

Other Cities Have Already Enlisted Every Man, Woman and Child in the Red Cross

# Why Not Midland?

If You Enrolled Before the Christmas Drive, You Should Re-Enlist Now and Get Membership for Another Year

It is already hard to explain why you are not wearing the Red Cross Badge, it will be harder. A house to house canvass is being made. You will be solicited if not already a member.

## GET YOUR DOLLAR READY

### Original Membership

Adams, Mrs. Julia  
 Bailey, Miss Kate  
 Baldwin, Miss  
 Bludworth, Mrs. J.  
 Brunson, Mrs. Susie  
 Callaway, Mrs. Ed  
 Collins, Mrs. J. P.  
 Cowden, Miss Fay  
 Cowden, Mrs. Jax M.  
 Diekey, Mrs. Robert W.  
 Dorsey, Mrs. Will  
 Dunagan, Mrs. H. E.  
 Eidson, Mrs. M.  
 Elkins, Miss Lula  
 Estes, Miss Iris  
 Gibbs, Mrs. Chas.  
 Goldsmith, Mrs. C. M.  
 Half, Mrs. Henry  
 Holland, Miss Lena  
 Hill, Miss Neta  
 Holmesley, Mrs. W. L.  
 Holloway, Miss Mamie  
 Holt, Mrs. O. B.  
 Johnson, Miss Ethel  
 Jowell, Mrs. Spence  
 Martin, Mrs. Will  
 McCormick, Miss Maggie  
 Norwood, Mrs. Frank  
 Poole, Mrs. Edith  
 Raleigh, Mrs. Lizzie  
 Ray, Mrs. Theo  
 Scharbauer, Mrs. May  
 Smith, Mrs. Ben  
 Staton, Mrs. N. E.  
 Tanner, Miss Myrtle  
 Thomas, Mrs. J. B.  
 Ulmer, Mrs. Marvin  
 Wadley, Mrs. Wilber  
 Wall, Mrs. B. A.  
 Watts, Mrs. W. D.  
 Wilhite, Miss Golda  
 Walcott, Miss Julia  
 Wooten, Mrs. W. J.  
 Wimberley, Mrs. W. W.  
 Bludworth, J.  
 Epley, Homer  
 Hill, Clifford  
 Reiger, Gordon  
 Pemberton, Dr. L. B.  
 Allen, Mrs. M. J.  
 Barron, Miss Mary  
 Bigham, Mrs. N. W.  
 Brunson, Mrs. Dave  
 Brunson, Mrs. W. W.  
 Chancellor, Mrs. W. R.  
 Cowden, Miss Bernice  
 Cowden, Mrs. G. F.  
 Curtis, Mrs. W. K.  
 Driver, Mrs. Lynn  
 Dunagan, Miss Blanche  
 Edwards, Mrs. John  
 Elliott, Mrs. Geo.  
 Elkins, Miss Nettie  
 Estes, Mrs. Sander  
 Girdley, Mrs. B. C.  
 Graves, Miss Susie  
 Hammock, Mrs. M.  
 Heavenhill, Miss Josephine  
 Hill, Miss Leila  
 Holloway, Mrs. Burl  
 Holloway, Miss Winnie  
 Hooper, Mrs. Howard  
 Jowell, Miss Hallie Rhea  
 Kuykendall, Mrs. C. T.  
 Moore, Mrs. H. A.  
 McGruder, Miss Susie  
 Patterson, Miss Lois  
 Poole, Mrs. J. T.  
 Rankin, Miss Effie  
 Richardson, Mrs. S. O.  
 Shields, Mrs. Lawrence  
 Snodgrass, Mrs. E. N.  
 Sterling, Mrs.  
 Taylor, Mrs. Wood  
 Tigner, Mrs. C. H.  
 Wadley, Mrs. Addison  
 Wallace, Mrs. D. S.  
 Wakefield, Mrs. Chas.  
 White, Mrs. J. T.  
 Walcott, Mrs. Henry  
 Woodbridge, Mrs. Crutcher  
 Wright, Mrs. Laura  
 Yeakel, Mrs. J. W.  
 Brunson, Will  
 Estes, E. H.  
 Hill, M. R.  
 Roettger, D. H.  
 Ulmer, Marvin  
 Anthony, Mrs. Ben  
 Benedict, Mrs. Marion  
 Boone, Mrs.  
 Brunson, Miss Lula Mae  
 Bush, Mrs. P. L.  
 Cochran, Mrs. W. C.  
 Cowden, Mrs. Claude

Cowden, Mrs. R. W.  
 Cowden, Mrs. Gene  
 Davis, Mrs. Lige  
 Driver, Miss Mayme  
 Dunagan, Mrs. C. B.  
 Ellis, Mrs. W. D.  
 Elkins, Mrs. E. F.  
 Estes, Mrs. E. H.  
 Francis, Mrs. S. M.  
 Goldsmith, Mrs. C. A.  
 Haley, Mrs. J. A.  
 Harris, Miss Edna  
 Hix, Mrs. John  
 Holloway, Miss Cachle  
 Holt, Miss Gladys  
 Horton, Miss Lucile  
 Jones, Mrs. Tom  
 Lynch, Mrs. W. W.  
 Mims, Mrs. Ida  
 McCormick, Miss Pearl  
 McMullen, Mrs. E. M.  
 Pemberton, Mrs. Brooks  
 Preston, Mrs. Sam  
 Rankin, Mrs. F. E.  
 Scharbauer, Mrs. Clarence  
 Sandifer, Miss Grace  
 Spaulding, Mrs. W. A.  
 Taft, Mrs. Robert  
 Thomas, Mrs. E. R.  
 Trammell, Mrs. B. M.  
 Wadley, Miss Mary  
 Wallace, Mrs. W. P.  
 Ward, Miss Mary  
 White, Miss Thelma  
 Walcott, Mrs. G. W.  
 Wein, Mrs. Geo.  
 Youngblood, Mrs. Joe  
 Cowden, John M.  
 Half, Henry  
 Karkalita, C. S.  
 Lackey, W. W.  
 Wilson, T. R.

### Enlisted Monday

Aycock, B. N.  
 Arrington, L. A.  
 Arnett, Dick  
 Armstrong, M. F.  
 Bentley, J. E.  
 Beauchamp, W. T.  
 Beauchamp, Mrs. W. T.  
 Bradshaw, L. W.  
 Burton-Lingo Co.  
 Burns, M. F.  
 Barron, J. H.  
 Benton, Tom  
 Brunson, Stanton  
 Barron, R. M.  
 Barron, Mrs. R. M.  
 Barron, Mrs. Reeves  
 Bradford, W. E.  
 Brunson, W. H.  
 Basham, S. H.  
 Basham, Mrs. S. H.  
 Basham, Gladys  
 Blakeney, B. H.  
 Bludworth, O. B.  
 Bush, Fred  
 Brunson, Dave  
 Caldwell, J. M.  
 Cowan, Mrs. J.  
 Crowley, R. E.  
 Claiborne, Miss E.  
 Crocker, H. B.  
 Cowden, Ellis  
 Clayton, R. M.  
 Clayton, Mrs. R. M.  
 Clayton, W. D.  
 Clayton, Louise  
 Clark, Frank  
 Cash Market  
 Cowden, Mrs. R. W.  
 Carter, Dr. Clifton  
 Currie, James  
 Cordell, J. S.  
 Coyle, G. H.  
 Cobb, H. J.  
 Constantine, D. S.  
 Cook, Mrs. O. D.  
 Collins, J. P.  
 Cowden, Jno. M.  
 Clark, Harvey  
 Cowden, Gene, Jr.  
 Chancellor, W. R.  
 Coleman, J. T.  
 Curtis, Dr. W. K.  
 Cowden, Gene  
 Cowden, C. F.  
 Crowley, C. W.  
 Clayton, Don  
 Clayton, Mrs. Don  
 Dublin, Chas.  
 Davis, Miss Lorraine  
 Dawson, W. A.  
 Dawson, Mrs. W. A.  
 Dawson, W. A. Jr.  
 Durbin, Mrs. J. K.  
 Durbin, J. K.  
 Dublin, J. R.

Holloway, Winnifred  
 Hyatt, R. V.  
 Hyatt, Mrs. R. V.  
 Haag, Frank  
 Haag, Mrs. Frank  
 Harris, H. C.  
 Holloway, Burl  
 Holmsley, W. L.  
 Hill, Miss Vernon  
 Hale, C.  
 Hill, J. E.  
 Haley, J. A.  
 Haley, Mrs. C. A.  
 Haley, Dr. J. F.  
 Holzgraft, C.  
 Hill, W. S.  
 Hill, Mrs. W. S.  
 Hill, Corroll  
 Holt, O. B.  
 Heard, Lee  
 Healy, R. D.  
 Horton, H. M.  
 Hartgrove, Mack  
 Inman, J. P.  
 Irwin, Lee  
 Ingham, Miss Myrtle  
 Ingham, S. A.  
 Jowell, Spence  
 Johnson, J. A.  
 King, W. A.  
 Ellis, Mrs. N. W.  
 Ellis, N. W.  
 Epley, J. H.  
 Epley, Mrs. J. H.  
 Elliott, Geo. D.  
 Edwards, Miss Jerra  
 Foster, W. H.  
 Flannigan, J. M.  
 Fasken, R.  
 Fasken, Mrs. D.  
 Fannin, T. A.  
 Francis, A.  
 Frederick, Miss Hazel  
 Goldsmith, C. A.  
 Gibbs, Chas.  
 Gibbs, Chas., Jr.  
 Griffin, M. M.  
 Gaston, E. F.  
 Gaston, Mrs. E. F.  
 Garrard, Tom  
 Garrard, Mrs. Tom  
 Garrard, Bud  
 Garrard, T. T.  
 Guthrie, R. C.  
 Guaranty Motor Co.  
 Leaverton, H. A.  
 Leaverton, Mrs. H. A.  
 Leaverton, Jack  
 Leaverton, Herbert Roy  
 Luther, Miss Frank  
 Mumford, E. J.  
 McCormick, Dee  
 McClintic, H. L.  
 McClintic, G. T.  
 Midkiff, T. O.  
 McKinney, S. R.  
 Miles, Hayden  
 Nugent, W. P.  
 Parker, Jim  
 Powell, Jno.  
 Preston, Sam  
 Philipp, Oswald  
 Poole, Mrs. J. T.  
 Poole, J. T.  
 Pollard, C. C.  
 Roettger, D. H.  
 Roberts, Mrs. J. C.  
 Rohlfing, Walter  
 Rankin, J. P.  
 Ramsay, Robert  
 Roller, Will  
 Roberts, J. J.  
 Scharbauer, Phil  
 Sheer, John H.  
 Scarborough, W. F.  
 Scarborough, Mrs. W. F.  
 Scarborough, Leta  
 Scarborough, Lucille  
 Scarborough, Evelyn  
 Stanley, B. P.  
 Stanley, ...  
 Stevenson, T. H.  
 Stringer, C. M. J.  
 Smith, Mrs. B. H.  
 Smith, Mrs. Ray  
 Smith, Ray Jr.  
 Smith, J. V.  
 Shepherd, J. H.  
 Shaw, Veda  
 Towers, Miss L. J.  
 Thomas, Read  
 Thomas, Lucille  
 Thomas, Dr. Jno. B.  
 Thomas, Mrs. Jno. B.  
 Talliaferro, J. B.  
 Taylor, Wood  
 Taylor, Leta  
 Taylor, C. A.  
 Tolbert, Jno.

Taylor, Cordelia  
 Taylor, Fannie Bess  
 Van Huss, R. E.  
 Van Huss, Mrs. R. E.  
 Watson, C. C.  
 Watson, Mrs. C. C.  
 Watson, C. C., Jr.  
 Wolcott, Geo.  
 Wolcott, W. H.  
 White, W. G.  
 Wimberly, W. W.  
 Wilson, T. R.  
 Wells, O. F.  
 Wadley, T. B.  
 Wadley, Mrs. T. B.  
 Wadley, A.  
 Winborne, John  
 Warnock, C. L.  
 Youngblood, Frank

Levinson, M.  
 Leonard, E. R.  
 Locklar, J. H.  
 Ligon, Mrs. O. W.  
 Majors, Mrs. L. C.  
 Moran, W. J.  
 McCall, Dr. C. G.  
 Mabry, J. E.  
 Moran, Mrs. Thos.  
 Mabry, Clara  
 Matson, A.  
 McKissick, Mrs. J. T.  
 McKissick, Rev. J. T.  
 Nelson, J. E.  
 Nance, J. A.  
 Nobles, Jno. O.  
 Nobles, Mrs. Jno. O.  
 Nutt, K. E.  
 Pollard, Row  
 Price, Jno. W.  
 Puckett, J. L.  
 Patterson, Tom  
 Pritchett, T. A.  
 Peck, V. L.  
 Patterson, T. S.

### Enlisted Tuesday

Anthony, Ben  
 Allen, Ben  
 Allen, Mrs. Ben  
 Cowden, R. W.  
 Cowden, Frank  
 Cowden, Wright  
 Cowden, Ida Beth  
 Cowden, Elliott  
 Cowden, Mrs. Elliott  
 Cowden, J. W.  
 Cummins, Jessie Mae  
 Cummins, H. E.  
 Clark, W. L.  
 Coleman, A. B.  
 Coleman, Mrs. A. B.  
 Caldwell, Master Robert  
 Cowden, Ben  
 Cowden, Mrs. Ben  
 Cowden, Fred  
 Dublin, Miss Prude  
 Davis, Don  
 Driver, Miss Mayme  
 DeArmond, J. W.  
 DeArmond, Mrs. J. W.  
 Dunn, A. E.  
 Dorsey, Mr.  
 Dunagan, H. B.  
 Dowdy, J. A.  
 Dowdy, Mrs. J. A.  
 Dunagan, C. B.  
 Estes, Mrs. S. W.  
 Estes, Aldredge  
 Evans, Rube M.  
 Edwards, Oron  
 Edwards, John  
 Edwards, John  
 Edwards, Jack  
 Edwards, C. W.  
 Edwards, Janelle  
 Ellis, W. D.  
 Ellis, Mrs. W. D.  
 Ellis, Miss Alma  
 Ellis, John  
 Flanagan, J. M.  
 Foster, C. C.  
 Feeler, J. E.  
 Fernandes, Mrs. J. F.  
 Fernandes, J. F.  
 Florence, J. A.  
 Florence, Mrs. J. A.  
 Garrett, Elizabeth  
 Garrett, H. W.  
 Garrett, Miss Sylvia  
 Hix, Annie Laurie  
 Hill, Miss Nita  
 Harmon, Mrs.  
 Holmsley, W. B.  
 Hendrickson, A.  
 Holcombe, Mervin  
 Howe, John E.  
 Heard, Frank  
 Hix, Jno. W.  
 Harris, Mrs. H. C.  
 Holcombe, Mrs. H. C.  
 Holcombe, W. T.  
 Heith, Mrs. Mrs. J. L.  
 Heith, Miss Clifford  
 Henkel, Miss Estella M.  
 Harris, Mrs. Geo.  
 Harris, Geo.  
 Heard, Mrs. Lee  
 Holloway, Carroll  
 Ingham, Frank  
 Johnson, Roy E.  
 Julian, C. E.  
 Jones, C. A.  
 Jones, J. L.  
 Johnson, M. D.  
 Johnson, Joe B.  
 Jerden, Mrs. Walter  
 Jay, Joe  
 Klapproth, Miss Esther  
 Karkalita, C. S.  
 Kerr, C. W.  
 King, Mrs. M. F.  
 Loving, Dick  
 Luther, Oliver

Cowden, Mrs. Dock, 2nd (Memory of Straughn.)  
 Chappell, B. B.  
 Currie, J. R.  
 Cobb, LeRoy (colored)  
 Campbell, T. J.  
 Cobb, Russell  
 Countiss, Mrs. Lula  
 Cowden, Miss Geraldine  
 Cowden, G. F.  
 Cobb, Mrs. H. J.  
 Dorsey, Mrs. Will  
 Deardorff, Mrs. J. B.  
 Driver, W. C.  
 Epley, Miss Ruth  
 Evans, Lee S.  
 Evans, Mrs. Lee S.  
 Evans, Miss Mary Joe  
 Evans, Miss Pauline  
 Ellis, T. E.  
 Ellis, Mrs. T. E.  
 Epley, Miss Alma  
 Eason, W. A.  
 Edwards, Miss Lorene  
 Elam, W. C.  
 Evans, Ed  
 Francis, J. Y.  
 Francis, Mrs. Audley  
 Galbreath, R. B.  
 Girdley, B. C.  
 Girdley, J. A.  
 Girdley, Miss Stella  
 Girdley, Mrs. B. C.  
 Girdley, Fred  
 Hill, Miss Lela  
 Horne, Miss Edith  
 Hall, W. O.  
 Hazelip, W.  
 Harrison, B. P.  
 Holt, O. B., Jr.  
 Holt, Miss Mable  
 Half, H. M.  
 Jowell, Holt  
 King, Forrest  
 Locklar, J. L.  
 Ligon, A. L.  
 McClure W. C.  
 Neeb, W. H.  
 Prothro, Miss Bess  
 Parnell, Fred  
 Pemberton, Miss Fannie Glenn  
 Parks, R. L.  
 Rohlfing, Henry  
 Rohlfing, Mrs. Henry  
 Smith, Dave (colored)  
 Scott, Miss Ted  
 Stuart, A. V.  
 Shepherd, Miss Ethel  
 Storey, Marvin  
 Storey, Mrs. W. A.  
 Terry, G. W.  
 Thornton, G. W.  
 Truly, R. E.  
 Trammel, D. M.  
 Vest, Robert  
 Walden, Ernest  
 Wimberly, Wilbur  
 Warnock, Mrs. C. L.  
 Wall, Miss Annie  
 Ward, Franklin Dulaney  
 Wilson, John  
 Wright, Lee  
 Watson, Ned  
 Wolcott, Frank  
 Wolcott, Mrs. Frank  
 Wiltcher, J. E.  
 Wright, Mrs. Clara  
 Weyman, A. C.  
 Yarbrough, M. T.

### Enlisted Wednesday

Allison, Mrs. Alice  
 Allen, Chas.  
 Aycock, West  
 Aycock, Mrs. West  
 Bell, I. H.  
 Beauchamp, Miss Alia  
 Brunson, Miss Alma  
 Bell, I. C.  
 Bradford, Mrs. W. E.  
 Brunson, Miss Susie  
 Boland, P. S.  
 Bell, Theron  
 Brock, Miss Ruth  
 Barnard, A. O.  
 Brummett, Jack  
 Carlisle, Mrs. Betty J.  
 Carlisle, Miss Grace  
 Carlisle, Miss Winnie  
 Coyle, Miss Viola  
 Cowden, Mrs. Dock

If you are not a member of



WHY NOT?

Don't let the sun go down Saturday before you enlist.

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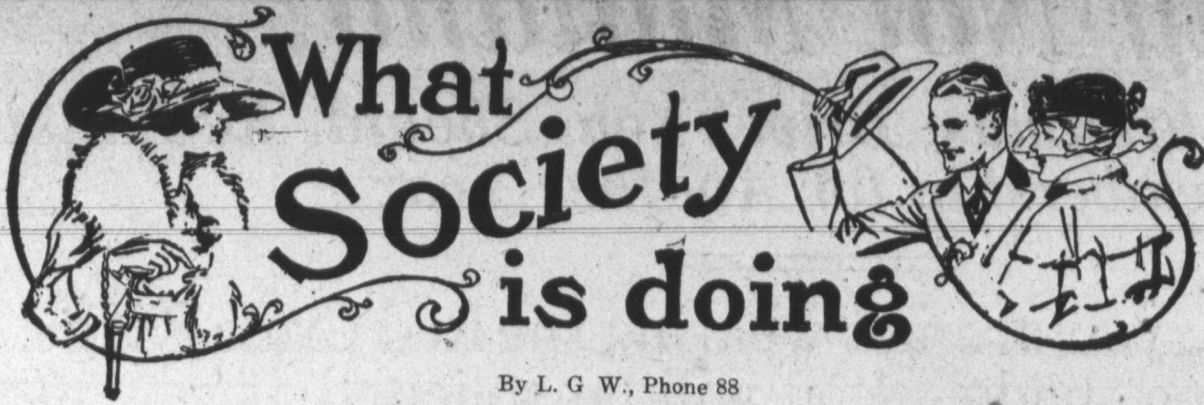
\$1.50 THE YEAR

FRIDAY, DEC. 21, 1917

HAS SEVERAL CHILDREN IN UNCLE SAM'S SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Herrmann arrived home Sunday after an absence of three weeks. While away they spent a few days with their son, Chas. B., Jr., who is a machinist in the aviation corps at Lone Field, Dallas. This makes two sons, a daughter and a son-in-law, Mr. Herrmann has in the service of Uncle Sam. Frank, better known as "Butsy," is "Somewhere in France." The daughter, Mrs. J. H. George, is stenographer in the commissary department at El Paso. The son-in-law, J. H. George, is electrical engineer in the navy, stationed at San Francisco. They report that the country all around Weatherford is very prosperous, plenty of rain and plenty of crops.

Cap. Simmons was in from Stanton this week on business.



By L. G. W., Phone 88

Next week is the joyous Christmas season, and we hope that the joy-bells will ring in all of your hearts and homes, and why shouldn't they? We have all heard the Christmas voices and let us re-act from the shadows that have almost overwhelmed us, and reflect only the beautiful Christmas spirit.

Monday evening suitable services will be held in each of the churches. This is the "kiddies" season and out of Christmas Day there springs a love and tenderness for these "little ones" and a holy desire to make them happy.

That delightful gay and happy bunch known as the "college set" have been coming in all week and around them there will be centered much interest and many festivities.

Mr. Jack Holmsley came in Monday morning from Terrell, where he has been a student of the Texas Mil-

tary College. Miss Mozelle Cowden also came in on the same T. & P. special from Ward-Belmont, Nashville, Tenn.

Misses Jennie Mae Elliott and Leona McCormick arrived Thursday morning from Baylor, Belton, while Misses Lula and Nellie Elkin, Mary Wilhite, Messrs. Henry Wolcott and Jack Isaacks came trooping in from T. C. U., Fort Worth.

The last contingent to come in was Misses Mary Barron and Essie Cowden from Baylor University; Mr. Fletcher Terry and Miss Theresa Klapproth from S. M. U., Dallas, and Mr. Mayer Hall from West Texas Military College, San Antonio.

Let us make this the gayest time, the laughter-time and the happiest time of all the year for these dear boys and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elliott Complimented

The annual entertainment with which the women of the Wednesday Club compliment their husbands has long been regarded as one of the smartest and most important events of the social calendar; but the one on Tuesday evening was perhaps more au fait and brilliant than any of preceding seasons. It was in the nature of a dinner party and was given not only for the men but also as a special compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott, whose early removal to Tucson, Ariz., is one of the most regrettable things in the club's history. Mrs. Elliott is one of the charter members of the Wednesday Club and much of its success and efficiency has been due to her influence and ability. The dinner was given in the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer, which is undeniably one of the most artistically appointed homes in the West. Upon this occasion the table presented a lovely appearance. In the center was a potted cyclamen abloom with a mass of pink blossoms. This lovely center piece was surrounded by an artistic arrangement of vines. The table in all its appointments was exquisite, and in perfect harmony with the beautifully gowned women. The place cards were clever; on one side was the guest's name and on the other was a new invention, which they were to guess. After the first course, Mrs. Scharbauer, the club president, introduced Mrs. Hall, who, with much charm and grace gave the following bright toast: "Churches, home and society will miss them."

Just as much as we; Not to follow—but to lead. Has always been the Elliott's creed. Sad enough for us remaining. We are losing—Tucson's gaining. Do not grieve that they are going, But be happy in the knowing. They will have a great success Pleasures more and troubles less; Friends by hundreds they will make Success in all they undertake. But one promise you must make, Frequent trips that you will take To your friends a visit pay. Come every month, and some months twice, Once a year will not suffice. Not every one has got the knack Of seeing bright, when all is black, And though assembled here to grieve, Because so soon our friends will leave, We beg of you to make tonight A night of pleasure and delight. For such have been their lives while here, That troubles go when they appear, Greatly we'll miss when they've departed, The many good things that they've started. Even this party would not be Except for the Elliotts, our honorees. The Wednesday Club was started too, By Mrs. Elliott and a few, Who still remain in this dear town. To cheer us up when drouths would down, Our spirits, bank accounts and such, A word of cheer can help so much."

Mrs. Elliott, who never loses her poise, and is characteristically debonaire, gave impromptu response which was received with much enjoyment. Just before the last course was served, Mrs. Elliott Cowden arose and explained what proved to be really a master piece of charming ingenuity. The evergreens were removed from around the flowering center-piece and there revealed to view, was what they termed a camouflage. In other words, it was the favors grouped together and each one cunningly devised to represent something that it was "not," for instance one gentleman drew what he thought was a Red Cross nurse, which promptly resolved itself into a cigar—and a good cigar, from the masculine view point—beats a nurse any day.

The guests, besides the Club members and their husbands were, Messdames Wechsler, Harmon, Dear-dorff, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Scharbauer.

Birthday Party

Little Miss Lady Connell celebrated her fourteenth birthday last Friday night with a delightful social to her young friends. Many nice presents were given to the little hostess. A big birthday cake with fourteen candles was the center of attraction, and in this cake was a button, a ring and a dime. Esten Shumate got the ring, Martin Bradford the dime and Miss Eleanor Connell got the button. All reported a delightful time.

Mrs. W. A. Dawson received the joyful tidings this week of the arrival of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Red. Mrs. Red enjoyed much popularity in Midland a few years ago as Miss Guilmenot Fleming, hence many of her friends will be interested in this wee bit of femininity, who arrived last Wednesday morning. She weighs 8 pounds and is visiting her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Fleming, in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Cowden are now registered at the Yeakel Hotel, for a while. It is a great pleasure to Mr. Cowden's friends that his condition is so much improved, and the change from his responsibilities and cares attending house keeping to that of hotel life, is hoped, will be of much benefit to both Mr. and Mrs. Cowden.

Epworth League Book Social The members of the Epworth League were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Allen last evening. The occasion was a book social, and each one brought a book to be given to the soldier boys.

Miss Elma Graves is in Dallas for a few days.

Miss Lena Holland, teacher of piano in Midland College, is spending Christmas with her brother at Port Arthur, who will soon enlist in the army.

Miss Annie May Ingham was operated on last Wednesday for appendicitis, and we are glad to state that she is getting along well.

Prof. and Mrs. R. T. McCarter left this week to spend the Yuletide season at their old home in Henderson.

Mrs. Jno. Cowan departed for her home in Dallas last Monday, after a visit to Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Cowan.

Mr. Bill Holmesly, who regret to state, has been very ill the past few days.

Miss Eunice Allen and Nannie Terry, teachers, are in for the holidays.

Unique Theatre

The house was crowded both matinee and night on Monday to see the great patriotic drama, "The Slacker," under the auspices of the Red Cross. The production was good, and surely stirred every one present. A three piece orchestra furnished delightful music for the occasion, and each time they played the Star-Spangled Banner the audience arose as one man. This production showed in just what light a slacker is held in the estimation of all freedom-loving people, but the beauty of the story was that the slacker turned out to be anything else but a slacker. The Red Cross netted quite a nice little sum on this occasion.

Darling little Ella Hall pleased a representative audience last Tuesday night in a Bluebird production, "Polly Red Head." In this delightful feature Miss Hall played a dual role, and won the admiration of all.

Marie Walcamp in "The Red Ace," is scoring a big hit on Monday nights and many expressions from the admirers of this unique performer is all to her credit. This serial is said to be the best she has ever played.

Tonight, Friday, Douglas Fairbanks in "Down to Earth," will be a Paramount feature. Many have not seen this great American actor, so now is your chance to see him in one of his best productions.

On Friday night week, Margaret Clark will be seen in "Amazones." This is another Paramount feature. We all know this dainty little actress, and can look forward to a rare treat.

On the Friday night following Miss Clark, Billie Burke will be seen in a big feature hit. We have not learned the title of this play, but Miss Burke is well known in Midland as she was featured in the serial "Gloria's Romance" some months ago and scored well.

"Nymphs of the Sea," is the bill on Dec. 31st. This is a great spectacular, on the style of "Neptune's Daughter."

Mrs. Isley's Letter

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley, of Litchfield, Ill., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good." For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son. adv 1mt

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Xmas Boxes of handsome handkerchiefs \$1.00 per box and up. Hose Glove Silk, Colors White, Black, Grey & Navy, \$2.00 per pair. Gloves Kid and Silk in all the newest shapes, priced very reasonable

All Useful and Handsome Gifts Along with Many Novelty Bargains. Read Every Word.

At this time we have plenty of Holly Boxes and Xmas Booklets for Mailing Purposes

THE LADIES' STORE



## Recommendations

### Do You Want a Better Position than you now hold?

What have you done to deserve it? The shrewd employer of today will want to know what you have done for yourself. Your savings account book is your best recommendation. CAN YOU QUALIFY?

RELIABILITY - ACCOMMODATION - STRENGTH & SERVICE  
**THE MIDLAND NATIONAL BANK**  
 OF MIDLAND

## Good Service

Means promptness, accuracy, full weight, cleanliness, wholesomeness and a square deal all the time, according to our interpretation, and this is the kind of service we try to give. We appreciate your business.

## Cash Market & Bakery

J. A. ANDREWS, Proprietor

300 PHONES 71

## On A Cash Basis

On and after Nov. 1st all work turned out by the Pliska Shop will be strictly cash when the work is done. The prevailing high price of materials and extraordinary conditions brought about by the drouth, render this move necessary as a measure of self protection. We trust our friends will remember this and not ask us to charge anything. Respectfully,

**J. V. PLISKA**

## BUILD A HOME



## ENJOY YOUR MONEY

THERE IS nothing more comfortable or satisfying than a home properly built, according to your own ideas.

OUT OF such an investment you gain more pleasure than from the rental of the finest home in town.

PLAN TO build a home of your own as soon as you can and come here for the materials.

THE PLACE TO BUY-

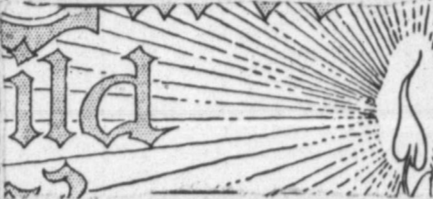
**Burton-Lingo Company**  
 WHEN YOU WANT TO BUILD

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Rates, five cents per line each insertion. No ad accepted for less than 25 cents. Cash in advance is required of those not having a regular account with this paper.

### FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

### FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS



**HORSE AND WAGON FOR SALE**—A good delivery outfit. See Walker-Smith Company. 5-1f

**FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN**—The sweetest toned player-piano we have ever seen; in perfect condition. It will pay you to investigate, whether you want to buy or not. City Drug Store. 47-1f

**WOOD**—See W. L. Clark or phone 285 for wood. 40-1f

**KILL THE BLUE BUGS**—By feeding "Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer" to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask the City Drug Store. 6-8f

**FOR SALE**—1916 model 6-cylinder automobile for sale at a bargain. Midland Storage Battery Co. 9-1f

### FURNISHED ROOMS

**FURNISHED ROOMS**—For light housekeeping, with lights, phone, and bath. Phone 71. 7-1f

**ROOMS**—For light housekeeping. Bath, electric lights, telephone, etc. only 1 1-2 block east of Llano Hotel on Wall Street. Mrs. Jemison, phone 224. 41-1f

### POULTRY AND EGGS

**S. C. BLACK MINORCÁS**—World's champion str.—prize winners in all the big shows—the chicken—of the hour. Eggs for hatching after Jan. 1st. Book orders now. Read display ad elsewhere in this issue. See B. P. Harrison at Reporter office, or address Box 191, Midland, Texas. 8-1f

### LOST AND FOUND

**LOST**—22 Winchester target, octagon barrel, almost new, between my house and Midland. Finder return to W. L. Clark, two miles north of town, or leave at Reporter office. 11-1f

**LOST**—Saturday, Nov. 24th, between Odessa and Warfield, a 25-high-powered Savage gun. Return to "Chunky" Cowden, at Midland for suitable reward. 8-1f

### MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

**FOR SALE**—1916 model 6-cylinder automobile for sale at a bargain. Midland Storage Battery Co. 9-1f

### BUSINESS NOTICES

**REGISTERED BOAR**—A Duroc-Jersey, a fine individual. You will like him. At the old McClure yard. S. H. Gwyn, owner. 9-1f

Cold weather is coming. Don't crank your head off on that Ford Coleman & Allen have just installed a special machine for re-charging magnetos, and it does the work without you having to take down your motor. adv52-1f

### Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Inman & Mims was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 13th day of December. J. P. Inman is now sole proprietor and requests that all indebted to said firm pay up by January 1st; otherwise accounts will have to be placed in the hands of a collector. adv. 10-3f J. P. Inman.

As usual, tomorrow, Saturday, Dr. Buchanan may be found in his Midland office over Basham-Shepherd's. His practice is limited exclusively to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and the fitting of glasses. adv

### Stoves, Flues, Tanks,

### Bath Room Fixtures

### Pipe and Fittings

### All in Stock at Anytime

### WALTER JERDEN

Phones 19-J-19-Y

We pay in cash—  
 7c for Cake and Bran Sacks  
 10c for Oat Sacks  
 When you have Iron and Bones in carloads talk it over with us, we'll give the best price.

## City Grocery

Phone 222



## Liberty Bonds

accepted at par for anything you want to buy in the way of

**Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry**

*Wishing You One and All  
 A Merry Christmas*

## D. H. ROETTGER

Jeweler  
 Taylor's Drug Store

### HAS GRAND-SON SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

County Treasurer I. H. Bell reported to our news gatherer one day this week that he was just in receipt of a

letter from grand-son, Corporal Floy C. O...

...erving in the 53rd construction sq. Iron air service "Somewhere in France." Says he met a Midland boy but doesn't remember his name. He is well and enjoying

fine health.

Dr. Hall and wife came up from his ranch in the south part of the county this week and reports very few losses in live stock.

Again, We are on the Job With a Display

OF

# Holiday Goods

second to none in Midland. Our stock consists of everything for all members of the family, from the youngest to the oldest and the soldier boy included. Our prices are consistent with the quality. In addition to that we are going to give you 10 per cent for your cash on all Holiday Goods, Jewelry and Cut Glass. This is an opportunity you seldom have on an unbroken stock. We further offer our old carried-over stock, which is practically as good as new, at 50 per cent discount.

*Do Your Shopping Early, the Bargains are Here for you Today*

# City Drug Store

THE REXALL STORE



# Geo. L. Deupree Live Stock Commission

We Handle Cattle, Hogs  
and Sheep Strictly  
on Commission

*Satisfied Customers is  
Our Watchword*

**M**Y LIFE has been spent in the live stock business--for years I owned and operated extensive cattle interests, thus acquiring a knowledge of the business in every detail.

For several years past I served as cattle salesman for some of the larger commission concerns on the market.

I have now gone into business for myself and solicit your support and patronage.

I offer in return, personal attention to every shipment. I have the nerve to ask the price, and the experience and ability to put it over. Consign your shipment to me and if hard work and honest effort will get the top price, you will get it.

Yours for service,

# GEO. L. DEUPREE LIVE STOCK COMMISSION

Geo. L. Deupree, Sole Owner

Fort Worth, Texas

## GEO. D. HUNTER WRITES FROM DALLAS

Tells of a Remarkable Reduction in Passenger Mileage Since Beginning of War

Chicago, Dec. 19th.—Reports just compiled show that since the beginning of the war, railroads in fifteen states of the Central Military Department have made reductions in passenger service aggregating 10,657,636.96 train miles per annum. By thus decreasing the amount of passenger service, the country's welfare, with the one great object of winning the war.

Because of different conditions prevailing it has not been necessary to make as extensive reductions in the passenger train service in the Western territory as in the Eastern territory. Passenger traffic never was so heavy as it is now, and the service must be maintained to the fullest extent possible. However, should war conditions create an emergency requiring further reductions in passenger service, we are fully confident that the American public will cheerfully co-operate in our aim to do what is best for our nation.

### THAT BACKACHE SPELLS DANGER

Action Today May Save Midland People Future Misery

A bad back isn't a bad thing if it serves as a warning of hidden kidney disorders. Kidney diseases are frightfully common today. We over-do so much. We don't give the kidneys a chance to rest up, and while a bad back, some urinary disorder, an occasional dizzy spell or a persistent headache may be the only outward sign, the kidney trouble that is behind it all may be overlooked or neglected. Eat your signs to see. Take them as warnings. Fight off kidney weakness. It takes only a slight kidney disorder to start a case of fatal Bright's disease, from which 100,000 people die in the United States every year. Prompt treatment at first—that's all that's necessary to keep kidney weakness from turning into gravel, dropsy, gout, heart trouble or Bright's. Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the oldest, the most widely used, the best recommended, Kidney Pill. Forty thousand Americans recommend them publicly. Here's one Midland case:

W. A. Little, rural mail carrier, Lorain St., Midland, says: "I wouldn't be without a box of Doan's Kidney Pills on hand, for I think they are the best of kidney medicines. I have used them off and on for a long time for weak back and other kidney disorders. They have never failed to relieve me and anyone who is troubled in that way should get a box at the City Drug Store and try them."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Little had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 10-2t

### AN ORDINANCE

An act prohibiting fire works within the Fire Limits of the City of Midland, and providing a penalty for violating this ordinance and declaring an emergency.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Midland:

Section 1. If any person shall willfully ignite or shoot or cause to be ignited or shot, any fire works, cannon crackers, Roman candle, sky rocket, torpedo, or any fire works of any description within the limits of the city of Midland, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$15.00.

Section 2. The fact that there is now no ordinance in the city of Midland prohibiting the use of fire works within the fire limits, and the further fact that a drought now prevails and the property within said limits is highly combustible and the near approach of the Christmas holidays creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the rule of requiring ordinances to be read at three several days be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this ordinance take effect from and after its approval and publication, and it is so ordained.

H. A. Leaverton, Mayor.

Newnie W. Ellis, Secy.  
I, Newnie W. Ellis, secretary of the city of Midland, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing ordinance is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance passed the 19th day of December A. D., 1917, at a called meeting, as the same appears on record in the ordinance book of the city of Midland in my office.

Approved on this the 19th day of December, A. D., 1917.

Newnie W. Ellis, Secy. adv 1t

### NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

Pay your taxes before January 1st, and get credit for amount paid on income tax. Delinquent tax roll is now being compiled. Pay back taxes and avoid suit.

Newnie W. Ellis, City Tax Collector.



## A Life Time of Service

THE STANDARD ROTARY SHUTTLE "SIT-STRAIGHT"

SEWING MACHINE is a splendid example of the highest art in sewing mechanism and cabinet construction.

"THE SIT-STRAIGHT" feature permits the operator to sew with comfort and ease. Every machine is guaranteed for LIFE.

Basham-Shepherd & Company

## Through Sleeper to California

With Six Hours for Sight-Seeing at EL PASO



TOGETHER WITH QUICKEST TIME

—an advantage possessed by no other line Consult T. & P. Agents or write GEO. D. HUNTER, Pass. Traffic Agt. A. D. BELL, Gen. Pass. Agt. DALLAS

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

You are hereby requested that in case of fire, not to follow closer than one block of the fire engine, and kindly stay 150 feet from the fire and fire apparatus, as it is dangerous to you and to the fire department. Please do not stop near the fire plug. Jno. Winborne, Fire Chief.

## Reasons!

Why you should use Cardui, the woman's tonic, for your troubles, have been shown in thousands of letters from actual users of this medicine, who speak from personal experience. If the results obtained by other women for so many years have been so uniformly good, why not give Cardui a trial?

Take

## CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Mary J. Irvin, of Cullen, Va., writes: "About 11 years ago, I suffered untold misery with female trouble, bearing-down pains, headache, numbness . . . I would go for three weeks almost bent double . . . My husband went to Dr. for Cardui . . . After taking about two bottles I began going around and when I took three bottles I could do all my work." E-60

### BUSINESS CARDS

**DR. C. H. TIGNER**  
Dentist  
Office  
Second Floor  
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**WM. W. BODDIE**  
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ODESSA, TEXAS  
Civil Practice Only

**Dr. L. B. PEMBERTON**  
Dentist  
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Office Hours  
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WATCHMAKER, JEWELER  
AND ENGRAVER  
ALL WORK GUARANTEED

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DISEASES OF EYE, EAR,  
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Big Spring and Midland  
Office with Dr. Tigner  
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of each Month

**LLANO BARBER SHOP**  
PUCKETT & JOHNSON  
Proprietors  
Courteous Expert Workmen  
Sanitary Specialties  
Your Patronage Solicited  
PHONE 273

Meet Your Friends at the  
**GEM BARBER SHOP**  
6 Barbers—5 Baths  
SERVICE UNEXCELLED  
No pets—Everyon gets the Best  
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**TIN SHOP and PLUMBING**  
Call on Me for  
TANKS,  
SHEET METAL WORK,  
PLUMBING AND REPAIRS  
**H. H. HOOPER**  
Phone 217

**MISS LYDIE G. WATSON**  
who has been a Piano Student of the most eminent instructors of Galloway, Searcy, Ark., Landon Conservatory, Dallas, and American Conservatory, of Chicago, Ill., now has her Studio open for the term 1917-18. The highest standards maintained. Thoroughness the slogan. Study with definite aim

# Christmas Carol

## What Child Is This?



1. What Child is this, who laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing? Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch and keep-ing?

2. This child is Christ the King: Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him leud, The Babe, the Son of Ma-ry!

3. Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading: Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The Cross be borne, for me, for you! Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

4. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, King to own Him; The King of kings, salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise, the song on high, The Virgin sings her lullaby! Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mar-y!

## Fall Furnishing Goods

A most complete stock is to be found in our store. We carry only standard brands of goods and vouch for the style and wearing qualities of our various lines

**Shirts** An unusually large display of ARROW brand shirts in madras, percale and silks. **Prices \$1.50 to \$6.50.**

See our Monarch and Arrow shirts, French cuffs. **Price \$1.50 to \$2.50.**

We are showing a complete line of ARROW brand shirts in silk and fibre silk in Holiday boxes. **Prices \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.50.**

**Neckwear** All that is new for fall is here. We are featuring the "Superba Cravats" in all the Fall Patterns. **Prices \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$4.00.**

See Our Windows For New Things for Fall

### Bell & Tolbert

Phone 150

Cleaning and Pressing. Work Called for and Delivered.

### GIRL SCOUTS HEAR FROM SOLDIER BOY

Fort Bliss, Texas, Dec. 14, 1917. Girl Scouts of Midland, Midland, Texas.

My Dear little Scouts: I received a very nice sweater the other day, to which was attached a card reading, "Girls Scouts, of Midland." Naturally I surmised that you were the "fairies" who were so kind as to send a soldier boy such a nice present. I am now writing to try and express my thanks for the same. You cannot imagine the good your little "busy bodies" do us soldier boys. The sweater alone is not what we appreciate, it is the fact that you folks are thinking and hoping for us. I am in the F. A. I like it very well. We expect to leave for France within two weeks. Us boys are anxious to get across. The sooner we get "over there" and get the kaiser, we will get to go back to "our own beloved home." Thanking you again for the sweater, I will close.

May you all have a merry Christmas...the rest.

**A Soldier Boy.**  
The Girl Scouts are doing the same work as the Red Cross, as the above letter will show. They entertained the Boy Scouts last Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5. A violin solo, several piano selections and readings constituted the program. Also games of various kinds were played, and refreshments of grapes and nuts were served during the game and at the close sandwiches, olives, cake, hot chocolate and cream was served.

#### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to cite all persons interested in the estate of W. F. Anderson, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than a year in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Midland County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1918, the same being the 14th day of January, A. D. 1918, to contest, should they desire to do so, the application of Julia

Anderson, filed in said court on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1917, which will then and there be acted on for the probate of the last will and testament of the said W. F. Anderson, deceased, filed in said application, and for letters testamentary.  
Herein fall not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Witness W. J. Sparks, county clerk of the county court of Midland County, Texas.  
Given under my hand and the seal of said court at my office in the city of Midland, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1917.  
W. J. SPARKS,  
Clerk of the County Court, Midland County, Texas.  
Issued this 5th day of December, A. D. 1917.  
W. J. SPARKS,  
Clerk of the County Court, Midland County, Texas. adv. 3-4c

Sam Brown came in from his Peos ranch this week to spend Christmas with his family. He reports no losses yet in live stock.

R. B. Johnston came in yesterday from District No. 11, where he is teaching. Reports that he has 39 pupils enrolled. He was here to attend the institute.

*This Year*

as in the years past we will have for your inspection a first-class line of

## Jewelry

and Kindred Articles Suitable for Gifts

We have the latest gifts suitable for our soldier boys. If quality and price are an inducement, you will buy your Xmas present from us.

We will be pleased to accept a farm, or a ranch, or house and lot, or a liberty bond, or cash to cover your purchase. (We fit specs too)

# J. P. INMAN

# Guaranty Motor Co.

Dealers in

**Good-Year, Firestone  
and Hood Tires**

**Lubricating Oils and  
Auto Accessories**

**We Repair Autos and Fords  
Too**

Second Door North of Reporter Office

**C. I. Kuykendall, Mgr.**

## NOTICE

To Ford Owners:

In the future we are compelled to request all buyers of parts and accessories to pay cash. We cannot handle our large assortment on a credit basis.

**We Must Have The Cash**

Remember, please, our supply department will be kept full in all lines, but please do not ask us to book any more of these purchases.

## THE FORD AGENCY

WILL MANNING

Proprietor

## JASPER & BLEDSOE

PAINTERS AND PAPERHANGERS

FIRST CLASS WORK ONLY

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

ORGANIZED EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

## First National Bank

MIDLAND, TEXAS



Condition on Nov. 20th, 1917

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits

**\$229,832.23**

Deposits

**\$928,639.01**

Total Resources

**\$1,183,471.24**

CAPITAL ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

SURPLUS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

## O CHRIST THE CHILD!



You little children in whose eyes  
The undimmed light of heaven  
glows,  
Whose dreams are bright of paradise,  
Whose thoughts are whiter than the  
snows.

From holy lips and undefiled  
Breathe your soft prayers like Christ  
the Child.

And you whose thinning locks are  
spent  
With unreturning autumn's rime,  
Whose forms, like wind worn trees,  
are bent

Beneath the heavy storms of time,  
Take Christ the Child to be your  
guide

Peet the dim shoal where shadows  
bide.

Oh, saving hands; oh, thou that bears  
An earthly mother's lullabies,  
Who sharest all our doubts and fears,  
Whose bosom trembles to our sighs,  
Teach us thy gospel pure and mild!  
Make us like thee, O Christ the Child!

—New York Tribune.

## A Christmas Carol for Children

Good news from heaven the angels  
bring,  
Glad tidings to the earth they sing  
To us this day a child is given  
To crown us with the joy of heaven.

This is the Christ, our God and Lord,  
Who in all need shall aid afford;  
He will himself our Saviour be,  
From sin and sorrow set us free.

To us that blessedness he brings,  
Which from the Father's bounty  
springs;  
That in the heavenly realm we may  
With him enjoy eternal day.

All hail, thou noble guest, this morn,  
Whose love did not the sinner scorn!  
In my distress thou cam'st to me;  
What thanks shall I return to thee!

Were earth a thousand times as fair,  
Beset with gold and jewels rare,  
She yet were far too poor to be  
A narrow cradle, Lord, for thee.

Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child!  
Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled,  
Within my heart that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for thee.

Praise God upon his heavenly throne,  
Who gave to us his only Son,  
For this his hosts, on joyful wing,  
A blest New Year of mercy bring.

—Martin Luther.

Date of the Birth of Christ.  
"In looking through a reference book  
I find the birth of Jesus Christ took  
place in the year 4 B. C. How could  
it possibly be?" asked a correspondent  
of the Philadelphia Press.

To which the reply was made:  
"The attempt to date things forward  
and backward from the birth of Christ  
was first made in 533 A. D. by a Roman  
abbot, Dionysius Exiguus. He re-  
garded Christ's birth as taking place  
in the year 754 after the founding of  
Rome. Early Christians had put it in  
the year of Rome 750.

"The abbot's belated attempt to date  
things from Christ's birth was prob-  
ably inaccurate, and the proper defini-  
tion of the Christian era is that it be-  
gins with January 1 in the fourth year  
of the one hundred and ninety-fourth  
Olympiad and the seven hundred and  
fifty-third from the founding of Rome.

"According to the latest computation,  
Christ was born in the year 6 B. C. or  
the year 7 B. C."

What of the Night?  
Watchman, tell us of the night,  
What its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,  
See that glory beaming star!  
Watchman, doth its beautiful ray  
Aught of hope or joy foretell?  
Traveler, yes! It brings the day,  
Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
Higher yet that star ascends,  
Traveler, blessedness and light,  
Peace and truth, its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone  
Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, yes, are its own,  
And it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
For the morning seems to dawn,  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight;  
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease,  
Hie thee to thy quiet home,  
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace—  
Lo, the Son of God is come.

JOHN BOWLING.

## A Christmas Blessing

By  
Rev. Dr. Howard Butfield

MAY the blessing of the light  
that shown at midnight come  
to the hearts that are shadowed  
and the homes that are dark.

May the blessing of the Manger  
Cradle come to that innumerable  
company against whom the doors  
of hope and peace and rest are  
shut.

May the blessing of the Holy  
Child come to every one who has  
forgotten that thou, O God, art  
his father and that all men are  
brothers.

May the blessing of the Guid-  
ing star come to those who wan-  
der in the night and cannot find  
the homeward way.

May the blessing of the Stable  
come upon all hearts, wakening a  
kindly sense of kindred with every  
living thing that walks the field  
and forest or wings the air or  
passes along the paths of the  
seas.—New York World.

## Christmas Observance

THERE is very little of the right  
motive in commemorating the  
birth of Jesus the Savior. The  
spirit of the modern Christmas is to  
have a good old time, feasting and  
business activity, with the Holy Child  
Jesus a figurehead.

Such is a very great offense to Al-  
mighty God. An offering to God in  
the spirit of righteousness, by humility,  
worship, mortification, in self denial  
and good works, should be the first  
duty in celebrating Christmas.

Really a number of hours similar to  
Lent ought to be considered, after  
which would come the feast and re-  
joicing.

Respectful thankfulness to the Lord  
God of Hosts for his love and pity for  
a sinful race in his priceless gift of a  
Savior—such would be a fitting grace  
before partaking of the good things  
and many blessings that he has been  
pleased to bestow on all people. What  
would a person think in giving a re-  
ception and supper to have the guests  
hasten to the dining hall and devour  
the food without giving the honor and  
respect due to the host first? Almighty  
God is treated in a similar manner in  
celebrating the modern Christmas.—  
George Cashe in Philadelphia Press.

The Old Christmas Hymns.

Happy is the man or woman who,  
having left behind the school days and  
the home gatherings, still sings the old  
hymns and jolas in the readings of the  
Christmas chapters in some simple  
church service designed to perpetuate  
the true spirit of the day.

## Mother Mary



Soft, soft, so sleeps the little stranger;  
Croon, croon in tender notes and  
mild!

Lovingly beside the lowly manger  
Broods the Mother Mary o'er the  
Child.

Hush, hush, for far away lies danger!  
See, see how winsomely he smiled!  
Yearningly beside the lowly manger  
Bends the Mother Mary o'er the  
Child.

Time, thou art the ruthless renger,  
And yet we all must needs be recon-  
ciled.

For still for us beside the lowly manger  
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