't feel disappointed. So many times she had been disappointed. He was the quiet type and so was she and so often they had seemed to sit back in the corners, and there had to depend on each other for conversation He hoped tonight would be different for her

He picked up the three legged stool the same time he rose from his work. He hung the pail of milk high on a peg away from the cat and prepared the shed for the long winter night. This done he next inspected the boiler room for his small green-house, where his sweet peas were being picked. He brought his milk through the verdent perfumed aisle, observing the ventilation, temperature within and without, and the cases of flowers ready for the early morning train. Then on he went through the connecting sheds to the kitchen where its light revealed him. Ben was this side of thirty-five, the kind of an unassuming individual one would expect to be a supreme gardener. He was quite bald save for a fringe just above his ears. He was slender and gave the appearance of having worn the same clothes year in and year out.

#### Getting Ready for Supper

Margaret was busy with supper. She wasn't much to look at either. She, too, was slender, flat chested, her black hair unmanagable, her eyes not exactly straight, but with all one felt instantly her kindly attitude. All the neighbors' children called her Auntie Margaret. She wore a faded blue wool dress, white apron and a gray sweater.

Not much romance had touched their lives during the ten years of marriage. There had been so much plain hard work. And tonight they sat down to supper much the same as they had day after day.

But it wasn't quite the same. Both felt a thrill tonight of which they did not speak. But Margaret could follow Ben's thought, when he asked if she had finished her dress. Yes it was all ready to put on.

A neighbor had invited them to a Christmas Masquerade. And also had offered them costumes which they were glad to accept. Margaret had needed to adjust the dress a little, when she tried it on. And the reflection in the glass had been,well so different,-so, well, pretty. Ben liked to have her look pretty, but lately she had been too tired to care much about her looks.

Wears a Simple Outfit Ben's outfit was quite simple and

hadn't needed much adjustment. She helped him tie a wide gay red shash about his waist and slip a velvet sleeveless jacket over his white blouse. A red scarf over his head, tied at the back, and heavy gold circles for ear rings finished his costume. She stood back and looked at him and then gave him a little hug, and went away smiling. Dear quiet Ben, but he did look really,like a movie hero, almost.

Her dress was easy to manage with a series of little snaps down the front. She slipped into it with a little shiver of pleasure. She had had so few party dresses. And this one seemed designed to hide her angularity, and provide her with an elusive grace. The skirt hung in billows of black net, and the bodice glistened with sequins of black. A very high comb stood in her hair. Over it hung to lace mantilla draped over her arms hiding sharp elbow and even hiding lines about her neck. She thrilled again at the reflection in the glass. Ben told her she looked very nice, which was his highest praise, and that he had called a cab.

Worries About Margaret

On the way over Ben wondered again about the sort of evening they would have. Margaret surely did look fine,-he hated to have her disBen always dreaded this part. Then the music started with a bang. A chubby man slid across the floor to Margaret. He wore a tight cutaway coat over impossible baggy white trousers, and a high hat that was much too small.

"I know you," he cried, "Come and

#### Time to Unmask

"Oh, no, you don't," she said as they whirled away. Her neighbor had mentioned that she had worn this dress before to a party given by this group. She looked back for Ben. He was dancing with a merry looking person in a tight old fashioned red dress and wearing a hat with a wierd wired plume standing erect

Two more dances and "Time to unmask" was shouted.

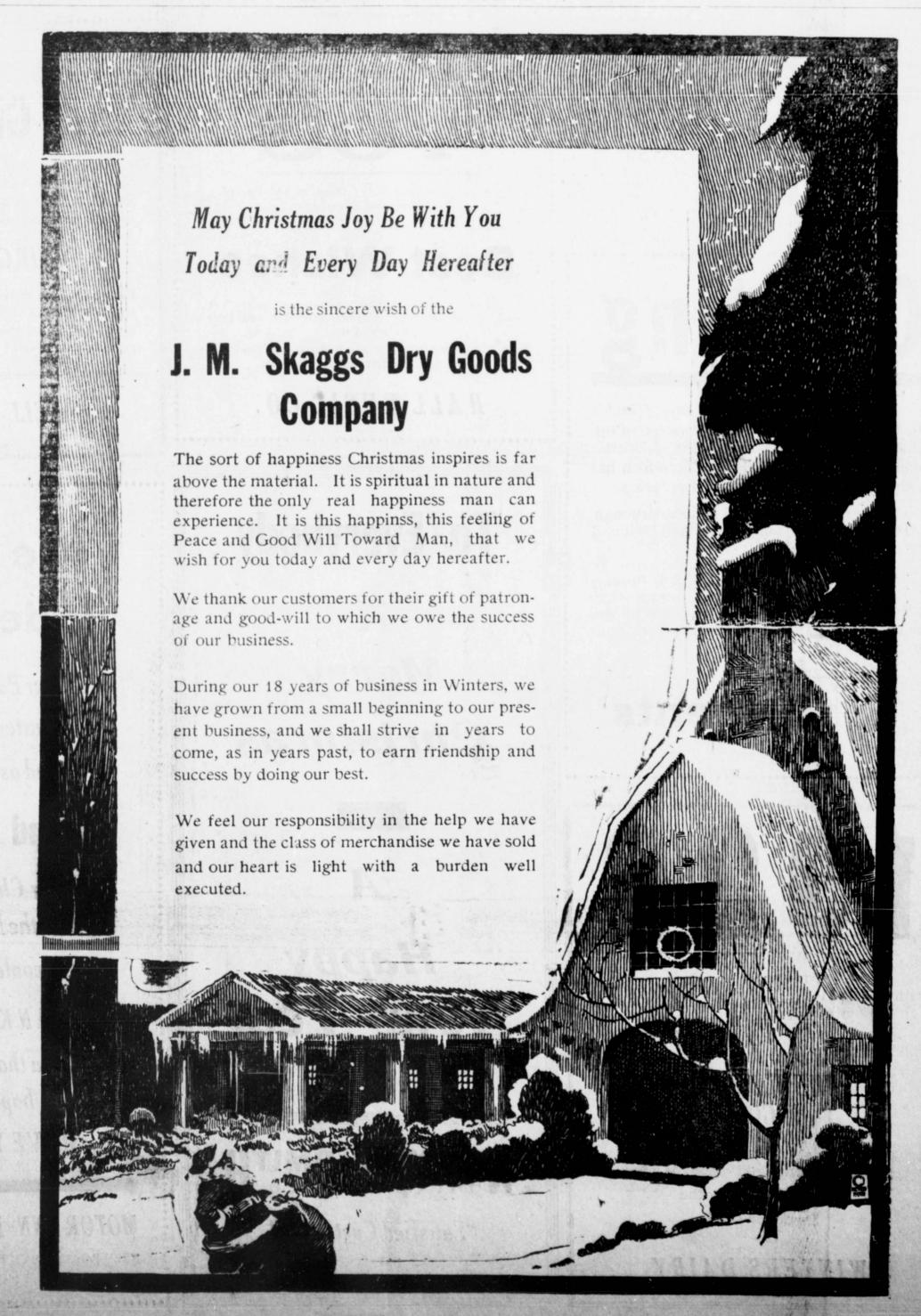
Margaret looked for her friends. must be either the pair of kittens or

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# Greetings

While many friends on Christmas Day send greetings good and true, just let us add to all they say our sincere, "We too."

Geo. Rosson





Amid great excitement the wren is sought and killed and tied to a stick. It is then carried from house to house while a crude rhyme is recited, and money is besought. finally it is buried with great solemnity in the graveyard, with singing

It is thought by Mr. Ingersoll, to whose book, "Birds in Legend, Fable and Folklore," we are indebted, that this may be traced back to the early hatred the Christians felt toward the Druids The wren was the Druid Bird. From its chirpings the priest drew auguries, and thus the poor little bird became an object of disapproval, if not hatred to the Christians. The killing of it became the symbol of the severance of all connection with

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All hail to Christmas.

And be of good cheer.

# Greetings

CHRISTMAS and THE

To our new and old friends, accept our sincere thanks for your past favors.

VAN H. PIERCY

Some say that ever 'gainst that sea-

Whereon our Savior's birth is celebrated The bird of dawning singeth all night long

are the ones associated with the birth in barns and haystacks. and life of our Master. The reference above shows that the great Poet was familiar with the old story of the cock's crowing at midnight, at sisted by his children, takes a sheaf the Savior's birth, a legend dating of unthreshed wheat and ties it to a back to the fourth century.

stories connected with the crucifix- have all sorts of little thrills over ion, than with the birth of Jesus, his pleasure in their gift. this way become almost sacred be- fears most unhappily this season in them. These legends are told to Customs, the origin of which is lost the youngsters of many countries, in the mists of time, decree that litand have created a feeling of af. tle wren must die. fectionate regard for the bird, re- On the Isle of Man, it happens

sulting in many pretty customs, d signed to show forth their love.

For this reason, among the rural villages and farms of northern Europe, where Friend Robin stays bered by the children. Grain is scat-Legends of birds are as old as tered about on the roofs for his history itself. Many and quaint Christmas, and he is offered shelter

#### What They Do in Sweden

In Sweden the good farmer, as pole for Robin to feast upon. The There seem to be many more children watch for his coming, and

Robins, swallows and owls have in Alas for the poor little wren. It cause of some pretty story about Ireland and on the Isle of Man.

# Invite

To hang your stocking of Hope on the Peg of Promise and Receive by

### **Best Wishes**

An overflow of undisturbed happiness, peace of mind, health of body, warmth of heart and lasting joy of life.

In the gladsome spirit of the Yuletide we send our Greeting to all friends and patrons.

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# Your Gift To Us

The gift of your confidence and trust in us is a great gift. Valuing it as we do we shall strive earnestly never to dissappoint you. Allow us to extend

#### **OUR GREETINGS**

For an old time merrie Christmas and a New Year free from cares and woes but filled with an active, enjoyable and successful leadership of your chosen endeavors.

HARWELL- HICKMAN CO.

# Greeting

—I would not feel right to let this "Christ's Birthday" pass without an expression of my thanks to the many friends and old customers for the cordial relationship which has existed between us the past five years.

—Am so thankful for that priceless though, intangible asset, "Your Good Will" which I prize beyond measure.

—Like the treasure ship of olden times full fraught with precious things-may Christmas and the New Year come to you laden with all that will make for your happiness and contentment.

### E. Clements

Clements Hardware Co.

# To Everybody Merry Christm as

Happy New Year

NORMAN-SMITH Dry Goods S Co. H

"Satisfied Customers"

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To Our Patrons for Many Countesies in the Past and as We Come to

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For Christmas and the New Year We would not forget to THANK YOU TOO and tell you that in the days to come it is our hope and ambition to SERVE YOU BETTER

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May it be filled to overflowing with the good things of life for you and yours.

#### THE OLD YEAR IS GONE

But it brought us many new friends and strengthened old ones. We are truly thankful for the

favors of 1925

WINTERS DAIRY

#### Yuletide Legends—

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St. Stephen's Day.

#### Turkeys for Christmas

mas. We think of this bird as the ever so many. one that should be served on A proverb from Cornwall will fur- dramatic club, and the club will put Thanksgiving, because the Puritians, nish us with a wise maxim. who did not observe Christmas to "He that hurts robin or wren any extent, handed down to us this Will never prosper, boy or men." custom. While they, no doubt, were influenced by the fact that it was Remarkable Improvethose hard days, still they may have brought the custom from England with them.

Going back a good ways, boar's head was the special Christmas dish. Then came the religious struggles when the "English Dissenters" and "Papists" were continually at swords' points. The Dissenters could not countence anything savoring of So the "noble bird" became the spe-

Another legend of a bird has come down to us, varying in different had a large lump of dough, which daughter reduced the size of the

However, as it baked it swelled to Barber, Auburn Neely as editor, and Samuel Harris enormous size, and the girl exclaimed, "Heu, Heu." The sound suggested that of an owl and the girl was forthwith transformed into that bird. Ophelia says, in Hamlet, "They say the owl was a baker's daughter," a reference to this old

#### Baker Changed to Cukoo

In Northern Germany, a baker's man was the guilty one, and the Lord changed him to a cuckoo. He wore a dun coat, and thus the cuckoo wears one, too with white spots on the wings where flour was sprinkled.

There are many stories of owls. One sad little legend tells that the owl at one time had a sweet voice and sang charmingly. Unhappily it was present when Jesus died, and since that day it cannot bear daylight, and cries "Cruz, Cruz." story comes from spain

all the farm animals are able to talk Last year the first "Glacier" appear-Druidical practices. Varations of could slip away some Christmas Eve and Mrs. Jackson as leaders. An this savage custom are Christmas and and hear them! The legend does not excellent Glee Club, under the direchaps they have far more curious in September. If he but knew, the turkey, too, legends than any we can gather from Under the direction of Miss would dread the approach of Christ- ancient chronicles, be our sources Mitchell, an orchestra was organized.

#### ments in W. H. S. in the Last Two Years

(From High School Gale)

(By Jack Callan)

It would be remarkable to notice the wonderful improvements which have occured in Winters High school in the past two years. First, the and Mr. A. H. Smith.

Second, the biology labotory, the The cast is as follows: countries. As told by the peasantry tion of classroom desks A new and Margie Rennsler new chemistry laboratory, the addi- Barbara Ollison of the English Midlands, a mother up-to-date library has added to the Evelyn Foster literal activities of the school. Last Nonie Galloway she promised to bake for Jesus. Her year under the direction of Miss Joseph Westcott Barber, a winning debating team was Jimmie Westcott lump, until when it finally went into had; this year "The Gale" by the Charlie Donton the oven, it was very small indeed. aid of the Faculty Advisor, Miss Horace Townsend

From Russia comes the legend that other members of the student body. on Christmas Eve, from midnight ed, this team work has started for a until sunrise. This is because Christ better "Glacier" -- with Milburn was born in a manger. Would one Curry, Bendina Spill, Benton Neely say what they talk about, but per-tion of Mrs. Jackson, was organized

> Miss Ruth Jones is the director of the on their first play on December 31.

A winning football team was had under the excellent supervision of Coach Smith. On the contrary, the school is overcrowded and soon it will be absolutely necessary for a new school to be built.

#### "Barbara Makes a Splash" Coming December the 31st

(From High School Gale)

The Dramatic Club, with Miss Ruth "Papist" practices. And besides, faculty—Miss M. O. Barber, Mrs. C. Jones as sponsor, will present "Barturkeys were abundant during those S. Jackson, Miss Mitchell, Miss Kill- bara Makes a Splash," during the gore, Miss Ruth Jones, Mr. Robert- Christmas holidays. This play is a cial meat for Christmas, and still is. son, Coach C. R. Smith, Mr. Mitchell splendid comedy throughout and will

> Leon Campbell Bendina Spill Marie Griffis Alecne Jones Perry Barber Dell Barber Loyd Edwards Joe Vancil Ross Bartlett

The good will and many courtesies you have shown us; your valued patronage given us are worthy indeed of our sincere thanks and we add our heartiest wishes that you will enjoy a

Merry Christmas

THE LEADER

### A Most Cordial

# GREETING

TO 1926

WITH ITS UNTOLD POSSIBILITIES FOR ALL OF US

We are glad to pause, here at the beginning of 1926 to send greetings and thanks to all our friends and patrons and to pledge anew our strongest efforts to please you.

# ... W. lanner

# THO UNITEDIVIDO

# Contain All the Happiness You Desire

And as the happy Yuletide days go by and you enter the New Year may its dawn bring a full measure of Prosperity, Good Health and True Contentment

## We Want to Serve You In 1926

and feel that we will be better prepared to merit your patronage than evre befor in the history of this business

First National Bank

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#### PROGRAM

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Ductt-Sunflower Dance	McClymont
Sunshine Fairies	Smith
Joyce Henslee	
Spangles	Leslie
Frances Johnson	
Song-Sleepy Hollow Tune	Kountz
The Broken Melody Joyce Henslee	Van Biene
Little Indian Frances Johnson	
Gypsy Dance Joyce Henslee	Hunt
Expectancy Frances Johnson	Martin
Duett-Dance of the Winds	Peabody
My Pretty Lass	Pacher
Joyce Henslee	
The North Wind	Kern
Frances Johnson	
Action Song—The Chinese Umbrella	Lewis

Our County Agent, C. W. Lehm-

latter part of last week from a trip

the interest in this that he is and we

FREE! FREE!

#### CUT COTTON ACREAGE. SAYS SENATOR HEFLIN berg and Bert E. Low returned the

Washington, Dec. 22.—Southern to Floresville, Texas, where they had members of Congress comprising the so-called cotton bloc have been invited to attend a meeting in Atlanta, soy milch cows. In conversation Jan. 5, called by H. D. Wilson of with Mr. Low, we were advised that Louisiana, president of the organiza- they found just what they wanted tion of Commissioners of Agricul- and he thought what was needed in ture of the cotton growing States. the Winters country, for as we all

In discussing the meeting in the know there is no better farming coun-Senate today Senator Heflin of try anywhere than ours, but sad to Alabama, said the Atlanta meeting say our supply of cows and hogs should stress a drive to reduce the have reached the lowest point in the cotton acreage by at least 25 per history of the county. Mr. Low adcent. The matter was brought be- vises that he has room for a few fore the Senate by the reading of more animals in the car and if you a dispatch showing that the Egyp- want one he will be glad to talk with tain Government had issued an edict you. Indeed, we believe Mr. Low is to reduce the cotton acreage of that to be highly commended for taking

"Instead of having 46,000,000 would like to see not only one car acres we should cut to 36,000,000," load placed but many. said Senator Heflin, "and urge Southern farmers to put the released Advice to convicted bandits: Hang acreage in diversified feed crops, early and avoid the rush. with a result of less labor, less cost and more money for cotton produced. We have come to learn that we get more for gotton in a With each silk or wool dress, Sat-12,000,000-bale crop than when the urday, and all next week, a mid-seaerop is 15,000,000 bales." son hat.—Norman-Smith Dry Goods @@@@@@@

Senator Heflin said that the colton futures act should be amended making delivery day for the buyer and seller the same.

#### BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

At the regular meeting of the that girdles the earth, board of directors of the First National Bank held Tuesday evening, the regular semi-annual dividend was set aside for the shareholders of this institution. In conversation with some of the directors, they expressed themselves as being highly gratified with the growth and earnings of their institution for the past year, saying that it had been one of the best years the bank had ever

#### SPECIAL!

Saturday, and all next week, a mid-season hat free with each silk or wool dress .- Norman-Smith Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. J. E. Forbus and children are spending the holidays in Ballinger with her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Speer and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Patrick were visitors in Ballinger Sunday.

#### SATURDAY

And all next week, a beautiful mid-season hat with each silk or wool dress purchased .- Norman-Smith Dry Goods Co.

Kipling's illness arouses the sym- Did anybody ever have enough pathetic concern of a constituency Christmas money since modern coinage began?

# Christmas

This little message in The Enterprise is to each of our friends, thanking them for their friendly patronage during the past year and to convey our sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New

Cheer

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Th patronage of our products during 1926 will be appreciated

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JACK HOLT IN ZANE GREY'S 'WILD HORSE MESA'

One of Zane Gray's greatest productions of the screen today

ALSO-Aesops Fables and a

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VIRGINIA VALLI and EUGENE O'BRIEN in-

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And the way it is told its characters come to life.

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DECEMBER 30 and 31

From the bright lights of Montmartre to a midnight

battle in the air; from the flirtations of Parisian jazzland to a new, abiding love. An international romance of Paris and New York: rich in incident and drama.

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> , DEC. 30 and 31 KEN MAYNORD -IN

WED. and THURS.

"FIGHTING COURAGE" Five reels of action and daring stunts.

ALSO-2 Reel Century

Comedy

2 Reel Comedy

#### DRASCO

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ensor gave a social to the young people Monday on the Plains.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Methodist church gave a play "The Manless Wedding," Tuesday night. Was much enjoyed. The funds will assist the women in their

meeting Wednesday night in absence of the leader, Mr. Bud Belew.

Mrs. Roy Blessing accompanied them their many friends goes with them.

in Abilene Wednesday.

and Hugh Baker went to Brownwood after school hours. Thursday.

Home Demonstrator met with the she will soon recover. Ladies' club at Mrs. Richard Puckett. The Drasco basketball team visited A demonstration in cooking was en- victorious in the game. joyed by twenty ladies. Next meeting will be second Monday in January en left Saturday afternoon for a with Mrs. J. C. Watts.

Rev. Nelson Crow left Wednesday for Plainview, Texas. His many Lamesa is visiting her parents, Mr. friends wish for him much success and Mrs. Tom Mayhew. and happiness in his new home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Davis and companied Miss Margureite to Ballinchildren left for their new home near ger Sunday. Miss Mitchell will at-Plainview, Thursday, will visit Rev. tend the Teachers' Institute. and Mrs. L. E. Hurt till they get possession of their home. These Texas, was at Drasco Saturday and good people will be greatly missed Sunday. from Drasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamilton and Dallas. son, A. L., are on a prospecting tour

ed Baldwin Wednesday afternoon and C. Bibb. were victorious.

Mr. B. Lewis made a business trip to Guion Wednesday.

There will be a community Christmas tree at the Baptist church.

Mr. Hugh Baker led the prayer Drasco soon. Some are moving out There will be many changes at and others coming in to the community. Mr. W. E. Jones and family Messrs. George Scott and Buel will leave soon for their new home Belew visited relatives near Lomesa at Crews. Mr. Jones is a trustee of this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Belew, the Drasco school. Best wishes of

School is progressing nicely under Rev. and Mrs. Swearingen visited the able supervision of Prof. J. C. for this year. Mr. James expressed Watts and Misses Ruth and Ila Walk- himself as being highly pleased with made up their minds as to the fu-Rev. Swearingen, Messers. Harvey er. Miss Wooten teaches expression the growth and condition of The First

Little Mary Lee Horn is improving Miss Eula Key the Runnels county from her serious burns. Trust that

A review of the past work was taken. Wingate Friday afternoon and was mid-season hat with each silk or wool the business given of the city Mr. A

Misses Ila Walker and Ruth Wootvisit in Ballinger. Mrs. Melvin Roberts who lives near

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell ac-

Rev. John Riddle of Fort Worth,

Rev. Sam Malone of Abilene Mrs. Noah Bailey and son, and Miss preached at the Baptist Church Sun-

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### A Merry Christmas

My supreme happiness abound in every home in this community and this Yuletide be a never-to-be-forgotten event.

We truly appreciate all the blessings of 1925, and in this holiday season we broadcast to our many patrons greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SCHINDLER'S VARIETY STORE

Lillie Patterson of Bradshaw visited day. A nice cash offering was taken Mrs. J. A. Horn this week. Holcomb

Schindler's Variety Store at Winters, The Drasco basketball team play- visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.

Teachers' Institute.

and Mrs. T. P. Massengale.

Bank of Abilene was in our city Tues- father here. day attending the final directors' meeting of the First National Bank National.

#### SATURDAY

dress purchased .-- Norman-Smith Dry

It's a world full of Christmas children, and at this season many of 'em give their wives on Christmas day, make-believe they never grow up.

A pocketbook makes a good Christmas present, but there is very little use for it during the holidays.

# Miss Eura Bibb, a saleslady of Sells Drug Store

Monday afternoon a deal was con-Mr. Stanley Sanders of Amherst, sumated whereby Mr. A. L. Smith of Texas, is attending to business here, this city became the owner of the Prof. J. C. Watts will attend the Jackson & Holcomb drug store on West Dale street, Mr. Smith to take Miss Elra Massengale, a student charge of the business on January 1st, of Howard Payne College at Brown- and we understand will continue the wood, is visiting her parents, Mr. business at its present stand, a son of Mr. Smith who is at present employed in the J. Y. Pierce drug store Henry James, vice-president of the at Ballinger, to take active charge Farmers and Merchants National of the business just purchased by his

Messrs. Jackson and Holcomb informed us that they have not yet ture, but The Enterprise, with their host of other friends, and hoping that Winters will not lose these progressive young business men and that they will continue to make Winters And all next week, a beautiful their home. The Unterprise also the business circles of the city Mr. A. L. Smith and his son.

> Some men who don't know what to might give them a kiss and a few kind

Fine lot of greeting ads in The Enterprise this week. Read 'em all?

PEACE JOY **GLADNESS** 

Be With You

### CHRISTMAS

HEALTH **HAPPINESS PROSPERITY** For 1926

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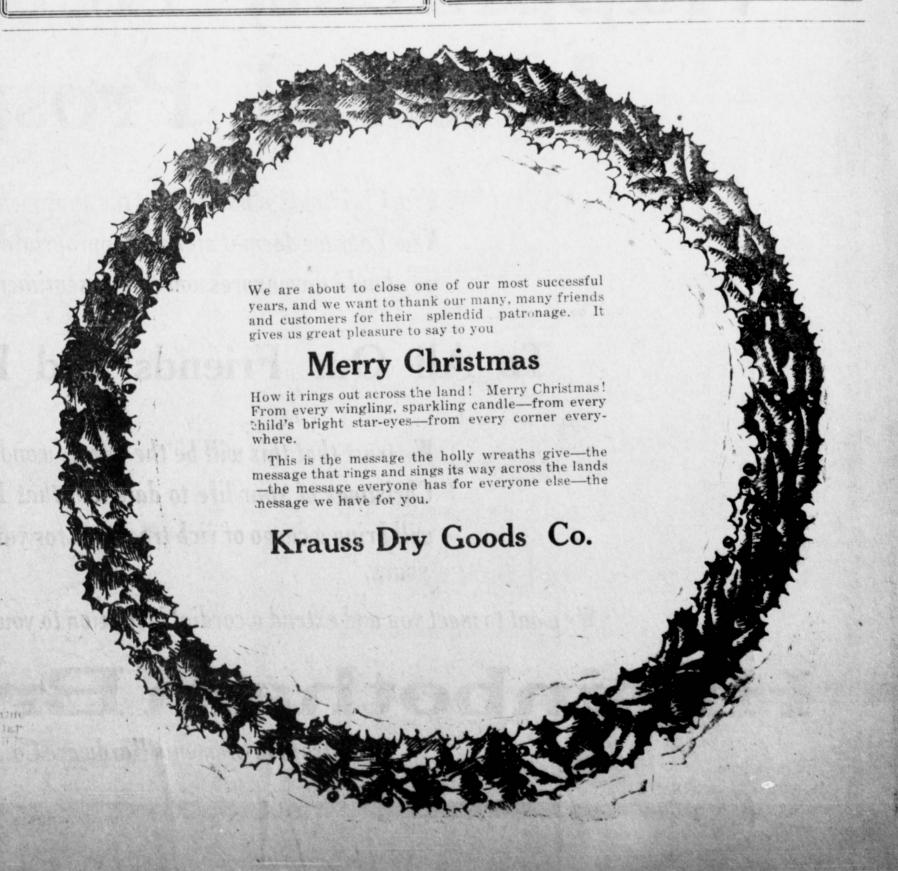
CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

and a full measure of Happiness and Prosperity in 1926.

We thank you too for your 1925 patronage and ask that we may serve you in 1926

SPILL BROTHERS COMPANY



#### Glee Club to Present Operetta After Holidays

(From High School Gale)
"Miss Cherryblossom" will appear
in January, presented by the Glee
Club, under the direction of Mrs.
Jackson, Mrs. A. H. Smith at the

This operatta will be a treat to the Winters public with its unique Japanese setting, Japanese chorus girls and American cast. It will consist of dialogue, solos, duets and choruses. Look for further notice of this operetta and don't miss seeing it.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Len Smith of Abilene were week-end visitors in the home of Prof. and Mrs. A. H. Smith.

Miss Mattie Smith of San Angelo is a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Harold Norman.

Miss Eula Mae Moore of Ballinger is assisting the force at Jordan's Studio. Miss Moore is quite experienced in her line of work and is a valuable addition to the force.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wlliams spent the day in Sweetwater last Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Stewart left Sunday for Sweetwarter to spend Christmas in the home of her sister, Mrs. Fry.

Chas. Patterson who is a student of Southwestern University is spending the holidays here with friends.

Rejoice and honor the Christ's birthday.

#### Marjorie McAdams to Entertain Juniors

(From High School Gale)
The beautiful McAdams home will be open Friday night to the Juniors of W. H. S., with Marjorie and Mrs. McAdams as hostesses. It will be glad Christmas time for the Juniors, since the two long weeks that follow there will be no school and "bother."

The Juniors deserve a good time for the they have worked hard (?) at books and school activities, and if there's any place in town that the class can have a big time its at Marjorie's home.

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We linger to say good-bye to 1925 because you patrons of ours made it a good year.

#### LIKE ANEW FRIEND

We welcome 1926 because we hope to hold our old friends and make many new ones

Accept Our Best Wishes for Peace, Plenty and Happiness During 1926

A. D. LEE'S SADDLE AND HARNESS SHOP COLD TYPE CANNOT CARRY THE WARMTH OF OUR

# **Christmas Wishes**

TO OUR HUNDREDS OF Loyal Patrons

But nevertheless we appreciate the medium of the press and take pleasure in sending our best wishes. To make you KNOW our sincerity we have RESOLVED to so serve you in the future as to add to your joys and take from your cares.

### May You Welcome

1926

and find it a happy year in which health and good times will be with you

REID & HINDS

# Happiness, Health and Material Prosperity

With Christmas at hand and at the approach of a New Year we deem it signally appropriate that we should give expression to our sentiment—

### To All Our Friends and Patrons

We trust that this will be the most wonderful Christmas of your life to date and that 1926 will bring a cargo of rich treasures for you and yours.

We want to meet you and extend a cordial invitation to you to call and see us

# Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Successors to Clements Hardware Co.

#### Seniors Win In Inter-Class Ball

(From High School Gale)

Last week the different classes their "pep." The schedule was arranged so the juniors would go against the seniors and the freshmen against the sophomores. The "loosers" of these two games were to play and also the "winners."

helped the seniors. The seniors them. were finally able to carry off a victory with a score 23-0.

the freshmen and last Wednesday and habits." was their chance to prove that they are not. The game ended with a style with a blue W in front. score of 46-13 in favor of the Sophs.

On Thursday the "losers", who ended in a score of 45-12 in favor Young, Raymond Phillips, Walker worth it.

Friday the champions game occured. This was a close game, ending in a score of 24-21 in favor of the seniors.

Bailey McCaughan, student of Baylor Medical College at Dallas, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McCaughan.

Buck Kornegay, student of A. & M. College came in Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kornegay.

#### Coach Smith Presented Beautiful Gift

(From High School Gale)

Last Friday, our football captain of '25 presented our Coach, C. R. Smith, with the most beautiful watch and chain, a beautiful football at Jone end.

The watch was given the Coach for his untiring enthusium and coaching during this year. He boosted our boys on to a tie with our neighbor-

We are proud of our Coach and we think we speak for the entire school, in saying that we want Coach Smith back next year and in years to

### Honor Holl In-

(From High School Gale)

The first month we published an Honor Roll there were only five who attained the high mark. Last month the number increased to eighteen and now we are glad to report two additions that deserve credit for this high grade work.

There may be some pupils who actually make higher averages than 85 yet have one subject below that mark thereby excluding them from the Honor group. This honor goes to those who not only have made the average but in addition to this they have not let any course fall below that mark.

We have ranked the students in the group this time for the purpose of stimulating interest in the group itself, but because a student ranks near the bottom of the list he or she should feel no embarrassment for they still rank above 90 per cent of the high school students.

The following is the list in order of

- their averages. 1. Milburn Curry, 94 per cent.
- Jack Callan. 3. Dell Barber.
- 4. Elmo Low.
- 5. Bennie McAdams 6. Gladys Lehman.
- 7. Mildred Spill. Nestella Branam.
- V. Marie Stephens. 10. Billie Bailey.
- 11. Fannie Jo Bartlett.
- 12. Marie Hill. 13. Edna Lee Wright.
- 14. Bendina Spill.
- 15. Marian Hamilton. 16. Gaylord Singleton.
- 17. Jack Harrison.
- 18. Alleene Jones.
- 19. George Hill. 20. Dorothy Green.

#### NOTICE TO FARMERS

I am moving to Levelland and going into the Real Estate business. Anyone in the Winters country interested in good cat claw and mesquite land in this section, should see or write me, as I can give you long time and low rate of interest. I will reside in town, so drop around and see me whether you buy or not .-Robt. F. Baker, Levelland, Texas. 32-3tp

### Athletes Are

(From High School Gale)

Twenty-three athletes, who made son. have been given a chance to show the W. H. S. football sesaon, the splendid season it has been, were morning in chapel as awards for their Bill Phillips. faithfulness and fine work for this term. Mr. E. A. Shepperd address- Mrs. W. C. Quindlin and Rev. On Tuesday, December 8th, the the chapel, congratulating them on and Canton to spend Christmas with junior and senior game opened the the accomplishments of the season. friends and relatives. season of "Inter-class Basketball." Coach Smith then emphasized the The freshmen helped to juniors back worthiness of each boy in receiving Miss Naomi Hunt, student of Simthe junior team and the sophomores these awards and then presented mons University of Abilene, came a basketball team this year with

athlete," Coach Smith said, "And the It has been said that the sopho- boy who is a successful athlete must mores are even "lower down" than be clean and fair in all his conduct the minute than his unbelieving bell was elected their captain. The

The sweater is a pretty gray coat ed lifetime.

Those of the first squad who received sweaters were: Gerald Thursday for San Antonio, to spend were the juniors and freshmen, came Fields, Captain of '24 squad; Auburn Knight, Captain of '25 squad; Jim the holidays with relatives. Neely, Captain of the '26 squad; Roy The high cost of Santa Claus is

Campbell, Mac Dedman, J. D. Robert-

presented with sweaters Thursday Gaylord Singleton, Fannin Lowe and

ed the boys in the introduction of Quindlin left Monday for Edgewood

in Sunday to spend the holidays with about twenty coming out. "It takes sacrifice to be a real her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hunt. Ruth Jones is their coach. They

critics could drum up in a gray-hair- squad will meet every Tuesday and

### We'll Not Wait For 1926 But Will Resolve at This Christmas

That in the future we'll strive even harder to merit your friendship and our support.

We wish for each of you a good time during the holidays and prosperity and health in the New Year.

W.R.JOHNSON

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

#### Bailey, Pete Nance, Joe Vancil, Jno. Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Brophy left for G. Key, Dell Barber, Perry Barber, San Antonio where they will spend Awarded Sweaters Truett Barber, Ross Bartlett, Loyd the holidays visiting relatives and Edwards, Ben Anthony, Vernon friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman Those of the second string to re- and childre nand Mrs. Kate Vancil ceive sweaters were: Benton Neely, were Abilene viisitors last Saturday.

Overtime does not faze Santa Claus.

#### Basketball Girls Organize Team

(From High School Gale)

The senior girls have organized are planning on organizing a junior Santa Claus has more friends to team if possible. Miss Leon Camp-Thursday at four. We are looking forward to great returns from them R. L. Labenske and family left to W. H. S.

> LANKFORD'S Veri-Best BREAD 10c Per Loaf

Within a class to itself

Anybody Can Wish a Wish --BUT--

There's not a firm nor an individual in this town who can put more heartfelt sincerity in a Christmas message than that which we send you. May multiplied joys be yours this christmas and all thru 1926.

Uncle Frank Hambergers

#### Here At

### CHRISTMAS

### Time

With a new year close at hand we come with our Greetings and appreciation to our patrons

May the season be bright and happy for you and may the time that lies out before you be ladened with good things.

DAVIS-PATRICK MOTOR CO.

### Our Town's a **Good Town**

Our people are a good people. We have much to be thankful for.

> May This Be a Very Merry Christmas

for you and those whose happiness depend upon you and may the New Year bring you rich rewards.

CARL DAVIS

### WITH HEARTY

# **APPRECIATION**

**FOR YOUR 1925 PATRONAGE** 

And Our Earnest Wish That Health,

Happiness and Prosperity

Will Attend You Throughout 1926

and the Other Years to Come.

Farmers Gin COMPANY

# **We Greet You**

With the Best Wish of All-

# **A** Merry Christmas

And

# A Happy New Year

Volumes by great writers could not say more

HAMON & LOFTIN

#### At a Christmas-

(Continued from page 9)

the Raggedy Ann and Andy over in

It was the Kittens who snatched off their hoods and tore down upon; them. "Come and meet every one." they caried. Introductions got mixed up some way, and suddenly there it broke and "Virginia Reel" they all had been invited.

It was a strange Virginia Reel. One had to laugh at the nonsense trip each other and forget to advance and bow and had to be retime. It was most satisfactory.

Refreshments Are Served

Many Happy

Surprises

May they come to our patrons from many sources during Christmas

and the New Year

We are thankful indeed for the good

patronage we have enjoyed during the past year.

Accept not only our thanks but our best

wishes as well.

**Gardner Bros.** 

Checks were issued to the men who PROGRAM METHODIST claimed their boxes and then found the owner. More merriment was aroused with this part of the affair. Margaret's escort declared everything in their box delightful and saw that she had hot coffee. Ben, she saw, was equally well cared for.

Then alas, came "Good nights and Merry Christmas to all." Margaret Hall. almost hated to leave.

was a merry circle dancing around Ben drew her arm in his in the Ben and Margaret. Just as suddenly back seat of the car, into which they

"Have a good time, dear?"

"Yes," she sighed and snuggled; going on across the way where the closer. She would dream of this Stevens. men were genially endeavoring to party for months to come,-and how fine Ben looked,-why she wouldn't have believed he could be so,-well- Jesus. minded. Everyone clapped all the really dashing! And she herself had never had so much attention, it was quite thrilling, and every one was so funny! For weeks after, she and Then came refreshments,-a box Ben went over little amusing inciluncheon prepared by each woman, dents, and smiled again and again.

#### W. M. S., DECEMBER 28

Hymn-Joy to the World. Devotional-Mrs. Swartz.

Roll call with scripture

The Sisterhood of Toil-Mrs. Jno

Song, led by-Lavera Neely. Bell H. Bennett Memmorial-Mrs

Reading Leon Campbell. Christmas Message-Mrs. Gilmes Capps (nee Mary Neely.)

Piano Solo-Miss Mattie Mac Hymn-All, Yes, All I Give to

MUST HAVE TWO

All automobiles are required by front and one at the rear, and from now on Runnels county officers are going to inforce this law, so it would be a wise thing to see that your car carries its license numbers at the front and rear of same at all times, according to C. L. Harter, constable

Dr. Sam Barcus, president of Southwestern University was here Sunday and preached at the Methodist church. Dr. Barcus is one of

Mrs. Lee O. Duke of San Angelo is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bridwell.

#### HATCHERY TO START

I will start my hatchery Jan 2; bookings are now being made. Phone 178 and we will reserve one for you. Winters Hatchery.

Rev. Alonzo Monk, Jr., and children, Miss Mary Smith and James, of Mineral Wells a Mrs. J. C. Smith of Waco are here spending the holidays with Rev. and Mrs. Gid J.

# NUMBERS ON CARS

law to carry two numbers, one in of precinct No. 3.

the outstanding men of the Methodist denomination and a forceful

"Ma" Ferguson is now accused of

Merry Christmas

1925 1926

Happy New Year

# Today, If We Could--

We'd take you by the hand, one by one and with the clasp of sincerity make you understand our appreciation of your patronage in the past. But since we are denied this privilege we utilize this method to reach as many as we can with our message of thanks and the season's choicest greetings.

Gambill & Roberts

The Winchester Store

# Christmas Greetings



Here's hoping, friends, that Santa Claus will bring everybody in Winters and vicinity a big stockingful of cheerfulness, generosity, courage and good will, so that we can all give a well earned rest to worry, selfishness, fear and envy.

We wish you a most glorious and joyful Christmas and all the blessings and good fortunes of the New Year

Devoe's Weather Charts and Ladies' Birthday Alamacs Now Ready

### Owens Drug

DRUGS AND JEWELRY

What You Want When You Want it

Dr. Glen Flynn of Southwestern bargain. Address "Owner". University was here a few days the Box No. 23, Winters, Texas. first of the week in interest of the endowment campaign for the University at Georgetown.

Raymond Lloyd, student of Baylor ing the holidays with home folks.

#### SPECIAL!

Saturday, and all next week, mid-season hat free with each silk or wool dress .- Norman-Smith Dry

Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Lankford and Mr. and Mrs. Hargrove spent Sunday in San Angelo.

Mrs. Joe Kirby and daughter of Abilene are visiting relatives here.

There's nothing so hollow as an empty stocking on Christmas morn. Merry Christmas for the R. F. D.

#### HATCHERY TO START

I will start my hatchery Jan 2; bookings are now being made. Phone 178 and we will reserve one for you. -Winters Hatchery.

#### SATURDAY

And all next week, a beautiful mid-season hat with each silk or wool dress purchased .- Norman-Smith Dry

#### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

#### FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE-1924 model Maxwell car; good rubber; good mechanical condition. Would consider Ford oadster in trade. See-J. E. Cleveand before Saturday.

FOR SALE OR TRADE-For farm Plains farm. 176 acres, good soil, fine water, well improved. Nice ocation, 10 miles due west of Post. -Harrison Davis, Post, Texas, route

FOR SALE-Five room house; nodern; close in. See-H. A. Fairey, owner, 308 Bowen St. 34-1tp

FOR SALE-Double disc plow. See E. C. Collingsworth.

FOR SALE-My residence.-J. W. Huffhines. MAMOTH BRONZE TURKEYS,

Extra tall, World's Fair Madison Square Garden winners. Young toms weight 20 to 25 pounds,-Viola Yeats, telephone 4414, Winters, Tex-

FOR SALE-1925 model Ford ouring in good mechanical condition. -See J. M. Skaggs.

FOR SALE-Store and Lot Stock of goods and fixtures, all free from ebt; good condition. Will sell at a

FOR SALE-Good oak stove, heater or cord wood. 2 miles north Guion .- R. F. Kemp.

160 acres good land 4 miles south-Medical College at Dallas, is spend- west of Ballinger. Good school 1-4 cash, rest long time.—Dr. J. F. Nooe, small farm 2 miles northeast of Win-Boerne, Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS

Call disc plows, 75c and \$1.00. Come 32-3tc to see me, north of Hines & Reid Gin .- P. E. Miller

FOR RENT - Two unfurnished 34-2tp. rooms to man and wife. Close in,-H. A. Fairey, 308 Bowen St. 34-1tp

A BARGAIN-If sold at once, a 28-7tp ters.—See W. H. Rogers.

A BARGAIN-If sold at once, a small farm 2 miles northeast of Win-DISC ROLLER-For sharpening ters.—See W. H. Rogers. 33-240

# Are

That Christmas brings us the season of warm hand-clasps and friendly greetings,a time when we are moved to give expression to the feeling of kindness in our hearts.

The years past have brought about pleasant relationships between this store and its many patrons from which strong friendships have been woven. It is therefore our pleasure to extend best wishes for-

A Christmas and

New Year

Brimfull of Happiness

**JACKSON & HOLCOMB**