

Lockney Lands Oil Mill and Compress—More Industries Will Be Announced in Few Days—HELPLOCKNEY GROW—Vote for the Paving Bands

Lockney Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY LEADS ALL WEST TEXAS IN VALUE OF CROPS PRODUCED. LOCKNEY IS IN THE HEART OF THE BEST FARMING SECTION OF THE PLAINS, AND IN THE GREAT SHALLOW WATER BELT.

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PAVING ELECTION TO BE HELD FRIDAY

FIRST COUNTY WIDE PAVING
PROGRAM WILL BE DETER-
MINED BY VOTE AT THIS
ELECTION

Tomorrow (Friday, December 31, 1926) will determine whether or not Floyd County will continue in the mud and be passed up by thousands of prospective home owners and progressive farmers and keep staying at home in bad weather, like this we have experienced for the past several months or whether we will take a step forward and begin to improve our county. Make our holdings more valuable. Put our selves in condition that we can be connected with the outside world in all kinds of weather and at the same time save ourselves many dollars in expense, and thereby get aid from the federal and state governments to help build up our own county.

Floyd county today has a chance to even extend its crop values further ahead of its nearest competitor in production on the Plains. Every since the county was sparsely settled it has led all other counties in this section in production of all kinds of crops, and can maintain this lead and make it even larger by making it possible for the people from other sections of the State and the Nation to get into or through the county in any kind of weather. Today more than 1,500 cars are being routed over other routes, because it is impossible for them to cross the Central Plains in bad weather—where travel is not good there is no chance for the country to develop and settle up for home seekers generally buy homes along the routes they travel when they go out on a prospecting tour, and there has been very few travelers braved the roads of the Central plains this year, on account of having better roads both to the north and south of us.

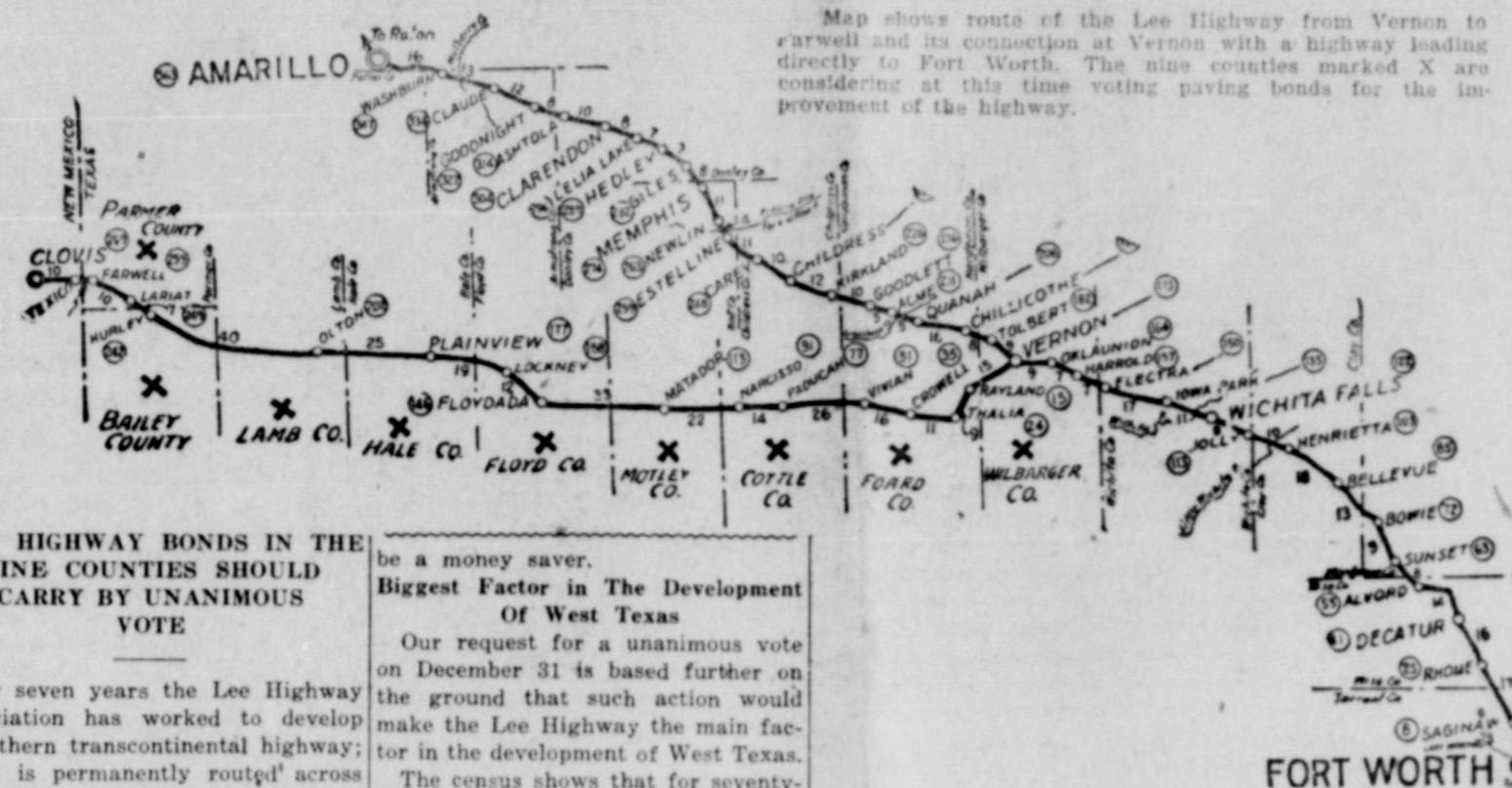
There is no county in West Texas that compares with Floyd county as far as agriculture is concerned, and hundreds of people who have bought in other sections have expressed their minds on this question, and said that "they never would have passed this county up had they been routed thru it while hunting for a location," but the roads here were so bad they were directed over other routes. Therefore they did not know of the good farming country in West Texas until after they had located at some other point.

The opposition to the bond election is chiefly composed of big taxpayers however, many of the larger tax payers, see the advantages they will derive from it and are strong for same, but some of these tax payers that are opposing the paved roads are doing so because they have large bodies of land that they don't care to sell at this time, tracts that they are holding for higher prices, and therefore do not want the tax placed on the land while they own it. Floyd county needs these big tracts cut into small farms, and as long as they are held in big ranches and pastures and are held off the market they are a detriment to the county in the way of development. The owners of these large tracts who are fighting the bonds are doing it for selfish motives. Every car owner, and every small farm owner should vote to protect his own interests just the same as the big tax payers, who have large bodies of land are voting to protect their interests, and if the little man and the farmers vote to protect their they will go to the polls Friday and vote for the bond issue. Investigate the men that are opposing this paved road and see if the majority of them don't oppose every progressive move that is brought up in the county. The car owner pays the chief part of this bond issue, and he has the power to save himself some money by voting for the road, and it is to his interest to see that the bond issue goes over at the election held tomorrow.

Wade the mud to the polls and vote for the paved roads.

Otis Carter, who is now employed on the Snyder Times-Signal as Linotype operator, spent the Christmas holidays in Lockney visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Carter.

Map of Lee Highway Across Texas, Showing Connection With Paved Highway to Fort Worth



WHY HIGHWAY BONDS IN THE NINE COUNTIES SHOULD CARRY BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

For seven years the Lee Highway Association has worked to develop a southern transcontinental highway; which is permanently routed across Texas from Vernon to Farwell. In this effort and for organization purposes exclusively over \$200,000.00 has been expended, while large sums of money and a tremendous total of energy have been expended gratuitously by the officials of the Association and the business men in an unbroken series of communities spanning the continent. The organization has been a main factor in National road policy and legislation. It has made a record of results without parallel in the history of the good roads movement. The service it has rendered and the benefits conferred thus far, together with the greater service it is in position to render, justify Lee Highway Association in requesting a unanimous vote on December 31 for the Lee highway bonds in the nine Lee Highway counties of West Texas.

An Economic Necessity

We make this request in interest of economy. But how can this be, when the interest must be paid and the bonds retired by tax money?

The answer is that it isn't the name you write on the face of the check to whom the money is to be paid. It is the balance you have left in the bank when all the checks are drawn that counts. Every tax payer in the nine counties will have a larger cash balance after the two-hundred and seventy miles of hard surfaced road is open to travel than will be if the roads remain the same. Every one pays a mud tax and a dust tax with every turn of the wheel on the highway. The damage to clothing alone on a single trip over a dusty road might be more than one's share of the cost of a dustless road. Likewise the damage to paint on an automobile from mud and dust will soon more than offset the cost of the pavement. Then there is the item of gasoline consumed. Tests with five ton trucks showed 5.78 miles per gallon on dirt roads. 11.44 miles per gallon on brick and 11.78 miles per gallon on concrete. As between gravel and concrete the average cost to the state of New York over a four year period for maintenance with an average of five hundred cars a day was \$584 a year for gravel and \$80 a mile for concrete. Add the cost of breakage, depreciation, loss of time, business delayed by roads out of commission after heavy rain, and above all, injury to health by breathing air laden with dust and germs and if the actual monetary outlay now being made in the nine counties because of present conditions could be computed, the total would, in all instances be greater when compared to the few dollars each would pay for the proposed road.

Suppose a farmer living several miles from town has \$200 in the bank and owns a flivver. He draws a check payable to the tax collector for, let us say, \$30 and another to the garage man for \$200, a total of \$230, leaving a balance in the bank of \$70. Now suppose that he votes for the bonds and has to write a check for \$50 a big increase. But suppose that as a result his garage bill is only \$50, making the total \$100. He has \$200 left in the bank instead of seventy. Thus for their own use in their daily coming and going the paved road will

be a money saver. Biggest Factor in The Development Of West Texas

Our request for a unanimous vote on December 31 is based further on the ground that such action would make the Lee Highway the main factor in the development of West Texas. The census shows that for seventy-five years known as the railway age the railway was the main factor in progress. Where the railroads went the towns were located, where they converged the cities grew, and regions remote from the railways were but sparsely settled, if at all. The United States has been run absolutely in the mold of railways and where the greatest railways are there you will find the counties thus favored the maximum of population and wealth, land values decrease and the harder it is for one to make a living the farther one gets away from the 65,000 railway stations of the United States.

We, however, are living in the motor age, and the spread of population and increase of wealth will from now on be determined by the highways. Where the greatest highways are, there in the counties which they traverse, the greatest development will occur. With the proper degree of co-operation, Lee Highway will become the greatest highway in the United States and the settlers need ed to subdue every fertile and arable acre and the capital necessary to develop the rich resources of the region will come via Lee Highway.

Why do I say that we make the Lee Highway greatest of all roads? Because back of it is Lee Highway Association, whose success thus far put it in position to finish what it has begun. Also, Lee Highway has been classified a "U. S. Arterial Highway," the latter having been selected as the main trunk line of the country. Also Lee Highway is one of the four great transcontinentals as listed by the American Automobile Association. Also, because it is the shortest road from Washington, D. C. and the richest and most populous parts of the United States to Southern California. Also, because it leads to and through those parts of our country having the greatest amount of undeveloped resources. Also, because along it and reached by lateral roads in the immediate section are more of those things that attract travel than are found along any other road. For example, world wonders like Luray Caverns in Virginia and Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, and also the natural bridge of Virginia. Also great engineering achievements like the Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals, the Elephant Butte dam on the Rio Grande and the Roosevelt dam in Arizona. Also, more of forests, mountains and recreational areas than any other cross continent line. Also, because with Texas hard-surfaced. The Lee Highway will contain a larger mileage of hard-surfaced road than any other road leading from any point along the Missouri-Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean. This, coupled with the fact that it will be an all year route from New York to San Diego will result in such a volume of travel from outside the State that in a few years such a transformation will take place that one will hardly recognize it as the West Texas of 1926.

Right now in places in Virginia over two thousand autos a day are passing over Lee Highway. Right now in places in Tennessee over 200

hundred autos bearing foreign plates are being checked. Right now one thousand five hundred cars are passing over Lee Highway enroute to California. What will travel be when the gaps are all closed and we can let the owners of twenty million cars know that ours is the best road from coast to coast and that it has such a wealth of things to see and enjoy. At year hence, according to present plans, Lee Highway will be all modern, usable at all times, if we except Cotton and Tillman counties in Oklahoma and the nine counties of Texas. We hope for bond issues in the two Oklahoma counties—and favorable action on December 31 by Texas will help get the Lee Highway surfaced across the Oklahoma counties, where the road is already graded and drainage structures already completed.

Let's finish the job and do it now, right now. Vote those bonds and build that road and it won't be long until one thousand cars a day or even more will enter or pass across the State or enter and take roads leading to Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio or some other part. Ten dollars a day is the lowest estimate of the cash expended and I estimate an average of two days crossing from Red River to the New Mexico line. There's twenty thousand dollars a day. Each year over \$7,000,000 of cash turned loose from outside along Lee Highway from Vernon to Farwell! Almost as much each year as the total of the county bonds. And the first motorway to be finished across the United States will have such an advantage over the other routes that it will keep the lead.

Settlers? Well, two hundred and fifty families bought land and settled on it in a single county in Florida in a single year that traveled over the Dixie Highway seeking a home. Home seekers are now going over Lee Highway in West Texas and if they happened to be caught on Oct. 15, 1926 as I was caught at Plainview, does anyone think they would have been favorably impressed? But when they get into Texas from either end of this road, and travel over real hardsurfaced road for two hundred and seventy miles, the longest stretch of its kind between the Missouri-Mississippi and the Pacific Canada and Mexico, they will have evidence of the progressiveness and public spirit of the citizenry which will make them want to live there.

North Carolina, by a bond issue of nearly \$100,000,000 has connected each of its one hundred county seats with a hard surfaced road. They say that the advertising alone that they got from this fact was well worth all the roads cost.

If, by an overwhelming majority,

the nine counties vote the bonds, they will do what has never been done before. If a single contract can be let for the nine counties or two hundred and seventy miles of hard surfaced road, the whole United States will know it and those counties will henceforth be on the map.—Dr. S. M. Johnson, President of Lee Highway Association.

ANDERSON-CLAYTON TO BUILD OIL MILL

WILL BUILD MODERN OIL MILL IN LOCKNEY IN TIME FOR NEXT COTTON CROP

A telegram was received by Artie Baker this afternoon from Anderson-Clayton Co. of Houston, stating that they would build their big oil mill here. The message read:

Mr. Artie Baker, Lockney, Texas. "Close deal for sites named. We will build modern Oil Mill in your town in time to take care of next fall's cotton seed crop."

ANDERSON-CLAYTON & CO.

Two representatives of the Anderson-Clayton Company, which is one of the largest handlers and exporters of Cotton and Cotton Seed Products, in the South, were in Lockney Monday and looked over the situation, seeing four different sites, where they could erect an oil mill. On leaving Lockney they assured Messrs. Baker and Brown that they would let them have a final decision on which of the sites to close up for as soon as they arrived at Houston, and as a result the message was received this afternoon confirming their agreement.

The Anderson-Clayton people expect to build a modern oil mill plant at this place. The two sites purchased were 24 acres from Jim Harper, on the Santa Fe track, east of the elevators, and 39 acres from W. C. Watson, near the crossing of the Santa Fe and Fort Worth and Denver tracks, west of the city.

The representatives of the company here Monday stated that it would be their intention to feed out a large herd of cattle at this mill the coming winter, and it is supposed one of the tracts of land will be used as a feeding pen for this stock.

The Anderson-Clayton firm own a big oil mill at Abilene, which is the nearest mill to this location they own in the state, however, they have planted quite an acreage being planted to spring wheat. The conditions at this time are very favorable to big wheat crop for 1927, probably one that will surpass the crop of last year. The moisture now in the ground will carry the wheat crop through in good shape until the latter part of March or first of April with out any more moisture, however, there will possibly be more moisture fall during January, and that month has about as much precipitation as any month of the year.

Farmers are being urged to plant more land to crops and spring wheat, and a small acreage to cotton the coming year. As to what effect this will be remains to be seen when the crops are in the ground. Nevertheless at this time we have a very flattering prospect for a big crop for 1927.

ELECTION SHALL BE HELD AT METHODIST CHURCH

Polls Will Be Located In Basement Of The Methodist Church

Friday

The bond election will be held tomorrow (Friday) on the paving of the highway across the county, and shall be held in the basement of the Methodist church, according to Carl McAdams, who has been appointed as one of the election judges. E. E. Wells will also serve as an election judge in this box.

The Methodist church is located on the concrete sidewalk and is accessible to the entire town, thus was selected as the place to hold the election, so that the women and men could get to the polls without having to wade the mud.

Everybody is urged to turn out and vote at this election, especially the ladies. Every person who has paid a poll tax for the past year can vote in this election provided they have taxable property. If you own a cow a horse, a watch, or anything else that is subject to taxation and have paid your poll tax for the past year you are entitled to a vote.

Miss Iris Mae Fox, accompanied by Misses Essie Ricketts and Carrie Hanner spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Miss Fox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fox. Miss Fox is connected with Dowden Hardware at Plainview as cashier.

WILL HOLD STREET SALE HERE SATURDAY

Auctioneer John McDonald announces that he will hold his regular semi-monthly street sale in Lockney next Saturday. Mr. McDonald is trying to establish regular street sales to be held twice a month in Lockney, and asks that all those who have any items they wish to dispose of bring them to town on these dates. The sale Saturday will be held in the afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, when he will sell all articles brought in to the highest bidders. Those who have article they wish to sell are requested to be on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kinyon, who have been living in Lockney for the past five months, left today for Ranger, Texas, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton Baker and family of Lubbock spent Saturday and Sunday in Lockney visiting relatives.

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YOU ARE PAYING FOR PAVED ROADS—LET'S HAVE THEM

Good roads is some thing that county is having to pay for at this time, but very few counties in West Texas are getting any benefit from them in the way of use. East Texas is today and has been for many years building paved roads at our expense and while we footed the bill in a large way, yet we are still traveling over the same old muddy roads that we were using when the highway commission was created in this state. We can either continue to travel over these roads while our enterprising brothers down in the state are using our money to build paved highways, or we can build highways across our home counties—just suit our selves about the matter, there is nothing compulsory about whether we build the roads or not or pay for the other fellow in the other county building them in his county. No, we don't have to build the roads, in our county, but we do have to pay for building roads in Texas, and if we are not building them in our own county we are helping build them in other counties that are enterprising enough to take advantage of State and Federal aid.

And while we are writing along this subject, it might be of interest to a few to know of some things that might happen in the future that would change the situation considerably. Do you know that there is at this time quite a bit of opposition in the extreme eastern states to cut off the federal aid in road building. Do you know what that means? This is the story: Most of the states east of the Mississippi River on the north and east already have most of their main highways paved and are now willing to cut off the federal aid. They have what they want. They have no desire to help build up the South and West. The worse the roads are in the South and West the less people will tour them. Therefore the less immigration to the South and West, hence, the longer it will take the South and West to develop.

Then again, with the situation in our own state, East and South Texas and parts of north and Central Texas have been eager to get on the ground floor in the paving program. Every man in West Texas well knows that East and Central Texas have a balance of power in our own legislative halls. Just as soon as the roads are paved that they need and want, up will go a howl to cut off state aid to the counties in West Texas. Then each county will do its own paving.

Not so long ago this writer sat in the Senate gallery at Austin and heard a discussion over the equalization of taxes over the entire State. An attempt was being made to have a commission make a tax survey of the State in order to equalize taxes in all portions of the State, and give the people of West Texas a fair deal in taxation. We well remember that one of the bitterest opponents of the tax commission was a man from a little east Texas county over in the pine woods. This county has been

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exempt from taxation for more than five years, on account of a destructive storm that hit that section of the state. He went to the Legislature with his tale of woe, and they had voted to exempt his county for a number of years from taxation. Yet he stood up and fought equalization of taxes, and declared that his people had paid as much into the state in taxes (and then they were not paying one cent in taxation) as any county in West Texas, and that this taxation was all bunk and there was nothing to it. In this man's county we have helped to pay for paved highways, and today he and his people are saving thousands of dollars annually in wear and tear on cars, gasoline and oils, riding over roads that we are helping to pay for with more than \$25,000, that we are paying out annually for paving roads in Texas.

You can make times better in West Texas. And you can get your proportion of money that is paid into the highway department back, and many of a good dollar on top of it if you will. But in order to do this, and get your part of the money you are due from the state highway department, you must put up an equal amount of money, or that is pay for half the paving in Floyd county by a bond election. The state will match your dollar for dollar on the proposition, and as the road to be paved across the nine counties is the Lee Highway and the same is designated as a military route, or what is known as a 7% road, there is a possibility that we will receive two-thirds of the amount necessary to pave this route from the State and Federal governments, however, this is not a promise, it is only a possibility but such has been done in many such instances—7% roads and military highways generally get \$2 state and federal aid to one dollar from the county.

There are many advantages that the paving of the Lee Highway will mean to Floyd county. It will mean to begin with something like a million dollars will be spent in Floyd county for road work. That means the people of the county will benefit from the expense money and labor created in the county while the work is going on. Again it will mean that you can travel over a continuous paved highway from Floyd county to the National Capitol at Washington, or to New York or Fort Worth and Dallas, a saving to every person who desires to go east or west in a car, to carry a truck load of feed, produce or any other commodity either east or west. It will mean many dollars to every car owner in wear and tear on cars, smaller gasoline and oil bills, and a lot more pleasure for all those who use the highway. It will save more in repair bills than the taxation will be.

If you vote the highway bonds you will make Floyd county more prosperous, during the time in which the large payroll will be turned loose in the county, occasioned by the number of laborers, and teams that will have employment, the sale price of your land will be much greater and also make it more saleable being on or close to a paved highway, helping every land owner in Floyd county much more than the taxes will hurt him. You can help build and develop Floyd county if you wish by helping pave the roads in the county. If you are satisfied with the county as it stands today and had rather see it go backward instead of forward a good way to accomplish it would be to vote against the bond issue and fight all movements that tend to make the county progress and thereby cause it to develop very fast in this day and time.

GO VOTE FRIDAY!

PASSING LAWS

Every time something unusual happens in the country there is a bunch of fellows that are ready to grab their grips and start for the legislative halls to make laws covering same, whether it be to force people to do one thing or another. Since the 1926 cotton crop has turned out to be the largest crop in the history of the country, every jerkwater politician in the country has gone into the law making business and are ready to put their bills through the legislature to in some way restrict the farmer from raising what he wants to on the farm.

We may not know our "okra," but every law that has been proposed on the cotton reduction proposition is unconstitutional. In the first place to try forcing a farmer to plant so many acres of cotton, is class legislation, and is not only unconstitutional but undemocratic. Every farmer, farms just the number of acres he desires if he owns his own land, and if he

be a tenant, he either plants what he wants to, or plants what the landlord wants him to. Any law that could have for its purpose, making him plant so many acres of this crop of that crop, would mean slavery or peonage to the farmer, and would take away the freedom he is guaranteed under the constitution, and no state law can conflict with the national constitution and hold water.

The farmer himself is the only man that can correct cotton production, and he can correct it in two different ways. First, he can cut his acreage down if he desires; and second he can hold his production off the market.

Cutting down acreage is all right if a farmer wants to go that way, but in the average year, the Lord, or elements fixes that part for him. This year the elements were right for a bumper crop, and the bumper crop happened to be the largest in the history of this Nation. Next year the crop may be the worst in the history—conditions will tell that story. Farmers in the cotton country east of us were crying all through the summer months that they were not going to make anything, but look back and see what happened. Fools advised to burn a bale, others said don't gather the crop, etc., but never the less more than an 18,000,000 bale crop is the result. It would have been foolishness to burn your labor. It would be foolishness to leave it in the field, and then turn around and plant another crop the coming year. It would be rank foolishness for the Legislature of the South to pass laws restricting farmers as to how many acres of cotton they were allowed to plant each year.

The farmer who lives at home never has more cotton than he needs. When a farmer lives at home he plants enough feed to take care of his own needs, and this will naturally mean that he will have a good size feed crop. When he has sufficient cows, hogs, chickens, turkeys, horses, etc., to insure him a living at home. This way he takes up a greater portion of his farming land to take care of his home needs, and usually has no large portion to plant to cotton or wheat. If they do they can store it away and sell when the market will justify. We never heard of a farmer that really diversified having to borrow money to pay taxes, or to carry him over until the next crop is gathered. Diversification means independence, means better living, better times less worry and financial troubles. There is very little excuse in this county for a man going the one crop route. Floyd county will produce 25 varieties of field crops, and every one of them will produce in abundance. It is also conceded to be one of the best poultry and dairy counties in the state. It has been proven that a one crop system is a failure in every county on the globe. Some years you hit and some years you miss, and you will find that you miss more than you hit. The consequence of the one crop idea is poverty on all sides.

There are many men on the Plains today who are financially ruined for no other reason than that of going wheat wild, planting every acre of ground they had in wheat. There are also a number of men who went hog wild a few years ago. And we know men who are in dire financial straits this year because they went cotton wild. There are men who are in good circumstances. They have paid every note as it comes due on their farms, lived well, dressed well, are giving their children good educations, and are happy and contented. These men have good bank accounts. They keep the grocery merchants in debt to them. They have accomplished this because they have on their farms three to a half dozen milk cows, hogs, chickens, turkeys and a few other little things as some would say. But, these "little things" are what makes the wheels go round. They are what buys the calico and silk for Mirandy. They are what pays Bettie's way to college. They are what gives John and Henry a start in life. And you never hear a cry about the over-production of "little things" on the farm.

It is the man that goes "whole hog" are none but suffers from over production. If a farmer has over-produced in any one crop, and has taken care of the living at home program, he does not feel the strain very much and the family does not suffer. The best way to regulate the farm over production menace is to raise the things you can use at home first. Then your surplus would be your "would be money crops" as cotton and wheat.

No law can be passed that will correct over production. It must be corrected by men who till the soil. Not nothing about farm problems. The farmer is not to be put in slavery or bondage. He is the backbone of our Nation and must be a free personage. Any law that tends to take away from him the right to work his own welfare is unjust and a detriment to the civilization of our country.

Nearly every line of trade in the country has some kind of an organi-

zation through which it works to stabilize its business. Most of the people following these trades are either members or in sympathy with their organizations. The farmers have few organizations, and do not stick to the organizations they have. They use a dump system to market their products, and at certain times of the year glut the market and force the price to the bottom. Practically all the farmers throw their entire year's work and production into the whirlpool when the prices are lowest and therefore get the lowest amount of returns for their production. No one but the farmer himself is to blame for this condition of affairs. This cannot be corrected by law. If it is to be corrected, it must be corrected by the tiller of the soil. He is the master of his own destiny. He must organize his forces. He must sell them when the markets are good, and keep them off when the prices are low.

The farmer is the most independent person in the world, yet he will stand back and let the other fellow handle his products, and take what is offered him. There is no reason except the farmer himself, why he cannot drive into town and say "I want a certain price for my products" and get it—but, as strong as he is—with the whip in his hand—he says, "What will you give me for my products?" A merchant never says to a farmer, "What will you give me for my merchandise?" He says, "this article is worth so many dollars and cents." He knows what his merchandise should sell for, and gets it.

The farmer knows what his products are worth, and should get a reasonable price. He can get that price the day he stands by his brother farmer and they together operate their farms on a business basis. We are all farmers in these little country towns. The corporation lines do not mean anything. We know that each little country village will prosper to the extent the farmers around them prosper. We want to see the farmer get everything he can out of their farm produce. It hurts the town as well as the farmer when their products sell below cost of production. We are all living on the strength of the farmer's success and if we have one ounce of brains we will help him in every way possible to succeed, if he tries to succeed. But the man who tries to law him into planting certain sizes of crops, is the same man who would fix the price of his products so low he could not live. If the government can constitutionally say the size of crop you should plant, they can say how much you shall receive for every item you raise, how much you shall pay for every item you buy, what time you shall work, when you shall play, and how many times you shall go to church on Sunday.

No brother cotton production cannot be regulated successfully by law.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilbert and daughters of Lampasas, visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gilbert last week. Mr. Gilbert has been connected with the Santa Fe railroad for the past several years in Lampasas. Mr. Gilbert stated that in his estimation Lockney had improved a great deal in the last few years, and stated that it his belief that in the next few years we will have one of best and most thriving cities on the Plains of Texas.

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As the year draws to a close, we are glad to know that we have been real of service to the community in many ways during the past year, and we hope to be of more service during the new year.

We, at all times, have a large stock of Fresh Meats, Cured Meats and Groceries, to satisfy your inner-man with the best that the market affords. We hope to number those who have not been patrons the past year among our customers for the coming year.

We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and may your cup be filled to overflowing with joy.

RILEY & BREWSTER

MURDER CHARGE FILED AGAINST GEORGE HASSEL

Family Wiped out in Mysterious Axe Murders; Deaths Occurred Three Weeks Ago

Fearing mob violence, George J. Hassel, a Farwell farmer who killed his wife and eight children and buried them in a cellar near his home and then failed in an attempt to take his own life, was mysteriously spirited away from a Baptist hospital at Clovis, New Mexico Friday night.

The early morning dispatch declared that Hassel is believed to have been taken to a place of safe keeping to escape the result of rousing sentiment. Although in a serious condition, Hassel, it is believed, will recover.

The bodies of the slain mother and eight children have been taken to Farwell and will be buried Christmas day.

The clothing of the family was found packed in four trunks and a suit case as if a woman had packed them.

Murder Charges Filed

A charge of murder was filed late Friday night against George Hassel, 45 years old, a farmer, in connection with the recovery early today of the mutilated bodies of his wife and eight step children who were found buried three feet in the ground in a cave-in dugout in the rear of his home, three miles north of town.

Hassel is in a dying condition in a Farwell hospital with three self-inflicted knife wounds near the heart. He was found by officers in his home who went to investigate reports that he intended to commit suicide. The only statement so far, according to officers is "Look what they have done to me," and "I did it, I did it."

Buried Three Weeks

The bodies of the mother and her eight children, the oldest of whom was 21 and the youngest two years, were found by the officers after Hassel was found in a dying condition. They are believed to have been buried in their crude grave for three weeks.

The bodies, clothed only in night gowns were horribly mutilated. An axe found under the mothers body leads officers to believe that the mother and two of her children were slain while asleep. Stockings were tied around the necks of six of the children lending the theory that in addition to being struck with the axe they were shocked to death.

Hassel, a farmer has resided here for two years, coming from Elair, Oklahoma. His brother died about the time of his arrival. Hassel married his brothers wife and assumed the care of the children.

The dead in addition to the mother are: Alton 21, Virgil 18, Maude 14, Russell 12, David 7, Johnny 6, Mamie 4 and Sammie 2.

Hassel is believed by the officers to have slain the mother and her children while in a dither of insanity about three weeks ago that they had gone to visit relatives at Blair, Okla.

Nothing was thought of their disappearance until Friday night when officers were called to their home by an unidentified person who told them that Hassel was intending to commit suicide.

In Crazed Condition

They found him in a crazed condi-

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MONDAY, JAN. 3rd

Monday and Tuesday—

DOROTHY GISH

— IN —

"NELL GWYN"

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Wednesday and Thursday—

RICHARD DIX

— IN —

"SAY IT AGAIN"

COMEDY—

'MYSTERIOUS MYSTERY'

Friday—

TOM MIX

— IN —

"The Canyon of Light"

Pathé News No. 99

Saturday—

JACK PERRIN

— IN —

'West of Rainbow's End'

COMEDY—

"FEARLESS HARRY"

tion and after taking him to a hospital where he soon recovered, wired to Oklahoma. A message was received from there that the children had not arrived.

Officers upon investigation found dirt and planks piled over a cellar a short distance to the rear of the home.

When Hassel saw the officers digging, he grabbed a knife and began stabbing himself. The knife pierced his body near the heart and he fell unconscious.

Places Bodies With Care

Care was taken by the slayer in placing the bodies in their grave. Bodies of the mother and three of the younger children were placed in a corner to themselves. The body of Alton, the oldest son, was laid in a sitting position in another corner. Between them the bodies of the other children were placed apparently with great care.

The bodies have not yet been moved pending further investigation by officers. The axe however, is held by the officers.

No reason has yet been found by the officers for the slaying. Neighbors reported that about a month ago Hassel complained to them that his wife had asked him to refrain from using liquor. He declared, however, they said, that he was apparently fond of the children and that he was going to "mend his ways."

Bank officials became suspicious of Hassel when he brought the proceeds of the sale of his property at the farm into the bank, about \$1,500 to be deposited. That was about one week after his children and wife disappeared.

He is said to have told them that children at Blair Oklahoma. Nothing was thought of it until a wire from Oklahoma declared that his people were not in the Oklahoma town.

Four of the children had been attending school in Farwell. They are said to have been exceptionally bright. After school hours they helped their fathers and other brothers and sisters in working the farm, neighbors said.

Killed 13 People

AMARILLO, Dec. 27.—Admission that he had killed four other persons in California in addition to slaying his wife and eight children on the night of December 8, was made Monday night in a 3,000 word statement by George J. Hassel, confessed slayer, a dispatch to the Daily News from a staff correspondent states.

He would not name the town where the California murder was committed but said that it occurred in 1915 and that he buried the bodies of his four victims under his cabin.

Killed Eight, Then One

The statement police said, relates that the wife and seven of the children were killed on the night of December 8, and that the oldest boy, age 21, was shot to death two days later as he played cards with his stepfather. The children were the sons and daughters of Hassel's brother.

The oldest boy was away from home when Hassel dispatched the wife and other children, the statement says, and when he returned Hassel told him the others were in Oklahoma.

Cards With Death

He then induced the son to play cards with him. They played until the boy fell asleep when Hassel says he shot him and placed him with the mother and the other children in the shallow dugout 10 feet from the kitchen door.

Hassel made his statement today but none of the contents were permitted to become public until tonight.

Hassel refused to give the names of the persons he said he killed in California or the place, but said it occurred in 1915.

"It was a good job and no one will ever know," the statement says.

Previous Record.

Letters in Hassel's house indicate that he worked for the Southern Pacific railroad in California. He was in California from 1915 to 1925. He was also with the Associated pipe line at Fresno California, a year and four months. He later joined the Merchant Marine corps as a cook on the west coast. After this experience he went to Oklahoma and then moved to his farm near Farwell, having married his deceased brother's wife. The brother is reported to have been killed in Oklahoma by the kick of a mule. He has lived here about a year and a half.

Hassel was in a jail cell today, having been removed from the hospital where he was treated for a knife wound inflicted by himself when he stabbed himself while the officers were taking the bodies out of the dugout.

Feeling against the prisoner was intense in Farwell tonight and the sheriff was taking every precaution to protect Hassel.

Quarrels With Wife

The confessions quotes Hassel as saying the slayings were prompted by persistent quarrels with his wife which had grown out of his alleged intimacy with one of the step daugh-

ters.

"I had just quarreled with my wife and had gone out to the barn and taken a drink of whiskey," the statement says, "When I returned my wife again began quarrelling with me. I grabbed a hammer, where it came from I do not know, I struck her nad she fell to the floor.

"About that time the smallest baby began crying and I reached down and checked it. Then I secured a stocking and tied about the baby's neck.

"I don't know why but when I saw what I had done I decided that I had best go on and kill the whole outfit."

SLAYER STOOD ON CRUDE GRAVE OF SLAIN FAMILY TO SELL GOODS

Curiosity Of Women Traps Killer and Causes Investigations To Be Started

By Staff Correspondent Amarillo Daily News

FARWELL, Tex., Dec. 28.—The Hassell home is about four miles east and a little north of the little town of Farwell, where westbound Santa Fe trains say goodbye to Texas and hello to New Mexico. To get there you take the Amarillo highway which angles north east out of Farwell, and drive until you see a road cutting off from the highway and pointing directly east.

Turn on this point and drive until you see a road cutting off from the highway and pointing directly east. Turn on this road and drive about two miles to where this road winds around a sink hole in a sort of hair pin curve. To the left right off the point of this turn, lies a small frame and stucco house, with a small lean-to addition clinging to the rear, set perhaps 75 feet back from the gate.

This is the Hassel home, the scene of the most revolting and gruesome crime in the annals of the Southwest—perhaps of the entire country. It was in this little house that George Hassel, a powerful, giant-like man,

killed his wife with a hammer, and then slew eight step-children—the children of his dead brother—so there would be nobody to squall."

A Lonely Place

The Hassel farm is a bleak looking place this time of the year. There are only a few stunted trees about the place. It is the only house in sight when one looks about the country side from the yard. There is a little snow in the ditches and alongside the fence rows, fringing the bare dirt yard.

To the right of the house as you drive up the road and from the gate is a hole ten feet square and perhaps three feet deep, with the loose earth piled up around the edge. It is a sinister looking hole, when one knows the story. Here it was that last Friday, officers dug up the bodies of Mrs. Hassel and her eight children, the youngest 2 years old, the oldest 21.

The Hassels moved to Farwell from Oklahoma perhaps a year and half ago. Neighbors don't remember when it was they first became acquainted with the Hassels. They didn't mix much in the community. They were thought of as only hard working farm folk, who gave little thought to anything else but eking out a living on the farm.

Worked All the Time

"Mr. Hassel worked all the time, it seemed, and the children did, too. They seldom had a holiday. They worked every Sunday so far as we know," says Mrs. Lindop. The Lindops live on the place now. They moved in last week before the bodies were discovered, from their former home about two miles further on along the road. There are five in the Lindop family—Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Lindop, a little boy in his early teens and a girl 16. The Lindops admit it is creepy living in the death house but they have leased the place and they have no other choice.

The children were exceptionally bright Mrs. Lindop said. They made excellent grades in school—when work on the farm permitted their going to school. Just today, on the floor of the room in which all of Hassels things had been piled, was found a faded honor slip with name of one of the Hassel boys on it. It was issued by an Oklahoma school.

The house is small—but has five rooms including the leanto. In the northeast room all the trunks and other belongings of the Hassels have been placed. There are many books there—many of them to do with Bible study. Mrs. Hassel was a devout Bible student. Clothing of the entire family, snapshots, papers, albums, and knick-knacks fill the trunks. They are placed neatly as Hassel was carrying out his pretense of leaving for Oklahoma to "join the folks."

Scrubbed the Floor

On the east wall of the room, about as far from the floor as a man's head would be were he lying on a bed, is a spattering of blood, as though it had splashed through a gun wound.

The floor is scrubbed clean.

"Mr. Hassel

the room when we first moved," said

Mrs. Lindop. "He said it was all torn up and he wanted to straighten it up first. We found him scrubbing the floor the same day."

Early last week held a public sale on the farm to dispose of his stock, equipment and other property. He was going to Oklahoma to "join the folks" so he explained. About 150 town and farm people attended.

Hassel asked the Baptist Ladies of Texico-Farwell to serve lunch at the sale, but they had just served lunch at a function the day before and declined with regret.

The town people milled about the yard and over the freshly trampled earth that filled the dugout, never suspecting that evidence of a gruesome tragedy was buried just three feet beneath the ground they were walking on. And Hassel, his nerve apparently unshaken, smilingly officiated at the sale, standing directly above the mutilated bodies of his nine victims, which he had buried a week before.

But Hassel had slipped up.

Find Babies Clothes

Some of the ladies attending the sale wandered into the then unoccupied house to see if there remained any household goods Hassel might sell. In one of the rooms peering from a suit case, they glimpsed some babies clothing. Why was it there? Had not Hassel said his family was in Oklahoma? Why had Mrs. Hassel left the clothing behind? They investigated further. They found virtually all the clothing the three little children in the family had worn.

The women confided their suspicion to two or three men at the sale and it was decided to say nothing for a day or so and await developments.

But word got to Hassel of the sinister note of suspicion that had crept into the little community. Last

day someone mentioned the dugout in the presence of Hassel—just mentioned it without any inference of

crime.

Hassel grew uneasy.

"He was staying with us until he got ready to go to Oklahoma," said Mrs. Lindop. "Thursday night he ate little. We were watching him closely because we, too, by that time, suspected something. He went to bed in his room early. Later we retired, but my husband kept a weapon at hand. We were scared—there is no use denying that. We could not sleep.

"Early in the morning Hassel called out to us. My husband ran to his room.

"Get a doctor, I'm awful sick," Mr.

Hassel told my husband. Mr. Lindop started to leave. "Wait a minute—get Martin, too," Mr. Hassel said.

"Which Martin do you mean?" my husband asked.

"Martin—the sheriff," Mr. Hassel moaned.

"Then we knew our suspicions were well founded."

They took Hassel away that night. They found he wasn't sick—he had stabbed himself in the chest three times with a pocket knife. His wound was dressed, and he was placed in the jail here. He was taken to Clovis Friday night and operated on, then returned to the Farmer county jail Saturday—Christmas Day.

It was on Christmas that Hassel moaned from his cot in the jail—"I did it; I did it!" But he asked a day or two before giving a detailed statement. His request was granted by Sheriff Martin.

He made his full statement yesterday.

So has Hassel come to the end of his trail—a trail that led him over thirty seven states, into countless jails and prisons, including the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, where he was sent for desertion, into the little community. Last

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In this little stucco house where the

road out of Farwell makes a hairpin turn, George Hassel committed his greatest crime—and failed to get away with it. He came to the end of his trail where the westbound Santa Fe trains say good bye to Texas and Hello to New Mexico.

PROGRAM AT SAND HILL SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday night, January 1, 1927, the P. T. C. Society of Sand Hill will present the second play of the series in their new auditorium.

"Champayne and Oysters," is a two hour play and a sure-enough comedy in three acts. This is the

TEXAS TECH TEXTILE
MILL DEVELOPING RAPIDLY

By Chas. A. Guy, Special Cor.

LUBBOCK, Dec. 25.—Out here on the Plains of Texas, formerly known, in some instances even now termed the Llano Estacado or Great Staked Plains, is an infant of industry that in opinion of leaders over the State and Southwest is in a very few years destined to become one of the most widely known institutions of its kind in the United States.

The industry, if such it might be properly termed, is something for which the South has long waited; to compresses the large sheet into a handle that product that has made world. And it is an industry that by which the coming generation will be taught to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the South.

On this industry the State has spent only \$100,000, but it is yet far short of what was anticipated for, both from the standpoint of equipment and followers, and the next session of the Legislature will be asked to help the swaddling infant to learn to walk and be self supporting in a large measure.

Opened last Fall.

The industry is the textile department of the Texas Technological college, which was opened to students with any degree of satisfaction for the first time last fall, for the last year, the first year of the college, equipment would not permit of any satisfactory course being offered students in the college.

This department the only one of its kind in the Southwest, and one of the very few in the United States, is proposing to teach the youth of the South the art of weaving; of making cloth and the various fabrics from the raw cotton as produced in the fields of the Southland, and as a result of this knowledge, as it slowly spreads over this part of the Nation by means of the scores of the students that will be eventually turned out from the institution, it is hoped the South may save its self many thousands of dollars in spinning of its raw product at home instead of shipping it to the New England States, paying freight both ways.

And when the art of spinning is mentioned, it is to be accepted in its literal meaning, for the raw cotton, as it comes from the gin stands, is hauled to the textile department of the Texas Tech, and when it comes out it is finished in all manner of cloth, including the weaving of various designs and color schemes.

New Suit for President

As an instance of what the department is doing, E. W. Camp, who came to Tech from Georgia, where he was for many years connected with a similar institution, expects within the next week or two to turn out from the machinery of the college a suit of clothes, complete in every detail, even to dying, and this suit will be worn by Dr. Paul W. Horn President of the Texas Tech when he appears before the Legislature to offer a plea for the passage of an appropriation for the institution.

The suit is now in process of manufacture, and is to be made wholly of cotton that was grown on a farm near Abernathy, on the line between Lubbock and Hale counties, and which was ginned at a gin plant in Abernathy. Every stitch of the thread that goes into the suit will be spun and woven on the machinery of the department of the college.

And according to Camp, the suit when finished will be "fit for a king."

The art of spinning and weaving, a complicated affair, unless one is versed in the methods, which is taught to 54 students in the college, the most of whom are from the immediate section of the State, according to William J. Miller, dean of the engineering department, and double this enrollment is expected to double next year, with registrations from all portions of the Southwest and the State.

How Cotton is Prepared

The raw cotton is taken from the gins into the machinery, beaten, torn, shredded, stretched, then rolled, and then torn apart, and then rerolled through a dozen pieces of machinery. It comes out intact insofar as the individual fibers are concerned, but presents an altogether different appearance.

Students in the department are now engaged in the manufacture of various kinds of mementoes, embodying and the more simple classes of weaving, including socks and towels, all of which are being made by the designs of the individual student. These will be taken home with the student, and shown to their friends during the Christmas vacation.

The baled cotton is brought to the building, and in the first process is run through an opener, a large machine which cleans it thoroughly by the whirling process, and then goes thru a "breaker lapper" where it is again whirled and goes under sets of heavy rollers that crush it into an uneven sheet. From there it goes in large rolls to a finisher lapper, where six rolls unwind one under another and consolidated, are again torn apart

forcibly, by a tooth roller, then crushed together again, coming out in a new consolidated roll.

Process of Manufacture.

From the finishing lapper the rolls go into a carder, where a large cylinder, studded with needle points, again tears the roll apart by a revolving stand, at the rate of 1000 revolutions per minute, with a thin mist of cotton hanging to the teeth of the drum. A comb set tight against this drum at the far side removes the staple from these points and sends it hurry-

ing in a transparent sheet under another roller, and through a slide which compresses the large sheet into a rope of cotton. This is neatly coiled. And it is an industry that by which the coming generation will be taught to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the South.

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quarters at 50¢, a dead buffalo being past month, Amarillo citizens have worth several times the price on hoof, declared war on speeders and have The price of a live buffalo ranges posted a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of leaders over the the holiday market, the meat sells for ver-

\$600 to \$900. The green hide brings \$60 to \$70 and after being tan- ed, sells for \$200, while the green head brings from \$80 to \$70, accord- ing to age and quality. The same head mounted brings from \$250 to \$700. The most markets for mounted buffalo head are Denver and Lon- don.

After culling out the Christmas beevies, there are still 200 buffalo in the herd, and the purpose of selling the Christmas is to hold the herd down to the most practical size for handling. The animals are owned by J. I. Staley of Wichita Falls.

B. BETTIS RELEASED AFTER FATAL SHOOTING SATURDAY

Carl Cox, Local Gravel Man, Shot Twice, Dies on Way to Hospital Tragedy Occurs While Man Is Under Arrest

Amarillo, Dec. 26.—Claiming self defense, B. Bettis, a patrolman on the Amarillo police department shot and almost instantly killed Carl Cox, 26 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cox, second and north Jackson streets, shortly before two o'clock Saturday morning, near the corner of Fourth and Lincoln streets.

A charge of murder was placed against Bettis in Justice G. C. Landis' court early Saturday. He waived a preliminary hearing and was released under \$3,500 bond to await the action of the grand jury.

Two shots from the officers gun entered the boy's body, one in the chest and the other in the right leg. He died a few moments after being shot, according to doctors at the North West Texas Hospital where he was hurriedly taken.

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AMARILLO, Dec. 25.—Spurred by a large number of auto fatalities the

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We hope to serve you even better during the coming year, and gain the confidence of many new customers.

Our wish to all is: May 1927 be the most prosperous year you have ever experienced, and may the dawning of the New Year bring peace, comfort and prosperity to all.

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Best New Year's
Wishes

WE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY ON YOUR
NEEDS IN 1927 THROUGH OUR
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It has been our pleasure during a portion of the past year to serve you better and give you better values for your money, on account of our strictly cash to all policy. During 1927 we will be enabled to do better by you than in the past, as our policy will be more firmly established, and we will have no losses to over come.

We desire to express our appreciation for the good business we have received during the past, and ask a continuance of same assuring you that you will get a hundred cents on the dollar in value at this store.

We wish for all our friends and customers, a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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partment by a committee of citizens who are making a concerted move to halt speeding.

PROVIDENCE NEWS

Christmas day was quietly celebrated here Saturday.

The big snow of last week made a real Christmas for this year.

The Providence pupils and teachers had their Christmas tree last Thursday night, and a nice crowd enjoyed their program, which was very interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith are visiting in Ralls during the Holidays. Ira Smith was in Plainview Xmas Eve.

Jess Kennedy of Lubbock visited in our midst Saturday and Sunday. Edd Haas was in Plainview Friday to see who the Chrysler car given away that day. W. A. Boedeker and wife are riding in a new Chevrolet car purchased last week. —Reporter.

Boots Bryant of Knox-Patterson Gin Co., was a Lubbock visitor during the holidays. We are also glad to report that Boots has so far this year managed to keep himself out of the gin machinery, by staying in the office, and is at this time from all appearances enjoying perfect health, consuming a large amount of groceries daily.



WE WISH YOU A PROSPEROUS 1927

We wish for each of our friends and customers a prosperous New Year, and may it bring to them the happiest and most joyous occasion that they have so far experienced. Prospects are very bright for our little town and county for the coming year, and we would be glad to see all our citizenship join in one great co-operative move to develop and advance more in 1927 than we have ever in our past history.

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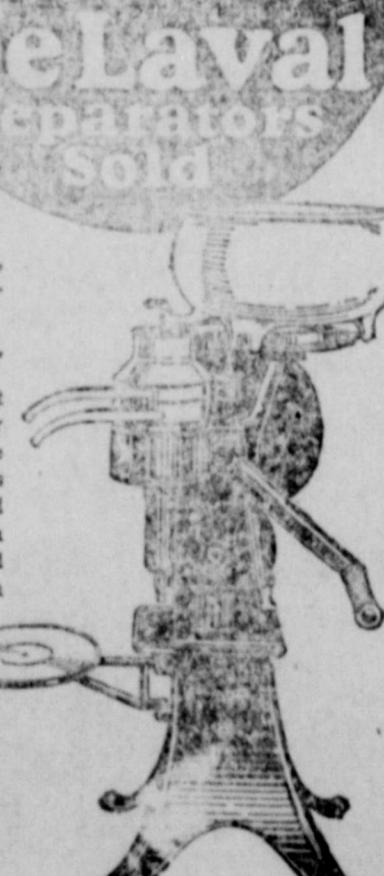
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FRIDAY, DEC. 31st

ELD. ARCEAUX TO PREACH

AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder Early Arceneaux of San Antonio, will preach at the College Auditorium at the Church of Christ next Sunday morning and night.

Elder Arceneaux received a good part of his education in the Old Chris-

tian College in Lockney a number of years ago. He is well known to many members of the congregation. He is here at this time considering becoming pastor of the local church.

Church Announcement

Trinity Evangelical Church at Pro-



We desire express our appreciation to the people of the Lockney Country for the generous patronage this store has received during the past year, and solicit a continuance of their business during the year 1927. We expect to be better prepared to care for your wants in the variety goods line the coming year than we have heretofore, and have a larger variety of goods from which you can select the things you desire.

At this time we wish to extend to you the season's greetings, and wish for you the most prosperous and happiest New Year you have yet experienced.

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vidence, Lockney, Texas.
Sunday, January 2, 1927:
10:30 A. M. Sunday school. There shall be no services that day. The next services shall be held on January 9 in the English language, and shall be followed by a special congregation meeting.—J. FLIERL, Pastor.

What Challenge Does 1927 Bring To You?

The New Year and Its Challenge Will be discussed in Intermediate Senior B. Y. P. U Sunday night, January 2, at 6:15 sharp.

All members of these Unions are urged to be present and Be On Time! Visitors and new members are welcome.

Program:

Leader in charge.—Thelma Bushanan.

Song Service, Prayer.

Introduction.—Leader.

1. Renew our New Year's resolution.—Gertrude Collier.

2. Facing the future with Faith—Y. F. Walker.

A good year if God directs.—Veia Thomas.

4. Call to new consecration.—Joe Mewshaw.

5. Paul takes Stock (Phil. 3:—13)—Gerald Barton.

6. Have I found my Prayer Place.—Carlton Cook.

Special music.

SURPRISE DINNER GIVEN
MR. AND MRS. J. S. WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams were surprised with a big dinner on last Tuesday, December 21, that being the date of their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. Williams will soon reach his seventy-sixth birthday and Mrs. Williams is now sixty-six. They have eight children and forty one grandchildren. All of the children are present at the dinner except Mrs. J. R. Guinn of Colorado. There were twenty six grandchildren present.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams and children all live in the vicinity of Lockney with the exception of Mrs. Guinn of Colorado. Those present at the dinner are as follows:

Mrs. Ira Wilton, John Williams, Dee Williams, Mrs. R. J. Stevenson, Jodie Williams, Mrs. Jeff Sutton, and Willie Williams.

W. M. S. Meeting.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. A. A. Suits Monday, December 27, for regular business missionary study, and social meeting.

After a short business session, Rev. C. J. McCarty took charge of the Missionary lesson, which was very interesting. The social part of the program was enjoyed very much. Little Miss Bonnie Fay Goodrich gave a reading. Then a guessing contest in the form of New Year's resolution was held. Each guest wrote a resolution on a slip of paper and gave it to her hostess. The hostess then read them aloud, each guest guessing at who wrote the resolution.

Delicious refreshments of cherry custard, fruit cake and coffee were served to fourteen members by the hostesses Mrs. Rebecca Dodson and Mrs. Suits.—Reporter.

Missionary Society.

The Missionary Society will meet next Monday afternoon in business and social meeting. We hope every member will be present in order that we may make our plans for the New Year.

We did a splendid work last year which will enable us to do still better work this year.—Mrs. G. S. Morris, President, Mrs. T. J. Rea, Publicity Superintendent.

PROGRAM OF THE FLOYD COUNTY WORKERS MEETING

The following is the program which will be carried out at the Floyd County Association to meet with the Fairview Baptist church January 4, 1927. 10:30 A. M., Devotional.—G. W. Tubbs.

11 A. M., The Debt Paying Campaign.—E. W. Dick and W. M. Draper.

Noon. Lunch will be served. 1:30 P. M., Women's work.—Mrs. Cap Ellison.

1:30 P. M. Board meeting. 2:30 P. M., Our 1927 Program.—C. J. McCarty.

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If solid happiness we prize,
Within our breast the jewel lies,
And they are feels who seem;
This world has nothing to bestow.
From our own selves our bliss must
flow.
And that dear hut—our home.

—Nathaniel Cotton.

FOR THE FAMILY TABLE

A simple dessert which will be good for the children of the family, is:

Jelly Pudding.—Boil together two cupfuls of water and one glass of jelly until well dissolved, add three-fourths of a cupful of sago which has soaked for an hour to soften, then cook twenty minutes, or until the sago is clear. Sweeten to taste, pour into molds and serve with cream when cold.

Velvet Sherbet.—Take the juice of three lemons, add two cupfuls of sugar and one quart of rich milk. Stir until the sugar is dissolved; it will curdle but will freeze smooth as velvet. Freeze as usual.

Banana Fluff.—Peel three large ripe bananas, cover them with two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice and one tablespoonful of grape juice; place on ice to stand for an hour. Mash them and beat well, adding one-half cupful of powdered sugar and the unbeaten whites of three eggs, one at a time. When light add a teaspoonful of vanilla and serve in glasses with fruit juice and macademia nutella.

Wisconsin Cherry Duff.—Take two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one-fourth of a cupful of butter (four tablespoonfuls), one-half cupful of sweet milk, one egg, one-half cupful of flour, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt and one cupful of sweet canned cherries. Bake in gem pans and serve with:

Cherry Sauce.—Take one cupful of cherry juice, thicken with one teaspoonful of cornstarch, add one-third of a cupful of sugar, a pinch of salt and a teaspoonful of butter added just before serving, with a few drops of almond flavoring.

Browned Carrots.—Scrape and cut in half medium-sized carrots, parboil for fifteen minutes, then lay around a roast of mutton and baste often with the fat from the pan. Serve around the roast on the platter.

When the fresh new cucumbers are crisp and green it is the time to put up pickles for winter.

Nellie Maxwell

Watch Your Diet,
Says Prima Donna

Cyrena Van Gordon, prima donna of the Chicago Opera company, believes in the flapper and her privileges. She believes in the practice of this much discussed person in wearing no corsets, in wearing short skirts, going in for athletic and outdoor life and in thoroughly upsetting the theories and practices of her mother and grandmother.

Miss Van Gordon, who is, in private life, Mrs. S. Bogart Munns, the wife

of Doctor S. B. Munns, says that all

of these things are woman's right and are necessary if a woman is anxious to keep her youth and beauty. But exercise is not the only thing that is necessary for the woman who is desirous of being attractive. She must watch her diet and be careful not to eat anything that will, in any way, be fattening.

There are certain dishes to which

Miss Van Gordon is partial and to

which she gives the credit for the re-

tention of her beauty. These dishes

she prefers to prepare herself and,

when on tour with the Chicago Oper-

company, she carries a small electric

stove in order that she will not be

deprived of the food she deems neces-

sary. These dishes are easily prepared.

Miss Van Gordon uses for

Celery and Cheese Casserole.

1 cup cheese 1 tbsp. butter

2 cups chopped 1 cup cooked spa-

celery

1/2 cup evaporated 1/4 cup buttered

milk

1/2 cup water bread crumbs

2 tbsp. flour

She makes white sauce of milk, wa-

ter, butter, flour, and salt, and mixes

it with all ingredients except crumbs

She then places it in an oiled baking

dish and covers with crumbs, baking

in a moderate oven until brown.

Chicken à la King.

2 cups cold 1 cup evaporated

chicken, diced milk

1 tbsp. butter 1 lb. mushrooms

1/2 cup flour 1 cup chicken

1/2 green pepper, broth

shredded

1 egg yolk

1/2 pimento, salt and pepper

shredded

Cook the peppers (also mushrooms

if they are used) in the butter for 15

minutes, keeping them covered while

cooking slowly. Add the flour and sea-

sonings, also the milk and broth. Stir

to a smooth sauce. Put chicken in

sauce to heat, and just before serving

stir in beaten egg yolk. Cook in double

boiler to prevent curdling.

PUBLIC SALE OR FARM PROPERTY WEDNESDAY

There will be a public sale at the G. C. Collins place, 8 1/2 miles south of Lockney next Wednesday, in which G. C. Collins and L. A. Rogers, will sell a long list of work stock, milch cows, hogs, chickens, farm implements and household goods. The sale will begin at 10:00 A. M. and there will be free lunch on the ground. Nash & Seale, Auctioneers will have charge of the sale, and J. L. Hammonds of Floydada will be the clerk. A full list of those items to be sold appears in an advertisement in other columns of the paper.

WILL BE FIRST PASSENGER ON DENVER TRAIN

Little Walter Douglas Long Boyle of Boston, Mass. sends New Year's greetings to his many friends in Lockney and Floyd.

Walter is planning with his mother to be one of the first passengers on the new Fort Worth & Denver Railroad that Santa Claus brought us.

To all I wish a happy new year.—

Walter Douglas Long.

Erwin Bennett and wife spent the Christmas holidays in Amarillo, visiting Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Billows.

Misses Ruby Threet, Lucille Carter, and Messers Marvin Gilbert Leslie Gilbert and Scott McGee were the guests of Misses Anna Mae, Ina, and Marsh Collins at the Long ranch last Sunday.

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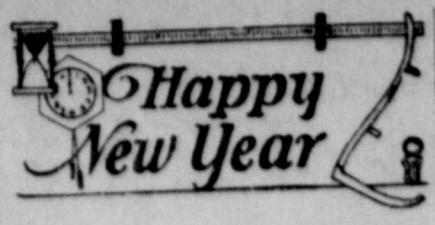
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In passing from the year 1926 to 1927 we wish to take the occasion to extend to our customers and friends our heartiest good wishes for a prosperous New Year. During the year passing we have striven to build for you a good place to trade and in a measure of success towards this end which we have achieved comes as a result of the splendid co-operation of our customers and friends.

We wish to take this occasion to thank you for this splendid support and assure you of our appreciation.

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We have just received a car of—

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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. DuBoise, Plainview, 2-18ty 19

LOST—White Bull Dog, brown spot over eye, ears and tail bobbed. Finder return to Rucker Produce & receive reward.

FOR SALE—Twelve room house in West Lockney at a bargain.—See S. W. Perry, Woodbridge Lbr. Co. 15tfc

CULL—your hens for strength, vitality and egg production. Will cull your flocks for \$2 per hundred. Carry your chickens to Merchants Produce Company, Lockney.—Mrs. Miles Day 3 miles west and 1-2 north of Lockney.

STREET SALE—I will hold a regular street sale in Lockney next Saturday January first. If you have anything you want to sell to the highest bidder bring it in.—John McDonald, Auctioneer.

LOST—A mud chain, lost Saturday morning, just beyond Santa Fe track en lower Plainview road. Finder return to Beacon for reward.

FOUND—A pair of Double Trees with single trees attached.—See Ross Cope, City Marshall.

FOR SALE—Ford delivery car, practically new, and in perfect mechanical condition.—See G. S. Morris.

LOST—Sample candy case, two weeks ago a candy case was lost on the road in front of the Beacon. Reward. Leave at these offices.

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.

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