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## SOME OBSTACLES TO SELLING LIVESTOCK

### LACK OF PROPER ADVERTISING THE STOCKMAN'S GREATEST HANDICAP

The Reporter actually offers the stockmen of the Midland Country, almost without cost, some really good advertising, publicity which, carried to a healthy degree of interest and enthusiasm, would be calculated to help their business interests no little. It, our plan, has been often repeated, and to his purpose. We sincerely find a pleasure in commenting upon the excellence of the livestock and all other products of the Midland Country, and we ask no more than that you inform us from time to time.

We have readers, numerous ones, who note conditions and facts as reported by our columns; we have exchanges which reproduce our statements and they are scattered far and wide, giving the local stockman such publicity he could hope to obtain otherwise only at great cost. We merely ask to be informed.

Along this line we take the following from a recent issue of the Progressive Farmer:

The difficulties of advertising purebred livestock in the South and of making sales are those surrounding the building-up-of-any-new-business. In the first place, prospective farmers are not as numerous in any given area. Within a radius of 100 or 150 miles of any breeder the number of farmers and breeders who are probable buyers is smaller than in an area of similar size where livestock breeding is more extensively carried on. But there are ample buyers in the South for all the good stock which southern breeders have to sell.

Moreover, the quality is as good, for the price as can be bought elsewhere and it can be obtained as near or nearer home, than when brought from the North. The express or carrying charges are usually higher, however, than for the same distances in the north. But the chief obstacle to building up sales by southern breeders is the small number of breeders in any one locality. This condition makes advertising more expensive and difficult. And it also makes it more expensive for the buyer who wishes to inspect the animals before purchasing. When there are a number of breeders in any given locality the chance offered the purchaser to find what he wants is much better. He might afford to make a trip of 100 miles to see the stock if reasonably certain of getting what he wanted, but if he must make his selections from one herd or flock his chance of making a satisfactory purchase is lessened and he cannot afford to incur the expense of the trip. When there are a number of breeders in any locality more buyers are attracted and the advertising done by one helps all the others. Southern breeders have not yet learned to advertise, nor to adopt selling plans such as are used in all lines of business which supplies more than purely local needs. But, at best, the pioneer has difficulties to overcome which do not exist where there are larger numbers of producers and buyers and the business has the benefit of the accumulated publicity from many years of advertising.

The market is not so large nor so good, but at least a part of the fault lies with the breeders. Too frequently their stock is not in good condition and they have not generally followed good business methods in their sales department. They have not given enough attention to farmer numbers but have sought sales only to breeders and have quite generally failed to do the advertising necessary to establish any new business. The southern breeder who keeps good stock, who does the necessary advertising to call it to the attention of the prospective buyers that are the small breeders and farmers of the South and uses sound business methods in his sales work, can establish a business in the South, for we are now buying and will continue to buy large numbers of purebred animals.

Epworth League  
Subject: "The Spirit of Generosity."  
Leader—Chas. Klapproth.  
Scripture, 2 Cor. IX: 6-15.  
Song, "Joy to the World."  
Prayer.  
Song, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.  
"Story of the Birth of Christ" (Luke 2: 1-6)—Tobe Terry.  
"The Cheerful Giver"—Herbert Patterson.  
Vocal Solo—Mary Swimme.  
"Three Gs; Give, Get, Grow"—Nannie Terry.  
Piano duet—Bernice Norwood and Bessie Johnson.  
"Tolstoi's Story"—Laura Gay Allen.  
"Thoughts on the Topic"—Leader.  
Song, "Silent Night."  
Announcements and benediction.

Some nice Christmas candies, home made, on sale at Elkin-Patterson's tomorrow, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon to closing time, by Class No. 10 of the Methodist Sunday School taught by Mrs. E. R. Thomas.  
Fruit cakes 75 cents per pound, at the Home Bakery. adv

## MIDLAND LIGHT NOW IN GOOD CONDITION

### ONE DIESEL AND TWO FAIRBANKS ENGINES GIVE GOOD SERVICE

C. S. Dawley, of Dallas, vice president and general manager of the Southern Ice & Utilities Company, has been here this week, to look over the light plant here. He came just about the time Midland's troubles over lights was about over. In the last issue of The Reporter we stated how badly we, the town, was suffering over the condition of the light plant, more than half the town being in darkness. Now everything is fine and dandy.

Manager W. H. Williams and his helpers worked day and night, for weeks, to get things in shape, with the result that they now have at the plant three units that are in first class condition, the two Fairbanks-Morse and one Diesel, the Diesel now rendering most of the service.

The Diesel engine that was shipped here from Dublin will soon be installed. It may take 60 days to get it in running order, but in the meantime, the three engines now in running order will give Midland all the light and power that may be required.

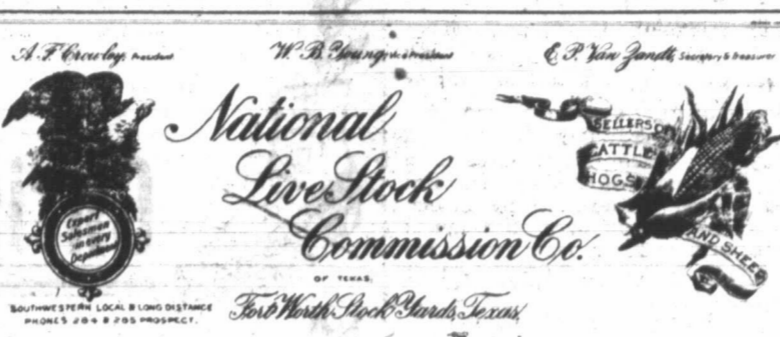
The Reporter congratulates Mr. Williams upon his efforts to give service under conditions that were so adverse. The company, too, may congratulate itself in that it has a local manager who is so untiring in his efforts to serve; but Midland, especially owes him a debt that we are not likely to pay.

### OCCASIONS WHEN WE REFUSE TO ARGUE

Chas. and John Edwards were in this week from their ranch west, the former for a few days with his family and the latter bringing his family to town for a few days. They report range conditions out there very fine. Midland Reporter.  
Play the game fair now, Bro. Watson, and don't go swiping our "leading citizens" in your city building enthusiasm. We grant your possession of Chas. Edwards, but when it comes to the John Edwards, that is another matter. This excellent family, we'd have you know, are bonafide citizens of the city of Odessa, county of Ector and State of Texas, have their beautiful suburban home right here. Mrs. Edwards is president of the Mothers' Club, and they are pillars of the Methodist church, and all round good folks. We know that plenty of good citizens is about the only thing your county lacks of being thickly settled; but don't be greedy. And by the way, just because Midland is incorporated and has a mayor and all that, is no reason why you should mention the "range being good" just like our fair county seat village was a 4-section pasture. —Odessa Herald.

Have it your way, Sister Johnson; it's all yours. We have never yet voluntarily entered into an argument with a lady. We are not exactly afraid, but—discrete.

Special Notice  
Don't fail to hear the sermons at the Methodist church on Sunday, December 19th. Morning subject, "Elements Necessary to a Church's Prosperity." Evening subject, "Why I am a Methodist."  
S. X. SWIMME, P. C.



## To Shippers of Live Stock:

When RECEIPTS are LIGHT and the DEMAND STRONG and active with BUYERS KEEN and aggressive, all that you need is some one to show your stuff; but when conditions, as now, are the reverse, RECEIPTS HEAVY, DEMAND DULL and the market draggy with BUYERS quite naturally TAKING full ADVANTAGE of the unfavorable situation, it requires SALESMEN OF PROVEN ABILITY and with EXPERIENCED JUDGMENT to handle your stuff so as to obtain for you the FULL STRENGTH OF THE MARKET. It is under these unfavorable conditions where the National's salesmen prove their merit. Try the NATIONAL with your next shipment and be convinced of its superior service. One car or many will receive the same attention—THE BEST.

Market information gladly furnished you upon your request at our expense. Command us by letter, phone or wire. Our service is yours for the asking.

Yours very truly,  
**THE NATIONAL**

### MR. DURBIN'S DEATH EXPECTED ANY HOUR WILL PERMANENTLY LOCATE IN DALLAS

Readers of The Reporter have, no doubt, expected to learn of the death of our townsman, J. K. Durbin, ere this, but he has lingered remarkably. One day this week the end was expected hourly, but he rallied, and he still lingers, ready, though, for the summons. He suffers of tuberculosis, and has for a long time. He, himself, has selected those whom he wishes to serve as pall bearers and has made other arrangements for his funeral. It is splendid to face the summons so bravely and with such fortitude, and the heart of our community is touched with deepest sympathy for the young wife.

## Attention, Baracas!

Every member of the Baracas Class of the Baptist Sunday School is expected to be in his place Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.

As this is a class of "Good Fellows," they must complete arrangements, making it possible for every person in Midland to enjoy Christmas. Young man, if you are not in Sunday School, and want to become a "Good Fellow" and help to make some one happy during Christmas, visit this class Sunday morning.

A good time socially, spiritually and mentally.

R. V. Hyatt, President.

Harry Tolbert, 1st Vice Pres.; Robt. Scruggs, 2nd Vice Pres.; Ellis Cowden, 3rd Vice Pres.; M. D. Johnson, Sec.

## BRYANT NO. ONE NEARING SHOW-DOWN

### DEPTH IS OVER FOUR THOUSAND FEET AND DRILLING IN GRAY LIME

After more than a year and a half it now looks as if we are soon to know what there is in a way of oil at Bryant No. 1, the oil test that has been the center of interest in the Midland Country for so long.

Yesterday the drill was down to a depth of 4035 feet and was pounding away in black, or dark gray, lime. The drillers and others interested in operations, have in no wise lost faith in this test, which is just nine miles south from Midland, and a state of subdued expectancy now exists among them and in Midland.

The test is now awfully deep, but not so deep as to be discouraging. There are many paying wells far deeper than this, and geologists tell us that some times, when oil is struck at a great depth, only a few hundred feet away it may be found much shallower.

We read in the Texico Star, only this week, of the Arnold well, near Graham. It is a Texas Company well, and, supposedly, the deepest producing well in the United States. It is 4711 feet. Bryant No. 1 is now liable to become a producer any minute. Let's keep on a-hoping for it—and for Midland.

### WEEKLY REPORT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Gray, field secretary of the Methodist orphanage, spoke Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour in the interest of the orphanage, using as his chapter the last six verses of the 5th chapter of James, making it very strong that we are to be doers of the word and not hearers only, and that food and exercise were essential to soul-life as physical life. God's word our meat. Service for others our exercise and if we fail to take this food and exercise we take religious indigestion. If our souls are no larger today than they were fifteen years ago we have not digested God's truth. It is just as important to do what God would have us do as to read, sing or pray. Dr. Gray gave an outline of the work being done in the home, showing that it is both vocational and cultural. The children are being taught lessons in thrift and economy. Christian people should count it a privilege to help one of these orphans to a better life. A free will offering was taken at the close of the service.

The sermon in the evening by the pastor was "A Study in Personal Responsibility." The audience greatly enjoyed the special music and especially the cornet solo, played by the pastor at the morning hour. —Reporter.

Our former young townsman, L. C. Sharp, now of Abilene, was with us for a day on business the first of this week. He now has a foremanship with a large auto company in Abilene.

N. H. Gann and Jess Ellis, of our neighbor city, Odessa, were business visitors to Midland last Tuesday.

We congratulate our friend, Bert Belcher, and wife upon the arrival Monday night of a baby boy, born in their ranch home in Gaines County.

## SOME HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS TIME

### CHARLES REYNOLDS BROWN, IN THE COMPANION, TELLS OF DAY OF DAYS

Charles Reynolds Brown is a delightful contributor to the Youth's Companion, and he tells the following story that ever thrills in the last issue of that paper:

The shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks by night. Simple outdoor men they were, with open minds and honest hearts; and to them it was revealed that something extraordinary was taking place at Bethlehem.

When they reached Bethlehem they found that a child had been born in a stable. How strange it would have sounded that night had some one remarked that the birthday of that child would become the starting point from which the more civilized and progressive nations would all reckon their time. The ends of the earth have set their clocks by that event.

The Hebrews had dated their calendars from what they believed to be the period of the creation, but today if you meet a Hebrew in New York or London or Vienna and ask him, "What year is it?" he will reply instantly, "Nineteen hundred and twenty." It is so long ago that since the child was born. The Romans dated their calendars from the founding of the city on the Seven Hills, and the Greeks from the first Olympic games. But all that was changed by the birth of that child. Grown to be a man and exalted as a Savior, He has drawn the attention of the race to Himself. He has gathered the forces of history into his own hands in such a way as to cause the nations to reckon their time and date their time and date their treaties from the year of his birth.

You count it wonderful that wise men saw a strange star in the east, that shepherds heard songs in the air, that the glory of the Lord shone there in the dark; but none of those things is so wonderful as that a child, born in poverty and obscurity in an out-of-the-way village in Palestine, should thus impress his birthday on the leading nations of the earth.

When Jesus gave his first public address He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the captives and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised; to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

And "a year of the Lord" it was indeed! Today we say, "December 25, in the year of our Lord 1920." Whatever else is uncertain, this is hard matter of fact.

The kindly note He struck in that opening address, the programme of humane service He announced, the proclamation of the coming reign of good will among men, made that a worthy starting place. It was an earnest of the coming of the other years of splendid history worthy to be called "Years of our Lord." The great fact of Christ, born into the world, building Himself steadily into its life, directing the movement of the nations to date from his coming, all this we celebrate at Christmas time!

How swiftly He wrought! For thirty years after his birth we never hear of Him save for one brief glimpse when He was a boy of 12 years. When He was thirty years old He reappeared; taught and healed and lived for three years, only to have his benign career cut short by the enemies who put Him to death.

Three years—for great achievement such a brief space is like yesterday when it is past! How many years Alexander and Caesar and Cromwell and Napoleon wrought in the accomplishment of their work, yet their impress fades and dims, while the impress of the One born in Bethlehem brightens with the centuries. What an abiding significance the events of those three brief years hold in the story of the race!

There stands the Christ, manifesting peace on earth and good will among men. There He stands, the greatest fact in history, writing his name in a bold hand across all the finer pages of it, saturating with his spirit all the finer movements in it, making the years of genuine progress veritable years of our Lord; "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass."

Christian Church  
Usual services at the usual hours with inspirational music and gospel sermons.  
I. H. Teel, Pastor.

Persons whose subscriptions to The Reporter have expired or may expire the first of the year, are requested to take notice and remit. It will save us a lot of trouble and some expense.

Coconut, grated or sliced, at 25 cents per pound. Also 4x confectioners powdered sugar at 15 cents per pound. Home Bakery. adv

# Christmas Is On Us

One week in which to do your holiday shopping

## Let Us Serve You

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J. W. Shinn was a visitor to Midland the first of the week, from El Paso.

John Thompson, a stockman from Valentine, was a prominent business visitor to Midland one day this week.

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Courteous Expert Workmen  
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H. F. Anthony, of Pecos, was a business visitor to Midland this week.

Will Hudson was a business visitor this week, from Pecos.

Patronize Home Industry by eating fresh, home made candies. At the Postoffice Confectionery. adv

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**Announcement**

We now have a big line of Xmas goods on display. Come in and look them over.

With every 50c worth bought here there will be one Ticket given for the big beautiful Doll, which is to be drawn on Dec. 24th.

**THE ECONOMY STORE**

Telephone 19

**MAKES THE JANUARY  
ASH CAN TO BULGE**

GIVE FOR THIS CHRISTMAS  
GIFTS NOT LIKELY TO BE  
WASTED

The holiday season with its joys and its problems is upon us. What shall we do to add to the happiness of the occasion? Each one of us would like not only to wish our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, but to give them one. We cannot do this by means of ill-considered presents. Thoughtless gifts cause the January ash can to bulge with debris. Only when our gifts have lasting meaning do they carry the true message of good will which is the spirit of real giving.

We can give happiness and contentment and safety for the future as well as pleasure for the moment. Such gifts are within reach of all. They are to be found in the Savings Securities of the United States government. From the 25 cent Thrift Stamp to the \$1000 Treasury Savings Certificate, they will carry with them not only the greetings of the season but happiness for years to come. In presenting the child a card with one thrift stamp affixed, you bestow not only a present but a habit which will grow in value as the days pass, for he will wish to fill the card. That little gift will have grown wonderfully before another Christmas comes around, and the recipient will be on the way to a life of independence.

In recommending these lasting gifts, the Savings Division of the Treasury does not suggest that a single American curtail his Christmas giving. It suggests only that he broaden it to include this present which will bring future well-being to those he loves.

Thrift Stamps, Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates will be on sale throughout the year 1921. In continuing the sale of Government Savings Securities, the government is giving the opportunity to every man, woman and child in the land through the coming year to enjoy the happiness, prosperity and contentment which is found in financial independence and security for the future.

**CATTLE-HOGS LOWER  
SHEEP-LAMBS HIGHS**

Cattle receipts were larger than expected Monday, and the per cent of fed cattle was liberal for the first time in several weeks past, writes our Kansas City market correspondent under date December 13th. Trade opened slowly at weak to 25 cents lower prices and showed no improvement later. Some prime Christmas yearling steers brought \$17.75. Hog prices were 10 to 15 cents lower, top \$9.65, and bulk \$9.25 to \$9.55. Sheep and lambs were in moderate supply and sold readily at strong to 25 cents higher prices.

Receipts Monday were 16,500 cattle, 13,000 hogs, and 5,000 sheep, compared 11,000 cattle, 9,000 hogs, and 9,000 sheep a week ago, and 21,500 cattle, 11,500 hogs, and 7,950 sheep a year ago. Strictly finished steers suitable for the high class Christmas trade and choice full fed steers, such as have been lacking for some time past, sold readily today at strong prices. The top for Christmas yearlings was \$17.75, the highest price of the year. Short fed and plain to ordinary warmed up steers were slow sale and 15 to 25 cents lower. The bulk of the supply sold at \$8.50 to \$10.50, and the bulk of the good fat steers sold at \$11.00 to \$12.50. Cows and heifers were steady. More short fed cows were in the run than in preceding weeks. Most of them sold at \$6.50 to \$8.00, and heifers \$7.00 to \$9.00. Veal calves were 50 cents lower at \$6.00 to \$11.00.

Demand for stockers and feeders was fairly active at steady prices. Good Panhandle, New Mexico and Colorado grades moved freely and the planer kinds sold slowly. The ability of the market to hold last week's advance indicates that the low price level of the season has been passed.

Hog prices Monday were 10 to 15 cents under last week's close and 25 cents under last Friday. This took the market into the lowest position of the year. At the decline, trade was active and a close clearance was made. Local receipts continue light compared with other markets and prices here are higher than elsewhere. The top price was \$9.65, and bulk of sales \$9.35 to \$9.50. Pigs sold up to \$9.50. In Chicago the bulk of the hogs sold at \$9.25, top \$9.60.

Sheep and lambs prices were 50 cents higher than Wednesday of last week and 25 cents above last week's close. Fat lambs sold up to \$11.25 and good grades brought \$10.50 to \$11.10. Ewes at \$4.75 to \$5.25. Receipts were light for this season of the year. Trade in stockers and feeders remained quiet.

Trade in horses and mules under the limit of light receipts remained quiet. Prices were unchanged. Small demand is expected after the holidays.

**Wholly Accidental**

"Stonewall" Jackson was not a man to speak ill of another man without reason. At a council of generals early in the war, one of them remarked that Major Smith was wounded, and would be unable to perform a certain duty.

"Wounded!" said Jackson. "If that is so it must have been by an accidental discharge of his duty."—The Southern Bivouac.



**SOME  
Christmas Suggestions**

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with detachable Initial and Sterling Buckles.

**HOUSE SHOES OF ALL KINDS**

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*Mufflers, Handkerchiefs in Plain and Initialed*

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*Beautiful New Blouses, Hand Bags, Grips,*

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**OBLIGATION OF  
OUR CITIZENSHIP**

The granting of the right of suffrage to women has awakened throughout the country a lively interest in the study of government, and the obligations of citizenship especially among the women. Training in citizenship is a course that has for years been given at the College of Industrial Arts, and its interest and importance have been more fully recognized with the additional need for such training. Regular college courses in American government and citizenship are required of all students in the B. A. group and may be elected by any student. In addition to the regular class work, all students of the college are required to attend a popular lecture course given in the college assembly four times each month on the practical problems of local, State, and national government as related to citizenship. The various literary clubs of the college are also making

a special study of government and have arranged their yearly programs of club study to include citizenship as the topic of principal interest and study. Dr. T. G. Groner, director of the department of history and social science, has prepared a number of interesting and valuable outlines for the women's organizations of the State on the study of citizenship. These include lists of books, magazines, and other reference readings. They deal with such subjects as: The Political Issue and Women; The Nineteenth Amendment; What Women Need to Know About Government Law; Problems of Local Government; The Child and the Community; Problems of Child Delinquency; Local Conditions in Connection with Punishment of Crime; Reform Suggested, and American Indifference. The outlines may be obtained free of charge by writing the Secretary-Director, Department of Extension, College of Industrial Arts.

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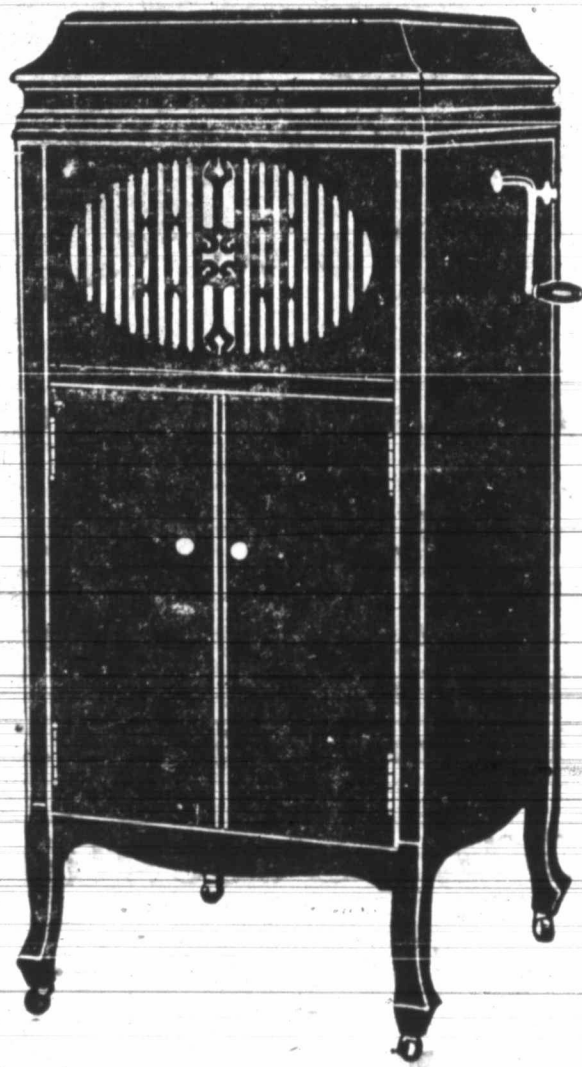
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To understand and appreciate the customer's needs; to feel an earnest desire to help him to succeed; and to be both able and willing to extend to him every accommodation consistent with conservative banking methods—*this is Bank Service.*

**First National Bank**

**He Knew One**  
"I will now," remarked the teacher, "place the letters of the alphabet upon the blackboard. As I write each letter I wish you to tell me the name of a bad drink that begins with the letter I put on the board."  
He then chalked the letter A, and one of the children called "Ale!" Next B, and a youth volunteered "Beer."  
A silence when he wrote the letter C caused the lecturer to ask, "Is there nobody here who can name a bad drink beginning with C?" He pointed to a small boy in the front row and said "There is a little man who I am sure can tell me."  
To which the youth replied: "Sure I can. Castor oil!"

**Just So, of Course**  
"You sign this deed of your own free will, do you, madam?" asked the lawyer.  
"What do you mean by that?" demanded the large, florid-faced woman, looking threateningly upon the lawyer.  
"I mean there has been no compulsion on the part of your husband. Has there?"  
"Him?" she ejaculated, turning to look at the little meek man sitting beside her. "Frederick? I'd like to see him compulse me."  
A glass of our Orange Marmalade will make your breakfast your chief delight. Try it. Postoffice Confectionery. adv

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A Good Guess

"My doctor sized my pile up pretty accurately."  
"How's that?"  
"He said I was as sound as a dollar, and that was all I had."

Nothing Unusual

"Traveling alone this trip, Boss?" asked the Pullman porter.  
"Yes, George," replied the little man. "But, why do you call me Boss? The last time I was on your train you called me Chief."  
"Yes, Boss; but your wife was with you then and I had a suspicion she would feel hurt to hear me call you Boss."—Yonkers Statesman.

**CHICKENS FOR SALE**—Pure bred Minorcas, splendid foundation stock, priced at a rare bargain. Address Mrs. B. P. Harrison, Midland, Texas. 10-2t

H. E. Love, of Big Spring, was a visitor this week, and a guest of the Llano.

SELLING VERY MANY

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Nearly 15,000,000 Christmas seals have been sold in Texas during the first fifteen days of the sale of the little seals of health, is the estimate of Miss Winnie I. Bracy, State seal sale director, of the Texas Public Health Association.

"From reports from all parts of the State it appears that Christmas seals are being widely sold," said Miss Bracy. "The county chairmen report that the little stamps are already beginning to appear on letters, and that people are pasting them on their Christmas packages."  
"Poor crops in some sections of the State, as well as the drop in the price of cotton, hurt the Christmas seal sale; but the majority of the reports coming into the State office of the Association are gratifying. I feel sure that when all reports are in we will find that Texas has responded in the fight against tuberculosis and for better health."

Local affiliations of the Texas Public Health Association at Dallas, Houston and Beaumont have called for a larger quota of seals than were first assigned to them. Many of the counties with small quotas have reported that they exceeded their quotas during the first few days of the seal sale.

Christmas seals will be kept on sale until the holidays in booths and stores, and tuberculosis workers hope to see their slogan: "A Christmas Seal on Every Piece of Mail in Texas" come true.

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## The Season's Greetings

Christmas is drawing nigh. We wish to say a few words to the Husband. If you are wondering what to give friend wife, just whisper the amount you wish to invest in your Yule Tide expression. We will help you to get the very best, most acceptable gift for your coin. We have so many things that will please her. To the Wife: No one knows better than a man what a man likes. We charge nothing for advice. If friend husband smokes and you wish to give him cigars, by all means consult us. We will sell you a man's smoke, a cigar that makes every puff a nerve soother, that just makes an optimist of a grouch. A good smoke will help to digest that Xmas dinner. Nothing so delightful to the smoker as the after dinner cigar of right blend and strength. To the Young Man: The young lady in question will think you are just a dear if you give her a box of our special holiday boxes of unusual confections. Those Johnston's chocolates are different, the triumph of the candy maker's art. They stamp the giver as a man of good taste. When in doubt send a box of our Xmas confections deluxe and perhaps it would be well to include a goodly bit of one of those delicate perfumes in the dainty bottle for her dressing table.  
To the Young Woman: Choosing the gift for Him is some times a much mooted question. We have a number of things that are bound to please no matter how fastidious he may be. The useful gift though moderate in cost is always in good taste. Remember we sell stamps and have a telephone. During the holidays we will be glad to wrap and tie your packages to be mailed.

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**Violin Recital Interests Many**

An audience which was representative and appreciative greeted Mr. Dewey Wiley of Midland College on last Tuesday evening at the Christian church, when he presented some of his violin pupils in their initial program. The numbers consisted of violin trios, duets, solos, vocal and piano selections and each number reflected much credit upon the skill and ability of the young teacher as well as upon the diligence of the pupils. There are no "short cuts" to music, for the music student has a long, tedious, soul wearing road to travel, hence the simplest five finger exercise represents not only hours, but days and months of diligent practice on the part of the student and it requires a teacher with vision, with ideals, musical education and patience that is infinite to produce these results, hence we cordially congratulate Mr. Wiley and his pupils upon the purely classical, wholly uplifting program which they so creditably rendered Tuesday evening. Those who participated were Misses Mabel Shaw, Elsie Wolcott, Lady Connell, Ruth Lewis and Mr. Benjamin Fleenor, assisted by Misses Mabel Holt, Louise Wooten and Viva Rhodes, of the piano and voice department of Midland College, and Mrs. Francis, accompanist.

Mrs. Addison Wadley returned on Wednesday from Dallas where she recently underwent an operation. The Reporter with numerous other friends rejoice with Mrs. Wadley that now after her protracted illness there is every possibility that she will be quite restored to health. Her mother, Mrs. Buchholz, of Pecos, came Tuesday and is going to remain this winter, so now after a year's separation, the little family will happily be together and thus the music of Christmas bells will chime in their hearts at this joyous Yuletide season.

**Benefit For Presbyterians**  
On Tuesday evening, December 21, Douglas Fairbanks will appear in his latest production at Rialto Theatre as a benefit for the Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary. The management of the theatre are putting on the very best shows and Midland folk should reward their efforts by a liberal patronage every evening, and particularly upon this evening when part of the proceeds are given to one of our churches. A two-fold reason why you and your friends are cordially requested to be present.

The Regina Rebekah Lodge had a most delightfully enthusiastic meeting on December 6th at which time the following officers were elected: Mrs. Fanny Reynolds, noble grand; Mrs. Mary Roberts, vice grand; Mrs. Lora Kilcrease, secretary; Mr. H. N. Garrett, treasurer; Mrs. Kate Dean was recommended to be appointed as district deputy president of this lodge and was also elected as representative to Rebekah assembly which will meet in Waco next March, with Mrs. Fanny Reynolds as alternate. At the close of the business meeting the most delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Ethel Weir, of Chillicothe, Texas, arrived last Saturday to be with her sister, Mrs. J. K. Durbin, who is now living through dark days, as she tenderly ministers to her husband who continues to linger on the border land of the mystic river. All of Midland sorrowfully sympathizes with the young wife.

Mrs. West Aycock returned from Dallas last Sunday where she had been with her little daughter, Annie Julia, to have her tonsils and adenoids removed. The little lady passed through the operation finely and is again her own winsome little self.

Mr. O. B. Holt, Jr., will arrive on next Sunday from Chester, Penn., where he has been a student of the military college, and will be a Yuletide guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nebliitt, of Stephenville, arrived last Saturday, and will be the holiday guests of Mr. G. F. Cowden and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Cowden.

Miss Ora Mae Terry returned last Monday from Sweetwater and Abilene where she has been visiting since Thanksgiving.

Mr. John W. Terry will arrive Sunday from Roswell, N. M., where he has been attending the New Mexico Military School.

Mr. Wesley Edwards and mother left last Saturday for their home in Merkel after a week's visit with Mr. Charley Edwards and family.

The Elite Confectionery has the largest and most complete line of pipes and smoker's articles of any dealer in West Texas. Look them over. adv 10-3t

M. I. Phillips, of Andrews, was here this week under the doctor's care, registered at the Llano.



**THE ROMANCE OF TARZAN**

The concluding chapter of  
**"Tarzan Apes"**

from book by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Tarzan of Apes shown in synopsis form in the first reel of this picture at The Rialto

**Friday, December 24**

Matinee and Night.

**MIDLAND OVER TOP FOURTH ROLL CALL**

STATE SECRETARY AMERICAN RED CROSS CONGRATULATES DIRECTOR

Dee McCormick was appointed local director in the Fourth Roll Call of the American Red Cross, the drive for which was concluded satisfactorily a short time back. Our young townsman has received a very congratulatory letter from State Secretary Henry M. Baker, and we reproduce it herewith:  
"My dear Mr. McCormick:  
"We have just received your report stating that Midland County has gone over the top for the Fourth Red Cross Roll Call. The whole staff of the State headquarters office joins in

congratulating you and your able assistants in this pronounced success.  
"If every chapter in the United States does as well as you have done, the Fourth Roll Call will be a glorious success. This demonstrates to us once again that the appeal of your American Red Cross is still strong and will find a ready response in the hearts of all true citizens, if it is adequately and squarely presented to them.  
"I am sure you will get deep satisfaction out of the consciousness that in this task you have linked your life once again with hundreds of thousands of earnest and loyal American citizens in an effort to bring to the attention of the population as a whole, the appeal of mercy which the American Red Cross presents.  
"Please accept, and pass on to all your associates, the best thanks of the State headquarters staff for the work which you and they have accomplished; without which the Roll

Call in Midland County would have been a failure.  
"As you observe the work of mercy and helpfulness which your American Red Cross will endeavor to perform during 1921, may you obtain great personal satisfaction in the knowledge that this work was due in no small measure—to the fact that you had worked faithfully for memberships in your county.  
"Very sincerely yours,  
"HENRY M. BAKER."  
T. E. Foster, of Silver City, representing the Gila Farm Company, was a guest of the Llano this week. During his stay he closed a deal with Bryant & Elkin Bros., to winter 2800 cows on their ranch northwest of the city. He was highly elated over the immense crop of grass we have on hand.  
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Baptist Church  
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Efficient teachers, organized classes, separate class rooms. W. A. Dawson, supt.  
Preaching hours, 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. The pastor speaks at the morning hour on "God's Christmas Gift to the World." There will be an evangelistic message at the evening hour. Good music at both hours furnished by a choir and orchestra that make preparation.  
Young people's meeting begins at 5:30 p. m. An interesting program to be rendered.  
Let's make Sunday a great day by attending all the above services. Let every member of the Sunday School be present as we are making preparations for the Christmas tree and will need the co-operation of all the school. No teacher should be absent Sunday unless provisionally kept away.  
The public invited to enjoy any or all of the above services.  
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**FRIDAY**  
A "Henry Lehrman" Comedy  
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A rural comedy of four acts, cram full of laughs  
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**SATURDAY**  
A "Realart" Special  
**"THE LAW OF THE YUKON"**  
A story of the wildest adventure in the frozen north  
Charlie Chaplin's Second Million Dollar Comedy  
**"SUNNYSIDE"**

**MONDAY**  
Constance Talmadge  
In a Pleasing Comedy Drama  
**"HAPPINESS a la MODE"**  
STAR COMEDY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**TUESDAY**  
(Presbyterian Ladies Aid Benefit)  
Douglas Fairbanks in his Newest Picture  
**"THE MARK OF ZORRO"**  
Educational on "Polo," and Screen Snapshots  
Singing by Misses Melson and Wilhite and Mr. Robt. Fasken  
(Music by Midland Orchestra)

**WEDNESDAY**  
May Allison in a sparkling comedy drama  
**"FAIR AND WARMER"**  
Snub Pollard and Sunshine Sambo Comedy  
**"Don't Weaken"**

**THURSDAY**  
A Selznick Special  
**"THE VALLEY OF DOUBT"**  
A smashing drama of the frozen north, with strutting adventures surrounded by some of the most beautiful snow scenes ever screened.  
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**FRIDAY**  
"ROMANCE OF TARZAN"  
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**HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY CONCERT GREAT SUCCESS**

Last evening the high school literary society gave their initial concert in the Christian church to a large and appreciative audience. Two of the best numbers on the program, or rather two of which pleased the audience most, was "Roaming in the Gloaming" sung by the boys' glee club. In this delightful Scotch song the boys were costumed and they received encore after encore and finally retired amid a storm of applause. We believe they boys could have repeated this song a dozen times with success. The other song was the "Anvil Chorus" in which an anvil effect was introduced, and the boys made a decided hit from the very first note. We wish we had the space to comment upon the other numbers, for all did their parts exceedingly well. Following was the program:

**Program**  
"O Praise the Lord" from "Mendelssohn's "Athalie" (Mendelssohn)—High School Chorus with Orchestra.  
Readings (a) "If" (Kipling) (b) "Crossing the Bar" (Tennyson)—Midland High School.  
Piano solo: "Jy Peuse" (Helmund)—Mabel Holt.

Romance: "Love's Hope" (Arnold-Stickney)—Orchestra.  
Baritone: "The King of the Storm" (Spalding)—W. W. Lackey.  
"Sandman Am a-softly Comin'" (Humoreske—Devorak-Rix)—Girls' Choral Club with Orchestra.  
Reading: "He Tried to Tell His Wife" (Anonymous) Leola Bigham.  
Declaration: "Rienzi to the Romans" (Mitford)—Carroll Hill.  
(f) "Soldiers' Chorus" from "Faust." (b) "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore" (Verdi)—Boys' Glee Club with Orchestra.  
Reading: "A Christmas Kid" (Cooke)—Miss Elkin.  
(a) "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" (Blanch-Hitany) (b) "Nearer, My God, to Thee" (by request—Excell)—High School Chorus with Orchestra.  
(a) "Lullaby" from "Jocelyn" (Godard-Rix); (b) "When Twilight Weaves Her Gentle Spell" (Minuet—Beethoven-Brans)—Select Women's Voices with Orchestra.  
"Ramin" in the "Gloamin'" (Lauder)—Select Male Voices with Orchestra.  
Soprano and Alto: "Home to Our Mountains" (Gipsy Diet-Verdi)—Misses Nelson and Wilhite.  
Baritone and Chorus: "Jerusalem" (Arr. Proffroe)—High School Chorus with Orchestra.

O. P. Jones is registered at the Llano. He has been spending the week looking over his ranch 25 miles south.

Our esteemed friend and former townsman, J. S. Means, was a visitor this week, from Polytechnic, and went out to Andrews County to look over his extensive ranch and other interests.

H. Hamilton, of Stanton, visited our city this week, and was a guest of the Llano.

Mrs. R. O. Brooks has lately been very ill. Friends will rejoice to learn that she is now improving.

Cyclamen for the holidays. Nothing more appropriate than plants. No plants so satisfactory as Cyclamen. See them at The Elite. adv10-3t

**Notice to Stockmen**  
It will soon be time to make income tax reports again. Your books should be in good shape. I am in position to keep your books for you at a very nominal fee. Call on me at my office in the First National Annex, ground floor.  
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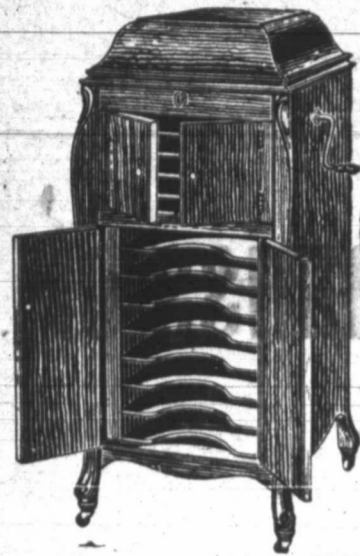
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Friday, today, a continuous show after 2 p. m. A Henry Lehman Comedy entitled "A Twilight Baby," featuring Ham Hamilton and Virginia Poppie. This is one rollicking comedy with a big round of laughs. Also a big cartoon comedy and International News picture together with the big serial, "The Moon Riders."

Saturday, matinee and evening, a Reelart Special "The Law of the Yukon," with an all star cast, based on the poem by Robert W. Service. The theme of this story is that the unfit must perish and only the strong survive when brought into difficult conditions such as are in an Alaskan mining town far from civilization.

Monday, Constance Talmage in another delightful comedy drama entitled "Happiness a la Mode" Also a Star comedy and International News.

Tuesday, matinee and evening, the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Benefit, Douglas Fairbanks in his latest picture, "The Mark of Zorro," A bigger and better picture than "The Molly-coddle." Also educational reel on polo. In the evening some vocal solos by Misses Melson and Wilhite and Mr. Robert Fasken, and music by the Midland Orchestra.

Wednesday, May Allison in a sparkling comedy, "Fair and Warmer," from the famous stage success. The play that made the weather man famous. Snub Pollard and Sunshine Sambo comedy, "Don't Weaken." Thursday, a Selznick special, "The Valley of Doubt," with an all star cast. A gripping story of the frozen north, containing beautiful snow scenes and wonderful acting by animals. Charlie Chaplin in a third million dollar comedy "Shoulder Arms," a burlesque on army life in the trenches.

Friday, "Romance of Tarzan," by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Those who failed to see "Tarzan of the Apes" will see it in synopsis from the first reel of this Bill.

The Elite has now on display a very beautiful and complete line of Davis Christmas and New Year cards and folders. adv 10-31

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#### REGAIN STRENGTH

Alabama Lady Was Sick For Three Years, Suffering Pain, Nervous and Depressed—Read Her Own Story of Recovery.

Paint Rock, Ala.—Mrs. C. M. Stegall, of near here, recently related the following interesting account of her recovery: "I was in a weakened condition. I was sick three years in bed, suffering a great deal of pain, weak, nervous, depressed. I was so weak, I couldn't walk across the floor; just had to lay and my little ones do the work. I was almost dead. I tried every thing I heard of, and a number of doctors. Still I didn't get any relief. I couldn't eat, and slept poorly. I believe if I hadn't heard of and taken Cardui I would have died. I bought six bottles, after a neighbor told me what it did for her.

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#### Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Tom T. Garrard, Jr., B. W. Baker, and H. G. Russell, and doing a law business under the firm name and style of Garrard, Baker & Russell, did, on the 30th day of November, 1920, dissolve, by mutual consent, the said B. W. Baker having withdrawn, and being in no way longer connected with said firm. The new firm, Garrard & Russell will continue business as heretofore, occupying the offices of the old firm, styled above.

Witness our hands this, the 2nd day of December, 1920.  
Tom T. Garrard, Jr.,  
H. G. Russell.

#### Of Long Standing

"Is your wife a suffragist, Mr. Silo?"  
"Yes, ma'am—going on eleven years now."  
"Indeed!"  
"Yes, ma'am—fr'm sciatica."—Globe-Democrat.

#### OLIVER W. FANNIN

Attorney-at-Law  
County Attorney for Martin County  
Practice in all the courts, both State and Federal.  
Stanton, Texas



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#### MIDLAND COLLEGE NOTES

By D. O. W.

The girls' basket ball team played big Spring on the latter's grounds Saturday afternoon. Our team put up a good fight all during the game and lost by a score of only 16 to 10. We shall beat them when they play here, for our girls were handicapped on account of sorry goals.

The College boys will play the Stanton high boys' basket ball team on Thursday the 16th. A hard game is expected.

Many clubs are being formed among the students now, and this is especially true of the girls. It is rather a unique thing to have half the boarding girls in a school that bear the same name, but we have that very thing here. The Johnsonian club is a club composed of the Johnsons. There are three Johnson sisters in the club and they each have two sisters, which makes nine; the other two Johnsons are not related to these in any way. They make out the eleven.

We wish to correct one error of omission that was made last week. John McKissick, our faithful, accurate and always reliable center, received a letter at the football banquet last Monday night. John played four quarters in each and every game the College played this year, and much of the success of our strong backfield was due to his accurate pass work.

A general organization of the third floor girls has been perfected and given the mysterious name of "L. O. P. H." club. The following officers have been elected: Miss Lura Johnson, president; Miss Willie Cole, secretary-treasurer; Misses Jessie Morton, Lois Johnson and Lura Johnson, social committee.

The French club, under the tutelage of Joseph Fasken, went on one of its regular frolics Saturday night. A good picture show to stimulate the imagination and a cup of hot chocolate after the stroll from town, after the show, completed the evening's program.

Mr. Laney has been seen going about the campus in a manner that would indicate profound thought. We presume he is thinking of his trip home Christmas.

School turns out Friday, December 17th, and will resume January 3rd. Everybody is expecting a great Christmas, and here is hoping that one will be disappointed.

- Conklin Pen.
- Eversharp Pencil.
- Box of Cigars.
- Traveling Kit.
- Smoking Set.
- Military Brush Set.
- Scarf Pin.
- Pair Cuff Links.
- Pipe.
- Card Case.
- Kodak Cigarette Case.
- Cigarette Holder.
- Collar Pin.
- Fraternal Emblem.
- Watch.
- Magazine Subscription.
- Box Stationery.
- Good Book.
- Set of Dominoes or Thermos Bottle, might please him.

CITY DRUG STORE.

#### C. I. A. BEAUTIFYING GROUNDS WITH TREES

The people of Texas and the country at large have realized more the last few years than ever before the civic value of beautifying school grounds and public parks. The College of Industrial Arts set apart Monday afternoon, December 13th, for this purpose, and the students and faculty entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Promptly at 1:30 o'clock a short general program, consisting of suitable songs and addresses was held in the auditorium of the College, after which the faculty and student body numbering about 1,400, adjourned to the campus for the tree planting. The exercises were participated in by every one connected with the College and resulted in the planting of about 400 trees and several hundred shrubs. First the freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors planted their class trees with appropriate exercises; then, the 25 different club organizations gave interesting programs on different parts of the campus in connection with the planting of their respective trees; and finally members of the faculty representing the various departments of the College also contributed their share. The 400 trees were of the following kinds: One hundred pecan trees; 130 sycamores; 40 redbuds; 20 elms; 20 poplars; 10 maples; 10 mountain trees, and 1 magnolia tree. Nothing mesquite trees; 4 catalpas; 4 red oaks; 4 Spanish daggers; 4 wild Chinias; 2 bois d'arc trees; 2 walnut trees, and 1 magnolia tree. Nothing adds more to a college campus or to public school grounds of any kind than does the planting of flowers, shrubs and trees, and it is believed that this phase of civic improvement will characterize more and more the communities, large and small, throughout the State.

Notice of regular annual meeting of stockholders and directors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company:

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders and directors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company that the regular annual meeting of the said stockholders and directors of said Company will be held at the offices of the Company at Midland, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 18th day of January, 1921.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1920, at Midland, Texas.  
B. C. GIRDLEY,  
Secretary.

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Collar

## \$19.75

This collar can be attached to any overcoat, giving it a rich appearance. We specialize in the remodeling and dying of army overcoats. Don't throw yours away. See us. Absolute satisfaction guaranteed. Entrust the Cleaning and Dyeing of your clothes where Cleaning and Dyeing are arts.

## Llano Tailoring Co.

### Extra!

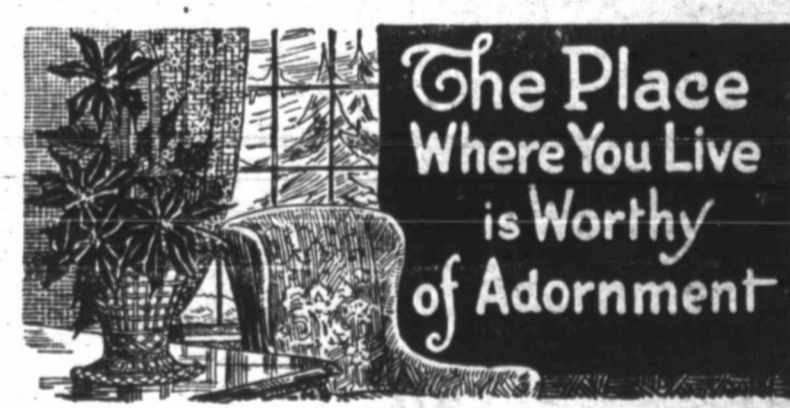
Since writing this ad we have received a big reduction on the International line of made to measure clothes. Suits that formerly sold for \$40.00 are now selling for \$25.50. Come in and look them over.

Phone No. 30

#### AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

- It may be a mansion—
- It may be a dump—
- It may be a farm—
- With an old oaken pump;
- It may be a palace—
- It may be a flat.
- It may be the room
- Where you hang up your hat;
- It may be a house
- With a hole in the floor—
- Or marble hotel
- With a coon at the door;
- It may be exclusive,
- Or simple, or swell,
- A wee bit of heaven—
- Or one little well—
- Just kindly remember
- Wherever you roam,
- That Shakespeare was right, kid,
- There's
- No
- Place
- Like
- Home!—Exchange.

**Burton-Lingo Company**  
33 Years in Midland



## The Place Where You Live is Worthy of Adornment

If you make the home sufficiently attractive there will not be the call to go elsewhere for enjoyment.

Good furnishings of the home has saved more money by keeping folks away from expensive pleasures than the furniture ever cost.

You will find it easy in a trip through our store to add to the attractiveness of your home.



SANADOWN—double tick, so you can have top tick laundred when necessary, five pounds more cotton, (every pound pure white cotton) than any other mattress we know of. Guaranteed not to lump or wad up for 20 years. Sleep on it 30 nights, if it is not the best mattress you ever saw, BRING IT BACK AND GET YOUR MONEY. Costs no more than other mattresses not near as good.

THE COOKING AND HEATING APPARATUS OF THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE  
**CHARTER OAK**  
STOVES, RANGES AND FURNACES

WE TURN A HOUSE INTO A HOME  
**Basham, Shepherd & Co.**  
FURNITURE AND FLOOR COVERINGS  
PHONE 135 MIDLAND, TEXAS.

# Choosing Christmas Gifts Here

## will prove a pleasant and profitable Holiday experience

We are proud of the quality and values in our Gift Stock and solicit your visit of inspection.

### Ivory Piece Goods

Any Item that may be needed to complete a Dressing or Manicure Set may be found in our stock, priced 25c to \$20.00

### Manicure Rolls

Our assortment is complete, and we can meet every exacting demand as to quality. Priced at \$3.25 to \$30.00

### Ivory Toilet Cases

This seasonable article is always appreciated. We have them in the simple, yet practical patterns, as well as the more elaborate ones. Priced per set \$6.00 to \$45.00

### Gift Jewelry

Rings, Cameos, Signet, After-Dinner, Birth Stones Emblem and Plain, Warranted Solid Gold. Priced at \$2.50 to \$50.00

### Lavaliers, Brooches, Bar Pins, Scarf Pins,

Bracelets—a large assortment from which to select

### Cut Glass

is an appropriate and practical gift. We are showing a large stock of varied designs and values.

### Our Store Is Brim Full

of attractive things for Boys and Girls of all ages. We are always glad to help our friends and customers by giving any information or suggestion when requested. If you desire an article not carried in stock in our city, we will gladly make every effort to obtain same for you. We are here to render every service possible.

### "City Drug Store Service"

can assist you. Let us wrap and store your bundles. We will make auto-delivery Christmas eve of your purchases to any address in Midland. When downtown, our customers' phone is waiting for your use. You will find it conveniently located in the front of our store.

### Our Out-of-Town Customers

have our assurance that all mail orders, whatever they may be, will have our careful and immediate attention. Orders for Holiday goods will be sent post-paid, and money cheerfully refunded if you ask it. Write or phone us, giving an idea of what you want.

WE CAN PLEASE YOU

Phone 33

# CITY DRUG STORE

THE REXALL STORE

Phone 33

P. S. We are never too busy to fill your prescriptions.

#### THE CHRISTMAS STAR

Since ancient Bethlehem beheld  
The Christmas star arise,  
Astronomers have vainly sought  
Its splendor in the skies,  
But when the bells of Christmas Eve  
Repeat the glad refrain  
Of "Peace on earth good will to men,"  
Behold! it shines again.

In every home where little feet  
Go pattering to and fro,  
And little voices merrily  
Ring out across the snow,  
And scarlet-berried holly makes  
The glittering windows bright,  
The holy star of Bethlehem  
Reveals its dazzling light.

It sparkles from the Christmas tree  
In gold and silver sheen,  
And tiny tapers strung along  
The branches darkly green,  
It shimmers on the angel perched  
Upon the topmost spray,  
And o'er the tinsel cards that tie  
The gifts of Christmas Day.

Oh may no little one awake  
Upon a Christmas morn  
To find his stocking hanging up  
All empty and forlorn,  
For lo! the glory that aroused  
The shepherd in the fold,  
Is shining still in childish eyes  
And curls of baby gold.

—MINNA IRVING in Texico Star.

Newnie W. Ellis and R. V. Hyatt had a delightful visit to Waco last week, as delegates from the local Masonic lodge to the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge. The visit was most instructive in every way.

#### Does Your Boy Want A

- Foot Ball.
- Base Ball.
- Silver Pencil.
- Fountain Pen.
- Pocket Book.
- French Harp.
- Ball Glove.
- Ball Mitt.
- Ball Bat.
- Tennis Racquet.
- Tennis Net.
- Kodak.
- Photo Album.
- Flash Light.
- Book.
- Box of Candy.
- Signet Ring?

We have these.  
CITY DRUG STORE.  
See our line of Christmas cards and calendars. City Drug Store. adv.

"Rowdy" Love was a prominent stockman visitor this week, from the west. His interests here he found in very satisfactory condition, as is general throughout the Midland Country.

D. J. Perry, a business man from Abilene, was registered in Midland this week, a guest of the Llano.

#### B. Y. P. U.

Hymn No. 122.  
Invocation.  
Scripture: Luke 10:25-37—Ina Fay Young.

Leader—Marie Horde.  
"The Essential Nature of Religion"—Annie Wall.  
"The Nature of Ethics"—Willie Ramsay.  
Violin duet—Lady Connell and Elsie Wolcott.  
"The Relation of Religion to Ethics"—Margaret Caldwell.  
"The Practical Application"—Leslie Floyd.  
Poem. "About Ben Adhem"—In concert.  
Hymn No. 236.  
Benediction.

#### MONEY TO LOAN

Money to loan on patented land, and also on school land without having it patented. No red tape or delay.

OTTO SOLLEY, Austin, Texas.  
OTTO STALLEY, Austin, Texas.  
adv 10-4t

Mrs. Ida B. Mims went to Dallas last week, for an operation at the Baptist Sanitarium. A telegram on last Tuesday, from her son, Percy, states that the operation was successful, and the sufferer is getting along nicely. The operation was of major import.

### G. H. COYLE BUYS MANY POLO PONIES

TRAINS THEM, AND SUPPLIES PLAYERS OF NEW YORK AND OTHER CITIES

One day recently our townsman, G. H. Coyle, shipped three cars of polo ponies to Aiken S. C., and from that place they go to some other points. It reminds us of a fact that The Reporter has perhaps not mentioned to its readers, not in a long time, at least, and that is that this citizen of ours buys and handles more polo ponies than perhaps all other buyers in the United States put together. He has made it almost his exclusive occupation for a great many years, during which time he has handled hundreds upon hundreds of these animals.

Mr. Coyle's connections are direct with the players themselves, with nearly all of whom, prominent in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other polo centers, he has personal, and in many instances, intimate acquaintance. Lately Fred H. Post and wife, of Long Island, have been guests of Mr. Coyle and family. Mr. Post is a polo enthusiast, and spent two weeks very pleasantly with Mr. Coyle, and we expect they had a lot of polo business to discuss and arrange. Anyway Mr. Coyle's activities have been greatly renewed lately, and he is even now out on a buying trip of this nature.

Mr. Coyle spent fifteen years in New York, directly connected with polo activities, and during the years he has lived in Midland he has been the means of much favorable advertising of his home town. He never fails to let it be known that his home is Midland, whenever it is not already known, which is now rare, for stockmen everywhere know him by reasons of his polo interests.

Mr. Coyle is rather reticent about his business along this line, but our conversation with him recently satisfies us that his purchases of polo ponies, from year to year, will aggregate a very large sum, for during the last two seasons, he bought and shipped out about 400 of these ponies and it is getting so that when a stockman discovers, among his horses, an animal that has characteristics of a polo horse, his first thought is of Coyle. Coyle is the man for you if you have a polo animal. This is a general thought among stockmen and Mr. Coyle's work is thus facilitated to a very large extent. Of course men expect to get a better price out of this townsman of ours than from anyone else, and they are rarely, never in fact, mistaken when they have the goods to deliver. He has been too long in the business, however, to be easily fooled in a polo pony. He usually knows at a glance if the animal is likely and you can't interest him otherwise. Coyle trades easily. Right fra-

quently his first offer on an animal is a happy surprise to the owner and a whole lot of time is not lost in "dickering." Often, though, the owner has an exaggerated idea of the value of his horse. People, usually, are quite prone to exaggerations of this sort, and it makes it hard to pull off a trade, sometimes, even when the price is fair enough to the owner.

Girls, Whitmeyer will have that pretty dinner or dance frock you are wanting for good times during the holidays, and they will be straight from New York too. adv

Pathe and Columbia Grafonolas in stock. Large assortment of records. City Drug Store.

Those pattern hats, suits, coats and dresses that are only half price at Whitmeyer's Shop the coming week, include some very choice numbers. You will be interested. Meet Santa there. adv

### Fur Collars

FOR

### OVERCOATS

SPECIAL

\$19.75

We Dye Army Overcoats for \$5.00

Llano Tailoring Co.

A. G. GREENHILL

H. H. MEEKS

## Greenhill & Meeks

have bought the Windmill business of E. L. Goode and will do

### ALL KINDS OF WINDMILL WORK

Phone 178 or 320

Midland, Texas

### LIGE DAVIS & SON

CATTLE AND RANCHES ON COMMISSION

Live Hustlers—and things are dead in the Midland Country when we are not doing things around here

WE KNOW THE COUNTRY WE KNOW THE COWMEN

We know how to bring the buyer and seller together

### LIGE DAVIS & SON

PHONE 47 MIDLAND, TEXAS

## When You Buy Gasoline

From the WESTERN AUTO SUPPLY CO. you see what you get. No chance for a mistake with our full measure visible pump. Buy your Gas where you get free air and water.

### Western Auto Supply Co.

"DEPENDABLE SERVICE"

# Were You There?

Last Saturday when the big **QUIT BUSINESS SALE** swung into action, and all week long---they keep coming, keep buying and spreading the good news of these wonderful bargains until this sale is the talk of the whole country for miles around.

## It's Still Going Full Blast, and Lasts Until Christmas

### CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS for the men

- Shirts
- Ties
- Shoes
- Caps
- Underwear
- Suspenders
- Hosiery
- Handkerchiefs
- Trunk Bags
- Suit Cases
- Sweaters
- Caps
- Hats
- Belts
- Gloves
- Supporters
- Cuff Links
- Slippers
- Sheep Lined
- Coats
- Umbrellas
- Slickers

### CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS for the women

- Shoes
- Suits
- Petticoats
- Table Linen
- Underwear
- Handkerchiefs
- Serving Trays
- Purses
- Sweaters
- Raincoats
- Gowns
- Coats
- Hosiery
- Dresses
- Lace Curtains
- House Slippers
- Sewing Boxes
- Umbrellas
- Beads
- Bath Robes
- Guest Towels
- Skirts

All of the late Christmas Arrivals are included in this sale. You will find gifts suitable for every member of the family in our big \$50,000 stock and at prices unheard of before at Christmas time. Don't be late. Get here early, while you have a big selection to choose from.

Everything Marked in Plain Figures

**FREE** 100 Tickets will be given to the first hundred people inside the store Saturday morning. Many of these will draw beautiful prizes. Come, get in line; it's FREE to everyone except the children; no purchase necessary. It's a FREE Advertising feature of this BIG QUIT BUSINESS SALE.

Store Opens Saturday at 9 O'clock

EVERYBODY'S STORE

# ELKIN-PATTERSON

MIDLAND TEXAS

Midland people deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gilbert, of "SWLS" ranch in the loss of their infant last Wednesday. The little body was brought to Midland for burial. Mrs. Gilbert is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kelton.

Send a Sampler and make a happy Christmas for some one. Whitman's assorted candies, all size packages, both in holiday and plain. Mail orders given special attention. The Elite. adv 10-3t

Ed Lewis, stockman of San Angelo, was a business visitor to Midland in the early part of this week.

**Philipp's Dairy**  
Pure, Fresh Milk  
Delivered from 5 a. m. to 6 a. m. and 5 p. m. to 6 p. m.  
Your patronage solicited.  
Phone 337-C

### TEACHERS INSTITUTE WILL MEET TOMORROW

The Midland-Martin County Teachers Institute begins a 3-day session tomorrow, and have a printed program of much interest. The Reporter hoped to have space in which to publish the entire program but did not. Persons, however, who are interested in educational endeavor will be welcome visitors, and they are promised a season of much interest and pleasure. Many visiting teachers are expected to be present.

A. L. Bland and wife, of Colorado, were guest of the Llano the first of the week.

For Christmas specialties, see the Home Bakery in time. adv

W. D. Connell, of El Paso, was here this week looking over our range and was registered at the Llano.

J. R. (Rowdy) Love, of Marfa, is shipping a string of calves to market this week. He is a guest of the Llano.

### BUSINESS STALLED BUT IT CANNOT STAY SO

The writer was talking recently with one of the South's foremost students of economic problems. Our manufacturers, we remarked to him, report that they have cut the prices and cut the prices but say that seemingly they have not yet cut prices enough to make people buy. The real trouble, we added, is that the cuts made by manufacturers have not reached the consuming and buying public. The retail merchant has a lot of goods on hand bought at old prices and he is not willing to make sales on the basis of present wholesale values. "Yes," answered our economist friend, "and do you see where all that leads to? Take cotton, for example. The manufacturer has cut prices of his goods, but the retail merchant hasn't. Consequently, people have held off buying. But with winter coming on, and their old clothes wearing out, the folks will soon be compelled to buy. Then they will likely have to buy in more than ordinary quantities. This will enable the manufacturers to boost prices again, and then the retailer will have an excuse for holding his prices up--and the only man who will lose out will be the farmer, the man who has tried to sell his raw material on a dead market."

There is a good deal of danger that things may work out just about this way. Business is temporarily stalled, but it can't stay stalled. The vast majority of the people of America are still employed, and employed at rather high wages and salaries. Consequently, they are going to buy plenty of food and plenty of clothing especially cotton clothing. In fact, the tendency to economize may help the demand for cotton goods by lessening calls for silk shirts and silk hosiery.

It is true that the market right now is stalled, deadlocked. But it can't stay stalled. And the world must pay enough for cotton to insure getting an adequate acreage planted next spring. Doesn't that mean that it must offer around 30 cents a pound before next April? It looks that way to us--The Progressive Farmer.

Lids for kids, girls and boys, just the size and kind for the Christmas stocking, specially priced this week at Whitmeyer's Shop. adv

**Card of Thanks**  
We are grateful beyond expression to Midland friends for their sympathy and services so kindly rendered during our recent bereavement when we lost baby and grandchild. That God's blessings be showered upon all these is our earnest prayer.  
A. D. Gilbert and Wife,  
W. S. Kelton and Wife.

**LOST**—On Tuesday, between public school and postoffice, package containing white camisole. Finder please phone Mrs. N. G. Pearsall, phone 378.

C. H. Toups, with the Drovers National Bank, is in the city this week. He is a guest at the Llano.

**FOR SALE**—Good 2nd hand furniture. Extension dining table, bedsteads, springs and mattress, kitchen safe and dishes, stand, table; washstand and bowl and pitcher and various articles. R. E. Crowley. 11-2tp

J. E. Foster, of Gila, N. M., was a stockman visitor to Midland early this week.

Try our extra fancy figs. For flavor they have not an equal. Direct from California. In small, medium, and large boxes at the Postoffice Confectionery.

We can help you a lot in your Christmas cookery. Ask us about our Christmas specialties. Home Bakery. adv

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Elkin on Thursday night, a fine baby girl. The Reporter extends congratulations to the happy parents.

**Yes Sir-ee!**

We made this cigarette to meet your taste!

**Camel CIGARETTES**

CAMELS have wonderful full-bodied mellowness and a flavor as refreshing as it is new.

Camels quality and Camels expert blend of choice Turkish and choice Domestic tobaccos win you on merits. Camels blend never tires your taste. And, Camels leave no unpleasant cigarette aftertaste nor unpleasant cigarette odor!

What Camels quality and expert blend can mean to your satisfaction you should find out at once! It will prove our say-so when you compare Camels with any cigarette in the world at any price!

Camels are sold everywhere in scientifically sealed packages of 20 cigarettes for 20 cents; or ten packages (200 cigarettes) in a glassine paper-covered carton. We strongly recommend this carton for the home or office supply or when you travel.

**R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.**  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

**THE SHORTAGE IN HOUSING FACILITIES SHOWS THE NEED FOR NEW BUILDINGS. WHY DELAY? THERE'S A PROFIT TO BE MADE IN PROPORTION TO THE COST.**

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