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Near Centenarian Passes After Long, Useful and Remarkable Life

Bronte and Coke county lost their most aged person and oldest citizen, Sunday afternoon, at 5:30 o'clock, when "Grandmother" Fletcher closed her eyes to the things and scenes of earth and passed to that "bourne from which no traveler returns."

Interment of the tired and fragile body was in Fairview cemetery, beside the companion of her girlhood, following religious services at the Bronte Baptist church, which were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Eldrige, assisted by the pastor of the Bronte Methodist church, Rev. Ben Bohmfalk.

The life of deceased is far more interesting than any fiction ever written as to human ventures, romances, hardships and joys of human kind. She was born at Mount Carrol, Illinois, August 22, 1842, making her to lack only 16 months and 23 days of being a centenarian. Hence, far as The Enterprise is advised, she was the most aged person of Bronte and Coke county, and was Coke county's oldest citizen. She had made her home in this county for 52 years, and during the more than half century had resided on the same farm home. At the age of 17 years she united with the Baptist church in which faith she lived and died. In the hundreds and hundreds of obituaries the writer has written during his forty years in editing newspapers, "Grandmother" Fletcher was, by a few years, the oldest person whose life we have ever chronicled.

At the age of 8, in 1850, deceased came with her family to Texas, settling in Milam county. In that county she was married to Wm. B. Fletcher June 22, 1866—her husband preceded her in death 15 years ago. In 1867 deceased and husband went to California, in an ox wagon. They were en route 9 months, and it required 3 months for them to make the return trip with a team of horses. On the outgoing trip their only child at that time died and was buried at the place of its death and yet sleeps there. To them 8 children were born, 3 of whom survive. The surviving children are Mrs. Will Shepherd, Fort Worth; Miss Addie Fletcher and Edward B. Fletcher of Bronte.

Thus a long and useful life has come to its earthly end. Only now and then a hero or heroine of her generation remains—but the fragrances of their lives live on to bless the spirit of every one who really and truly loves Texas and its traditions.

May her tired and worn body rest in peace out there in the quiet, sequestered spot where she was placed by kind and gentle hands, the other afternoon, beneath the cloud-flecked, Christmas-tide skies.

FRESHMAN PARTY

The eighth grade of Bronte High School held a Christmas party at 7:30 on Monday night in the bandhouse. About thirty people were present. Games were played after which cookies and chocolate were served.

Mrs. Roe Williams, Mrs. F. S. Higginbotham, and Mrs. Bell, room mothers, gave the party.

—Betty Lou Westbrook, Reporter.

Allen Bell of Culver City, California, where the airplane crashed a few days ago, being tested by the test pilot, went down, Mr. Bell writing his father stated that he and his wife were standing in the front yard of their home and saw the plane make its final dive. The test pilot was making a downward dive at 550 miles an hour. The plane was sunk out of sight in the soft sand,

Enterprise Ad Service Pleases Our Advertisers

Since the day The Enterprise editor entered the newspaper business, four decades ago, we have had a business slogan—and that slogan, though semi-humorous, expresses the full heart of the editor. The slogan is: "We would rather please you than to have your money—but we want your money 'awfully' bad."

In other words, we have made it our first aim in all our relations with those with whom we have business dealings to please our patrons. And when we have thus done, we prize that fact more than the monetary consideration of the transaction. And when we have thus pleased our patrons, either as advertisers or in job printing we may do for them, it makes our heart go "pit-apat," with delight.

A few instances in question where the advertisers in our columns recently are pleased are given below:

Only a few issues ago we carried a display ad for the Winters State Bank, setting out with reference to some improvements the bank has made by which to further serve more effectually the bank's customers. From Mr. Jno. Q. McAdams, the affable president of this fine West Texas banking institution, we had the following letter—and it made us feel like the writer of the letter was really "playing Santa Claus" with us:

Mr. D. M. West,
Bronte, Texas.
Dear Mr. West:

You always give full measure, packed down and running over, of space and phraseology when you tell of some accomplishment of some firm or individual within your trade area. The favorable mention of this bank on the front page of your good paper substantiates rather convincingly this conclusion.

Thanks a million, and good wishes unlimited.

Cordially and sincerely,
JNO. Q. McADAMS,
President.

McLellan's of San Angelo, the business name of which is known throughout this area, has been advertising its hose mending department in the columns of The Enterprise. This department is under the supervision of Miss E. Hampton. Miss Hampton had a letter of inquiry from New Mexico regarding the work that McLellan's had advertised, and a good order for hose mending has come from the lady in New Mexico. It is a fact that, though The Enterprise is just "a country weekly," yet it is read from coast to coast, there being those from New York to the Golden Gate who read "the old home town" paper. We are glad that McLellan's is pleased.

Last week The Enterprise carried a page announcement of the big, fine, large new store in San Angelo—Robert Bros. Auto-Lee Store. Calling on this new firm the other day, Mr. E. M. Roberts, Jr., manager of the big store, was profuse in his words of surprise and appreciation—surprised that in a town no larger than Bronte we could give such satisfactory service, and appreciative because of the first-class service we had rendered in our advertising department.

Thanks, to each and all of you,
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Paints Picture, Old Coke County Farm Home

One of the most real and most attractive and most beautiful pictures the writer has seen of Coke county homes and scenes, is that just painted by Lavelle L. Dunn—(known in social circles as Mrs. B. D. Dunn) of Tennyson.

The picture is that of the Will Robbins farm homestead in the Hayrick community. It is one of the oldest farm homes in the county, it having been erected by Mr. Robbins, deceased, more than a half century ago. The materials in the structure were hauled from Abilene and Ballinger and other distant places of railroad communication.

The writer has seen several of the paintings of Lavelle Dunn—her greatest skill is shown in landscape and other scenes of nature. But in this painting of "The Old W. A. Robbins Home," she excels herself. The painting is so very true to life that if one has ever seen the home that the picture represents, one will readily recognize it. The residence, the old barns, the old plow tools, the bent mesquite to which Mr. Robbins through the many years of his life on the place, always hitched his cow pony when he would come in from the ranch, where he had been looking after his cattle, the cactus, at the side of the old yard gate; the mountains that make such a romantic setting for this beautiful, old-fashioned country home—all present the scene just as it has been for nearly sixty years and as it is today. The Kickapoo mountains, the "Nipple Peak," and the others of the mountain ranges against the foot of which the old ranch and farm home rests—the whole scene brings memories of the early pioneer ranch days, "the days that are gone forever"—trooping through memory. Indeed, Lavelle Dunn, we congratulate you on this masterpiece of art.

The picture has been painted for Mrs. Will Cresap and Mrs. Wesley Labenske, the surviving daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robbins. The parents gave the place to Mrs. Cresap in their last will. In this home, more than 50 years ago, Mrs. Cresap was born. Here she grew to young womanhood, and was one of Coke county's finest and most popular young women. In this home several years ago she and Mr. Cresap were married and Mrs. Dunn, a former teacher in the Hayrick school, played the wedding march and Mr. and Mrs. Cresap spent the first night of their married life with Mr. and Mrs. Dunn at Tennyson, and now in this home of birth, babyhood, girlhood and young womanhood, she is spending her years of married life.

And still behind the story is another feature that is beautiful in sentiment as heaven itself—the two sisters have had the painting made as a surprise Christmas gift to their brother, Jim Robbins at Rankin. The brother at this writing knows nothing of the picture and the sisters know that it will please him more than any gift they could present him this joyous Christmas-tide.

Congratulations to all—to you, the daughters of two of the finest and most loved pioneers Coke county ever knew; to you, "Jim," for the memories of boyhood sweet as Mahomet's vision of heaven, the picture will bring you—and last but not least to you, Lavelle Dunn, for your wonderful presentation in picture from your artistic mind and hand, of this old homestead, which discloses your capability to put on canvas the beautiful things of this world that are about us.

YULE-TIDE MEMORIES OF THE LONG AGO

(To the memory of a sweet, beautiful, little girl who was almost constantly, through the days of her life, our "little pal", and to all others who are lonely, or are in sorrow, as the happy Christmas-tide draws near, because of the going away of loved ones, since the last Glad Christmas hours, these lines are dedicated.)

The gladsome Yule-tide again approaches,
And the world is full of gladness and mirth,
But, as memory in the silent past goes gleaming,
There comes to our hearts a scourging dearth—
For, as we traverse the years of the long ago,
While there are many Yule-tide days of deepest gladness,
There come rushing, like a mighty river, to memory,
Yule-tide thoughts that bring deepest sadness.

The Yuletides of which we are thinking,
That were filled with life's purest delight,
Were soon to be followed by tragic, tragic days,
Which flooded life with starless, darkest night—
The Yule-tides that were most joyous,
Were those in the days past—so long!—
When a sweet-faced, dimple-cheeked baby girl,
Made life strangely sweet, as some glad song.

But, it was one day, just after the gladsome Yule-tide,
While our hearts with joyous memories were glad,
In an hour of which we were not dreaming,
She was taken—and, oh, how sad
Have been the Yule-tides since that day!
And for us, the Glad Season in shadow is always clad,
Since that hour when she went away and left us—
Hence, no joyous Christmas-tides we have had.

Bronte, Texas.
Dec. 13, 1940.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. I would like to have a doll. I would like to have a viotrola. And I would like to have some dishes. But I will like to have anything you want to bring.

Your friend, Helen Christine Pruitt.

P. S. And Santa I have a little sister, Patsy Ruth. She wants you to bring her a doll, a cooking set and a tricycle. But she will be pleased to get anything you bring too.

Bronte, Texas
Dec. 17, 1940

Dear Santa Claus:
We have been good little boys. I am eight and my little brother Billie is six years old.

Santa we would like for you to bring us a little tent and toys to play in it with. If you can't bring what we ask for we will be glad to get anything you bring us.

And Santa my sister, mother and daddy want you to bring them something too.

Oh! Yes, Santa Claus bring my grandpa something nice. His name is Mr. E. A. Norred.

We will be pleased with anything.

—Charles Edward and Billie Hall.

Angelo Dealer Has a Unique Auto Tire Sale

In San Angelo there is, at least, one business man who wants to "play Santa" with the people—that is, those who may need anything in the lines he carries, especially those who may need auto tires.

The gentleman referred to is Ralph Hutcheson, owner and operator of the Magnolia Service Station, at the corner of Main and Spaulding streets. Mr. Hutcheson also deals in tires. He handles the well known U. S. tires—a line of tires that needs no introduction or commendation from anyone.

In this issue of The Enterprise Mr. Hutcheson carries a unique announcement with reference to his line of tires. He states that he will trade tires with those who come to him, and trade

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IN MEMORY

The friends, neighbors and loved ones of Mrs. Katie Allen of Orient, Texas, for the last 37 years gathered in the old Mule Creek Cemetery Dec. 8, 1940, to say goodbye to one we love—a mother, friend, a neighbor. She died in San Angelo, Dec. 7.

Funeral services were at Ray church. Flower girls were her granddaughters. Pall bearers: Mr. Walker of Silver, Rodger Brooks, Will Tucker, Roy Holland, Miles; Ben Brooks, Sam Gaston, Tennyson. William Gaston and Bud Benton conducted the service.

Deceased was born May 19. Her age was 84 years. She was born in Missouri. She married Charley Allen, who died Jan. 1, 1915. To this union 10 children were born, 9 of whom live to mourn mother's going. One son, Will, died Oct. 11, 1936. She became a Christian in early life. She was a Methodist.

Thirty grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren survive. Her children: R. B. Allen, Mrs. W. L. Carr, Silver; Elmer Allen, Orient; N. C. Allen, Grants, N. M.; Mrs. Ona Seeley, McCamey; Mrs. Nell Lloyd, Bronte.

We gathered for many miles around, each one with a sweet memory of bygone days, when our lives in one way or another, were connected with Mrs. Allen's family. Their home was the Sunday meeting place of the young as well as the old. We could all expect a smiling face to welcome us there. The advice and consolation we received there will go with us through the years, the stepping stone that made hers a lived and finished life.

A mother dear from earth has gone; her rocker now is still; a place is vacant in the home. It never can be filled. God in his wisdom called her home. We will miss her for a while. But we are coming mother dear. Meet us with that welcome smile.

—LULA MILLS.

HOSIERY MENDING BY MAIL

Miss E. Hampton at McLellan's, San Angelo, in charge of the hosiery mending department gives special attention to mail order business. Bring or mail hose with runners, picks or snags and they will be given most careful attention.

Address Miss E. Hampton, P. O. Box 844, San Angelo, Tex.

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Publisher-Manager

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THERMOMETER AN
ESSENTIAL DURING
WINTER MONTHS

Austin, Tex., Dec. 16—"One of the most potentially useful gadgets in the home during the winter months is the thermometer. Unfortunately, its possibilities as a health guardian are seldom realized by the general public," Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, declares.

In homes where the thermometer is used intelligently it becomes a valuable defense mechanism. As a preventer of colds and more serious respiratory diseases that have their origin directly and indirectly in overheated rooms, it can and does render valiant service.

A maintained superheated atmosphere causes one to perspire, however imperceptible the process may be. When suddenly exposed to icy blasts, the body in that condition is more vulnerable to attack from respiratory infective agents than normally. Moreover, the body softening consequences that arise from constantly living in unduly warm living quarters in themselves are devitalizing.

On the negative side of the question, the sense of comfort associated with excess heat is an invitation to underactivity, which frequently is unwisely accepted. Thus, instead of taking a normal amount of exercise in the open during the winter months, fondness for the indoors becomes acute and "hugging the fire" routine. In this manner the actual life and zest-building possibilities that go hand in hand with cold weather are shunned, and positive health is less positive than it logically could be.

It is not recommended, of course, that one should adopt a Spartan attitude toward winter. It is merely suggested that exercise in the open in winter is a pleasant medium by which tone is added to one's physical condition. This objective is definitely minimized if the overstuffed chair and overheated living room

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THE BEST PLACE TO TRADE

BALLINGER, TEXAS

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Santa Claus Has His
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At Our Store



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SO, FOLKS, WHY GO FURTHER, OR WASTE ANY MORE TIME?

Come to us, get your Christmas Groceries and service station service, save money, be happy and celebrate the good ol' Christmas times of 1940.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY

POSTMASTER AT ORIENT

LEE CADE

THE GLADSOME CHRISTMAS-TIDE
Is Here Again

—the Season of Gift-giving to loved ones and friends.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL

You will find in our Christmas Gift Lines a suitable and pleasing gift for each and all—for the children you will find the toys that make the hearts of the little ones glad.



In our lines of gift goods for the older ones you will find that which will not only please but will be valuable.

COME TO SEE US

CITY DRUG STORE
MRS. LOUISE JOHNSON, Owner

are chosen as substitutes. Both from the disease-preventive and health-developing standpoints, the thermometer should be kept within the safety limits of sixty-eight to seventy-two degrees. Were this rule generally observed, and exercise in the outdoors regularly taken, it is entirely possible that many persons who contract cold and more serious respiratory conditions during the winter season could sidestep them, and in addition feel healthier.

"Uncle John" Butner is spending the winter with his children at Wichita Falls. "Uncle John" writes The Enterprise that he is having a delightful stay and sees many, many people—but he wants to hear from home. Therefore he orders The Enterprise to come to him. A merry Christmas to you, dear old friends of the long years.

BOOTS

We have thousands of measurements of men and women on our books. We probably have the measurement of the one you would like to give those boots to for Xmas, but you had better place that order early so you won't be late.

M. L. LEDDY
BOOT & SADDLE SHOP
24 S. Chad. San Angelo

Receiver's Sale

Notice is hereby given that I will sell 120 acres of land belonging to the Waldrop estate, to the highest bidder for cash. All bids must be accompanied by cash or bank draft for the sum of \$100.

L. T. Youngblood,
Receiver. 47-3t.

E. A. Bell sends "the old home town paper" to his son, Allen in California. A good thing to do—nothing makes a better Christmas gift.

PRICE
Radio Service
33 N Chadbourne
San Angelo



★ *Our daddies said tell you..* ★



★ **Merry Christmas** ★
★ **and** ★
★ **A Happy New Year** ★

★ "...and they said tell you we're glad you use electric lights, and refrigerators, and toasters and things because that's what makes jobs for them so we can hang up our stockings. Our daddies, you see, work for our West Texas Utilities. They appreciate you and talk all the time 'bout ways to give you better service. They say it's because they work to find these ways that electricity is so cheap and everybody can use it. They say, too, it makes people happy and all our mamas don't work so hard any more since they got electric servants in the kitchen.

★ "There are a lot of us West Texas Utilities children. It makes jobs for more than a thousand families, all because you use electric things. And that's why we're wishing you A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!" ★

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★ **Christmas Day** ★

★ **West Texas Utilities** ★
★ **Company** ★



Blackwell News
By Mrs. Chas. Ragsdale

Baptist Ladies Have Annual Christmas Party

A Christmas celebration in the R. H. Hamilton home was attended Monday afternoon by the Baptist W. M. U., the Challengers, and the Mary Marthas.

A Christmas story told by Mrs. C. Hawkins and accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Hamilton was first on the program.

A carol was sung by the group. A childhood Christmas experience was told by each one present.

A novel Christmas playlet was presented by Mrs. S. P. Smith and Mrs. Dewey Nabors adding much to the enjoyment of the occasion. After gifts were distributed from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, decorations being repeated in the greenery covered chandeliers, a buffet luncheon was served to the following: Mesdames Berry Smith, J. Blair, Roy Lewis, Bill McRorey, Elmer Turner, Al Sneed, H. H. Holland, Tom Holland, Joe Davis, E. Bryant, E. Covington, Lester McLendon, G. H. Arledge, Andy McLendon, Homer Sanders, Griffin, Lola Fae Covington, D. Johnson, E. Grimes, George Russell, Lillie Wimberly, L. Montgomery, C. Hawkins, Bob Ratliff and the hostesses, S. P. Smith, A. J. McLendon, Jr., J. W. Reynolds, Bill Ware, W. E. Lackey, Ethel Hollingshead, R. H. McFarland, Leroy Stone, Al Sneed, Dewey Nabors, R. H. Hamilton.

Methodist Ladies Enjoy Regular Quarterly Social

The Women's Division of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Post at 3 o'clock, Dec. 16th, for the regular quarterly social.

The house was beautifully decorated with cedar and mistletoe. Christmas tree lights and candles gave soft light to the rooms. Bright red and green wreaths, with the names of the hostesses printed on them, were given the guests as they arrived. The ladies enjoyed playing several Christmas games. The gifts were then distributed.

Coffee and Noel cake topped with whipped cream and cherries were served for refreshments. The favors were red, gum-drop

Tennyson News
By Miss Wilma Stewart

Married

Mr. Eugene Alberts of Tennyson and Miss Lora Fletcher of Santa Anna were united in marriage Dec. 7 at the Baptist parsonage in Santa Anna with the pastor reading the ceremony. They are at home in San Antonio. Mr. Alberts has recently graduated from the barber school there.

Married

Mr. Charles Alberts of Tennyson and Miss Wanda Muston of Bronte were married December 14 in Robert Lee with Judge Wylie performing the ceremony. They were attended by the groom's sister, Miss Anna Alberts. They are at home near Tennyson. The two Alberts boys, Eugene and Charles, are brothers; and Miss Muston and Miss Fletcher are cousins.

Santys.

Members present were Mesdames P. G. Dabney, J. W. Raney, R. Lanier, C. J. Harris, J. A. Oden, J. W. Leach, Richard Copeland, Roy Sanderson, W. L. Porterfield, Melvin Oden, T. A. Carlisle, S. M. Evans, Frank Youree, W. W. Youngblood, Lee Alderman, Henry Raney, Everett Ellis, Bun Kirk, George Hartin, and Austin Jordan. The guests were Mrs. Thomas Whittenburg, Mrs. Robert Whitehead, and Mrs. Benny Ragsdale. The hostesses were Mrs. Arnold Richards, Mrs. Delas Alsop, Mrs. J. O. Raney, Mrs. Chas. Ragsdale, Mrs. Hunt, and Mrs. Robert E. Post.

Party For 4-H Club Girls

A party was given to the 4-H Club girls at the home of Mrs. Arnold Richards with Mrs. Clint Watts and Mrs. Will Wagner as co-hostesses. After games were played gifts were exchanged. Cookies and hot chocolate and candy Christmas trees were served to 34 girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Stevens of Big Lake are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stevens.

Pete Hipp, who has been attending school at Memphis, Tenn., is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Miles Clark of Big Spring is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Murphy.

Mrs. U. V. Brashear and children, Vivian and Kenneth, of Littlefield, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stewart, last week-end.

An 8-lb. girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown November 31. She has been named Patsy Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hammonds of Colorado City visited his sister, Mrs. H. H. Van Zandt, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. U. Brashear and children of San Angelo visited Mrs. Brashears' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stewart, Sunday.

Carl Mayer of Van Buren, Arkansas, sends in the cash for a year's subscription to "the old home town paper. Thanks, Carl.

* John H. Taylor, D.D.S. *
* Y. P. Taylor, D.D.S. *
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Thank You

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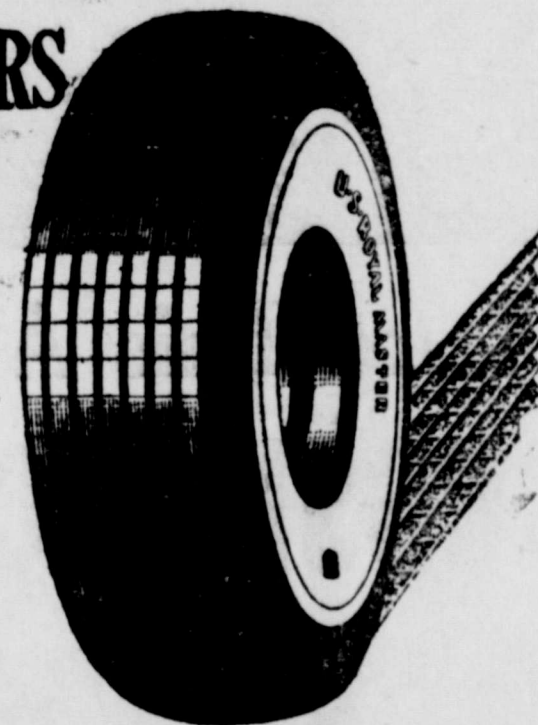
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Barbara Stanwyck-Fred
McMurray in
"REMEMBER THE NIGHT"
Also Selected Shorts

Wed & Thurs., Dec. 25-26
William Powell-Myrna Loy in
"I LOVE YOU AGAIN"
Plus Comedy

ALAMO THEATRE
Robert Lee, Texas
Fri. & Sat., Dec. 20-21
Gene Autry-Jane Withers in
"SHOOTING HIGH"

Sun.-Mon., Dec. 22-23
John Payne, Walter Brenen,
Brenda Joyce in
"MARYLAND"
(In Technicolor)

Wed., Dec. 25—Xmas Night
Don Wilson
"VILLAGE BARN DANCE"

CAUTION GIVEN ABOUT CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

AUSTIN, Dec. 10.—Faced with the danger of a mounting death toll brought on by the widespread use of highly inflammable Christmas decorations, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, today urged Texans to request local firemen to make a pre-holiday check of fire hazards in the home.

"Where at all possible, firemen will welcome the opportunity to eliminate the hazards," Hall declared. "Firemen have a special responsibility to guard against fire hazards at Christmas, and the owners of homes and business establishments should call upon them to make inspections when in doubt as to the safety of

December 7, 1940, were 19,903 compared with 18,814 for the same week in 1939. Received from connections were 6,768 compared with 5,512 for the same week in 1939. The total cars moved were 26,671 compared with 24,326 during the same week in 1939. The Santa Fe handled a total of 24,463 cars during the preceding week of this year.

Revised total for the preceding week includes cars loaded or received from connections on Plains division for period of November 25 to November 30, inclusive, of this year. This figure was omitted from last week's report because of wire trouble.

SCHOOL'S CITIZEN CLUB

The Citizenship Club of the Bronte sixth grade met Dec. 7, 1940, and elected new officers. They were elected as follows:

President—Betty Jackson.
Vice-president—Faye Kiker.

their holiday decorations."

A Christmas tree kept in a bucket of water will retain much of its normal dampness and thus cut down the danger of a hot blaze. However, the Commissioner warned against placing trees in such a way as to block exits, and admonished against their use near stoves and stream radiators.

They should be decorated only with asbestos, glass and metal. The tree alone will make a dangerous fire, without the added fuel of paper, cotton snow and pyroxylin decorations.

The wide use of electric extension cords, Christmas tree lights and lights in windows bring new hazards to every home. The use of tinsel on lighted trees creates a danger of short circuit. Some of the load should be cut off circuits when fuses begin to blow, but fuses should not be bridged under any circumstances.

Exits and aisles must be kept unobstructed, and every effort should be made to dispose of packing materials as quickly as possible.



—SINCE 1886—

OUR WISHES

Are that the New Year may dawn full of hope and good cheer for each and all, and as the year advances

MAY THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE BE MULTIPLIED

And when the end of the year comes may you have only happiest memories of the things that the year brought you.

WE ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE

To the people all over West Texas for their continued business confidence and patronage. We turn our faces to the New Year with one purpose, namely, to serve the needs of the people in our lines in the best and most satisfactory way possible.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Ballinger Texas

—SINCE 1886—

Secy.—Jeanie Hallmark.
Policemen—Billie Gideon and Myra L. Kevil.

Reporter—Patsy Ruth McMillan.

The best citizens were Patsy Ruth McMillan and Margie Lee Allison.

Mrs. C. L. Kiker visited us during our meeting.

—Patsy Ruth McMillan, Club Reporter.

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friends—and may Santa fill your stockings to the rim with life's good things, which good wishes we also extend to each and all of those with whom we have had business relations this year. To have had business dealings with more than one thousand people and not to have had but one misunderstanding (which we regret) is a record, of which we feel anyone should justly be proud—at least, it is most pleasing to us.



**Make This A---
CROSLEY CHRISTMAS!!**

Only Crosley Radios Have Glamor-Tone

True tone is only one of Crosley's many excellent features, however. In addition, every household model in the 1941 Crosley line includes these features: Jewel-Case Protector, Heliscope Loop Aerial, Antenna Booster Coil, Automatic Volume Control, Illuminated Gold-Glow Dial, Dual-Purpose Tubes. Moreover, you have a wide range of models from which you choose. Prices range from \$10.75 up. Model 25AY, shown in the photo above, which was taken in our showroom, lists at \$72.75.

Only Crosley Refrigerators Have Shelvador

The Shelvador, the most talked about door in the world, is an exclusive feature with Crosley. Extra shelves in the door add many dollars in desirability; give more conveniently arranged food storage than any other refrigerator of the same rated capacity—yet you pay no more for a Crosley Shelvador. Latest advance in Crosley Shelvador construction is the addition of the new Freezercold super-cold compartment. These and many other features make Crosley Shelvador the most thoroughly appreciated gift refrigerator the housewife can receive.

See Our Electrical Appliances

In addition to Crosley Glamor-Tone radios and Crosley Shelvador refrigerators, we have on display many other attractive electrical appliances which make highly desirable gifts. Among them are Toastmasters, Mixmasters, waffle bakers, percolators, vacuum cleaners and irons. See our display before you select that electrical gift.

TERMS ARRANGED TO MEET YOUR BUDGET NEEDS!

West Texas Butane Gas Co.

28 W. Twohig

San Angelo

A Merry Christmas

TO
All Our Friends

AND ALL THE GOOD PEOPLE OF COKE COUNTY

We Pause

TO JOIN IN THE GLAD SPIRIT OF THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON

Here's to 1941

May it be the very best year everywise for Coke County
and for all West Texas we have ever enjoyed.

Willis Smith
County Clerk

FOR YOUR HEALTH

A Complete Drugless Health Service composed of:
Chiropractic, Massage, Electric Treatments, Colon Therapy,
Baths, and Terpezone.
Chiropractic and Colon Therapy will relieve Constipation
and Stomach disorders.

Dann's Chiropractic Health Home

E. A. Dann, D. C.

A Complete Drugless Health Service
207 Pecan Street Sweetwater

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YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

MORE DELIGHTFUL WHEN IN THE CITY BY COMING
TO US FOR YOUR CAFE SERVICE. WE ARE ALWAYS
GLAD TO SEE YOU, AND WE ARE ALWAYS READY
TO SERVE YOU.
WE APPRECIATE OUR FRIENDS IN BRONTE AND SUR-
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