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Make Eastland Your Shopping Center!

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CLUBS FOR SELECTION

Blount, assistant county announced today that county's 17 girls' 4-H selected officers for the

which have not elected of the new year but will do the said, were Pioneer Cooper. The 17 clubs have a total membership

of the clubs and total members in each unit

Margie Calvert, president; Bonnie Fae Jowles, secretary; Dorothy Melton, program; The Frey Reid, recreation; Mrs. S. L. Rogers, members, 16.

Belva Dempsey, president; Adams, vice president; Beck, secretary; Hatton, reporter; Shap, recreational leader; Henry Wilson, sponsor, 18.

Nita Taylor, president; Armstrong, vice president; Don, secretary; reporter; Miss Foss, chairman; Marie, reporter; Miss O. O. Lovell, sponsor, 20.

Dorothy Huffman, Edna Earl King, vice; Geraldine Craig, secretary; Darline Galowsky, Joyce Martin, program; Mary Evelyn Putty, leader; Mrs. Durant, members, 27.

Ima Louise Little, Bebie Byrd, secretary; Margaret Griger, program; Rosetta Arnold, Mrs. M. W. Griger, sponsor, 7.

Ward—Thea Beth Dolan, Jean Payne, vice; Lilla Jean Kinnison, secretary; Mildred Thomas, Maude Taylor, recreation; Betty Lou Ward, chairman; Mrs. R. Reed, members, 12.

Phyllis Donaldson, Louise Eaves, vice; Donaldson, secretary; Verda Mae Eaves, Ma Timmons, recreation; Ernestine Jumper, chairman; Mrs. L. R. Higginson, sponsor, 10.

Doris Wheeler, Betty Lou Brinson, vice; Patsy Ruth Smith, secretary; Clara Nell Hindler, Viola Seay, program; Lois Casey, recreation; Mrs. Opal Brinson, members, 11.

Valley—Veda Fay Ramon, Doris Mae Harp, secretary; Carolyn Robb, reporter; Maxine program chairman; Rose recreation leader; Mrs. Nix, sponsor. Members,

Mary Ruth Cook, Mary Smith, vice; Mounce, secretary; Jean Mangum, reporter; recreation leader; Nell Woodall, program; Mrs. E. Barron, sponsor, 12.

Frances Kerely, president; Jo Wohlgenuth, vice; Geraldine Kerely, recreation; Marie Rowch, program; Verda Jean Spurlen and sponsors. Members,

Hazel Day, president; Claborn, vice president; Brazzil, secretary; treasurer; Lee Hicks, reporter; Corander, program chairman; Burns, recreation leader; Olenie Brazzil, members, 10.

Young—Ella Joy Ferant; Zeldia Fae Stephen, vice; Bessie O'Keefe, treasurer; Katherine reporter; Mae Deaton, program; Betty Jean McCrean, recreation leader; Miss sponsor. Members, 10.

High—Betty Jo Hindant; Mercedes Pearson, vice; Lillian Bishop, secretary; Juanita Love, leader; Mrs. Owen Hinson, members, 7.

Star—Elaine Eakin, Nettie Lou Neal, vice; Johnny Fae Milwee, treasurer; Ethel Gales, chairman; Donna Robinson; Dorothy Jean Small, leader; Mrs. Velma

Children In Eastland Nursery To Receive Gifts Today at 2:30

A party for children in the Eastland WPA nursery will be held this afternoon at 2:30 in the nursery building on North Seaman street.

Many individuals and organizations have worked for several weeks in making arrangements for the event, which is the highlight of the nursery school year.

The nursery has been operated for three years and in that period 65 children, from the age of 2 to 5, have been "graduated." The children received instructed play and are given the best of food to eat.

At the present time there are 52 children in the nursery. The nursery project is sponsored by the City of Eastland through the cooperation of the WPA. An advisory board assists in the operation of the nursery.

Other members of the board are Mayor C. W. Hoffmann, Dr. C. C. Cogburn, Clyde Wellman, L. J. Lambert, Mrs. Jewel Reeves, Mrs. Jim Horton, Ben Hamner, Earl Conner, Jr., and T. P. Johnson.

Mrs. Vera Hutchinson is the manager of the nursery. Geraldine Hines of Fort Worth is in charge of the nursery projects in this district.

The general public has been invited as spectators at the party Friday afternoon. Candies, Won-Up, cakes and many other items have been secured for the children for Friday through the courtesy of companies who have generously cooperated in arrangements.

Apples and oranges are also to be given to the children. Toys, too, are to be given by Santa to the children.

J. E. Lewis, Jr., of Eastland, Won-Up distributor, donated a quantity of cans of his products for the children. Lewis recently returned from a meeting of distributors and reports disclosed his district is one of the leading served by the Engleman Gardens, who can Won-Up.

The National Biscuit company also is another firm which generously donated for the occasion Friday. The company donated a case of shredded wheat for the occasion. It, like all other firms and individuals, was thanked for the contribution.

The Salerno-Megowan Biscuit company of Chicago, Ill., furnished a great quantity of its products for the occasion. G. O. Dunn, sales manager, in making the donation said, among other things in his letter advising of the shipment, that "I shall be more than pleased to furnish you with a donation of our high quality merchandise which you will receive."

He also stated "It is my hope the children will enjoy a grand and beautiful Christmas."

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The William Wrigley, Jr. Co., chewing gum manufacturers, also contributed heavily for the children. This company, too, was glad to be of assistance. Its well-known products will go into Santa's sack.

The Brown Cracker and Candy company of Dallas sent a 30-pound case of Christmas mixed candy. The company wrote it was glad to be of assistance and said

it hoped each child would be made as happy as possible.

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Frankell School Honor Roll For Period Is Listed

The teachers of Frankell have issued their second honor roll. The ones who were on it were: first grade, Delma Charlene Scoggin, Eddie June Jackson, Kenneth Stanford, Marlene Langford, Billie Dale Yoes and Royce McGowan; second grade, Martha Deaver and Keith Munnerlyn; third grade, Georgia Mae Casey, Rayburn Wood, Johnnie Schoonover, Jr., Nolan Knight and Jettie Dean McCollum; fourth grade, Nona Lennon and Garlan Ray Poland; fifth grade, Dorothy Jean Yoes; seventh grade, Billie Jo Brown, Donald Bradford and Dorothy Stuard.

The best speaker of this six weeks was Bobby Scoggin.

Frankell played Oak Grove Friday in basketball and football. The score in basketball was 14 to 21 in Frankell's favor. The leading boy at Frankell was Captain Brown, who scored 10 points, and next was Billy Jennings, who scored 9 points. Oak Grove's leading boy was Kenneth Kirkland, who scored 7 points.

The score in football was nothing to two touchdowns which Frankell made.

Receipt Noted Of Toad Literature

A letter expressing thanks for the sending of information and literature on horned toads has been received by T. J. Tanner, secretary-manager of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, from unit No. 3 of the U. S. Society of Zoology. The letter was written from Cincinnati, O.

Jim Conley, representative of the organization, said in the letter that the literature and some horned toads which he has will be shown in schools and service clubs in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio.

Mr. Horn says that in those days oxen were used for work on the farm and women rode horseback on side saddles. He was a farmer until ill health forced him to retire from that work.

The date of their marriage was Dec. 22, 1889. To the union were born seven children, five of whom are living. They are Arthur Horn of El Paso, Beulah Young of Deming, New Mexico, Stella Hazzard of Staff, Lydia Bell of Strawn, Truman Horn of Eastland. Descendants include 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In the early years of their life they were tenant farmers but in 1900 they bought a 160-acre tract of land five miles east of Eastland on the Eastland-Stephenville road.

Mr. Horn never farmed on a big scale but his yields from the various crops always were high. In 1928 Mr. Horn rented his farm and moved to Olden, where they lived seven years. As Mr. Horn says, "When the depression came we sold our little home in Olden and moved back to the farm, thinking we could make a living as before."

Ill health forced them to retire from farming and they sold their farm and moved to Eastland in September, 1928, when they bought the home where they now reside.

He "keeps a cow and a few chickens," as Mr. Horn says, "you can get a man off the farm but you can't get all the farm out of the man."

Mr. and Mrs. Horn remember all the early pioneers of Eastland such as the Connors, Townsends, Trulys, Helms and Connelles.

Eastland Legion Seeks Members

Cooperation of the membership in securing 38 more members to bring the total enrollment to 400 per cent of the quota set for 1940 was asked today by Henry Pullman, commander of the Eastland American Legion post.

The membership fees should be brought to Pullman, J. H. Mitchell or Herbert Reed.

Episcopal Church Services Tuesday

Communion services of the Eastland County Episcopal Church will be held Tuesday morning, Dec. 26 at 10 o'clock in Eastland instead of the date announced previously, it was pointed out today.

Rev. John E. Bauknight, pastor of the Episcopal Church at Mineral Wells, will conduct the services.

Eastland Man Is Reported Improved

B. E. Roberson of Eastland, who has been at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for the past four weeks, underwent an operation Wednesday morning. He was reported as doing nicely.

Funeral Services For Oilman Unset

Funeral arrangements for Charles Porter, 56, who died Tuesday at Eastland, had not been completed Wednesday afternoon Mr. Porter was an oil man and had lived in Eastland since 1917.

Ranger Youth Is Sentenced To Work On Father's Farm

DALLAS, Dec. 21.—Edgar Mills, 28, of Ranger, was sentenced today in federal court to work three years on the farm of his father, near Ranger. Mills confessed to forgery of welfare checks.

The sentence to work on his father's farm was pronounced in lieu of a jail term or fine, after money had been refunded to make good the checks.

Capt. Lansdorff Is Buried Thursday In Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21.—Capt. Hans Lansdorff, commander of the ill-fated German pocket battleship Graf Spee, who took his own life after scuttling his badly-damaged ship, was buried in Buenos Aires today.

Rumors persisted here that Lansdorff's suicide was the outgrowth of a violent argument with Adolf Hitler over scuttling the ship, as he believed that carrying out the orders made a coward out of him.

Capt. Lansdorff, before receiving the orders, had been hurriedly preparing his vessel for sea, and intended to make a runnig fight, going down with his ship, if necessary.

A huge wreath of fresh flowers adorned the head of his casket, bearing a card, "From Adolf Hitler."

Newspapers here stated that Lansdorff was a loyal German, but not a loyal Nazi. They carried stories of how he draped himself in the flag of the old Imperial German Empire, before ending his life with a revolver bullet.

Members of the crew of the Graf Spee did not believe first reports of his suicide. "Do you think we would be laughing if our captain had just died?" they inquired when interviewed by reporters. Many still do not believe the story.

Man Who Knew All Train Schedules Is Killed At Crossing

WEATHERFORD, Dec. 21.—C. A. Craig, 76, who has driven to Weatherford from his home in Alledo for so many years that he knew the train schedules perfectly, was killed today when his car was struck by a train at a grade crossing.

The train was two hours late.

Defendant Winner In Eastland Suit

Judgment in favor of the defendant was rendered Friday by 88th district court in the case of City of Ranger vs. A. K. Wier. Land Title, Bank and Trust company was intervenor. The case involved collection of paving licenses certificates issued by the City of Ranger in 1928.

Employment Office Closes Dec. 25th

The Texas State Employment Service office will be closed Monday, Dec. 25, it was announced today by J. Syd Lowry, office manager. Claims due Monday will be taken the following day, he stated.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Bennett

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Gorman for Mrs. Loss Bennett of New Hope, who died Sunday. She had been ill for an extended period. Survivors include her husband.

Frolic of School Scheduled Tonight

The Mothers Teachers Club of the Eastland High School will sponsor its annual Christmas frolic for the high school students tonight in the gymnasium.

All students are invited to attend.

Business Expert Sees Improvements

AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—Dr. F. A. Buechel, University of Texas business expert, today said that Texas trade and industry had a bright outlook for at least the first six months of 1940.

WARSHIPS ARE WAITING FOR ARAUCA TODAY

PORT EVERGLADES, Fla., Dec. 21.—One submarine and at least four warships, thought to be British, but unidentified as such, were reported today to be waiting outside Port Everglades for the German freighter Arauca, which fled to port here when it encountered a British cruiser at sea.

Red Thompson, who flew over the area, reported seeing two warships, which he could not identify, outside the harbor and one submarine 15 miles at sea. On a later trip he reported the submarine had come to the surface.

Meanwhile United States officials were still investigating the Arauca, which was given entry to the port when it was stated she carried no arms.

Government Aid To Farmers Told

Congressman Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland was one of the principal speakers at an educational meeting of the Farm Security Administration Monday in Abilene.

"So close is the activity of the government to our everyday life," he pointed out, "that we seldom see the sweeping extent and magnitude of its work."

"In 1933, when the administration came into office, it was necessary to impress the people of certain needs."

"What could have been more impressively brought out the fact that we have overproduction than to plow up every third row of cotton?"

Dwelling on the activities of the government in relation to the farm, the congressman expressed this general idea: "Control of farm production is contrary to a free economy; but then the tariff protection that industry has had for 150 years is also contrary to free economy; our farm program is designed to offset this tariff and bring an equitable income for the farmer."

"Benefits of a better farm income are not limited to the farmer, but also to business and professional men in the farming areas," said Rep. Garrett.

Garrett is also scheduled to speak at a similar meeting Wednesday in Dublin.

Eastland Citizen's Daughter Is Dead

Mrs. Burl Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Grieger of Eastland, died Saturday at her home in Farmington, West Virginia, after a long illness.

Mrs. Martin is survived by her husband, five children, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grieger, and a brother, Marcus Grieger of Eastland. She was a half-sister of the late Frank Miller of Eastland.

Eastland Stores Are Open Later

Eastland stores will remain open until 9 o'clock each evening for the remainder of this week, it was announced Thursday by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

The stores are remaining open later than usual as a convenience to the shoppers of Eastland and this section.

Two trades days were held this week, one on Tuesday and the other Wednesday, which aided in bringing crowds to the city. No trades day will be held on Saturday but one will be held the following Saturday and the following Saturdays as usual.

Hijacking Report Called Fabrication

Police Chief Perdue of Cisco stated Saturday that a report of a hijacking Friday night of a service station in Cisco was the fabrication of a "goofy boy."

"His imagination just ran away from him," stated the chief. "He phoned from the Humble station on Eighth Avenue and A street and said that the station had been robbed."

The chief said that the boy had just dropped in and decided to "fool the officers."

Eastland Citizen's Father Succumbs

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Trent for Tom Vessels, father of V. E. Vessels of Eastland. Mr. Vessels died Wednesday afternoon after a long illness.

NYA Cage Team Is Victor Over Olden

The National Youth Administration boys basketball team of Ranger defeated the Olden Hornets at the Recreation Building Wednesday evening by a score of 33 to 27 in a closely contested basketball game.

With only three minutes to play Olden led by one point, but the NYA team overcame that lead and forged ahead to win. High point man for the NYA team was Roper, with 16 points to his credit.

Jurors Discharged As Case Settled

A case set for the day having been settled, 91st district court Monday morning discharged jurors reporting for service.

The case was J. H. Hardy vs. Southern Underwriters and involved appeals from an award of the Industrial Accident Board.

Cheaney Couple Celebrate 50th Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Strickler of the Cheaney community celebrated their golden wedding Friday, Dec. 15, with an open house to their many friends.

At the noon hour a bountiful lunch was spread in the yard on the long white tables.

After lunch the crowd was entertained with a song-fest that was enjoyed by all.

The couple was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Those enjoying the affair were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Blackwell, B. C. Weekes, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Love, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Barton, J. O. Snell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dean, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snell and children, Leola Truman, Doris Gayland and John Albert, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blackwell and children, Marene Ray, Herman, Berle and Edward, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Campbell, Mrs. T. L. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lawrence, Mrs. Joe Blackwell and Betty Jean, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Strickler and sons, Clayton and Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Love, Mrs. Jim Howard and children, Willie William and Boyd Henry McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strickler and children, Ethel, Clinton, Betty, Virginia and Freddie, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Strickler, the host and hostess.

Funeral Services Held at Olden For Mrs. W. H. Garner

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Olden from the First Baptist church for Mrs. Maude Leola Garner, 55, who died Sunday at Olden.

Interment was in Eastland cemetery.

Mrs. Garner was the wife of W. H. Garner, Sr., of Olden and had lived there for 32 years. She was born March 9, 1884.

Survivors are her husband; the following children, Eulis Earl Garner of Olden, W. H. Garner, Jr., of Olden, Mrs. J. E. Brown of Olden, John Douglas Garner of Olden; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Yielding of Olden, and the following brothers and sisters, Fred Yielding of Kilgore, Mrs. Murl Greer of Vernon, Mrs. Gracie Burke of Olden, Jim Yielding of Jal, N. M., and Lola Yielding of Vernon.

Hamner Undertaking company of Eastland was in charge of arrangements.

Christmas Program Plans Arranged For Services At Church

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Doors of the courthouse will be open Saturday but offices will be closed, according to an announcement of officials Thursday.

The courthouse officials also will be off Monday in observance of Christmas but will be back on the job Tuesday morning, it was stated.

Deputies or officials may be reached in event of emergency needs, it was pointed out.

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You Can Help In Tree, Too

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In their memory persons have given donations to provide the giving of Christmas candy to poor children of Eastland Sunday night, Christmas eve, at 6:30 at the Eastland Annual Memorial Christmas Tree.

The public was invited today by the committee arranging the tree to assist in the work by donating money. The money may be given to Mrs. Samuel Butler or H. J. Tanner, members of the committee.

It was suggested that persons give money to the project in the memory of departed friends and relatives. Other donations, also, may be contributed.

B.P.W. CLUB FETES YOUNG WITH PARTY

Members of the Business and Professional Women's club of Eastland assisted Santa Claus in bringing presents to 50 needy children Tuesday night at a party arranged by the B. and P. W. club in the WPA recreational center in the Eastland National Bank building.

Each member of the organization provided gifts for one child which were presented, along with candy by Santa Claus, at the conclusion of a program in which the children participated.

In addition to the children and the members of the club attending, several parents of the children and visitors were present.

Visitors included Mayor and Mrs. C. W. Hoffmann, City Commissioner and Mrs. L. J. Lambert, City Commissioner and Mrs. H. O. Satterwhite, Coach E. B. Grady, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Satterwhite and Rev. Jones W. Weathers.

The children were directed in specialty numbers by Mrs. Bill Mathena, employe of the WPA.

Many of the children wore coveralls made in the WPA sewing room project at Eastland of which Mrs. E. C. Satterwhite is superintendent. Invocation was given by Mrs. Satterwhite.

Members of the committee of the B. and P. W. club which arranged the event were Mrs. Ita R. Parrish, Miss Maifred Hale and Mrs. E. B. Grady.

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tention of the publisher.

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for at the regular advertising rates, which will be furnished upon ap-

Relief Loads Still Weigh Heavily

The perennial end-of-the year relief crises are likely
to spring up almost anywhere. Sometime a little financial
legerdemain can overcome the pre-Christmas distress of
indigent families.

But even the most astute balancer of municipal bud-
gets can solve the problem only temporarily. It will prob-
ably bob u pagain, when funds have been exhausted late
in 1940. Despite the billions of dollars the federal govern-
ment has poured into states and municipalities in the
forms of direct and indirect relief, the burden of feeding
and sheltering its unfortunates still weighs heavily on ev-
ery community.

In August of this year, there were 1,582,000 cases on
direct relief in all of the 48 states. A case may be either a
single person or a family of four, eight or 10. The aggre-
gate bill for feeding and housing these people was \$38,-
088,000 for a single month.

The average monthly expenditure for every relief case
during the month of August, taken as a representative
month, was \$24.07. But the mean payment was consider-
ably lower than this when considered on the average pay-
ment made by each state. Half of the states spent less than
\$14 per case in August.

Highest payments were recorded in the more heavily
populated states, particularly in the east. This would ex-
plain the \$10 difference between the mean payments of
states and the average national expenditure.

Expenditures per case range all the way from \$3.38
in Oklahoma to \$34.28 in New York. These are average
figures, so that some Oklahoma relief cases were granted
less than \$3.38 in supplies in August.

It has been argued that the variation is due partly to
varied living expenses in different sections. To a point this
is true; but that scarcely explains the \$9.01 average in
Virginia, which lies just south of Maryland where \$22.41
was spent on each case. Nor does it explain why Arizona
should spend \$12.38 per case while New Mexico puts out
only \$6.44.

A simpler answer is that payments are not based so
much on need as they are on the ability or willingness of
the states to pay.

Theft of 60 canaries has been reported by a California
woman. Police are rounding up all vagrant cats in the
neighborhood.



May Your Xmas Be Different

May this Christmas not only be one of mirth and joy
but may the blessings and benedictions of peace be
felt in your heart that you may understand the true
meaning of Christmas. May your burdens be made
light and contentment be yours.

We appreciate your kindnesses and friendship at all
times and especially at this season are we reminded
of it.

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Gena Bowles
Beatrice Thompson
Jack Cliatt
Bailey Hinton
Lloyd Almire
Jose Bocardo

LYRIC

Friday - Saturday - Open at 12 Sat.

HOLLYWOOD CAVALCADE IN TECHNICOLOR
DARRYL F. ZANUCK'S
ALICE FAYE-AMECHE

PORKY PIG "Auto Antics"
"Naughty Neighbors" "OUR GANG" NEWS

PRE-XMAS MIDNITE SHOW

LYRIC SATURDAY NIGHT - 11:30 P. M.
ALSO SUNDAY - XMAS DAY!

Rip My Rompers, Look Who's Here!
THE LAUGH-SWING SENSATION OF THE CENTURY!
ADOLPHE KAY KYSER - MENJOU
"THAT'S RIGHT - YOU'RE WRONG"
MAY ROBSON, LUCILLE BALL, DENNIS O'KEEFE, EDWARD EVERETT HORTON, ROSCOE KARNS, MORGAN OLSEN, EDWIN SIMMS, LARRY BABBITT, SULLY MASON, ISH and KAY KYSER'S BAND.

PETE SMITH "Let's Talk Turkey"

LATEST NEWS

Tuesday - Wednesday

ROMANCE winging in glory over thrill upon mighty thrill!

ALLEGHENY UPRISING
A Roaring Epic of Pioneer Days!
CLAIRE TREVOR JOHN WAYNE GEORGE SANDERS BRIAN DONLEVY WILFRID LAWSON Robert Barrat John F. Hamilton

PLUS MARCH OF TIME "NEW WAR FRONTS OF 1940"

Ted Husing Short

THURSDAY ONLY

YOU'LL HOWL! HOWL! HOWL!
JANE WITHERS
PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES
THE RITZ BROTHERS
LYNN BARI - JOSEPH SCHILDKRAUT STANLEY FIELDS - FRITZ LEIBER LIONEL ROYCE

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T. & P. IS COMPLETING GASSER IN STRAWN FOR ESTIMATED 3,000,000

The Texas and Pacific Oil company this week-end was completing its No. 6 Byrd, in the northwest edge of the Strawn townsite, for an estimated 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day. Total depth of the well was 3,038 feet.

Outside of the Palo Pinto well, activity was more or less light for the area. Reports on wells in the area included:

Eastland County Hickok Producing and Developing company was testing by pumping on No. 5 Grover Cleveland, seven miles northwest of Cisco, at a depth of 3,876 feet. It is in section 477, SPRR survey.

Five miles northwest of Cisco, Hugh Ewell abandoned No. 1 Parmer, section 505, SPRR survey, at a depth of 750 feet.

In the northwestern part of the county, J. O. Fox and associates No. 1 R. B. Weddington "B" lease, section 2054, TE&L survey, at 3,850 feet was drilling.

T. S. Holder and others No. 1

J. F. Nichols, S. H. Hines survey, two miles southwest of Pioneer, was drilling at 2,850 feet.

Stephens County Horwitz and Odum No. 1 T. J. Hawley, J. T. Thomas survey, west of Crystal Falls, still awaited potential production test. It had drilled 33 feet of lime to a total depth of 3,582 feet.

George Fagg was testing at 3,944 feet on No. 1 Richardson, section 5, block 37, SPRR survey, seven miles north of Caddo. Spray of oil from the well had been reported.

Stedman Petrol company was shutdown at 1,900 feet on No. 1 Powers, George York survey, about a mile north of Horwitz and Odum production.

Operators were drilling at 400 feet on the Pitzer and West and Bryson No. 1 N. G. Price and others, section 67, BAL survey, southwest section of Stephen county.

C. J. West No. 1 Pierce, block 74, in the Breckenridge townsite, was attempting to run five inch around 3,890 feet.

Wire Fences Check Rio Grande Waters Along the Border

EL PASO, Texas—Wire fences are keeping the waters of the Rio Grande in check.

Workmen on the international boundary commission river straightening project are using cross-tied posts and hog wire to corral the stream much as barbed-wire fences control the range wanderings of cattle and sheep. Sand makes it possible.

The Rio Grande, a river of mud whose floods and meanderings in the past have caused thousands of dollars of damage to crops on both the Mexican and American side, flows through sandy desert land in the El Paso valley. Its current washes away mud from the banks and makes sand at the bottom flow along with the water. When the river is at flood stage, the sand may be moving to a depth of several feet. The slower the water moves, the less sand it can carry and the less the channel will shift.

Working from this fact, men of the straightening project are shepherding the river by slowing down the water and catching the sand with a fence.

Using nozzles and powerful streams of water, the men dig holes in which posts are set and held for the few minutes it takes the sand to settle firmly around them. Then half the width of eight-foot strips of hog wire are tacked to the post, the remainder left lying on the ground with concrete weights attached to the bot-

tom. When the river rises and stirs up the sand, the wire sinks into position.

Thanks Given In 1939 4-H Work

A. C. Pratt, assistant county agent, has expressed his appreciation to a group of firms and individuals who have assisted in 4-H work for this year.

Pratt stated that many of the individuals and organizations contributed both money and work in the conducting of 4-H work this year. He said that any omission of names would through an oversight.

The list included: Rising Star Chamber of Commerce, Morton Valley Home Demonstration club, Alameda Home Demonstration Club, Southwestern Peanut Growers association, W. S. Adamson, H. V. Davenport, N. C. Crawley, Fred Siekman, Arch Birt, Texas Electric Service company, Killough Feed Store, Jim Horton, Clover Farm Stores, Frank Castleberry Feed Store.

Eastland National Bank, Arab Asoline Corporation, Hoffmann and Page Company, Harvey Chevrolet company, Eastland Chamber of Commerce, Pipkin Grocery company, A. J. Ratliff Feed store, Lone Star Gas company, Ranger Chamber of Commerce, County Federation of Women's clubs, Admiration Coffee company, W. C. Burton, Mrs. E. B. Grady, Jr., J. E. Lewis, Sr., State's Oil corporation, Commercial State Bank, Ranger Furniture Exchange, H. P. Ernest, J. C. Penney company, Supt. P. B. Bittle and school officials, W. G. Womack, W. O. Simpson and Eastland cotton gu.

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B. W. PATTERSON JUDGE 88th DISTRICT COURT EASTLAND COUNTY

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- Chocolate Covered CHERRIES
White Swan COFFEE
CRISCO
Cranberry Sauce 2
Luncheon PEAS
TOMATO JUICE 14
MARSHMALLOWS 1 lb. cello
FRUIT COCKTAIL
PINEAPPLE 3
Lettuce Head 5c
Celery Stalk 15c
POTATOES

- Highest Quality Meats
T-Bone STEAK
SIRLOIN STEAK
Beef Roast of Chuck
Pork Ham Roast
Pork Sausage
Sliced Bacon
Cheese
Dry Salt Bacon
Pork Chops



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- ELIZABETH LEE Chocolates HOLLYWOOD 59c
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- Xmas Mixed 2 1-Lb. Bags 25c
- 1 Lb. Box Dainties for 25c

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- Coffee Plymouth "THE TASTE TELLS THE STORY" GROUND FRESH AS SOLD LB. 12 1/2c
- COMPOUND FLOUR Texas King 24 Lb. Bag 73c 12-Lb. Bag 47c
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- SQUASH White, Yellow Pound 5c
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- TEXAS SWEET 288 SIZE 2 Dozen 25c
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- SWANSDOWN CAKE FLOUR Package 25c
- COCOANUT LONG SHRED 1 Pound Cello Bag 19c
- PICKLED PEACHES 2 Tall Cans Libby's 25c
- FRUIT CAKES DROMEDARY Vacuum Pack--Each 35c

CRANBERRY SAUCE Ocean Spray 2 Cans 25c

- DATES Bulk Hallowed 2 lbs. 21c
- MINCE MEAT IMPERIAL 9 OZ. PKG. 9c
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- REINZ-MED. CAN PUDDINGS 35c

- TOMATO JUICE Campbell's Xtra Large 50 Oz. Can 19c
- FRUIT COCKTAIL Libby's Tall Cans 2 for 25c
- PINEAPPLE Libby's Tidbit or Crushed 3 9 Oz. Cans 25c
- CHERRIES, Red Pitted Can 10c
- Gerber's Small GREEN LIMA BEANS No. 2 Cans 15c
- ASPARAGUS Libby's Small Natural Picnic Cans 15c
- WOODBURY'S GIFT SETS FOR MEN Each 89c
- PINEAPPLE JUICE Libby's 12 oz. cans 3 for 25c

- PUMPKIN Libby's Fancy 2 No. 2 Cans 19c
- TOMATOES 4 Standard No. 2 Cans 25c

- JELLO 3 Packages 14c
- OLIVES Fancy Queens No. 14 Jar 19c
- Campbell's Tomato SOUP 2 Cans 15c
- TREET Refrigerator Dish Free With Can 25c
- CRISCO 3 Pound Can 49c
- CORN Libby's Country Gentleman No. 303 Cans 10c

EASTLAND, TEXAS
Reserve the Right to Limit Quantities
DECEMBER 22-23

Society

Club Honored at Yule Party in Brashier Home
 Billy and Col. Don Brashier were host Wednesday for a Christmas party honoring the members of the Scale Runners Club. The home was beautifully decorated

with the lighted Christmas tree highlighting the scene.
 Betty Jones, president, presided with Barbara Patterson reading the minutes.
 A musical program was presented with piano solos played by Billy Brashier, G. W. McDec. A Christmas reading was brought by Virginia Ann Creamer followed with piano numbers played by James Hardwich, Charles Perry

and Col. Don Brashier. Stanley Joe Stephen gave a Christmas reading prefacing a piano solo played by Mary Halkias. Betty Joe Coghlan also gave a reading as did Martha Joe Williams. Barbara Patterson played a piano solo.

Exchange gifts were distributed from the tree with Mrs. Joe Stephens in charge.
 Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, fruit punch were served with sugar plum trees and tiny Santa Clauses as favors.

Mrs. Johnson assisted Mrs. Brashier throughout the afternoon.

Present: Barbara Patterson, Mary Louise Hardwich, Betty Joe Coghlan, Virginia Ann Creamer, Gladwin Womack, Martha Jo Williams, Wanda Lee Harris, Patsy Horn, Mary Halkias.

Stanley Joe Stephens, Rodney Stephens, James Hardwich, Charles Perry, G. W. McDec, Billie Brashier, Col. Don Brashier, Mrs. A. F. Taylor, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Brashier.

Yule Season Class Party
 The Martha Dorcas class of the First Methodist church entertained in the home of Mrs. C. W. Hoffman Wednesday evening with the class Christmas party. Mrs. Mac O'Neal, Mrs. C. W. Young and Mrs. A. A. Edmondson were joint hostesses for the fete.

Opening with the singing of Christmas carols, "Joy to the World," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Silent Night," the class held a short business period. Committees were appointed at this time to arrange for the purchase of new chairs for the class room.

The gift box for the orphan adopted by the class was shown.

The class voted to furnish a basket for a needy family in Eastland Christmas, and all in the class who wish to contribute are asked to bring their contributions to the Clover Farm Grocery and they will be picked up there by the committee.

Mrs. W. P. Leslie brought the devotional which followed the business period.

A social hour followed with the exchange of gifts distributed from the gaily decorated Christmas tree. A lovely gift was presented to Mrs. Leslie from the class and also one to Mrs. Mac O'Neal, the president. The gifts from the Sunday school class Sweethearts were distributed at this time also.

A delicious refreshment plate of pie, coffee, candies and salted nuts was served.

Present: Mmes. Leslie, Jack Ammer, Lane, Jack Dwyer, Clint Jones, Howard Brock, Miller, Martin, Guy Quinn, Ashley, Robertson, W. H. Mullings, Ed Cox Jr., Robert Ferrell, Ben Matthews, Harlin, Harrell, Pletz, McGowan of Longview.

Sub-Deb Home Coming Dance Monday
 Monday evening, December 24.

the annual home coming dance for the Sub-Debs will be held in the New American Legion Club house at the City Park. Miss Ma Mae Coleman and Miss Ina Ruth Hale will be hostess for the frolic which will begin at 9 o'clock.

Gift Exchange Highlights Yule Party for Beethoven Club
 Mrs. A. F. Taylor's home was the scene Monday evening for the Christmas party for the members of the Beethoven Junior Music Club. Highlighting the scene was the beautifully lighted Christmas tree in the living room. Bouquets of red roses were placed at advantage points in the room also.

In the dining room a realistic snow scene topped the dining table. Mistletoe and greenery were used to complete the decoration theme.

Melba Wood, vice president, presided with Doris Hennessee as secretary.

Opening the program was the assembly singing of Christmas carols with Mary Hearn at the piano. A piano solo was played by Julia Brown prefacing a Christmas story told by Emma Lee Hart. Country Garden, a piano solo, was played by Velma Baggett. Mary Hearn played the Second Valse by Durant.

Highlighting the evening was the exchange of gifts from the tree.

Christmas games were enjoyed the balance of the evening with a faintly refreshment plate of open face sandwiches, olives, fruit cake topped with whipped cream, and hot tea were served. Gum drop candle holders with lighted candles were used as plate favors. Mrs.

Taylor, councilor, presented each present with a lovely gift.

The club will hold the January meeting in the home of Julia Brown.

Present: Mary Hearn, Helen Lucas, Jean Peglar, Venete Van Geem, L. Y. Morris, Brooks Gilbert, Julia Brown, Verba C. Jackson, Carolyn Robinson, Beulah Faye White, Jo Jane Nix, Emma Lee Hart, Johnnie Lou Hart, Martin Jean Lister, Doris and Lillian Hennessee, Velma Baggett, Marie

Hart, and Mrs. Taylor.

Bible Class Held Christmas Party

The Bible Class of the Church of Christ held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. E. Everett on South Main Street, Thursday, December 14. Orchid mums formed the centerpiece with a beautiful Christmas tree decorated with lights and ornaments.

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May Christmas 1939 Be Jolly

May The Year 1940 Be Bountiful

I appreciate you and the hand of fellowship you have given me during the past. I strive to be worthy at all times of your loyalty.

GEORGE L. DAVENPORT

JUDGE 91st DISTRICT COURT

EASTLAND COUNTY

JOLLY CHRISTMAS TIME

No other season is so jolly and gay as this time of festivity. We look around and see everything dressed up in gay colors. Jovial spirits of those we meet also remind us that Christmas is here.

May We Say "Merry, Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Happy New Year"

We will consider it a privilege to serve you at all times

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

With Best Wishes For A
 Merry Christmas
 And A Happy New Year

We wish to pause in our happy Christmas celebration and say to our friends far and near that we are thinking of you and want to thank you for your good will during the past and that we are looking forward to a continuation of friendship and association with you and yours.

May your happiness be manifold and untold blessings come your way through Christmas 1939 and the entire year 1940.

EASTLAND IRON & METAL CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pullman

EASTLAND

THE OLD WAY IS BEST

This refrain we hear "again and again" as Christmas and the New Year come and go. We turn in search of a new way to convey our kind wishes and we find that the old way is hard to beat. So we say in all sincerity and in our friendliest way "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

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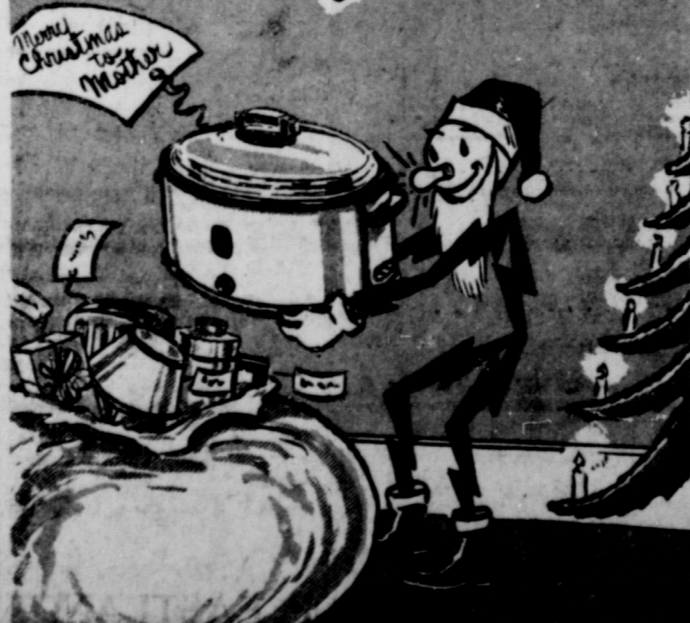
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Plastic cabinet in ivory, red, blue or tan slightly higher. New opalescent enamel that is exclusive with Crosley.

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We would like to take this means to express to our customers that we appreciate their business and that we look forward to serving them.

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 NEW YEAR OF HAPPINESS

LUCAS SERVICE STATION

East Main Street Eastland
 Phone 50

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

With Christmas and New Year just around the corner, we are reminded of the friendliness and unselfishness that brings us closer together in spirit at this season.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS, A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR AND ALL IN ALL MAY YOU HAVE
 HAPPY, HAPPY DAYS AHEAD

LOSS WOODS

SHERIFF, EASTLAND COUNTY

GREETINGS FOR THE YULETIDE

In Your Pursuit of Happiness May You Achieve Your Aim. A Jolly Christmas and a Bountiful New Year Is a Wish Sincere From Me to You.

W. S. ADAMSON

JUDGE, EASTLAND COUNTY

OUR WARMEST GREETINGS

For our friends who have stood by us in the past and have made our business what it is today. We feel we owe our best service to you and will strive to merit your loyalty and patronage.

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE BRIGHT AND CHEERY
 AND THE NEW YEAR HAPPY

HARKRIDER CLEANERS & DYERS

West Main Street, Eastland Telephone 20

CEMBER 22, 1939

Handmade Toys on Display in Window

For this Christmas, are now on display in the window of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce.

To be added to the display are a number of dolls made by the girls resident project enrollees, including single dolls, twins and triplets, made under the supervision of Mrs. Adelene Wilson, assistant supervisor.

Thousands Seek To Buy State Lands At Public Sale Announced for January

By United Press

AUSTIN, Texas.—W. Lee O'Daniel is governor of Texas, but he is a salesman at heart.

His recent announcement of the State's proposed January land sales brought thousands of requests for the sale-pamphlet issued by the State Land Board.

The governor suggested that people who want land apply to him direct for the pamphlet. Ordinarily such requests go to the State Land Office.

Incidentally, the State Land Department's official name is "general Land Office." Texas is the only state which has its own public land. Before making his land sales talk, Gov. O'Daniel went into the records thoroughly as all state land salesmen are told to do.

Interesting data he gleaned from the records included the item that originally Texas' public land totaled 170,936,080 acres. (An acre is 43,560 square feet or a little larger than a tract 200 by 200 feet in size.)

Of the original acreage, the state set aside 42,500,000 acres for a public free school fund, or about 29 per cent of the total.

About 21 per cent was deeded away to promote building of railroads and other utilities. About 15 per cent had been swapped off by Spain or Mexico before Texas became a republic. Since then parts have been given for military service, for payment of public debts, for parks, bounties, for homesteads and for headrights.

A headright seems to be peculiar to Texas. It was a grant of land to the head of an immigrant family. Other areas have been set aside for eleemosynary institutions, and 2,000,000 acres for support of the University of Texas.

The university, after trying the sealed bid system for a number of years, now auctions its oil leases. To date less than 332,000 of the university's 2,000,000 acres has been leased for oil.

Wisdom of the sale of such a large portion of the State's remaining school land with land price at a low level may be questioned.

There also is the argument that the state should hold the land in the prospect that some day it may be leased for oil development. If the land is sold now, the state will give up all oil rights but a one-sixteenth royalty interest. In recent bids on submerged land in oil territory, bidders offered more than one-half of the oil to the state in addition to a cash bonus. None of the land to be sold in January is within five miles of a producing oil well.

In addition to the tracts of land already designated as school land on the maps and surveys, the state schools from time to time receive unexpected additions. Every once in a while a "vacancy" is discovered to exist when the survey lines appearing on maps and records are applied to the land.

Formerly the discoverer of such a vacancy had prior right to purchase it at a price fixed by the state land commissioner. After oil discoveries many "vacancy" claims were filed, resulting in long lawsuits.

The last legislature ended this situation by providing that a "good faith" occupant of land in excess of the actual amount he is entitled to by the survey's shall have a prior right to purchase it, upon reporting the excess to the land office.

Many of the state's early surveys are found to be erroneous. Land was of so little value when the surveys were made that particular care was unneeded. Even the eastern boundary of the Texas panhandle was found to be erroneous. After long litigation Texas was awarded a strip that up until a decade ago had been considered part of Oklahoma.

The University of Texas has a committee that handles its land. The public school land, until the last session of the legislature, was administered by the state land commissioner. The last legislature took all school land off the market temporarily by an emergency act and then created a state school land board including the land commissioner, attorney general and governor before permitting any to be sold or leased.

Beside the visible acreage assigned to the public schools, the state has given all submerged areas to schools. This includes lakes, bays and the coastal area beneath the Gulf of Mexico that is covered at low tide. Just how far out the state has title is disputed.

The usual coast line territorial limit of a state is three miles. Texas claims 27 miles.

The last legislature passed a bill asserting this 27-mile claim but Governor O'Daniel vetoed it saying a declaratory act was unnecessary. The boundary treaty between Mexico and Texas uses as a starting point "three leagues from land opposite the mouth of the Rio Grande."

A league seems to have a varying length in various places. In Texas land measurements it was 2.63 miles, which would put the territorial line 7.99 miles in the Gulf of Mexico, parallel to low tide at the shore. Totals heretofore given on the public land area do not include the 27-mile extension into the Gulf of Mexico.

Submerged land was given little

Midland Boy Dies Of Pistol Wound

MIDLAND, Dec. 21.—Danny Francis, 23-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Francis, died in a Midland hospital yesterday afternoon about two hours after accidentally shooting himself with a pistol belonging to his father.

An attending physician quoted the parents as saying the baby caught hold of a scarf on a table on which the pistol was resting. The gun fell to the floor and went off. The bullet pierced the baby's temple and ranged upward through the head.

Francis is an independent oil operator, having recently moved here from Dallas. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Roots to Leave Sunday On Visit

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Root will leave for San Antonio Sunday, to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Virginia Cooper. They will return the following week-end and will re-open the Root's Barbecue Pit Saturday December 29.

Census Office to Be Opened Soon

SWEETWATER, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Royal Headrick, appointed Dec. 4 as assistant district supervisor for the 1940 U. S. census by Congressman Clyde Garrett, returned Friday from Amarillo after attending a Bureau of Census training school of instruction and is awaiting summons to assume duties at the Abilene office.

Offices for the 17th congressional district will be located on

the third floor of the federal building, Abilene, with industrial census getting underway Jan. 2, and population census, April 1.

Eighty Northwest Texas counties were represented at the Amarillo area school of instruction, supervised by W. S. Ruffner, regional director, and L. G. Rainey, assistant. Assignments were made. Each district supervisor will have charge of employing his office help and enumerators for the counties of his district. In this district J. C. Shipman, Abilene, will make contacts for helpers.

While the census is not to begin until early in January, district supervisors are to begin work immediately on establishing their offices, preparing their schedules, instructing their enumerators. Enumerators must have training in bookkeeping and accounting for the business census. Enumerators must have special qualifications to be employed.

Counties in the Abilene district are Taylor, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Callahan, Stephens, Eastland, Palo Pinto, Erath, Comanche and Hamilton.

A London bookmaker is offering 10 to 1 odds that Britain will win the war in 18 months. If she doesn't, there may not be anyone around to collect anyway.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Deal gently with you and yours. May bring untold joys and may the New Year's doors of golden opportunity that prosper is the wish of each employe of each of you.

WICHITA FALLS & GULF RAILROAD

C. J. Rhodes, Mgr.
Office: Exchange Building

BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Smiling faces remind us that the best season of the year is here. Appling is the day we look forward to one year to the next. We are hoping you will give you a day of manifold joy and happiness.

YOU HAVE A BOUNTIFUL NEW YEAR.

Expect to see you often during 1940!

WYATT'S DAIRY

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Eastland, Texas

You Have the Peace and Joy of Christmas and continued Blessings During The New Year



are sorry that it is impossible to see you personally and give you our very greeting for a grand and glorious holiday season. Since it is impossible we are taking this means to convey our wishes. We want you to accept this individually.

The best part of our past year was the pleasure we received from serving you. We want you to grant us this privilege in the New Year.

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Man St. Phone 132 Eastland

"PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN"

Each year we hear this message and it brings gladness to our hearts. May peace and good will reign supreme in your heart at Christmas and may the New Year open its gates of happiness for you and yours.

OUR JOY IS IN SERVING YOU FROM DAY TO DAY DURING THE YEAR

CONNELLEE HOTEL & COFFEE SHOP

Eastland Ben Scott, Mgr.

SINCERELY—
Wishing You A Christmas of Mirth And Good Cheer
—and—
A New Year of Happiness And Bounty



Your patronage during the new year will be greatly appreciated

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May Saint Nicholas Bring Your Heart's Desire

As good old St. Nick winds his way over your abode may he bring you the very things that will make you happy. Could We Wish More?

WE APPRECIATE YOUR KIND FAVORS AND HOPE TO SEE YOU OFTEN DURING 1940

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Christmas and the New Year

We are ready for you and anxious that you arrive. We are expecting this to be the most glorious time of the year. Christmas is a time when everyone is happy and we want you to be no exception to the rule. You have been very kind in the past. We appreciate it and expect to further our service to you during the New Year.

CITY OF EASTLAND

TO MY PATRONS AND FRIENDS

May You Have a Christmas of Joy and a New Year Filled with the Good Things of Life. I Consider It a Privilege to Serve You.

DON PARKER
AUDITOR, EASTLAND COUNTY

FRIENDLY GREETINGS FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

To have gained a number of friends during the past year and to have kept my old ones makes me feel that 1939 is one I can be justly proud of. Yet I look to 1940 as a year of golden opportunities. I resolve to do more than ever for my friends in every way possible.

TO MEET YOU OFTEN IN A FRIENDLY AND BUSINESS WAY IS MY AIM FOR THE NEW YEAR

HENRY V. DAVENPORT
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1 EASTLAND COUNTY

MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE THE BEST YOU'VE EVER HAD



We greet you in the spirit of the holiday season.

We are at all times interested in our community and want to contribute what we can in a physical, moral and material way to make it a better and happier place for ourselves and our fellow citizens to live in. We shall consider it an honor to have your business and your friendship during the New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY



Burr's
West Side Square Eastland

REMEMBER--

WE'LL BE CLOSED
CHRISTMAS DAY

GET YOUR CLOTHES TO
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OR SATURDAY

To Avoid The Last Minute Rush

BY ALL MEANS HAVE YOUR HOLIDAY
GARMENTS SANITONE CLEANED AND
SEE THE DIFFERENCE!

Two trucks always at your service, which assures
prompt and quick delivery

CALL 132 FOR THAT
RUSH JOB



Hickok Employees Will Meet Friday

An entertainment and informal get-together of employees and officials of the Hickok company will be held Friday night, Dec. 22, at the Cisco Country Club. This is an annual event for the Hickok group and the officers, employees and their families of Cisco and Eastland, including the Cisco Gas Corporation, the Consolidated Gasoline company and the Hickok Producing and Developing company, will participate. A conference of officers and employees, a dinner and dancing are included in events arranged for the evening. An attendance of 150 is expected.

Booster Class Is Sponsor of Party

Sponsoring a Christmas party Monday evening in the lower assemblyroom of the First Methodist Church, the Booster class of the Methodist Church of Eastland was host to 60 Mexican children. Presenting the children with sacks of candies and nuts, toys and clothing, Judge W. P. Leslie presided, assisted by Mrs. T. M. Collie, president of the class. Prizes were offered for the oldest Mexican present and for the youngest.

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We have secured new equipment and are now ready to do a better wash, polish or grease job on your car.



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Get Acquainted Special
FRIDAY and SATURDAY ONLY

Wash or Grease Job FREE with every 10 gallons of Gasoline or Oil Change.

HEARTY GREETINGS BEST WISHES

To you who have been so kind and considerate throughout the year 1939, we give our very best regards. We feel that you are more than customers, you are our personal friends. May our friendship continue and may you have happiness and prosperity through Christmas and the New Year.

Here's Some Good Old Christmas Values -- Come See Us Folks!

- TURKEYS** Fresh Dressed Pound..... 17c
- HENS** Large or Small Pound..... 15c
- HAMS** Tenderized, 10 to 16 lb. avg. Pound..... 21c
- Hams** Picnic-Boneless lb. 25c; Reg. lb. 18c
- Fresh Hams**, half or whole . lb. 18c
- Bacon**, home sliced Lb. 25c
- Bacon**, home sliced Lb. 21c
- Fresh Shoulder Pork Roasts** lb. 15c
- Baby Beef Roasts** lb. 18c
- Jowls** lb. 8c Bologna lb. 12½c
- CHEESE** Kraft's—Any Flavor 2 lb. box 51c
- Oysters**, nice large ones . Pt. 39c

S. L. (LEON) BOULAND

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I WISH

FOR ONE AND ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

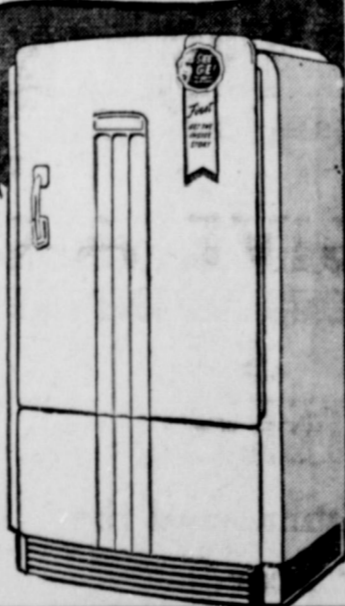
I enjoy my work and get a supreme pleasure out of knowing that my service is worthwhile. My goal is to serve you in an individual way, meeting personal needs as they may arise.

GARLAND BRANTON

TREASURER EASTLAND COUNTY

Merry Christmas To Everybody

I'm Gonna' Need More G-E's
Than Ever This Christmas!



Wise old Santa knows this Christmas a General Electric makes even a greater gift than ever. For it is more beautifully styled, has more convenience features—and is priced lower. Come in now. Get the inside story on G-E's Selective Air Conditions—and let's make a deal for Christmas!

G-E's Christmas Special

Big 6.1 cu. ft. size

SEALED-IN-STEEL THROAT UNIT.	MATCHED SET OF DISHES. All with clear covers!
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FOUR ICE TRAYS.	5 YEARS' PERFORMANCE PROTECTION.
VEGETABLE PAN.	

\$159.50

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South Side Square Eastland



Let Us Have Your LAUNDRY
Early Friday and Saturday and
Get It Back On Time for Your
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WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY

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Science Proves
That The
Laundry Is
Safer For
Clothes and Health



HERE are some facts! Samples of last year's waters were taken from 10 average American homes for a period of 20 weeks. Samples of last rinse waters were taken from typical laundries; result, the bacteria count in the water from home washings was 792 per cubic centimeter of water; the bacteria count from laundry rinse water was per cubic centimeter! That is proof of laundry's superior washing... it gets clothes cleaner and it's safe! Other scientific tests have proved that home washed clothes wear out FASTER than commercially laundered clothes! Remember these facts and wash day... and remember that the laundry saves you work and money, too! Phone today for full details of low-priced laundry services!



HEY KIDDIES AND GROWN-UPS, TOO! YOU'RE INVITED

Free Fireworks Display CONNELLEE RACE TRACK

6 Blocks South of Court House

Sunday Night, Dec. 31, 1939 8:30 P. M.

Beautiful Spectacular Fireworks of Hundreds of Aerials and Ground Displays That You Will Long Remember for Their Thrilling Brilliance. *The more kiddies the better parents bring the better we'll like it.*

IT'S ALL FREE! COME EVERYBODY!

PLENTY PARKING SPACE -- DON'T MISS IT
EASTLAND Connellee Race Track 8:30 p. m., SUN. DEC. 31

NOT RESPONSIBLE IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS

I want a doll, a candy, paint book, nuts, fruit and sure to come to our program at the school house on Dec. 22. Al and go to school at Kokomo. Be ways yur pal, Lena Mae Eaves.

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OUR BEST

The wise men of the East come to worship the Christ Child and bring their most precious possessions. The best was none too good for their king. The best is none too good for my people so I wish for all the best Christmas you have ever known and a New Year filled with the best things of life.

JOHN F. WHITE
DISTRICT CLERK EASTLAND COUNTY

Letters To SANTA



Dear Santa: I am a little girl six years old. I live at 801 South Daugherty street and I am looking for you. I have already cleaned the chimney out, so you will not have trouble getting into my house. I have been a good little girl and would like for you to bring me a baby doll, electric iron, a doll trunk, some extra doll clothes and cleaning set, fruit and candy. And don't forget my brother. He wants an Erector set. Lots of love, your little friend, Gwyn Lee Jackson, Eastland.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring

ATTENTION! TO THOSE WHO HAVE Refrigerators IN NEED OF SERVICE ON YOUR MACHINE CALL 33

SEELYE ELECTRIC CO.

me a doll, a box of painting pencils, a tube of tooth paste, some apples, oranges, nuts and candy. I have a little brother who would like to have a little red wagon and several little toys. I am a little girl nine years old. I go to Kokomo school and am in the second grade. So I guess that will be all

New Additions at Library Announced

A list of the latest books added to the shelves of the Eastland Public Library and best sellers as listed in the leading reading centers of the state and which may be had by calling at the library, on Plummer just off South Seaman street, was announced today. The library is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons from 2 o'clock until 5:30.

The list: "Kitty Foyle," by Christopher Morley; "Immortal Ease" by Kathleen Coyle; "Best Plays of 1938-1939" by Burus Mantle; "Queen Anne Bolyn" by Francis Hackett; "Listen For the Voices" by Anne Collier; "Escape" by Ethel Vance; "Christmas Holiday" by Somerset Maugham; "The Redlander" by Sigma Byrd; "My Days of Strength" by Dr. Ann Fearn Walker; "Christ in Concrete" by Pietro-de-Donato; "The Yearling" by Marjorie Kinman Rawlings; "The Tree of Liberty" by Elizabeth Page; "Days of Our Years" Pierre van Passen; "Inside Asia" by John Gunther.

for this Christmas. So by-by and lots of love. Your little friend, Myrtle Blanche Eaves, Gorman.

300 Present At Four-H Program

Three hundred boys and girls attended the annual 4-H achievement day program Saturday at the high school auditorium in Eastland.

Congressman Clyde L. Garrett presented 4-H pins to the youths and congratulated them on their success in 4-H work. Also on the program were J. W. Potts, assistant state extension service boys' agent; Onah Jacks, state girls' club agent; Ruth Ramsey and Elmo V. Cook, county agents, and A. C. Pratt and Margaret Blount, assistant county agents.

Increase Is Shown In Oil Production

The American Petroleum Institute announced Saturday that daily average crude oil production for the week ended Dec. 9 in West Central Texas was 33,150 barrels, which was 8,540 barrels more than the preceding week.

For the four weeks ended Dec. 9 daily average in the area was 30,150 barrels whereas daily average for the week-ended Dec. 10 last year was 30,200 barrels.

Dear Santa Claus: I am seven years old and in the first grade. For Christmas I want a doll and some clothes for her. I want some story books to read. I want some nuts, fruit and some candy. Your friend, Dixie Merl Shugart, Gorman.

That will be enough, I guess. Lots of love, Minnie Clara Eaves, Gorman.

Dear Santa Claus: I'm a little girl eight years old. I go to school at Kokomo and I am in the third grade. For Christmas I want a rubber ball, a tooth brush and a doll. Your friend, Mary Nell Treadway, Gorman.

For The WHEEL TOYS



— See —

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East Main St. - Eastland

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Glasses of Style and Quality! \$8 - \$10 and \$12.50 Office Now Located at 312 South Seaman St.

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DAY OR NIGHT
AMBULANCE SERVICE

QUICK RELIEF FROM STOMACH ULCERS DUE TO EXCESS ACID

Free Book Tells of Home Treatment that Must Happen or it Will Cost You Nothing Over one million bottles of the WILLARD TREATMENT have been sold for relief of symptoms of distress arising from Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Excess Acid—Poor Digestion, Sour or Upset Stomach, Gasiness, Heartburn, Sleeplessness, etc. due to Excess Acid. Right on 15 days' trial Ask for "Willard's Message" which fully explains this treatment—free—

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ANNOUNCING

Opening THURSDAY, DEC. 21st

BLUE & WHITE GROCERY

— FEATURING —

FRUITS — VEGETABLES and STAPLE GROCERIES I invite my friends to come and trade with me—

JESS TAYLOR

South Seaman Street Across from Modern Dry Cleaners

BRIGHT IDEAS For the CHRISTMAS DINNER

the thrifty housewives' chance and save for the big Christmas you will find everything you need to prepare a delicious, praiseworthy meal on our shelves. Shop every day and note the quality and prices—then when you are for the feast, you will know you get the best foods at budgeting prices.

MPKIN No. 2 Can	10c	Sunbrite CLEANSER ... 2 for	9c
POTATOES 10 lbs.	19c	Pure Granulated SUGAR	10 lbs. 49c
COFFEE 1 lb.	17c	CRANBERRIES	1 lb. 19c
PACHES Size 2 1/2 Can	16c	Air Washed RICE	2 lbs. 15c
POTATOES 3 No. 2 Cans	25c	Brown SUGAR	2 lbs. 15c
ORN 2 No. 2 Cans	23c	Gold Label Bak. Powder	32 Oz. Can 12c
GREEN LINES Size 2 1/2 Can	14c	DOG FOOD Scottie-Scrappy	5c
Butter Qt.	25c Pt. 15c	GLADIOLA FLOUR, 24 Lbs.	78c
CHRISTMAS CANDY		SALT 2 boxes	5c
BOX \$1.29		SPINACH, 3 No. 2 Cans	25c
BOX 79c			
PACKERS 2 Lb. Box	15c		
PAP, P.&G. 5 Bars	19c		

Your Xmas Fruits, Nuts and Candies From Us!

QUALITY MEATS		FRUITS and VEGETABLES	
The Perfect Gift!		Delicious	
C HAMS	Lb. 18c	APPLES, 100 Size	Doz. 30c
BEEF STEAK	Lb. 25c	APPLES, Winesap	Doz. 20c
Beef Chuck ROAST	Lb. 15c	Medium Size CELERY	Each 10c
ROAST, Any Cut	Lb. 17c	CARROTS	3 Bunches 10c
CHOPS or STEAK	Lb. 18c	LETTUCE Large Heads	5c
PORK	Lb. 15c	Medium Size ORANGES	Doz. 25c
Oxford—Branded		EGG PLANT	Lb. 8c
JOWLS	2 for 15c	Fresh TOMATOES, Vine Ripe	Lb. 9c
SAUSAGE	2 for 25c	COCONUTS, Fresh	Each 10c
Special Sliced		NUTS of all kinds	Lb. 25c
ONION	Lb. 23c		
WATERMELON	2 Lbs. 25c		

WE WISH YOU a MERRY CHRISTMAS

WALTERS FISH GROCERY and MARKET
Eastland, Texas

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FOR SALE—1934 Chevrolet 1 1-2 ton dual wheel truck in good condition. 212 West Valley.

FOR RENT—Three rooms furnished apartment with bath and refrigerator. See Mrs. C. T. Lucas, 300 East Main.

WHY NOT try my meals. During week 30c; Sundays 35c.—MRS. A. M. STOKES, 305 North Daugherty.

Safety Speech Is Never Delivered

WATERLOO, Iowa, Dec. 20.—A speech on the subject, "How to Drive Safely," scheduled to be delivered here last night, was cancelled.

The speaker was injured in an automobile accident shortly before the talk was to be delivered.

COLDS!

- The common cold causes more than two hundred million illnesses each year.
- Statistics show that fifty per cent of all disabling diseases start with a common cold.
- Government statistics show that diseases of the breathing apparatus are responsible for about one death in every five.
- Many colds can be eliminated with adequate heat and proper ventilation throughout the entire house.

DON'T GIVE A COLD AN EVEN BREAK!

Again America's Public Health Enemy, the common cold, is on the march. More than ever, during the treacherous weeks ahead, "colds" will strike to undermine the health of the nation. "Colds" that result in a tremendous loss of time, money and good health every winter season. "Colds" that pave the way for such serious illnesses as pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus disease, influenza and tuberculosis.

Play safe! Don't catch cold! Protect yourself and your family with adequate heat and a circulation of comfortable, warm air in every room of your home. Heat your entire house and live all over it so you will avoid the danger of sudden, chilling "cold-catching" temperatures.

Lone Star Gas System

HEAT YOUR ENTIRE HOME FOR YOUR HEALTH'S SAKE

Society Notes

Stanley Joe Stephen gave a reading prefacing a musical reading, "The Touch of the Master's Hand," brought by Miss Melba Wood.

Gifts from the class to the teacher, Mrs. Herring, and to Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Thurman, were presented.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served to those present.

Mmes. J. T. Sue, M. E. Champion, R. B. Reagan, G. L. Wingate, Frances Cooper, Joe Stephen, Kenneth Wingate, A. C. Crossley, J. T. King, Glenna Harris, W. W. Walters, Elbert May, Guy Sherrill, J. O. Thompson, L.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

We are told that highly valued things usually come in small packages. In this small ad we make our wish for you.



"Merry Christmas
Happy New Year!"

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU OFTEN DURING
1940

ANDREWS CAFE

East Side Square Eastland

E. Warlen, G. H. Mayes, Jim Wood, Jack Lark, Alice L. Horn, Henry Calloway, A. F. Thurman, Dan Childress, W. A. Teatsorth, H. E. Everett, Buck Hall, Pat Ross, Hicks, R. L. Rowe, Harry Ewo, L. Dyer, Montie Rowe, H. F. Lawrence, J. R. Crossley, Clifford Henderson, J. B. Brannon, Cecil Hibbert.

Re-Organizes Young People's Organization

The young people of the Church of God, The Christian Crusaders, met Sunday, December 17, for the purpose of re-organizing the auxiliary.

The following officers were elected: president, Eugene Morrison; vice-president, J. W. Greathouse; reporters, Margaret Wilhight and Kimble Young. Users will be Leonard Todd and Lee Morse.

The Crusaders meet each Sunday evening at 6:45 at the church and a cordial invitation is extended to all young people of Eastland who do not attend other organizations at this time to attend the Christian Crusaders meeting Sunday evening at 6:45.

Personal

Horace Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Horton and student at Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., is among the college students to spend the holidays in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Garrett of Washington, D. C., are Eastland visitors for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Anna Jane Taylor, student of Texas Tech, is home for the Yuletide season. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor.

Miss Jessie Lou Trot, attending Texas Tech at Lubbock, is home for the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Trot.

Employment Keeps Up With Last Year

AUSTIN, Tex.—Employment and weekly payrolls in Texas manufacturing industries last month kept pace with the 1939 upswing. University of Texas business research officials have reported.

The University Bureau of Business Research estimates Texas factories employed 132,819 workers during November on average weekly payrolls of \$2,568,507. Number of employees was 4.5 per cent more than in November a year ago and payrolls 6.4 per cent higher. Both eased off slightly from October, however.

In all industries, both manufacturing and non-manufacturing, employment climbed 4.5 per cent above November a year ago and 0.2 per cent above October of this year, while payrolls rose 4.5 per cent over November, 1938, but dropped 1.5 per cent from the preceding month.

No more mixed dancing at one southern college. Bobbing for apples is still permitted.

Pioneer 4-H Club Names New Chiefs

Officers of the Pioneer boys' 4-H club, who were recently elected, were listed today as follows:

Harold Tunnell, president; Junior Underwood, vice president; William Gibson, secretary-treasurer; Ray Plumlee, reporter, and Roe Curtis and W. J. Fore, sponsors.

The club has 20 members.

Office on Social Security Opened

ABILENE, Tex.—Establishment of the Abilene field office of the Social Security Board for the benefit of the people of this section of the State was announced here by William O. King, who has been named manager of the recently opened office.

"One of the duties of this field office will be to provide employers, employees, and all other interested persons with accurate information regarding their rights and obligations under the old-age and survivors insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. The services of the staff of the Abilene office will be available to the public at all times for explanation of this section of the act," King said.

"The major function of the Abilene office will be to maintain local contacts necessary to the administration of the program under which monthly retirement benefits will be paid to qualified workers beginning January 1, 1940, and under which survivors' benefits will be paid to widows and minor children and dependent aged parents of workers who die. The amount of the benefits will be determined by the average monthly wage of the individual covered by the old-age and survivors insurance plan.

Three Are Injured In Auto Collision

McALISTER, Okla., Dec. 21.—Three people were in a McAlister hospital today, one critically injured, as the result of an automobile collision with a farm wagon.

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YULETIDE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR 1940

Throw another log on the fire, make yourself comfortable and accept our warmest wishes for a jolly Christmas. May the New Year bring Good Health, Prosperity, and above all, Happiness.

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Green and White Streets, Eastland Phone 140

HOLIDAY BARGAINS

- TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT 3 Doz. 25c
- PER BUSHEL 80c
- PINK GRAPEFRUIT Doz. 15c
- TREE-RIPENED ORANGES Doz. 10c
- LARGE ORANGES, Per Dozen 30c to 50c
- APPLES, per dozen 15c to 30c
- BANANAS Doz. 10c
- FRESH TOMATOES 2 Lbs. 15c
- Large No. 1 POTATOES 10 Lbs. 20c
- CELERY, Big Heads 13c
- CRANBERRIES Lb. 16c
- EGGS, Fresh Doz. 25c

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Fresh Green Vegetables and Staple Groceries

BLUE and WHITE GROCERY

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"PEACE ON EARTH"



The angels sang this hymn on a night many years ago, after they had announced the birth of the one who would become king of the universe and bring everlasting peace.

In commemoration of this birth we want to greet you. May you have Peace and Joy untold throughout this Christmas Season.

May your New Year be one of prosperity and we urge that you call on us if we can be of service to you at any time.

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BUICK—PONTIAC—LASALLE

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WITH THE CHEERIEST GREETINGS AND FRIENDLIEST THOUGHTS THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE THE HAPPIEST YOU HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED.

THAT YOUR NEW YEAR WILL BE ONE CONTINUOUS BLESSING THROUGH IT ENTIRELY.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT OUR HUMBLE SERVICE DURING THE COMING YEAR. YOUR EVERY WISH GIVES US A GREATER DESIRE AND OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.

FROM US AND ALL OUR EMPLOYEES
BEST WISHES FOR THE SEASON

THE FASHION

North Side Square

WE WISH FOR YOU

Loads and Loads of Christmas Cheer and Happiness Throughout the year! We wish to thank you for your courtesy during the past and we cordially invite you to visit us during the New Year.

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We Invite You To Visit Us
Often During 1940

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