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PAUL GOOD BUYS EARP RESIDENCE

Paul Good bought Mrs. Elsie Earp's home, west of the railroad, North of the depot this week for consideration of \$1000. cash.

This is an elegant little cottage home and when Mr. and Mrs. Good get moved into it they will feel like they are in Bronte to stay, for when one owns his own home, whether be large or small, that's the place that twines about his heart strings.

The Enterprise wishes Mr. and Mrs. Good one hundred happy years in their own home.

Observe Marriage Anniversary.

One of the happiest social events that has occurred in recent weeks, even, though intelligence with reference to it reached The Enterprise office only since our last issue and hence is a late report, was the dining at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winn at their farm home a few miles out from town, which occurred November 29th.

Aside from the elegant lunch served by Mr. and Mrs. Winn which was relished by the guests, the hours of the day were spent in happy social intercourse.

It was the seventeenth marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Winn. They were married in Alabama. Mrs. Winn was Miss Loyd before her marriage. She married in the house in which she was born and reared. It was also the birthday anniversary of their oldest son, Loyd, being his sixteenth birthday. Mrs. Winn is the eleventh of the twelve children.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Coalson and children; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wrinkle and son, Sherman; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hudman; M. M. Manning and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coalson; Miss Vera Baldwin; Oscar Steward; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Carson and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bankhead and family.

The most delightful part of the day's delights was the reading of the account in The Bridgeport (Alabama) News, of the celebration of the 89th birthday of Mrs. Winn's father, A. C. Loyd, on the 18th of November; which is given below. The Enterprise reproduces the entire biography of this great old Southern gentleman because it is so interesting. Then, there is another event connected with his life not reported in the article that we give here which makes his life to read like a romance.

Grandfather Loyd is the oldest Mason in Alabama. He became a Mason before the war between the States. When he was captured by the Yankees he was sick. He had on his Masonic ring. When his captors took him in charge he gave the Masonic sign. There were Masons among his captors. One of them stooped over and called

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAYS

The Bronte school closed its doors Friday afternoon for the holidays and will have a two weeks vacation.

The teachers went to Ballinger Monday to attend the teachers' institute which is in session there this week.

Monday a week, January 4th school work will be resumed. In the meantime both teachers and pupils will enjoy the holiday season.

THE NEW SONG.

When man fell from his high and holy estate, he was cast out of the beautiful garden of Eden, and forced to live under the heavy shadows of death. Man had sinned and came short of the Glory of God, and death had come as a result. Man was plodding along life's rugged way, his path infested with briars, and brambles, and darkness was chanting a doleful dirge. Multitudes, with tear-stained faces, stared at fallen temples, wrecked homes and torn-down kingdoms, over which was written, in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin "Ichobod." All tongues read to their sorrow, of the awful tragedies of sin.

About one thousand and ten years B. C. the Sweet Singer of Israel pierced through the wreckage, gloom and despondency that sin had made, and was making, by the aid of the telescope of inspiration, this Singer of Israel saw the unfolding of a new day. A day being announced by a "New Song." A song that would gladden the hearts of a sinful and despondent people. The Singer tunes in with the world's redeeming song, and sang, "O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth." And when the fullness of Time had come "There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And, lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people"—And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host, praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Oh, the world was hungry for a new

him "brother," saying, "Brother you are a very sick man." He says his captors treated him like he was a brother and had turned him out of prison and he was on the way to join his company again when Lee surrendered. Indeed, don't you think it about the most beautiful story we could tell about this glad season of "on earth peace good will towards men?" Read the article it will charm you.

The Enterprise editor extends congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Winn and also to the grand old grandfather and grandmother, yonder in their Alabama home, though we do not know them and shall never know them in this life. Yet so remarkable is the family history that we are drawn to them by very strong ties. Such families and such family life is the race's only hope.

Last Wednesday, Nov. 18, a dinner was given in honor of A. C. Loyd at Two Pines farm, his home near this city, celebrating

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The Prince of Peace

All the world is in search of peace. Every heart that ever beat has sought for peace. Peace is the sole object of every man whether he endeavors to obtain it through riches, social distinction, political prominence, service or what not. Peace is the cry of every nation on the face of the earth. Some are trying to obtain it through disarmament, others, armament, which they please to call protection and some few of the weakest by being so weak and helpless, that the stronger will consider it a moral duty to leave them alone.

Who then has found this goal of goals? Of those who have endeavored to purchase peace only a few have secured the money; these few, then, instead of finding peace as they expected, have their misery continued by others following in their footsteps. The seeker of peace through social distinction, whether he has been inside and fearful lest he fall out or outside desirous of getting in has not found peace. Political prominence has never in any age brought peace to any man. On the contrary, it has left conspiracy, destruction, murder and worse than murder in its wake; and the world over, the story is shortened to this proverb: "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." Neither can the humble nation ever be certain that it will be trodden under as was Belgium's recent experience. This however, is a minor means used by nations in their search for peace and still less by individuals. Some one has suggested that even if one becomes humble he soon becomes proud of his humility. How then can the world find peace?

The Creator in His infinite wisdom did not make peace depend upon the securing of power, social or political distinction, riches or even humility, but made it the reward of a conscience void of offense toward God and man. Peace then is as well within the reach of the humblest, poorest, weakest individual as the most powerful of nations. And here it is, and here only, that we find how and when peace, like a dove, will hover o'er and instill that tranquillity of mind in humanity which will make us brothers, to everyone.

The reason peace has not been found and war unknown to-day, is that man has endeavored to formulate plans of his own whereby peace could be established. Science has taught man so many things that he is tempted to conclude that he knows practically everything, forgetting that regions unexplored extend so far beyond his sphere of knowledge that in comparison he knows nothing. Man has not even symbols with which to express a comparison between his limited knowledge and the unlimited unknown, and that which he has learned ought to increase his reverence rather than his egotism. It is imperative that the first step in establishing world wide

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THREE ARE HURT IN CAR WRECK

A car wreck at the foot of the long, red hill on the San Angelo road, beyond the Colorado river, Saturday night, injured three persons.

Mrs. Tom Gore and son and two daughters were in a roadster, enroute to Miles, where they were to be met by others and go to Central Texas for the holidays. Just after they reached the foot of the hill, turning at the curve in the road, the car turned over and seriously injured both young ladies and also injured Mrs. Gore slightly.

One young lady suffered a dislocated shoulder and the other a broken collar bone. Parties passing just after the accident picked up the parties and brought them to Bronte. C. R. Gollibar took them at once to a Ballinger sanitarium where professional attention was given them, and they are doing as well as could be expected.

Robert Klierim and Bryan Ivey went out and brought the wrecked car to town.

MISS VERNA SMITH TO "CHALK TALK"

Miss Verna Smith who is home to spend the holidays with her parents, from Simmons University, Abilene, has kindly consented to render a "chalk talk" program at the Methodist church on Sunday evening January 3, at 6:45 o'clock.

The announcement will be all that is necessary to assure a large audience. Miss Smith as a "chalk talk" lecturer is not a stranger to a Bronte audience and those of surrounding communities, for at different places in this part of the West in the past several months she has appeared, and always to send her auditors away with most happy memories of the beautiful and holy sentiment she so impressively throws on canvas, and at the same time, generally, impresses the picture with words of her own, in chaste and beautiful diction.

Miss Smith is so youthful and appears on the platform only as "a strip of a girl," scarcely out of her childhood, that she at once engages the attention of all.

Then when she begins her lecture and goes to throwing on the easel the pictures she paints, with such grace and dignity and ease, and yet does it in her child-like way, the auditors rivet their gaze on her and the scenes she portrays, not to be detracted until the finale of her program. And after she has drawn pictures of folk and scenes for an hour and a half and she announces the evening's exercises concluded all feel disappointed at the brevity of her lecture.

With good weather conditions on the evening she is to appear, a large audience will greet her. And should there be any who

ODD FELLOWS TO HAVE HOME-COMING

Members of the local Odd Fellows' Lodge are as happy as if Santa Claus is to come twice this Christmas. The cause of their glad spirit is in the fact that Tuesday night of next week, December 29, they are to have "A Home coming" of the local Lodge.

The evening's exercises are to be open to everybody and the invitation is extended to one and all to attend. All are courteously requested to bring a basket of lunch, and a supper fit for the gods will be enjoyed.

It is not known at this writing where the meeting will be held. But some suitable place for convenience and comfort will be arranged for, hence let no one stay away because of the belief that there will not be abundance of room.

Speakers of note are being arranged for, who will discourse upon Oddfellowship. The local Lodge is prosperous and a happy spirit of fraternal fellowship obtains among the members and the local interest is growing. Many of the local members are much devoted to the principles of the Order. Tuesday evening will be an opportunity for those not informed to hear of the splendor of the principles of "friendship, love and truth," the basic elements of Order.

have not heard this wonderful young woman, The Enterprise editor gives assurance that an evening of instructive, refined and inspiring entertainment awaits you.

ARLEDGE BULLS ARE IN DEMAND

One of the business ventures in Coke county that has grown and is quietly developing into a most substantial and paying business, about which but little has been said, is the pure bred Hereford cattle business of J. S. Arledge & Sons, on their ranch on the Colorado river, near Bronte.

Several years ago Mr. Arledge with his sons quietly began the task of breeding a herd of pure bred white faces. They acted wisely and bought from one of the finest strains of hereford cattle in the whole country—the fairfax strain of C. M. Largent & Sons. Most of the time since the Arledges began their task has been nothing but expense. But the tide is turning. They have stayed with their task and have developed a fine herd of pure bred that are so pretty they even make the eyes of old time breeders almost "water." the white faces are so beautiful.

As a result breeders known afar are beginning to inquire about and buy Arledge animals. Among the buyers recently are J. M. Gist of Miland, one of the large breeders of the Southwest. Mr. Gist bought 2 two year old bulls. D. E. Saylor of Tennyson also has bought two yearling bulls.

**We Extend the Season's Gladsome Greetings
To All Our Friends.**

WE WISH YOU, EACH AND ALL

The fullest measure of joy during the Christmas holidays. And may the glad New Year of 1926 find you in good health, happy in spirit and with a heart full of hope and good cheer, as you look upon the days of the year before you. And may each day next year have for you more sunshine than shadow and may the year bring you health, prosperity and happiness.

WE ARE APPRECIATIVE to one and all for the business favors of the year closing. We shall cherish your friendship and fidelity as one of the finest blessings of 1925. We also take advantage of the opportunity to state to one and all that we shall do our very best to merit your confidence and patronage in the future.

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A. T. CHAPMAN, Manager

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D. M. West, Editor
and Business Manager

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"Git, Santa, you old rascal!"

We appreciate all you brought us, but there was no road contract.

But, be sure to come back next year, for there'll be something else we'll want by that time.

"Peace, good will to men" should be the sincere song of each heart this gladsome day—else in reality it will not be a gladsome day.

M. E. CHURCH NOTES.
W. E. Anderson, Pastor.
While threatening weather prevailed throughout the day.

Sunday was a high day for us anyway. Good services Sunday morning. Sunday school very well attended.

Our first Quarterly Conference convened at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon with Dr. A. D. Porter Presiding Elder in the chair. Good reports from the various departments of the church work were read.

Dr. Porter preached to a good congregation Sunday night. His message was full of food for thought, and seasoned with the spirit and power.

Epworth's League well attended Monday night and a splendid

program rendered, led by Miss Lottie Ivey.

Come for Sunday school and church services next Sunday.

THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel of the Lord said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Bracelet Lost.

Saturday afternoon in Bronte, sterling silver link bracelet. Finder please return to The Enterprise.

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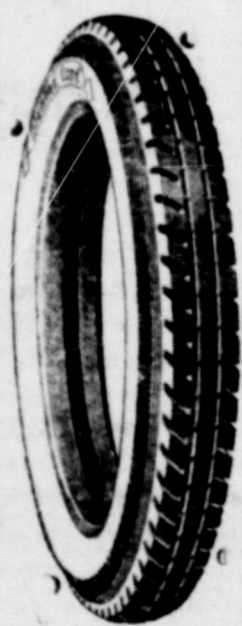
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And, too, may we say a word of thanks for the business you have so kindly sent our way during the year now drawing to a close? This business has been, and is, sincerely appreciated—and we sincerely hope to number you as a Friend and Customer throughout the years to come.

So with a feeling of gratitude, we wish you a most Joyful Christmas, and hope that 1926, in its entirety, may be full of Happiness and Prosperity for you.

Sincerely yours,

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The New Song (Continued from 1st Page)

song. And these glad tidings opened to the world a new day, and a new song.

Angels inaugurated the new dispensation with a glory song because of the birth of a World Redeemer.

The shepherds took up the strain, and sang until the Judean hills trembled and carried the melodious sounds to far-off lands. God's eternal star of light beamed with all its radiant glory, and the wise men came from afar, to see and to worship Him who was born to gladden, cheer, comfort, and to save the world.

The dirge, and the hymn which chanted the praise of Jupiter, Neptune and Ashtoroth were hushed. And they are hushed forever. The disciples waxed strong in faith, and in song unto the Lord, and shouted His praise until the multitudes of the earth cried, have cried, and many today are crying. "Come tell us of the 'New Song' and of Him who puts a new song into the hearts and lives of men." Nineteen hundred and twenty-five years ago only the angels and a few shepherds chanted the New Song, but Glory be to God, today, Joy is in the Ascendant, and singing the "New Song" has become universal. "E Pluribus Unum" is the key to the songs of today. And too she is stamped upon the coinage of the Age, legal documents and correspondence sheets carry the date of the world's greatest event, about which we sing, when we chime in with the "World's New Song":

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see."

Why not sing? Yes, may we say with the Psalmist, "O sing unto the Lord, a new song.—Let all the earth sing." And join in the singing of the hymn to all the earth. Sing by a consecration of our lives to Jesus. Sing with gifts on Christmas day to loved ones; sing by a Holy life. Sing by expressing your love to all mankind in the promotion of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

—Rev. W. E. Anderson in The Coke County Methodist.

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lived already beyond his three score and ten years, yet he is hale and hearty and has changed but little in appearance since last we saw him. It was a genuine pleasure to look into the face of this friend tried and true in the years ago. We only wish he had longer to tarry with us.

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Frank Keeney, Proprietor
BRONTE, TEXAS

The Prince of Peace
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peace be man's relegation of himself to his proper sphere.

The next step would be to remove the causes of antagonism. There has never at any time been a nation that ever declared war except for one of three reasons. Wars are prompted by the spirit of defense, by the spirit of revenge or by the spirit of aggressiveness. There are multiplied millions who believe that vindictiveness is an important element of honor. Thus it was once inscribed on a monument to a so called hero that he had repaid both friend and foe more than was their due. How different is the standard under which man seeks peace from the one set by the Prince of Peace. How foolish to expect and work for peace under any standard set by man. \$50,000,000 was offered and paid by our government for a plan whereby the nations of the world might hope to establish peace. This plan, as are all the others, is buried deep in some government archive and the world continues to quake with fear of another wholesale slaughter of mankind. Judging from agitation among the governments the League of Nations has not brought peace, and this, says history, has been man's experience from the beginning. The conclusion is, no plan will operate under the wrong standard.

What then is the other standard? When the Prince of Peace became flesh and dwelt among men, he once had occasion to rebuke his disciples because they disputed as to who would be greatest. Imagine their astonishment upon hearing the sublimest rule of human conduct ever given: "Let him who would be chiefest among you be the servant of all." Let us glance back over the pages of history and measure the greatness of each prominent figure by this rule. We find immediately that it has always been true and is true to-day—that service alone is the framework upon which greatness is built—that he is greatest who does the most good. The second step toward peace on earth, that of removing the causes of pain and woe, can be accomplished in only one way and that is by substituting the standard of service for the standard in practice. If a farmer cuts down his weeds they will grow again. But if he plants something there with more vitality, he will not only get rid of the weeds but will have a crop besides. Even so, if we would remove the causes of war which are rooted in the standard the world has set, we must plant and cultivate the standard set by the Prince of Peace.

But one other step would remain—the operation of this standard. What a revolution it would work in this old world if this standard should become the standard of life. Now we try to get something from each other—there will be peace when our aim is to do something for each other. Now we strive to get more than our fellows out of the world—there will be peace when our endeavor is to put as much as possible into the world. William Jennings Bryan wished to convey this idea when he said, "Society will take an immeasurable step toward world peace when it estimates a citizen by his output rather than by his income and gives the crown of approval to the one who makes the largest contribution to the welfare of all."

Although it may be a slow process it is the only sure one and the doctrine applies to nations as well as to individuals. The Gospel of the Prince of Peace gives us the only hope—and it is an increasing hope—of the substitution of reason for force in the settlement of international disputes. Then will the earth exalt the originator of the sublime standard and with the prophet call his name Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Then will wars

**The Season's
Greetings**

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Old Santa Claus has never failed us. From time immemorial he has visited us every year bringing good cheer.

Without assuming even an infinitesimal part of his glory, yet imbued with the spirit of the time, let us stop in our mad career of grabbing for the almighty dollar just long enough to think of other things—our fellow-man.

Impelled by a force irresistible and inspiring, and with a heart full of gratitude for the many favors shown us by you along with our other friends, we join in the prevailing sentiment of the season in wishing to our friends and customers all the happiness that it is possible to crowd into the future. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

So picture in your hearts that which you would have best in life, and believe us, we wish it to you all.

Yours cordially,

Luttrell & Keeney
The Ginnery

be a matter of history, and the teeming millions of earth will shout with the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest,

on earth peace, good will toward men."

Forest Baker.

Editor's note: Prof. Baker writes with an incisive pen—we pronounce the above a most splendid article on a great and sublime topic.

May the Gladsome Days find you with every wish gratified.

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to
EVERYBODY
This Gladsome Season

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NOTICE

That the annual meeting of the shareholders of First National Bank in Bronte, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 12th day of January 1926, at four o'clock P. M., for the election of directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Carrie Glenn,

454t. Cashier.

A GROWING DISEASE.

Morbus Sabbaticus attacks the patient suddenly every Sunday; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well and wakes feeling well; eats a hearty breakfast; but about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he feels better, and is able to take a walk, talk about politics, and read the Sunday papers; he eats a hearty supper, but about church time he has another attack and stays at home. He retires early, sleeps well and wakes up Monday morning refreshed and able to work, and does not have any symptoms of the disease until the following Sunday. The peculiar features of the disease are:

1. It always attacks member of the church.
2. It never makes its appearance except on the Sabbath, and prayer meeting night.
3. The symptoms vary, but it never interferes with the sleep or appetite.
4. It never lasts more than twenty-four hours.
5. It generally attacks the head of

the family.

6. It is contagious.
7. No physician is ever called.
8. It always proves fatal in the end—to the soul.
9. No remedy is known for it except prayer.

10. Religion is the only antidote.

11. It is becoming fearfully prevalent and is sweeping thousands every year prematurely to destruction.

The above article is from the Church Calendar of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, California.

This disease has made its appearance in Texas and quite a number of cases are to be found in Coke county. Anyone having the symptoms of the disease should take extra precaution against its spread to others or becoming chronic in the victim. The best treatment we can recommend is to come to Sunday school and church next Sunday.—Editor.

—The Coke County Methodist.

So many have "played old Santa" to us by renewing their subscriptions we can't call them by name—but to each and all we say "thank you."

Card Of Thanks.

We take this method of expressing to all our good friends and neighbors and the people generally our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for their many kindnesses, tender ministries and sympathy in the awful hour that came so unexpectedly to us. Of course, dear friends, you can not understand what such an ordeal means unless you have passed through a similar experience. And we recognize that only the divine hand and time can heal the sorrow we are undergoing—and seems to us now that life can never be to us

again without our precious little girl what it was before. But, your thoughtfulness and tenderness and helpfulness lifts the clouds in as great measure as it is possible for human hands to do. We shall never forget you and we pray the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon you, each and all. And we pray that such an experience may never come to you, and that when the sorrows of death invade your home may there be near you those who were kind and gentle and helpful as you have been to us.

Mr. and Mrs. John Caudle.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Remember me the 1st of January. I thank my friends and all the good people for their kindness during my illness and for their business patronage during the year past. I appreciate all this very much. And I now ask you to remember me for the future. January 1st I take charge of my business again and any favors you show me will be appreciated. "That Good Gulf" gasoline and oils and quick and courteous service are the inducements I offer.

J. A. SHOOK

Bronte,

Texas

We join the glad throng
in wishing everybody
**A Merry Christmas
and
Glad New Year**

—We also thank our many friends and customers for their loyal patronage through the year. We have had but one purpose and that has been to serve you promptly and courteously.

REMEMBER US THROUGH THE
NEW YEAR

Bronte Filling Station

CHARLEY BAKER, Mgr.

Bronte,

Texas

A Merry Christmas to All

May the glad season find you happy
and content in your sphere in life
We are Appreciative

—for the business confidence and patronage accorded us during the year. We thank one and all.

For the Future

—we have but one purpose and that is to be every day for the good year of 1926 "The Price-maker on Seasonable Merchandise in West Texas." To that end we call your attention to

Our Cash-Basis Sale

—which is now on and will continue to be on. The cash with us is going to spell Big Reductions all the time. Come to see us when you have the cash and we will save you money.

Feed in Carload Lots

—I want to aid the farmers all I can in getting their feed cheap as possible. If you want any feed of any kind, see me. If we can arrange to get it in carload lots and you take it right from the car it will be much cheaper. See me at once.

Remember we have farm implements and the plow-time necessities, such as collars, hames, lines, etc.

O. D. SPOONTS

Price-Maker of Seasonable Merchandise in West Texas.

FORT CHADBOURNE,

TEXAS

**The Merry Christmas-tide is here
Bringing Gladness and Good Cheer
May the Joy-bells Ring for One and All This Merry
Christmas**

And may 1926 be garlanded with the very happiest and best throughout its days for
all our friends and customers.

We can not forget those who have stood by us so loyally throughout the past. As the old year closes and we take account of stock we consider our most valuable assets are the friendship and good will and the loyalty of our friends both commercially and socially. Hence we would miss the best in life if we did not wish for you and yours the very best that the Father of us all holds in His Hands for His creatures.

For the New Year we shall begin with but one purpose and shall strive faithfully to live up to our purpose, namely, to observe "the golden rule" in our dealings with those who entrust to us their business patronage in our line of Ford cars, both new and second-hand, auto repairing, batteries, auto accessories and Ford parts, and gasoline and oil service station.

Home Motor Company ————— **Robert Knierim, Manager**

Joined by the Whole Force of Our Organization

**Marriage Anniversary
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his 89th birthday. Forty two relatives and friends were present and during the day he received many presents which served to gladden the old man's heart.

The delicious dinner was prepared and served by Mr. Loyd's wife, now 77 years old, who for more than a half century has been his faithful helpmate, sharing with him his joys and sorrows. The dinner was beyond description; equal to any ever served in the hospitable home of these good people. Those who have heretofore had the pleasure of sitting at their table know and can appreciate just what was en-

joyed on this occasion.

Mr. Loyd is one of the oldest citizens of this county. Born in North Carolina in 1836, his family migrated to Bedford county, Tenn., in 1864. In 1885 he went to Atlanta, Ga., and remained there until some later date. He was a volunteer in the Fourth Ga. Infantry under Stonewall Jackson, and was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, carried to Ft. Delaware and kept for three months, then was transferred with other Georgia prisoners to Point Lookout, Md., where he was held until just before the surrender of Lee, receiving his discharge on the way from prison back to rejoin his regiment.

At the close of the war he

went to Wartrace, Tenn., and lived with his parents until 1867 when he came to Bridgeport and married Miss Matilda Lavine Tennessee Johnson, a relative of President Andrew Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd, have spent their entire married life at Two Pine farm, named such because Mrs. Loyd planted two pines on the place 54 years ago, their stately heads now towering high in the air to remind her of her act of the long ago.

In 1869 Mr. Loyd entered the mercantile business in Bridgeport which in later years was taken over by his son, John R. Loyd and is now being operated under the firm name of J. R. Loyd & Co.

Mr. Loyd is the father of

twelve children, 48 grand children and 14 great grand children.

The Bridgeport News join hundreds of friends throughout this section in extending congratulations and wishing this good old man many more happy birthdays.

The following letter was written to Mr. Loyd by one of his grand sons who was unable to be present on this happy occasion:

Memphis, Nov. 15,

Dear Grandpa:

It has been ages, it seems to me since I had better news than that from Pauline telling me of your splendid health and the approach of your 89th birthday.

Life seems so insignificant to

a person of my years when he hears of the ripe old age of a splendid man or woman—the attainment of that which the Lord has promised, and more.

Eighty nine years! What a picture the world must be to you! To see it to day and then to go back into the fond memories of those great days of your youth—the habits of your boyhood friends—the pleasures and the seeming "hard times"—and then come down to present times. To see the world as it is today, as its people have changed and the habits and principles of life have altered until one could hardly associate the present with the past. Yet, what a great thing it must be to know that in reality the world is better—better because it has learned more of the wonders of that Supreme Being who revealed Himself little by little and who continues to reveal His wonders more abundantly to His people.

I know, Grandpa, that your 89 years have rested lightly upon your shoulders. You have been blessed with comradeship by a splendid wife and a loving family. Those things are the things which really make life worth the trials and tribulations and whose attainment makes one in the ripe old age of 89 years, gaze back to the days of his youth and to say, softly and with a clear conscience, "Life has been worth the living."

I would give most anything to be there on this happy occasion, but in my absence please believe me when I say that I wish you at least 89 more years of this life and an eternity of peace and happiness.

Give my regards to Grandma, Loyd and Aunt Allie and to all the others.

I am going to try to be with you all Christmas.

Lovingly, your son,
Harvey

**May Joy Be Yours
This Glad Christmas Time**

And May 1926 Be Flooded With Life's Best For You.

It has been a joy to us—to our entire working force including the proprietors, the manager and all the men who have worked for us to serve you through the year. And now we could wish no less than that today and all the days of the glad season as well as all the New Year may be filled with life's fairest and best for you and yours.

Our gratitude is deep towards all our friends and customers for their business confidence and patronage through the year. If we have pleased you, then, we are pleased. If we have failed anywhere to meet your expectations with reference to all our business relations, we deeply regret it and assure you that we shall strive always to give you the very best service of which we are capable.

We want your confidence both in a business way and socially we want the confidence of every person who reads these lines. And we solicit your business for the future on the basis that we are here to do business strictly on a fair, square basis and to give to every one a square deal.

Service Garage

**HAMES BROTHERS
PROPRIETORS**