Mobilized for General Good When Need Comes.

There are more than thirty thousand banks in the United States, largely owned by residents of the cities, towns and villages in which. they operate. They receive deposits of coin, currency or credits for the current use of business and for safekeeping, and they loan out these funds at interest to proper and profitbusiness enterprises, agricultural, industrial or commercial, always bearing in mind the necessity of having on hand, or quickly available, sufficient funds to meet the demands such customers as desire to make wimdrawals.

To meet the demands of such cusomers and others upon the funds in their care bankers must maintain re serves-in their vaults, on deposit with other banks, invested in secur ties which command a ready market, or it may be in the form of call loans, payment of which they can demand at

Before the establishment of the Federal Reserve System-in 1907, in 1896, in 1873 and many times beforethe banks of the nation were unable to assist each other when panic threatened. There was no provision for effective leadership, and co-opera tive action was out of the question Bank reserves, carried with other banks which were no less embarrass ed, were least available when they were needed most.

Every country bank had reserves n one or more of the larger cities in ts section as well as in the great centers of population, and since the correspondent banks paid interest on such deposits they were compelled to oan them out, usually at call. When ver panic or the growing fear of it ed any bank to draw upon its rerves-and panic usually led every pank to do so-the correspondent, in order to meet such demands, was compelled to withdraw the money from active service and the thousands

such withdrawals, aggregating any millions of dollars, only made general situation worse by reatricting essential business operations and in many cases compelling the sale f securities, perhaps at grievous loss. The direct result in more than one stance was a complete breakdown t the country's banking machinery nd a prolonged period of resultant epression in industry and commerce The great achievement of the Fed eral Reserve System has been the massing of the nation's monetary d financial panic impossible in Amer ca and has eliminated the worst fea-

REFERENCE TO WILSON CHILRED IN BERLIN

tures of business depression.

Ovation Comes at Memorial Meeting for Dead in the World War.

Berlin .- Prolonged cheering interupted a reference by Paul Loebe. ormer president of the Reichstag. the late President Wilson as "the ather of the League of Nations" at memorial meeting for the war dead neld in the Reichstag Building under ne auspices of the World Peace ongress. German pacifists, liberals and Socialists punctuated with aproving nods and handclapping Herr oeb's designation of President Wilon as an idealist, a far-sighted statesman and the initiator of a new

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen of Norway, st arrived from the Geneva meetg. declared that the dawn for Eu pe is beginning as the outgrowth the work accomplished by the ague of Nations meeting. Mrs. Frederick Pethick Lawrence

London, the second English speakever heard in the Reichstag Build-, paid a tribute to the Quakers as e exponents of practical pacifism. The German audience was unusuly generous in its applause of the lgian Senator, Henri La Fontaine, ho pleaded for the removal of the riff barriers to supplement the ague of Nations' disarmament ins, and of the French Senator, erdinand Buisson, who paid tribute the war dead of all nations as ving died in the belief that their untry was right.

Railroad Incomes Lower in 1924. New York .- Net operating income class one railroads in August th \$98,934,00 in August last year, decrease of \$3,518,700. Net for this year was \$74,088,000. Opting revenues for August totalled 8,394,000, a decrease of \$56,234,000 der the same month of 1923. erating expenses were reduced For the first eight onths of 1924 net operating income ggregated \$561,059,355, against \$630,-15,546 for the same period last year, ----Help Spur Grow----



Cecil Shirley of Nacogdoches has been appointed a deputy in the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Carl Lyda, who has been apointed law clerk in the of fice of Associate Justice T. Greenwood of the Supreme Court-Mr. Lyda had been connected with the Supreme Court clerk's office nearly five years.

Leo C. Grady, who represented Galveston County in the House of the Thirty-Sixth, Thirty-Seventh and Thirty-Eighth Legislature, has been appointed by Acting Governor T. W District Court, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Judge Robert G. Street, whose unexpired term ends next January. Official notice of Mr. Brady's appointment has been received at the Governor's office from the acting Governor, who s at his home in Marshall

The status of a State Bank and its creditors is fixed at the time it is closed by the Banking Commissioner on account of its insolvency the Attorney General's Department ruled in an opinion written by As sistant Attorney General J. W. Goodwin and given State Banking Commissioner Chapman. The law of setoff applies to an insolvent State bank in the hands of the Banking Commissioner for liquidation, and the allowance of off-sets is not a

State Comptroller, Lon A. Smith and Mrs. Bess Strong of Dallas are among the incorporators of the Blue Bonnet Motion Picture Productions, Inc., capital stock \$20,000, which has been granted a charter. The prinipal office of the corporation is to be in Dallas and the purpose is to nanufacture and produce and market motion pictures and films in Texas. R. A. Buford of Austin is the other incorporator. The first picture to be filmed will be "Rose Petals," of which Mrs. Strong is the author.

Statement has been made in the State Treasury that the present deficiency in the general fund, now about \$900,000, will go to a low ebb In late October and be entirely wiped out by the first of the year.

Edgar Whebee, district sanitary engineer for the State Board of Health, has been sent to Wichita Falls to investigate complaints made ounted to \$95,415,300 compared by ranchmen and farmers of the alleged pollution of . Wichita River

> Dr. W. A. King, City Health Officer of San Antonio, has advised Mr. Malone Duggan, State Health Officer, that the San Antonio Board of Health has approved the standard milk ordinance recently adopted by the State Board of Health and has recommended this ordinance to the City Council for passage with the exception of a few minor changes.

50,000 IN LIFE-SAVING SERVICE OF RED CROSS

Additional 50,000 Water Safety Experts Probable Gain of Summer Campaign.

restoring partly drowned persons is so | Cross being in its Chapters, the orsimple that the continual large sacrifice of life must decrease as an in- ple to join or renew their memberformed public insists upon general in. ship during a Roll Call which always struction in prone pressure practice begins on Armistice Day, November 11. to induce respiration.

and winter, is engaged in teaching this method as an integral part of swimming and life-saving. This service has grown from a single expert in 1914 to a corps of almost 50,000 ac-50,000 more experts will be eligible for membership in the corps. This large accession in a single year is confidently expected as the result of the campaign among 22,000 troops of Boy Scouts under a plan to qualify at least two life-guards in each troop.

During the past year 4,746 men, 3,374 women, 9,731 boys and girls successfully passed the rigid tests of the Red Cross-an increase of 5,331 over 1923. Intensive instruction is developing hundreds of qualified examiners for the Red Cross Life-Saving Corps who supplement the teaching staff maintained by the national organiza. tion. The cause of water safety is therefore penetrating to new sections and eventually will cover all American territory.

Recognition of this Red Cross service for humanity is growing apace. At the request of the War Department every military training camp had lifesaving instruction last summer. Municipalities have adopted the Red Cross course, public and private schools are offering it to students, business, civic and athletic organizations are promoting campaigns, and police departments are making it a part of the conditioning process for their recruits.

Volunteer life-savers throughout the country, the American Red Cross reports, are eagerly advancing the cause of water safety, 388 volunteers receiving medals for giving from 200 to 300 hours' service in two or three years. In addition 36 rescue bars to medals were awarded members of the Red Cross Corps who saved one or more lives during the year.

It is for the work and extension of life-saving that continued support through memberships is sought, and the American Red Cross urges all persons to join or renew membership Auring the enrollment campaign analy

Red Cross Invites All Into Neutral Army of Service

There are 3,089 counties in the United States and more than 3,500 Chapters of the American Red Cross. The Chapter is the local unit of the national organization, formed to carry out the program, services and policies A boy watched an expert give a of the Red Cross. The industry of class a lesson in the way to revive a these 3,500 local units is a voluntary person unconscious from water im and steady outpouring of well-doing mersion. The next day the boy tried and sympathy which softens human

The strength of the American Red ganization annually invites the peo-

"It is this annual enlistment of mil-The Red Cross Life-Saving Service lions of Americans under the banner in every part of the country, summer of the American Red Cross which makes possible the continued work of this great and democratic legion of mercy," says Judge John Barton Payne, head of the national organization. "Membership in the Red Cross tive life-savers. In this tenth year of is a privilege within the reach of the work it is predicted that fully | everyone. The need for service grows more insistent each year. To keep pace with the demands which come from every section of our country, we must have the people's loyal support. Our capacity for service in the year to come will be limited only by the extent to which we receive support for our work in the coming Roll

> The invitation of the American Red Cross is unlimited. The enrollment period, Armistice Day to Thanksgiving, is everyone's opportunity to join.

Annual Summons to Service The annual nation-wide Roll Call of the American Red Cross to enroll members for 1925 will open on Nov. 11, the anniversary of that tense and never-to-be-forgoten Armistice Day six years ago, which silenced the crashing arms of the World War. The enrollment will continue for 17 days, through Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. Preliminary to the Roll Call period will come Red Cross Sunday, Nov. 9. During the 17 days set aside for the enrollment more than 3,500 Chapters of the Red Cross and their thousands of branches will invite the people to join the Red Cross or renew their membership.

has been elected University of Texas duchess to the State Fair for the All-College Day celebration on Oct. 18. Miss Miller's election came after of business Oct. 11. a poll of the students was taken during the morning on the campus. She will be accompanied by an escort to be announced later. Nine hundred and sixteen votes were polled

Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale and family are spending Christmas with relatives

Government Operation Would Mean Increased Taxation for General Public, Says Rail Head.

Opposition to Government ownership of the railroads, not because of the interests of the present owners but rather because of the burdens and pose upon the people as a whole, was expressed by C. H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central Railroad. vention of the American Bankers Association.

"We have never favored Government ownership as a national policy," Mr. Markham said. "If the railroads are taken over by the Government

we must face the fact that the big step in reversing our old and settled policy will be taken. If there is no particular reason why the Govern ment should not own and run railroads, is there any reason why i the stores, the factories, the farms, until all of us are Government employees and the ideal of the soviet is attained? The railroads are the first line of defense against those who would make this country a second

'The railroads have about 2,000,000 employees, approximately as many employees as there are in all the Government services - Federal, State, county and municipal-put together. If the railroads are taken over by the Government, there will be one Government employee out of every ten wage earners in the country, instead of one out of every twenty, as at

Doubling Taxation

"Then, too, there is the matter of taxation. The railroads, under private ownership, are among our heavest taxpayers. Last year they paid taxes amounting to \$3 for every man, woman and child in the country. In some counties, particularly in the Middle West, the railroads pay from 10 per cent to nearly 50 per cent of the taxes collected. Under Government ownership, the railroads would be no more subject to taxation than the post offices now are. In some way the Government would have to make up the difference of \$3 a head for every person in the country, In many counties the taxes on the reit on a bathing companion and saved suffering and distress wherever it maining property would have to be his life. Such a boy justifies all the arises. This work is absolutely neu- nearly doubled. The result would be effort and the cost of the Life-Saving tral, for the Red Cross knows no race, an unbearable burden that might force many of our local governments to stop payments on their bonds and go into bankruptcy. The tax problem would be a great deal more vexatious than it is today.

Then, too, the acquisition of the railroads would add more than twenty billion dollars to our national debt. If Government railroads in this country were no more successful than they are elsewhere today in the world, the interest on that twenty billions of purchase price would be the cause for additional burdens on the taxpayers left to carry it. As the tax burden developed, it would not be surprising to see other industries welcoming Government ownership for themselves. They would gain immunity from taxation in turn, and their owners probably would be protected from loss. The Constitution prevents the confiscation of private property, and Government ownership can be accomplished only by paying a fair price for the properties taken

Bad for Public

"I do not oppose Government ownership of the railroads on behalf of the present owners of the railroads, many of whom would obtain safety in Government bonds in return for securities which have not paid a return in years. I oppose Government ownership of the railroads because I believe that it would be bad for our people as a whole. It would open the way to Government ownership of would certainly lead to the wrecking of our highly essential railway ser vice, if the lessons of experience offered by other nations mean anything at all to us.'

Condensed Austin News

State Commissioner of Banking Chapman issued a call for statements of condition of State banks at close

After a week's successful run the Texas State Exposition has closed. It is estimated that total attendance will reach close to 100,000.

The Obregon Government's special gent, Senor Juan Icaza, arrived here ecently to supervise and check the printing of the \$50,000,000 gold bond issue placed on the market by J. L.

TAMFORD IN DESTRROYED BY FIRE WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMAN AND TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

The Stamford Inn was detroyed Wednesday night by fire, the origin of which is uncertain.

Mrs. W. B. Winters and two children, of Ralls, Texas, were burned to death, and W. B. Winters was seriously injured in jumping from a second story window to escape the disadvantages the change would im flames. Mr. Winters is secretary of of the Ralls Chamber of Commerce. He and family were spending the in an address before the recent con night in Stamford, in route further east to spend Christmas with rela-

> Ed Lotspeich, a Stamford cotton buyer, was also burned to death. L. E. Fox, a traveling man out of Waco was also seriously burned.

The Stamford Inn was owned by the Swenson interests, being built in tne early history of Stamford. The should not take over also the banks, loss is estimated at approximately seventy five thousand dollars.

Help Spur Grow-HOME FOR CHRISMAS

Among those spending the hollidays here are: Rayburn Evans and G. S. Link Jr., of K. M. S., of Boonville Mo.; Hugh Owsley, of Trinity University; Cecil Burnham and Mor ris Vernon, of Simmons; Huburt Karr and Weldon McClure of B. U.; and Henry Elkins of T. C. U. Ben Murray Hale also a scholar of T. C. U. and Spur boy is spending the holddays in Greenville with relatives and

Lloyd Putman is home for the hollidays, having arrived the past week. During the past three months Lloyd has been attending school at Vernon.

-Help Spur Grow-Mack Gilbert, formerly of Spur, was down this week from Idaloo, on business and to accompany his sister Miss Willie Lee, to their home in Idaloo, where they will spend Christ mas. Mack is in the taylor business and is now contemplating improvements that will make his one of the est equipped of tailor shops.

WANTED — Furnished apartment January 1st, 3 or 4 rooms preferred. -C. B. Cook, Phone25.

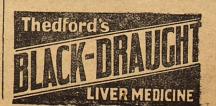
Miss Mary Copeland, of Austin, is pending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of

Mrs. C. D. Copeland returned last week from Mart where she was called on account of the illness of her mother who died a short time after Mrs. Copeland arrived. All of the children from different parts of the state were present in the last illness of their mother.

----Help Spur Grow-'MA' BESIEGED BY OFFICE SEEKERS

Austin, Texas .- Governor - Elect Miram A. Ferguson has recieved 909 applications for less than fifty State jobs she will fill by appointment following her inauguration as Governor Jan. 20 next, according to Jas. E. Ferguson, who spent nearly an hour at the State Capitol Friday and called everything, and at the same time it on Gov. Neff. He reiterated that his wife will not announce any intended





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over at a little

mountain town did, snow-capped mountains. And marvelous is the

We wanted to look at the mountains from this quaint little settlement with given nutrition instruction regularly.

sparkling frozen snow. So that we might have a few hours longer to walk about we arranged to arrive very early in the morning. The sun was not up. Almost we wished we had not so decided. But we were

Chinaman's we went. but he understood what we meant per cent in December, in Dickens when we explained it to him, though to him it was a droll drink.

When he slept his brother kept it kitchen and helped yourself to your second cup of coffee or tea-it was a any man would be proud!

Ah, this was all so nice. Here we holiday, about to take a splendid walk, having a hot, delicious breakfast, under the most unusual of surround-



men. We liked their looks, too. Sensible, genuine human beings, all of those fellows

were.
Their voices rose higher.
"Oh, of course! Nothing could be simple and sweet and nice. Always men had to be talking about women, about their charms, about their capabilities, their powers, their "beautiful

Here they were; all discussing what "beautiful lines" "she" had, boasting, each taking so proprietary an interest in her. And she had them all dangling

Oh, yes; human nature was the same, no matter where you ways men were thinking of women or talking of them, or longing for their society. The interesting little Chinaman and his clean kitchen and his eager willingness to serve and the newspapers he had about to amuse his guests-he wasn't so interesting any more. Doubtless he, too, was thinking of some Chinese "she."

Couldn't one get away from it for a little while-'way off here, for ex-

Couldn't we feel the beautiful, pure spirit of Christmas for a sustained length of time?

And there we sat-mortified. It was our human nature that was the same no matter where we went, It was because we thought people were all the same.

We had thought "she" was a woman, "She" was a new engine, and they called her their Christmas love. For the trainmen loved her and her power and her beautiful lines and her attractiveness and her speed.

An Offertory The gentleness, the grace,
The smiling, loving tenderness,
The infantile embrace;
All babyhood He holdeth,
All motherhood enfoldeth—
Yet who hath seen His face?

Lance Suits, of the Ralls Banner, was in Spur Wednesday.

A REPORT OF NUTRITION WORK and good.

with the Midway, Espuella, Dickens, ed. at Dry Lake.

and one dentist in attendance. 44 every way. E WERE stopping examined. 20 were underweight 10 ing of next year. The work is need which was nothing any defect and only 10 were of nor- program should be repeated next more than a rail mal weight and free from any defect. year. This means money to finance

about were splen- nutrition class was held in Spur Sat- ly when some one asks you to join urday mornings. A total of 7 meet- the Red Cross .- Helen Gillette, A.R. beauty and scenery they bestow upon ings with 73 children was held.

Children in 10 schools have been its wooden sidewalks now crisp with In the county 926 children were weighed and measured. 265 child- G. A. King of Atlanta, Texas, out ren or 28.6 per cent were under near the East boundary line of the weight 10 per cent or more. About state, who has been spending several 165 children received examination days up in the Afton country visiting told we could have an excellent break- by a doctor. The percentage of mat- with the Hagoods, Batemans and othfast at the Chinaman's. And to the nutrition has been reduced in Spur er relatives and former friends of the He had never made orange juice- from 31 per cent in October to 18.5 from 25 per cent in October to 14 His portions of everything were per cent in December. Other schools enormous. His place was never closed. in the county show about the same open. It was immaculately clean. He improvement. The Espuela school didn't mind if you went into his showed the lowest percent of under nutrition-about 18 per cent with shining kitchen, a kitchen of which Highway and Dry Lake close competitors. The schools in the north end were, far away from every traveler of the county showed an average of and tourist, on a beautiful Christmas 30 per cent to 35 per cent of the children under weight 10 per cent or

> age of malnutrition was higher. There are many things we wanted to do which we were unable to acwas a lovely place, complish. In spite of this we feel

more. In general where the con-

Now that I have closed my work in To secure the most good from the ped and never thought of again.

Regular meetings were held with The teachers are going to try to do "como West." four Home Demonstration Clubs. their part. The weighing will con-Food problems were discussed and tinue in some schools. In addition demonstrations were given at each we hope the teachers will teach at meeting. A total of 25 nutrition least one health lesson a week. In meetings for mothers was held with this way the children will be kept an attendance of 210. These were from forgetting the things they learn

and Highway women. In addition The parents have given very fine a few meetings were held at Spur and support to the work while I have been in the county. I hope they One pre-school conference was will continue to, and will encourage held in the county with two doctors the cooperation of the children in

children were weighed, measured and Besides this, I want you to be think per cent or more. 15 were free from ed in the country. The nutrition A pre-school Story Hour, really a it-don't forget that-and especial-

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Dickens county and have had a little Nutrition program, however, the advertisement to appear in the Tex- tion to the progressive development what this country can do and made it time to look over my figures, I want work should be continued as far as as spur for the sale of his farm back of the "Great West," and we extend what it is today. Entered as second class matter on to be'll you so far as statistics can tell possible. It does very little good to East. Mr. King is so well pleased him a hearty welcome and know that November 12, 1909, at the postoffice the story, what I dil during the two have the work for two months if at with the country and the people of a' Spur, Texas, under the Act of months I w s th. . at what we the end of that time, it is just drop- Dickens county that he has decided to follow the age old injunction to

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155 pounds and feel better
than I ever did in my life. I
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too."
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I have about 12 tons of good heavy maize to sell at \$25.00 per ton, not delivered, on M. S. Favors' place 5 miles east of Afton. Come at once. -J. M. KEmemer.

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Miscellany

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vation, three-fourths mile west of der where he was new? Spur High School, 6-room house and With slow, listless steps, Beryl engalleries on three sides, 1 acre in a the cleanest looking table in the room. oyung orchard, garage, wash house, A man was already seated there. She barn, poultry an dhog sheds, well, sa: down epposite him and began to windmill, cistern, water piped to the read the menu card. garage and lots. Clear of encum- "Beryl, by George, if it isn't!" brance and abstracted. See T. M. Maples, Spur, Texas.

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THOSE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

By MARION R. REAGAN (@, 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)



ERYL SANDS stood outside the dingy little restaurant, looking in at the heavily steamed windows with the absent, vacant stare of one whose mind is preoccupied with melancholy thoughts. People walking along the sidewalks crunched the

fresh, dry snow under their heels. Most Why buy an open or semi-open car of them were talking and laughing with the light ease of those who feel at rights with the world. But their gay chatter only made Beryl more and more conscious of her loneliness. There was not a soul in this whole city she could call her friend, not one. And as for a lover-Beryl winced. Twenty-eight and never a lever! Think of spending all of enc's life FOR SALE Two improved farms. slone. "Old Maid Sands" it would be. half way between Spur and Dry Ch. how terrible life was; how unut-Lake. Prices and terms reasonable. forally hard on girls like her. Of course there had been Jack Boulton. He had always rather liked her; taken Improved Mebane and Cash Cetton on in the old days when they lived aged him. He was the only man who



FOR SALE-40 acres, all in culti- bad ever understood her at all. Wen-

tered the little restaurant. She chose

She looked up quickly and recog-3-tf pixed with amazement the mrge, astonished blue eyes.

"Jack Boulton! Wby, Jack, what en earth are you doing here?" He laughed that half-amused, half-

"I'm down on luck, Beryl-broke. I came up here to Chicago three years POSTED-No hunting, shooting, ago to put acress a deal but things tle on the rough ever since."

Beryl was sympathetic. "I know, 5-8p Jack, I think we're pretty much in the same boat. I haven't quite won fame and fortune here myself." They both laughed.

Jack looked at her a long time. She dropped her eyes under his steady

"You know, Beryl, I like that sad look in your eyes. I don't like to think Blalock Co., Littlefield, Texas 5-4p that you've been sad, of course; but the look-it's appealing. It's the same expression that came into your eyes when you used to play those Christmas carols at the charch. Heavens, how you could play them!" His face lit up with the happy memory of it. MAKE your wife happy by making

"Occasionally. The plane at my boarding house is a cheap one and I hate it, but if you care to, we'll go down there after dinner, and I'll play you all these old Christmas songs. You have no other engagement?"

"None," he said promptly, "And if I did, I'd cancel it."

When Beryl had finished, she rose from the piane and faced him. He was looking at her intently, longingly,



you, Jack?"

Either the cotton is too high or "Yes, when you play it I am." He the land is too cheap. For one acre came very close to her and took her of land will usually produce from hands. "Beryl, I was just thinking what harmony you could make out of my discordant life, if you would. one-fourth to one-half bale of cotton annually-worth from \$35 to \$75. .- - could you ever-" he i One crop will frequently more than broke off. is veice thick with surgpay for the land. We will sell you the land for \$12 to \$20 per acre on

"Yes, Jack, I could," and as he held her tightly in his arms. Beryl was ex- ! rate of interest. If you are interestultantly happy, and felt for the first

and family where there is no boll Christman in British Isles weevil and where the climate is fine Christmas was introduced in what and the water good, write today to

ers now the British Isles under the Saxon rulers and was continued, in the winter solstice when the people had little to do, by the Angle-Saxon kings and the succeeding monarchs of Norman blood. The celebrations beginning with court festivities and graduating down to the poorest families were frequently uproarious. In the reign of Elizabeth the Puritans attacked the Yuletide festivities, but the celebrations continued to flourish until the rule of Queen Mary. The Puritans, aided by the conditions growing out of civil war, mually succeeded by 1647 in abolishing the holiday .- George Newell Moran.

Toys for Small Children A little tot frem one to two enjoys little games that can be played with the fingers and simple toys such as delis, animals and balls made of rubber, wood, knitted or rag materials and plain blocks.

CHRISTMAS COLD WEATHER

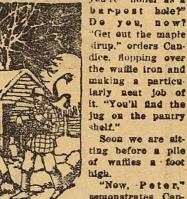
By Martha Banning Thomas (©, 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)



O BEGIN with, it's cold. COLD!! Not your gray. pinched, peaked-y backdooryard cold where bits of paper dance in a forlorn, for gotten reel; none of your brick-front houses on dismal streets, seeming by the best

calculation, to store up a chill bleakness rather than affording protection against it-not that, but a brisk, lively, tingling cold which makes one hurry to feed the wood-boxes before dark; a edd that etches crystal ferns on the window glass, thoughtfully leaving a peep-hole near the top where you can peer out; a cold that fringes the ice-house with an orderly row of icicles that look like white, corrugated carrots, and manufactures thin, papery ice in the hollows on the ground, the sort of ice children like to stamp on, delighting in its noisy crackle and the sunburst of fine lines radiating from the point of contact.

There are waffles for supper! De you remember how waffles look and smell and taste on a cold night, when you're "holler as a



jug on the pantry Soon we are sitting before a pile of waffles a foot

"New, Peter," remonstrates Candice, "don't give me such an everlasting belping:"

"They say Shorty's little shaver ain't so well tonight," he remarks, passing the smoking beauties to his "Got an awful cold. They had the doc this afternoon."

up her plate.

Christmas-and Shorty's little boy sick! He lives across the road and bestows his cheerful chatter and shining eyes upon us without charge and

"I had something to give him. Guess I'll run over after supper," says Candice, making the first luscious incision into her layered waffles.

His name is Billy and he's about as big as a grasshopper: he gets "under foot" and is always frolicking at somebody's heels like a puppy. He it was, upon one occasion, who explained to us the nature of his dinner.

"Well, William," we said, apropos of his third cookie in the middle of the afternoon, "Didn't you have any din-

"Oh, yes," he beamed upon us, "We had putting for dinner." mean pudding?"

"No, putting!" he insisted, "because we put the flour in, you know!" Dear little Billy, with his high, clear

voice that always reminded one of water running over pebbles. "His father said he was going to get

him a Christmas tree this year," continued Peter. "I saw him dragging it down from the woods day before yesterday. Bill was hoppin' up and down some. I can tell you. Tickled

to pieces. Guess that's where he eaught cold." At this point there was a grea tramping and puf fing in the kitch. en. People walk

right in on a cold sounds slurring voice of Billy's Italian father. "I jus' come

t' say dat boy o' mine all right now Verra seek dis mornin'-fine by now an' can I have d' milk?" A quick light-heartedness flows over us. We had not realized how deliber-

Billy better! All's right with the world It's colder! A careful serutiny of the thermometer reveals the tempera-

ately cheerful we had striven to be.

ture at six above. Peter pokes around down cellar and covers up his apples and potatoes against a night of freezing, and brings up some red beauties to be consumed later in the evening with nuts and popcorn.

COLDER! Sleigh bells jingling by on the read! Merry Christmas!

Christmas Dinner Centerpiece

An attractive centerpiece for the Christmas dinner is made by cutting a large five-point star out of white sheet wadding. This is placed smoothside downward. The fluffy upper side is then pulled apart a little to simulate snow and sprinkled thick with Jack Frost powder. In the center of this is placed a bowl or tall glass vase filled with holly twigs and scarlet berries, and the edges of the star are outlined with pieces of helly.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of ickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week f a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a news oper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice: The State of Texas

To all persons in erested in the Estate of Mary A. Davis Deceased, Charley David Bird has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said Mary A. Davis Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in January A. D. 1925 at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at the office in Dickens, Texas this the 11th day of December, A. D. 1924 .- O. C. Arthur, Clerk County Court, Dickens County, Tex. By Josephine Green, Deputy.

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A Period of Good Will

Christmas as a period of good will, rejoicing and the interchange of presents is readily traced to the Roman Saturnalia, which was celebrated at about the same relative time of the year as is our modern Christmas. During the Saturnalia there was universal mirth, friends feasted together and exchanged presents; gifts were made to the poor; no war was declared; no capital executions were permitted to take place and even the slaves were granted the right to speak, although usually speech was denied them .- George Newell Moran.

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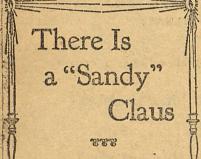
Essex Coach, Delivered in Spur for Christmas: \$1070

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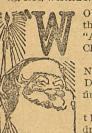
Spur Hudson-Essex Agency Roy Harkey, Manager

Ready for Santa's Visit





By FRANK HERBERT SWEET 1934, Western Newspaper Union.)



"Ain't no Sandy Claus, though." Didn't we make a fire on purpose?"

"If anything was put in 'em, do ye reckon they would hold it?"

"Well, we won't take no chances," and the other boy took some string from his pockets and tied up the footholes, making long sacks of the legs. Then he fumbled a tack from a pocket and fastened one to the mantel, with the other above it.

"Now we'd better be skallyhootin' to give old Sandy a chance," and the never got nothin' before. Yes, I guess other boy pulled closer his apology for a coat and started to trudge off, then

"Could I go out thisaway?" he began, as he opened the front door. Then he shut it. "But I guess I'd ruther go out through the kitchen, for I'd orter fix the chairs an' lamp back like before we played. Your grandma'd jump me if



she found I'd been here, an' that stockin' hung up. She don't believe in no Sandy Claus nor nuthin'. If I was you I wouldn't say nothin' 'bout my bein' here."

And the other boy dodged out and a great whirl of wind and snow swallowed him up. Kid, too sleepy to undress, crawled under a pile of things on the humpy old lounge,

and the next thing he knew the sun was shining. Granny

"There you are agin! Goin' to bed with your shoes on! My gracious! I den't know what ye're comin' to. Now we get up, an' fetch me something to barn, Look 'round in the alley, For the land's sake, what alls ye?" For the Mid was out of the room and tearheard him yelling and calling for her

to come quick. She obeyed as fast as her old feet would take her, and they crumpled under her so that she sat down on the first thing, which proved to be a sled the newest, reddest, shinlest sled either she or the Kid had ever seen. Then she came to. The ashes of a burnt-out fire lay on the hearth; the old room had a comfortable lived-in feeling, for all of its chill; the sun came in the old windows bright with the dazzle of the snow. But she did not notice all this, nor did the Kid er vere spellberno before a Christabove the old fireplace. At last, when all the things lay piled

about them, with papers and strings all over the floor, with the Kid trying on a new warm cap with hands clumsy in new red mittens, she, stroking a black and checkered shawl that could. be meant for no one but herself, like the shoes and groceries lying around, said tremulously: "Now who in the world done it, I want to know. Do you reckon it might 'a' been the Relief corps, or the Salvation Army, or the Ladies' Aid?"

"Aw, I should say not. It wa'n't none o' them old things. They never done it; you bet they didn't. It was the Kid, wistfully. Sandy Claus-hey, Stumpy?"

The other boy had joined them, lookaus, though." ing askance at Granny, but sidling "Sure I would. toward the far stocking, suddenly No harm to try. shouting, "Hoppia! Chock full! 'Course it's Sandy! Why, I ast a big man on the sidewalk, last night when Kid ran back I went out-fine man with a money hrough the long, bank overcoat, an' armful o' bundles, drafty hall, and pres- an' he said, 'Yes, of course. I hope ently returned with you haven't been losin' faith.' An' I something faintly resembling a stock- said he'd never left me anything, nor I wa'n't quite sure. Then he stopped an' asked questions, an' laughed, an' said Sandy was a mighty busy man about now, an' had missed us somehow. But if we never quit faith he'd sure find us out. Now I know there's a Sandy," grabbing his stocking and dropping on the floor. "Don't-don't you know, too. Granny?" looking at her doubtfully.

"I guess so," still dazedly; "but there is a Sand - "land"

> Merry Christmas for Alice

By MARIAN WING



abed late Christ mas morning. What other girl of eight een would have stayed lazily i hed with the marvelous Christmas presents waiting

her attention that were waiting Rutl Alice's? She was the only daughter of an enormously rich father. She was also, on that Christmas morning the one shining hope of half a dozen rich beaux. So you can imagine what gifts were hers.

At ten o'clock Ruth Alice's personal maid, Flora, came rather timidly, bu determinedly, into the luxurious bedroom where Ruth Alice lay dreaming



among her pillows, her beautiful eyes half closed.

"Well, Flora, why are you disturbing me? I'm not going to get up yet a while."

"But, Miss Ruth Alice! Your father is just walking back and forth in the library, and asking every half minuto when you are coming down." "Oh, dad! He wants to see my joy

over the stocking, I suppose." "Well, there are lovely things down there, goodness knows! And such

"Oh, bother the flowers! I don't want them. But, tell me, has the postman come yet?"

"No. He'll be dreadfully late today, of course." "Yes, so I supposed. Well, what's

the good of getting up, then?" Ruth Alice stretched her pretty arms above her head and yawned. Flora stared.

"What can the postman bring you that you haven't already, I'd like to know?" But, needless to say, the perfectly trained maid made this remark strictly to herself.

But Ruth Alice suddenly relented. "All right, Flora, bring me my slippers. I'll get on some clothes and go down to Dad. I needn't spoil his Christmas."

And it was with this determination not to mar her dear dad's Christmas that Ruth Alice ran down the stairs and tripped into the library with a smile. But such a forced smile! The maids noticed it, and the butler, too. And they all puzzled about it and whispered among themselves. They were all very fond of pretty Ruth Alice, and it grieved them to see her so out of sorts, on Christmas of all

"And she's been like this for more than a week," Flora sighed to the butler. "Just isn't interested in anything. Oh, yes, there's one thing still can excite her. That is the postman. She sends me out forty times a day to see if he's dropped letters in the box and forgot to ring. Yesterday she even made me go out and look down the street to see if he was anywhere in sight.'

"Oh, well, that explains it, then. She hasn't heard from her sweet-

heart." "Sweetheart! She's heard from dozens of 'em every mail. And you ought just to take a look at her presents in there. Flowers, books, candy, music! And her father has surprised her with a new limousine all her own. Guesa even you didn't know that! Mike kept the secret pretty well. He only let it drop to me by accident." Mike was the chauffeur, of course.

"No! A limousine! And then those pearls! The old man showed them to me himself last night. Just couldn't keep it to himself any longer. They're beauties, you can take my word, and cost a good round fortune."

"How any girl with all that can be giowering around on Christmas da-" "Ting-a-ling, ting-a-ling," the front-

door bell interrupted. Flora jumped like a Jack-in-the-box when the cover is sprung, "That'll be the postman," she said, "I'll get there this time before Miss Ruth Alice sends me."

But Ruth Alice was at the door first. for she, too, knew the postman's ring. Eagerly she went through the pile of Then her eyes flooded with tears that she could not hide. "Nothing! And it's Christmas day!" she whispered.

"But what's this," Flora asked, bending to pick up a picture postal that had dropped to the floor. Miss Ruth Alice snatched it from her hand, but not before Flora had seen. It was just a picture of a wreath hang on a door, and under it, scrawled in a bold masculine hand, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Miss Norman." That was all except the sig-

nature, "Jack Dalton." But suddenly Miss Ruth Alice laughed merrily and seized Flora by both hands. She whirled her around in a happy dance. "Merry Christmas, Flora," she cried when it was done, and rushed toward the library. She passed the butler on the way. "Merry-Christmas, Walker," she cried to him. Then they heard her Merry Christmas-

ing her dad! "Well, I'm glad to hear her saying



the Street."

never would. But think of a cheap postal doing that to her after all those wonderful things in there and the au-

tomobile !" "What are pearls and a car to love?" whispered Walker, drawing very near to Flora. Laughling, she pushed him away. "Merry Christmas," she laughed back at him over her shoulder as she ran trippingly away

Christmas Diamonds

The most dazzling of Christmas diamonds are snowballs on a lighted Christmas tree. They are only imitation snowballs, but they give a feeling of richness to the hearts of those who see them, which real diamonds, for all their intrinsic worth, seldom do.-Mary Graham Bonner

NOTICE-One red muley cow with white stripe over shoulders; red heifer, coming three; one little fawn colored heifer; one steer, same color and age. All branded MY on left side, marke crop and split in right, and swallow-fork the left. Any information leading to recovery of these cattle will be thankfully received .- M. M. Young, Spur. 8-2t

----Help Spur Grow-Warren Cunningham, who has been spending Christmas in Spur with his cousin, Oran McClure, Jr., left Friday for his home in Cross Plains.

Miss Ruth Maples, who has been inotype operator on the Ralls Banner

Arlie Suits and family of Ralls spent Christmas with relatives and the past year, has returned to her friends at Jayton. Mr. Suits is now with Dick Hyatt on the Ralls Banner.

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> A Joyous Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

> > MALONES

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETING:

We want to thank our many friends of Dickens County and the counties surrounding for the splendid friendship shown us during the past year. owe to them the wonderful increased business received; the mutual friendship existing is cherished very highly -We trust to be of service to our friends in the coming year of 1925, and expect to be able to better serve our patrons in many ways. is our business and in connection to sales, we have the desire to establish friendship with those whom we come in contact. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in the future.

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THE NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS!

At this the close of the old year and and the beginning of a new year, we want to express our thanks and appreciation for the liberal business given us through the fall, and extend to all the season's greetings.

May The New Year Bring Happiness And Prosperity.

J. I. HAYES, Manager.

Condensed Austin News

Reduced rates of one and one-half fare, based on the certificate plan, have been authorized by all railroads to the meeting of State santtorians to be held in Housion Nov. 5-8, according to announcement by the State Health Department.

he Railroad Commission heard are paid." A took under advisement the apof Westland Oil Syndicate of and for a ruling by the chief oil s supervisor classifying a well by appellant as a gas well inof an oil well.

ernor Neff has appointed E. of Austin, newspaper publisha member of the board of res of the University of Texas, to le vacancy caused by the resigon of Sam P. Cochran of Dallas, ral months ago.

Call has been made by the State easurer for payment of registered arrants up to and including No. 1950, representing \$219,758. Indications are the deficiency in the general revenue fund will run close to the \$2,000,000 mark by the end of

Texas Commissioner of Agriculture George B. Terrell has begun active steps to secure modification by the various states of quarantine against Texas on account of the noof and outh disease. Up to this time only ebraska and Oklahoma have modiied their quarantines.

Of communicable diseases in Texas which State Health Officer Malone Duggan reported to the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health service for the week ending oct. 18, influenza headed the list, with 179 cases reported. Measles were second with 65 cases, diphtheia third, 63 cases, and typhoid fever ourth, 62 cases.

Total receipts of fees collected nd cash judgements recovered by Attorney General during the past o years amounted to \$402.077. In uded in this amount is nearly \$109,-0 collected from the Dallas and ort Worth Gas companies for ald violations of the gross repts tax law. This more than impensates the State over and ve appropriations made for the eral maintenance of legal deftment of the Government.

Charles C. Richart, 78 years old, inte of the State Confederate Home, charged in a complaint filed in a stice court with murder in conction with the death of J. W. Hasil, another inmate of the Confedte home. During a heated argunt at the home on Sept. 10 Richis alleged to have struck Hassell er the head with a heavy walking ck. Hassell died recently.

udge Ira P. Hildebrand, for seveen years a member of the law ty of the University of Texas been elected dean of the law ool to succeed Dr. George C. te, resigned to make the race Governor as the Republican minee. The board of regents acpted Dr. Butte's resignation withstrings or qualifications and he entirely severed his connection with the University of Texas.

During the first jear of operation the new inheritance tax law \$365,of inheritance taxes were coilectaccording to the report of the heritance tax division of the State mptroller's Department, Resident tates to the number of 426 and 218 president estates were reported. om the former class \$343 0000 was lected and \$22,000 from the latter. the total \$119,000 was collected er the old inheritance tax law d the balance under the new law.

Lient. Gov. T. W. Davidson. who be acting Governor during the ance from the State of Governor f, who left recently for Kentucky eliver five speeches in that State behalf of the campaign of John Davis, Democratic nominee for sident, will not come to Austin, has advised the Governor's office. Davidson is detained at his e at Marshall on account of the il of cases in which he is employas counsel.

n unusual application under the sky law has been filed with the etary of State, being that of the l River Collieries of Hunting, W seeking to sell \$100.060 of its l stock in Texas to further lop what it represents to be acres of coal lands in this The company has issued and \$2,400,000 of an authorized capstock of \$5,000,000 and now pros to sell the remaining \$2,600,000 Texas and other States.

ongressman Thomas L. Blanton he Abilene District stopped here route between points in his disdelivering a series of speeches behalf of the Democratic ticket. m advocating the election of all lidates on the Democratic ticket President to Constable which udes "Ma" Ferguson," said Mr ton. "Demorats entered the priies with the customary pledges will be found abiding by their al agreement. Democrats are not idiators."

STRAIGHT TALKS

"It seems to me, Aunt Emmy," said Jane, "that it is rather silly for us to be talking about investments when all we can save is about \$500 a year after

"You're wrong there. If you save \$500 a year you are doing very well indeed, and remember that the insurance you speak of is in the nature of an investment itself."

"Well, I know, Aunty, but somehow investments always seem to mean dealing in lots of money, thousands and thousands of dollars. There certainly can't be many good securities which people with so little money as we have could buy."

"Indeed, there are a number of good investments for the small investor," said Aunt Emmy. "Even if you could only set aside five or ten dollars a month you can be sure of one investment that you can safely make on your own responsibility and that is putting your money in a savings bank, the safest and most conservative way of making it work for you. Even though the interest will be moderate, you will feel safe. Then there are other securities you can buy, but don't buy any before getting sound advice from some trust company or bank. These investments are real estate mortgages, industrial corporation securities, public utility corporation securities, government securities-any one of these securities may be bought on the installment plan. You may pay as little as five dollars a month for them or as much as you want to in-

"Of course you can never be actually positive that an investment will turn out well. Human affairs are uncertain at best. When you invest money, what you really do is entrust your money to business men to use in a paying business. If your bank gives a good account of the corporation whose securities you desire to buy you are comparatively safe. But never use cent of your capital for speculation: No matter who comes to you and tells on that a certain stock is going up, hat it is a sure thing, don't speculate on it. Speculating in stocks is not for our kind. You'd never believe it, but some people who are supposed to have common sense will mortgage their homes and ruin themselves in wild speculations. The best thing for you s to buy securities an monthly pay-

"Can you do that, Aunt Emmy?" "Certainly, and if you start to do it you'll soon find that you'll be willing o do without lots of little catch-penny things for the sake of owning a nice comfortable bond."-Anne B. Aymes.

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WOMAN'S COURAGE FOILS BANDITS

Who Attempt to Hold Up Her Bank.

One Bandit Killed and Other Wounded When Men Come to Rescue-Story Told at National Meeting of Bankers.

When the wave of crime against banks, which has reached unprecedented proportions, was under discussion at the recent meeting of the American Bankers Association at Chifor consideration, the bankers were told how one resolute woman defended Herself against two armed desperadoes in her little Western bank. The woman was Mrs. Mary Garlinghouse, cies." cashier of the State Bank of Vera, Oklahoma, which she conducts singlehanded. Her own story, as she told it in a report to the protective authorities of the Association, follows:

"While I was posting my ledger, with my back to the door, I heard a commotion. When I turned around there were two men back of the counter, with handkerchiefs over their faces. The larger made a jump for my gun, before I realized what was happening. The robbers each had a gun pointed at me, and one said. 'Lay down or I will shoot you!' I said, 'I will not lay down and you will not shoot me.' This conversation was repeated several times. I told them to cut out their foolishness.

"A man who was in the corridor when the bandits came laid down on the floor, face down. I tried to argue with the robbers and they began to seemed to realize that they were getting confused. I kept thinking that some one would come in or see us.

"The larger man got busy with the money, while the smaller one took care of me. He jerked me to my knees and hit me over the head. This jolted my glasses and I lifted my hand, waving it in front of his face and telling him to wait a minute. I took my glasses off and put them on the table. Lifting my hand caused this man to look up and he saw we were observed from across the street. Then he saw Constable Mosby, with his gun, and said to the man who was gathering the money, 'Don, we are seen, we must make our getaway!' He then grabbed me rather roughly and said: 'Come on here! You are coming along!'

Struggles With Robber

"Here is where our struggle began. All the time we fought over his gun. I did not try to take it away from AYMES. him, but kept moving it from one side to the other, and of course he was determined to point it straight at me. 8-12tc I told him. 'I will not go and I am not afraid of you. You will not shoot me!' "We fought to the back door of the bank. When we got there, he raised fore I could get his hand. I am positive that this man was never hugged so tightly, nor ever will be, as I hugged him, realizing that I must fight for my life. The man tried his level best to kill me. What the other man

was doing I do not know. My man door to their car, which was still running, I was de'ermined he should not. "R. C. Lapsley, the mayor, or Ed. Mosby shot the man in the arm. There was a jerk and out the door we went. of impending disaster. Things were coming my way now. I

answered, 'I will not; I know you will We got back on our feet. I meant to I got it. We fought through the back room behind the counter. He begged agent or employee. me not to take him, and I asked him again for his gun and he said, 'No, I know you will shoot me.' We struggled through the front door and then up and the men took charge of him.

One Bandit Killed "I wondered about the other bandit and started to look for him and found him in the closet in the back of the bank dying. R. C. Lapsley told me afterwards that when the bandit and I lurched through the back door the larger man, with his gun in his right hand and the sack of money in his left, stepped up to the door. They both fired at once. The robber dropped his gun and the money, but they could not see what became of him.

"If all towns had as brave men as we have here, bank robbing would be a thing of the past. You can understand the remarkable marksmanship that was displayed, when I tell you the bank the men took several shots at the robber, but were very careful not to hit me. The robber got a shot In his right arm and a glancing shot

in his left. "All during the shooting and fighting. I felt confident I would get the best of my man. I felt that the man would not shoot me, and like all Western women did not lose my nerve. Bank robbers, as a rule, are cowards and if one shows that he is not afraid of them they will lose their nerve."

STRAIGHT TALKS

ON BEING A SMALL INVESTOR Grapples With Armed Robbers ON SAVING AND INVESTING

about saving money. all our expenses and life insurance UNARMED, WINS LONG FIGHT the money people put in it, Aunt Em-"What does a savings bank do with my?" inquired Maud.

> "It is invested in sound mortgages, perhaps, or government and corporation securities. You see, the men who run savings banks are trained financiers. They know what securities are good and what are questionable, so they invest the bank's funds-that is, the money they receive from their depositors-in the best securities in such a way that they will be able to pay you interest on your deposits and be able to return your money to you cago, and derense measures were up when you want it. In order to do that they must invest in securities that pay a higher rate of interest than they give you to cover the bank expenses and set aside a surplus against emergen-

> > "But, Aunty, if the banks invest our money, why can't we invest it our-

> > "We could if we knew as much about investments as the bank does. Bankers are not likely to make the mistakes made by the ordinary person. They are not deceived by impressive looking stock certificates, plausible letters from brokers or charming voices over the telephone urging them to buy this or that. Your banker is a hard-headed business man who investigates thoroughly before he invests the bank's money. For this reason many conservative persons prefer to keep their savings in a savings bank, knowing that their money is in wise hands and that even though the rate of interest they get may be moderate their money is far safer than it would be if it were invested less skillfully."

"Surely, though, it must be possible get rough, but something within me to get more than 4 per cent on your money and yet be safe," Maud said.

"It is under certain conditions," Aunt Emmy agreed. "The trouble is that so few people are frank about their money matters with men who really can be trusted for advice. They would rather take the advice of a investing, advice should be sought from a trust company or bank. Women especially don't seem to realize

"The savings bank is always safe. It is a good plan to keep putting money in the savings bank until you have a good sum. Then withdraw part and invest it in some security paying a higher rate of interest. But be sure to seek good advice before you buy. In this way you can always have some cash on hand in the bank, yet gradually convert most of your savings into high grade securities." - ANNE B.

The financial burden of government his arm to fire at Mosby. I grabbed has become increasingly heavy in rehim around the neck, and he fired be- cent years. It has, at times, reached the point of oppression. The Federal tax of 1920 aggregated more than five and one-half billion dollars. This year, after strenuous efforts to reduce the war-time peak, the total still exceeds three billion dollars-a sum far greater than the entire burden of was trying to pull me out the back funded debt accumulated as a result of the Civil War. State and local taxes have increased at an even greater rate. Taxation has become more than a problem; it is a threat

Nor is the burden of government pulled the robber into the weeds, half limited to taxation. We are oppresson his back and half on his left side. ed by a multiplicity of restrictive "The robber finally said, I will give laws and administrative regulations. up.' I said. 'Give me your gun.' He It is estimated that there are over two million laws and ordinances in shoot me.' So the struggle kept on. the records of nation, states and muhave his gun and would fight him until of every twenty engaged in business or industry is a government official,

In the face of this record, despite the general recognition of the overwhelming burden of government, we find ourselves constantly waging a Constable Mosby said. 'Drop your gun defensive battle against plans and or I will shoot you.' The bandit gave programs which would transfer still programs which would transfer still greater duties to government, which would hamper individual initiative still further, which will-if put into practice-crush individual ambition and destroy individual opportunity.

Under these circumstances it is our right-it is our duty-to affirm and defend sound principles of political faith as we have, on other occasions, supported sound principles of economic progress. The Constitution of the United States has stood for 135 years as the bulwark of our individual and our collective liberties. The Constitution has been and is now the greatest existing restraint upon an arrogant majority. It has been and is now the greatest existing defence of the very minorities which, at this time, are being led to denounce its restrictions.

One of our greatest needs is to repel the attacks now being made upon the integrity of this charter of our freedom. We should-we must-oppose vigorously all efforts to give Congress the power to override decisions of the Supreme Court-and thereby destroy the division of governmental power which is the inherent strength of our constitutional system .- Walter W. Head, American Bankers Association.

Clarence Bilberry arrived this SERIOUS FIRE NARROWLY week from Quitaque where he has been engaged in selling Fords the Spur has many opportunities and ac-Aunt Emmy and Maud were talking prosper.

> ----Help Spur Grow----Mesdames John B. Hardin of Steph enville, and W. R. Moore of Vernon, are in Spur spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putman and family.

AVERTED AT SWIFT'S GIN

Tresday afternoon by prompt work past several months. Clarence may of the Spur fire boys a serious fire not go back out to the plains, since was prevented at the Swift Gin. J. I. Hayes, manger of the gin gave the tivities to interest, entertain and boys a check for twenty five dollars for their prompt and efficient work, and requests the Texas Spur to express thanks to others for assistance in preventing a more serious fire.

> Charlie Powell is here from Abilene to spend the holidays with old friends and associates.

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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Rev. Alan Pressley Wilson (@, 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

CHRISTMAS be merry, and withal,
And feast thy poor neighbors, the great with the small. So wrote the poet Tusser

many years ago, but the suggestion is just as pertinent today as it was then. If anything, we need to be reminded of our duty to our fellow-

man more today than our fathers did more today, indeed, than ever before. This is true because the need for brotherhood is even more patent than at any other period of the history of the world.

We live in an age when we think solely of ourselves and our immediate families and we should have brought to our attention the fact that we owe a debt to our neighbor and that that debt must be paid. The story is told of a rich man who prayed-

Oh, Lord! bless me and my wife, My son, John, and his wife; And no morel

We blush for shame that there could be found one who is as narrow, yet I am assured that such people exist today. There are mose who, when they have satisfied the meeds of their own, assume a self-satisfied air and say that they have done their whole duty. Approach such a person and remind him of the need of a friend or a neighbor and he will ask the time-worn question: "Am I my brother's keeper? Haven't I enough to de to look after my own family?" The teachings of Jesus Christ answer the first question in the affirmative (and the latter in the negative) with even more emphasis than God answered Cain when he originated the selfish inquiry. Jesus taught that the Decalegue is summed up in the greater commandment-Thou shalt love they neighbor as thyself," and His definition of "neighbor" is any one who needs our help. Territerial or other limitations do not apply when the case of one in need is before us.

There is no geographical limitation when we are extending the hand of assistance to one who needs our help:



The Spirit of Christmas. wherever there is found one or more

whom we can (and should) assist. there neighborliness must begin.

A minister once approached one of his purishioners with the request for a contribution for the purpose of doing Christian work abroad. The particular field he had in mind was China. The man replied that he was willing to help his neighbors but did not think he was called upon to help those

as far away as China. "Whom do you consider your neighbor?" asked the minister. "The man whose farm adjoins me," was the prompt reply. "How far down into the earth does your land extend?" was the next question and the farmer just as promptly auswered: "To the center!" "Very well," said the min-ister quickly, "There is a man down in China whose land joins yours at the center of the earth; he is therefore your neighbor and needs your help." This was a new thought to the slewgoing church member. He learned his lesson and we need to learn the same. Only as we do so will we be able to broaden our lives into the fullness of the life of Jesus the Christ.

The application of the teaching of Jesus to business and society would produce a perpetual Christmas season; a time of peace and joy and happiness lasting throughout the year.

The giving of cheap presents or money, however, does not constitute Christmas: as well expect a bouquet of flowers (however lovely) to constitute summer! The Christmas spirit, rather than the Christmas show, honers Him whose birth, no less than His life, was the greatest Christmas gift the world has ever received. The Christmas spirit brings us into closer touch with Him whose very life was an exemplification of the precept: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Jesus let not the going down of the sun mark the decline of the Christmas spirit but, as the days come and go, and we enter the new year, let us each one reach out the loving had to the sick, the unfortunate and the outcast, remembering that Jesus the Christ said: "Inasmuch as se have done it unto the least of one of these, my brethren, ye have done at unto Me!"

Change All Into Love Christmas day shall change all griefs and quarreis into love.-Shake-

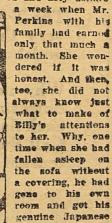
The Actor's Christmas Party

Bu H. Lucius Cook

IJ, of the actors of the Zoreaster Stock company were good, but perhaps Billy Kelly was the best liked by the townspeople. Billy had been there six weeks, now, and was living at Mrs. Perkins' on Center street. Hence

Center street was particularly thrilled at this time, because it had never before harbored a real live actor, and it could not quite get used to the idea.

Mrs. Perkins was a respectable middle-aged widow who had to take a few roomers to help out on expenden She was not quite sure that it was right to have Billy rosming there, as she had an inherited prejudice against actors, but he paid twice as much as she had ever had before for the rooms. did not cause any extra bother, and so far as she could determine, was a human being much like the rest of us. It did seem & range to her, however, that a young umnarried man should receive one hundred and ffty dollars



gene to his own room and got his. genuine Japanese silk kimona and covered her with it. She had found it over her when

she woke up. Mrs. Perkins had just finished telling this and several other incidents to the Ladles' Ald society, when one of the progressive ladies asked:

"Well, what are we to do with him for Christmas? It doesn't seem right not to do anything, when he is away rom his people and all."

Everyone else had been thinking the ame thing, but had not dared menion it, and none of them had any suggestions to make. No one dared sk him to dinner (they were so shy), nd Mrs. Perkins herself, who really should have asked him, had decided to go to the hotel so as not to have o do so. They certainly could not rive him ties or socks, as Mrs. Perins assured them that he had hunireds of socks and thousands of ties, vhich everyone readily believed, as hey had never seen him dressed twice

It certainly looked like a cold Christnas for Billy. But next door to Mrs. Perkins lived a dear old maid who had been housekeeper for the Wellers for many years. Every Christmas she made mittens for all the children in the neighborhood, and when they grew too big for mittens, she gave candy to the girls and neckties to the boys. She was a community institution, but nobody ever thought of her in connection with Billy.

But when Christmas morning arrived, and Center street was busy with its toys, Billy had not been prgotten. The Perkins children were just opening their packages from the housekeeper next door when one of them discovered an envelope for Billy. He darted upstairs, and timidly knocked on the actor's door and slipped the

envelope under. "What could it be?" wondered Mrs. Perkins, for she knew it was no

She had not long to wonder, however, for Billy soon came running down flourishing a crisp new dellar bill which he had found in the envelope, and called to one of the children coming he told

Mrs. Perkins of the welcome present. and how it had suggested to him to give a party next door in honor of the housekeeper. He told her to take the children over there quickly, as he would be back in twenty minutes. True to his word, he was

there in twenty minutes, and with him the whole Ladies' Aid society, and, to the

delight of everyone, a whole gailon of ice-cream which he and the kindly housekeeper served to all assembled with many jokes and much merriment Then Billy sang some rousing Christ mas songs, kissed the housekeeper on the brow and taxied all the ladies

He had so many invitations to din ner he had to refuse them all, but he was not sorry for this as he joined Mrs. Perkins at the hotel, and he reall; liked her best of all.

Might Have Been Worse "What did your wife give you for Christmas?"

"Nothing." "That was tough." "Well, it might have been a neckrier a smeking jacket,"

A Fourth of July Santa Claus

By Eleanor E. Kina (@, 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

WAS the great day of the Fourth of July, and Tommy, like all the other seven children of the busy Allister family was out bright and early. Tommy had a great friend in the lady next door. So, Tommy had learned, and, by the way, kept it a

safe secret from the rest of the troop, that when his stomach growled too loudly, if he were to go to next door he most always could get a piece of the best bread and jam, and perhaps run an errand or two for her to ease

found his way over to Mrs. Askins', as he called her. She was busy getting ready to go to a pienic.

"You see, Tommy," she explained in answer to his questions, "this man who is coming with his car to take us out to his house where we are to have our picnic, is an old chum of Mr. Has-

As they leaded the things into the ear Temmy trooped along and was in-



troduced to Mr. Miller. While they stood there Temmy spied a balloon men coming down the street. As the noise of the horn grew nearer, Tommy's eyes enlarged.

"Aren't those whoppers, though," Temmy sighed. "Gee!"

"Wouldn't you like one, Temmy?" suggested Mr. Miller, digging into his pocket. "Now, I'll tell you, Temmy, if you know my name next year when I come after these folks on the Fourth, I'll buy you another balloen.

It was almost Christmas now, and Temmy was once more in the Haskins kitchen, watching preparations for another feast, but of a different sort. The most wenderful pies, cakes and puddings were being evolved. Suddenly, Tommy burst forth:

"Say, Mrs. 'Askins, do you remember what that man said?" "No. Tommy; what are you think-

ing about?" "De you suppose he will come back? You know he bought me a balloon, and said if I remembered his name he

would buy me another when he came "Of course he will," said Mrs. Has-

"Oh, I am so glad. My mother she just says I am silly when I ask her and says. I am too busy to be bothered with that. Run along, now!' And you know." Tommy hastened to add, "I haven't fergetten his name either. It's Mr Miller.

That night Mr. Miller dropped in for a minute at the Haskins'. Before his departure Mrs. Haskins had a moment of conversation with him alone. He said, "All right," leaving with the merriest kind of a twinkle

Christmas Eve came. Daddy and Mother Allister were doing their best to keep from looking sorrowful. They



knew only too well that they could never begin to give the children the number of things each wanted. The children had all gone to bed. Just Daddy and Mother Allister were in the parler fixing up a little, scraggly tree when a knoch, ever so gentle on the front door, attracted their attention.

"I am sorry to bother you at this hour, but I wanted to wait until I was sure Tommy would be in bed. Perhaps you would feel better to know my name-Miller," he said, shaking hands with Mr. Allister after depositing his load on the table. "T've a tree outside here," and he hurried out to get it.

The next morning was never equaled in all the annals of the Allister family. Such excitement, such happiness. Tommy, after his recovery from surprise and rapture over his toys, ran to his happy mother as she was trying to get breakfast. Tugging at her skirts, he said, "You see, mother, that man I met on Fourth of July was Santa Claus, and his name is Mr.

The Christmas Message

Christmas represents a great historic event and spiritual truth-the most important of all events, the most precious of all truths-no less than the coming of God to earth, in human nature, in the person of a child, to save us from our sins .. That makes the wonder and the glory and the blessing, in the birth of Jesus. He came te express the divine love, and by His sacrificed death, to make that love effective unto the salvation of all who should believe on him. The cross on Calvary marks the tragedy in the life of the child bern at Bethlehem. It also makes its glery.- WHY PAY RENT?

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the Sour National Bank of Spur, T as, will be held in the directors r m Tuesday, January 13th, 1925, I tween the hours of nine a. m. and four p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the en-Tommy, bright and early, had suing year, and to transact such er business as may properly come

C. A. JONES, President. W.T. ANDREWS, JR., Cash. -Help Spur Grow 'MA' BESIEGED BY OFFICE SEEKERS

Austin, Texas .- Governor - Elect Miram A. Ferguson has recieved 900 lications for less than fifty State s she will fill by appointment foling her inauguration as Governor Jan. 20 next, according to Jas. E. F rguson, who spent nearly an hour at the State Capitol Friday and called on Gov. Neff. He reitera ed that his fe will not announce any intended

appointments "for some time." We are cutting up the Figure 4 Each application for a State job,

"But we are not complaining." He added. "Applying for public office is one of the inherent privileges of citizenship. The more the merrier.

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In the making of it there is excitement and adventure. In the taking care of it there is nothing but cau-

We are nxious to accumulate a for tune, in order to leave our children better off than we were ourselves. We imagine that the road will be smooth or them by having plenty of money. We forget that it is the predestin-

ed lot of every man in this world to find happiness through struggle and

Most of the efforts of those who have accumulated much money to en-In the family litigation over the able their children to lead a better millions that Jay Gould left conduct- kind of ife have been unsuccessful. ed by 35 high priced lawyers, the at- It is the want of money and the need tempt at blackmail of more than of it that gives most of us activity, thirty years ago was up again recent- and this activity results in the development of our character.

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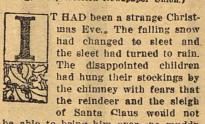
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The Star Over the Barn

By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD (@, 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)



by visions of wreckage and bundles scattered about. At the church party only two or three generations from there had been a Santa Claus, but when his mask slipped down and he put up his hand to fix it they knew that he was not the real one. There had been three wise men, following a star, too, but their white whiskers and pointed sticks had frightened the girls who were the angels so that they though the real Christmas would be a failure, too.

> It looked that way to others on that dreary evening. It seemed to two travelers who were making their way towards the farm house that they could not keep their closely wrapped bundle dry much longer and that the night was very dark indeed. They were very glad to pass the sleeping house and find a refuge in the old barn and a bed on the fragrant hay. Their long and weary journey was forgotten in the dreams that came to comfort them with pictured hopes, and they were all unconscious of the peace and brightness that had succeeded the

> In the house, however, unconsciousness had been suspended. Ears strained in vain for sleigh bells, but a gentle voice had fallen upon them with a happy Christmas greeting from Mrs. Rosebud (for so they called her) and she had called them to the joy of a beautiful Christmas morning. In the colder air there lay a light snow over all the bareness of the day before and it was all ready to sparkle back the merry glances of the coming sun. But first there gleamed in the pale blue sky and gathering dawn the light of



The Star Was Resting Just Over Their

the morning star, and as the children looked out of the window of their room they saw that the star was resting just over their barn.

Perhaps there never was a merrier Christmas morning than the three wise children enjoyed that day. It wasn't merely because the stockings had grown big and bumpy through the night. It wasn't only because they could even smell the Christmas tree through the crack in the parlor door. It wasn't the new hair ribbons, the Dutch apron, the small pair of scissors tied with blue ribbon and the small pair tied with red ribbon, the angel cake, the box of "Creole" candy, the new skates, the extra doll "Fancy." It wasn't all these or the play house, or the pencil sharpener, or even the writing case that made one of the ecstatic youngsters say, "Next Christmas, when old Sant' comes down the chimney, I'm going to make him kneel down, then I'll whisper in his ear: 'You old Santy Fatcake!' And it wasn't every blessing of the day that made them thankful enough, for pulling an orange out of her stocking, one of them was heard to say, "Santa, you're giving me too much fruit." But it was something sweeter, greater and more beautiful, something that was in the under thought of all their hearts and that was presently to be in their experience, for, as they ran down to the barn, carrying their new treasures along to play with them on the barn floor, they heard a movement and a strange cry behind the barn door. And when they opened the door, there upon the hay were the travelers, the old man with the kindly look, the lovely one who seemed to be his daughter, and the unbundled baby, smiling so deeply and so sweetly. It was the baby that was the best of all. It was the baby that sat by the table in the high chair, with little gifts before him. It was the baby that made the feast so greatly good for them all and caused them to give thanks for the star that, despite the storm and cloud, had led them to their barn. It was the baby that inspired the prayer of one of the children that Christmas night, when she said, "We know you sent your little baby Jesus for us to love. So, merry Christmas, God!"

Maude's Latest Maud Muller on a Christmas day Helped harvest presents, by the way, And as the gifts began to drop She said it was a goodly crop.
—Louisville Courier-Journal WARS COST CITIZENS

Washington .- Exclusive of the World War, wars of the United States have cost the people \$6,836,-182,860 in pension, the first of which were paid in 1790. More money, ac cording to the Bureau of Pensions, has been paid on account of Civil War pensions than all other wars, other than the World War, combined amounting to \$6,427,106,587. I'en sions to Indian war fighters and their be able to bring him over the muddy widows amounted to the smallest, roads. Their dreams were disturbed \$25,640,832, and next came the war of 1812, \$46,145,923.

For the war of the Revolution the Government paid \$70,000,000 in pen sions, for the Mexican war \$56,545,-364 and for the war with Spain \$126. 673,359. In addition the Government has paid \$67,557,368 in pena million dollars than it is to take and good well of water and ither out could not sing. And now it seemed as sions for its regular army and navy; \$16,513,425 for unclassified pensions, and \$168,538 for the World War.

The number of pensioners on the rolls as of June 1924, was 525,539, or a reduction of 14,217 compared with the previous year, and the total paid during the fiscal year of 1924 being \$229,994,777, was a decrease of slightly more than \$33,000,000, There was a decrease of 21,803 in the number of Civil War pensioners and a reduction of 11,444 in the number of widows and dependents. There are thirty-one soldiers of the Mexican War drawing pensions, and the number of widows is 1,437. 33 widows of the veterans of the War of 1812 are drawing pensions.

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The State collected approximately \$300,000 of 1 cent per gallon gasoline tax during the month of August, Indicating that 30,000,000 gallons of gasoline had been sold in Texas Commissioner Chapman. Mr. Love during that month.

* * * Miss Edwina Duer of Dallas has been appointed assistant to Mrs. C. R. Fields, secretary of public health court, the Court of education of Texas. Miss Duer is Criminal Appeals, after three months' a graduate of the University of vacation have reconvened for new Texas school of journalism, receiv- terms, and in each court the docket ing her degree in June, 1923.

the Guif, Colorado & Santa Fe Rail docket of the Court of Criminal Apway Company, giving the company peals is the heaviest in the history power to issue bonds with or without mortgage, has been approved by

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* # # which will be held in Fort Worth. they must appeal to the courts. the the the

The State Treasurer states that the present deficiency in the general fund has reached \$1,500,000 and that it will continue to grow until. November, when the \$1,000,000 of * * *

A contest of the election at which Austin adopted 22 charter amendments, putting into operation the commission-manager plan of admin-Istration, has been filed in Travis County District Court by N. A. Ladd and L. East against members of the Dity Council.

* * * W. W. Boyd, State Game, Fish and Dyster Commissioner, has gone to Houston with reference to the effect the hoof and mouth cattle disease will have on hunting in that section of the State, some protests having been made against hunters taking the field and transporting game from one section to another for fear of spreading the disease.

Eugene Miller of Weatherford, nominated for the State Senate from the Twenty-Second Senatorial District, has been in Austin and announced that he will offer a bill to reduce the tax on automobiles in; this State. He also said he will oppose any kind of new taxation or any raise unless it can be shown that same is absolutely necessary.

The State Board of Control has summoned all asylum heads to come to Austin to discuss the appropriation budgets for the two fiscal years beginning Sept. 1, 1925, particularly the building program for these insti-tutions. This will almost complidates from the University of Texpected to reach about 4,000 by the budgets, as only a few departments institution submit their applications

or payment of warrants up to and ncluding 92,366, amounting to \$104,-149. All warrants affected by the call were issued prior to Sept. 1.

Thomas B .Love of Dallas has been in Austin conferring with Attorney General Keeling and State Bank said his visit related solely to private business matters and had no connection with politics.

was heavy. All members of the three ourts were present when the new An amendment to the charter of lerms were formally opened. The of the court, numbering 660.

the Attorney General's Department and filed with the Secretary of State.

* * * * | The Attorney General, through Assistant E. A. Wilson, has advised Judge Scott, Commissioner of Insur-Major Charles E. Cooke of the Ince, that no opinion will be given United States Geological Survey, with reference to the Commission-who has had and will again have er's ruling that Texas-licensed insurcharge of all the joint topographic ince companies can not split agents' work in Texas, will reach this state commissions with non-licensed brokin time to attend the meeting of the ers, that if the insurance companies Texas Conservation Association and others want the ruling tested

The alleged whipping of an Austin business man is to be investigated by the Travis County grand jury which has just been organized. It is alleged gross receipts taxes are collected, in a tent at one of Austin's bathing The first call to pay warrants was resorts and that a woman was an made on Oct. 2 and was for \$300,000. Eye-witness to the affair. Judge James R. Hamilton in empaneling the grand jury called special attention to the law attants flogging.

> During the month of September,! 973,748 was spent under the direction of the State Highway Commistion for read construction in this State and \$419,314 for read mainte-nance. Of the former amount \$424,-113 was State aid and \$549,635 Fedral funds. Highway department last onth aggregated \$1,423,628, and had a balance on September 30 of 2,869,249. During September it had net receipts of \$1,007,333.

Every effort will be made by the tate Board of Control to complete ts budget of appropriations for submission to the next Legislature in time to give them to the printer this month. The total will be in the neighborhood of \$40,000,000, and the board is endeavoring to keep within revenges and at the same time provide for enlargements at the State edacational and eleemosynary institu-

Applications of candidates for the wo Rhodes scholarships assigned to Texas for selection to enter Oxford in 1925 must be made to the committees of the educational institutions of the State not later than Oct. 18. Dr. T. W. Riker, chairman of

Smallpox is epidemic in the State Insane Asylum in Austin, at least thirty well developed cases having been officially reported. The city of Austin has placed a rigid quarantine against the institution, all traffic in and out of the asylum grounds being prohibited. The disease has spread to a number of the wards and efforts are being made to check It before the entire institution is involved.

During the month of September the Big Lake Oil Company paid \$14,-834 to the University of Texas as coyalty on oil produced on University land in Reagan County, and this is by far the largest single month's remittance in royalties. This shows the Big Lake field is growing and that the University may get substantial amounts in coyalties commencing in the near

Judge H. E. Bell, chief oil and gas supervisor of the Railroad Commission, will personally investigate the gas wastage in the Panhandle fields and will conduct a hearing in Amarillo soon to consider methods of drilling, to be used so as to censerve the gas supply. In drilling for oil in that section gas sands are encountered and much gas has been permitted to waste as a result of this condition. Judge Bell proposes to stop it.

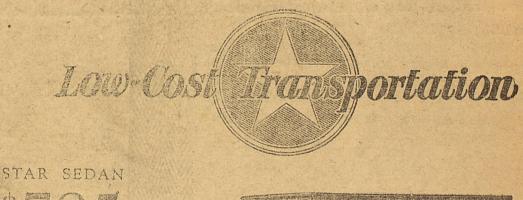
Wild ducks are appearing on the Texas Coast thirty days earlier than In many years, according to Judge H. Hamilton of the Commission Appeals, who has just returned to Austin, from his home at Rockport. The ducks are not only arriving earlier, but they are coming in large numbers, Judge Hamilton said, indicating that there is to be an early and severe winter.

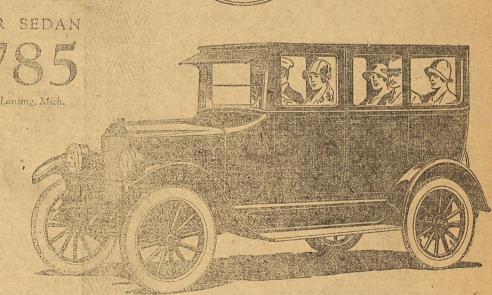
Under recommendation made to the State Board of Control and considered in hearing recently, the Adjutant General is asking for appropriations to support a ranger force, of seventy-five men, the maximum allowed under law, as against the present force of fifty men. The Board of Control will later decide what action it will take. The total isked for the ranger force is \$173.-156 the first year and \$174,858 the second year, compared to \$114,221 and \$115,422, respectively for the current two years.

As a result of the higher courts peing in vacation for three months the population in the State penitenliary has been reduced to a new low level. It is 3,622, as compared to a high mark of 3,897 in early July. With the Court of Criminal Appeals starting on a new term and affirming scores of appeal cases, more prisoners will go to the penitentiary and the total will again climb. With the heavy docket before the court the number of State convicts is ex-

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