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IN THE INTEREST OF THOSE WHO PAY

We have been asked by various people of the town to write some editorials in reference to ordinances that should be passed and things that should be done in Lockney in reference to the gas, light, water and sewer connections and while we are not capable of inspecting these jobs ourselves, and have never had any experience as to what an inspector should know and do, we will confine our remarks to the things that we deem best for the people of the town.

In other words the people that pay the bills in the way of taxes, rents and for the installation of these conveniences in their homes. If you are spending a considerable amount of money making your home comfortable and so you could have all the conveniences, you will not like for a state fire insurance inspector to come in and inspect the work you had already installed and paid for and tell you that you would either have to tear it out and change it or else your insurance rate would be raised; or a sanitary man along and condemn your connections with the sewer and put you to a great expense in order that you complied with the sanitary regulations of the city and state.

of their ignorance. A man who has never lived where these things are in use has never had any connections with actual installation of these things is not fit to be an inspector and the city is making a serious mistake and one that will prove costly to the city, the tax payer and the user and such a mistake should not be allowed to continue for one minute and the people who have to pay the bill should register a complaint at once and avoid the expense that will come in the future if they allow such to continue.

We do not intend to personate any particular person, nor in any way take shot at the city council, for we believe that they have allowed such on account of the expense that in getting the right kind of inspector would be incurred in securing an efficient inspector but a little expense as we see it, would probably save the people of the town, who pay the bills, many times the amount and lower rates and save fuel and repairs that would cost the town and people very dearly.

The question of an inspector was discussed at the city council meeting last Monday night and is unfinished business with that body at this time and we trust they will give the matter due consideration before they allow it to go on as it has gone in the past few months.

Ordinances governing connections and installations should be passed and after passage enforced, for it will save the people of the city money to have things done right to begin with and see that everything pertaining to the installation and use of the conveniences is in accordance with the rules and regulations and are efficient.

COUNTY BRIEFS

PROVIDENCE

Dec. 26.—The Christmas tree at the school house was well attended and every one enjoyed the program given by the school children.

Mr. Horace Camp and Willie D. Williams are visiting in the Bennett home this week.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Bennett Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Bennett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bennett and family and Horace Camp and Willie D. Williams.

Miss Exa Lovvorn spent the night with Mabel Viegel Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Phillips and sisters spent the day visiting relatives in Plainview Sunday.

Relatives from Newland are visiting in the home of R. L. Powell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Singleton visited in the Ratlin home last week end. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lovvorn attend-

ed the Christmas tree at Whitfield Saturday night.

Horace Camp, Thelma Bennett, Willie D. Williams and Doris Bennett attended church at Whitfield Sunday morning.

R. L. Powell and family visited friends near Plainview Monday.

Mr. Wyatt McLaughlin, Nadine White, Harold McLaughlin and Nela White attended the Christmas tree at Whitfield Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell attended singing at Lane Star Sunday. School will start again next Monday, January 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark left for Oklahoma last Saturday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ratlin spent the day in the home of W. J. Taylor and family Sunday.

Providence, Dec. 27.—A light snow fell here Tuesday night. The farmers would appreciate a good rain as the wheat is badly in need of some moisture.

The Christmas tree at the school house Friday night was well attended. Old Santa was present and every one had an enjoyable time.

School will take up again next Monday. We hope to have a larger attendance than before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and children left last week for a visit.

A few from here attended the Christmas tree at the Lutheran church Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brock left last Saturday morning for Scurry county where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

The party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lovvorn Saturday night was well attended. All those who were present report a good time.

The Prairie Chapel boys and girls came over and played the Providence boys and girls in basket ball last week. Providence was defeated in both games.

The young people of this community attended a Christmas tree at Plainview Christmas eve night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dameron and children took Christmas dinner with J. W. Gilbreath and family.

Miss Exa Lovvorn spent the Christmas holidays with Miss Mable Veigel of Plainview.

Glady and Roy Smith of the Snyder community attended the party at the Lovvorn home Monday night.

Many from here attended Sunday school at Whitfield Sunday morning.

FAIRMONT

Dec. 26th.—Everybody is happy at present over the visit of Santa Claus, who left a generous supply of gifts for everyone at the Christmas tree last Saturday night at Carr's Chapel.

The school children enjoyed a little tree of their own at the school house on Friday afternoon, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Trowbridge of Amarillo spent the week-end with relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Williams of Hereford were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Williams through the holidays. Little Miss Christine Bagwell of Dimmitt accompanied them and visited with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clubb of Floydada visited in the L. E. Williams home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snodgrass and family spent Christmas day with his father, Mr. C. Snodgrass of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. David Battey visited his parents of Lakeview Sunday.

Mrs. D. T. Scott and Miss Christine Trowbridge have been on the sick list for several days, but we are glad to report they are both improving.

E. B. Gary and family are spending the holidays with Mrs. Gary's mother near Quasah.

Mr. Ben F. Brooks is visiting in Amarillo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Strickland of Ellis county are spending the holidays with Mrs. Strickland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Tinnin.

Quite a number of people of this community enjoyed the musical at Mr. Cates' home in the Blanco community last Monday night.

CENTER

Dec. 26.—Center had a nice program and Christmas tree Saturday night at the church. Santa was there to the joy of the small children and he remembered us all beyond our expectations.

Rev. Bost filled his regular appointment here Sunday, taking Christmas dinner at the J. Q. Carpenter home, and leaving Monday morning for Petrolia, to visit his parents for a few days.

Mrs. Montgomery and children took dinner Christmas with Mrs. J. F. Conner and children.

Wedding bells at Center rang again last Monday, when Mr. Marion Carpenter and Miss Foy Bryant drove to Plainview and were married at the home of Rev. Bost. Both young people are well known here. Mr. Carpenter has been reared here and Miss Bryant moved here three years ago. We wish for them all that is good in life.

Mr. N. R. Austin and daughter, Miss Nova, went to see the sick boy at the Sommers home west of Floydada today.

Miss Doris Spence spent Monday with Miss Alma Montgomery.

Mr. Cook is repairing the plaster on his house on the Miller place today.

Mr. Tivis has sold the farm he bought from J. H. Foster last year to some parties from McAdoo, but as the place was already leased for next year they will not move here before another crop is gathered.

TELEPHONE—You could throw out the telephone and walk over to the neighbors and chat with them but you are not going to do it.

LIGHTS—You could take out the electric lights and get along with the oil lamp as you did but I don't think you will.

AUTO—Yes, you can get along without them and walk, probably wouldn't get so far but it would be cheaper.

RADIO—We could wait for the dailies for the market, and so far as entertainment we could live without it.

THE DELIVERY—Yes it is one of the modern conveniences and as the telephone, lights, radios, etc, it has come to stay and why shouldn't you use it. You are entitled to all the conveniences of the age. Our wagon travels all day. We stop at your neighbor's and it is very little expense to stop at your door next.

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Mr. J. Z. Woolsey has bought the Lewis Cafe at Floydada, and will move to town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Noland ate dinner Christmas at the A. L. Spence home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams spent Christmas at the Noland home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cone of Wichita Falls are spending Christmas with Mrs. Cone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Easterling of Haskell are visiting with Mr. Easterling's sister, Mrs. E. W. Lightfoot, during the holidays.

Lee and Byers Golightly were in the community Christmas day visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Spence, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jordan and families took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gill.

Mrs. C. O. Spence has two sisters from near Lubbock visiting her now. The married children of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Hollums surprised them

on their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary by bringing dinner and having it all on the table before Mrs. Hollums knew just what was happening. Mrs. Hollums has a brother spending Christmas with her, so all the children were with them again Christmas.

AIKEN

Dec. 26.—Today has been cloudy and misty. We wish it would really pour down rain.

The people of this community have had a very good Christmas. Old Santa didn't forget anyone. He seems to know just what everyone wanted. Saturday for Rule, Texas, to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown are spending Christmas with relatives at Ranger.

Mr. Robert Self and family took Christmas dinner with the Jones family.

Miss Avia Allen is at home to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Eunice Rutherford is spend-

ing Christmas holidays with home folks.

Mrs. McAvoy's brothers took dinner with her.

C. M. Meredith and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Golightly and daughter, Viola, took dinner Christmas in the Meredith home.

Mr. Elam and family, Mr. McReynolds and family spent Christmas day in the Laddy home.

Mr. Frank Rutherford is spending his vacation with home folks.

Bro. Ashby and family took Sunday dinner with Bro. Ashby's uncle, Mr. Dick Ashby.

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Also we wish to announce that we have just instaled a large shipment of K. R. Wilson shop equipment for servicing the new model A Fords as well as the old model T. This makes our repair shop as modern and efficient as any in the larger cities. Our shop foreman, T. H. Orman took a week of instruction last fall at the Ford Motor Company branch in Dallas and understands the operation of every unit perfectly. We invite you to visit our shop and will gladly explain the operation of this new equipment for motor overhauling and the use of our large assortment of precision tools.

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Friday--

REGINALD DENNY

"Fast and Furious"

COMEDY-- "LOTS OF GRIEF"

NEWS

Saturday--

JACK HOXIE

"Red Hot Leather"

BUSTER BROWN COMEDY NEWS

PERSONAL MENTION

Temple Thornton of Amarillo spent Christmas here with relatives. Frank Griffith of Lubbock visited relatives in Lockney during the holidays. Miss Pauline Walters a student of Tech is here visiting her parents this week.

Miss Mary Pope Walker spent the Christmas holidays in Dallas visiting friends. Barney Manning is spending the holidays in Dallas visiting with relatives. Carter Thompson of Post was here was here Christmas Day visiting friends. Walter and Emma Hodel of Tech are visiting their parents in Lockney this week. Owen Williams spent the holidays in Fort Worth visiting with friends and relatives. Little Miss Elsie Marshall spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Marshall. Zoel Watson has been in Grayson county the past week, spending the holidays visiting. Miss Lillian Powell who is a student at Texas Tech spent the holidays with her parents. Wynne Riley has gone to Canyon to spend several days visiting with relatives and friends. Henry Staleup and wife of Dimmitt, Texas spent the holidays here visiting with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hill of Floydada spent Christmas visiting home folks in Lockney. Miss Lorraine Still of Plainview spent the Christmas holidays in Lockney visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. O'Hearn spent Christmas day in Amarillo visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Davis. J. W. Lyles and family of Floydada spent Christmas here visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Beck and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carruth of Floydada spent Monday in Lockney visiting T. M. Johnson and family. Miss Ermalee Rea and brother T. J. Jr. were here the first of the week from Post City visiting friends. Miss Ruth Hartman spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hartman, near South Plains. Mrs. Lizzie Morgan of O'Donnell, Texas spent Christmas here visiting her son, J. H. Anderson and family. Grover Freeman of Ringling, Oklahoma has been here for two weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Noah Smalley. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer of Memphis, Texas have been here spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Riley. R. L. Orman who is a student in the Canyon Normal spent the holidays here visiting with friends and relatives. J. F. Gilbert of Lampasas, Texas spent the holidays here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gilbert. Miss Tommie Merrick a student of

Texas Tech has been here the past week visiting her mother and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers who have been living at Vernon, Texas for the past several weeks have returned to Lockney. Miss Irene Bean of Dallas, Texas is here this week spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bean. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gruver of Texoma, Texas have been here the past week visiting their son, L. H. Gruver and family. Mr. and Mrs. Austin McGavock and Mrs. McGavock of Olton spent Christmas Day in Lockney visiting the Baker families. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Griffin and Bonnie Griffin have been spending the holidays visiting relatives and friends at this place. Delmar Ashworth, who is attending school at Canyon, is spending the holidays in Lockney, visiting his brother Ralph Ashworth. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hicks and children were here during the holidays visiting, Mrs. Hick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gilbert. Miss Ineta Johnson who is a student in the West Texas State Teachers College is spending the holidays here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Price spent the Christmas holidays visiting Mr. Prices parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Price in Hollis, Oklahoma. Mrs. D. E. Sullivan has been here from Corpus Christi, Texas for several days spending the holidays with Mrs. R. G. Morgan. Miss Louise McKee is here during the Christmas holidays visiting Mr. and Mrs. Victor McKee and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Orman. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruce of Hooker, Oklahoma have been here for several days spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Watson. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ragle of Roscoe Texas were here during the holiday season visiting the families of D. P. Carter and M. H. Ragle. Miss Iris Mae Fox came down from Amarillo last week end to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fox. Mrs. Alice Smith and son, Frank Baker, spent Christmas Day in Altus Oklahoma visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chris Seaman and Larry Baker. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bennett and daughter, Miss Laura spent the past week in Dallas, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Earl Crawford. Bill Mosley who is a student in the North Texas A & M. College at

Arlington has been here through the holidays visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Dillard and family of Lubbock have been here during the holidays visiting with the family of George W. Brewster. Miss Nona Wells who is teaching school at Pollette, Texas spent the holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wells. Miss Wanda Stinebaugh, who is attending school in Abilene spent the holidays here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stinebaugh. Misses Dorothy and Ruth Ford of Lubbock spent the Christmas holidays in Lockney visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Ford. Miss Floy Marshall who has been here for the past two months visiting her parents and other relatives left Friday for her home in El Paso. Mrs. N. E. Greer and sons, Wayne and Doyle have been here spending the Christmas holidays with their husband and father, Dr. N. E. Greer. Mr. and Mrs. Young Veazey of near Runningwater, Hale county, have been spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harris of Memphis, Texas were here during the Christmas holidays visiting the families of E. R. Harris and Z. T. Riley. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ragland of Silvertown have been here the past week spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. G. S. Morris and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hancock and family of Lubbock have been here spending the holidays with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Alex Newman. Miss Evelyn, who is a student in the Abilene Christian College is here spending the holidays with her parents, Elder and Mrs. J. E. Arceaux. Miss Hazel Bybee who is attending Baylor College at Waco is here spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Traylor and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Brown. Mrs. A. R. Meriwether and daughters, Misses Maemon and Martha, and son, Duane are here from Lubbock spending the holidays with friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Huls of Girard, Texas spent the Christmas holidays in Lockney, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Miller. Mr. Huls is a brother of Mrs. Miller's. Dr. Sam W. Ball, of Amarillo, was here the latter part of the week visiting his brother, Dr. H. H. Ball while en route to Fort Worth to spend the Christmas holidays. Misses Hula and Eunice Coleman were here from the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Coleman. Misses Nannie Lee and Nettie Wardlow, who are teaching school in Ellis county, Texas are here spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. H. C. Darden and family. Mrs. A. E. Lane of Clevis, N. M., and Mrs. Ira Smith of Abilene are here spending the holidays with their mother and brother, Mrs. M. B. Hill and Barlow Hill and family. Miss Velma Marble who is a student in the West Texas State Teachers college at Canyon spent the holidays here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Marble, near town. Misses Maye, and Ada and Joe Foster, who are students at Texas Tech spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Foster in the Prairie Chapel community. Miss Pauline Stevenson, a student in the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson of the Lone Star community. Travis and Juanita Cowart who are attending Texas Tech at Lubbock, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cowart in the Providence community. Mr. and Mrs. Howell of White Deer, Texas have been here the past week spending the Christmas holidays visiting Mrs. Howell's mother Mrs. W. T. Reeve and other relatives. Misses Nora and Dora Sams students in the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon are here spending the holidays with their father W. R. Sams and other relatives and friends. John Stapleton, who is attending school at the West Texas State Teachers college spent the Christmas holidays here visiting his mother, Mrs. G. J. Stapleton and other relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bryant of San Angelo, were here during the Christmas holidays, visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rexrode in the Lone Star community. Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Rexrode are sisters. Miss Leota Shurbet and Lucy Ewing, who are students in West Texas State Teacher's College at Canyon, spent the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shurbet and Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boyd of Kansas are here spending the holidays with Mrs. Boyd's parents, Elder and Mrs. J. E. Arceaux. While here the Boyds are seeking out a new location in which to make their home. Dr. J. O. Rogers has moved his residence to the J. H. Henson home on West Locust street. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henson have just moved in to the new home just recently built by Mr. Henson in southwest Lockney. Mrs. J. O. Rogers who has been at the bedside of a sick daughter in Vernon, Texas for the past several

weeks came in Christmas Day and spent until Wednesday with her husband Dr. J. O. Rogers, returning to Vernon Wednesday. Elmer Hartman, who is a student in the Tech College at Lubbock and Miss Ethel Hartman, who is teaching school at Miami, Texas, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hartman who live northeast of Lockney. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holland and family of Happy, Texas spent Christmas here visiting his sister, Mrs. T. H. Stewart. The Hollands accompanied by Mr. T. H. Stewart left Monday morning for Mineral Wells to visit relatives. Mr. Stewart will go from there to Denton, Texas where he will visit relatives, returning to Lockney the latter part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Orman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Victor McKee and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Orman spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Casey. J. W. Jackson and Bud Jackson of Ralls were here Christmas visiting their sons and brothers, R. C. and E. D. Jackson. TAX COLLECTORS NOTICE The tax collector's force of Floyd county will be in Lockney with the county tax rolls on Tuesday, January 10th for the purpose of collecting all county and state taxes. They will be located at the Security State Bank where they will be glad to serve all those living in the north and western part of the county, who desire to pay their taxes at this time, and do not wish to make a trip to the county seat to pay same. At this time we will attend to all matters pertaining to taxes, as we will be able to take care of all back taxes etc. All taxes must be paid before midnight January 31st in order to save the penalty which goes into effect on 1927 taxes on February 1st. Remember the date and place: Tuesday, January 10th, at the Security State Bank. P. G. Stegall, Tax Collector Floyd County PIANO RECITAL GIVEN AT HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY EVE The piano class of Miss Lauream Christian assisted by the pupils of Miss Martha Cox, violin, gave a recital at the high school auditorium Friday night of last week. About twenty numbers were included in the program and an appreciative audience was in attendance. FOR the convenience of users of Franco-American face creams, toilet water, perfumes, face powders, bath powders, etc., I have a supply at the office of Baker Mercantile Co. Users of these products are not satisfied with other lines.--Mrs. D. P. Carter.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

STARKEY

Dec. 26.—Everyone around here seemed to enjoy the Christmas holidays. The school had a Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon, each one received useful gifts.

The snow that fell Tuesday and Wednesday helped the wheat. Mrs. J. W. Howard and children spent the Christmas holidays in White Deer, with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Howard and Mr. Charlie Atkinson took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Elmore and family.

Mr. Jodie Attaway, who has been in San Angelo, returned home Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kropp and family took Christmas dinner with her sister, Mrs. Tate of Cone.

Rev. G. P. Humphries spent Saturday night and Sunday in Ralls.

Misses Vera Allmon and Pearl Atkinson spent Sunday afternoon with Nellie Ruth Elmore.

Mr. Sime Lakey and daughter, Loretta, made a trip to Lubbock Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. El-

more Sunday afternoon.

Miss Sallie Rattan, our primary teacher, spent Christmas with her mother in Matador.

School will take up again Tuesday, after a few days vacation for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbie Finley had as their guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Finley and J. I. Finley of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith of Allmon.

As Mr. Carl Huckabay and Charlie Smith and his two children, of this community, were on their way to town Saturday, about one o'clock, they had a very serious accident. As they were turning a corner about one mile west of Floydada, their car overturned. Mr. Smith's 7 year old boy was instantly killed, and Mr. Huckabay was seriously injured. His recovery is very doubtful. Mr. Smith was slightly injured. The little girl escaped uninjured.

ANTELOPE

Dec. 26.—The Christmas tree was enjoyed very much by the many people at Antelope Saturday night, Dec. 24th, ever one was remembered and all went away happy. Everyone showed much Christmas spirit, and went away wishing a happy new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cantrell of Plainview spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wisdom and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wisdom.

Mrs. Eva Cooper's son and family are spending Christmas with her.

Mr. H. C. Aston of Spur spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Aston.

Mr. H. W. Cross and Misses Thelma and Bell Cross have returned to their home near Commerce, to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hinseny spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hinseny.

LONE STAR

The Christmas tree at the school building on Friday evening was well attended. A short program was rendered after which the gifts were distributed.

Miss Moss Richardson, English teacher in the Canyon Teachers College spent part of the Christmas holidays with her cousins, W. H. Wingo and family.

Bill Bobbitt is home from Baylor for the holidays. He came last Thursday.

Pauline and Albert Stevenson are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris and children spent Christmas in Abilene.

Wesley Taylor spent Christmas with home folks.

Messers G. R., Jim, and Bill Johnson spent Christmas with their father at Ralls.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McGehee entertained a number of young people on the evening of the 22nd in honor of their son Douglas who is home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Livesey and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. Livesey's sister at Hart, Texas.

SAND HILL

The play, "Am I Intruding" was not presented on account of serious illness in one of the character's homes. This play will be presented January 6th.

Miss Blanche Rogers gave a party for the young folks of the community Monday night. A large number of the young folks attended.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Tate are spending the holidays at Crowell, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Geter are visiting in this community this week.

Bro. Charley Watkins preached at the Church of Christ Sunday morning.

Earl Terry from Post, Texas is visiting Vance Ray this week.

Mrs. Maggie Tinnin and two children of Kress, Texas spent Christmas with her father C. W. Smith.

Misses Ruby and Rosa Tinnin gave a slumber party for a number of the young ladies Monday night.

FAIRVIEW

Dec. 26.—A large crowd filled the auditorium Saturday night, when Santa Claus came to deliver the many presents that were on the big tree.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cheeves of Plainview are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stewart.

Rev. Patterson of Floydada will fill his regular appointment here for the Methodist people Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Rushing are having a family reunion this week. Their children, who have come from elsewhere, are Mrs. Billie Jones and Miss Tommie Rushing of Abilene, and Misses Lala and Pauline Rushing of Lubbock.

Little Cecil Newsome, who suffered a broken leg quite a while ago, was able to look for Santa Claus in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clark and children left Thursday for Lewisville, Texas, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Clark's parents there.

School will open again Monday and the fourth month's work for the term will be begun. We hope to have a full attendance.

GOODNIGHT

Dec. 26.—Mr. Mayhall and family have gone to Lone Oak to spend Christmas with Mrs. Mayhall's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tibbets cele-

brated their wedding anniversary Christmas Eve with a splendid turkey dinner. Several families were present to enjoy the feast. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tibbets of Silverton; Mrs. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins of Quitaue.

Miss Merrell of Silverton is spending Christmas with her grandparents, at Goodnight.

Mr. W. F. Cook went to Plainview Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. White and O. C. went to Flomot Saturday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ben White. Anderson White returned with them.

The primary room enjoyed a real pretty little Christmas tree at the school Thursday afternoon. Several parents were present. After the tree the larger boys had an interesting ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Merrell spent Sunday with Leonard's brother at Flomot.

Miss Nellie Brown, who is teaching at Bridle Bitt, came home Thursday to be with her parents during the holidays.

PLEASANT HILL

Dec. 26.—The young people of this community enjoyed a surprise party at Mr. and Mrs. Fred Battey's Wednesday night.

Miss Laura Mae Mayes left Saturday morning for Lorenzo, to spend the holidays with home folks.

A large crowd attended a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Woolsey's last Friday night. All reported a very enjoyable evening.

The people of this community enjoyed a short program before the Christmas tree Saturday night. The little folks especially, seemed to enjoy the Christmas tree and all the nice presents Santa brought them.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Woolsey and little daughter, Voncell, took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Brown Sunday.

Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship's Sunday. Those present were: Elizabeth Woolsey, Winnie Rae Shelton, Abbie Lee Woolsey, Juanita Hart, Grace Shelton, Geraldine Morgan, Obry Wilkes and Barney Williams.

Lula Blankenship spent Sunday night with Juanita Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan left for Ralls Monday morning.

Hazel Blankenship spent Sunday night with Abbie Lee Woolsey.

We are having some very damp, cloudy weather, but no rain, yet.

LAKEVIEW

Dec. 26.—School turned out Thursday afternoon for Christmas holidays. In the afternoon Mrs. Gilpin, Miss



Specials at MORRIS'

Subject to items being sold out, the following prices will be in effect until next issue of the Beacon.

- All 10c Toilet Soap Lines 5c
- White Swan & S. K. Corn, can 15c
- Pink Salmon Tall Can 15c
- 1/2 Gallon Apple Butter 45c
- Lux Soap Chips Package 10c
- 2 Post Bran Flakes 25c
- Rex Breakfast Bacon by side pound ... 32c

Readhimer and Miss Wright had a Christmas tree in each of their rooms. The children seemed to enjoy their gifts.

School will begin again Jan. 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. Gracen Tate of Sand Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin a few days ago.

Mr. G. S. Price, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ollie Conway, was accompanied to Lubbock by his daughter and her husband, where he took the train for South Texas. He will spend the winter there.

Mrs. Lee Harry of Amarillo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Patton.

Mrs. Kiker has as her guest during the Christmas holidays Miss Cheney,

her sister, from Canyon.

Miss Hazel Jones arrived at home late Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Jones. She has been attending the State University.

Miss Opal Nelson and Mr. Joe Breed who have been attending Simmons University are at home for Christmas holidays.

Mr. J. A. Rucker left for Quitaue Friday to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Vera Readhimer is visiting her aunt, Miss Mary Readhimer of Floydada.

Miss Louise Wright will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wright of Floydada.

Anniversary Sale Prices Continued

--ON--

- Men's Suits and Overcoats
- Boys' Suits and Overcoats
- Mens Leather & Moleskin Coats
- Men's Bootees
- Men's Wool Shirts
- All Sweaters
- Blankets

This is your opportunity to take advantage of the very low price of this merchandise as we need money and you need the warm clothing.

Baker Mercantile Co.

We take this method of thanking one and all for the valued business you have given us during the past year, and since we have been here.

Saturday will be the last day for us to operate under this system, and will not be open for for Business until our PIGGLY-WIGGLY is ready to operate (Watch for opening date).

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Yours truly,

Cash Grocery

WE SELL FOR LESS Lockney

NEW CHEVROLETS WILL BE HERE JANUARY 1ST
Dyer Motor Co., Will Unload Several Models on Monday Morning January 2nd

Detroit, Dec. 28.—Promising the most spectacular low priced automobile of all time, the Chevrolet Motor Company announced here today that a complete new line of motor cars will be introduced to the public January 1st.

In confirming reports that Chevro-



W. S. KNUDSEN
 President & General Manager
 Chevrolet Motor Co.

let would very shortly introduce a new car of surpassing interest, W. S. Knudsen president of the Chevrolet Motor Company declared that the official announcement covering all details of Chevrolet's sensational new product would come Sunday, January 1st. No details will be available until that time he said.

Chevrolet Company assembly plants have been in production on the new car since December 1, factories in the various cities have been humming with activity preparing for the highways the first of the new cars that promise to make motor car history

in 1928. Shipments of the new cars to dealers have been leaving the various assembly plants since December 15 so that the vast country-wide dealer organization may be prepared for the introductory showing next Sunday. Unbridled enthusiasm is being displayed over the new cars by the Chevrolet sales officials who have been milling into Detroit for private showings of the new line.

Practically every Chevrolet dealer in the United States will have cars ready for public inspection January 1st. From Bangor, Mo., to San Diego and from Miami to Vancouver there will be simultaneous exhibitions of the new car that has caused so much discussion in the last few months.

This gigantic distribution achievement of supplying thousands of dealers with cars in such a brief space of time was made possible only through the farseeing policy of the Chevrolet organization and the tremendous resources and production facilities of the Chevrolet Motor Company. Never in the history of the industry will so many new models of one make have been placed in the dealer's hands in such a limited space of time.

Cars will be ready for the boulevards and highways immediately after the first of the year. Production at the various assembly plants throughout the United States is racing along as fast as precision manufacturing will permit.

Unofficial reports from the Chevrolet offices here say that the new car will embody many improvements in design and construction. New standards of beauty are promised. Easier handling and smoother riding qualities are heralded as one of the outstanding features of the new Chevrolet line.

Many unlooked for changes have been made in the appearance of the car, according to reports, providing the new Chevrolet with a beauty and style appeal, unexampled in the low priced field.

Without disclosing details, Chevrolet officials declare that the new cars would embody the result of 13 years experience and progress in the building of low priced transportation. Les-

sions learned from millions of miles of testing on the General Motors proving grounds have been wrought to bear on the new product, officials declare. In fact all the resources of General Motors have been employed for months to design and build the car that is heralded by a wide margin the greatest automobile ever offered by Chevrolet.

More than 5,500 newspapers across the entire country will assist through their advertising columns in broadcasting the announcement, which will take the form of one of the most comprehensive advertising campaigns ever attempted in the automobile industry.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Start the new year right by being on time for Sunday School and church next Sunday. Strive to be present on time every Sunday morning during 1928.

Song Sermon

At 7 p. m. next Sunday we expect to have another sermon in song. Music is the gift of God. It should be used for His Glory. You are invited to come and join us in a service of praise and worship.

The Debt Payment

We have \$865 subscribed toward the payment of the notes on the pastors home. We must have \$100.00 more if this debt is paid by January 1. These subscriptions were made with the understanding that the notes were to be paid in full. If the entire amount is not paid we will have to raise nearly a hundred dollars to pay the interest this year. We can't afford to fail. Our prayer is that God will not let us fail. Have you done your best? For the Master's sake let's raise this other hundred dollars and clear our church of all debt! All who have subscribed are asked to pay as soon as possible as we would like to pay off the notes by January 1, and stop the interest. Hand your money to either E. E. Dyer or the pastor. Let's each of us do his best now!

New Year's Resolutions

Do you make New Year's Resolutions? It is better to aim high and

miss your goal than to aim nowhere and get there. Don't you think the following worthy of your best efforts

1. I will not whine, growl, or complain, but will encourage, pull, and push.
2. I will endeavor to minimize the faults of others and strive to magnify their virtues.
3. I will try to be a comrade friend and a brother and try never to cause strife, friction, or division.
4. I will strive to see less of your duty and to do more of mine.
5. My motto shall be, "Do nothing you would be ashamed to do for Jesus to stand by and watch you do, say nothing you would be ashamed to do for him to stand by and hear you say."
6. May daily prayer shall be "Lord help me to think less of self and more of others, and let it be said that for me to live is Christ living among men."

My sincere wish for the new year is that whether you are young or old, saint or sinner, God will from His unwasted fullness send you every thing that will be for your good and for His glory! May his very best blessings be yours during 1928—C. J. McCarty.

Grady Crager spent the forepart of the week in Altus, Oklahoma visiting his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Light. Mrs. Crager who has been visiting in Altus for the past two weeks will return home with Mr. Crager.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison Ayres and Charlie Ayres who are conducting a dry goods store at Lamesa spent the Christmas holidays here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ayres.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hohlaus and family left Friday of last week to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Hohlaus' mother, Mrs. J. A. Abney and other relatives at Texline. They will return home the latter part of this week.

Miss Celia Whitt who is teaching school at Uvalde, Texas has been here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitt, Miss Aline Showalter of Abilene, Texas was here the latter part of last week visiting her uncle and aunt Mr. and

Mrs. W. L. Whitt. Miss Roy Riley who is attending school at West Texas State Teachers college at Canyon this year is here this week spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Riley. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nichols of Plain view spent Christmas day here, visiting Mrs. Nichols' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cox.

TWO UNMASKED MEN ESCAPE WITH LOOT OF ZEPHYR BANK

Zephyr, Texas, Dec. 25.—Two unmasked men obtained between \$1,500 and \$1,800 from the First National bank here at 2:40 Saturday afternoon after locking three bank officials in the vault and escaped in a touring car reported stolen at noon in Brownwood. It was believed that the men were headed toward Comanche with the intention of going on toward Fort Worth.

W. M. Skipping, president of the bank, W. L. Johnson, and C. A. Johnson assistant cashier, were alone in the institution, preparing to close the day's business, when two robbers appeared with drawn pistols. The three men were ordered in the vault and the bandits set the combination on them, but citizens were able to effect the rescue of the bankers shortly afterward.

A considerable sum in silver money

was missed by the robbers. Skipping said the bandits were nicely dressed in gray suits. They had been in the town for more than an hour, according to business men, and purchased food and cigarets here. Merchants said they seemed nervous. Sheriff White of Brown county was at Cisco when the car was stolen in Brownwood and was returning because of that incident, when the bank here was raided.

Zephyr is 14 miles east of Brownwood on the Santa Fe.

INSTALLING NEW MACHINERY AT LOCKNEY AUTO CO.

The Lockney Auto Co., local Ford dealers, are installing new machinery to service the new Model A. Ford, and are evidently intending to continue giving prompt, efficient service. This machinery is the very latest along this line and makes their cars as modern as those of any of the largest dealers. It will be worth your time to drop in and let them explain the use of their precision tools and new motor overhauling machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Childers spent the holidays in Corpus Christi visiting with Mrs. Childers' relatives and then went to San Antonio where Mr. Childers attended the State Convention of Southwestern Life Insurance Agents.



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COW TESTING RECORDS SHOW GAIN IN AVERAGE NET PROFIT

The second month of cow testing work has been completed by J. A. Stark and the results while not startling show that the testing has already begun to prove profitable.

L. B. Hendricks cut is herd down from 13 to 16 cows raising both his fat production and net profit.

Fritz Fuchs was called away from home last month and failed to give proper attention to his herd of six Jerseys.

J. E. Rigler added a cow to his herd of nineteen jerseys, cut down his fat production of an inch, but raised his average profit more than two dollars a head by a change in feed.

Stansell, who dropped off on both fat average and net profit sold eleven head of grade Jersey cows and replaced them with some animals that were dry.

These are some of the reasons that are given that will account for part of the comparative showings last month. Another factor that lowered the November average was that one less day was figured in this month than last.

A comparative record of the ten high herds and twenty-two high cows for November follows:

Ten High Herds in Butter Fat Comparison of October and November, '27

Table with columns: OWNER, No. Cows, Oct., No. Cows, Nov., Av. Fat per cow—Oct., Av. Fat per cow—Nov., Av. net profit per cow—Oct., Av. net profit per cow—Nov., Market.

High Cows For November

Table with columns: OWNER, NAME, Lb. Mk % Fat, lb Fat, BREED.

LOCKNEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISMISSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The Lockney Public school holidays began December 22nd and will continue until January 2, 1928. Santa Claus visited down in the grades Thursday bringing the little boys and girls many presents.

Why was Santa Claus of course! But that's the way of those Juniors. Excuse this incident Santa, and we hope you don't feel hurt. Call again next year.

Many of the ex-seniors of Lockney High visited school Thursday. The old scenes and the old daily routine touched a soft spot in some of their hearts and made them wish they were with us again.

Santa Claus did visit the commercial geography, civics and history classes in the persons of Supt. Biggers and Mr. Hanson.

When 3:15 came teachers and pupils exchanged greetings of "Merry Christmas" and then the pupils bounded away with the thought of "No more books, no more pencils for ten whole days."

SENIORS CELEBRATE YULE-TIDE AT THOMAS HOME

December 20, the Seniors were entertained at the home of Miss Carma Thomas, senior sponsor with a Christmas party.

was the customary Christmas tree. It was loaded with presents, tinsel and roping.

Each guest brought with him or her that happy Christmas spirit and not a gloomy face was present. Contests furnished the greatest amount of amusement among which was a poetry composing contest which was won by Miss Ruth Stapleton who was presented with a hankerchief.

As the night wore on the merriment increased. At a rather late hour refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, olives, coca and minis were served to all the Seniors, except two for whom it was impossible to be present.

CHILDREN OF MR. AND MRS. E. L. AYRES HERE CHRISTMAS

The children of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ayres all gathered here to be present at the parental home Christmas Day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Madison Ayres, Carlisle and Frederick Ayres of Lamesa; Waller Ayres of Kress, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Montgomery of White Deer, Texas and Lee and Robert of Lockney.

RE-UNION OF CRAGER FAMILY HELD HERE

All the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crager spent the holidays in Lockney at the parental home, outside of the children living in Lockney.

those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson and family of Plainview; Mrs. H. E. Haygood of Amarillo; Mrs. John Tucker of Wortham; and Mrs. Ray Light of Kendrick, Okla. Others present were Ray Light of Kendrick, Oklahoma; Mrs. Johnson, mother of J. M. Johnson of Plainview and Mrs. R. D. Hatchell and daughter Miss Edith of Plainview.

KNOX FAMILY HOLDS RE-UNION HERE CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Knox of Sherman enjoyed a family re-union in Lockney at the homes of their daughters, Mrs. R. E. Patterson and Mrs. Ralph Ashworth, during the holidays. Those present on this occasion were Miss Ruth Knox who is attending C. I. A. at Denton, Miss Margie Knox who is attending school at T. W. C. Fort Worth; Hal Knox of Sherman, Mo. and Mrs. Cecil Knox, of Krum, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Knox of Olton, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Patterson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ashworth of Lockney, and with the children and grandchildren there were twenty-four present.

A. L. RAINS FAMILY ENJOYS RE-UNION HERE

The children and their families belonging to the A. L. Rains family all gathered at the parental home here Christmas day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Samman of Kress, Texas; Ross Carthel and family of near Plainview, Milford Carthel and family and J. J. Frizzell and family north of Lockney.

Dick Thompson of Clovis, N. M. spent the holidays here visiting his sister, Mrs. Buck Sams.

BANDITS HOLD UP CISCO BANK; OFFICER IS KILLED

Half Dozen Persons Hit by Bullets During Gun Fight

CISCO, Texas, Dec. 23.—Mob rumors following the death Friday night of Chief of Police G. E. Bedford, wounded in persuading robbers who held up the First National Bank here Friday, caused the removal of Louis E. Davis, also wounded in the \$12,000 robbery, to Eastland.

A large crowd incensed at the death of the Chief of Police and at the use of children as a screen by the robbers, had gathered about the hospital in which Davis was under guard to forestall possible violence he was removed in an ambulance.

Davis gave the name of one of the escaped robbers as Henry Crockett of Ardmore, Okla., saying that Crockett came from Wichita Falls late Thursday and joined the others at a point near South Bend, Stephens county, where they camped on the creek during the night.

Half a dozen persons in addition to Chief Bedford and Davis were wounded during the holdup which was staged by a robber wearing a Santa Claus costume and four others. Marion Olson, a Harvard University student home for the holidays, was shot in the general firing possibly by a citizen firing at the robbers.

Laverne Comer, 12, and Emma Mae Robinson, 10, were the children forced into the car and later abandoned in it with orders to lie down so they could not see which way the robbers went.

All of the money was recovered. Cashier Alex Spears, who received a bullet in the jaw, reported Thursday night. Its recovery due to the fact that the Comer child ordered to hand over the sack passed over a sack but not the one containing \$12,200 in currency and \$150,000 in non-negotiable paper.

Chief Shot During Fight

Chief Bedford was shot while exchanging fire with the robbers from the corner of an alley near-by. He was shot through the arms and body. George Carmichael, a police officer was shot in the head as he ran to answer the alarm.

Brady Boggs was shot and fell and broke a leg as he rushed toward the scene. Pete Rutherford was shot in the thigh by a stray bullet half a block away. Oscar Chett, a customer was shot while in the bank.

During the search for the robbers, a bloody overcoat and gloves were found in the vicinity of the spot where the second automobile was abandoned and it was believed that at least one of the escaped men had been wounded.

MAN IS COERCED INTO CAR BY TWO ARMED MEN

Kidnapers Told Carl Wylie They Needed Car to Take Injured Woman To Hospital

BAIRD, Dec. 26.—A twenty-four search by Sheriff Everett Hughes and a large posse had failed to uncover a clue in the kidnaping of Carl Wylie 22, forced into a motor car at a pistol point at his home 15 miles north-east of here last Monday night by several unidentified men.

Asserting that their automobile had been in a wreck and that they wanted to take an injured woman to the hospital, two men appeared at the home of R. C. Wylie, grandfather of Carl and asked for the loan of a motor car and a driver.

Just as the party reached the automobile, several other men stepped out from behind a number of bee hives and with pistols ordered Carl Wylie and the younger brother into the machine. The younger brother broke and ran back into the house calling for his grandfather, who fired a shot after the party as Carl was forced into the automobile and driven away.

A 30 pound sack of ammunition and an automatic pistol of German make were found this morning behind the bee hives.

Relays of men searched the surrounding country for a trace of the kidnapers.

Link Kidnaping With Cisco Bank Bandits

Cisco, Texas, Dec. 26.—A chain of evidence seeming to indicate that three bandits who robbed a Cisco bank here Friday and escaped after a gunfight in which one of their number was fatally wounded, Police Chief G. E. Bedford county was reported here tonight. Report of kidnaping of Wylie, 23, at his home near Moran at 3 a. m. by three men believed to be the escaped robbers, arrest of



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three men and two women suspected of having given the three bandits medical attention and temporary hiding were highlights in Monday's developments.

The three men and two women are held in Albany for investigation and a wide search thus far in vain, has been made for the kidnaped youth. Of the suspects held at Albany, three are said to have given medical attention to the escaped bandits.

VICTIM SLAIN BY BLOW ON HEAD WITH WRENCH

Ranger, Dec. 26.—A posse headed by sheriff John Hart of Eastland county and Chief of Police Ingram of Ranger, Monday was searching for two men who Sunday night struck and killed Paul Pugh, 18, Ranger cafe employe.

Pugh was killed when the two men, whose identity is said to be known to the police, haled the car in which he and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood and Mr. and John Reeves were returning from a Christmas church festival in Thurber.

The men asked the party if they did not want to buy some liquor. When informed they were not interested, one of the men struck Pugh on the head with a lug wrench, breaking two vertebrae at the base of the brain.

FARMER HANGS HIMSELF NO REASONS KNOWN

Plainview, Dec. 26.—J. S. Stevenson, 52, a farmer living in the north-east part of Hale county, about 12 miles from Plainview, hanged himself Christmas Day. Stevenson left the house about 8 o'clock in the morning to go to the barn to feed his stock after he and his family had enjoyed the annual Christmas giving affair.

When he did not return in a reasonable time, his wife went to look for him and found his body hanging by the neck in the barn. He had fastened a tie rope around his neck and jumped off a feed trough.

He had been a resident of Hale County since early last year, moving here from Goldsboro in Coleman county, and had rented a farm in another section of the county to move to next year.

He is survived by his wife and two children. No motive for the suicide can be found, as he appeared to be in a normal frame of mind Christmas eve and early Christmas morning, according to his wife.

BODY OF BABY BOY FOUND ON POLK STREET

Amarillo, Dec. 26.—A baby boy about four months old according to the report of Dr. B. M. Puckett after examination was found still warm where it had been laid by three men in a big closed car in the 1500 block on North Polk street about 5:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Two witnesses living in the neighborhood saw a man leave the car walk almost a block, and lay down a bundle. One of the spectators jokingly commented to his friend, here's where we get some Christmas liquor." When they arrived at the spot they found the body, which had been partially covered by the deliverer, who had kicked some ashes over it.

The body was taken to the Blackburn funeral home and Coroner C. G. Landis was called on the case.

An Amarillo News dated December 22 was found nearby. Police have a partial description of the automobile. Police Detective W. M. McGough was on the case last night and reported the details. The body was in a shallow hollow and it was not near a residence.

RIOT GUN LATE ADDITION TO SHERIFF'S EQUIPMENT

The latest equipment to be added by the sheriff's department is a riot gun received by Sheriff P. G. Stegall last week, which in appearance is a shortbarrelled shot gun. Special ammunition for the gun are buck shot loaded shells, which carry effectively for one hundred yards. The gun is automatic. The department also added a high-powered rifle recently, a .30 which is said to be more powerful than the .30-30.

"With increasing banditry over the country, we begin to feel the need of heavier weapons," Sheriff Stegall said. A man doesn't know how foolish it makes a person feel to get a call in the dead of night to block a highway and head off a high powered car, and have nothing more than a little pistol with which to carry out the job."

Two hundred rounds of ammunition were bought for the gun.—Hesperian

We wish to express our appreciation to the people of the Lockney trade territory for the liberal share of trade given us.

Our Business is Increasing, We Thank YOU

We expect to make our stock more complete in the near future and will be glad to have you come in any time to inquire about prices whether ready to buy or not. Our cash prices are right.

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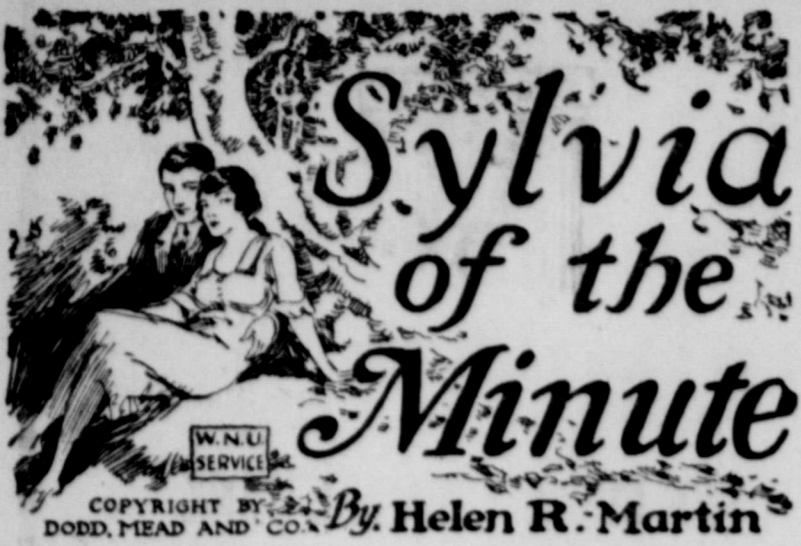
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STORY FROM THE START

Handsome, fastidious and wealthy—young St. Croix Creighton awaits his sweetheart at their trysting place. She is late, this ordinary little Pennsylvania Dutch girl, Meely Schwenckton...

herself, eagerly assumed the task of explaining her poor father's unfortunate mistake—and before she was half through her narrative, they were all laughing except Susie; and even she was feebly smiling.



CHAPTER IV—Continued

"I've been held up on the road and robbed!" he announced, his voice weak with fatigue.

A stunned silence on the part of the four occupants of the kitchen met this statement and request—Meely staring with wide-open eyes, her hand pressed to her fast-beating heart; Nettie's face going first red, then pale; Mr. Schwenckton trembling and pallid; Susie unmoved.

But it was Susie who broke their stupid silence. "So you see, Sam, he ain't still runnin'!"

A little hysterical squeal of laughter from Meely brought the young man's eyes around to where she stood by the table—clad in a kimono, her hair down her back in a braid. She was glad she was not dressed normally, for in her tailored school suit with her hair done up around her head, she was so transformed from the country bumpkin of her voile frock trimmed with artificial flowers and streaming ribbons that the extreme contrast would have betrayed her hopelessly as a masquerader.

For the man leaning exhausted against the kitchen door was St. Croix Creighton.

"How did you get here so soon?" quavered Mr. Schwenckton, too absorbed in his own quandary to see the flash of startled recognition with which his visitor's eyes met Meely's. She had succeeded, at an instant's notice, in assuming the look of bovine dullness which had so effectually disguised her ever since she had known him.

"Am I—is this Sam Schwenckton's farm?" exclaimed the amazed young man. "I'd no idea where I was, the road's so pitch dark! I've been groping my way for a half hour to find a house where I could telephone. That, pointing to the lamp, was the first light I saw in five miles!"

"No, not five—not more'n two," Mr. Schwenckton's shaking voice corrected him.

"How do you know? Is this Mr. Schwenckton?" asked St. Croix, for the farmer, without his coat and hat and necktie, did not suggest to him his automobile companion of an hour ago.

"It is," Mr. Schwenckton heavily admitted. "And you, now that I see you in the light, I reckon as the younger Mr. Creighton! Yi, yi, yi, yi!"

"Yes, I am in a mess!" responded St. Croix, interpreting the farmer's exclamation as an expression of sympathy for his plight.

"May I use your—" "If it's only your watch you want, it ain't no need to phone. Here it is!" Mr. Schwenckton, with shamed, averted face, held it out to its owner.

St. Croix, amazed, took it. "You caught the thief? But how? Do tell me! I never was more taken in! He seemed the most harmless, kindly old simpleton—"

This time it was Nettie who gave a little hysterical squeal which brought the young man's eyes, for an instant, to her rosy, eager face.

"Meely!" Mr. Schwenckton appealed, "you tell him how it was! Me, I couldn't get the words together for to explain such a bewildering!" Meely was appalled. The Schwencktons were accustomed to hear her speak good English; St. Croix had of course never heard her talk anything but the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect!

"Nettie," she murmured, "you tell him!" Nettie, shy, but all too willing to hold the young god's attention upon

protested that if they would allow him to telephone home, one of the Beechlands chauffeurs would be here in a short time with a runabout.

While he was telephoning, Mr. Schwenckton ordered Nettie to make some strong hot coffee and get out some doughnuts and pie.

But what, Meely wondered, would St. Croix think of the teacher's being asked to do this instead of the daughter of the house? She considered swiftly what would be her best course to avert suspicion on both sides. To get across the kitchen to the stairway and run up to her room? Mr. Schwenckton would be bound to stop her and insist that she stay and have coffee and doughnuts with them, and if he spoke to her at all, St. Croix would notice how differently he addressed her and Nettie. To remain here, however, was more certain to invite exposure. And yet, she was afraid to go away for fear of what might come out in her absence.

Nettie, as she bustled about making coffee and setting out cups and saucers, saw, with keen chagrin, how Mr. Schwenckton's eyes kept turning toward Meely and never in her direction. And the expression on his face—furtive, hungry, infatuated! Was this, Nettie wondered, a case of love on sight? She was greatly puzzled, for in her opinion Meely "looked a mess" in that sloppy kimono and with a "plait" down her back.

As Mr. Creighton hung up the receiver, there was a quick movement in the room—Meely making for the stairs.

"Ach, Meely—" began Mr. Schwenckton.

"Good night," she interrupted, rushing up the steps before he could stop her—but not before she caught in St. Croix' eyes the evidence of the conflict in his mind—a passionate protest against her going, mingled with a fear of her presence.

Upstairs in her own room, while she prepared for bed, she had the exciting suspense of wondering whether they were talking about her; whether St. Croix had noticed the kimono she had on, a Japanese embroidered silk thing that a county school teacher would hardly own if she were what she should be! Yes, this kimono could be a "give-away."

"Well, when this sort of thing could happen it was evident that she could not much longer keep up her farce. She must bring things to a climax as soon as possible; beguile St. Croix to lay his cards on the table; force his hand for a show-down.

The sound of the cabinet organ in the parlor below her bedroom, and Nettie's shrill voice singing, interrupted her thoughts. Nettie was invariably called upon by her father to entertain "company" with her musical accomplishments of organ and voice, and of course such distinguished company as Mr. St. Croix Creighton would have to be favored. Through Nettie's lungs and fingers the entire family found their one and only artistic expression.

CHAPTER V

At breakfast next morning Meely warily watched the faces around the table for signs of newly awakened suspicions of herself. But she found nothing unusual in the demeanor of the family.

Nettie chattered excitedly about the elegance and "swellness" of Mr. Creighton's stylish clothes, his wonderful white hands, the way he said his words—"He says 'ho!' for half!" It sounds awful pretty and genteel that way! And, ach, the manners he's got! The way he held my chair for me to set! Say!—it begged words.

"But I always say," her father spoke in, "that I don't think so much of manners—moral is so much more important."

"Gimme manners!" Nettie defiantly affirmed her choice.

"Morals and manners," said Meely, "can go hand in hand—they're not mutually exclusive!"

Meely had often noticed that her use of a word of more than two syllables invariably awed the family into a prolonged silence.

She broke the present lull by bronchitis a subject to Mr. Schwenckton that was weighing on her mind. "How often do county superintendents visit a school, Mr. Schwenckton?"

"Ach, about once in so often." "Yes, but how often?"

"Not so very often. Now and then."

"But I mean," Meely patiently explained, "how far apart are 'now and then'?"

"Well, pretty far apart. You see, he's got too many to visit to come often. And the schools is spread over so much area that it takes up time to go to and from."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

In Splendor, Venice Surpassed All Cities

In Venice of the Sixteenth century luxury and splendor surpassed all bounds; never before at any time nor in any city were religious ceremonies, victories, the conclusion of peace, the visits of foreigners, or the marriages of illustrious persons, celebrated with greater pomp and magnificence.

carpets spread for the feet of the hour's hero strove to make themselves seen among the profusion of flowers, the countless flashing candles and the play of color. When some magnificent occasion of this sort was not in progress Venice was not permitted to be dull for a moment—there was always some carnival of merry-makers on the streets and masquerades were so common they became a nuisance and met with decrees forbidding them.—Detroit News.

Bess Liked Peacock Pie It is recorded by historians of the day that Queen Elizabeth's favorite dish on festive occasions was peacock pie.—Brooklyn Eagle.



A New Year's Conscience by Martha Banning Thomas

SOME of us were born in New England and have that kind of a conscience. Why New England should produce a particular conscience different from any other's conscience seems a little difficult to explain.



so far as we have pushed our abilities, then just so far should we use them for the finest development. To do less is sheer waste of invaluable material. To do less is being false to ourselves. To do less is sinning against truth.

Every Year a Milestone Every year is a milestone. A stepping-stone or a stumbling block? Your life is a part of many lives and these many lives are a part of yours.

A PSALM FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE By Dinah Muloch Craik

A FRIEND stands at the door: In either tight-closed hand Hiding rich gifts, three hundred and three score;

Comfort our souls with love— Love of all human kind; Love special, close—in which, like sheltered dove,

2028 Greeting The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—Numbers 6:24-26.



THE window frame shivered, creaked and gave way under the prying force of the jimmy. The flat palm of a massive hand finished the raising process.



That's her, 'Pard'! I'd do anything on earth for that," and he slapped the picture vehemently, only to meet his "Pard's" sour looks. "There ain't no time like tonight to begin all over again."

As the Old Year Dies To most people the passing of the year, even though the new period holds hope of advance and greater happiness, has its sad aspect.