

Floyd County Poultry Show Big Success

Chas. Bollman Won \$75 Poultry House; J. M. Henderson Won First National Bank of Lockney Loving Cup

Ample proof that Floyd County is one of the leading poultry producing counties on the South Plains was shown by the annual Floyd County Poultry show which closed its most successful exposition at Floydada Saturday.

By exhibiting the best twenty birds owned by a Floyd exhibitor, Chas. Bollman, of Floydada won the \$75 poultry house built by members of the Agricultural Class of Floydada High school.

For the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet shown the First National Bank of Lockney presented to J. M. Henderson of Hereford, a silver loving cup.

Featuring the close of the show the exhibitors were the guests of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at luncheon, Mrs. J. D. Christian furnished the turkey for the occasion from her now famous herd of Giant Golden-Bronze Turkeys.

To F. L. Davis of Floydada goes the award of one hatching of a tray of eggs for the best capon in the show presented by the Lockney Hatchery.

J. M. Henderson Farm, Hereford, Texas; 1, 2, 3, cock; 1, 2, cockerel, 1, hen, 1, pullet, 1, old pen; O. W. Fry, Floydada, Texas, 3, cockerel, 2, 3, hen; 2, 4, pullet; 2, 3, young pen; J. S. Miller, Lockney, Texas, 4, 5, cock, 5th cockerel, 4, hen, 3, pullet, 1, young pen; Ed Muncy, Floydada, 5, hen, 5, pullet; G. L. Fawcett, Floydada, 4, cockerel.

American S. C. White Leghorns J. M. Henderson, Hereford, 2, 3, cock; 1, 2, cockerel, 1, 2, hen, 3, 4, 5, pullet, 1, young pen, 1, old pen; Lockney's Leghorn Farm, South Bend, Texas, 1, cock, J. E. Green, Floydada, 3, hen, 4, young pen; D. S. Batty, Floydada, 4, 5, cock, 1, 3, pullet, 3, young pen and 2 old pen; Richard Morehead, Plainview, 1st, cockerel, 1st, hen.

Dark Barred Plymouth-Rocks A. B. Muncy, Floydada, 2nd and 3rd cockerel, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, pullet, 1st old pen; Mrs. W. M. Massie, Floydada, 4th and 5th young pen; Richard Morehead, Plainview, 1st cockerel, 1st hen.

Light Barred Plymouth Rocks Richard Morehead, Plainview, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cockerel, 1st hen, 1st, and 2nd pullet; A. B. Muncy, 1st, cock, 4th and 5th cockerel, 2nd and 3rd hen, 3rd and 4th pullet.

White Plymouth Rocks J. M. Henderson, 1st and 2nd cock, 1st cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullet, 1st young pen.

White Wyandottes S. D. Bunch, Floydada, 1st and 2nd cock, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th hen, 2nd, 3rd and 4th pullet, 2nd and 3rd young pen, Elvin Rainer, Floydada 4th young pen.

Partridge Wyandottes Coleman & Smith, Lockney, 1st and 2nd 3rd, and 4th cock, 1st, cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th pullet, 1st, young pen, 1st old pen.

S. C. Brown Leghorns A. B. Muncy, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cockerel, 2nd, 3rd and 4th pullet, 1st and 2nd young pen, E. R. Newberry, Floydada 1st pullet.

White Minorcas Chas. Bollman, Floydada; 1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullet, 1st and 2nd young pen.

Black Minorcas O. Glassmeyer, Floydada, 2nd and 4th pullet, Alex Newman, Lockney, 1st and 2nd hen, 1st, 3rd and 5th pullet, 1st and 2nd old pen.

Buff Orpingtons F. L. Davis, Floydada, 1st young pen.

White Orpingtons J. M. Henderson, 1st cock, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullet, 1st old pen.

Dark Cornish C. C. Powell, Hale Center, 1st cock,

"Inoculated"



TWO INCH SNOW FALLS LAST TUESDAY NIGHT

Warm Snow Will Be Worth Much to Large Wheat Acreage of the County

Tuesday night a blanket of snow about two inches in depth covered the Lockney country. The snow fell gently, there being no wind or blizzard accompanying it.

The moisture was badly needed on the wheat at this time, and will do much toward helping make a good crop next year. Some wheat, that was planted late, or put in bad was probably beyond redemption, but most of the acreage in the county was holding out well, and the moisture at this time will greatly revive it.

1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullet, 1st old pen.

Silver Laced Wyandotte Mrs. A. J. Beedy, Floydada, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet; Edell Dubois, Floydada 1st young pen.

Mottled Anconas H. L. Wilkerson; Floydada, 1st and 2nd pullet.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Whites J. L. West, Floydada, 1st cockerel, 1st young pen.

English S. C. White Leghorns T. J. Nance, Floydada, 1st cock and 1st hen.

Utility American S. C. White Leghorns D. S. Batty, Floydada, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hen, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th pullet.

Buff Cochon Bantams Wayne Coleman, Lockney, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st, pullet.

Capons F. L. Davis, 1st and 2nd, S. D. Bunch 3rd, Elvin Rainer 4th.

Mammoth Bronze Turkeys Mrs. V. C. Scott, Mickey, 4th and 5th cock, 1st and 2nd hen; D. W. Sherrill, Floydada, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th young tom; Chas. Bollman, 3rd old tom, 4th young tom, 1st and 2nd pullet, Mrs. L. C. Wheeler, Floydada, 2nd old tom, Mrs. J. D. Christian, Floydada 1st old tom.

Specials Best 20 solid color birds—J. M. Henderson, Hereford.

Best 20 part color birds—Coleman & Smith, Lockney.

Best solid color pen—J. M. Henderson, Hereford.

Best patti color pen—J. M. Henderson, Hereford.

Best solid color cock—J. M. Henderson.

Best solid color pullet—J. M. Henderson.

Best patti color cock—J. M. Henderson.

Best patti color cockerel—Richard Morehead, Plainview.

Best patti color hen—Richard Morehead.

METHODIST PROGRAM FOR THE COMING YEAR

Plan of work for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of the Lockney station for the years 1927 and 1928.

1st. An early revival.

(a). The revival in the church brought about by the church.

(b). The church at work for the salvation of the community.

(c). No boarders in the church, every one a member of a great family.

2nd.—A Sunday school, an Epworth League, and a Missionary Society with a program. Each one reaching the numbers who should be enlisted in its respective field of endeavor.

The ultimate aim of each, to lead the lost to the Master.

3rd.—A Board of Stewards who are as efficient an business like for the affairs of the church as any commercial enterprise in the town.

To make the official relationship of the church one to be esteemed, not only by the church family, but to be honored and appreciated by the town and community, whose highest mission is to bring men to Christ.

4th.—The finding of the joy in the Stewardship for the church, so that paying to the Lord may become spontaneous and pleasant. That one of the sure ways to put our heart in the right place is to put our treasure there.

(a). Worked out in detail: The paying of all claims of the church in full.

(b). The paying of the church debt.

(c). That the parsonage may be in keeping with the other homes in the town; that embarrassment may be removed from the pastor and his family which is imposed upon by the lack of home and modern equipment.

5th.—That unity and good will and fellowship may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. That men may be glad when they say, let us go to the house of the Lord—Rev. J. B. Reynolds, Pastor and official Board.

EMBREE DOUGLAS DIES IN THE CEDAR COMMUNITY

Embree Douglas, age 20 years, a farmer, living three miles east of Cedar Hill, died on Tuesday, December 13th. He leaves a wife and one child.

Two brothers from Mangum, Oklahoma came to attend the funeral services and burial.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church in Lockney Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. J. B. Reynolds, pastor, assisted by Rev. J. N. S. Webb, pastor of the Lockney circuit. Interment was made in the Lockney Cemetery.

Mrs. N. E. reer, Doyle and Wayne are here from Lubbock to spend the holidays with their husband and father, Dr. N. E. reer.

New Ford Shown Here Tuesday

First Showing of New Ford Car in County Was at Lockney Auto Company Last Tuesday

"It won't be long now" until again the Lockney Auto Company will be delivering new Ford cars to those who care to purchase them, after a delay of some seven months, while Mr. Ford was getting ready to put a new car on the market. Last Tuesday the first New Ford car of the 'New model' was shown to the people of Lockney and the Lockney country at the Lockney Auto Company's show rooms, and within the next few weeks A. P. will have the salesmen's speck down pat and delivering cars to those who prefer the Ford to all other brands.

The new car is entirely different in appearance from the old Model T that has been in action so long in this country, the body lines being entirely different. The new car has a standard gear shift and has the appearance of a "Baby Lincoln" and would not be recognized as a Ford if it was not for the name plate on the radiator.

Mr. Barker expects to be able to deliver cars about the first of January.

LUTHER HARRIS ONE OF LETTER MEN AT TECH

Lubbock, Texas, Dec. 21.—Seven-teen letters were awarded to football men of Texas Technological college at a luncheon at the college cafeteria as follows: Vaughn Corley, Wolfarth; H. E. DeWitt, Amarillo; Bruce Read, Vernon; L. D. Harris, Lockney; W. H. Carpenter, Sudan; E. B. Vermillion, Lubbock; Jess. Lockhart, Lubbock, Floyd Woodbridge, Dallas; Jacques, Hardy, Marlin; W. Winfield Nichaus, Amarillo; Ransom Walker, Mission; L. E. Walker, Mission; Marlin R. Hayhurst, Winnekah, Oklahoma; Clarence Hodges, Tuscola.

Walker Elected Captain

Ransom Walker of Mission has been unanimously chosen as captain of the Scarlet and Black Matadors of Texas Technological college for the coming season. Walker has been one of the outstanding stars of the Tech eleven, his brilliance as a broken field runner being especially noticeable. He knows how to pass the ball and his toe is always good for a lot of distance.

Walker has worn Tech's loud jersey for two years, while his younger brother, L. E. Walker also showed great ability as a ball toter during the last two games of the past season and much is expected of him next year.

G. A. White of Cisco, shifty end, was elected as alternate captain.

Map Out Program For January 1928

Program for January 1928 is Civic Improvements, Marking Streets and Numbering Houses

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Monday a program was presented by the program committee for the month of January. The program committee decided that they would map out a program for each month in the year, and the program for the month of January will be the civic improvement of the town. The Chamber of Commerce, working in conjunction with the city council expect to hold clean up days in January in order to get the town cleaned up and in good shape, get the streets in better conditions, have the streets marked at each corner, and have the houses of the town numbered so that any house in town can be easily found.

Mayor T. Z. Reed was appointed as chairman of the street committee, and C. L. Anderson chairman of the sanitary committee of which Mayor Reed is also a member.

The marking of the streets and the numbering of the houses was discussed at length, and Mayor Reed was asked to take the matter up with the city council and see what could be done at the next meeting of that body toward marking the streets and numbering the houses.

A good crowd was present at the luncheon. The next luncheon will be held Monday January 2nd at noon.

Merchants Give Away Livestock

Mrs. Abonzo Shiro Gets Jersey Cow; Ben Dillard, Jersey Heifer; Mrs. Leah McDonald, Saw; Mrs. J. F. Teaff, Gill; Mrs. Lindsay Busby and E. C. Darham, Chickens

At the awarding of the stock by the merchants of Lockney Tuesday afternoon the first prize which was a registered Jersey cow, went to Mrs. Abonzo Shiro of Lockney, after two numbers had been drawn that was not claimed, the number winning the cow was 65997. The Jersey heifer was won by Ben Dillard of the Abonzo community with No. 36186. The gilt donated by Holmes Bros. of Hilltop Farm, south of Lockney was won by Mrs. J. F. Teaff, who lives two miles west of Lockney, with No. 335-928, and the sow by Mrs. Robert McDonald with No. 236994. The 12 hens and a rooster, Partridge Wyandottes donated by H. P. Coleman of Lockney, went to Mrs. Lindsay Busby of Lockney, who held No. 371057 and the Black Minorcas chickens, donated by Alex Newman, went to E. C. Darham, who lives east of Lockney who held No. 364752.

The stock given away were all registered and pure-breds. A very large crowd was in attendance.

Kennedy Promoting New Railroad

Ed. S. Kennedy, Former Promoter of Grade Through Here Will Attempt to Build New Line

Newspapers are carrying publicity about a proposed line of railroad from Snyder, Texas, to Roswell, N. M. From the reports published by Mr. Kennedy and others who are now busy raising right-of-way money and donations along the proposed line, which will traverse Scurry, Dawson, Borden, Terry and other counties.

It will be remembered by citizens of this section that Mr. Kennedy was the promoter who built the old dump of the Altus, Lubbock and Roswell Railroad through Lockney back about 1910, which dump was never used, and cost the citizens many dollars from which the citizens received no benefits in the way of a railroad.

\$800,000 RAISED ON NEW RAILROAD LINE

Ed Kennedy of Houston Tells Plans For Roswell-Snyder Road; Plan Tap Line to Lubbock

More than \$800,000 in money and property have been secured to assure the completion of a short line railroad from Snyder, Texas, to Roswell, N. M., according to a statement made here last night by Ed Kennedy of Houston, who is in charge of assembling the work and raising bonuses.

Mr. Kennedy who was in Lubbock yesterday conferring with chamber of

William Hickman Is Named as Kidnaper

Net Spread to Prevent Escape of Kidnaper; Friend Escapes Whole Posse

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—Defying capture at the hands of the greatest force of men ever assembled for a man hunt in the west William Edward Hickman, identified as the kidnaper and slayer of Marian, 12-year old school girl was still at large late today. Spurred on by the positive identification of Hickman as the youth responsible for the abduction and killing of the child and the arrest of another youth, Milton Jakowsky, believed to have been an accomplice police in Los Angeles and southern California pressed forward the hunt relentlessly.

8,000 Form Posse Eight thousand men combed Los Angeles and its environs while others thousands prosecuted a search thru out the Pacific Southwest for the killer on whose head a reward of \$100,000 has been placed.

In the arrest of Jakowsky, authorities believe they have found the man who gave Hickman information concerning the Parker family during the kidnapers ransom negotiations with Perry M. Parker bank official and father of Marian.

Jakowsky in the belief of investigators acted as intermediary for Hickman, who graduated as an honor student at Central High school in Kansas City in 1926 and is said to be 19 years old.

Police said Jakowsky came to Los Angeles five weeks ago from Washington, D. C., where he is believed to have been a government employe. Jakowsky is known to have been friendly with both the Parkers and the Hickmans. His age is given as 25, and he is said to be single.

Jakowsky attempted to over power guards at the city jail this morning but was subdued by four men and locked in another cell while crying that he would take his own life.

A heavy guard was maintained about the jail because of threats voiced on the streets against the prisoner. Although taken into custody last night his name was withheld until noon today.

Announcement that Hickman had been identified as the youth who had lured the girl away from school last Thursday and on Saturday night delivered her body to her father in exchange for a ransom of \$15,000, was made after the police compared finger prints on the slayer's car and ransom notes with those in Hickman's police record. His photograph from the police files was identified by Miss Neona Britten, teacher, who was tricked into permitting Marian to accompany the kidnaper by his story that her father had been injured.

Vengeance Seen as Motive In reconstructing the crime today, police assigned vengeance as an obvious motive for the slaying but hinted that degeneracy may have been at the bottom of the case.

Hickman was employed as a messenger in the bank of which Parker was assistant cashier. He was arrested on a forgery charge last summer but was paroled.

Police expressed the belief that Hickman thought that Parker had opposed his parole and had killed the bank officials daughter out of revenge. Parker did not oppose the parole it developed today.

Others Perhaps Involved The nature of the crime lead investigators to the conclusion that sex perversion may have entered into it and that several youths besides Hickman may have been involved.

Whether the child was abused before she was slain, however, has not been cleared up due to the dismembered condition of the body. Detectives announced today they had found virtually indisputable evidence that Marian had been taken by her abductor to an apartment on Bellevue avenue where Hickman lived last week.

Apartment Blood Splattered The apartment bath room was splattered with blood and detectives declare Marian's body was dissected there. The proprietress identified Hickman's picture as the young man who rented the apartment under the name of Evans.

From the waste basket came a thin strand of thread which investigators pointed out matched perfectly the thread used to tie up four gruesome parcels found Sunday morning in Elmsian Park and containing parts of Marian's body. The same waste basket gave up a part of a broken Brazil nut, the other half, police say they found in the little pocket of the dress which covered the remains of the slain girl.

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WILLIAM HICKMAN IS NAMED AS KIDNAPPER

Continued from First Page Other clues in the apartment included towels bearing blood stains said by investigators to be blood and

a shirt similarly marked. The tub, wall and floor of the bath room showed more stains. The floor was littered with newspapers bearing Los Angeles and Kansas City date lines, the latter the home town of the fugitive. On the desk blotter was found the imprint of the name "Marian."

Made Plans Deliberately Hickman, soft spoken Sunday school boy who suddenly became the fiend who is accused of killing little Marian Parker, laid his plans with inhuman foresight and deliberation the police learned today.

The officers declared that for the three weeks just preceding the kidnapping of the little school girl, Hickman waged a campaign of drug store robberies that amassed him a goodly stock of anaesthetics and sleeping potions.

In one of those robberies he is said to have forced the drug clerk to instruct him in the details of administering the anaesthetics he e

was stealing. In their investigations of the apartment house where Hickman is believed to have made his lair, the police found that on last Sunday morning, the day after he had bartered the child's dismembered body for \$1,500 he sat in the bed while the officers raided the house and exhorted them to "find the fiend who did this."

Pharmacy Theft Told The revelation of Hickman's series of pharmacy robberies to get the anaesthetics with which the police believe he put little Marian to sleep while he mutilated her body came late today. Hickman's picture was positively identified by one druggist as the bandit who held him up late on November 27, rifled his cash register and took sleeping tablets when he failed to get the drugs he wanted. The next night, a similarly described youth held up another drug store. Again he took the cash register contents as well as several cans of anaesthetics. Then he stuck a pistol in the druggist's and commanded: "How do you use this stuff?"

Used "Death Car." The third pharmacy robbery was the night of December 5. In all three cases the robber fled in a Chrysler Coupe answering in detail the description of the death car found by the police after the killer-kidnapper had delivered Marian's body to her father. The detective who learned of the thefts believed Hickman had his revenge plot planned in detail at that time and that he used his loot to keep Marian quiet while he kept her hidden in his apartment.

They had overlooked that apartment two days before. Sunday morning a squad of 100 policemen had raided the building after there had been found on one of the towels stuffed into the dismembered torso of Marian Parker, the identifying mark of that apartment's linen.

Worked Thoroughly The police searched the place thoroughly—but young Hickman had worked with thoroughness and haste. For in that search when the police searched the apartment of a nice looking lad named Donald Evans they found nothing in their room to excite suspicion.

When they burst into the place, young Evans sat up in the bed with a grin as they told him what they were after.

"Go ahead, boys, make it a good search. I hope you find the fiend." They found nothing and left soon afterward. Donald Evans strolled past Mrs. Ethel Broderick, manager of the place, with a casual remark and vanished.

Evans Was Hickman And today, led again to Donald Evan's apartment. Police found that the smiling fellow who greeted them Sunday morning, was Hickman himself. And, on this second, more minute search, they found blood stains in the bathroom—blood stains, newspapers, clothing, other clues left them all with the firm conviction that there Hickman had hidden his victim; that there he had tortured her; that there he had written the ransom notes to the child's father; that there he had finally brought her death.

Articles found there had come from Kansas City where Hickman's mother lives. Finger prints also were found which tallied with Hickman's. Residents and the manager identified Hickman's picture as that of Donald Evans. The officers also found a shirt with the initials "H. B. G." on Marian Parker's body and another shirt with the name H. B. Gerber. Where Hickman got these shirts, the police have not discovered.

They found Gerber in jail on a forgery charge where he had been since November 26.

Hickman's picture looks like a fellow I've seen somewhere, but I don't remember, where, when or how," Gerber said.

Formal Charge Made A formal charge of kidnaping and murder was placed against Hickman today and a warrant issued for his arrest.

Milton Jakowsky was arrested as a suspect in the case tonight but was released. Jakowsky's morbid curiosity was his only connection with the Marian Parker murder according to Detective Lieutenants Lloyd and McCarron, who investigated Jakowsky's activities.

He was arrested after neighbors of the Parkers had reported that Jakowsky, friend of the informants had spent much of the time every day after the kidnaping of Marian sitting at one of their front windows and staring at the Parker home.

On Sunday morning, after the murder was known, Jakowsky arrived at his friends home before any one was up and showed unusual interest in the Parker family it was reported.

Belief that the kidnaper had kept close check on the Parker home had aroused suspicion that Jakowsky might be involved.

Miss Maenon Meriwether of Lubbock is here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Luther Harris, who is a member of the Tech student body at Lubbock is at home for the holidays.

J. W. Dines, who has been visiting relatives in California for the past month has returned home.

Mrs. J. O. Rogers left Saturday for Vernon, Texas to spend some time with a daughter at that place.

# Stock Reducing SALE

On Entire Stock So That We Can Move to West Side of Main Street for Piggly Wiggly 10 Pkgs. Post Toasties \$1.00 Campbell's Pork & Beans each 8c No. 2 Tomatoes 8c Regular Size Macaroni 6c Regular Size Spaghetti 6c 8 pound Compound \$1.29 5 lb. Bucket Peanut Butter .93c No. 2 Lamp Globes each 8c Full stock of Bananas, Apples, Oranges, Walnuts, Almonds, Pecans; in fact everything for your Christmas needs. Special lot of cranberries.

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# BOOKING ORDERS

## Lockney Hatchery Incubator Starts Monday, January 2nd

We are now booking orders for the first setting of the Mammoth Incubator. You can book your orders at Crager Furniture Company.

We have moved the Incubator to the concrete McCollum building where we will receive eggs on January 2nd.

The early broilers will bring more this year than late fryers, so you will profit by having your chicks hatched early. We also handle poultry remedies and supplies of all kinds, Roup, Cholera, Worms and White Diarrhea remedies.

Have your orders booked now. A factory man has moved the hatchery and will inspect it thoroughly before beginning operation.

## Lockney Hatchery

PHONE 121

LOCKNEY,

TEXAS

# ISIS THEATRE

ogram Week Commencing  
December 26th, 1927

Monday and Tuesday—  
THOMAS MEIGHAN  
and  
LOUISE BROOKS

—IN—  
"The City Gone Wild"

COMEDY—  
"DR. QUACK"  
NEWS

Wednesday and Thursday—  
JOHN BARRYMORE  
and  
DOLORES COSTELLO

—IN—  
"Sea Beast"

COMEDY—  
"HOT PAPA"

Friday—  
"Million  
Dollar Handicap"

The Most Thrilling Horse-Racing  
Picture Ever Filmed With An  
All-Star Cast

COMEDY—  
"ROW SAILOR ROW"  
NEWS

Saturday—  
JACK HOXIE  
—IN—  
"Wild Horse Stampede"

SNOOKUM COMEDY—  
"ADVICE"  
NEWS

\$500.00 RAISED ON  
NEW RAILROAD LINE

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commerce and city officials, left last  
night for Houston to spend Christ-  
mas, but will return to this city in  
about 20 days. The road contem-  
plated will have Snyder and Roswell  
as terminal points, and will go thru  
Gail, O'Donnell, Brownfield, Plains,  
Bronco, Tatum and Cap Rock.

**Guarantees Made**  
A summary of the guarantees al-  
ready made to Mr. Kennedy is as fol-  
lows: Roswell, terminal facilities,  
townsite in corporate limits, 30 miles  
of right of way and cash bonus of  
\$200,000, or a total guarantee of \$250,  
000; Cap Rock, 70 acres for townsite  
and 20 miles of right of way; Tatum  
100 acres and 15 miles of right of  
way; Bronco, 200 acres and six and  
one half miles of right away; Plains  
100 acres and 30 miles of right of

way, O'Donnell, right of way through  
county and grounds of depot, Gail,  
30 miles right of way and depot fa-  
cilities; Snyder, sufficient terminal fa-  
cilities and buildings.

Mr. Kennedy is not affiliated with  
any trunk railroad line company, and  
has obtained the above subscriptions  
during a single-handed three months  
campaign. He announced last night  
that when the road is complete it will  
be taken over by a trunk line the  
name of which he did not divulge.

Nothing is asked of Lubbock at  
this time though the road will have  
a tap line to Lubbock when the right  
time comes, Mr. Kennedy said.

**Coast Cities Benefit.**  
He pointed out that Lubbock as well  
at the entire region would be benefit-  
ed by the line; and shipping centers  
especially Houston, his place of re-  
sidence and Galveston, another ship-  
ping point, will be benefited by the  
increased transportation facilities in  
this territory.

A charter for the road is assured,  
Mr. Kennedy said. No permit from  
the Interstate Commerce Commission  
is necessary, he stated, as the road  
was begun from Roswell before the  
I. C. C. came into existence.

The road originally started from  
Roswell, extending to caprock, is yet  
in good condition and is valued at  
\$43,000 he said.

Mr. Kennedy expressed pleased sur-  
prise at the growth of Lubbock, and  
expressed confidence that this city  
would aid any movement calculated  
to benefit this territory.

### LOCKNEY CIRCUIT

J. N. S. Webb, Pastor

Since Christ came to bring "Peace  
on Earth, good will toward men," and  
to make "Life light, and immortality a  
reality" we feel that Christmas  
should be the most joyous season of  
the year. Therefore we are planning  
to have a real Christmas Tree and  
joyous occasion at Whitfield next  
Saturday night. The pastor is to  
preach on these things.

He will also preach there on Sun-  
day at eleven o'clock.

Also he is to preach at Sunset on  
Sunday night following the young  
folks services.

You are cordially invited to attend  
these services.—J. N. S. Webb.

### ANTELOPE

Antelope, Dec. 19.—Miss Donpia  
Mae Aston returned to her home from  
Abilene this week where she had been  
attending school. She intends to stay  
with her parents until after New  
Year.

A pie supper was held at Antelo-  
pe December 17th. The funds raised  
went for school ground equipment.

Mr. Bill Brown and Johnnie Wis-  
dom returned this week from Brown-  
field where they have been working  
with cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bell of Sny-  
der, Texas spent the week end with  
Mr. and Mrs. John Aston.

## Useful Gifts are APPRECIATED

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinsley spent  
Saturday in Floydada.

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ally invited the next day, Thursday  
December 29 to come with well filled  
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quarterly conference after dinner. It  
being Christmas week you can surely  
come.—J. N. S. Webb, Pastor.

### METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE

There will be a Christmas tree at  
the Methodist church in Lockney, Sat-  
urday night, December 24th, accord-  
ing to arrangements now being made  
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### A Good Bull Nearly Doubles Herd Production in Three Generations

## GOOD BULL BOOSTS DAIRY PRODUCTION

Offers Economical Way for Dairyman to Increase Income From Cows.

Increasing the milk yield of cows is one of the surest ways for increasing dairy herd profits, and the requirements now of a good purebred sire has proved to be one of the most practical and most economical ways for increasing herd production, declares the Blue Valley Creamery Institute. Perhaps no better example of the value and influence of better breeding can be cited than the experiment conducted by the Iowa experiment station in which a number of scrub cows having an average annual production of 4,110 pounds milk and 191 pounds butterfat, were used as the

foundation for a dairy herd. Production records of the half pure bred daughters of these scrub cows, sired by good dairy bulls of good breeding and type, show that the average yield was increased to 5,828 pounds milk and 266 pounds butterfat a year. The pronounced influence of the pure-bred sire was again brought out in the three-quarter pure bred grand-daughters of scrubs, which were daughters also of pure-bred dairy sires. The yearly production of these third generation cows, all daughters of the half pure breeds, was 8,199 pounds milk and 365 pounds butterfat.

The use of a good pure-bred dairy bull in a milking herd is the most practical and most economical way for the average dairyman to increase the production of his cows and the profits from his business. Only comparatively few farmers can afford good pure-bred herds, for to purchase them is expensive. However, no farmer, who expects to make a success in the dairy business, can afford to be without the use of a good pure-bred dairy sire, the Institute states.

### Pullets Produce More Eggs & Greater Profits Than Hens

This average good hen in one year		produces an average of 125.5 eggs	having a farm value of \$ 2.86								
NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT
This average good pullet in one year		produces an average of 154.2 eggs	having a farm value of \$ 3.81								
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## PULLETS START LAYING EARLIER

Produce More Eggs Than Hens in Months When Prices Are Higher.

Pullets are bigger and more profitable layers than hens, declares the Blue Valley Creamery Institute, in its suggestions for a good poultry flock. The principal reason for the superiority of young birds as layers is that they start laying early and produce a larger number of eggs than old hens do during the months of November, December, January and February, when egg prices are higher.

average of only 1.1 eggs for each of his hens. In December, the pullets increased their production to an average of 3.3 eggs and the hens each presented him with an average of only one egg in return for one month's food and care. The total number of eggs laid by the pullets in this flock during the four months starting with November averaged 41.2 and by the hens in the same period, 13.7. During the summer the production of the young and old birds was about the same, as shown in the illustration above. At the end of the year, however, the pullets had a record of an average of 154.2 eggs per bird and the hens, 125.5 eggs.

The superiority of pullets over hens in this flock is still greater when the total value of all the eggs laid during the year is considered. Because the pullets laid more eggs in winter than the hens, the value of all the eggs they laid during the year was \$3.81 based on average prices received by farmers in the United States for eggs during the year ending October 15, 1926. The total value of the eggs laid by the hens during the same year was \$2.86—nearly a dollar less per bird or around 85¢ less per 100 birds.

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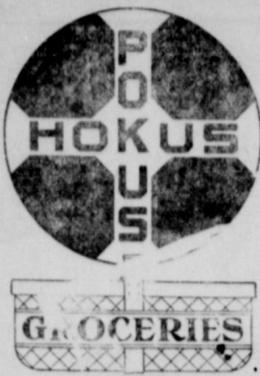
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## COUNTY BRIEFS

### BLANCO

A large crowd attended the dinner and preaching at McCoy Sunday. There were 32 at Sunday school. Let's try to make it 50 next Sunday. Our Christmas holidays will begin

Thursday. School will take up again January 2. Mr. C. S. Toon our principal will leave Thursday at noon for his home in Delta County. We hope Mr. Toon the best of luck and a merry Christmas. Miss Opal Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Elgah and Kathryn Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell of Slady Texas have been visiting Mrs. Rus-



## How to Play BRIDGE

Series 1927-28 by Wynne Ferguson

### ARTICLE No. 9

In the previous article, it was stated that any valid objections to the informative double should be based on its misuse by players who do not thoroughly understand it, and not on the informative double itself. Here is an example of the misuse of the informative double that the writer noticed the other night: Hearts—A, 8, 7, 5 Clubs—K, 7, 5 Diamonds—A, J, 9, 4 Spades—5, 3

double had got him into trouble, but he was not strong enough to bid two no-trump or three of another suit, so was obliged to pass. Y and B also passed and the hand was played at two spades. A-B losing their contract by 400 points, plus 40 honors. If A had passed as he should, Z would have played the hand at one no-trump, and with a diamond opening A-B would have made three diamond tricks, one heart and one club trick, just enough to save game. Let this hand be a warning to those players who are apt to make an informative double when they are not prepared for any bid partner may make. Let that be the test and use that test before you double. Ask yourself this question: "If my partner bids my weak suit, am I strong enough to make a bid of my own?" If this question is answered in the negative, then you should not make an informative double. Much has been said and written recently about four-card suits and the value of bidding them on the first round of bidding rather than the no-trump. There is no doubt that this plan brings good results in many cases and the following example is a good illustration:

- Hearts—4, 2 Clubs—10, 7, 6 Diamonds—J, 10, 7, 6, 4 Spades—J, 6, 2
- Hearts—9, 8, 5 Clubs—J, 8, 4, 2 Diamonds—Q Diamonds—10, 8, 7, 4
- Hearts—Q, 6, 3 Clubs—A, 5, 3 Diamonds—K, 8, 5, 2 Spades—A, 5, 3
- Hearts—A, K, 10, 7 Clubs—K, Q, 9 Diamonds—A, 9, 3 Spades—K, Q, 9
- Hearts—5, 3, 2 Clubs—7 Diamonds—10 Spades—9, 7, 2

No score, rubber game. Z bid one no-trump and A doubled, (informatory). This double is very unusual because A has only two spades, and if his partner should bid two spades in answer to the informative double A not only could not help the spade bid but is also too weak to bid a suit of his own or two no-trump. In other words, A is not prepared for the two spade bid by B and, therefore, should not double. In this particular hand, Y passed the double, B bid two spades and Z, who was one of those players who doubles for business after bidding no-trump, doubled two spades. A now realized that his bid

Make up your mind to bid either one way or the other and then stick to it with all hands of this type; but watch results carefully. It may be that you will find you have selected the wrong theory and when convinced that you have, don't hesitate to change. The writer favors the bid of the four-card suit with this type of hand, other than the no-trump. It is a close question, however, so make up your own mind what to do and try it out. But be consistent!

### Problem No. 12

- Hearts—10, 9, 7 Clubs—Q, J, 6 Diamonds—A, J Spades—none
- Hearts—A Clubs—9, 8 Diamonds—Q, 8, 6, 5, 2 Spades—none
- Hearts—K, Q, J, 8 Clubs—none Diamonds—K, 7 Spades—8, 6
- Hearts—5, 3, 2 Clubs—7 Diamonds—10 Spades—9, 7, 2

Spades are trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y-Z win six of the eight tricks against a weak defense? How can A-B so play as to make these tricks, irrespective of Y-Z's play? Solution in the next article.

sels mother, Mrs. A. H. Howell. Also Mr. and Mrs. Rob Witty were Mrs. Howell's Sunday guests. Mr. H. B. Alexander spent the week end at home. Miss Ura Smith is spending a few days at Plainview with her sister Mrs. Hal Hamilton. Everyone is urged to be present at the Christmas Tree and see Santa Claus. We will also try to entertain you with a short program and a one act play, "That Long Ago Duet."

### LONE STAR

Rev. McGehee filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church last Sunday morning. There was a singing at the school building last Sunday afternoon. Douglas McGehee, Joe, Maye and Ada Foster are at home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. E. E. Bryant and family and Mr. J. B. Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Merrick and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Riddle spent Sunday afternoon in the brakes. While there they selected a Christmas tree for the school. The Providence Boys and Girls basket ball team played our boys and girls last Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Nace moved to the Garner place last Monday. The community Christmas tree will be held at the school house on next Friday evening. Mr. T. J. Jarboe and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Seth Percy of Aiken on last Sunday.

### STARKEY

Starkey, Dec. 19.—The farmers of this community are about to get their crops gathered. There was an entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Money's Friday night every one present reported a nice time. Mr. Lewis Atkinson purchased a ford coupe last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Garner are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Allen. Rev. Lollar and family at McCoy and Bro. John Rankin visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George At taway Sunday afternoon. Mrs. At taway is no better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finley of Muleshoe visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Abbie Finley, Sunday and also Mrs. Finley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Collins. We are sorry to report Mrs. W. F. Ferguson's on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mournay made a trip to Idalou Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Atchinson left last Friday for Vernon, Texas. They will return Monday or Tuesday. Our school is progressing nicely. We hope to see more present after Christmas.

### FAIRVIEW

Fairview, Dec. 19.—School was dismissed last Friday for two weeks in order that the children might help finish gathering the crops, and then able to enter school after the Christmas holidays. We hope to have a full attendance in school by the first of the New Year. Miss Iris Crawford left for her home in Silverton, Texas to spend the holidays. Rev. Patterson of Floydada filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Mrs. J. H. Ratliff had as her guest Thursday night a brother from Crosbyton. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hoffman and children were visitors in Plainview Sunday. Mrs. Billie Jones arrived from Abilene Thursday night to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Rushing. The young people in this community were very pleasantly entertained with a fruit supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lomax Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McClendon left Sunday morning for Corpus Christi, Mrs. McClendon's former home, to spend the Christmas holidays. The Dramatic club social given in the auditorium Friday night was a big success. Miss Eureka Hoffman directed the entertainment and Mrs. McCollan the refreshment.

### PLEASANT HILL

Pleasant Hill, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Morgan and children attended the supper at Newlin Friday night. Miss Elizabeth Woolsey visited Miss Juanita Hart Friday afternoon. School will dismiss Friday for the Christmas holidays. Everyone is looking forward to a Happy Christmas. Mrs. Claude Fawver spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. S. L. West. Miss Eola Lincoln attended the box supper at Newlin Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were visitors at Antelope Sunday. Mrs. Joe Eavers and children were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Dan Day. Mr. and Mrs. Woolsey were the

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Sunday guests of Mrs. Hart and children. Dick Farrow attended the box supper at Newlin last Friday night. Jerline Morgan visited Grace Shelton Friday afternoon. Miss Lula Lincoln visited at Matador Sunday.

### CENTER

Center, Dec. 19.—We are still having cold weather but a good crowd attended the sale today despite the weather. Mr. Huckabee will thresh at Mr. Miller's tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Veach took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Branson. Mr. and Mrs. Nolan went to Lubbock last week. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Spence visited Virgil Turner and family at Floydada Sunday afternoon. Mr. Turner is just home from the Plainview sanitarium. Mrs. A. L. Spence is on the sick list. The box supper at the school house was a success. We raised \$38 and perhaps more. There was a very small crowd on account of the sickness and cold weather. Mr. Lightfoot is sick again with a light attack of his old trouble. Mr. J. H. Foster and son Raymond spent last Wednesday here on business. Last week was general hog killing week. The ladies of the church sold pies at the sale today. Center was pretty well represented at Campbell Sunday afternoon. C. E. Meredith is in the community to work with the thrasher some. Misses Cecile Lightfoot and Lillian King are home for two weeks Christmas vacation. W. B. Jordan has finished the J. L. King house and they have moved in. Messdames T. L. King and W. B. Jordan spent last Thursday with Mrs. Montgomery.

### SAND HILL

Sand Hill, Dec. 19.—The play "Am I Intruding" will be presented Monday night the 26th at the school house. This is a dandy good play, be sure to see it. School will turn out Wednesday and the holidays will last until after New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Golliber of Plainview visited with Mr. Bob Golliber Sunday evening. The time of meeting at the Church of Christ has been changed back to eleven o'clock on Sunday mornings. Mr. Raby Manning has sold his place and is leaving right away for Glenrose and other points east on a visit. George Gates left Wednesday for Fort Worth for the holidays.

## Christmas Greetings

We wish to extend our appreciation to the people of the Lockney country for the generous business that has been given us during the past year and wish all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

At this time I especially wish to thank the people of Lockney and the surrounding country for the many courtesies that have been shown me during the time I have been manager of the Merchants Produce, and the years I have lived in Lockney before being connected with this institution. I will sever my connections with the Merchants Company on January 1st, and my brother, Morgan Hamilton, will succeed me as manager. Again thanking you for past favors, I beg to remain,

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### COUNTY BRIEFS

#### MAYVIEW

Health of the community is good at present.

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended Sunday.

A surprise birthday dinner was given at Mrs. Davis' Sunday in honor of Mrs. Davis' and Miss Thelma McNeil's birthday. The dinner was quite a surprise to both of them as neither of them suspected anything until the neighbors began carrying in boxes and baskets of eats.

Elder McCarty of Tullia preached here Saturday night.

H. L. Handley and family attended church services at Lakeview last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith took supper with Miss Readheimer and friends Sunday night.

Miss Lois Miller visited her aunt near Paducah Sunday.

This community will have a short program and a Christmas Tree at the school house Saturday night.

There will be preaching here Sunday and Sunday night.

Quite a few went to the play and box supper at Newlin last Friday night. Also several went to Campbell. All report a nice time.

#### BAKER

Baker, Dec. 19.—Our school is progressing nicely. Most all of the pupils are back in school now.

We plan to have a Christmas Tree or a Christmas Box here next Tuesday. The school will turn out Tuesday for the holidays and will take up again Wednesday week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Peacock, Georgia Holder, Jewell Woolsey, Wanda Day and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Green visited a while last Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson.

Little Miss Marie Finley was out of school last Friday. She was sick with a bad cold.

Annie Jewell Fawver and Opal Nelson spent Saturday night with Annie and Maggie Graves.

Mrs. Allen Peacock, Georgia Holder and Paul Peacock plan to leave for Commerce Tuesday at noon to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

Sunday was Mr. Peacock's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Woolsey, Wanda Day, Maggie Graves, Opal Nelson, Tate Jones, R. T. Jones, Herschell Green and Winston Woolsey were in his home and helped enjoy the good dinner.

A play entitled "A daughter of the Desert" was given by some of the people outside of the school here last Friday night. The play brought something over \$16. The proceeds went to the benefit of the school.

#### HARMONY

Harmony, Dec. 19.—A good crowd attended the church services at Carrs Chapel Saturday night, which was held by our new presiding Elder, Rev. M. M. Beavers.

Sunday school and league were held at the regular hour Sunday. A short business session was conducted following the league in which all officers were re-elected for the coming year.

The Women's Home Missionary Society and also the Home Demonstration club met in regular session last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wm. Finkner.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snodgrass were Plainview visitors last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hale and daughter, Luthane, motored to Plainview last Monday.

A community sale is to be held at Harmony, Thursday, December 22 at which time the old Harmony school

house will be sold to the highest bidder. Other items of interest will also be sold.

The children of the community are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. He is due to fill his annual appointment at a Christmas Tree at Carrs Chapel Saturday night.

Mr. Clifford Trowbridge made a trip to Amarillo last Thursday to visit with his brother Floyd Trowbridge who resides there.

The farmers are feeling anxious about the condition of the wheat and barley since cold weather hangs on so long with no moisture.

#### Blanco Home Demonstration Club.

The Blanco Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Snell at 2:30 o'clock Thursday Dec. 14th.

The occasion of the meeting was the election of officers and a social. Only six members were present. A social hour was spent in conversation and a memory contest. Mrs. Badgett won first prize.

Refreshments consisting of Jello Pineapple and whipped cream with cake was served.

The following officers were elected to serve in 1928:

Mrs. W. C. Cates, president; Mrs. D. R. Badgett, vice-president; Mrs. F. W. Farley re-elected secretary and Mrs. L. C. Wheeler, reporter.

The club gave the retiring president a lovely gift for which she was very proud and thanked each member for same. We meet again January 6th with Mrs. Wheeler as hostess. Please bring their home report for December next meeting.

#### Circle No. 2 W. M. U. Met With Mrs. Gene Simpson.

Circle No. 2 of the W. M. U. met last Monday afternoon with Mrs. Gene Simpson for a lesson in bible study. We studied the eighth chapter of Act. Mrs. D. C. Hamilton was teacher. We had a very interesting lesson.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Hubbard mission study chairman Mrs. Hickey, mission chairman, Mrs. Mary Hamilton personal service chairman, Mrs. Visage, benevolent and aid chairman, and Mrs. Gene Simpson reporter.

The W. M. U. will not meet next Monday. —Reporter.

#### PLAY AT SAND HILL NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

On Monday night December 26 we will present "Am I Intruding" as the first play on our new season tickets. For the past three years on Christmas night this society has presented

# Bargain Days Close Saturday

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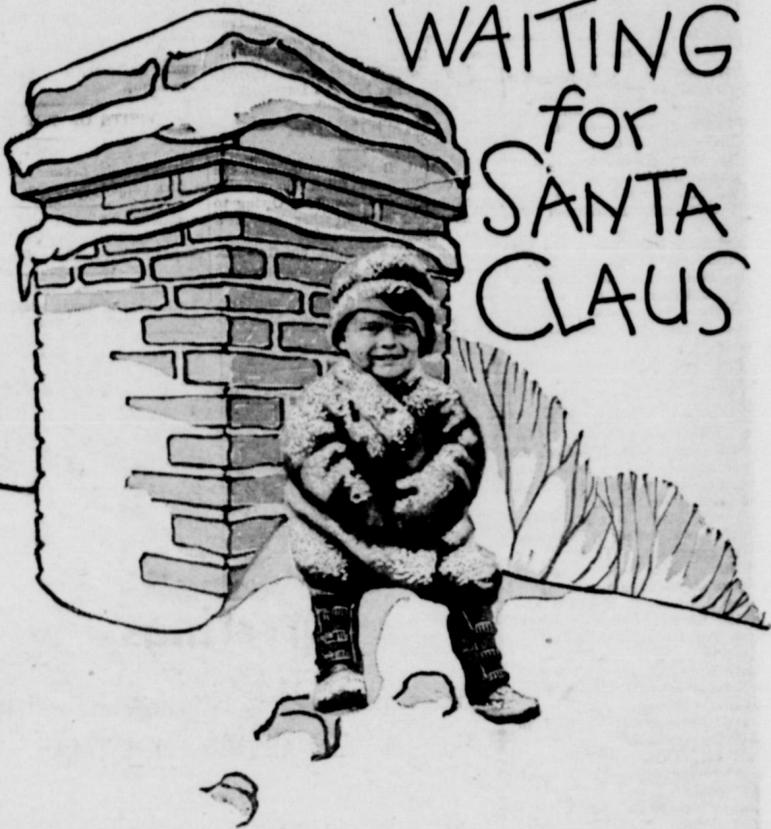
Perhaps you've never thought of shopping at The Security State Bank for your children's Christmas gifts, but it's a splendid idea, nevertheless. A Savings Account is a gift that grows more and more valuable as time goes on; so that on some future Christmas it will have grown into a fine, big sum.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas

## The Security State Bank



# Merry Christmas - 1927



## WAITING for SANTA CLAUS



**The Broke Christmas**  
By James L. Hays

**D**ADDY! Come to supper!" Mary Brown opened the living-room door to put her head out into the darkness and cold of a snowy Christmas Eve.

"Coming, Old Scout," replied a gruff voice which had grown coarse shouting a foreman's orders in the clanging steel mills. Dad stamped the snow from his worn-out overshoes.

"Well, I've shoveled the walk," he growled, "even if Grandma's not coming and it'll soon be drifted again. Just felt I wanted to do it, somehow."

Sis and Bob, the "twin sixes," as Dad had named them since their last birthday, now pounced on him, yelling "Gonna get a sled! Gonna get a sled!" and "I get a dollie, Papa, won't I, huh?"

After supper the little ones went reluctantly to dreamland. Oh, just to think! Christmas at last! How hard to wait till morning! But the Sandman surprised them and made waiting easy.

"Mary," said Dad gloomily, "I'll have to speak to Jimmie. What keeps him out late this way? Even if it is vacation, it's strange. If he's hangin' around pool halls, no good'll ever come of that."

Mother looked thoughtful.

"Well," she admitted, "he hasn't been in early for a week. But, Sam, I don't think he'd do anything wrong, you know—anything—"

"N-no. Jim's been a good boy," said Dad. "An awful good boy, but—"

"S-sh!" said Mother.

Jimmy burst in, rosy with cold, his eyes sparkling.

"Keen weather!" he announced, explosively, dancing and blowing his hands.

"Lo, Ma! Lo, Dad! Gee, but this'll be a swell Christmas!"

Dad and Mother brightened with smiles. Who could help it with Jimmy around. But Dad shifted uneasily. Wouldn't do to take a boy to task on Christmas eve. He started to pack his pipe.

"Jimmy, your supper's still hot,"

Mother said, "We saved it for you." "Thanks, Ma! You're a peach! Boy, but I'm hungry!"

Dad found the tobacco bag. It was empty. He hastily shoved pipe and bag into his pocket. But Mother had noticed and her smile faded. Poor Sam!

The truth was the Browns were "broke" and this was to be their "slimmest" Christmas.

"Well, Daddy," she said, "We've the little tree and the doll and the sled to be thankful for. But, Sam, I did so hope your Mother could have come this year, as always. Maybe we should have borrowed."

Dad coughed.

"No, dear, we couldn't send her the fare and so that's the end of it. Next year, maybe, with no doctor bills, it'll be different. She'll be lonely, though."

"Jimmy!" exclaimed Mother. "What are you so fidgety about?"

"Oh, nothing! I thought I heard a car, though. Dad, is the walk swept? I never noticed."

Dad gasped. "Walk swept? Here, quick! Somebody fan me. He's never asked that one before!"

Jimmy ran to his coat and fished out a package. "Look, Dad. Here's Mother's present. Let's put it on the tree!"

"Jimmy, you shouldn't! I don't need a thing. And how could you have bought it anyhow?" But Mother's eyes kindled.

"And, Mother, give Dad his present now. I saw him fishin' for a smoke and givin' up. Cigars!"

"Why, Son. You old John D! A whole box of Cigars! Get me a match, quick. You shouldn't have spent it. Who'd you run errands for, anyway?"

"Run errands, hump! I'm deliverin' for Uncle Sam. Christmas rush."

Jimmy strutted. "Say, I'm a millionaire!"

An auto set its brakes and swung up to the gate.

"And here's my car!" Jimmy exclaimed, dashing out the door. Away drove a yellow cab and in marched a proud boy with a dear little old lady.

Sam and Mary stared. "It's mother!" cried Sam, taking her in his arms.

"S-sh!" cautioned grandma. "You'll wake the babies. And she pointed to her bulging shopping bag. Jimmie whisked it away to a hiding place.

"But, Grandma," said Mary, "How did you ever manage it?"

"We couldn't rake up a cent to send you," said Dad.

"Dearies," said Grandma, fumbling in her handbag. "You did send it. Twelve dollars. It was little Jim-

my's writing." Grandma's dim eyes twinkled wisely.

Jimmy blushed. Dad, blinking, put a proud arm around him and squeezed him tight.

Grandma was holding up twelve crackling bills and saying: "So sweet of Jimmy, and the best part was I didn't need to use it after all. Old Eph Saxon showed up after all these years and paid me the hundred dollars your poor grandpa loaned him. Aren't we lucky! All here together. Won't it just be the merriest Christmas ever!"

What was that? Such a racket!

In dashed the pajama-clad "twin sixes," their little faces shining with ecstacy.

"Oh, it's Gran'ma! Gran'ma! Oh! Oh! Oh! Gran'ma, is Christmas come?"

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*The*  
**Yuletide Cheer**  
By FRED W. PEARSON  
in Washington Post

*IN THE providence of Nature  
There's a consonance of good,  
Permeating and elating  
All the cosmic brotherhood.  
Though the waves of deep depression  
May engulf our struggling forms,  
Like the gleaming of our dreams,  
Are the heights above the storms;  
And one peak that glistens clearly  
Like an iridescent cone,  
Is the Yuletide Cheer, which yearly  
Brings delight to every one.*

*High above the range of Virtues  
Is this crowning pinnacle,  
And its luring and enduring  
Message freely comes to all.  
Shops and homes are decorated;  
Hearts are throbbing merrily;  
And each glowing face is showing  
Just how sweet is charity;  
For the season of Good Feeling,  
Dawning as the old year dies,  
Turns to gladness all our sadness,  
And to friends our enemies.*

*Some, perhaps, are thinking darkly  
Of their lack of means to give;  
They are lonely, and can only  
By the utmost efforts live;  
So, with fainting hearts, and tearful,  
Their self-pity grows extreme,  
When a ringing voice and cheerful,  
Sounds this axiom supreme:  
In the providence of Nature  
There's a service all may find,  
And the measure of its treasure  
Is the art of being kind.*

**Christmas Gifts By Radio**  
By Florence Harris Wells

**M**ARIAN CLARK and her father sat "listening in." It was Christmas Eve and they were alone. It was the first Christmas without the mother, who had passed on the previous summer.

Marian had not gone back to college in the fall. She had not been able to make herself feel it was right to leave her father alone on the farm. Because she was always cheerful and gay, Mr. Clark hadn't fully comprehended the sacrifice Marian had made, nor how much it had meant to her to drop out her last year. Even though she might go back later, it wouldn't be her class.

Marian had prevailed upon her father to get the radio a few weeks before. They called it their Christmas present to each other. Neither of them particularly enthused over the radio; yet it gave them a contact with the outside world.

Tonight the Christmas carols were wakening tender memories in Mr. Clark's mind; so that even while he heard them, his thoughts were far away, living over Christmas days of the past. Marian's thoughts, too, were busy, but she was thinking of a letter that had come that day, reminding her of the extra credits she had accumulated while in college, and suggesting that if she came back the



next semester, by taking a few more than the required number of hours, she could still graduate with her class. It was a temptation. Marian allowed herself to dwell on every phase of it; then she sat up very straight. She would not permit herself to think of it again, with the long cold winter stealing in about them. She couldn't leave her father alone with no one of his own to talk to or understand.

Suddenly Marian realized that the carols had ended and a voice was asking: "Albert Clark, are you listening in? Your sister wants to get in touch with you."

Marian jumped up, astonished. She shook her father now nodding in his chair:

"Father, listen! It may be you!"

The voice went on:

"You were two orphans. You were adopted by a family called Clark, and your sister by people named Gibbons. She has never seen nor heard of you since. That was forty years ago. You are fifty-one years old. Your sister is forty-seven, and lives in Coloma, Mich. She wants to get in touch with you."

"Father, isn't that you?" Marian was staring in amazed incredulity, but the voice was repeating:

"Albert Clark, are you listening in?" Three times it gave the message and at the end explained that this was the last night it would be broadcast.

Albert Clark was not listening to the explanation—Coloma was only fifty miles away. There wasn't much



snow, and autos were still running easily. They could start at once, and start they did, and Aunt Marian came back with them the next morning and everything was settled happily, as in fairy tales.

"Radio wasn't such a poor present after all, was it, daughter?" Farmer Clark questioned laughingly as they finished their beautiful Christmas dinner and rose to go into the living room where Christmas carols were again "coming in."

"I should say not," Marian retorted gaily. "It brought me the best Christmas present I've ever had."

"And me, too," her Aunt Marian chimed in. "Your father and I will have great times 'listening in' these long winter evenings when you're away poring over dry old school books."

"I had them broadcast that half in fun with scarce a flicker of hope that it would bring any results. But I'm glad I chose the Christmas time because we're all such fine Christmas presents for each other."

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**Santa Off Duty**



**Home Again at Christmas**  
By W. D. Pennypacker

"Most of us," remarked one of the travelers, after he was comfortably settled and the train was well out from the yard limits, "still have strong ties in the old East."

"It is true, indeed," replied the man sitting beside him. "I love the West. I admire its freshness and big-ness, its grain fields, its many diversified interests, and the fact that its possibilities for further development are still apparently limitless. I, too, am bound for the old fireplace in the city of my birth, but I can never expect the old metropolis to appeal to me as it once did. There are too many high walls, too narrow streets and too little opportunity for growth such as we know on the prairie lands, to appeal to me. And the people are not as frank and friendly as they ought to be."

The other acquiesced.

Most persons who have lived in the West any length of time feel this way. The men were not patrons of the pullman though both were well-dressed and appeared reasonably prosperous.

"I wouldn't miss the opportunity of riding in a day coach at this time of the year and studying my fellow passengers," ventured the first speaker.

Most every seat was occupied, and there were a number of babes and children among the passengers.

Two seats before them sat an attractive young mother with a babe just able to walk. In spite of its zig-zag journey and the lurching of the train as it negotiated numerous curves, the youngster persisted in walking up and down the aisle, attracting a great deal of attention and passengers who had to pass to and fro. Across the aisle was a child of about three, quite amiable, but swinging in his small hands a half-rotten banana with its golden envelope dangling about it, to the evident annoyance of an elderly semi-invalid and her dignified daughter who sat nearby.

But the holiday season was approaching and no one was "crabby" enough to complain. Old maids and confirmed bachelors, if there were any in the car, either enjoyed the baby or kept their thoughts to themselves.

Passengers moved about frequently, as is quite common on a long journey, and some of the more restless ones, it is safe to say, occupied nearly every seat in the car before they reached their journey's end.

Near the front of the car sat a woman whose only child was a song-

canary, and who divided her time about equally between coaxing the bird to "sing for mother, pretty," asking the Negro brakeman questions, climbing up to get something from her suit case, or changing about from seat to seat.

It was merely the restlessness of the usual traveler, but the two men were interested.

Between their eager observance of this restlessness and their notation of the almost limitless amount of fruit, ice cream cones and confections consumed, they wondered what would come next.

But candy, and restlessness and travel have little noticeable effect. At last the train was drawing into its eastern terminal. As it crawled past a multitude of switches everyone was expectant. There was the usual climbing or reaching for hand luggage in the upper racks, the assembling of hats and outer garments, and a general effort to be ready to leave the train quickly.

The wheels stopped. Brakemen announced "All out!"

In less than a minute there was a mad rush through the waiting room and towards the taxi stand.

"Hello, there, I've been looking for you," cried a man in a friendly voice, as he laid his hand on the stranger's shoulder and inquired:

"You just came in from the West on that 5:15 train, did you not?"

"I did," he replied with a degree of wonderment. "Why?"

"You left this envelope in your seat. It looks important. I wondered how I would find you."

"Gosh! It is important! There could be no Christmas for the kiddies without it. I don't know how it got out of my hand bag—probably when I removed my time table to study it. Well, you're a friend of mine and the kiddies, I am sure."

"I heard you remark that easterners were not friendly," said the new arrival comely. "I'm a New York City man. Just come in from a short business trip. What's your name?"

The two men withdrew to a corner and exchanged cards.

"Come out with me," said the new-made friend to the westerner-by-adoption. "My car will be waiting just around the corner and I can take you part way to your destination."

The offer was accepted. The men became warm friends.

But the envelope? you ask. What of the finding of that big white envelope.

It was that that made Christmas!

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**Origin of Christmas Trees**  
The modern Christmas tree can be traced back to the Sixteenth century. It originated on the banks of the Rhine. Sixty years later the fir tree was used to carry gifts in celebration of Christmas all over the civilized world.



# CHRISTMAS SALE!

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APPLES	CHOICE DRIED 2 POUNDS	45c
PEACHES	YELLOW CLING 1 GALLON	46c
WALNUTS	POUND	25c AND 35c
FRUIT-CAKE	IN TIN BOX 2 LB.	\$1.68
COFFEE	SANTA'S PEABERRY BULK 2 POUNDS	65c
PORCELAINS	FOR 1-2 INCH SPARK PLUGS	10c
TUBES	29-4.40 AND 30 x 3 1 -2	\$1.10
SCISSORS	SCHOOL SIZE 2 PAIRS	15c

## CANDY SPECIALS

6 Pound Box Superfine Chocolate	\$1.89
1 Pound Villa Cherries	44c
Holiday Mix, pound	20c
Standard Chocolate Drops, pound	20c
Other Candies, pound	25c and 30c

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the play given at Aiken school last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCollough were shopping in Plainview Saturday.

W. A. Gilbreath and family attended Sunday school at Whitfield Sunday morning.

A few young people of this community attended B. Y. P. U. at Whitfield Sunday night.

Providence, Dec. 20.—There will be a Christmas tree at the school house Friday night, December 23rd. A program will be given in connection.

Mr. Charles Williams Bill and Roy Bennett left for Hillsboro, Texas Sunday for their relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brock attended B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Bennett spent last Sunday in the Powell home.

Mr. Wyatt McLaughlin and Miss Nadine White attended singing at Whitfield Sunday night.

Relatives from Haskell are visiting in the Powell home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ratjen visited their daughter Mrs. Ed Singleington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Golden are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Mr. Joe Phillips attended the dance near Whitfield Saturday night.

Miss Nela White spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Louise Lindenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bennett were in Plainview shopping Monday.

### PLEASANT VALLEY

Pleasant Valley, Dec. 19.—Mrs. A. L. Watson and son left for Gladstone, Alabama Sunday where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Letha Barnes and Mr. Theodore Craft were united in marriage Saturday afternoon. Their many friends wish them much happiness and prosperity through life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hubbard and Mrs. Claud Harris motored to Plainview last Tuesday to do some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. F. U. Payne attended the Poultry show at Floydada Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin shopped in Plainview last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne spent Wednesday in Plainview attending to some work for Santa Claus.

Mr. Scott Melton and Mr. W. McMillian of Sulphur Springs, Texas is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Reasonover.

Christmas with all its joys let's not forget to spread the spirit of good will when the lowly shepherds came to Jesus they brought no gifts. Perhaps they had little to give yet their tribute of love was as acceptable as the lavish gifts brought by the wise men.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Craft and children left for Wise County, Texas on the morning of December 20 to spend the Christmas holidays visiting relatives.

Mr. T. T. Barnes has just returned from a visit to Hopkins county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barnes and children left Tuesday morning for a visit to relatives in Wichita Falls.

### ROSELAND

Roseland, Dec. 19.—Lottie Belle and Zella Bess Hackney spent Saturday night at Lone Star with their sister, Mrs. Morris Name.

The pastor, Jones Weathers was unable to be present Sunday. The appointment was filled by a brother of the pastor. Services were held Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

A number of Roseland people and visitors took part in a singing Sunday afternoon from three until four o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitlock, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Marble and Mr. and Mrs. Ford took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitlock.

Faye Marble, Viola King and Arthur Cox of Lockney High visited their home folks Sunday.

Miss Geraldine Montague of Silverton visited Roseland school Sunday afternoon.

Frank and Arthur Brown attended an auction sale at Center Monday.

Our attendance record is better this week. Many of the pupils are back in school to take mid-term examinations. This week will end the fourth month of school. School will be dismissed next Friday for one week.

Mrs. J. B. True and children visited their place near Roseland Sunday.

Miss Jewel Wright visited Miss Hattie Mae Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Wicker and family Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberson and family and Bruce Whitlock and family were entertained with a radio party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitlock and family.

Frank Allen Roberson spent Saturday night with Glen Hackney.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Weathers, Ermine Ida and Ernest Lou Thomas were visitors at singing Sunday.

### SUNSET

Sunset, Dec. 19.—Mr. T. P. Nelson was sick Sunday and couldn't give his lecture Sunday afternoon.

The school will have a short program Friday afternoon and their Christmas tree. School will be dismissed for a week for the holidays.

The community will have a Christmas Tree at the school house Saturday night, December 24th.

Mr. Sam Edgemon was a Floydada visitor Saturday.

Mr. Scott Webster and two sons, Reese and Jack of Hartley, Texas visited with his sister Mrs. N. D. Clark and family Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Milton will leave Thursday for a visit with their son and family in El Paso, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgemon and daughter, Mildred, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

Noel Davenport got his arm broken at school Tuesday while playing at recess. We hope he will soon be able to return to school.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wessal and family were in Plainview visitors Friday.

Mrs. E. M. Haverty spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lyles and their son, Omar and Mrs. Eugene McCloud went to Lubbock last Thursday.

Miss Olga Wooten spent Monday night with Miss Mildred Davenport.

### GOODNIGHT

Goodnight, December 19.—Rev. Stephen of Quittaque filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Owing to sickness and cold weather very few were present.

The gin here caught on fire last Thursday. Very little damage was done.

Mr. W. F. Cook made a business trip to Floydada and Krens last Saturday.

Monday. Mrs. Kiesling and daughter went to Quittaque Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Cogdill was very sick last week, suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood have a new boy at their home.

Mrs. R. A. White has been sick since last Saturday. She is some better today.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wilkerson from near Quittaque spent Sunday with Mrs. Davis.

Mr. Jim Taylor, John Taylor and Mr. John Kaitling made a business trip to Quittaque Monday.

Several from here attended the Buffalo hunt near Turkey last Saturday.

Mrs. Doc Merrill will entertain the young folks with a musical Wednesday night.

### VISITS OF THE STORK

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wells, Lockney, December 5th a girl named Mary Jo.

Calvin Copeland and sister have moved to Nashville, Tennessee where they will make their future home.

D. C. Hamilton and family are moving to Edwina, Texas near Dallas about the first of the year.



Greetings

We extend the season's greetings and wish for all  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU UN-  
TOLD HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY

RILEY & BREWSTER

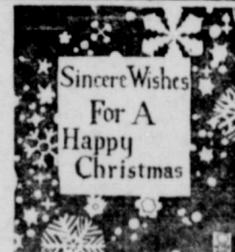


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**WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS**

Canadian—A new 240 horse power unit has been purchased by this city to be installed about January 1.

Stinnett—Building underway in Stinnett for the new year includes a \$75,000 school building and a \$300,000 courthouse.

Turkey—The first carload of flour from Plainview to a point on the new line of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railroad company went from the Harvest Queen Mills at Plainview to J. Calvin Young of Turkey. Turkey and Quitaque are the first cities on the new line to receive train service.

Sagerton—A new house of worship together with a neat parsonage has been completed here. Visitors from

Albany, Abilene and Lorraine came here on the occasion of their dedication.

Alpine—Alpine has been placed before the Texas Women's Press Association as 1929 convention city. Mrs. W. B. Hamilton of this city is treasurer of the organization.

Crowell—Work is being rushed to completion on Crowell's new school building which is expected to be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

Groom—J. E. Biggs, field representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will leave here the latter part of Christmas week for Stamford where he will attend the annual New Year's meeting of the staff of the regional organization.

Dumas—Dumas and Moore county are going to be put on the map. The

Dumas Chamber of Commerce recently organized and is at work on a program that will promote real diversified agriculture and that will prepare the city for oil development activities.

Baird—A home market for cream and dairy products has been established here with the opening of a local creamery by Ed Ivey. A 20x30 foot modern building houses the place for the business.

Carlsbad, N. M.—The regular irrigation season in this sector has been closed for some time, and the water deliveries from the storage reservoir have been discontinued.

Chillicothe—C. S. Holland, formerly of this city, is now editing the Muleshoe Journal, owned for the past two years by R. B. Boyle of Plain-

view.

San Angelo—This city will be host to representatives of the West Texas Oil and Gas Bureau January 25. All interested in development of West Texas oil and gas industries are invited to be present.

Stamford—The season's greetings are extended to all West Texas by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in the December issue of the West Texas Today just off the press.

Pecos—Hotel Pecos has been leased and is to be opened to the public as soon as it is completed and furnished rooms, with hot and cold running water and circulating heat.

**Harmony Home Demonstration Club.**

The Harmony Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Will Funkner with Mrs. Funkner as hostess at 3:30, December 14th.

Subject—Election of officers.

Election of officers as follows as follows: Mrs. D. S. Batty, president; Mrs. Will Funkner, secretary; Mrs. W. C. Parkey, vice-president.

We do not have our new year books and therefore the program was not made out for the next meeting.

We feel sure that we will have our new year books by January 4th which will be our next meeting. All members are urged to be present at the next meeting and start off the new year with a full roll call.

**NOTICE TO SCHOOL PATRONS**

The tuition for the Lockney Public school has been set at \$5 for the coming year and must be paid as due. All transfers are entitled to free school up to Christmas and will begin paying tuition on January 1st, 1928.

All non-resident pupils who are not transfers and whose tuition is not paid by the home district will pay from September 1st, 1927, and now have four months due.

**DEMONSTRATION TRAIN**  
HERE FEBRUARY 18th

A Texas Farm and Home Demonstration train will be operated by the Santa Fe Railway in co-operation with the Texas A. & M. College in January and February, next, announce R. H. Allison, vice-president and general manager and T. B. Gallaher, General Freight and Passenger Agent with headquarters in Amarillo.

This train will begin a six weeks tour of the Santa Fe Railroad lines in Texas at Navasota January 16th. The first meeting in Northwest Texas will be held at Snyder February 10th and the closing meeting at Follett February 25th. About fifty meetings will be held on the Plains.

J. F. Jarrell, manager of the agri-

## THE SEASON'S GREETINGS



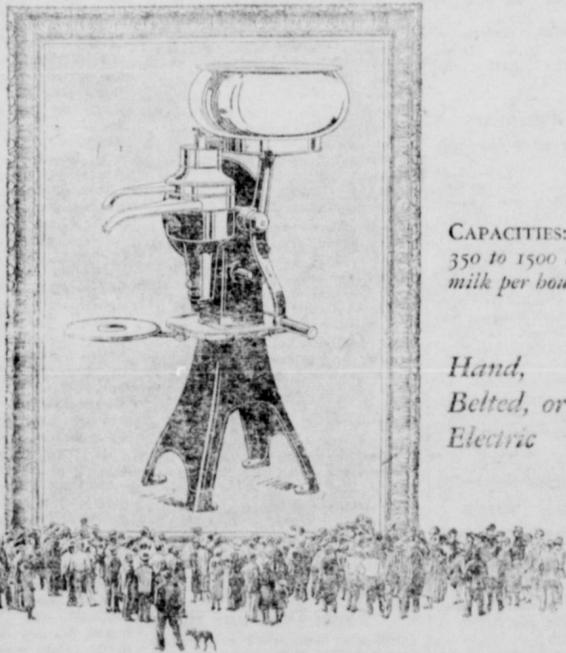
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# Sylvia of the Minute

By HELEN R. MARTIN

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## STORY FROM THE START

Handsome, fastidious and wealthy—young St. Croix Creighton awaits his sweetheart at their trying place. She is late, this ordinary little Pennsylvania Dutch girl, Meely Schwenckton. Despite her seeming innocence and ignorance, she succeeds in keeping him at a distance, to his chagrin. Meely, in the Schwenckton home, where she is boarding, is altogether unlike the girl who meets St. Croix clandestinely. She is the teacher in the neighborhood school, of which Marvin Creighton, St. Croix' brother, is superintendent. Meely learns that Marvin was to have married his cousin, a titled English lady, but, believing she was attracted by the Creighton wealth, had refused the alliance. It is the rumor that St. Croix is to take Marvin's place and marry the English girl. St. Croix' jealousy is aroused by Meely's report of an aged suitor for her hand. The girl cleverly deceives him into admitting he has no intention of marrying her. Marvin visits school in his official capacity as superintendent and discovers how shockingly little Meely knows about school teaching.

## CHAPTER IV—Continued

"No," she decided, "for he is really fastidious and Nettie's a hopelessly common little thing. And yet, if he can stand me and the dope I hand out to him—"

She did not know, however, that St. Croix, to his own wonder, never felt that she was "common" or vulgar; not even when she manifested the intelligence of a sheep or twisted the English language until his nerves were rasped; not even when she sat sprawling ungracefully with her feet far apart, nor when, after tasting an apple, she drew the back of her hand across her mouth.

She was a good actress, but there was that something inherent that nothing could disguise—

It was just when, relieved of Aunt Rosy's espionage, Meely was beginning to feel, in spite of the dangerous proximity of Marvin Creighton, more at her ease, less insecure in her equivocal position, that, on that very evening when she sat in the warm, bright kitchen, peacefully writing letters, she was to find the complexity and precariousness of her situation greatly increased by the outcome of an episode which was, at that same hour, in its incipency on a Sunbury street corner, eight miles distant.

Mr. Sam Schwenckton, having finished the business which had taken him to town, was about to enter his car parked on the edge of the town, and start for home, when a man standing on the corner, apparently waiting for a trolley car, approached him.

"Pardon me—how often do these cars run?" the man inquired in a tone of extreme irritation. "I've been waiting here twenty minutes!"

"It don't run no cars on this line after seven o'clock, Mister. This here trolley line ain't doin' much business anyhow, so it stops till seven a'ready. You must be a stranger here—ain't?—or you'd 'a' knowed that."

"No—but I seldom use the trolley. Today, however, I had to leave my automobile at the repair shop. Are you, by any chance, driving out this road?"

"Yes, eight miles out."

"Will you, then, for a consideration, let me go with you?"

Now as the night was raw and wet, it would, Mr. Schwenckton felt, be only a Christian act to offer this stranger a seat in his car. Also, he liked company, some one to talk to on an eight-mile drive. But the newspapers were so full of holdup stories—and he was carrying a good deal of money—wouldn't he be taking chances?

The man looked so decent, however (what could be seen of him in the dimness) and Mr. Schwenckton had, as always when he traveled at night, brought his revolver with him—

He felt in his pocket and surreptitiously moved his pistol from his right-hand pocket to his left.

"I wouldn't want no such a 'consideration,' Mister. Just so's you ain't one of these here things you can read about in the papers—"

The man laughed. "You're twice my size. If I can trust you not to hold me up, I guess you're safe!"

"Yes, I guess that's so too. All right. Come on, then."

Mr. Schwenckton felt rather cheated when he found that the stranger, though sociable and agreeable enough, was not going to repay his hospitality by satisfying his curiosity as to who he was. All the leading questions which the farmer plied him received evasive answers. This seemed to Mr. Schwenckton so suspicious that he frequently felt in his left-hand pocket to be ready in case of need.

However, he tried to put his apprehensions aside and to beguile the ride with friendly talk.

"So your car had to go to the shop, heh?"

"Yes, worse luck!"

"When I first got my car I drove her and drove her till I got the cold

in my chest and it near give pneumonia yet! Yes, anyhow!"

The stranger made a sound expressive of his sympathy. For a while they drove in silence.

"Funny thing happened in the bank today," Mr. Schwenckton resumed conversationally. "When I went in to get a check cashed—"

He stopped short in consternation—how tactless to mention having cashed a check!

"What was it?" asked his companion.

"Not much—a dollar or so. I spent it," said Mr. Schwenckton pointedly. "I mean what was the funny thing that happened?"

"Oh, that! Well, a lady standin' alongside of me in the bank she handed in a check and the banker he said to her, 'What denomination?' and she says 'sort of snappy.' Well, she says, 'I'm a Presbyteryan, but I don't see what business it is of yours,' she says."

The laugh in which they joined over this yarn seemed to establish between them more confidence. Mr. Schwenckton, always warm-hearted, was sorry he had been feeling so suspicious of a fellow man and tried to atone by being as friendly as possible.

"Was you ever to New York, Mister?"

"Yes."

"That's a place I never seen. But my brother he was always set on seein' this here New York oncet, that you can read so much about in the papers. So at last his missus she says to him, she says, 'Pop, she says, you're gettin' on in life and if you don't go soon to this here New York, you'll be too old to go.' So, then, he said he'd go oncet. So she helped him get ready and start off. 'Now, mind you, write,' she says to him, 'and tell me how you like it.' So after a couple of days she got such a pitcher post card from him and he'd wrote on it, 'Mom, Yl, yl, yl, yl, yl, Pop.'"

Again their joint laughter seemed to bring them sympathetically close.

Since leaving the lighted town, the road had been very dark, for the night was cloudy and starless.

"Where do you want out, stranger?" Mr. Schwenckton presently inquired. As he spoke, he took his hand from the steering wheel to have a glance at his watch—and as he did so, the man beside him gave an uneasy start.

With a shock of some horror, Mr. Schwenckton's fingers found an empty pocket where his watch should have been! Instantly he stopped his car and jerked out his revolver. "Now, then, you hand out that there watch and then you run for your life!" he shouted.

The man obeyed with alacrity, thrusting the watch into the farmer's outstretched hand, leaping from the car and disappearing in the blackness of the road.

Mr. Schwenckton, greatly shaken by so narrowly escaping being man-handled by a thug, his soul heavy with sadness at the desperate wickedness of man, went on his solitary way, musing on his own folly in having let his kindness of heart get the better of his prudence.

"It ain't safe to take up strangers these days—that it ain't! And me, I was always too trusting that way! Well, this here's certainly a lesson to me! He kind to your fellah-creatures, yes—up to the danger point. That's all the further a fellah darst be a Christian these days!"

His despair over the perfidy of our human nature deepened as he reflected upon the "gentility" of the thief; his "nice" voice, his "educated" speech, his "polite manners"—what with his "Beg pardon," "Thank you very much—"

"A slick one, he was! I can't never trust no one's appearances again!" thought Mr. Schwenckton with a sorrowful shake of his head. "That's the worst harm a crook does—he spreads abroad a mistrust of man made in the image of God!"

Fifteen minutes later Mr. Schwenckton, usually the most placid of men, confronted his family in the kitchen,

looking so white and agitated that Meely and Nettie sprang up greatly startled, and even Susie looked at him inquiringly.

"I was held up and robbed!" he announced. "Not two mile up the road yet!"

"Ach! Was you hurt?" cried Nettie in a fright, running to him.

"No, I ain't hurt. And I ain't lost nothin' neither! I held the crook up and got back what was stole off of me! That's what I done!"

"Ach, Pop!" Nettie gasped in mingled terror and admiration.

"Good thing I took my revolver with! It ain't safe, these rough times, to travel at night without a gun along!"

He told them, then, as he removed his hat, coat and gloves, just what happened—giving his story a dramatic climax. "Now, then," he says to him, "you hand out that there watch and then you run for your life!" I says. And he did! With that there revolver of mine in his face, he done what I tol' him and pretty quick about it too! Yes, and I guess he's runnin' yet!"

"Yes, well, but," Susie stolidly spoke to him over her shoulder, "you didn't take your watch along. You let it at home. You forgot it. There it lays." She thrust her thumb backward toward a small shelf which held a convenient comb and brush for family use.

Her husband stared at her incredulously as she calmly rocked her sleeping infant—then, desperately hoping to prove her words false, he fearfully drew from his pocket the watch he demanded from the stranger, and slowly, reluctantly, he let his eyes fall upon it.

It was not his!

Such a watch it was as he could never hope, nor even wish, to own. Gold, jeweled, initialed.

In a stride he stood before the shelf and beheld his own accusing watch.

"I was sayin' to Nettie," said Susie, "that you'd be awful put out at goin' without your watch along."

"And I never oncet missed it!" the wretched man murmured.

"But—why, my lands!" faltered Nettie, "this here's got an awful look!—like as if you'd held that there man up and stole his watch, Pop!"

"And I don't know who it is to give it back!" Mr. Schwenckton's voice was agonized. "If I never find him, it'll make me feel awful conscientious to keep his watch! Yl, yl, yl!" he shook his head and began agitatedly to pace the length of the kitchen.

"Oh, you'll have no trouble finding him, Mr. Schwenckton," said Meely encouragingly. "He'll of course report to the police and they'll easily trace you up."

"Yes, and arrest me for a thief yet!" exclaimed Mr. Schwenckton.

"I'll tell you," cried Meely. "You report to the police, Mr. Schwenckton, and tell them of your mistake—and that you want them to find the man. That will so—"

Mr. Schwenckton stopped in his agitated walking to and fro, and looked at Meely admiringly. "You're got the head on you, Meely! I didn't think that far myself. Education's a grand help to a body in this here life! That's what I'll do this self-same minute!"

He went to the telephone, but found the line "busy."

"Delay may be fatal!" said Meely anxiously. "You must report it before he does. He has had a good deal of time already—all the time you've been home unloading your car and putting it in the garage—and the time you've been in the house—"

"Yes, well, but I don't think he'll be reportin' it wery soon—I started him on a good run and I guess he's still runnin'!"

It was at this instant that they were all startled by a rap on the kitchen door, and before anyone could answer it, the door opened and a wet, bedraggled and very tired looking young man almost staggered into the room, closing the door behind him and leaning against it heavily.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## Parasites Kill Corn Borer Pest

### Twelve Different Species Have Been Liberated in Infested Fields.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In fighting a destructive insect the possibility of using its natural enemies, particularly its parasites, is always given careful attention. Parasites have been used with success in campaigns against several insect pests, and are being given a very thorough test by the United States Department of Agriculture as a part of its efforts to curb the European corn borer.

Progress has been made in establishing a number of foreign parasites, the status of which is discussed in Circular No. 14-C, "Status of Imported Parasites of the European Corn Borer," prepared by D. W. Jones and D. J. Caffrey, entomologists of the department. This circular is intended to inform corn growers and other interested persons of the principal facts regarding these imported parasites.

### Many Kinds of Parasites.

Studies were begun in Europe by the bureau of entomology in 1919, soon after the corn borer was discovered in the United States, which revealed several kinds of parasites that were helping to reduce the numbers of the pest in that part of the world. After it was determined that none of these parasites could by any chance become harmful to plants, and that they would not attack each other, they were sent to the United States and liberated in corn fields where the corn borer was most numerous.

To date a total of 1,798,080 imported parasites representing 12 different species have been liberated in infested fields in the United States. Systematic collections and field examinations in the vicinity of the locations where the parasites were liberated have resulted in the recovery of six species of the parasites under circumstances which show that they have become well established and are now at work preying upon the corn borer.

Two of these species were recovered in the Middle West in July, 1927, while the others were found in New England.

### Not Sure of Effectiveness.

Although efforts are being made to import, breed, and establish parasites of the corn borer in American areas infested by the corn borer, it is by no means certain, says the department, that they will prove to be effective aids in controlling the pest. Judging from the experience with similar parasites imported to aid in the fight against other foreign plant pests several years may elapse, even with the best of success, before any important effect can be expected.

In the meantime every effort should be made to control the corn borer by following clean farm practices and clean cultural methods leading to the destruction or use of all corn residues of the previous year before the corn borers emerge from them as moths in the spring. The details of such practices have been discussed in previous circulars and in other bulletins of the department.

A copy of this circular may be obtained upon writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

## New Marquillo Wheat Is Rust Resistant

### Seed Not to Be Distributed Before 1929.

Marquillo wheat, the new highly rust-resistant variety developed by the Minnesota agricultural station, will not be distributed before 1929.

This announcement is made by the Minnesota station to correct an impression that has gone abroad in some quarters that the seed is already being distributed.

There is available for seed next year only 125 bushels of this new variety, and the experiment station staff believes that the best results will be obtained if this seed is reserved and again grown on the experiment station farms in 1928, in order to make sure of the preservation of the seed stock and of the production of a sufficient quantity of genuine Marquillo wheat to insure wide distribution in the spring of 1929. There is in the state no genuine stock of this variety, recognized by experiment station officials, except that in possession of the experiment station.

The variety is the result of a cross, made at University farm, between Marquis, the standard bread wheat of the Northwest, and Lumilo, a durum wheat. It is highly rust-resistant and of good milling quality. The aim is to get it into the hands of careful farmers in 1929 to be increased for seed purposes so that the seed may be certified and given wide distribution.

## Machinery Will Reduce Expense of Farm Labor

The farmer who struggles along with poor seed, poor ground and poor fertilizer is paying for good seed, fertilizer, and good equipment whether he owns them or not. He pays because he cannot compete on even ground with the progressive farmer who uses all the means at his command for increasing his yield and lowering his labor costs by using mechanical helpers. The price he pays is a smaller income and denial of the things an increased income would buy.

Better farm life is the goal of all who are engaged in or truly interested in agriculture. This goal has been reached by many, others are rapidly achieving it, while far too many think that the future holds nothing in store for them, and use the means within their grasp. Every one will agree that the progress in the development and use of agriculture has been due in large measure to the development and use of machinery. The very fact that man has become a director of power instead of a source of power has an uplifting effect on his nature.

A real desire for better living is the first essential in securing it. Having this desire, the next thing is to obtain an income large enough to provide it. It is here that proper equipment plays its part by reducing the cost of producing farm products and by increasing the amount that the individual worker produces.

## Manure Best Reinforced With Acid Phosphate

Manure is a great thing for the land, but it's a still better thing if reinforced with acid phosphate. Alone, manure doesn't make a balanced ration for the crops. Adding acid phosphate to it is like giving a little grain to a cow that's already doing well on clover and silage. It jumps up the returns to an amount far greater than the cost.

Thus, at the Ohio station, "The use of 40 pounds of acid phosphate on each of eight loads of manure per acre applied ahead of the corn, in a corn, wheat and clover rotation, has increased the corn seven bushels, the wheat five bushels, and the clover one-half ton over the yields where the same amount of manure but no phosphate was used."

If you are top-dressing winter wheat with manure this winter—and that's a good way to use manure—you can begin to cash in right there on the higher value of phosphated manure. Simply spread a half bag of the acid phosphate over the top of each load of manure as you drive out to the field.

The wheat will say a nice "Thank you," when it comes to the threshing machine, and so will the two or three crops that follow it.

## Tankage and Fertilizer From Offal and Blood

Offal and blood which is ordinarily wasted by the farm butcher can be made into tankage or fertilizer without much trouble, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. The process is a simple one. The offal and blood can be thoroughly cooked in an open kettle. After it is cooked it can be dried out and ground as tankage for hogs. This residual tankage will give good results in feeding as a supplement with corn for hogs.

If it is to be used for fertilizer it can be cooked and then ordinary 16 per cent acid phosphate can be added at the rate of 35 to 50 pounds of phosphate to 100 pounds of the cooked offal. This mixture can be air-dried by raking it over occasionally. After it is thoroughly dried it can be ground and used immediately or stored for future use. The phosphate will prevent putrefaction and flies do not breed in the mixture. This use of the offal leaves only the squeal to be wasted.

## Improved Uniform International

# Sunday School Lesson

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## Lesson for December 25

### CHRISTMAS LESSON

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-20

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Coming of the Christ Child.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God Sends His Son to Earth.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Prince of Peace.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Promised Era of Peace.

1. The Birth of Jesus (vv. 1-7).

1. Jesus' birth foretold (Mic. 5:2). Only a little while before the fulfillment of this prophecy which was made some seven hundred years before, there seemed little likelihood that Micah's words would come true. Jesus' mother was miles away from Bethlehem in Galilee. God moved the emperor to enforce the decree of taxation which brought Mary to the village at the proper time.

2. Jesus' birth announced to Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26-38).

Gabriel, the archangel, sent by God to the little town of Nazareth to Mary, a Jewish maiden who was betrothed to a carpenter in the village by the name of Joseph, solemnly announced that she should give birth to the Messiah, and that this son should not be Joseph's, but the child of the Holy Ghost (Matt. 1:18-21). Later the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph also, making to him the same announcement and added that the child should be called Jesus, which means that Jehovah will save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

3. The prediction fulfilled (v. 7).

This took place at a most opportune time. It occurred when all systems of religion and immoral worship were tottering upon their foundations, therefore most suitable for the introduction of the gospel. The whole world being under the power of the Romans who then ruled it, made it possible for Christ's ministers to go from city to city and country to country unmolested. We can be assured that the Almighty rules in the whole universe and is never tardy in His administrations.

II. Jesus Birth Announced to the Shepherds (vv. 8-14).

1. To whom (v. 8).

Jesus' birth was announced to the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night. The fact that the glorious message was first sounded forth to them shows that poverty is no barrier to its reception. Their humble station in life and their being busy with common duties did not prevent them from hearing this glorious message from God. Moses, Gideon, Amos and Elisha were all called of God from the activities of life. He never calls lazy people.

2. By whom (v. 9).

The first gospel sermon was preached by an angel of the Lord. We thus see them interested in men and having part in the announcement of God's plan for their salvation. No doubt the angelic beings earnestly sympathized with fallen, sin-cursed man.

3. The nature of the message (vv. 10, 11).

It was good tidings of great joy. It was good tidings because the darkness of heathendom, which had so long covered the earth, was beginning to vanish. The casting out of Satan, the prince of this world, was about to take place. Liberty was soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage. The way of salvation was to be open to all. No longer was the knowledge of God to be confined to the Jews, but offered to the whole world. Truly this was glorious news; so glorious that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied this announcement with their song of praise.

III. The Shepherds Investigating (vv. 15, 16).

They did not stop to argue or raise questions, though these things were, no doubt, passing strange to them. They went immediately to Bethlehem, where they found everything just as represented. They had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Savior, the very Lord of Glory. They returned with gratitude in their hearts, praising God for all these wonderful things which He had revealed unto them.

IV. The Shepherds' Witnessing (vv. 17, 20).

They found things as announced by the angels. When they beheld the Lord of Glory they could not remain silent, therefore went back praising God. Those who really hear the gospel message cannot be silent. Those who really hear the gospel must tell it out to others.

Trials That Never Come

For every trial that God sends, He gives sufficient grace to bear it, but He promises no grace to bear anticipation with, and we little know how large a portion of our mental suffering arises from trials that never come.—Evangelical Tidings.

An Unprofitable Life

The earth life which is not passed in the light which beams out from the glory world would better have not been lived at all.—Gospel Beacon.

## Rules That Govern Kinship of Cousins

In answering a correspondent's query, "What relation are the children of first cousins to each other? What relation to me is my first cousin's child?" the Pathfinder Magazine says:

"Reckoning cousin relationships is simple if you start out right. A cousin is one collaterally related by descent from a common ancestor, but not a brother or sister. Children of brothers and sisters are first cousins to one another; sometimes they are called cousins-german, own cousins, or full cousins. The children of first cousins are 'second cousins' to one another; children of second cousins are third cousins to one another, and so on. The child of one's first cousin is a first cousin once removed; the grandchild of one's first cousin is a first cousin twice removed, and so on. Confusion sometimes arises from the custom of some people who speak of

## Taste and Invention

For generations past architecture has been so overlaid with extraneous matter that many authorities actually preach that in this branch of art it is in bad taste to invent. Correct architecture, they say, consists merely in reassembling borrowed forms. All of which is palpably absurd. If the Greeks had thought so they never would have been any Greek art. On the contrary, architecture, now as ever, consists in solving problems of utility as economically and appropriately as may be.—New York Sun.

## Plan New Hog Pastures During Winter Season

Now is the time of the year to be planning new hog lots and getting them fenced for use next year. There will be no time when the spring rush of work comes on, and the spring crop should have good, clean ground to run on next year. On many farms the same lots have been used so long for hogs that they are badly infected with parasitic diseases which make it absolutely impossible to get the maximum growth on hogs that continue to run over them. In some instances they are in such a bad state that the death loss is quite heavy, especially among the young pigs, and in some cases quite so among even the older hogs.

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