

Lockney Beacon

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MANY BIRDS AT POULTRY SHOW

POULTRY SHOW WAS GREAT SUCCESS—BIGGER AND BETTER EVERY YEAR

What proved to be one of the most successful poultry shows ever held in Floyd county closed at Lockney Saturday. Birds that would furnish keen competition for any larger show were exhibited by Floyd, Hale and Briscoe county exhibitors. The back yard breeders took a part in the competition for the first time. This is an indication that interest in pure bred stock is increasing all the time.

American White Leghorn proved to be the favorite birds, more of this variety being shown than any other. Barred Rocks, Patridge Wyndottes, Buff Orpingtons, Black Minorcas, Rhode Island Reds and every variety of Bantams were proudly exhibited by their owners.

In the White Leghorn class the following were winners:

First pullet—W. M. Draper Silverton. Second pullet—W. M. Draper Silverton. Third pullet, Frank Whitfill, Lockney.

First hen, W. M. Draper, Silverton. Second hen, J. R. and Fess Whitfill, Lockney. Third hen, J. R. and Fess Whitfill, Lockney.

First cock, W. M. Draper, Silverton. Second cock, J. R. and Fess Whitfill, Lockney. Third cock, J. R. and Fess Whitfill, Lockney.

First cockerel, W. M. Draper, Silverton. Second cockerel, J. R. and Fess Whitfill, Lockney. Third cockerel, J. R. and Fess Whitfill, Lockney.

First old pen, W. M. Draper, Silverton. Second old pen, J. R. and Fess Whitfill, Lockney. Third old pen, J. R. and Fess Whitfill, Lockney.

First young pen, W. M. Draper, Silverton. Second young pen, Frank Whitfill, Lockney. Third young pen, J. R. and Fess Whitfill, Lockney.

In the Barred Rock class the following winners:

Light Barred Rock—First pullet, A. B. Muncy, Lockney. Second, A. B. Muncy. Third, C. V. Lemons, Lockney.

Light Barred Rock—First hen, A. B. Muncy, Lockney. Second hen, A. B. Muncy, Lockney.

Light Barred Rock—First cock, C. V. Lemons, (only entry). Second cock, C. V. Lemons (dark). First cock, E. J. Morehead, Plainview (dark B. R.). Second cock, C. V. Lemons (dark B. R.).

First pullet, E. J. Morehead (dark B. R.). First cockerel, E. J. Morehead, (light B. R.). First cockerel, E. J. Morehead, Plainview, (dark B. R.).

First hen, E. J. Morehead, Plainview, (dark B. R.). First pullet, E. J. Morehead, Plainview, (light B. R.). Third cockerel, C. V. Lemons, (L. B. R.).

First young pen, A. B. Muncy, (D. B. R.). First young pen, A. B. Muncy, (L. B. R.). Second young pen, C. V. Lemons, (D. B. R.). First old pen, C. V. Lemons, (D. B. R.).

In the Patridge Wyndotte class, Coleman and Smith were the only entries with the following winnings:

First old pen, first young pen, first, second and third cockerel, first, second and third pullet, first, second and third hen, and first, second and third cock. They also won the following special prizes: Best twenty parti-color birds, best parti-color pen, best parti-color cock, and best parti-color cockerel, and the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet in the show giving them the \$50.00 loving cup offered by the First National Bank of Lockney.

This cup must be won twice to become the possession of anyone. It was held last year by J. R. and Fess Whitfill, breeders of American White Leghorns.

In the Black Minorca class, Alex Newman had the only entry and carried off the following honors: First and second hen, first cock, first, second and third pullet, first, second and third cockerel, first old pen, first young pen, and the best twenty solid color birds in the show.

In the Single Comb Rhode Island Reds: First pullet, O. R. McCollum, Lockney. Second pullet, J. S. Miller, Lockney. Third pullet, J. S. Miller. First cockerel, E. C. Durham, Lockney. Second and third cockerel, J. S. Miller. First cock, old pen, first, J. S. Miller. First hen, Mrs. Julia Byers, Lockney. Second hen, J. S. Miller. First young pen, O. R. McCollum. Second young pen, Mrs. Julia Byers.

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PAVING ELECTION FRIDAY, DEC. 31

ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN ALL NINE COUNTIES ON SAME DATE

The election to determine whether Floyd county will issue \$500,000 worth of bond for the purpose of paving the Lee Highway across Floyd county will be held at all voting boxes in the county on Friday of next week, Dec. 31st.

Like elections for bond issues of various amounts will be held on the same date in the other eight counties on the Lee Highway in Texas, which counties are Wilbarger, Ford, Cottle, Motley, Hale, Lamb, Bailey and Parmer.

It is hoped by the Lee Highway Association that the bond issue will carry in every one of these counties at this time, so that the entire stretch of road on the Lee Highway in Texas can be paved at one time. The Lee Highway, which runs from New York and Washington, D. C., to Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, is paved and hard surfaced all the way, with the exception of a ninety mile strip in Oklahoma and across the nine counties in Texas, and with the nine counties in Texas paved, the ninety mile strip in Oklahoma will then be taken care of and we will be on a paved road from New York to San Francisco, the only transcontinental military route that spans the continent across a southern route.

There are only two transcontinental military routes that span the continent, the Lincoln Highway, that passes across the northern part of the United States, and which is not a desirable route to travel in the winter time; and the Lee Highway, which spans the United States by the southern route, passing through this section, and when it is paved, will be a year round route, and one that can be traveled in both summer and winter.

The paving of the Lee Highway will mean more to the Plains country than will the new railroads, and by all means Floyd county should do its part toward paving the road by paving the Lee Highway across this county. To Floyd county the paving of the Lee Highway means more possibly than it does to any other county along the Lee Highway, for in bad weather it is impossible to travel over the highway in this county, as the mud is very sticky and the roads are so slick that it is almost impossible to go anywhere without getting stuck or getting into a ditch. More than the benefit to be derived by use within the county, the highway not only means to Floyd county a paved road across the United States, but it means a paved road to Fort Worth and Dallas, and other Central and Eastern Texas points, which will be used at some time of the year by every inhabitant of Floyd county, it will mean the opening of new markets to the people of Floyd county for their immense crop productions each year. As we see the Lee Highway proposition, no property or automobile owner can afford to vote against the proposition, as it is one that is well worth the tax expense to every individual in the county, and it will be the biggest step toward development of the county that can be taken. The highway will mean a saving of more dollars to the automobile owner in time, repairs and gas each month than it will cost in taxes each year.

Everybody that can vote are urged to go to the polls Friday, Dec. 31st, and vote.

Mrs. Ellen O'Hearn Dead

Mrs. Ellen O'Hearn, mother of Jno. T. O'Hearn, died at the sanitarium in Plainview, Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock, from the effects of an operation for appendicitis, from which she never rallied.

Mrs. O'Hearn was 81 years of age, and is survived by two sons, Jno. T. O'Hearn of Lockney, and Harry O'Hearn of Fort Worth. She came to Lockney about three months ago from Wellington to make her home with her son here. She had made her home with Mr. O'Hearn at Wellington, before he moved to Lockney.

The remains were shipped to Fort Worth Monday, accompanied by Mr. O'Hearn, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCarley (grandchildren), where she will be laid to rest.

Mrs. Grady Crager and son have gone to Altus, Okla., to spend Christmas with her parents.

The Gladness of the World



When o'er the moonlit, misty fields,
Dumb with the world's great joy,
The shepherds sought the white-walled town,
Where lay the baby boy—
And, oh, the gladness of the world,
The glory of the skies,
Because the longed-for Christ looked up
In happy Mary's eyes!

QUITAQUE HOLDS DENVER JUBILEE

SOUTH PLAINS CITIZENS JOIN IN CELEBRATING DENVER EXTENSION

Quitaque, Dec. 18.—Quitaque was host to the citizens of the South Plains Friday night when 500 persons at a banquet in the city tabernacle celebrated the granting of the Fort Worth & Denver Railroad's permit to build into Quitaque and to the Plains. Standing in as fertile section of the country as is known in the Southwest today Quitaque has waited a long time for a rail connection, but it has grown while waiting, although it has been thirty-five miles from the nearest rail connection during all of that time. Naturally the occasion on Friday night in celebration it desired was one that the people of Quitaque have looked forward with keen anticipation for years.

Tell of Quitaque's Future
O. R. Tipps, County Judge-elect of Briscoe county, was toastmaster and general chairman. A. A. Hatchell, business man of Quitaque, had charge of the general arrangements of the banquet and made a rousing speech telling of the future that is to be Quitaque's with the building of the Denver lines. A. L. Patterson, spokesman for the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce, made the address of welcome to the visitors from Childress, Memphis, Estelline, Plainview, Turkey, Lockney, Silverton, Floydada, Lubbock, Gasoline, Flomot and other cities who were in attendance. He explained that it was Quitaque's first banquet and an occasion that marked a new era for this section of Texas.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Mrs. C. M. Marshall and the Quitaque orchestra. Several children sang special numbers. Mrs. J. B. Russell of Quitaque delivered the welcome address to the women who were present. Amos Persons, who testified in the rail hearings on the Denver's project, spoke, as did H. O. Woods, president of the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce.

Many Visiting Delegations

The speakers from the visiting delegations included A. B. Martin, of Plainview, A. B. Brown of Lockney, D. H. Arnold of Memphis, George Hager of Memphis, Fred Lemon of Silverton, Mrs. E. C. Price, Col. R. P. Smyth of Plainview, Tom Colvin of Turkey, T. H. Stevenson of Floydada, Jim Landers of Estelline, J. N. Jordan of Plainview, Maury Hopkins of Plainview and H. B. Adams of Lockney.

The subjects of all the speeches related to the results that were expected for Quitaque and this section of Texas with the building of the new rail lines. The banquet was served by Mrs. C. M. McFall, proprietor of the Ozark Inn, who has announced the building of a modern hotel at Quitaque in the spring of 1927. Before serving the banquet the guests were assembled in the new Quitaque school building for a general get-together meeting and hand shaking.

Those attending from Lockney were A. B. Brown, A. R. Meriwether, Oscar Shurbet, W. A. Brewster, Judge Wm. McGeehee, G. H. Phenix, O. J. Huggins, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McAdams, A. J. and Arch Crager, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Adams and son, Milton.

AMARILLO TO GET \$2,000,000 HOTEL

Amarillo, Dec. 18.—Contract for a 15-story hotel in Amarillo, to be operated by the Baker interests, was signed here Friday night. The building will cost \$2,000,000, will be erected by Alex Davidson, Amarillo oil operator, and extensive owner of business property, and associates.

A 25-year lease was assigned to T. B. Baker, president of the Baker Hotel Company.

Construction will start by the middle of January and the building will be completed in eight to nine months, it was announced. The building will have 600 rooms.

Announcement of the new hotel came while the Herring, also of 600 rooms, was being opened to the public. Completion of the Herring brought the number of new hotel rooms for the year 1926 to 2,000.

JOHN COWLEY KILLED AS TRUCK OVERTURNS

Dead Man a Passenger in Truck Running Without Lights Which Ran Off Dump Near Finney Switch

Plainview, Dec. 17.—John Thomas Cowley is dead and J. G. McCollum is suffering with a broken arm, bruised rib and badly lacerated face as the result of an accident one mile north of Finney Switch last night when the Ford truck in which they were coming to Plainview slid off the edge of the road into a deep ditch and turned over. Cowley appears to be about 48 years of age and papers found on the body indicated that his home is at 1230 York street, Des Moines, Iowa.

McCollum is from Ranger and was driving south from Amarillo when he picked Cowley up on the road. They arrived at Tulla just before dusk and as the car had no lights McCollum suggested that they remain all night at Tulla. He said that Cowley, who was going to San Angelo, was anxious to proceed to Plainview and he finally consented.

McCollum cannot account for the accident. It was a moonlight night and he was not going over ten or fifteen miles an hour, he said, when he slid into the ditch. Cowley's neck was broken. The accident occurred at 8 o'clock last night.

Cowley had told McCollum that he had worked at Berger and was going to San Angelo. A brother in Des Moines has been notified and the body is being held at the Plainview Undertaking Company pending orders for burial.

RAIN FALLS OVER LOCKNEY COUNTRY

The Christmas shoppers have had their worries the past several days, occasioned by the rainy weather that has visited this part of the country for the past several days. The rain began with a heavy mist Saturday, and rain fell at intervals until Tuesday morning, when the clouds began to break, and the day was clear and sunny.

The rain has put a check on the ginning and marketing of the cotton crop for a few days, but it has been fine on the wheat crops that are planted, and continues to insure a big wheat crop for the coming year. The season now in the ground will go along ways toward making another big crop, and 1927 is looked forward to as being another big year for the Plains country.

WORK ON PLAINS LINE TO BE DONE SPEEDILY

Fort Worth, Dec. 18.—Plans and specifications for the entire South Plains railroad project grading work were in the mails Friday afternoon destined for offices of several leading contractors of the nation.

Only five miles of the 200-mile line has been contracted for. The contractors will grade the right of way, and two or three weeks afterward the Fort Worth and Denver crews will lay the rails.

Frank E. Clarity, vice president and general manager of the F. W. & D. Friday declared that the first party of engineers, six in number, will reach Estelline Saturday, prepared to lay out the final grade line stakes early Monday so graders may start work at once.

Oran Speer, Alvord, who won the contract for the first five miles of grading, will have the work well under way before Christmas, he told Clarity Thursday afternoon. The contract specifies dirt must be broken before Dec. 28.

Three weeks will be allowed contractors, starting Saturday, for preparation of data for bids on the major part of the grading work, Clarity said. This includes the portion near Quitaque where the new line will go up the caprock.

A tunnel several hundred feet long is planned on Quitaque Creek. This will be the second railroad tunnel in Texas, and will shorten the new line several miles, saving considerable money on future hauling bills, Clarity explained.

"Everything has worked out perfectly so far," Clarity said Friday. "We will have 10 or 15 parties of engineers on the job before Jan. 1 and every detail of the work is being pushed rapidly."

Mrs. N. E. Greer and son, Wayne, came in the last of the week to spend Christmas at home with the Doctor.

RAY McKORKLE NEW SECRETARY

WILL ENTER UPON DUTIES BY JANUARY 1st—VETERAN NEWSPAPER MAN

Lubbock, Dec. 20.—Ray B. McCorkle, veteran newspaper man has accepted a position with the Lockney Chamber of Commerce as secretary, effective January 1. McCorkle has been in the employment of the Lubbock Morning Avalanche, the Lubbock Daily Journal, and the Avalanche Journal for the past year. Prior to his work here he was connected with the Brownwood News, the Amarillo Daily News, the Ranger Daily Times, the Abilene Reporter and others.

"I am especially pleased to have been tendered the place of secretary of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce," McCorkle said today. "In my experience with Lubbock and Amarillo papers, I have had occasion to visit every county in the Panhandle South Plains section and I can truthfully say that the Lockney country is the best farming section of the Plains. With the coming of the Denver trade territory of Lockney will be doubled and Lockney is destined to make a great city."

The population of Lockney is estimated conservatively at 2,250 at this time and with development due in the next year the figure is expected to take a big jump, McCorkle said. The Lockney country is the best farming section and farmers around Lockney have taken advantage of the diversification program better than any section on the Plains. Around Lockney will be found more and better poultry than any other Plains county. The Annual Floyd County Poultry Show which was held Dec. 16, 17, and 18, was a big success and hundreds of fine fowls were exhibited by farmers for miles around. The 1926 spring saw a mammoth wheat crop marketed in Lockney and a big acreage has been planted this fall and is up and is being used for grazing during the winter. The Lockney country raises more grain sorghum than any other section of the Plains. More hogs are found around Lockney than in any other section of the Plains and a good number of dairy stock are found over the surrounding country. Although a big cotton crop was harvested the acreage planted to other crops and the low cost of production left the farmers around Lockney in better shape than the average Plains farmer, McCorkle said.

McCorkle will succeed H. B. Adams pioneer newspaper man, editor of the Lockney Beacon, who has been serving Lockney as acting secretary for the past several months in the absence of a regular man.

A. B. Brown, president of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce paid Lubbock a big compliment when announcing the acceptance of McCorkle, according to the new secretary who has just returned from Lockney. "Lubbock has always shown a splendid spirit of co-operation with Lockney", Brown told the directors of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce according to McCorkle, "and we are fortunate that our new secretary is a Lubbock citizen. When the Denver road connects Lubbock and Lockney these two sister cities of the Plains will have occasion to work together closer and the selection of a Lubbock man will add weight to our friendship with that city."

In speaking of the plans of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, McCorkle stated that the organization was facing a big program. Railroad activities have taken up a major part of the time of the organization in the past year and the work of A. B. Brown and other Lockney citizens proved to be a big force in the securing of the Denver for the South Plains. Now the Lockney organization will turn their attention again to the farmer to bring the standard of living and the diversification program even to a higher figure. Work in bringing in more and better dairy cattle. Increasing the number of hogs in the trade territory, the number of fowls and other forms of diversified farming will be undertaken.

Lockney is contemplating adopting the commission form of city government in the next few months. A bond issue has been called for the next few weeks to vote bonds for the paving of the Lee Highway across the county from east to west.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

We wish to extend to all the season's greetings and wish for each and everyone a very Merry Christmas, and may all the joys of the season be bestowed upon the readers of this paper.

In reflecting over the past year we find that we have many things to be thankful for to the Supreme Being, and to the people who we have come in contact with during the past year, and we wish to thank the Almighty God and the citizenship of this country for the blessings and favors that have been bestowed upon us.

We wish for the children, as well as the grown people, the happiest Yuletide that they have ever experienced, and may their hearts desire be filled to overflowing, and that each and everyone will observe the occasion as it should be observed, and reverence the memory of the one who gave His life that we might have a Christmas Day, and that the world might hope for a better and more loftier life in the hereafter.

We wish to extend our thanks to the advertisers and subscribers of this paper for their loyal support during the past year, and wish for them a greater success during the coming year than they have had in the past.

THE LOCKNEY BEACON

LETTER FROM FORMER SUPT. JOHN J. WILSON

Former Superintendent of Lockney and Floydada High Schools writes Editor of Beacon concerning consolidation of this district. He tells of the many schools consolidating in his section of the country.

Steven F. Austin College Nacogdoches, Tex. Dec. 7, 1926

Mr. H. B. Adams, Lockney, Texas. Dear Mr. Adams:

A few days ago I noticed an article in the paper stating that you had succeeded in consolidating several school districts with the Lockney Independent School District. I want to congratulate you and the other men who were instrumental in bringing this about. It is to me a move in the right direction.

Doubtless you will have several conscientious objectors in the beginning, but as time goes by and the people sees their children are accomplishing more in the consolidated school, they will be glad of the change that was made. If the school affairs are handled carefully and conscientiously there is no doubt in my mind but that you can make your school project a success and one that will attract attention all over the State. It will be worth a great deal in the way of advertising if you can build up a school that will be talked about as much as the Winnetka school is talked about in the United States.

You would be surprised to know how fast consolidations are being made in East Texas. In Nacogdoches county we have several large consolidated schools. Last week I went to a school sixty miles north of us to make a

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For information address President J. A. Hill CANYON, TEXAS

talk on consolidation and found the people there very much interested in consolidating four small schools with the independent district.

We are now located in Nacogdoches and I am an associate professor in the Department of Education. The work is very interesting and the faculty members I am associated with are very congenial. It is just the type of work I have long desired.

Mrs. Wilson likes here fine but of course we both get very lonesome for our West Texas friends. We long to come back on a visit.

If I can do any research work for you in the library, or write an article of any kind that might be of any help to you, I shall be glad to do so. I am still interested in the schools of Floyd county and in Floyd County people.

Hoping that you may soon have a school that we will all look to with pride, I am

Yours very truly, John J. Wilson

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON SCHOOL QUESTIONS

Constitutional amendments changing the personnel of the state board of education and the manner of distributing the state available school fund, lengthening the terms of school officials and authorizing the levy of a county school tax were recommended in the twenty-fourth biennial report of the state superintendent of public instruction made Saturday by S. M. N. Marrs. The report was made to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and directed also to the 40th Legislature. Superintendent Marrs urged careful consideration of all constitutional amendments and bills submitted by the Educational Survey commission and surveyed the work of the education department. He made various recommendations affecting the financial support and the administration of the public school system. Among these recommendations were: "Enact such legislation affecting the sources of income of the state school fund as will guarantee a minimum per capita scholastic apportionment of fifteen dollars for the biennium, 1927-29. Appropriate from the general revenue an adequate rural aid for equalization fund, including ample provision for the payment of high school tuition for such students as are compelled to leave their home districts to secure high school instruction. Appropriate from the general revenue to match federal funds for vocational education and accept the federal civilian rehabilitation act. Lower the free school age to six years and remove the upper limit to provide for continuation schools, part time schools and evening schools. Strengthen the compulsory school attendance law by lengthening the required term and extending the age limit. Provide for a division of Americanization and adult education in the state department of education to deal primarily with illiteracy. Equalize the educational opportunity of the children in the common school districts with those living in independent districts by providing for expert, professional supervision secured through employment. Protect the financial support of local, elementary and secondary schools by the enactment of a law placing reasonable restrictions upon the establishment of junior colleges. Amend the law which provides for the creation of school districts so as to confer the power on the county board of education to adjust the boundaries of bonded territory and meet any local demands for furthering the interests of the public schools, subject only to the supervision of the district court. Superintendent Marrs pointed out that the conflict in authority in the new statutes wherein the change of district boundaries by the commissioner's court and the county board of trustees is provided, should be removed, with the authority lodged alone in the county school board. The report says a constitutional amendment to confer upon the legislature authority to provide by statute for a state board of education which would perform such duties as prescribed by law, is recommended by the State Educational Survey Commission, in view of the fact that the governor appoints the secretary of state and both the governor and secretary of state are on the board of education, the third member being the comptroller. Superintendent Marrs said the Texas freebook law has caused considerable discussion throughout the country, and pointed out errors in the manner of buying the books and delivery. He urged a limit be placed on the amount of money to be spent annually on texts, gradual introduction of texts, correction of the multiple list system of handling books, and said that since the creation of the free text-book law nine years ago, many mistakes had been corrected. It is worthy of note however, that with all of the unfavorable conditions mentioned, the average annual cost of text books for each pupil has been practically \$1.50.

Excellent work has been done by the vocational department during the past biennium, the report stated, urg-

ing that districts avail themselves of the federal funds by matching with local funds, and advocating that Texas take advantage of the federal rehabilitation law.

Enactment of a junior college law to standardize the institutions is another recommendation and the extending of the compulsory attendance law to 120 days a year, and adding a year to the age limit, are advocated. Right enforcement of the child labor law and the compulsory attendance law are sponsored.—Lubbock Avalanche.

FLOYDADA PRAISES LOCKNEY 'PEP' SQUAD

Floydada, Texas, Dec. 15, 1926. Lockney High School Pep Squad, Lockney, Texas Dear Friends:

Now that the football season is over and the championship game is a matter of history, in behalf of the Floydada high school and the citizenship of Floydada, we desire to express to you our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid sportsmanship shown by your organization and the citizenship of Lockney.

At no place where Floyd county people have gotten together has the broad magnanimous spirit of West Texas been more truly manifested than when the Lockney pep squad joined hands with the local squad in cheering the wearers of the green and white to victory. A victory that was not altogether a Floydada victory but one that was truly representative of the spirit of Floyd county.

The inspiration that you brought to the hearts of the Floydada football squad means a greater love and pride for this great county that will mean a redoubled effort to continue with more zeal the fight to make this country the pride of the Lone Star State.

The sportsmanship of Lockney can not be excelled and we would be ingracious were we to fail to give to your organization and the people of Lockney a word of thanks and praise. It is our hope that we may be able to recipitate in the very near future.

With all the good wishes that one town has for another, we are,

Sincerely yours Floydada Chamber of Commerce By Ed Bishop, Secretary.

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CHRISTMAS TREE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church next Friday night. The following program will be rendered:

PART I.

- 1. Prayer. 2. Song: "Angels From the Realms of Glory." 3. Scene: "Good Tidings for Shepherds." 4. Song: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." 5. Song: "Hark, What Mean Those

Holy Voices."

PART II.

- 6. Scene: "Christ in the Manger." 7. Song: "Away in a Manger." 8. Scene: "Shepherds Pay Homage to the Christ Child." 9. Scene: "Arrival of the Wise Men." 10. Song: "Joy to the World." The Play in Two Scenes: "OURSELVES AND OTHERS" (1) Scene: Living Room in Harrison Home. (2) Scene: Room in the Williams' Home.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT METHODIST CHURCH

There will be a Christmas tree at the Methodist church Friday night, which will be accompanied by an appropriate program for the occasion. Everybody is welcome to come and put presents on the tree, and enjoy the program.

PROGRAM AT SAND HILL CHRISTMAS NIGHT

The Sand Hill P. T. C. Society will present the first play of the season, "TONY, THE CONVICT" a drama in five acts, by Chas. Townsend, at the new auditorium at Sand Hill, Saturday evening, December 25th.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Tony Warren, a many-sided character, who has an honest heart beneath his ragged coat—Milton Smith. Weary Wayside, his henchman, "too tired to work"—Lloyd Thompson. James Barclay, hard-hearted and vindictive—Theo Thompson. Philip Washburn, a social leader, Weldon Moore. Judge Van Cruger, of the Supreme Court—Riley Holmes. Warden Burrows, of Sing Sing Prison.—A. B. Masterson. Jackson, the negro footman.—Garland Glenn. Lena, the reputed daughter of Judge Van Cruger.—Opal Lee Shurbet.

Mrs. Van Cruger, the Judge's wife.—Thelma Parkey. Miss Sedley, who takes pleasure in being disagreeable.—Claudia Green. Sally, with a soul above hash.—Blanche Rogers.

Time—The present day. Time of playing—Two hours and thirty minutes.

Place—Various points on the Hudson River, New York.

A lapse of six months between the First and Second Acts; of two days between the second and third acts; of six weeks between the third and fourth, and of two years between the fourth and fifth acts.

Synopsis for Program—Act 1. The Warden's Room at Sing Sing Prison. Act 2. Van Cruger's country home on the Hudson, six months later. A story from real life.

Act 3. Parlor in Van Cruger's country home, two days later. Act 4. Tony's humble home, six weeks later. Lena's sorrow, Wayside's resolution. A noble sacrifice. Act 5. The Judge's home, as before, two years later. The attempted murder. Tony Warren, "I've passed through the dark valley, and, thank Heaven, I am no longer Tony, The Convict."

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Ola LaQuana Hanna, Stage Manager. Mrs. W. R. Donley, Wardrobe Mistress. Claudia Green, Publicity Manager. Mr. J. L. Speer, Director.

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against Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers, to Cofer & Cofer, Austin attorneys, for the girl.

W. G. Barber of San Marcos, attorney and director of the Buda bank, informed M. Cofer that the bank had not received any money from Sheriff Allen. The bank accepted the money on recommendation of Mr. Barber.

Clarence Rogers of Wichita Falls, and R. A. Rogers of Fort Worth, brothers to the girl's husband by secret marriage, Otis Rogers, accompanied Mr. Cofer to Buda.

The condition of Otis Rogers, confined to a hospital is reported as improving.

SALESMAN HELD ON CHARGE OF ROBBING HIS FIRM

Hicks Is Said to Have Stolen Five Cases of Fags, Valued at \$200

Lubbock, Dec. 18.—L. F. Hicks, employed by the Waples-Platter grocery company, was arrested in Plainview, Friday afternoon, and is being held in the Lubbock county jail on a charge of burglary. His arrest came as a surprise, though officers have been watching him since the robbery of the Waples-Platter store this week.

Find Cigarettes

Early Friday Hicks left Lubbock for Amarillo, but officers became suspicious and phoned Plainview officers to arrest him, search his car and hold him until they arrived. The arrest was made, and when his car was searched officers said they found approximately 20,000 cigarettes. The cigarettes are alleged to have been stolen from the Waples-Platter company.

Later in the day his home was searched and an additional 30,000 cigarettes were found, officers said. The five cases are valued at approximately \$200.

Boy Companion Freed

At the time of his arrest, Hicks was in company with a young man he had picked up on the road. The boy was arrested, but Hicks told officers that he was innocent and should be given his freedom. After some questioning the boy was liberated.

Hicks made a statement, officers said, in which he admitted taking the goods. He offered no excuses of any kind, and did not seem surprised when told that he must go to jail. He was very frank in his statements. At the time officers were questioning the boy, he told officers that "that boy is not guilty. He knows nothing in the world about the case, and was just riding with me when we were arrested."

The prisoner was taken to jail late in the afternoon after a thorough grilling. It is not known whether he will waive examining trial or not, and so far he has not made any effort to get bond.

PROPOSED ROAD LOSES I C C FIGHT AND WILL QUIT

President Comments on Refusal to Grant Rehearing, Officials Says Sum Will Be Given Back Soon

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"LAUGHING LADIES"

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Saturday—
RAMOND GRIFFITH

— IN —
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fund be returned to subscribers, F. W. Axtell, president, said today.

He was commenting on the interstate commerce commission's refusal to grant a re-hearing, sought after the commission had granted the Fort Worth and Denver railroad the right to carry out an opposing project in

the South Plains area.

The T. P. and G., had proposed to build a line from Fort Worth to Salesville, Palo Pinto county, use the tracks of the Gulf, Texas and Western to Seymour and build from there through the upper South Plains to Tucumcari, New Mexico.



The patronage that has been accorded me during the past year has been very gratifying, and I want to thank all those who have contributed to making my tailor business a success. It is my aim to give the best work and promptest service at all times in the Cleaning, Pressing and Alteration line, and I will appreciate having a chance to serve you.

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We wish for the children, as well as the grown people, the happiest Yuletide that they have ever experienced, and may their hearts' desire be filled to overflowing, and that each and everyone will observe the occasion as it should be observed, and reverence the memory of the one who gave His life that we might have a Christmas Day, and that the world might hope for a better and more loftier life in the hereafter.

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LETTER FROM FORMER SUPT. JOHN J. WILSON

Former Superintendent of Lockney and Floydada High Schools writes Editor of Beacon concerning consolidation of this district. He tells of the many schools consolidating in his section of the country.

Steven F. Austin College Nacogdoches, Tex. Dec. 7, 1926

Mr. H. B. Adams, Lockney, Texas, Dear Mr. Adams:

A few days ago I noticed an article in the paper stating that you had succeeded in consolidating several school districts with the Lockney Independent School District. I want to congratulate you and the other men who were instrumental in bringing this about. It is to me a move in the right direction.

Doubtless you will have several conscientious objectors in the beginning, but as time goes by and the people see their children are accomplishing more in the consolidated school, they will be glad of the change that was made. If the school affairs are handled carefully and conscientiously there is no doubt in my mind but that you can make your school project a success and one that will attract attention all over the State. It will be worth a great deal in the way of advertising if you can build up a school that will be talked about as much as the Winetka school is talked about in the United States.

You would be surprised to know how fast consolidations are being made in East Texas. In Nacogdoches county we have several large consolidated schools. Last week I went to a school sixty miles north of us to make a

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For information address President J. A. Hill CANYON, TEXAS

talk on consolidation and found the people there very much interested in consolidating four small schools with the independent district.

We are now located in Nacogdoches and I am an associate professor in the Department of Education. The work is very interesting and the faculty members I am associated with are very congenial. It is just the type of work I have long desired.

Mrs. Wilson likes here fine but of course we both get very lonesome for our West Texas friends. We long to come back on a visit.

If I can do any research work for you in the library, or write an article of any kind that might be of any help to you, I shall be glad to do so. I am still interested in the schools of Floyd county and in Floyd County people.

Hoping that you may soon have a school that we will all look to with pride, I am

Yours very truly, John J. Wilson

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON SCHOOL QUESTIONS

Constitutional amendments changing the personnel of the state board of education and the manner of distributing the state available school fund, lengthening the terms of school officials and authorizing the levy of a county school tax were recommended in the twenty-fourth biennial report of the state superintendent of public instruction made Saturday by S. M. N. Marrs. The report was made to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and directed also to the 40th Legislature. Superintendent Marrs urged careful consideration of all constitutional amendments and bills submitted by the Educational Survey commission and surveyed the work of the education department. He made various recommendations affecting the financial support and the administration of the public school system. Among these recommendations were: "Enact such legislation affecting the sources of income of the state school fund as will guarantee a minimum per capita scholastic apportionment of fifteen dollars for the biennium, 1927-29. Appropriate from the general revenue an adequate rural aid for equalization fund, including ample provision for the payment of high school tuition for such students as are compelled to leave their home districts to secure high school instruction. Appropriate from the general revenue to match federal funds for vocational education and accept the federal civilian rehabilitation act. Lower the free school age to six years and remove the upper limit to provide for continuation schools, part time schools and evening schools. Strengthen the compulsory school attendance law by lengthening the required term and extending the age limit. Provide for a division of Americanization and adult education in the state department of education to deal primarily with illiteracy. Equalize the educational opportunity of the children in the common school districts with those living in independent districts by providing for expert, professional supervision secured through employment. Protect the financial support of local, elementary and secondary schools by the enactment of a law placing reasonable restrictions upon the establishment of junior colleges. Amend the law which provides for the creation of school districts so as to confer the power on the county board of education to adjust the boundaries of bonded territory, and meet any local demands for furthering the interests of the public schools, subject only to the supervision of the district court. Superintendent Marrs pointed out that the conflict in authority in the new statutes wherein the change of district boundaries by the commissioner's court and the county board of trustees is provided, should be removed, with the authority lodged alone in the county school board. The report says a constitutional amendment to confer upon the legislature authority to provide by statute for a state board of education which would perform such duties as prescribed by law, is recommended by the State Educational Survey Commission, in view of the fact that the governor appoints the secretary of state and both the governor and secretary of state are on the board of education, the third member being the comptroller. Superintendent Marrs said the Texas freebook law has caused considerable discussion throughout the country, and pointed out errors in the manner of buying the books and delivery. He urged a limit be placed on the amount of money to be spent annually on texts, gradual introduction of texts, correction of the multiple list system of handling books, and said that since the creation of the free text-book law nine years ago, many mistakes had been corrected. It is worthy of note however, that with all of the unfavorable conditions mentioned, the average annual cost of text books for each pupil has been practically \$1.50. Excellent work has been done by the vocational department during the past biennium, the report stated, urg-

ing that districts avail themselves of the federal funds by matching with local funds, and advocating that Texas take advantage of the federal rehabilitation law.

Enactment of a junior college law to standardize the institutions is another recommendation and the extending of the compulsory attendance law to 120 days a year, and adding a year to the age limit, are advocated. Rigid enforcement of the child labor law and the compulsory attendance law are sponsored.—Lubbock Avalanche.

FLOYDADA PRAISES LOCKNEY 'PEP' SQUAD

Floydada, Texas, Dec. 15, 1926.

Lockney High School Pep Squad, Lockney, Texas Dear Friends:

Now that the football season is over and the championship game is a matter of history, in behalf of the Floydada high school and the citizenship of Floydada, we desire to express to you our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid sportsmanship shown by your organization and the citizenship of Lockney.

At no place where Floyd county people have gotten together has the broad magnanimous spirit of West Texas been more truly manifested than when the Lockney pep squad joined hands with the local squad in cheering the wearers of the green and white to victory. A victory that was not altogether a Floydada victory but one that was truly representative of the spirit of Floyd county.

The inspiration that you brought to the hearts of the Floydada football squad means a greater love and pride for this great county that will mean a redoubled effort to continue with more zeal the fight to make this county the pride of the Lone Star State.

The sportsmanship of Lockney can not be excelled and we would be ingrateful were we to fail to give to your organization and the people of Lockney a word of thanks and praise. It is our hope that we may be able to reciprocate in the very near future.

With all the good wishes that one town has for another, we are,

Sincerely yours, Floydada Chamber of Commerce By Ed Bishop, Secretary.

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Everybody is welcome to come and put presents on the tree, and enjoy the program.

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The Sand Hill P. T. C. Society will present the first play of the season, "TONY, THE CONVICT" a drama in five acts, by Chas. Townsend, at the new auditorium at Sand Hill, Saturday evening, December 25th.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Tony Warren, a many-sided character, who has an honest heart beneath his ragged coat—Mike Smith. Weary Wayside, his henchman, "too tired to work."—Lloyd Thompson. James Barclay, hard-hearted and vindictive.—Theo Thompson. Philip Washburn, a social leader.—Weldon Moore. Judge Van Cruger, of the Supreme Court.—Riley Holmes. Warden Burrows, of Sing Sing Prison.—A. B. Masterson. Jackson, the negro footman.—Garland Glenn. Lena, the reputed daughter of Judge Van Cruger.—Opal Lee Shurbet. Mrs. Van Cruger, the Judge's wife.—Thelma Parkey. Miss Sedley, who takes pleasure in being disagreeable.—Claudia Green. Sally, with a soul above hash.—Blanche Rogers. Time—The present day. Time of playing—Two hours and thirty minutes.

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Synopsis for Program—Act 1. The Warden's Room at Sing Sing Prison. Act 2. Van Cruger's country home on the Hudson, six months later. A story from real life. Act 3. Parlor in Van Cruger's country house, two days later. Act 4. Tony's humble home, six weeks later. Lena's sorrow, Wayside's resolution. A noble sacrifice. Act 5. The Judge's home, as before, two years later. The attempted murder. Tony Warren, "I've passed through the dark valley, and, thank Heaven, I am no longer Tony, The Convict."

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Bank Accepts Money Proffered by Attorney of Accused Woman

Austin, Dec. 17.—The Farmers' National Bank at Buda, Hays county, robbed of \$1,000 Saturday by a young woman, received \$7,000 Friday from John Cofer, attorney for Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers, held under \$5,000 bond on a charge of robbery with fire arms.

The money, Mr. Cofer, said, was given to the bank in lieu of the money held by Sheriff George Allen of San Marcos, about \$964. F. A. Jamison, cashier of the bank, gave a receipt for the \$1,000 and assigned the money held by Sheriff Allen as evidence

against Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers, to Cofer & Cofer, Austin attorneys, for the girl.

W. G. Barber of San Marcos, attorney and director of the Buda bank, informed M. Cofer that the bank had not received any money from Sheriff Allen.

Clarence Rogers of Wichita Falls, and R. A. Rogers of Fort Worth, brothers to the girl's husband by secret marriage, Otis Rogers, accompanied Mr. Cofer to Buda.

The condition of Otis Rogers, confined to a hospital is reported as improving.

SALESMAN HELD ON CHARGE OF ROBBING HIS FIRM

Hicks Is Said to Have Stolen Five Cases of Fags, Valued at \$200

Lubbock, Dec. 18.—L. F. Hicks, employed by the Waples-Platter grocery company, was arrested in Plainview, Friday afternoon, and is being held in the Lubbock county jail on a charge of burglary.

Early Friday Hicks left Lubbock for Amarillo, but officers became suspicious and phoned Plainview officers to arrest him, search his car and hold him until they arrived.

Later in the day his home was searched and an additional 30,000 cigarettes were found, officers said. The five cases are valued at approximately \$200.

Boy Companion Freed

At the time of his arrest, Hicks was in company with a young man he had picked up on the road. The boy was arrested, but Hicks told officers that he was innocent and should be given his freedom.

Hicks made a statement, officers said, in which he admitted taking the goods. He offered no excuses of any kind, and did not seem surprised when told that he must go to jail.

The prisoner was taken to jail late in the afternoon after a thorough grilling. It is not known whether he will waive examining trial or not, and so far he has not made any effort to get bond.

PROPOSED ROAD LOSES I C C FIGHT AND WILL QUIT

President Comments on Refusal to Grant Re-hearing, Officials Say Sum Will Be Given Back Soon

Fort Worth Dec. 15.—The Texas, Panhandle and Gulf finance corporation, which pushed an unsuccessful application to build a West Texas railroad, probably will dissolve soon and the balance of the \$300,000 operation

ISIS THEATRE

Program Week Commencing DECEMBER 27th

Monday and Tuesday—JACK HOLT, FLORENCE VIDOR AND NOAH BERRY

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"BEHIND THE FRONT" PATHE NEWS No. 97

Saturday—RAMOND GRIFFITH

"YOU'D BE SURPRISED" ALSO COMEDY

fund be returned to subscribers, F. W. Axtell, president, said today.

He was commenting on the interstate commerce commission's refusal to grant a re-hearing, sought after the commission had granted the Fort Worth and Denver railroad the right to carry out an opposing project in

the South Plains area.

The T. P. and G., had proposed to build a line from Fort Worth to Salesville, Palo Pinto county, use the tracks of the Gulf, Texas and Western to Seymour and build from there through the upper South Plains to Tucumcari, New Mexico.



The patronage that has been accorded me during the past year has been very gratifying, and I want to thank all those who have contributed to making my tailor business a success.

I desire to express my appreciation of the courtesies extended to me— anw wish for all—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

D. F. McDUFFEE, The Tailor



We desire to thank the many friends and patrons of our store for the courtesies that have been extended to us and the patronage that we have received during the past year, and to assure them of our appreciation of the confidence and friendship they have vested in us.

We wish for the citizenship of Lockney and the Lockney country a very Merry Christmas and hope that 1927 will prove to be the best year that the Lockney country has ever experienced, and that both the town and country will develop, and that the next Yuletide season will find even a more prosperous and contented citizenship than we now have.

CITY DRUG STORE



WHEN DINNER IS SERVED

When dinner is served on Christmas Day you want the Meat to be worthy of the other viands and a credit to your ability as a cook.

One of the best ways to insure this is to order your Meat here, where the highest quality is always to be found.

A COMPLETE LINE STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES QUALITY IS OUR MOTTO

CITY MEAT MARKET & GROCERY

PHONE 101 E. L. MARSHALL THE STORE OF QUALITY

MANY BIRDS AT POULTRY SHOW

(Continued from Page 1) In the Single Comb Buff Leghorns, B. D. Hill of Lockney won the following: First, second and third old pen, first, second and third young pen, first, second and third hen, first, second and third cockerel, and first, second and third pullet, Joe Mewshaw, Lockney.

Buff Orphingtons, first, second and third pullet, Joe Mewshaw, Lockney. First cockerel, Joe Mewshaw. Second and third cockerel, F. L. Davis, Floydada. White Wyndottes: Second, third and fourth hen, Gid Waller, Lockney.

Second, third and fourth pullet, Gid Waller. Silva Wyndottes: First young pen and first pullet, O. D. Wofford, Lockney. White Garnish Game—First, second and third pullet, Mrs. Stephenson, Lockney. First, second and third hen, Floyd Huff, Lockney.

First, second and third Capons, Will Langfeldt, Lockney. In the Bantam class: First cock, Wayne Coleman. Second cock, Maurine and Arline Watson, Lockney. First pullet, Maurine and Arline Watson. Second, Wayne Coleman. Third, Joe Mewshaw. First cockerel, Joe Mewshaw. Second, Wayne Coleman. Third, Robert Lee Smith. First hen, Wayne Coleman. Second, Jo Si Colline, Lockney. Third, Maurine and Arline Watson. First young pen, Robert Lee Smith. Second, Wayne Coleman. First old pen, H. E. Witte, Lockney. Second, Joe Mewshaw.

Turkeys furnished the major part of the show with the exhibits of Mrs. J. D. Christian featuring in the winning birds. Mrs. Christian won the following awards: First old tom, second young tom, third young tom, first, second and third hen, first and second pullets and the best tom and best hen in the show. L. C. Wheeler of Floydada won second old tom. Mrs. V. C. Scott of Sandhill won first young tom third and fourth pullet. Mrs. J. B. Potts of Lockney exhibited the only entries in the Burbob Red turkeys and won the following: First hen, first cock and first old tom.

In addition to his awards in single birds, W. M. Draper of Silvertown, breeder of American Single Comb White Leghorns won the premiums offered for the best solid color old pen, best solid color cock, best solid color cockerel, best solid color hen and best solid color pullet. C. V. Lemons was the lucky man in the corn eating contest in which two cocks, one a scrub and the other a pure bred, were placed in a pen and fed grains of corn from 12:30 to 4:00. Mr. Lemon's guess was 377. The birds ate 370 grains of corn.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish for the people of this section all the happiness and prosperity that the Yuletide Season can bring, and may 1927 prove to be the most prosperous year that you have yet witnessed.

WOOLDRIDGE LUMBER COMPANY BUILDING MATERIAL

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



We take this opportunity of thanking our many friends and customers for favors extended and business given to us during the past year, and assure each of you of our appreciation for same, and wish you—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

DYER MOTOR COMPANY CHEVROLET SALES AND SERVICE

BISHOP IS GOOD SECRETARY

Ed Bishop, secretary of the Floyd county poultry show, proved himself to be the most efficient secretary that the association has ever had, in the way he handled the job during the show held here last week. Mr. Bishop was continually on the job from the moment the fowls began arriving until the last coop left the house, and he had the checks all made out and ready for delivery to all those winning premiums before they removed their chickens from the show.

Mr. Alex Newman, who acted as superintendent of the show, is also due some praise for the manner in which the show was carried on and for his untiring efforts in helping to make the show the great success that it proved to be.

PROMINENT HALE CENTER MERCHANT DIED WEDNESDAY

Henry L. Moon, 62, died at his home at Hale Center Wednesday morning at 4:10. Mr. Moon was a prominent Hale Center merchant and was associated with the Moon Dry Goods and Grocery Store.

He was born at Mount Pleasant, Tjitus County, and moved to the Plains twenty years ago, settling at Lockney. He moved to Petersburg in 1916 and to Hale Center in 1921, where he remained in business until

Pleasant Valley Home Demonstration Club

The Pleasant Valley Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. W. O. Shurbet, Dec. 10, in an all day meeting.

Miss Bass was present and gave demonstrations on making picture frames and scones. The candy making was left off as there was not time for it. Miss Bass gave a nice lot of recipes for making candy.

A motion was made and carried to enter the kitchen contest for 1927.

A motion carried that we raise the money to buy our year books by getting adds from the business men of Lockney and Floydada. A committee of the following members was appointed: Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Ned Anderson, and Mrs. Harris.

The next meeting will be Dec. 29, at the home of Mrs. Claude Harris. The purpose of this meeting will be for the election of new officers. Let's everyone be there and take part in the club ruling.—Reporter.

J. N. DONOHOO TO BUILD \$250,000 MODERN HOTEL

New Structure Will Be Erected at Sixth and Baltimore Streets; Plans are Now Being Drawn by Kerr & Walsh

Plainview, Dec. 20.—Plans and specifications for a \$250,000 hotel and theatre to be erected at the southwest corner of Baltimore and Sixth streets for J. N. Donohoo are being drawn up by Kerr & Walsh, architects according to F. A. Hart, manager of the Hotel Ware, who will have charge of the new holistry upon its completion. Actual construction is expected to begin in the spring.

According to the present plans the building will be a five-story structure and will contain a hotel and theatre, with a barber shop, coffee shop and drug store connecting with the lobby. A mezzanine floor will be built with a banquet and ball room. The new hotel will contain approximately 100 rooms all equipped with bath. It will be strictly fireproof of reinforced concrete with tapestry brick facing.

The building will be so constructed that the rooms will be on the south, east and north sides which experience has taught hotel owners in this part of the country are the most comfortable for guests.

Mr. Donohoo has watched Plainview grow from a little cow town to its present development and according to Mr. Hart, sees a great future development for which he is preparing in the construction of the new hotel.

BURGLARS AT OLTON ENTER STORE ON EVE CASH DOWN POLICY

Olton, Dec. 17.—Burglars entered the store of C. E. Bley at Olton last night through a window and obtained goods and cash.

Officers started at work on the case

Mrs. Yarborough Dead

Mrs. Cassie Yarborough, of the Pleasant Valley community, died at the Plainview Sanitarium Sunday afternoon, following an operation. Mrs. Yarborough was taken ill and carried to the sanitarium on Thanksgiving Day, where she underwent an operation, from which she never recovered.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Mr. Cassie Yarborough, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. P. of the Pleasant Valley community.

Funeral services were conducted at the West Side Church of Christ in Lockney Monday afternoon, Elder C. R. Graves officiating, and burial was in the Lockney cemetery under the direction of Funeral Director, Grady R. Cramer.



We wish to thank the many customers and friends of this bank for the great success that we have had in the past year, which was the first full year's business since the bank's organization. The business relations of this institution with the public has been both pleasant and profitable, and we felt that we have won a great confidence in the community, and hope to be of even more service to people in the future.

At this time we wish to express our appreciation for the courtesies extended to us, and wish for the people of the Lockney community—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SECURITY STATE BANK

Small enough to know you, large enough to serve you The Bank for Everybody

Merry Christmas!

At this season when all Humanity is drawn closer together, and in the spirit of Christmas we extend this message of appreciation, like a hearty, warm handclasp of kindly good will. May this Christmas bring Good Cheer and Good Health to you and yours, and the New Year Be one of Happiness Prosperity, and Successful Accomplishment.

This in the spirit of Sincerity and good will.

Lockney Drug Co.

The REXALL Store

Bilious dull feeling

"MY old stand-by is Thedford's Black-Draught—I have used it off and on for about 20 years," says Mr. W. S. Reynolds, of R. F. D. 2, Arcadia, La.

"I get bilious and have a bad taste in my mouth. My head feels dull. I don't just feel like getting around and doing my work. I know it isn't laziness, but biliousness.

"So I take a few doses of Black-Draught and when it acts well, I get up feeling like new—'full of pep' and ready for any kind of work.

"I can certainly recommend it." In case of biliousness and other disagreeable conditions due to an inactive liver, Black-Draught helps to drive the poisonous impurities out of the system and tends to leave the organs in a state of normal, healthy activity.

Black-Draught is made entirely of pure medicinal roots and herbs and contains no dangerous or harmful mineral drugs. It can be safely taken by everyone. Sold everywhere. Price 25c.



A Christmas Present that brings in money for other things every day in the year



DeLaval Cream Separators

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A Satisfied Customer is Our Best Advertisement. We have many satisfied customers living in Lockney.

We will trade for livestock or give you good terms.

LET US SHOW YOU

J. W. BOYLE & SON MUSIC STORE PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

LETTERS TO OLD SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 6 years old and I don't go to school, but I help my mama wash while the rest go to school, so I want you to bring me a coaster, horn, some candy, nuts and fruit.



We wish to thank the people of this section of the country for the liberal patronage given us during the past year, and solicit a continuance of their business throughout the coming years.

We wish for you at this time a very happy Yuletide season, and may the New Year bring you more prosperity than you have experienced in the past, is our earnest hope.

E. L. AYRES, DRY GOODS



It has been a pleasure to serve the people of the Lockney country during the past year, and we are very grateful for the patronage they have accorded this store, and hope to be able to better serve you in the years to come, and sell you the best goods at the lowest prices for the high quality of goods we handle.

We sincerely wish for each and every one of our friends and customers—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS —AND— HAPPY NEW YEAR

FLOYD HUFF THE CLOTHIER



We wish to thank the people of Lockney and the Lockney country for the many courtesies shown us during the past year, and pledge our co-operation and assistance in helping to build up the town and country, and will be glad to be of service to those who need our assistance.

At this time we wish to extend to all the greetings of the season, for —

A MERRY CHRISTMAS —AND— HAPPY NEW YEAR

DOWN'S & MERIWETHER LAND CO. REAL ESTATE AND RENTALS

some skates, and little trains to play with, and some little toy cars. Your little friend, D. F. Gibson.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a wash tub, and boiler, and rubboard, and a stove and some dishes. Bring me some oranges, nuts, bananas, and candy. Your dear friend, Ruth Feagan.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a little push car, and some oranges, apples, nuts and bananas. With love, Clois Henry.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll buggy, and a doll, and some oranges, and bananas, and nuts. I have tried to be a nice little girl. Your little friend, Gladys Howell.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and a doll stroller, and a pair of doll shoes, and a ball, and lots of candy, nuts, and other good things to eat. Your friend, Norene Potts.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a baby doll trunk, and lots of good things to eat. Please don't forget my little brother, Duane. Your friend, Erlene Byars.

Dear Santa: I want a tricycle, and a wagon with horses hitched to it, and fruit, nuts, and candy. Don't forget my little brother and all the other little boys and girls. With love, Hugh Wendell White.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a wagon, a watch, and some candy, nuts, and bananas, and apples. I sure will thank you. Your little friend, John McKinney.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll stove, and some oranges, apples, and all kinds of nuts. With love, Imogene Hanna.

Dear Santa: I want for Christmas a bicycle, and a basket ball, some fire crackers, and would appreciate some nuts, fruits, and candy. With best wishes, Herchel Blankenship.

Dear Santa: I want a ring, and some apples, oranges, and pecons. Your little friend, Esther Graham.

Dear Santa: I want a doll, and a doll buggy, and some dishes, and please bring me some candy, apples, oranges and nuts. Lots of love, Doris Baker.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a ring, and a doll, and I want some candy, nuts, and some bananas. Lots of love, Thelma McKinney.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a wagon, and some nuts, fruits, and candy. Your friend, Cecil Sutton.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 5 years old. I want you to bring me a doll bed, mama doll, a little stove and fruits, nuts, and candy. Love, Viola Griffith.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 9 years old. I want you to bring me a doll bed and ring, nuts, fruit and candy. Yours truly, Anna Lou Griffith.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good girl, so please bring me a doll, some little dishes and fill my stocking full of nuts, candy and bananas. Don't forget our little sister, Edith Carrie, her stocking will be the short one. Lovingly, Lois Loma Standifer.

Lockney, Texas, Dec. 19, 1926. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little school boy and I like to go to school and like my teacher. I want you to bring me a knife and watch, some candy, nuts and fruit. I must close. Your friend, James Ernest Guinn.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old. I have been a good girl, so please bring me a sweet little doll, a car, some oranges and lots of nuts and candy. Lovingly, Genece Standifer.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I am a little girl 7 years old. I have tried to be a good little girl and I want you to bring me a bye-lo doll and a buggy for it. I want some oranges, candy and nuts. Be sure and don't forget the other little boys and girls. My stocking will be hanging where you can find it. Your little friend, Fae Belyeu.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 8 years old and I want you to bring me a Christmas stocking full of toys and a baby doll hat will go to sleep and cry. I also want oranges, apples and candy. Love, Doris Cypert.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun, a watch, and a train. I have been a good boy. CHARLES BEALL

Dear Santa Claus: I want for Christmas twin dolls, and a tiny cedar chest. Clarence wants a little stock farm and a train. Wee sister wants a dolly. Your friends, GLENNA AND CLARENCE REA

Dear Santa Claus: I want a bye-lo baby doll and a pair of wool socks. I want a pair of house slippers and I want lots of nuts and candy. With love, LEOTA SHELTON

Dear Santa Claus: I want for Christmas a bye-lo baby doll and some house slippers and lots of nuts, candy and fruits. With love, LEONA SHELTON

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a top, watch and a BB gun, and a toy train. Some Apples, oranges and nuts. I am eleven years old and in the fourth grade. I go to Irick school. My teacher is Mrs. Hutchinson, and I sure do like my teacher, don't forget her. Thank you, EDWIN GIBSON

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a glass handle knife, a watch, a chair, a fountain pen, a set of marbles, and an air gun and four boxes of bullets. Your friend, Clarence Thompson

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to please bring me a baby doll and a pair of doll shoes, and a pair of rubber bloomers for it. I want a piano too. I want a set of dishes too. Your friend, Laura Elaine Beall

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some ABC blocks and a little tractor with plow and rake. I have tried to be a good boy. Your little friend, B. J. Wofford

Dear Santa Claus: How long will it be before you will come. I thought I would write you a few lines and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bye-lo doll. You can bring me an album or a set of dishes which ever you want and some fruit and nuts and candy and that is all I want for Christmas and you can bring my little sister anything you want too. Lots of love, Ruby Lee Baker

Dear Santa Claus: We are three little boys and I guess very good. I Hollis, want a little truck and any other toys you want to bring. Jack wants a bicycle and

Lockney, Texas, Dec. 19, 1926. Revis Niel wants a tricycle and some other toys. And bring us some nuts and fruits and candy. You will find your cake in the cabinet. Your little friends, Hollis, Jack, and Revis Niel Harris Boots. P. S. Don't forget to fill Tinty's Boots.

Lockney, Texas, Dec. 13, 1926. Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll wardrobe, a bye-lo baby doll, a croquet set and a Ukelele. Lots of love, Mary Elizabeth Broyles



We are thankful to the people of the Lockney country for the nice business we have enjoyed during the past year, and want to be of more service to you during the coming year. We at all times, have a good stock of coal to supply your needs, and are in the market for your grain and feed crops.

At this time we want to extend to our friends and patrons our sincere wish for—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS —AND— HAPPY NEW YEAR

SOUTH PLAINS GRAIN CO. COAL, GRAIN AND FEED



It has been our pleasure to contribute much to the upbuilding of the town and country surrounding in the years that have passed, and we are, therefore, very thankful to the people of the community for the consideration that we have received, and hope to be of more service to the community during the coming years. We believe that the town and country is just now on the eve of a big building program, and we desire to have those figuring on building, call on us for service.

We take this opportunity of expressing to you our best wishes for—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS —AND— HAPPY NEW YEAR

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT LUMBER CO.

BUILDING MATERIAL G. A. BARTON, Manager Lockney, Texas



We wish to extend to our friends and customers the greetings of the season, and express our appreciation and thanks for the business given to this store during the past year, and solicit a continuance of same during the coming year.

We wish to extend to all the season's greetings and wish for them —

A MERRY CHRISTMAS —AND— HAPPY NEW YEAR

PIONEER HARDWARE COMPANY HARDWARE AND GROCERIES



Wishing my many friends and customers

"A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS" thanking you for your co-operation and courtesy shown me and trust I will be able to serve you throughout

"THE NEW YEAR"

W. B. MOORE,

Local Representative of— ESPY COTTON COMPANY Lockney, Texas



DEPRESSION NOT AFFECTING SOUTH PLAINS AREA

By Siliman Evans Staff Correspondent Star-Telegram There is no depression in the South Plains area of Texas.

Financial conditions are good. Liquidation of debts to banks is progressing satisfactorily. Buying, while not up to normal is brisk. A splendid feeling of optimism is to be observed in the cities and rural communities.

No bolshevism is talked. The low price of cotton is blamed on the bumper crop, an over supply, and not on the laws or lack of laws. Instead of kicking about big cotton production the plainsmen are hoping they will have another big yield next year. These observations are made after a trip through the entire area.

The expression is heard on every side that the big crop of cotton, while not bringing a long price, will yield vast returns in the future to the regio. The South Plains farmer has learned, through experience he has encountered during the past few months, that diversification pays, and that, while most of the South Plains land, especially the lower tier of counties, is peculiarly adapted to cotton production, all of the farm land is usable for every plant grown in the south. Above all he has vividly impressed on his mind the value of a flock of poultry, a few beef cattle, which he feeds from the grain which grows so abundantly in his fields, and a herd of dairy cattle.

King Cotton Still Reigns King Cotton is still regnant. Bury

him if you please, with obsequies as conspicuous as his fleecy subjects flaunting their white badges from every field in West Texas, but he is still king. Burn him on a pyre made from the thousands of stalks on the acres of the unpicked staple, and he will rise Phoenix like from the dust. But on the South Plains of Texas he is now a limited monarch—his territory of acreage is limited, and he must share his kingdom with the cackling hen, the fattening cattle, the golden wheat and the vari-colored sorghum grains. Such is the limit of South Plains agriculture.

Some wit remarked the other day, while telling about the South Plains that the farmers in this territory have more sense than farmers anywhere else in the world—or they would not have moved here. There are thousands of farmers on the South Plains on which cotton alone was produced this year, to be sure, but to a larger extent than any other region in Texas diversification was practiced in that region this year. The average farmer went to strong on cotton, and has been hurt by its over production, but because of cheapness of production and gathering he has been able to overcome his self imposed handicap, and at the same time has been living at home, borrowing comparatively little and garnering tidy sums from the sale of eggs and butter fat. He has plenty of feed stuff for his work animals, a sufficiency of feed for his dairy animals, a few eggs to sell, his winter wheat is coming along nicely and most of it will soon be used for grazing, his credit is good because he availed of it but little and was able to meet his obligations: all he needs is a good season for next year.

The big cotton production of this year, with its unusually low price, has resulted in the anomaly of leaving the farmer with a larger cash residue than he usually realizes from so small a turnover of cash. It is because he owed less as the crop was being marketed. He was as near on a cash basis as he could be in the circumstances. An early freeze in 1925 wilted the stalks on ten of thousands of acres before fruition of the bolls had occurred. The yield of cotton was small per acre. He had been a heavy borrower, and the weather warm enough for the sleds to gnaw from the stalks the golden fleece of the farm. The table board levelness of the South Plains made possible the sledging of the crop so that the farmer brought to the gin cotton that was as clean as snaps, and marketable.

The other day a Texas newspaper printed a letter which carried suggestions that Texas South Plains should cut out cotton. It bore the address of a far East Texas publicist. In certain portions of Texas the writer declared, cotton is of necessity the only money crop. But on the South Plains and in West Texas generally other crops can be profitably raised, and therefore, the writer urged, cotton there, should be eschewed.

A. B. Davis, manager of the Lubbock board of city development agrees that crops other than cotton can be profitably raised on the South Plains of Texas. But cotton, he contends, is by nature the dominant crop of the South Plains. The soil is perfect for cotton. The cost of production is less. The ability to gather is greater, at a lower price. It can be produced with large yield on land of low value when compared with the land prices in the so-called cotton belt. There is no boll weevil. The pests which do come have never been disastrous.

Other Crops Raised. Favorable as conditions are on the South Plains, however, for cotton, production, it should not be assumed that there is any feeling of abandonment of the country to cotton alone. This year has witnessed an enormous production of feedstuffs. A very large acreage of wheat is being planted. It will be reserved for late wheat. Bankers in every South Plains town visited reassuringly insist that there will be a greatly diminished cotton acreage. The chamber of commerce secretaries in all the towns point with pride to the large poundage of

The Christmas Morning Kiss



PHOTO BY F. FOURNIER

What Christmas Means

By Floyd Meredith in Zion's Herald

HAVE you ever wondered why it seems that Santa Claus never grows old? Why, my mother knew him in her dreams— When she was three, he was gay and bold; And that was a very long time ago. Yet Santa's as young as he used to be. It's funny he's never changed, don't you know, But lives right along so happily. My mother says—and she tells the truth— That the reason is plain to see. For Santa Claus is the Spirit of Youth In the hearts of folks, like you and me; And that he goes beaming year on year. Same as the stars above, So that Christmas may mean—say, isn't it queer?— Nothing at all—but Love!

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We wish to thank the people of this section for the business given us and the favors extended to us since entering business circles in Lockney, and will strive to give you better service the coming year than we have been able to give you in the past.

We carry at all times a big stock of GOODYEAR Tires and Tubes to supply your wants along this line, and are experts in handling your battery troubles—recharging, repairing and selling you a new battery.

Our force is ample to take care of your gas and oil needs with dispatch, and will serve you well and courteously.

We wish the people of Lockney and the Lockney country—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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As the shadows of the old year lengthen into memories, we realize the value of that priceless asset, your good will. Without it our pleasant relations could not have existed and business would not have been so satisfactory. I thank you.

May the Christmastide bring you unstinted happiness and the New Year an overflowing measure of success.

F. M. KESTER

JEWELER AND OPTOMETRIST



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

is my wish for the people of Lockney and surrounding country, and may the Christmas season prove the merriest and the New Year the most prosperous of all such seasons yet experienced is my earnest wish.

GRADY R. CRAGER

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

LETTERS TO OLD SANTA CLAUS

Lockney, Texas Dec. 13, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: Santa if you think I have been good enough please bring me a mama doll and some clothes for her, and a doll and some story books. Please don't forget the nuts and candy and fruit.

Your friend, Cheryl Marie Pauley

Lockney, Texas Dec. 13, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: Christmas is almost here. I want a mama doll, a little chair, a pair of shoes, nuts candy, (fruits and everything.

Your friend, Magie Lee Lockhart

Lockney, Texas Dec. 13, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: I will not be at home Christmas. I will find me at Richards Texas. Please bring me a toy tractor, a filling station, and an ever sharp pencil some fruit and candy.

Cecil Hobdy

Lockney, Texas Dec. 6, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old. Mother says I have been nice this year so I'm sure you will come to see me. I want you to bring me a ma-ma doll that opens and shuts its eyes, a wicker buggy and a little beaded purse. Please bring apples nuts and lots of candy.

Your little friend, JAUNTA REEVES

Lockney, Texas Dec. 13, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a doll, and will you please bring me an iron I want a laundry set. I want some fruits and nuts and candy.

Your friend, Mary Bess Hamilton

Lockney, Texas Dec. 13, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: I want a book entitled the "Rainbow Trail." I also want a Military set. I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade. I think you will get to come in your sled this year, as it is snowing here now.

Your friend, Douglas Adams

Lockney, Texas Dec. 13, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a tool chest and please bring me an electric train and please bring me a tractor and a trailer apples nuts and candy.

Your friend, Clyde Hamilton

Lockney, Texas Dec. 13, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a little pair of house shoes and a little doll buggy. I want lots of fruits, and nuts I am a little girl five years old and don't go to school.

Sincerely, Helen Ruth Wilton

Lockney, Texas Dec. 13, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing you a letter. I am a little boy eight years old. I want you to bring me an air gun and a mysterious diver and a stocking full of toys and firecrackers and fruit

and nuts and candy.

Your friend Clifford Taylor

Lockney, Texas Dec. 13, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl just four years and in the third grade. I want you to bring me a doll with curly hair and a wrist watch and a vanity and a box of chocolate candy and some fruit and nuts.

With love, Lois Johnston

Lockney, Texas Dec. 9, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old. I want you to please bring me a rock-bye-to baby doll. My brother wants a ring chair. My little sister wants a wagon and tricycle. Bring plenty of candy and fruit. Don't forget ma-ma, daddy and grandpa.

VELMA COX

Lockney, Texas, December 22, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little girl this year, and I am five years old. I want you to bring me a bye-to-baby doll, a ring and a little piano. Please don't forget to bring me lots of nuts, fruit and candy.

Your little friend, MARY DEANE CARROLL

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

Quannah—The Hardemann County Poultry Show to be held December 21, 22, and 23 is getting good publicity through efforts of C. G. Willie, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. Each week Willie mails out circulars interestingly illustrated thru work is prepared on a plain memorandum.

Sierra Blanca—E. H. Whitehead, Publicity manager, and B. M. Whitaker, exhibit manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, were here this week on the first round trip tour which is to cover towns in the Big Bend Country. Whitehead will get materials for feature stories to be published in the West Texas Today, a magazine published by the West Texas organization. Towns included in the tour are El Paso, Alpine, Marfa, Del Rio, Fredericksburg and Mason.

Plainview—A new addition to the Missouri Hotel here to cost \$5,200 has been planned by its proprietor, to consist of ten rooms of brick and tile construction. The improvement program will make the Missouri Hotel a first rate structure, fireproof thru out.

Fort Stockton—Business men of the town have co-operated with the commissioner's court in securing improvement of a stretch of road here leading from the old White Baker headquarters ranch gate through the ranch to the Yates oil well. The road connects with the old Spanish Trail. pions at their home here December 10, the "West Texas Today" official organ of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will be devoted largely to chambers of commerce affiliated with the organization. Resumes of work during 1926 and plans for 1927 will be the feature of the number.

Tulia—A booster club whose membership is composed of country correspondents of the local paper was organized here recently, and it is thought to be the first organization of its kind in the State.

Clarendon—Repairs have been made recently on the bridge at the head of Kearney Street, new strips being laid on the floor of the structure.

2 MEN INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK NEAR SLATON

Passenger Train Crashes Into Switch Engine On Outskirts of Yards

Slaton, Dec. 17.—Two men were hurt, one seriously, six cars and two engines were wrecked, and Santa Fe railroad traffic disrupted for several hours when a passenger train crashed into the rear of a switch engine in the Slaton yards. Five oil cars, some loaded with oil, and an empty cattle car were smashed. The passenger train's engine was practically demolished. Passenger engineer, Henry Finister and engineer J. C. Oakley, of the switch train, were injured.

The former probably saved his life by jumping from the train before the crash and received broken bones and a bad cut on the head as a result. No passenger cars were derailed and occupants of the cars were practically unhurt.

The engine of the passenger train was left lying on its side after breaking loose from the tender by falling across the track which prevented derailling the cars behind. About 100 feet of trackage was torn up, but as the accident happened where there were two lines, track repair was possible before the wreckage was cleared entirely. Traffic was delayed about 10 hours.

ALMANAC PREDICTED FLORIDA HERRICANES

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, that both of the recent Florida storms, namely that of September 17th and that of October 19th, were predicted by Professor DeVoe in the 1926 edition of the Ladies Birthday Almanac, published by the Chattanooga Medicine Co., of Chattanooga, Tenn.

TEN WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

- 1. Don't come to the meetings;
2. If you do come, be sure to be late;
3. If you think the weather don't suit you, don't come.
4. If you attend a meeting make it a point to find fault with the officers.
5. Never accept an office. It is much easier to criticize than to do things;
6. Always get sore if put on a committee—if they do put you on resign;
7. If asked to express opinions, tell him you have nothing to say. After meeting tell everyone how to run things;
8. Do nothing at all. When other members roll up their sleeves and work willingly for successful accomplishment of something in view—then howl, and say that the organization is run by a clique;
9. Hold up paying your dues as long as possible—avoid paying them if you can;
10. Don't bother about getting new members. Let George do it.

DENVER TRACK LAYERS TO START WORK IN FEW DAYS

Dallas, Dec. 15.—Plans have been approved to relay with 90 pound rails 50 miles of the main line track of the

Fort Worth and Denver railroad out of Childress east and west. It was announced here Wednesday. Eighty-five pound rails will be used on the south plains lines from Estelline Junction to Caprock. Two hundred and fifty track layers will be brought here in a few days to

start taking up the old rails and to lay the new terminal yards here for the south plains line.

Miss Lauream Christian is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Christian, in the Blanco community.



We wish to thank the farmers of the Lockney country for the good business they have given our gin this fall, and express our appreciation for the many courtesies shown us. We have strived to merit the patronage of the farmers, and hope to be even better prepared next year to take care of their ginning demands, and furnish them a good market for their cotton and cotton seed.

At this time we extend the season's greetings to all our friends and customers and wish for them—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

KNOX-PATTERSON GIN CO.



We want to thank the people of the Lockney country for the business that has been given us since locating in this community, and solicit your consideration in the grain business during the coming year.

We will at all times be glad to figure with you on your grain products, and quote you our prices in buying same.

We take pleasure in extending to you the season's greetings and wish for you—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FARMERS GRAIN COMPANY

RAY C. AYRES, Manager Lockney, Texas

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



We have rounded out another good year in this community, serving the needs of the people in the Lumber and Building Material line, and we have even tried to make our Building Service more pleasing to our friends and customers. We wish to thank the people of this section for the nice business we have received during the past year, and hope to be of more service to the community during the years to come.

We wish to express our appreciation for the business given us, and wish for all—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FLOYD COUNTY LUMBER CO.

Merry Christmas!

We thank you kindly for your patronage during the year 1926, and wish to all a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

E. GUTHRIE & COMPANY

LOCKNEY, TEXAS P. S.:—We still lead in Low Cassh Prices.

Methodist Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 11:00 A. M.

Subject: "THEY PRAYED" THEN WHAT? 8:00 P. M.

Subject: "A GLIMPSE OF THE AFTER LIFE" A WELCOME TO ALL

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS APPROACHING

—and every one will be rejoicing for the Health, Happiness and Prosperity that has been theirs during the past year, and at this time, we again, express to you our sincere appreciation for your business and we would remind you not to overlook your Insurance needs. If you are buying new furniture, musical instruments or other insurable property, just call 185 and we will do the rest.

ANGEL AND CHILDERS SERVICE WITH A SMILE



A Merry, Merry Christmas to All

We desire to express to our friends and customers our appreciation of the liberal patronage you have given us in 1926.

Our aim has been to SERVE you well with GOOD MERCHANDISE at FAIR PRICES, and we now leave the verdict as to how well we have succeeded, with you.

We extend to each and every one our—

CHRISTMAS GREETING
and wish for you one and all a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS
— and a —
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your friends,

BAKER MERCANTILE CO.

"The Store with the Goods"

LOCKNEY, TEXAS

ty Court of Floyd County.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my Office in the town of Floydada, Texas, this 23rd, day of November A. D. 1926.
CLARA LEE SCOTT, Clerk C. C. Floyd County, Texas.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS—GUARDIANSHIP

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Floyd County—Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of notice in the County of Floyd, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for a period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of Application For Letters—Guardianship;
THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To All Persons interested in the welfare of Ineta Wilkinson, Nettie May Wilkinson, and Curtis Raymond Wilkinson. You are here by notified that Annie Wilkinson has filed in the County Court of Floyd County, an application for Letters of Guardianship of the persons and estates of said Ineta Wilkinson, Nettie May Wilkinson, and Curtis Raymond Wilkinson, numbered on the probate docket of Floyd County, Texas, No. 389 application of which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing the Third Monday, in January A. D. 1927, same being January 17th, A. D. 1927, at the Court House thereof, in the town of Floydada, Texas at which time all persons interested in the welfare of such minors may appear and contest such application should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, But have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, December 11th, A. D. 1926.
CLARA LEE SCOTT
Clerk County Court,
Floyd County, Texas.

CASH GROCERY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It has been our pleasure to serve the people of Lockney and the Lockney country with their table needs during the past year, and our business has been very satisfactory and pleasant, and we want to thank each and everyone of our customers for their share in making it so.

We wish to extend to all our friends and customers our best wishes for—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

HAPPY NEW YEAR



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

—is our sincere wish for the people of Lockney and the Lockney country, and we thank all those who have seen fit to give us a share of their grocery business during the past year, and promise you even better and prompter service in the future.

LOCKNEY GROCERY



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—AND—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all is our earnest desire, and we take this opportunity of thanking our friends and customers for the many courtesies extended to us during the past year, and hope to be able to serve a larger number of the citizenship of this section during the coming year.

STEWART DRUG CO.

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WANT COLUMN

FOR SALE—Good second-hand Ford touring car, cheap, worth the money.—Dr. S. M. Henry. 51-1f-c

FOR SALE—Good Jersey milk cow also good wheat pasture.—See W. J. King 3 1-2 miles east of Lockney. 2tc

Acclimated Fruit and Shade Trees at Lowest Prices Since the War—Our late blooming sure bearing fruit trees are best suited to West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Thousands of Elm, Ash, Poplar and other tested trees direct to you guaranteed to please. Send a list of your needs and let us quote lowest price. 18 years in Plainview, reference everybody here.—Plainview Nursery, Plainview, Tex., Box 1058.

TO TRADE—Revenue bearing city property to trade for Farm and Ranch property.—Baker and Carter.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, 160 acres choice land, close to good school, on highway.—See Marshall Davis. 14-1f-c

FOR SALE—Worth the money, four good mules, 70 acres wheat, 45 of feed, and rent of 160 acres for one year or more. All goes, worth the money. Farm tools and other items too numerous to mention.—See Jim Jolmston, 7 1-2 miles north of Lockney, on R. C. Underwood place. 12-1f-c

CASTRO COUNTY LAND—Improved section of Castro county land, well located; will trade for smaller farm and give good long terms on balance.—J. F. DuBose, Plainview, Texas. 2-18tp 19.

SINCE WHEN—Could you breed your sow to a boar that for three straight years has not been defeated in the show ring, for five dollars (\$5) Better follow the crowd to Holmes Bros. Hiltop Farm. 4 tc

FOR SALE—6-room house, 3 lots, modern conveniences, well located.—See Alex Norris. 14-1f-c

MARKET AND GROCERY for sale. See Downs and Meriwether. 6-1f

FOR SALE—Five good meat hogs and Alfalfa hay 50 cents per bale at the barn.—See A. D. Major. 13 2tp

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FOR RENT—Unfurnished apartment. Phone 191, or call at Marshall's Meat Market and Grocery. 14-1f-c

FOR SALE—One Jersey Cow, \$60, fresh Christmas. White Leghorn cockerels, from Famous Whitfill Egg-Bred, Show Birds, \$1.50 to \$5.00.—J. R. Whitfill, Route 3, Lockney, Texas.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a three-drop set of stage scenery, in good condition.—See or write J. L. Speer, Mickey, Texas. 14-1f-c

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT

No. 330

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Floyd County—Greeting:

J. N. Stalbird, Administrator, of the Estate of G. F. Rigdon, deceased, having filed in our County Court his FINAL ACCOUNT of the condition of the Estate of said G. F. Rigdon, deceased to gether with an application to be discharged from said Administration.

YOU ARE HERE BY COMMANDED, That by publication of this writ for twenty days in the Lockney Beacon a newspaper published regularly in the County of Floyd you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the January Term, 1927 of said County Court commencing and to be held at the Court House of said County, in the town of Floydada, on 17th day in January A. D. 1927, when said Account and Application will be considered by said Court.

WITNESS:
Clara Lee Scott, Clerk of the Coun-