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MEMBER INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Community Tree Tomorrow at 9:30

Santa Claus will visit Ballinger Tuesday evening at 6:30 and wants to meet all the children at the intersection of Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue. The tree on the street at this place will be used as the community tree and Santa Claus will arrive from the east at the above named hour.

On a recent visit here Santa Claus left an order for 1200 packages to be prepared for him to distribute among the children on his return here on Christmas Day.

The Ballinger band will play an appropriate concert preceding his arrival and everybody in Ballinger is invited to be present. A number of local citizens will assist Santa Claus in handing out the presents to the kiddies.

Italian Mission At San Antonio

(By International News Service)
 LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The Italian Aeronautical Mission, headed by General Italo Dalbo, is today speeding for San Antonio, where its members will inspect civil and military aviation ports.

Says New Year To be Prosperous

(By International News Service)
 NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Almost all important factories bearing on the future course of business, indicated that the New Year will be prosperous for trade industry. Francis H. Sisson, a banker and economist, today declared that good wages and steady employment will be a great factor in the industrial future of the nation. He said: "There are very few unfavorable influences at work."

KING GEORGE IMPROVING

(By International News Service)
 LONDON, Dec. 24.—The following bulletin was issued on the condition of King George today: "The king had rest and a quiet night. He continues to improve slowly."

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin O. Rue and son left Monday morning to spend Christmas with Mr. Rue's relatives in Denton county.

Gene Crow returned Sunday from Fort Worth where he had been to look after business matters.

A. L. Parr returned Monday from Fort Worth where he had been to look after a course in aviation. Mr. Parr plans to get in the flying game soon and as soon as he can arrange for a course he plans to get a plane.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry are moving here from Norton and will occupy their new home on Seventh Street.

20 Million Worth of Drugs Smuggled in U. S.

Invite America To Debt Parley

(By International News Service)
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A formal invitation to the United States to designate delegates to the Inter-Allied Reparations Commission meeting that is an attempt at final settlement of Germany's debts, was delivered to Secretary of State Kellogg today by Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador.

Kellogg later conferred with the president in regards to the matter. It was understood that American observers will be designated but would not have any power to commit the United States to any policy.

Gotham Crooks Are Rounded up

(By International News Service)
 NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Rounded up in one of the greatest clean-ups in years, 189 gunmen, murder suspects, forgers, narcotic vendors, thieves and beggars are being finger-printed here today.

The West Texas Gas Company's main line has reached the city limits of Hereford and has been brought beyond the railroad tracks. The welding crew is only about a mile and a half from town, and Hereford's prospects for natural gas in the near future are bright.

An addition to Alpine containing 60 lots of 50 foot frontage has been opened by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hamilton. Four new residences are under course of construction, all being of brick veneer construction and modern in every detail.

The chamber of commerce at Dalhart has accomplished much constructive work this year, including the purchasing of a suitable site on which to build an \$80,000 hospital, the sponsoring of the exhibit program, the marking of the federal highways, and obtaining 800 column inches of newspaper publicity.

Booker—Brick business house is under construction on main street.

El Paso—Prospects good for establishment of \$4,500,000 zinc plant here by United Mines Company.

Weather Man Says No "White" Xmas

(By International News Service)
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The millions of American children who have been longing for a white Christmas will be disappointed. The weather bureau predicts fair weather generally except in two portions of New England.

Christmas Greetings

By Farmer Jake in Dakota
 Farmer

Christmas comes but once a year—
 Aren't you glad, at last it's here?
 With its wealth of toys and noise
 And its happy girls and boys,
 And its blessed warmth of cheer?
 Christmas comes—its greetings true

We are sending now to you,
 "Christmas gift" we cry today;
 Let its spirit have full sway
 And remain the whole year through.



Kills 1; Wounds 3 While at Church

(By International News Service)
 FAYETTEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Joe Pigg, 55, a farmer, was held in jail here today charged with killing one man, wounding three other persons and putting to rout an entire church congregation.

Shortly after the services began Sunday, Pigg entered the building and emptied a gun at A. J. Simmons, police said. Simmons was shot through the lungs and Floyd Steelman, a bystander, was killed. Neal Golden and Paul Gattis, 11, were also hit.

A feud is blamed for the shooting.

Fire Death List Mounts to Eight

(By International News Service)
 LINCOLN, Ala., Dec. 24.—The death list in a fire which destroyed the home of Albert Calhoun near here yesterday, mounted to eight today. Calhoun and Etta Bright, his 12-year-old daughter, died in a hospital today.

Clinton Reese of Texas Tech at Lubbock is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Yates and Miss Dorothy of Arlington came in Monday to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. R. E. Bruce.

Miss Willie Mae Cochran is here for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cochran. Miss Willie Mae is teaching in the Wingate school this year.

Veteran Shoots Two Bandits

(By International News Service)
 NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Peter Cardone, age 51 and a veteran of the World War, today shot and killed two of four bandits who attempted to hold up a friendly card game in a Brooklyn apartment. Commissioner of Police Grover Whalen lauded Cardone's action.

Be wise and advertise.

(By International News Service)
 PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Narcotics valued at more than \$20,000,000, which were shipped here aboard a French freighter from Europe and which lay unwatched in the waterfront warehouse here for several days, was revealed today.

The drugs were in crates purporting to contain finger nail brushes and china. The narcotics were later removed to New York and other distributing points. The slaying of Arnold Rothstein, millionaire gambler, resulted in the shipments coming to light.

WISCONSIN BOXING LAW BRINGS STATE \$74,094

(By International News Service)
 MADISON, Wis., Dec. 24.—In the 15 years that the Wisconsin boxing law has been in effect, Badger residents have paid a total of \$3,378,040 for tickets to these glove swinging contests, according to the records of the secretary of state's office.

The Hedding boxing law was passed in 1914 with strenuous objections to it. Since it has been in operation, however, there has been little or no protest.

The state gets five per cent of the receipts at all boxing matches with a report compiled in the secretary of state's offices today showing that the state general fund has profited from this source during the last 15 years to the extent of \$74,094.

RHINELAND SETS RECORD FOR DRINKING PLACES

(By International News Service)
 COLOGNE, Dec. 24.—Kipling has sung of the man who wanted to be "set somewhere east of Suez... where a man can raise a thirst."

Obviously he did not know the Rhineland. The latest census discloses that the cities and villages in this part of Germany can boast of the greatest relative number of opportunities for doing justice to the Rhinish wines.

The championship goes to the small city of Wipperfurth, which has one licensed inn for every 100 inhabitants. Then comes Bonn, with one to 160, Coblenz with one to 181, and Mainz with one to 217 inhabitants.

Berlin lags far in the rear, with only one licensed establishment per 300 inhabitants.

"Donnel"—Modern sewer system is planned for this place.

The quickest way to keep abreast with the times is to read the ads.

\$200,000 Cotton Fire Destroys Three Buildings

(By International News Service)
 ATLANTA, Tex., Dec. 24.—Approximately 1900 bales of cotton were destroyed here in a blaze in the Atlanta Cotton Warehouse company. The loss was estimated at \$200,000 and was partly covered by insurance.

Robbers Leave Money in Safe

(By International News Service)
 HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—Officials of the Wilson Stationery company today found that thieves had battered their safe open and made off with \$100 and had overlooked \$1000 which was in the safe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lyon who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lyon left Sunday afternoon for Sweetwater to visit a few days before returning to their home at El Paso.

Mrs. Roscoe Stocks of Wichita Falls is here spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Wooden.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cobb of Slaton are here spending the holidays with Mr. Cobb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Wooden.

Be wise and advertise.

Man Found Dead In Hotel Room

(By International News Service)
 HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—Fire originated in the Flaxman Paper company here today and swept all adjoining buildings and caused a loss of a quarter of a million dollars. The Taylor Lumber company, a printing company and a candy concern were the heaviest losers.

Man Found Dead In Hotel Room


(By International News Service)
 FORT WORTH, Dec. 24.—J. M. Healy, age 50, was found dead in a hotel here today. He had been shot in the head. A note was found explaining that he had been suffering from ill health.

Joe Spoons is here from Longworth spending the holidays. Mr. Spoons is running a gin at the aforementioned place and will not complete his season before the middle of January.

Mrs. Laurant Webb is here from Brownsville visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Raby.

Frank Reese came in Saturday from Texas University to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese.

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 Wishing Everyone a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and a Very
HAPPY NEW YEAR
J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Holiday Special
 on All Electric and Battery Radio Sets. It will pay you to come in and see these
RADIO BARGAINS
 consisting of the following nationally known sets:
 RADIOLA, FRESHMAN AND CROSLLEY
 while they last at prices that will interest you.
Ballinger Electric Co.
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The
FREE TURKEY
 went to
MISS JULIA JONES
 Saturday Night
 Who will get the one Tonight?
PIGGLY WIGGLY

Holly Berries and Bright Candles Help
 But they do not make Christmas. It takes the spirit of spontaneous good will, the presence of friends and the hearty cheer of the well prepared dinner along with the other joys of the season to make a real Christmas. And a real Christmas is what we wish to all our friends and customers—such a Christmas as will linger long with pleasure in the recesses of memory, to cheer you on through the new year.
PIGGLY WIGGLY

Dramatic Year Full of Thrills For Grid Fans

By Davis J. Walsh
(INS Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Football ran the gamut of all that is sensational in 1928, giving its legion of followers all the high pressure reactions that have come to be associated indelibly with the game. In no season has the dramatic been more highly emphasized. In no season has the inter-sectional element been brought so far into the foreground.

Two Pacific Coast teams, Stanford and Oregon Aggies, invaded the East for the first time. They scored sensational victories over the Army and New York University respectively almost simultaneously with Southern California's decision over Notre Dame. As a result, honors on the season rested strictly with the Far West and only the possibility of a Georgia Tech victory over California on New Year's day can alter the situation by so much as a split hair.

Georgia Tech was one of the few championship survivors when the regular season ended. It was a year famous for its upsets—Oregon Aggies' victory over N. Y. U., which had just beaten Carnegie Tech, which had just beaten Notre Dame, which had just beaten the Army, being a fair sample.

Only Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Southern California, Utah, Boston College, Villanova, Detroit and California were able to finish without a defeat and these, Tech, Boston College and Detroit alone finished undefeated. The two other must yield to Tech, however, on the matter of testing schedules. The Golden Tornado not only outlasted the entire South but scored a notable victory over Notre Dame.

Big Ten and Middle West: Illinois.

Big Six and Missouri Valley: Nebraska.

Pacific Coast: Southern California.

Southwest: University of Texas.

The Green Jinx A CHRISTMAS STORY

THE green glass thing gleamed like an eye as Olivia took it from its holly-paper wrappings and looked at it raptly. She had been excited and hopeful about this Christmas gift from Aunt Matilde and it was disappointing—a bit of green glass, gaudy and unlovely. Olivia had never seen her aunt, who was childless, wealthy, and altogether a likely star in the horizon of a vigorous young artist of a niece. Certainly it was surprising to have received this gift at all, for the aunt and the artist niece had, heretofore, known little of each other; but—

Olivia gathered up the tinsel cords and papers and pranced to her shining kitchen. Today was the day of her great chance, for Drabheim, decorator of homes beautiful, was coming to take tea, and she was looking for a junior partner. Olivia had joys prepared, but the green glass thing was a problem. If Matilde's card had not promised a visit on this day of days, the way might have been easy, although there were few hiding places within the little flat. But now the gift must be displayed in all its discordant greenness. Everything else was perfect. The silver twinkled softly in a polished heap beside carefully folded linen.

Serving trays were ready with a smart array of nuts, and candied violets, and fruits and creams—almost an entire par check's worth. The giblet salad, subtly suggestive of opulence, was cooling properly in its mold of aspic jelly, and the rolls were heating piping hot in the little glass-walled oven. The boy left the ices in the back entry and tipped his hat respectfully, very, Olivia's chin went a trifle higher quite without her knowing and the worried

little frown puckers across her forehead suddenly turned somersaults. She laughed. She fingered the purse in her pocket, doubtfully; three pennies, exactly, pay day yesterday and the next one—when? Everything was delightfully expensive.

But the green thing still grinned on the mantel piece. Olivia had a swift, disturbing vision of this aunt whom she had never seen and she made a little grimace at the picture. Olivia should not have to meet. Olivia's rooms were in exquisite taste—soft, warm browns with dashes of Chinese reds and blues that shone on old mahogany and teak, an etched brass bowl on the table, a real Maxfield Parrish on the wall between the window, and—the green glass thing on the mantel—three cents in Olivia's pocket. She regarded the glass ornament thoughtfully and wondered if it might have been smashed in the mail, and decided no. Olivia was not a good liar. She considered a headache or a broken leg and thought of the giblet salad and the pickled cantaloupe.

The borrowed maid had not arrived, but Madame Drabheim had, Olivia knew by the positive, well-behaved way in which the door-bell jingled. "What can I do? Interior decorator, I, with a green glass thing like that on my mantel piece? Yes, Drabheim will be impressed, very." The door-bell rang, again, insistent. Suddenly, Olivia knew what she would do. And she would get the coveted position.

Drabheim, decorator of homes beautiful, had bright little beady blue eyes that leveled at once fiercely above her flitting quail of a body. They approved energetically of the Chinese reds and blues and the polished mahogany and teak, of the etched brass bowl and the Parrish picture, and then they fell on the green glass thing. It had never grinned so boldly from out the lovely room, an ugly mask in

a gallery of madonnas. Olivia quaked as she studied the expression on Drabheim's shrewd little face. It was half disgusted, half gratified, with an appraising, impersonal antagonism about it.

Olivia swallowed the lump in her throat and straightened her shoulder for the battle. She forgot the giblet salad and the pickled cantaloupe. She forgot the little niceties of hostess courtesy. She and Drabheim were two individuals, unclouded by a world of manners, measuring each other, the green glass thing between them. They seemed conscious of nothing more, Olivia broke the taut silence. "It's lovely, isn't it?"

"What?" Madame Drabheim's hearing was excellent. "It's odd, a rare piece. Would you like to see it closer? I'll get it."

"No."

"I beg your pardon?" There was a hint of interest in Drabheim's inflection, this time, and a relief from monosyllables. "I suppose it's very odd," with a shade of sarcasm.

Olivia was glad. She had made Drabheim take the offensive. "No," she answered and was silent.

"What then?"

"Very new."

"I thought so." There was no insistence in Madame Drabheim's tone. She spoke simply. "You're not a good liar, are you?"

Olivia was suddenly calm. "No," she said. Then, "Why?"

"I supposed you'd hide it or break it."

Olivia was off her guard for a moment. She stared openly. "What?"

"I said I supposed you'd break the thing. 'Why didn't you?' It's plain, of course; you know it's hideous."

There was a penetrating keenness in her bird-like eyes.

Olivia felt it. This was her test. She had no time to wonder; that would come later.

Very carefully she chose her words, but there was no suggestion of uncertainty, of confusion in her manner. "I'm afraid you are mistaken, Madame Drabheim, or perhaps I am. I believe that you were interested in my green glass decoration which was a gift to me and the value of which can scarcely be named. Perhaps you thought I wished to sell it to you. I am sorry. You misunderstood me."

"I'll give you fifty dollars for it."

Olivia could have laughed and cried with the knowledge of her power. She had done the impossible. She had succeeded in selling the green glass thing to Madame Drabheim. Better, she had done that she could sell her services. She knew the position was hers. Suddenly the green glass thing became very precious to her. "No," she said. "I won't sell it. Is there anything else I can do for you?"

"Yes," Madame's eyes twinkled with mirth, now, without apprehension. The test was over. "You can be a niece to your Aunt Matilde Drabheim. The firm needs a resourceful young woman."

Be wise and advertise.

A. B. Lankford of Abilene is here for the holidays, coming down Sunday to join his wife who was already here.

Miss Louise Kirk of Austin is here spending her Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. R. P. Kirk.

Wade Guion of Dallas came in Sunday to be with relatives and



WE CAN'T FORGET

Our Old Friends

AND WE WON'T

FORGET OUR

New Friends

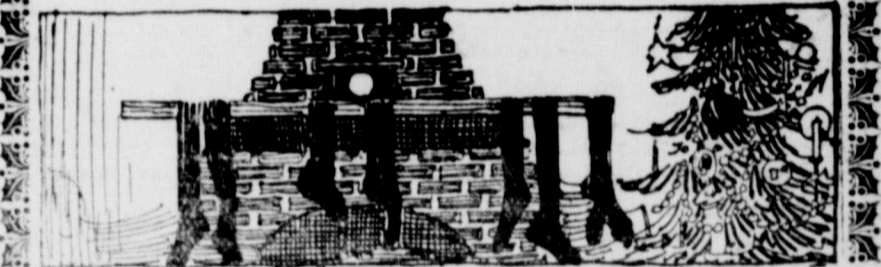
But to old friends, tried and true and to the welcome new friends, we send our

Greetings

For a happy Yuletide and a New Year, during which you may find contentment and prosperity in the endeavors you most enjoy.

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CHRISTMAS

The Great Love-Link
of the World

THE time when all the world is joined in one heart-beat, in one thought, in one purpose, to spread joy and gladness all about us!

That's what we want to do for those who have seen fit to use our goods and our services during the past—and we would include those many friends and acquaintances who have shown us many kindnesses.

May we continue to be of worthy service to each of you—and may your future years be filled with the choicest of your heart's desire in health, happiness and prosperity.



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Merry
Christmas

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The Old Reliable

May the Spirit of
Christmas Abide In
Your Heart and Ours

In other words, may the spirit of UNSELFISH SERVICE be prevalent everywhere.

We believe our city and community comes as near showing this spirit as any on earth.

A city, a firm, or an individual need have little fear of ultimate success if the guiding light of either could be said to be "the spirit of Christmas."



Your Patronage

We greatly appreciate it and shall continue to do our best to merit whatever business you turn our way.

Happy
New Year

Cotton Marekt To Boom With Textile Trade

By Albert L. La Tour
(International News Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—From a low of 17 cents in 1928 cotton advanced to about 22 3/4 cents, then gradually returned to the low levels late in September and finished the year around 19 1/2 cents. The actual depression in the textile industry and liquidation of cotton withheld from the market during the fall of 1927 were responsible for the early year decline, which culminated in February.

From then on prices improved rapidly to around the 22 3/4 mark under the influence of excessive rains during the spring and until the end of June, causing serious apprehension regarding the possibility of producing anything like a large cotton yield. However, the government estimate in July showing an increase in acreage of 11.4 per cent, which was larger than generally expected, proved the signal for a selling movement which increased as the season advanced.

Coincident with the decline was an improved demand for cotton goods and the trade became heavy buyers of raw material. This, together with increasing evidence of serious damage from boll weevil, brought about a gradual improvement of more than 3 1/2 cents a pound. The market was unusually orderly for the last half of the year.

In spite of an estimated increase of 11.4 per cent in acreage, the total acreage planted being estimated by the government at 46,695,000 acres, against 41,905,000 acres planted the year before, the final yield of the crop—14,373,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight—turned out to be considerably less than the largely increased acreage should yield under normal conditions.

Excessive rainfall, which greatly delayed the preparation of land and planting of the crop, was the principal reason for the shortage in the yield per acre this season.

During two-thirds of the year there was a heavy curtailment of consumption by both domestic and foreign spinners. The last quarter of the year brought a marked increase in the demand for cotton goods. The outlook now is for a

world consumption of American cotton of 750,000 bales or more in excess of the yield, which will to that amount reduce the carry-over of American cotton, which on July 31 last was estimated to be about 5,000,000 bales, against 7,750,000 bales the year before.

Looking forward to 1929, Gardiner H. Miller, president of the New York Cotton Exchange, says:

"It is encouraging to note that after an unusually severe depression in the textile industry the prospects are now much more favorable, insuring a large or moderately large consumption by the domestic spinners; and unless the prices of cotton should advance too far above a parity with the growths of foreign countries the consumption of American cotton by foreign spinners will also be fairly large next year.

"The large increase in exports to date encourages a belief that total exports for the season will exceed by a wide margin those of last year—exports for the 12 months ending July 31, 1928, according to the official figures of the New York Cotton Exchange—being 7,836,091 bales. The extraordinary expansion in the automobile trade which as is well known, consumes a very large amount of cotton for tires, upholstery, etc., has resulted in a record-breaking consumption of cotton for automobile purposes.

"This increase has offset the decreased use of cotton owing to the use of other fabrics for wearing apparel, such as rayon, silk, etc.

"With labor well employed and the purchasing power of the country larger than ever before in its history, there is every reason to anticipate a large or fairly large consumption of American cotton during 1929.

"On the other hand, the growing of cotton in other countries of the world is steadily increasing and will tend to increase relatively faster than cotton growing in the United States if the price of American cotton is maintained at a level which makes the growing of staple in foreign countries increasingly profitable."

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams and son, Pat, of Abilene, are here spending Christmas with relatives and friends.

Albert Sledge came in Monday from Sweetwater to be at home with relatives and friends for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Sledge is with The Sweetwater Reporter, on the reportorial staff.

HE HAD FOUND THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

OVER Judea's hills the Star shone resplendent. The ancients believed that stars were windows through which God disclosed a glimpse of the shining glory of heaven. They regarded the stars as guides and when the stars could not be seen it was a token of impending danger. On the first Christmas Eve a star shone. Kepler, the noted astronomer, calculated that conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn took place. The star attracted the attention of three wise men who followed it. Tradition informs us they were three Kings and "in one of the cathedrals of Europe can be found their skulls, each adorned with a jeweled crown." Another tradition says they were three saints, representing the three great families of the earth. They came from the East, perhaps from far-away Arabia. They brought costly presents with them. The first held in his hand a casket of gold; the second, frankincense, and the third, myrrh. Some persons have seen in this three-fold gift a beautiful symbolism; the myrrh having been offered to a mortal, the gold to a king, and the frankincense to a God.

Tradition tells us of a Roman prince who, while feasting in his palace on Christmas Eve, heard a rap at the window. Looking toward it he saw a beautiful face of a little child, and then heard a voice which, like music, whispered, "The Christ Child is hungry." Angered at the interruption, the prince commanded his soldiers to drive the child away and immediately the food upon his table turned to sand. Again he heard the voice, "The Christ Child is cold." The soldiers drove the child away once more. At the same time the fire upon the hearth turned to darkness and the cold of winter dispelled the warmth of the palace. The selfish heart of the prince melted. He commanded his soldiers to search for the child. Presently they brought the child, together with other hungry children, to the palace. Henceforth his table was their table, his palace their home. The prince had found the joy of Christmas by first giving it to others.

The hunger of the race is three-fold for food, truth, and God. These hungers are satisfied not by hanging all our gifts upon our own Christmas tree, but by sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves the blessings of life.—Leonard A. Barrett.
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FINEST HOME ON SOUTHWEST TEXAS RANCH IS VACANT

BRADY, Dec. 22.—What is perhaps the finest home in West Texas and certainly the finest home on any ranch in southwest Texas is today unoccupied. This \$50,000

home of brick, set in a live oak mott was erected by the late Richard Selman ten years ago and used as his home until his death.

His widow lived there for some time but later moved to California where she now resides. The home is on the Selman ranch, the property of C. T. and J. E. White. The ranch of 40,000 acres now is used as a sheep and cattle range.

Mr. Selman was a breeder of Morgan horses and rated as one of the best salesmen in the section. During the war he was called to Washington to confer with government officials regarding horses for the troops overseas.

This home is elegantly built with all conveniences, having a reception room, sleeping gallery porches hot and cold water. The furniture has been moved out of it. There are some horses around the place where the cowboys live but none reside in it.

The owners reside in their homes in Brady. The house is about a quarter of a mile from the road from here to Richland Springs and about ten miles out of the city.

Oil Field Road West of Angelo Will Be Paved

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 24.—After nearly three years of constant effort, San Angelo and Tom Green are near their goal of starting a concrete paved highway west of here toward the oil fields of West Texas over the Petroleum highway, for at the recent meeting of the highway commission, Gib Gilchrist, state engineer was instructed to let the contract for 16 miles of pavement from San Angelo west to the Irion county line.

At the same time representatives from Upton, Reagan, and Irion counties appeared before the commission seeking aid in paving the same highway—the Petroleum highway—through their counties. Pecos county has already voted for a bond issue for its share of the road and is ready to start construction when its neighbors to the east make a gesture.

It was probably the first time in the history of Texas highway

building that five counties with a total of 175 miles of road met with the commission and said they were ready to pave.

When the contract is let in January and the subsequent extension to the west that now seems virtually assured, oil men will be able to travel from Tulsa, Okla., to the great Yates field and other large producing areas of West Texas without leaving the pavement.

One gap of some 30 miles in Rannels county will be closed this next year for bonds are voted and the state engineering department is now preparing plans for re-

location grading and drainage followed with pavement.

MRS. MEADERS GIVES LEDGER FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. J. W. E. Meaders included The Daily Ledger on her list of Christmas gifts this year. She called at the office Saturday and had the daily sent to her daughter, Mrs. Will Stuart, at Houston, for the coming year. The Ledger makes an ideal gift to any former Ballinger citizen and is one that will remind them of the donor each day for the entire year of 1929.



With Deep Appreciation of
THE RELATIONS OF 1928

We are looking forward to a continuation of pleasant associations in the days that are to come in 1929.

A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

UNDERWOOD NEWS CO.


Christmas

And You

Make a Real Christmas For Us.

How could we forget YOU, you who have been so good to us through these many years, you who have had complete confidence in us and who have served us as patrons as well as we have served you as providers of good values and reliable service in our line.

We thank you and wish for all of YOU and all of YOURS the best Christmas and the happiest New Year of your lives.




SYKES MOTOR CO.

Whippet Willys-Knight

Our Christmas Greeting

IT IS A WONDERFUL SPIRIT that prompts people at Christmas time to pause and wish their friends, joy, peace, good will and happiness—This spirit makes us all cheerful and lighthearted—makes each one's horizon bright with promises—creates enthusiasm—promotes optimism—increases confidence in ourselves and others, and how much better we could make this little world of ours if we would make it a point to spread the spirit of Christmas throughout the year—it is too valuable to confine to the short Christmas season.

Bettis and Sturges



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Merry Christmas to everybody!
This is the wish of The Daily
Ledger.

So far the Christmas season in
Ballinger has been very quiet as
far as disturbances are concerned.
Local peace officers are not having
much to look after and everybody
is behaving. Very little lawlessness
has been reported.

As soon as the Christmas holi-
days are over don't forget about
paying taxes. The line is getting
longer at the collector's office each
day. Lots of people are getting
their license plates for their cars.

The attendance at Sunday School
in Ballinger was above the average
Sunday morning. One reason was
the weather and another the fact
that old Saint Nick visited most
of the schools Sunday morning.

Ballinger is to be complimented
on the amount raised to take care
of the poor at Christmas. A goal
was set at \$350 but that was passed
several days ago and the amount
continued to grow all day
Christmas Eve. Many local people
had a part in raising the fund and
it will make many souls a bit
happier this Christmas.

BETTER THAN SODA FOR SOUR, GASSY STOMACH

For some time I used soda for
gas and sourness. Then I tried
Adlerika and find it far better
than soda.—Ed McNeil

Adlerika relieves stomach gas
and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting
on BOTH upper and lower
bowel, it removes old waste mat-
ter you never thought was in your
system. Let Adlerika give your
stomach and bowels a REAL
cleansing and see how much bet-
ter you feel. It will surprise you!
J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

U. S. CAMPAIGN TO SET EXAMPLE FOR ENGLAND IN ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR

(By International News Service)
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The recent
election campaigns of Governor
Smith and President-elect Hoover
may set an example for the
election tactics of the Liberal
Party when this nation "goes to
the country" next summer.

A. J. Sylvester, secretary to
Gov. George, recently returned to
England from America after pay-
ing a visit to the United States for
the sole purpose of studying elec-
tion methods here. He is preparing
a report of all he saw from Gov-
ernor Smith's much publicized
debate to the gigantic radio
hook-ups used to broadcast cam-
paign speeches.

His reports will be placed before
the leaders of the Liberal Party
with a view to their adaptation to
the coming general election here.

GOVERNMENT TO AID IN TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING

(By International News Service)
AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—The board of
water commissioners is in receipt
of a letter from George Otis Smith
of Washington, D. C., director of
the United States Geological Sur-
vey, in which he stated that, on
condition of the passage of a bill
to be put before the next legisla-
ture asking that appropriation of
\$100,000 for topographical mapping,
the federal government will aid
with an equal sum.

Passage of the bill would provide
funds for much needed surveys of
West Texas reservoir sites and
flood control projects as well as
make valuable information avail-
able in the laying out of highway
programs.

Morris Nicholson of Fort Worth
came in Sunday night to spend
Christmas with his mother Mrs.
R. A. Nicholson.

Someone Robs Goodfellow Pot

One of the littlest, down down,
corneriest, sneakiest robberies ever
to happen here took place some
time Sunday when a low down
sneak robbed the Goodfellows'
money pot in front of the Weeks
Drug Store. The pot had caught
a lot of little change over the
week-end and one of the Good-
fellows who examined the pot on
Saturday night estimated that at
least \$15 was in it. Sunday after-
noon when the pot was examined
there was only 80 cents left and
the wire over the top had been
torn off and the money removed.
Sheriff McWilliams was notified
but whoever did the work left no
clue of any kind. He robbed some
poor kiddies of their Christmas
and we place the crime as low as
stealing from a dead man. The
committee will not neglect any-
one, but will have to spend that
much less when they carry out
their bundles.

Also one of the barrels where
clothing is kept was plundered
and several dolls and other articles
stolen.

FLU-GRIP
Check before it starts.
Rub on—inhalable vapors
VICKS
VAPORUB
Over 21 Million Jars Used Yearly

FIVE BIDS ARE TURNED DOWN

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Bids of five
publishers of textbooks are declar-
ed invalid and the bids of five
others doubtful in a statement by
Attorney General Pollard. After
textbook commissioners had adopt-
ed the books it was found that
they were being sold at a lower
price f. o. b. the publishing com-
panies than they were being sup-
plied to the state f. o. b. Texas de-
positories.

General Pollard stated that he
expected to make an investigation
of the contracts of these compan-
ies and make a report as soon as
possible to the chairman of the
commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCulley of
Edinburg came in Sunday to spend
Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J.
M. Skinner.

Curtis Reese of McCamey is here
to spend the holidays with his
family and friends.

Goodfellows to Visit the Poor

The Goodfellows worked all Sun-
day afternoon getting together
their bundles for 20 odd needy
families. This number of families
will be remembered with groceries
covering everything from a box
of pepper to a 50-pound sack of
flour. Many other smaller bundles
will be carried to families who had
something to eat. A large number
of sacks of fruit were arranged
and stockings filled with fruit,
candy and nuts were arranged
for a large number of children.

Two trucks will be loaded late
this afternoon with the gifts and
two committees will visit these
homes just before night and give
them their gifts that are expected
to put a little cheer in the homes
where Santa Claus was not ex-
pected. Monday morning the same
committees will canvass the poor
children of the town and deliver
toys and clothing that have been
received. Several local firms are
going to donate the toys that they
have left on hand at the close
of business tonight. A large amount
of play things have already been
received and they will be distrib-
uted Christmas morning.

Money continued to come in
Monday from late givers to boost
the amount well over the allotted
quota which was first asked by the
committee.

Following is the standing to
date:

Reported	\$374.05
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell	2.00
Cash	2.00
Miss Thelma Midgely	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Karmany	5.00
John W. Collins	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Voelkel	2.00
Ben Mattheisen	1.00

LEAGUERS SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNDAY NIGHT

The members of the Epworth
League of the Methodist church
visited different sections of the
town Sunday night after church
singing Christmas carols to shut-
ins and sick folks. An announce-
ment had been made that they
would sing for everyone that had
a light in their windows, but the
lights were too numerous and they
were not able to sing for each
light. They visited about 15 sick
persons and decided that the town
was too large to cover all sections
in one night. Mrs. Forman, who is
in charge of the league work stat-
ed that next year they would have
groups and try to get to everyone.

Bull Fighting Losing Ground in Spain Says Famous Spanish Opera Singer

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Bull-fight-
ing is on the wane in Spain, ac-
cording to Margherita Salvi, the
Spanish coloratura soprano who
is making her debut at the Chica-
go Civic Opera as Rosina in "The
Barber of Seville."

Association football is the great
Sunday attraction in Spanish cities
today, she said, and it draws
crowds larger than any which ever
saw the famous "Corrida de
Toros."

"When I was a little girl the
bull ring always was packed on
Sunday afternoons," said Miss Sal-
vi. "But today there are many
vacant seats. Only when a corrida
reale is billed in Madrid are all
the seats taken."

"Do you enjoy the bull ring?"
Miss Salvi was asked.

"No. I don't enjoy it, for neither
the horses nor the bull have a
chance. It is too painful. Of course,
there is as much difference be-
tween the average 'fight' and a
royal performance as there is be-
tween provincial opera in some
small town and the great pro-
duction staged by the Chicago
Civic. But even the master matadors
are not a sufficient attrac-
tion for me to enjoy the spectacle."

It is less painful, yes, but I don't
like it."

The American term, bull-fight, is
incorrect, Miss Salvi pointed out.
The proper translation would be
"running the bulls." There is no
element of battle about the con-
test. From the time the heavy oak

doors of the stall are opened the
animal has no chance. "Of course
there is a great deal of color, par-
ticularly when the king is present
and all Madrid society fills the
boxes. But 'sangre y arena' (blood
and sand) are not for me."

Do not buy a portable phono-
graph until you hear the Colum-
bia portable. \$25.00. D. E. Moody
Music House. 21-3d

Be wise and advertise.

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To be sure of getting delicious, fruits,
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WILL SEE IT IN BALLINGER, BUT EVERYONE SHOULD SEE
IT. YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.

THEY WILL BE HERE

December 29th

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CHRISTMAS IN THE APARTMENT HOUSE

JEANETTE KIRBY suddenly finished dressing and proceeded to tap on the bathroom door and inform her husband, Edwin Kirby, that if he didn't hurry, they'd be late for the Christmas party. Edwin didn't want to go, she knew, but she had insisted, so he acquiesced.

On the other side of the wall, or rather in the other half of the house, dear little Mrs. Whitley paced the floor pined in a quaint old dress of other days, and a modest little bonnet topped her silver locks. The Union church had promised to call for her by motor to carry her to their annual holiday party and she was very happy as a result.

Thus it was, when the clock sounded out the hour of eight, tears flooded the eyes of both women—one because she had been forgotten and the other because her spouse wouldn't hurry. Both women had opened the front doors of their apartments and had stepped out upon the porch. A beautiful snow had begun to cover the ground and Jeanette knew Edwin hated tromping through a snowstorm, while she, herself, loved it. Mrs. Whitley concluded that the young folks of Union church had decided she shouldn't venture out in a snowstorm. Neither woman noticed the other until a low sob escaped the lips of the elder one.

It was but a few moments until the two women had sobbed out their own selfish griefs and had decided to have a Christmas party all their own. Edwin Kirby joined most heartily in their plans and made numerous trips to the basement for canned fruit and potatoes, and to the attic where he found the folded patent Christmas tree, some candles, some red balls and roping, and a huge sack of pop-corn.

What a party! The Kirbys forgot their differences in making Mrs. Whitley happy and, in turn, Mrs. Whitley loved the company of young folks. "Never since pa died, have I had such a wonderful Christmas party," declared Mrs. Whitley when she bade the happy child-like couple good morning at her door a number of hours afterward.

"Some good must come out of every misunderstanding," thought both women as they closed their eyes in sleep at the end of such a happy Christmas eve.—L. B. Lyong.

Sore Gums Now Curable

You won't be ashamed to smile again after you use Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy. This preparation is used and recommended by leading dentists and cannot fail to benefit you. Druggists return money if it fails. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

An advertised article never becomes shop-worn.

WHAT TO MAKE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

"WHAT shall I make for Christmas?" has puzzled so many children whose means are limited, that a few suggestions should be welcome.

First on the list comes mother, who doubtless would appreciate a needle-book, cut from flannel or any other soft woolen material, with the edges neatly hemmed. The cover may be of colored silk, or the whole may be cut in the outline of a cat, flower or other object.

A boy may prefer to grow a plant in a neighbor's hothouse. Particularly at the Christmas season, when the general aspect is rather gloomy, a flower or fern will find a welcome. The ideal gift for a sick person, a plant is quite as appropriate for one in good health.

Waste baskets are far from a usual gift, and they are always acceptable. Unless one is already skilled in basketry, it would be unwise to attempt weaving one, but heavy cardboard covered with scraps of wall paper may be used. This basket should be square, with a cardboard bottom pasted in. The wide ribbon may be run through slits near the top and tied in a bow at one corner. Sealing wax will also lend distinction, and this form of decoration may be used on wicker baskets as well.

A dainty lingerie perfume which any woman or girl would prize can be made by saving the petals of red roses. These are dried and sprinkled with salt, and should be stirred every morning for about ten days. For two quarts of petals, mix separately quarter ounce each of ground mace, cloves and allspice, half ounce ground cinnamon, two ounces powderedorris root, and quarter pound dried lavender flowers. Any other flowers that retain their fragrance after drying may be added. This mixture for any other recipe for pot-pourri is added to the rose petals.

A cupful or more of these dried petals are then tied in a bag of silk or mesh and finished with an artificial flower or any other dainty top. If preferred, smaller ones may be made, containing about half a cupful each. These should be presented in groups of three.—Helen Galsford.

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GINS WILL SHUT DOWN FOR TWO DAYS NEXT WEEK

The following gins will close down Saturday night and will not be open again until Wednesday morning, Dec. 26. The employees will take these two days for Christmas. All will be open and ready for your cotton again on Wednesday morning.

Farmers Bureau Gins, Nos. 1 and 2
W. F. Mason
Mrs. W. E. Harvey
The Day Gin. 26-4d

Arrest Negro for Stealing Money

E. J. Berg, who lives at the Kelly Cottage was robbed Monday of \$140. The money was taken from beneath his pillow at about 8:30 o'clock while he was out of the room for a few minutes.

Mr. Berg immediately reported the theft to Chief of Police McCall who, with Mitchell Moore, went to work on the case and soon had the money and the party who stole it. Mr. McCall, soon after starting to work on the case, learned from a negro woman here in town that a maid who works at the hotel had told her about getting the money and had promised to divide with her friend. The woman told the officers that the maid had hidden the money somewhere about the hotel. Officers McCall and Moore arrested the maid and took her before County Attorney C. P. Shepherd who filed a charge of burglary against her and had her lodged in the county jail. The officers went back to the hotel and found the money in a trash pile and under the hotel in the purse. \$5 was missing from the purse when it was recovered and they soon learned where the maid had made several gifts to different people.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nance and family of Brady are here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

J. D. Forman is very ill at home this week. J. D. took sick Friday and Sunday was so ill that a trained nurse was employed for his case.

Be wise and advertise.

CLUB WOMEN TO HELP "SELLING" NEW ENGLAND

(By International News Service) BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The campaign to "sell" New England to itself is already receiving the support of New England club women with the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs blazing the trail for the individual clubs to follow.

The research committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs has requested that every women's club in New England devote one program to the study of New England topics during the current year. The committee had just issued a folder devoted to suggestions for study of New England problems and to plans for observance of New England Day by each women's club in New England.

THREE ARE IN RACE FOR SPEAKERSHIP IN HOUSE

(By International News Service) AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Making the race for the speakership of the next legislature a three-cornered affair, Representative Grady Woodruff, of Decatur, is expected to enter the contest, which has been regarded as being very close between Representative W. S. Barron of Bryan and Representative W. R. Montgomery of Edinburgh. Both of the latter are claiming victory.

The legislation convenes Jan. 8. Headquarters are expected to be opened here in behalf of the candidates following the Christmas holidays.

Managing poultry for profit isn't the easiest thing in the world, but it is a possibility on most every farm if proper methods are used. Good stock is the first essential to a profitable farm flock.

Miss Pauline Morley is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morley. Miss Pauline is teaching in the Robert Lee school this year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gardner of New Castle are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Gardner's mother, Mrs. C. C. Ganaway.

Do not buy a portable phonograph until you hear the Columbia portable. \$25.00. D. E. Moody Music House. 21-3d

Miss Mae Garlington came in

Sunday to spend Christmas with home folks. She is employed at Denton in the State Teachers College at that place.

Ballinger Floral Company has Poinsettias, Cyclamens, Cenerarias, Begonias, Bougainvillea and many other beautiful pot plants and cut flowers. Cemetery and auto wreaths. See them at once. 8-dtf

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cooper of Pecos are here spending the holidays with Mrs. Cooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Francis.

PHONE 91 YOUR ORDERS FOR

Pasteurized Milk 15c quart
Whole Milk 15c quart
and
Buttermilk 10c quart
Deliveries made at 5:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. Daily

Patronize Your Creamery

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See Our Nice Line of

CHRISTMAS CAKES
Fresh Daily Until Christmas
IDEAL BAKERY

A TIME FOR SENTIMENT

We do not conduct our business for sentimental reasons nor solicit patronage on any other than the soundest business principles. We believe that in commercial transactions customers prefer honest values, courtesy and promptness, and like to trade where their business is appreciated. Therefore do we model our policy along these lines.

But these things rather add to our enjoyment of the beautiful sentiment which permeates the Christmas holidays, for this is a time for sentiment, the tenderest the human heart knows.

All joy to you and yours at Christmas-tide.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
MERRY CHRISTMAS

CAMERON'S GARAGE

Phone 84 Eighth St.
You Must Be Pleased

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS
Saturday and Monday

- No. 1 EMERALD WALNUTS, lb. 35c
- 3 pounds for \$1.00
- 5-lb. box CHOCOLATE CANDY \$1.48
- MIXED CANDIES, per lb. 23c
- Special MIXED CHRISTMAS CANDY, per lb. 20c
- Pure East Texas RIBBON CANE SYRUP gallon \$1.00
- No. 2 1/2 SPINACH, per can 17c
- No. 2 KUNER'S KRAUT, per can 8 1/2c (Regular 15c size)

MRS. BAIRD'S CAKES, Extra Fancy
FRESH STRAWBERRIES, Extra Fancy
MORE FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES THAN ANYBODY
Prices are Right

We Greatly Appreciate Your Patronage and shall continue to do our best to merit whatever business you may turn our way. We thank you and wish for all of you and all of yours the Best Christmas of your lives.

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140 PHONES 158

IF

MRS. A. S. LOVE
Will Phone 75
By 9:00 o'Clock

Wednesday Morning
Her Bundle Will Be Washed and Ironed

FREE!

Mrs. Ross Smith's bundle contained the following:

Two Shirts, soft; 7 Socks; 21 Handkerchiefs; 20 Ch. Pieces; 3 Towels, bath; 1 Table Cloth; 3 Sheets; 3 Pillow Slips; 13 Rags; 1 Scarf.

Weight of bundle was 17 pounds; Wet Wash, 85c; Rough Dry, \$1.50; Family Finish, \$3.50.

Ballinger Steam Laundry

Telephone 75



Sheriff's Sale
 Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County, on the 21st day of November 1928, in a certain cause wherein Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger is plaintiff, and W. O. Beard is defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 23rd day of October 1928 in favor of the said plaintiff The Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Ballinger against said defendant W. O. Beard for the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty (2880.87) & 87/100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January, 1929, it being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House in Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of W. O. Beard in and to the following described personal property, levied upon as the property of W. O. Beard to-wit:

One brown horse mule about 8 years old, 143-4 H. H.
 One brown horse mule about 8 years old, 143-4 H. H.
 One bay mare mule about 4 years old 15 H. H.
 One bay mare mule about 3 years old 15 H. H.
 One brown mare mule about 2 years old 15 H. H.
 Three Jersey cows and calves and one heifer.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and 87/100 Dollars, in favor of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

R. E. McWILLIAMS,
 Sheriff Runnels County, Texas,
 Ballinger, Texas, December 10th, 1928. d-10-17-24

Sheriff's Sale
 Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County, on the 5th day of December 1928, in a certain cause wherein Hyson Hill, et al, are plaintiffs, and J. D. Smith, Admr, et al, are defendants, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 25th day of October 1928 in favor of the said plaintiffs, Hyson Hill, et al, against said defendants J. D. Smith, Admr, et al, for nine Vendor's Lien notes described below, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in Jan. 1929, it being the 1st day

of said month, at Court House door in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas within the legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of J. D. Smith, Admr, et al in and to the following described personal property, levied upon as the property of J. D. Smith, Admr, et al nine Vendor's Lien notes, described as follows:-

Dated at Ballinger, Texas, December 1st, 1924, for the sum of \$175.00 each, signed by T. J. Tubbs, payable to Mrs. Lizzie Wright, on or before January 1st, 1926, and each January 1st thereafter to and including the year 1935, and being numbered from one to nine inclusive bearing annually on January 1st of each year, principal and interest payable at the office of C. A. Dooze & Company in Ballinger, Texas, said notes given in part payment for the following described tract and parcel of land lying and situated in Runnels County, Texas. Being 100 acres of land out of the West end of Block No. 2, subdivision of Survey No. 144, originally granted to Henry L. Bays by virtue of Cert. No. 917/1016 known as Abst. No. 17, Pat. No. 79, Vol 12.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for said nine notes in favor of Hyson Hill, et al, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

R. E. McWILLIAMS,
 Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas,
 Ballinger, Texas, December 10th, 1928. d-10-17-24

APPARATUS IS AID IN DEAFNESS
 (By International News Service)
 AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Using equipment and apparatus perfected by Dr. J. W. McDonald and other officials of the Texas State School for the deaf, demonstrations have been made which indicate that ears are not absolutely essential to hearing. In tests, sound waves are transmitted directly to the auditory nerves behind the ears, causing sound sensations which are comparable to the natural reaction of the complete auditory system.

At the present stage of the development of the apparatus it is not feasible to predict the value of the device, but it is expected to make possible the production of a remedy for deafness, where the seat of the trouble is in the ear itself.

Corpus Christi—Plans complete for widening Staples Street.

Huntsville—New bus terminal recently opened here.

MOVIES

"Pistols and Forty Paces" He Cried
 A pistol duel at four paces with a girl watching, a dagger poised at her heart ready to end her life if her sweetheart is killed, forms one of the high dramatic points in "Two Arabian Knights" to be seen Wednesday and Thursday at the Palace Theatre.

It is a practical impossibility to miss in a duel at this distance but the American soldier and the Arab officer who are the principals, both live through it. How? By an original twist of the situation that is better seen than described.

"Two Arabian Knights," despite this exciting incident and others like it, is not a heavy drama. It is a comedy-drama, packed with swift moving and laughable situations, depicting the adventures of two American soldiers at the close of the war. In escaping from a German prison camp in Arab attire they find their disguise leads them into so many unusual circumstances that they often wish they were back in the comparative safety of the camp.

William Boyd plays the principal part. Mary Astor is cast opposite him, and the character part, of equal importance to the two leads, is in the hands of Louis Wolheim, stage star and original Captain Flagg of "What Price Glory?" when it was first presented in New York.

Director Lewis Milestone made the picture for Caddo Productions, headed by Howard Hughes. It was produced for United Artists under the supervision of John W. Considine.

Thrilling Action in Meighan's New Film
 The barking of machine guns, the intermittent reports of automatics; the excited howls of a mob gone wild, are some of the thrilling highlights of Thomas Meighan's latest starring picture entitled,

"The Racket," the story of a feud between a police captain and the leader of a gang of beer runners, the attraction today at the Palace Theatre.

As Captain McQuigg, Thomas Meighan gives one of his greatest characterizations in "The Racket," a melodrama of the underworld adapted from the famous stage play by Bartlett Cormack, a newspaperman. Hard-boiled and fearless of all elements, Meighan battles the gang leader Nick Scarsi; which part is portrayed by Louis Wolheim, one of the most able character actors in motion pictures today.

Marie Prevost as Helen, the night club entertainer, who is the principal figure of a romance with John Darrow, a reporter, also gives an outstanding performance.

"The Racket" is a colorful as well as powerful melodrama. Its author a newspaperman has written a vital drama of metropolitan gang life, taken from his observations and experiences. The story was first presented in play form in New York, where it ran for several months and which was followed by a successful road engagement. Mr. Meighan personally selected the story as being ideally suited to his ability, and critics have hailed his work wherever the picture has been shown.

Among others who contribute to the success of the performance are: Lee Moran, Skeets Gallagher, Lucian Prival, Tony Mario and G. Pat Collins who also appeared in the stage presentation. The picture was directed by Lewis Milestone, who directed Meighan in "The New Klondike" one of the star's most successful pictures.

MAY INCREASE STATE COLLEGES' BUDGETS
 Austin, Dec. 24.—Governor Dan Moody may act to get recognition for recommendations made by officials of the eight state teachers' schools that the summer school budget as scheduled by the State

Board of Control be increased before it is placed before the Legislature.

M. O. Flowers, of Lockhart, president of the board of regents of state teachers' colleges, headed a delegation composed of three members of the board of regents and the presidents of three of the schools which called on the governor to place before him evidence that the budget as it now stands would be inadequate for the operation of the institutions during the summer term.

The street-car rider who believes in fair play will pay his fare.

FLYING STENOGRAPHERS IN SATISFACTORY TEST
 (By International News Service)
 CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Flying typists are efficient, according to the American Air Transport association, which reports that two stenographers recently completed a 300-mile trip during which they took dictation.

Neither of the typists had flown before but the work they turned out, actually typing letters while flying, following the dictation, was entirely satisfactory.

Lockney—New \$75.00 hotel will be built at Main and Locust here.

May This Christmas Be a Very Happy Season to You

BRINGING joy and gladness into your life and into the lives of those for whom you are concerned.

How good it is that we have set aside a season of the year when good fellowship prevails and kind deeds are seen on every hand. It is a fitting time to express the gratitude of one's heart. We trust this message will reach all our friends wherever they may be.

"M" SYSTEM GROCERY and MARKET

Greasing Tables

are everywhere becoming aware that Christmas is here again and that they will have to stand up under the usual burden of delicious viands which give the Yuletide its festive spirit. Ceilings and rooftrees are resounding again to peals of merry laughter that let them know their best echoes will be needed for another week.

Everybody and everything seems to be taking on the spirit of the season, and we are not one whit behind in wishing for everybody the jolliest Christmas of their lives.

J. M. Jones
 Grocery and Market



Jack Frost With Icy Tracery

beautifies the world outside and puts the tang in the air that makes us want to move about and be doing something to keep our bodies warm. Old Santa Claus now comes along and puts the glow of love in our hearts to warm them up and make us want to be doing something to make someone else happier.

We shall try to do our share, and in the meantime we are wishing you all the happiness you can take care of.

And Don't Forget the New OUTSTANDING

Chevrolet

DECEMBER 29TH

Visit our new building and at the same time see this wonderful automobile.

Healer Chevrolet Co.

Diamond Ended Year of Peace; Yankees Repeat

By Davis J. Walsh
(INS Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Baseball achieved what some people would regard as a state of perfection during the year just coming to a close. No scandals; everything is peaceful. Nobody had to be reprimanded about the common decency of keeping his shirt on. Just a lot of good ball players playing a lot of good ball. There was so little excitement, in fact, that John Heydler threw away his rubber stamp and demanded some. All John wanted was a permanent pinch hitter for the pitcher, thus making a baseball nine strictly a 10-man affair.

All the excitement of the campaign was furnished by the New York Yankees who won the world series for the second consecutive year in a minimum number of four games. This was only one of many records piled up by the Yanks in the big lot. Ruth and Gehrig went on the greatest rampage ever conducted by any two men and batting records were flung all over the premises.

Ruth climaxed his efforts by hitting three homers in the final game of the series, equalling his record made in 1926. Gehrig equalled Ruth's series record with four homers, all told. Both Gehrig and Durst hit one out of the park in the series finale and another single-game record of five had become an actuality.

The St. Louis Cardinals were the hapless victims of this outrage. Their appearance in the series, of course, meant that the Cards had won the National League pennant. So naturally Sam Breadon fired Bill McKechie, his manager. Bill Southworth, a former lathe hand of the company, got the job.

The air also awaited two other managers. Stanley Harris, once a winner with Washington, shifted to Detroit, replacing George Moriarty. Rogers Hornsby, the renowned traveler, again was on his way when the season was over.

the major leagues. They finished their glamorous careers on the same bench with Connie Mack in Philadelphia. Speaker immediately fell heir to Johnson's spot in Newark.

Jim Bottomley, of the Cards, was voted the most valuable player prize in the National League. Gordon Cochrane, of the Athletics received the award in the American League. There wasn't a no hit game pitched in either league during the season.

The year was marked by intensely close finishes in most of the big minors. Rochester won the international pennant on the final day of the season, but was knocked off by Indianapolis, the American Association winner, in the "little world series." San Francisco took the honors on the coast. Houston won in the Texas League, after a play-off with Wichita Falls, and then beat Birmingham, champions of the Southern Association.

I know there was more than this. But why be technical?

PLAN OPENING OF MILK CONDENSING PLANT SOON

(By International News Service)
WACO, Dec. 22.—Construction of a plant here for the Borden Milk Company is scheduled to begin about January 15, 1929, according to an announcement made by Dr. C. D. Pierce, chief of the production department.

At about the same time, the grounds and barns of the Texas Cotton Palace will be thrown open to use as a public stockyard under control of the agricultural department of the chamber of commerce. A public sale of jersey cattle will mark the opening.

REMEMBERS LEDGER FORCE WITH CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Weeks' Drug Store sent Santa Claus to the Ledger office Monday with a present for every member of the force. This is an annual event and one which is appreciated very much by every employe of this firm. The gifts were very nice and make us realize that there is really a spirit of friendship existing in business relations.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass left Saturday for Cleburne to spend Christmas with relatives and

Poultry Now in the Billion Class

Dayton, O., Dec. 24.—The farm poultry industry now ranks in the billion dollar class, and is the sixth agricultural commodity in value in the United States, according to Harry R. Lewis, president of the National Poultry Council. In line with the increasing importance of poultry and eggs as a source of income to the farmers of the nation, Mr. Lewis and several leading poultry authorities, recently called upon General Lord, director of the Federal Budget Bureau, to ask for larger appropriations in 1930 to solve new problems arising in the industry.

This is an indication that chickens on the farm cannot any longer be treated as a side issue, but should be considered one of the principal "crops" and the one most readily convertible into "ready cash." Last year approximately \$1,181,000,000 was the farmer's net income from poultry and eggs, which ranks them well above wheat, oats, potatoes, fruit and a long list of other farm products so far as actual monetary return is concerned.

It is on this basis that the National Poultry Council appealed to Uncle Sam for more funds to secure improved methods of poultry keeping which may assist the farmer in obtaining still larger profits from his poultry flock.

The first step to greater profits from farm poultry is in increased egg production, according to poultry authorities and farm bureau agents. Hens must lay from 149 to 170 eggs per year to return a good profit to their owners. The principal trouble lies in the fact that the average farm hen now lays only 70 eggs a year, which

is not enough for the farmer to realize an adequate profit in return for the labor and feed he expends.

In a drive to assist in bettering the quality of stock on American farms leading hatcheries of the country recently united under the slogan, "Hatchery Chicks for Greater Profits" pledged to produce profit-making stock at fair prices. Because the great growth in the hatchery business in recent years has enabled the poultry industry to attain its present size, leaders in this field are looking to hatcheries as the most logical source of better farm stock for the future.

BERLIN MOVIES STRIVE TO INCREASE POPULARITY OF FILMS WITH PUBLIC

(By International News Service)
BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Berlin movie theatres are making violent efforts to increase popularity of the pictures in this country.

As part of the rapid Americanization of Berlin, the newest of the city's movie theatres is treating its afternoon visitors with a cup of coffee and with cake free of extra charge that "three C's"—cinema, coffee, cake—will succeed in drawing bigger crowds.

Another Berlin movie theatre is submitting the honesty of Berliners to a very severe test. Candy and chocolates are displayed on a huge table in the entrance hall without any other guard than a wooden page carrying a signboard: "Please serve yourself." Each piece costs one mark. Please pay yourself. I leave it to your honesty to put that mark on the table.

The directors of this theatre state that Berlin's honesty has emerged with flying colors from this experiment.

Proper housing is one of the most important factors in poultry

keeping. See that hens are protected from winter draughts, and they'll repay by laying eggs you can turn into winter profits.

The farmer who will profit in the future will be the one who reduces the cost of producing crops and livestock.

It Wishes Were Wings

and good will had the power to work magic, your home would be visited by us this Yuletide season and filled to the roof tree with genuine joy.

Those loved ones you most long to see would be there, all worries and irritations would be whipped out the door, and you would all have the merriest time of your lives.

We hope that it will be so with you anyhow.



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and this is more true at Christmas time than at any time of the year for when the group of loved ones gather around the Christmas fire be it mansion or lowly cottage, every member of the circle wants to be there. and the light from the happy faces of loved ones makes the humblest dwelling radiant.

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LOST—End gate to new Ford truck, lost on streets of Ballinger Thursday. Return same to Texas Co., wholesale station and get reward. J. F. Neff. 22-3td

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LOST—Leather coin bag, had small ring in it. Reward for return to Ledger office. 21-3d*

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 319 at 811 Seventh Street. 19-6d*

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 179. 14-dtt*

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One four room house, one three room house, two two room houses, on Sealy Avenue near steam laundry. Also 6 small tenant houses lying near fair grounds with 11 acres of land and two lots in Miller addition on 11th Street. W. W. Embry, Phone 463, Ballinger. 17-25d-4w

TENNESSEE FARMER WAS WORLD CHAMPION PAPA

(By International News Service)
PARIS, Tenn., Dec. 32.—Lewis Henry French, farmer of near here who died a few days ago, claimed to be one of the world's champion papas.
French was the father of 22 children by three wives. Besides 23 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was 75 years of age at the time of his death.
French's third wife, who survives him, was the mother of nine children.

Proper feeding is half the battle when it comes to getting profits from the farm poultry flock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Methodist Church
Enrollment, 331.
Present, 257.
New members, 4.
Offering, \$23.49.

Eighth Street Prebyterian Church
Enrollment, 154.
Present, 116.
Visitors, 5.
Offering, \$7.64.

First Christian Church
Enrollment, 160.
Present, 117.
New members, 3.
Offering, \$100.30.

First Presbyterian Church
Enrollment, 129.
Present, 107.
Visitors, 5.
Offering, \$11.12.

Baptist Church
Enrollment, 452.
Present, 304.
New members, 5.
Offering, \$13.82.

Nazarene Church
Enrollment, 136.
Present, 79.
Visitors, 4.
Offering, \$4.78.

Do not buy a portable phonograph until you hear the Columbia portable. \$25.00. D. E. Moody Music House. 21-3d

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woody left Friday afternoon for Temple to spend Christmas with relatives.

Postoffice Force Up with Work

Postmaster J. A. Reese stated Monday to a Ledger reporter that the local postoffice was right up to the minute on handling the Christmas rush of mail, cards and packages this year and would stay that way until all mail was handled Monday night. He stated that only one man would stay on duty Tuesday, but that Wednesday morning everything would be in ship shape again.

The local postoffice has had the largest amount of holiday mail this year that it has ever experienced. The force has worked every night in order not to get behind and Sunday the local office was kept open all day with a full force on duty to handle the rush. It was largely due to the Sunday work that the office did not get "snowed under" with parcel post packages.

The postoffice here is one of the few in this section of the state that has been able to handle the work this Christmas. Reports from other towns are that the offices are behind with the work. Mr. Reese started the force working overtime with the first arrival of the Christmas rush and every night the mail has been cleared before the force has quit.

Ballinger is proud of the service rendered by our efficient postoffice force and some day in the near future we hope to see the same faces in a real federal building with new equipment for a modern postoffice.

WEDDING BELLS

Ashton-Odom
Charlie Ashton and Miss Ethel Odom were married at the Eighth Street Presbyterian manse Saturday night by Rev. Alvin O. Rue. The double ring ceremony was used in the wedding which was in the presence of only a few friends who accompanied the couple to the manse.

Reams-Waechter
Richard R. Reams and Miss Agnes Mae Waechter were married at the home of the bride, three and one-half miles east of Ballinger Saturday night at 8 o'clock by Rev. Alvin O. Rue. More than 100 guests were present at the wedding to wish the couple a long and happy life. They will make their home near Hatchel.

Winston Hooper of Dallas, a student in S. M. U., came in Saturday night to spend Christmas with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Hooper.

Ballinger Chapter No. 184 - R. A. M.
Ballinger Council No. 122
Regular stated meetings held on 2nd Friday in each month
Members requested to attend
Visiting companions cordially invited.
J. McGregor Secy. Noel Penn H. P.

Ballinger Lodge No. 643
A. F. & A. M.
Regular Stated Meetings on Second Tuesday of Each Month.
Visiting Brothers Invited.
W. B. Halley Secy. Noel Penn W. M.

O. E. S.
Ballinger Chapter No. 266
Order of Eastern Star
Regular meetings Second Monday in each month at 7:30 p. m.
All members urged to attend
Visitors always welcome.
GRIFFIE ATKINS, W. M.
IONE TEAGUE, Secretary.

Marcus Barker of Dallas is here visiting with relatives and friends during the holidays. Joe Frazier of San Antonio in Saturday to be at home over the holiday season.

Merry Christmas
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and
All
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