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SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS EXTRAORDINARY MEET

TWO IMPORTANT MEASURES PASSED AT MONDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Business was transacted in a great way at the special session of the school board of Midland's independent school district Monday night, and its results will undoubtedly be seen in concrete form at a very early date.

B. F. Haag, local attorney, and M. C. Ulmer, prominent business man of Midland, were elected to fill the vacancies on the board occasioned by the fact that Chas. Edwards has moved out of the district and that Judge Chas. Gibbs holds a state position of emolument which forfeits his right to be on the local board.

The two young men are expected to be active trustees and to be of great benefit to the board. Both of them have children in the schools here and have the interests of the schools at heart.

Building Endorsed

Following the many requests made by local voters that a bond issue be ordered for the erection of a new high school building, such a measure was unanimously adopted by the board.

It has been known for some time that the trustees as individuals favored the passage of a bond issue for that purpose, but this is the first inkling that the body was ready to act officially.

Progressive citizens who have interested themselves in the matter are preparing to circulate a petition requesting the board officially to order the election.

It is said that many architects and bond men are making regular trips to Midland to confer with the board in the matter, and that their services have been offered in the preparation of a bond issue, subject to the passing of the bonds.

It looks as if immediate action will be taken so that a building will be in readiness for the next fall term.

RABBIT POISON ARRIVES

ANDREWS COUNTY JOINS IN RABBIT KILLING CAM- PAIGN.

Poison for dealing death to Midland County rabbits has arrived. The poison will be distributed by Harry Neblett's and the City Drug Store. Farmers and ranchers will get requisitions from County Agent J. E. Snider which they will present to the druggists to get their free supplies of strychnine alkaloid. The county agent will issue these orders proportionate to the number of acres a man owns.

Andrews County is cooperating with Midland County, having requested the Midland County Chamber of Commerce to place an order for 250 ounces of strychnine for farmers and ranchers of Andrews.

Many farmers and ranchers are busy constructing their poison pens. They realize that if one single farmer or rancher fails to cooperate he will be responsible for "re-stocking" the country with rabbits. For every female rabbit which escapes multiplies herself 32 times before the breeding season ends.

Sells Sixth Shipment To Northern Buyer

Elliott F. Cowden shipped out 100 head of extra good steer calves Tuesday afternoon, to E. R. Beebe, Clay, tonville, Illinois.

The calves weighed 50,375 pounds, which guarantees their quality and condition.

This is the sixth sale of calves Mr. Cowden has made to Mr. Beebe, although he has never met him in person.

Northern feeders are always safe in buying Midland cattle, and they demonstrate this by coming back every season.

C. E. Trammell, wife and his daughter, Olga, left Tuesday for Houston, where they will visit relatives during the holidays. They were accompanied by their nephew, Mr. Jones, who has been visiting them for the last two or three weeks.

Merry Christmas

JOLLY OLD ST. NICK



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May Joy Be Hours

During this week, commonly known as Christmas Week, we sincerely wish the greatest of happiness for Our Readers.

For many, Christmas quickly passes, and sinks into oblivion after December 25; but for the children it is only started. Their Holidays are filled to the brim with the Enjoyment of Gifts brought to them by Santa Claus. Such pleasure should rightfully stay with them as long as possible.

Then when Christmas Week is gone, the old year slips away almost before we realize it. We trust that it will always be remembered as a year of constructive history for the whole world, active progress by Our Nation, Real development of Our Community, and also a year in which we have bettered ourselves.

May the New Year, 1925, be ushered in amid Health, Happiness, and Prosperity; and may it so continue; so that when we look Backward this time next year no shadows will Darken it.

May Your Holiday Pleasures be Unlimited.

The Midland Reporter

Merry Christmas

RULES ADOPTED FOR RABBIT POISONING CAMPAIGN

WHITEHEAD HERE FIRST OF WEEK TO SEE THAT ALL IS IN READINESS.

L. C. Whitehead, Federal rodent control chief, was in Midland Monday conferring with farmers, ranchers, the county agent and chamber of commerce officials with reference to the big rabbit poisoning campaign to start here about January 5.

The government man will be here personally to take charge of the campaign. He will aid farmers and ranchers in mixing the poison. He will be here two or three weeks.

The poison expert declares there is no danger of poisoning quails. If quails should eat the poisoned alfalfa, it would not poison a man to eat the quails, according to Mr. Whitehead. Some people thought the campaign should not be started until the bird season ended, but Mr. Whitehead says there is no danger from this source.

He advises that people keep their dogs chained during the campaign, as dogs which eat poisoned rabbits may become poisoned.

Poison pens should be built especially thick in "draws" and lake beds, the expert declares. Rabbits are now congregating in these places, and can be killed much faster than where the vegetation is dried and gone.

Rules for Distributing Poison

1. Each owner or lessee of farming or ranching land will receive one half ounce of poison and saccharine for each section of land.
2. Poison pens as suggested by the government are required to be built before poison is given to individuals.
3. Each owner and lessee will agree to make the greatest effort to make the campaign effective.
4. Those receiving free poison will agree to follow all rules of the campaign.

FORMER EDITOR BUYS MIDLAND COUNTY LAND

MISSISSIPPI MAN BUYS TWO SECTIONS OF TAYLOR LAND.

B. L. Moss, who was for four years editor of the Progressive Farmer, well known agricultural journal, and who is a leading farmer of Mississippi, has recently bought two sections of the J. C. Taylor land, four miles northwest of Midland.

Mr. Moss has also been an experienced agricultural agent, and served in that capacity for Jones County, Mississippi, for several years.

For the past few years, however, he has been a practical farmer, engaged chiefly in growing cotton, and owns a large farm in Mississippi.

His experience proves that he is a first class farmer and a judge of cotton land. To purchase as large a body of Midland County as he has just closed up is a high compliment for the land here.

He stated to B. F. Haag, of Midland, that he believed this land to excel any he had seen for cotton growing. He examined closely the cotton as it was grown here and stated that it was ideal. The short stalk, bunched limbs, and fruitful bolls make it highly productive.

He stated that Midland looked to be the coming cotton country of the south.

W. E. Wallace handled the sale of the land to Mr. Moss.

Fall Killed Horse But Rider Not Hurt

An accident occurred Monday which was fatal for the horse and was almost a serious one for the rider. Warren Pemberton was herding some cows west of town, when his horse fell with him. The horse was hurt so badly that he soon died.

Mr. Pemberton was not hurt, except for being somewhat badly shaken up, but he had a narrow escape. He is rather well up in years to go through such an accident, although he states that he had many similar falls when he was a cowboy.

Miss Florence Whittenburg was in Midland Monday, shopping.

TO THE PEOPLE OF MIDLAND AND ITS TRADE TERRITORY, WE EXTEND OUR GREETINGS FOR

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AND
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Smith & Stevens**

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THE PASSING DAY

By Will H. Mayes, Department of Journalism, University of Texas

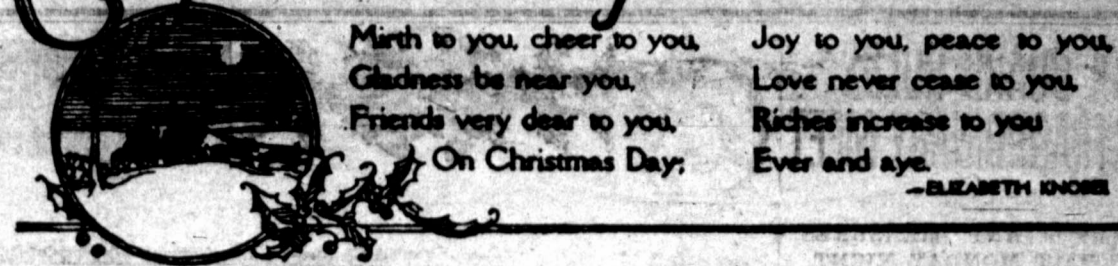
Writing from Troup, an East Texan who admits that he reads and likes "The Passing Day," asks if East Texas molasses is not—may he have said or not—good enough to get a notice in this column. He denies that he is seeking publicity for the saccharineous East Texas product and since his letter was not accompanied by any substantial evidence of the goodness of it, the writer is inclined to take him at his word. About the Passing Day Man knows about the Hyblacan qualities of East Texas molasses was learned by looking at some highly colored labels that Henry Edwards, the Troup editor and printer, once showed him. The labels looked good. The truth is that the writer thinks East Texans have been entirely too selfish in withholding from the world information as to what sure-enough molasses—not syrup—tastes like.

If East Texas is making a molasses as good as the occasional references to it indicate, and it can be sold at a price within reach of the molasses-loving world, while at the same time leaving a profit to the growers or makers—whichever it may be—then East Texas should start an organized movement to make the m-l world sit up and take notice of what it is doing. There isn't a child anywhere, and only an occasional man or woman, that doesn't cry for molasses now and then, an East Texas should make a business of stopping the tears. Don't be afraid of publicity. It takes that, and a lot of it, to do anything worthwhile these days. Remember, though, that publicity is something that has to be sought, and sometimes bought, and that it seldom hunts up a product and makes it famous. Tell the world what you have, and proclaim it in a way to be remembered.

Samuel Gompers, the great labor leader, has gone to receive the full reward for his life spent in the service of others. He was truly a great man, and evidenced his greatness in his intense desire to better the condition of the masses. That the people loved him was shown by the fact that in spite of all the criticisms brought against him they continued to entrust him with their leadership. They had faith in Gompers. He may have made mistakes—for no man is perfect—but his sincerity and honesty were never doubted even by those not in accord with his policies. The work of a man like Gompers never dies; it will live to continue to bless the world. Those who take up his labors will build on the foundation he has constructed.

A recent report of the State Board of Health contains the startling announcement that the board had discovered twenty cases of misbranding and eight cases of adulteration of coffee in a survey limited to firms engaged in roasting coffee in wholesale quantities. The report further stated that at least half of the plants inspected were not properly prepared for cleaning coffee. The board has secured promises to correct conditions complained of, but that does not atone

Compliments of the Season



Mirth to you, cheer to you, Joy to you, peace to you,
Gladness be near you, Love never ceases to you,
Friends very dear to you, Riches increase to you
On Christmas Day, Ever and aye.
—ELIZABETH INGHAM

We are grateful for the Spirit of Christmas, for the good things of the year that is going, for the Good-will, the Friendliness, the Cooperation, You have-given Us.

Our Friendship and Good-Will comes back to you ten fold.

We wish You and Yours "A Merry Christmas"! and a New Year Filled with Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Wadley-Wilson Co.

Peace Officers Are On The Job

Local peace officers have been constantly on the watch for law violations all along, and several instances have been reported to show good results lately.

These quiet officers are not seeking publicity and are working strictly to accomplish law enforcement. They are making a success of it.

To prevent any out of the ordinary trouble during the holidays, they are prepared to look after the entire territory that comes under their jurisdiction.

The law abiding people of Midland, and most of them are of that sort, are solidly behind the officers.

Housing Situation Is Serious Here

Midland has come into a time when every house in town is occupied, and quite a few of them are sheltering more than one family.

This condition is the result of a steady influx of people. Perhaps many of these people will eventually go to near by farms, and it is likely that there will be more people coming into the town as fast as they do that.

It looks as if the standstill of building which has been experienced for quite a while will turn into a constructive building program, as rent property is beginning to pay better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cole and children are in town this week doing their Christmas shopping.

FIRE INSURANCE TWO AND A HALF CENTURIES OLD

This year marks the two hundred and fifty-eighth anniversary of the birth of fire insurance. Originated by Dr. Nicholus Barbon following the tremendous conflagration that devastated London in 1666, it has since become interwoven with the whole fabric of society.

The public seldom stops to realize that without insurance against fire commerce in its modern proportions could never have become a fact, since it is based on credit that insurance safeguards against disaster. Nor could our enormous cities have been built because no one would lend money on real estate unless the security for his loan were adequately protected.

Fire insurance constitutes a method whereby the contributions of the many indemnify the comparatively few who suffer loss, and in safeguarding enterprise and thrift, insurance creates a peace of mind that has a psychological yet fundamental effect on public welfare and progress.

Misses Evelyn Scarborough and Lela Mary Heard arrived Saturday from Abilene to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents. They are attending Simmons College this year.

Fisher Pollard was down from Andrews the first of the week.



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Your Joys Added—Your Sorrows Subtracted—
Your Worries Divided and Your Happiness Multiplied With Success.

The Midland National Bank

for the harm already done the public, if the findings of the inspectors are correct. A concern that misbrands or adulterates any food product should be prosecuted and exposed. These practices are harmful to the public and work a hardship on honest concerns that will not resort to such methods.

The Christmas spirit is fast taking the place of Christmas spirits, so popular in the pre-Volstead days. It is a very indifferent sort of person who does not open his heart and his purse at the Christmas season. Whatever may be said as to the evils that have followed the World War, it must be admitted that the people generally are more sympathetic toward those in distress and more generous in the aid of suffering. A comparative study of the Christmas of today with that of even a quarter of a century ago must bring anyone to the conclusion that at heart the world is getting better, and that the Christ spirit is more evident.

An evangelist is passing through Texas on his way to California and is proclaiming that the world will come to an end February 6, 1925. He expects to be in California at that time. Doubtless his reason for not tarrying in Texas is that he would be so in love with the State that he would be reluctant to leave it for the next world.

Miss Hanson Married On Christmas Eve

Miss Leon Hanson, Midland High School's efficient English teacher during the past term, was married on Christmas Eve, to Mr. Oscar C. Harper, of El Paso.

Miss Hanson was one of the best teachers that the local high school Midland with the highest of regard has ever had on the staff, and leaves from the school board.

Although she was in Midland only three months, and looked strictly to the duties of her profession, she had time to make many friends, and all of them wish her the greatest of happiness.

The following clipping from one of the El Paso papers will be of interest to her many friends:

Oscar Cole Harper, American Vice Consul, and Miss Leon Hanson of

Dallas will be married Christmas Eve at Trinity Methodist Church.

Mr. Harper admitted yesterday that this is the culmination of a romance that began in childhood in Dallas.

Arrangements for the ceremony will be completed following the arrival of the bride-to-be Saturday morning.

Miss Hanson, who is a talented musician, was graduated from Kiddy Key college at Sherman and the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, where she specialized in music. She is a member of the Tri Delta sorority.

Her parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Hanson, reside in Pasadena, Calif. Mr. Harper is widely known in El Paso. He has been in the consular service for seven years. He resides with his mother, Mrs. Oma Harper, at 1219 East Yandell Boulevard.

FARMERS TAKE NOTICE

Five years ago, one Montana range that served about 20 stockmen had almost that many kinds of beef stock; their calves were piebald, mongrel brutes that always brought the bottom prices—where there were any calves to sell. Then the ranchers got together, bought several carloads of pedigreed Hereford bulls, and sold off or shot the other breeding stock. The result has been a 100-per cent increase in the calf crop; a 100-per cent increase in the finished steer price; and the ranchers need no laws to make them money. The plan of standardizing fruit, grain, livestock or poultry production for any locality, is the road to financial salvation.

RADIO IMPROVEMENTS RAPIDLY DEVELOPED

The third annual Radio Exposition was recently held in the Grand Central Palace, New York. Those who watched to see who collected the greatest number of advertising pamphlets and asked the most questions found that boys from ten to eighteen years old were in the lead.

The most powerful loud speaker in the world was demonstrated by the General Electric Company. It has a range of five miles and is designed for use in parks and large auditoriums.

Radio and the loud speaker are going to make it possible for the student and thinker to compete for political honors with the leather-lunged orator of the past who had all the advantage in reaching the public ear through the spoken word.

With unified systems and high-powered broadcasting the public will receive increasing service from radio.

Radio Fan Gets Diverse Points

R. E. Estes, with his five tube-neutrodyne, listened in on Mexico City one night last week, and the broadcaster stated that he was sitting before an electric fan with orange blossoms in his room.

Twenty seconds later Mr. Estes got Manitoba, Canada, and the operator complained that he was so cold he would soon have to quit his broadcasting. Mr. Estes estimates that the two points were something like 3,000 miles apart.

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Her Christmas Wedding

By Emily Burks Adams



GRANDMOTHER, tell us a real Christmas story—one you really experienced. Tell us the very best Christmas you ever had—

Julia and Juanita, grandmother's adored granddaughters, settled themselves, for, to them, no one could tell stories equal to grandma.

"All right, girls, that won't be hard. The very best Christmas I ever had was my wedding day. I was married on Christmas day and the most precious gift I ever received was your grandfather."

"Well, it was like this: Our Christmases and weddings were very different from now. My wedding dress was a pretty calico, the first I ever had, and cost one dollar a yard. Up to this time I had worn woolsey, we called them, and I spun and wove it. My mother was afraid I'd take cold, so I had to wear my calico over the wool one. We didn't have hope boxes then—we had hopes, though. It was a disgrace for a girl to marry and not possess a feather bed and some quilts and a pair of home-made blankets. I had all these, to be sure.

"My worst worry was for fear Peg's cakes would be flat, for she had a habit of spoiling cakes by making them too rich, when she wanted them especially good. I, too, wanted the plum pudding just so, and the turkeys properly cooked—in case we got any-

for my father had to go to the woods and kill wild turkey."

"Oh! grandma, how thrilling! Did you get a turkey?"

"Yes, your grandfather came in with six. Peg cooked four, for we were expecting all the kinfolks from both sides of the house. This was the day before, and our kinfolks began coming that evening, for some lived ten miles and it was too far for the oxen to make the trip in time next morning. Oh, yes, we drove oxen—and I much prefer them to these human-killing automobiles of today.

Both Julia and Juanita laughed. "Oh, do go on, grandma!"

"Well, we were to be married at high noon Christmas day, so by ten



o'clock Christmas Eve our feather beds were full. We didn't try to put more than six in one bed—three at the head and three at the foot—beds were made on the floor all over the house, and we slept as soundly as you on your fine box springs of today, and nothing disturbed us only an occasional snore, and that wasn't half as bothersome as the sputtering of these flying machines.

"Well, the next day dawned fair, and I think everybody said 'Happy is the bride the sun shines on.' Peg assured me the cakes were fine and turkeys tender. The great, long table was 'set' and we were married under a bough of mistletoe—and your grandfather kissed me for the first time. I'm sure no girl of today can say that. Everybody shook my hand and wished me much joy and we all went to dinner. Your grandfather and I ate at the first table; most of the women waited, for in those times the men always ate first. I suppose it was proper then; anyway, they did.

"The next day we drove over to your grandpa's home for the infare,

and had another big dinner, and I had a cheaper calico. I called it my second-day dress. We visited my folks and his folks about a week and then took our belongings in an ox-cart to



our home, four miles away—a one-room log house built by grandpa. Your mother was born there.

"That was a great Christmas, and we were happier in one room than those in mansions today."

"Oh, that was a great day! Yes, it was truly Christ's day and Christ's way. The same Savior reigned then as now, and he has the same message—I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also.

"Good night, girls, grandma must retire. Tomorrow is Christmas day, but sixty-seven years ago I received a gift better than any I'll get tomorrow. I'll be with father before another Christmas rolls around and there'll be another great Christmas and the same Christ will reign. Good night, dears."

to question the real date of Christ's birth.

The Western empire had accepted December 25 as the date, and the Eastern churches celebrated January 6, while other dates from September 29 to May 20 were observed, and each of these with some good reason for its selection. It was Pope Julius who finally settled the controversy by accepting the ruling of the Western church and established December 25, and by the middle of the Fourth century this date was generally recognized. In the pagan nations this had been the time when a festival of joy took place, because it was then that the sun was supposed to begin to recede from the equator.

They celebrated the 21st of December by all manner of licentious revels and heathen debauchery, and even after the coming of Christianity it was centuries before these pagan customs and practices were eliminated. And it was not until after the Middle Ages that the meaning and the significance of the season began to dawn upon the minds and hearts of men.

In old England Christmas became a time of feasting, drinking and hilarious merrymaking—not a very advanced conception, but a step beyond the pagan idea. Later the spirit of Puritanism began to influence English customs and public seal ran so high that all gayety and all festivity came to be considered sinful.

All observances of special days were declared designed by the "devil," and the famous Roundhead parliament set aside the celebration of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide.

For twelve years no special days were observed in England, and when they were once more taken back into favor the result was what might have been expected, for the Christmas season became a time of feasting, drinking, dancing and wild revel, lasting for twelve days and nights. The lord of manor came into existence—this was the chosen master of festivities, into whose hands the keys of the house were given and whose word was law while the revel lasted. The days and nights were full of "all manner of hilarity, and a most wild and merrie time was had," we are told.

W. F. Cowden and Buck York left for Mineral Wells Saturday, and will spend the Christmas holidays there.

The Stockholders and Employees

of the

MIDLAND HARDWARE CO.

Wish Their Customers and Friends

a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

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Throughout the Year 1925

ANDREWS MAN GETS FARM NEWS PUBLICITY

FRANK WILSON PROVES TO BE GOOD NEWS WRITER.

In last Friday's edition of the Semi-Weekly Farm News, the interesting story printed below appeared, written by F. S. Wilson, a progressive citizen of Andrews.

Andrews County is making quite a name as a farming country, and such publicity will be of great benefit to it.

The story follows:
Andrews County Offers Fine Opportunities

F. S. Wilson, Andrews, Texas
Andrews County borders New Mexico. I came here sixteen years ago. I expected to see cowboys so wild they had horns, but they were far from that. They are the most free-hearted boys you ever met. It was strictly a cow country. Cows began to rise in value till they reached \$100 a head, and everybody wanted to be a cowman. Now cows bring from \$15 to \$25.

You can see what happened to the cowman. He used to discourage farming here, but now is willing to divide his land with farmers, and at reasonable prices and on good terms, because farmers who came here last fall, bought \$15 land and made from \$25 to \$35 worth of cotton per acre has proven that the farmer is a safe bet.

Andrews County has all kinds of soils, from loose sand to tight catclaw land. Farmers want catclaw and tight shinary land for cotton. The loose shinary is fine for melons, corn and small grain. The whole county is fine for all kinds of fruit and vegetables. Farmers sold on the local market this week turnips that weighed over six pounds.

Farmers, why try to buy \$200 land in the crowded East when you can buy as fine a land as you could wish for within one mile of the courthouse for \$16 to \$20 an acre on easy terms? The famous C ranch is being cut up into farms. There are 226,000 acres of it, most of it being in Andrews

County.

We have a good three-teacher school, good churches, fine climate, and the finest of water to be found anywhere at 70 to 100 feet depth. Farmers are invited to visit our county and see for themselves.

Geologist Here To Look For Potash

Joseph Ullman is in Midland this week gathering data relative to West Texas potash. He made a trip to the Jax M. Cowden section, where the famous Texas Development No. 1 brought in what is claimed to be a good showing of potash.

Ullman is consulting geologist of the Texas-American Syndicate, owners of 11,000 acres of land near the Cowden ranch in Crane County. He says his company is contemplating making a potash test.

Miss Clifford Heath and Mrs. J. Wiley Taylor arrived Sunday afternoon from Austin, and are spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Billie Rankin and Leon McDurmon are in from the oil fields in Best this week.

Dates Set For Distributing Poison

Five hundred ounces of strychnine alkaloid ordered by the Midland County commissioners court for free distribution to farmers and ranchers arrived Monday. The three pounds of saccharine to be mixed with the strychnine arrived last week.

This poison will be distributed to ranchers and farmers proportionate to the number of acres they own or control. Ranchers and farmers will get an order from County Agent J. B. Snider on Neblett's Drug Store or the City Drug Store, and these institutions will issue the poison free of charge until the first 500 ounces is exhausted.

Two weeks time for every rancher and farmer to get his share of the free poison has been allotted. The time for obtaining the poison will begin Jan. 5 and end Jan. 17. If there is any poison left undistributed at the end of that time, a re-issue will be made to people who have already received the strychnine. The man who fails to obtain his share of the free poison between Jan. 5 and Jan. 17 will be assumed to have not wanted any.

Ector County Today

Has more to offer to those looking for Farms, Ranches or other Investments than most any other section of the United States, or of America. Our Farms, Ranch lands, and Mineral Properties have made, are making, and will continue to make, investors rich. My eleven years residence here, and experience in handling both large and small deals, fits me for being of service to you.

We grow successfully, cotton, corn, maize, Kaffirs, Sorghums, Fruits, potatoes, and melons, and our gardens can not be beat. Many of our farm lands produce more than enough the first year in cultivation to pay for the land.

We are located on the south end of the Plains, below the early Frost line. Our altitude is just the happy medium, climate fine and healthy. We have plenty of good water at 40 or 100 feet, cool and refreshing. Come and get you a home where lands are advancing yearly, and among the best people in the world.

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Our Christmas Wishes



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And if for cold it hap to die,
We'll bury 't in a Christmas pie.
And ever more be merry.

As the year 1924 passes out of existence, we sincerely thank our patrons for their valuable support.

We desire to make our store even more deserving of your confidence and patronage during the New Year.

Midland Mercantile Co.

Reduced Rates on Dallas News

The time has been extended to Jan. 1, 1925. Why not make your friend or yourself a Christmas present of the best paper in Texas? The Dallas News, both daily and Sunday, for only

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1924

OUT GOES 1924

Ere another issue of the Midland Reporter reaches its readers, the present year shall have passed out.

The year 1924 has been a rare one. Taking the world as a whole, science and education have taken remarkable stages of advancement.

Invention has seen results that would have been as unreal as a fairy tale a few years ago.

Nationally, the government has undergone some severe tests. Without speaking for any one political party, it appears that the people of the United States have voiced their disapproval of radical measures in government, and have declared themselves for sound principals.

In our own State, although there have been no extraordinary epoch making events (except the election of a woman governor), the affairs of business, education, and general development have seen some constructive steps.

Coming closer, we see great things that have been done in our own little community. A sewer system has been put under construction in the town of Midland, many new citizens have moved into the county, agricultural development has seen a new era.

The steps that have been taken in community development now call for greater efforts. The year 1925 will see remarkable changes in the county and in the town of Midland, as well as in the country adjacent to it.

The steady influx of new citizens will call for improvements of local

institutions and expansion of the various facilities.

Are we ready for the busy year? Let's say "Yes" and put our shoulders to the wheel.

Reporter Comes Out Earlier This Week

In the midst of the Christmas rush of business that is being enjoyed by the merchants of Midland, The Midland Reporter is coming out two days early, absolutely clearing the shop before Christmas Day.

This has caused much night work on the part of the Reporter force, and they will take a well earned rest. They are deeply thankful to the merchants who brought in their ads early this week, allowing the work to go ahead without delay.

House and Furniture Completely Destroyed

In a blaze of unknown origin, about one o'clock Wednesday morning, the house occupied by J. Fred Collins was completely destroyed.

All of his furniture was lost, as there was no one at home. Mrs. Collins was in Toyah and Mr. Collins was sleeping at his father's house east of there.

The blaze was discovered by the Wimberleys, who lived adjacent to the burned house, and they turned in the alarm.

On account of the extreme cold weather, few fire fighters arrived on the scene, and many people knew nothing about it until daylight. Only the natural pressure from the water mains was used, and the house was a total loss.

The house belonged to Mrs. Cahill, of El Paso, and was her home several years ago when she lived in Midland.

Both the house and the furniture were partially covered by fire insurance.

Paul T. Vickers left Wednesday evening for Godley, where he will visit his parents for a few days. Mrs. Vickers, who left several days evening for Godley, where he will join him at Abilene and go on to Godley with him.

COMPULSORY AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

This subject will undoubtedly receive considerable attention at the hands of future lawmaking bodies. It is a subject deserving of serious consideration but it may be seized upon by advocates of state socialism as a vehicle for inaugurating their schemes of public ownership of industry.

There may be sound reasons for the state requiring automobile owners to carry liability insurance to protect the public in case of accidents, but there is no sound argument for demanding that the state go into the liability insurance business in order to furnish such protection.

Compulsory automobile liability insurance operated without state fund interference but entirely through the agency of recognized insurance companies is termed an unqualified success as operated in Switzerland.

The fact that in a number of states and insurance fund is maintained in connection with workmen's compensation insurance, is no excuse for extending the system which is in itself contrary to American ideals of government.

Let the state pass its laws protecting workmen or the public and provide what damages they shall be entitled to in case of injury. Then let the state see that these laws are complied with through the channels of private business.

It has all the regulatory and police power at its command. If it is not capable of enforcing its laws and regulations, it is not capable of operating business or industry. If it is capable of enforcing its laws and regulations, it is not necessary for the state operate business or industry.

Let legislators and lawmakers beware of new schemes to put the state into business.

Cold Weather Made Quick Come-Back

The cold weather which began to moderate on Monday made a quick return Tuesday afternoon, when the temperature began to fall rapidly.

Notice of an approaching cold wave was received by a local bank early in the day and the wave itself followed close behind.

A Christmas Prayer

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG

SWEET Child of Peace, across the ancient strife Bringing glad melody of angel psalm, Our hearts are restless with the care of life— O, bring to us Thy calm!

Dear Lord of Love, the world is waiting still The high achievement of Thy gracious plan; O, grant us Thine all-conquering good will Thy loving faith in man!

Master of Death, Thy greatest gift is yet— To know Thy sacrifice, to share Thy feast in the mirth of Christmas we forget The glory of the Cross.

Phone O. B. Price, of Colorado, for Hudson Coach, delivered in Midland, \$1560; Essex Coach, \$1050.

THE CLOWN'S CHRISTMAS

By Mary Graham Bonner

FOR YEARS he had been funny. For years he had painted his face, worn funny clothes and had made jokes.

He had traveled first of all in this country with a road circus. Then, when the road circus was going out of business, more or less, he joined a road circus abroad.

And now he was very old. But every afternoon and every night for ten months of the year he made jokes. He was in a small circus, too, so sometimes he had to take other parts.

The performing fox terriers acted with him. They were his pets. And how he loved them. How could some people be unkind to their pets?

Not the old clown. There was the donkey, too. When he paid too much attention to the dogs the donkey came along and gave him a push to tell him that the donkey, too, wanted some attention.

And now he had planned to have a holiday. A long holiday. He would take a little place and with his donkey and his fox terriers they would rest after their work.

They would not join the circus another year. They were all old. How tired he had become after some of the performances that year. He had washed his face in the basin



of cold water outside his wagon and had not even bothered to get off all the makeup.

The water was cold. It was hard to heat water after the performance was over, and only a little of the paint came off—only a little cold-looking pink water was at the bottom of the basin.

But the dogs didn't mind. They slept on the end, or by the side of his cot in his wagon. They jumped in after him each evening, and they each kissed him good night. They didn't mind paint. They were used to it.

Oh, yes, he would take a long, long holiday. He would rest on the little he had managed to save. It would be enough for him and his pets.

But as the days passed along he seemed to feel rested and the pets seemed to have new vigor and strength. It was splendid to feel rested again. A family had invited him to Christmas dinner—and he had accepted and he had asked, too, if he could come with his donkey and bring his dogs along. They, he said, would help put on a little show for the children.

It was all agreed. But when Christmas afternoon came and the Christmas dinner was over, and the old clown was beginning his show for the children, he knew then that he could never take more than a few months' holiday from being a clown.

The laughter and the delight and the shrieks and the cries of joy from the children were things the old clown could not get along without.

This Christmas had shown him that!

BAPTIST WOMEN SEEK \$22,000,000

SACRIFICIAL EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO RAISE THEIR FULL SUBSCRIPTION TO 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

NEW PROGRAM PLANNED

Provision Made For Support Of General Causes Through Canvass of Members November 30—December 7.

Under the leadership of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist women of the South are seeking to raise \$7,000,000 in additional



MISS KATHLEEN MALLORY Corresponding Secretary, Baptist Women's Missionary Union

cash between now and the end of the year for the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, thus matching their subscriptions in 1919, when the program was launched, with actual payments. It is announced at Baptist headquarters. The women were asked to assume responsibility for \$15,000,000, or one fifth of the goal of the Campaign, but their subscriptions went far beyond this.

Their original goal of \$15,000,000 in cash had been reached by the women June 1, 1924, and under the leadership of Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, they are making extra efforts to meet their pledges as well as their quota. Thousands of Baptist women throughout the South are practicing self-denial in many ways in order to make special contributions to the missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises embraced in the Campaign while other thousands who have already paid out their subscriptions are making special thank offerings that the goal may be reached. Reports indicate that thousands of Baptist men as well will redeem their subscriptions in full during this year.

Large Results Obtained

Indicating some of the results that had been realized from the Campaign up to May 1, 1924, the general headquarters reports that the foreign mission force has been increased over 100 per cent, while as many persons have been baptized on the foreign fields in the five years of the Campaign as there were church members there at the outset of this program after 75 years of missionary effort. In the realm of home missions the 1,170 workers report the baptism of 203,532 persons, organization of 1,095 new churches and 3,383 new Sunday schools, and the completion of the \$1,000,000 Church Building Loan Fund.

An average of 2,734 state mission workers have been employed during the Campaign who report 240,636 baptisms, organization of 1,546 churches and 3,035 Sunday schools, and the erection or repair of 2,331 houses of worship. Into the 113 Southern Baptist schools, colleges and seminaries the Campaign has put \$7,528,485 in permanent improvements, \$2,810,420 in maintenance, and \$2,732,231 in endowment, while \$1,277,021 has been employed in the cancellation of outstanding debts.

Old Preachers Aided

As a result of the Campaign more than 1,000 aged preachers and their dependent ones have been helped; \$4,464,000 has been put into 19 Baptist orphanages caring for 4,000 homeless boys and girls; while the number of Baptist hospitals in the South has been increased from 12 to 24.

In order that there may be no let-up in the support of the general missionary and other causes fostered by the denomination at the close of the 75 Million Campaign, plans have been perfected for the projection of the 1925 Program with the week of November 30-December 7, when an every-member canvass will be made of the 28,000 Baptist churches of the South for the support of state, home and foreign missions, Christian education, ministerial relief, hospitals and orphanages next year. These are the same interests that have been embraced in the Campaign but they will be supported in the future on the basis of annual subscriptions from the members of the churches rather than on a five-year pledge.

Work On Lee Heard Lane Is Completed

Work on the dump that has been thrown up down the Lee Heard lane has been completed within the last few days, and it is believed that a first class road has been made out of what was formerly a draw.

The road was formerly almost impassable during extreme wet weather.

Carl Aiken was among the Odessa visitors in Midland Monday.

SURVEY DIRECTOR UPHOLDS TEACHERS

CONDEMNS NECESSITY OF DISCOUNTING PAY CHECKS TO OBTAIN CASH.

Texas has no right to expect its teachers to carry a burden of interest by discounting their pay checks. It is unfair for teachers to have to wait considerable periods before having the pay checks cashed, or to have to discount them for immediate cash. Authorities should not only be allowed but should be required to use their borrowing power in order to give teachers their full salary when due.

So declares Dr. George A. Works, director of the Texas School Survey, who states that it is an altogether too common thing in Texas for teachers to have to go to local banks or individuals and put up their salary checks as collateral or otherwise be at considerable expense to get ready cash. Thousands of dollars are lost to Texas teachers annually in this wise, bringing about a great deal of dissatisfaction on the part of the teachers who, thus lose a part of their already meager earnings.

Negro and Mexican Schools

Districts should not be free to use apportionments based on Mexican and negro scholastics without definitely caring for the education of these people, declares a second phase of the report. There is no uniform plan of educational practices in arranging for Mexican and negro scholastics, it was found, as individual districts within the same county varied their methods. Some provide adequately levying a local tax in addition to the state apportionment—others the apportionments were used for the white schools.

Crime and poverty will follow such a policy of haphazard treatment of these scholastics, thinks Dr. Works, who points out that the state as a whole must take the consequences flowing from the failure of many communities to provide adequate schools for all the children.

Ray Camp Thanks Papers of State

Ray M. Camp, director of publicity for the Texas State Teachers Association, in a letter to The Midland Reporter states that the weekly papers of Texas have been of untold value to his organization during the past year in giving space to matters that are of great interest to the upbuilding of the school systems of Texas.

Mr. Camp states that the news service will be greatly improved in 1925; in keeping with the progressive steps of the educational institutions.

Midland people commend their former citizen for his constructive work in his present field.

S. M. Francis returned the first of the week from Fort Worth, where he took a shipment of cattle to market. He reports some mighty cold weather in that part of the state.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FRUIT TREES—Nursery stock of all kinds, suitable to this section. I represent the Ramsey Nursery, of Austin. Let me take your order now for fall delivery.—V. C. Ray, Midland, Texas.

FOR SALE: 680 acres in Games and Andrews County, section 5A30. Good for stock farming. Well drilled on same.—Eugene Stevens, Box 487, Bisbee, Arizona. 10-8tp

FOR SALE: A few Plymouth Rock Pullets and hens, a typewriter, a heater (coal), a Vose piano, and also would sell my home for \$2750, which is now rented furnished for \$32.50 per month, reserving two rooms.—J. H. Wilhite, Phone 261. 10-7

WANTED: Cotton farmers to plant five hundred acres in cotton. Either third and fourth or halves. 15 miles south of Seminole. Address W. C. Sherrod, 1004 Bluff st., Wichita Falls, Texas. 11-4p

RHODE Island Red Roosters for sale.—E. R. Leonard, Phone 362. 11-4tp

FOR SALE at all times.—Good Jersey cows or heifers. Also good pigs and shoats. See them at my house.—John Waddell. 12-1f

FOR SALE—White Wyandottes for table use.—Mrs. W. H. Spaulding, Phone 372. 12-3tp

HOUSE FOR SALE: Five room bungalow, newly furnished. Has two porches, good garage, barn and fruit trees. Easy terms. Two blocks from business section.—G. H. Cowden, 18-1f

ALFALFA HAY: I have 1000 tons of alfalfa for \$1.25 per bale. Best two story house north of South Side School.—Robert Curtis. 13-4p

FOUND: Firestone Tire. For particulars call at Reporter Office. Owner may pay \$5 for this ad.

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Clifford & M. R. Hill

NECESSARY TO SAVE ALL SURPLUS POWER

CLOSE COOPERATION OBSERVED BY CITIZENS. HILL'S MOTORS PUMP WATER.

Conserve on electricity from now on till the new engine is installed about Feb. 1.

That's the advice of Chief Engineer Shields of the Southern Ice and Utilities Company, who is here to take charge of machinery in the local plant.

Mr. Shields advises Midland people to turn off every electric light not actually needed, and to turn off cook stoves and motors the minute their work is finished. He points out that the plant is loaded to maximum capacity, and that every light off lightens the load.

"Unless people conserve electricity, the plant is liable to suffer a complete breakdown any minute and the people will be forced to do without. It is better to be economical with the current now than to run the liability of being cut off altogether. It will be impossible to remedy the local situation fully until the new 300-horsepower engine is installed about Feb. 1," Engineer Shields declared.

Mr. Shields said that there had been some criticism because the gin continued to run. He declared that the Bob Hill gin would have been cut off long ago if Mr. Hill's loss were the only consideration. "We continue to operate this gin when we can because we are protecting the farmers, and when we protect the farmers we are protecting Midland, because this cotton will be hauled away from here, and much of it sold elsewhere unless it is ginned here."

It is pointed out that as a matter of fact, Mr. Hill is losing money all the time. He says he would make money to close down now. His motors and men saved the city from being without water Friday. The gin has been run at night or in snatches when power could be obtained. Mr. Hill's employes have spent several entire nights assisting the light plant workmen in repairing the light plant machinery, and thereby assured the

people of electric current. Farmers, as well as Midland people, have suffered, by not having power to get their cotton ginned. The emergency measures taken Friday, Saturday and Sunday were to relieve a crisis facing the farmers in getting their cotton ginned. Fifty to sixty bales had accumulated. Part of it had been waiting three days, and some of it came from Odeasa.

Midland people showed a fine spirit and showed good business sense in sacrificing their own due of current to aid the framers in getting their cotton ginned.

Midland Weather More Favorable

Midland's climate is more favorable than that of many towns in the surrounding country, especially those a little farther north.

For the week ending December 16, Midland's highest temperature was 80 degrees and the lowest was 20 degrees.

In Amarillo, the highest was 70 and the lowest was 12. In Lubbock, the highest was 74 and the lowest was 6. In Snyder, the highest was 70 and the lowest was 48. In Spur the highest was 78 and the lowest was 18. In Carlsbad, N. M., the highest was 76 and the lowest was 18.

J. Wiley Taylor Jr., Wade Heath and Carroll Hill returned from Austin Sunday morning, where they have been in State University, and are enjoying the Christmas festivities in their respective homes.

Miss Oriel Horton arrived the first of the week from Denton, where she attends C. I. A., and is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

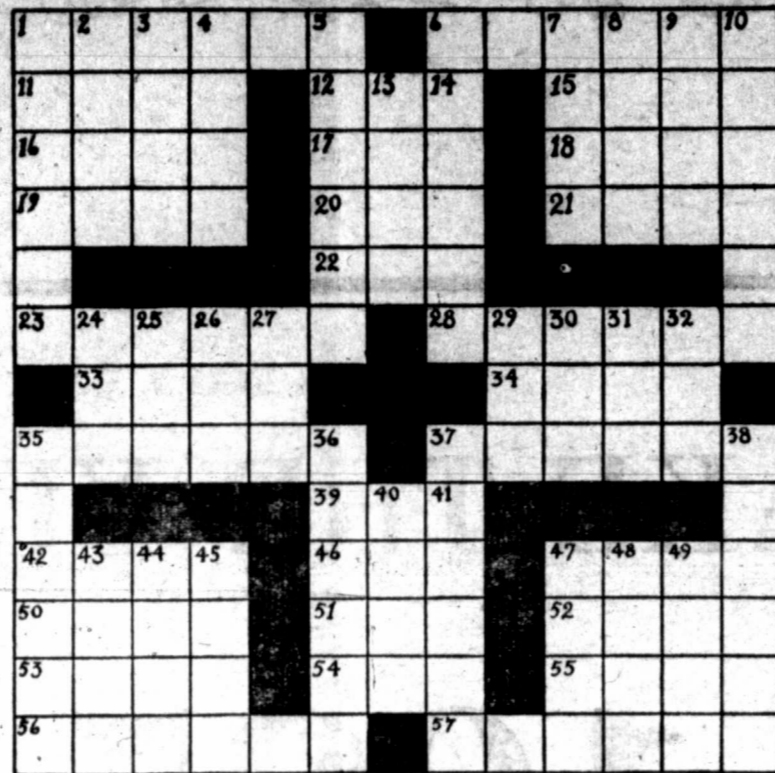
Herman Klapproth arrived the first of the week from Austin, where he is attending the State University.

Chas. Watson arrived Monday from Roswell, where he attends N. M. M. L., and is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Leslie Floyd arrived Monday from Wilmington, Cal., and will visit his family for two or three weeks. He has been in California for the last eighteen months.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 3 "THE FOUR ANGLES"

Here's a dandy puzzle for beginners and for old hands at the game. Several unkeyed letters, but only one technical name and one abbreviation. These facts and its all-over interlock make it not such a hard one after all.



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The solution will appear in next issue.

Cross Word Prize To S. Dewey Stokes

It looked like a "frame-up" for Dewey Stokes to offer a prize one week, then come along and win one the next week; but he got in third this last week, and happened to have the correct solution to puzzle No. 2.

Curtis Nance also worked it exactly right, but was number six in the order of turning in his solution.

Several others missed only one solvers found a word "Cabire" that principal draw-back, and some of the solvers found a word "Cabrie" that fit the same definition, so they cannot be blamed for making the wrong entry.

Harry Neblett, Mrs. E. F. Cowden, J. V. Stokes Jr., Ora Mae Terry, Ray Gwyn, F. C. Garrison, Lucille Thomas, Lotta Williams, Merritt Hines, and Miss Lillie B. Williams also came near working the puzzle right, but missed on one or two letters each.

Annual Election To Be Held In January

Annual election of directors of the Midland County Chamber of Commerce will be held Jan. 27. The original plan of electing the directors at a banquet had to be abandoned because of the large membership. All of the more than 400 members are invited to participate in the election which will be held at the courthouse. It is hoped to have a speaker of note present, and the president and secretary will make their annual reports.

The annual banquet will be held Jan. 30, according to present plans. This will be open to the entire membership who purchase tickets. The first 80, or thereabout, who apply for reservations will be entitled to the banquet. The banquet will be open to members and their wives. Porter Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has been invited to speak.

Miss Theresa Klapproth arrived the first of the week from Mason, where she is teaching school this year.

Miss Hattie Mae Trammell arrived the first of the week from Denton, where she is attending C. I. A.

Jay Floyd came in Saturday from College Station, where he is attending the A. and M. College. He is spending the holidays with his family.

Jim Flanigan got in from Georgetown Saturday to spend the holidays with his family.

Miss Gladys Buchanan arrived the first of the week from Houston, where she has been attending business college.

Solution of Puzzle No. 2

CENTRAL BASSO
ALERT CELLO R
BURY JELLY SO
ADO FULLY LEA
LE BADLY SEAS
A DRUGS DEALT
PEASE SEEKS
SLANT SLEDS S
LAND STEMS TO
ITS MARES SOL
E TULIP LOUD
E BICEP FALSE
REEKS LADDER

Mrs. J. Tom White and Miss Thelma White are in town for the holidays, having been on the ranch for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Preston were in from the ranch the first of the week, their three daughters having come out for the holidays.

Misses Lorraine Davis and Louise Paulus arrived Sunday from Dallas. Miss Paulus is to be in Miss Davis' wedding on December 31.

Col. James C. Rhea arrived Monday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been under treatment since his recent injury. He is spending Christmas with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Rhea.

John Ballew, and his wife who was formerly Miss Brookie Lee, are here this week from Hot Wells, spending the Christmas holidays with the R. D. Lees.

Miss Carolyn Caldwell came in Saturday from El Paso to spend the holidays with her people.

Miss Margaret Caldwell came in Saturday from Denton, and is spending the holidays with her family.

Miss Ina Beth Whitefield is at home for the holidays, having been in C. I. A. this year.

Will Terry and wife came in last week end from their ranch in Gaines County.

Miss Tommie Preston is at home for the holidays, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Preston.

William Arnett is at home for the holidays from Big Spring, where he attends school.

M. L. Moody, with his wife and baby, are spending the holidays in Sweetwater, with relatives.

J. E. Conner, superintendent of the Odessa public schools, was a business visitor to Midland last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Witcher were in from the ranch the first of the week, shopping.



WE EXTEND
OUR BEST
WISHES FOR
A

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

H. J. NEBLETT, DRUGS

WHY AN EDITORIAL COLUMN?

"The journalist who does nothing but paddle along with public opinion without breathing the current of popular error, is of no value—none whatever,"—James Goodhue. Commenting on this statement of that versatile newspaper publisher, Will Curtis, former treasurer of the National Editorial Association, says: "Every newspaper worthy of the name should aspire to be of the utmost service and help to its community. It can only do this if it directs the thought of the community and helps to crystallize public sentiment on worthy objects.

"The editor cannot make himself a force for good in the community unless he expresses his convictions thru his paper.

"It is through the editorial column that he gives character to his paper. Papers with an outstanding editorial policy that are fair in their editorials, clear and able on the issues before the people, do wield an influence over other editors, and in that way multiply their power for good.

"The editor of the country weekly, because he is known to the majority of his readers, has the rare opportunity to be a leader for all that is good in his community. If he would measure up to what is expected of him, if he would be the power for good that he should be in his community, he will make his impress every week in the editorial column of his paper."

F. C. Garrison arrived the first of the week from Abilene, and is spending the Christmas holidays with the John M. Kings. His wife, formerly Miss Jessie King, has been here for two or three weeks.

Mrs. Jax M. Cowden and children, with Mrs. J. S. Day, left for San Antonio Monday afternoon, and will spend Christmas with the W. H. Cowdens. They made the trip in the Jax M. Cowden sedan.

Two articles about Midland were run in the last two issues of the Texas Commercial News, a magazine with a wide circulation, published at Sugarland, Texas. One of these articles occupied the first position in the magazine. It dealt with the development of Midland into a cotton country.

Evetts Haley and Miss Cora Mae Haley arrived Saturday from Canyon, where they have been in school again this year.

Mrs. J. S. Day came in from San Antonio last Saturday, to visit the Jax M. Cowdens.



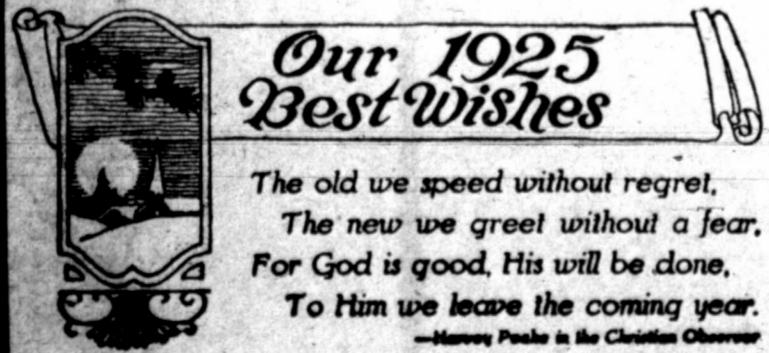
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For God is good, His will be done,
To Him we leave the coming year.

We are deeply appreciative of the support that has been accorded us by the People of Midland and the surrounding country.

We trust that as the old year goes out we will no longer be considered as Strangers in your midst, but will be a part of Midland, working for its future development.

May joy be yours during Christmas and the New Year.

Morrison's Variety Store



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To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon Marcia A. Rosebrook to making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1925, the same being the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1924, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1729, wherein W. W. Wimberly is plaintiff and Marcia A. Rosebrook is defendant, and said petition alleging that September 1, 1924, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of Lots 1 to 8, Block 113, Southern Addition to the town of Midland, holding the title to same in fee simple. That he and those under whom he claims have held said premises under deeds duly registered, and have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying the taxes thereon, for a period of more than five years next preceding September 1, 1924. That defendant's claim to said premises, though inferior and subordinate to plaintiff's claim, clouds plaintiff's title and disturbs his free use and enjoyment of said premises. Plaintiff prays for title, possession and full restitution and that defendant's claim be held void and of no force and effect.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this the 11th day of December, A. D. 1924.
C. B. Dunagan, Clerk.
District Court, Midland County, Texas. 11-4t

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon Midland Building Association, and the unknown stockholders thereof, if a corporation; and the unknown members, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs of said Midland Building Association, if a firm, partnership, or unincorporated association, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1925, the same being the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1924, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1748, wherein Mrs. A. A. Underwood and W. H. Underwood are Plaintiffs, and Midland Building Association et al are Defendants, and said petition alleging that the Plaintiffs on the 1st day of December, 1924, were lawfully seized and possessed of lot 6, Block 32, of the Original Town of Midland, situated in Midland County, Texas, holding the same in fee simple; that the title has long past passed out of the State, and that plaintiffs and those under whom they claim, have held peaceable and adverse possession of said lands, using and enjoying the same under deeds duly recorded constituting a regular chain of title for a period of more than 25 years next preceding the filing of said suit. That the defendants are setting up a claim to said lands by virtue of a deed executed by one George A. Knight about Nov. 22, 1884, attempting to convey said lands to Midland Building Association. That the claim of said Midland Building Association, though inferior to plaintiffs' claim, clouds plaintiffs' title and disturbs them in their free use, occupancy and enjoyment of said premises. Plaintiffs pray for judgment for title and for restitution of said premises and that defendants' claim be held for naught, cancelled and annulled.
Herein fail not but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Midland, on this the 8th day of December, A. D. 1924.
C. B. Dunagan, Clerk.
District Court, Midland County, Texas. 11-4

Weak Nervous
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CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic
I felt better after my first bottle. I had a better appetite. It seemed to strengthen and build me up. I am so glad to recommend Cardui for what it did for me. I haven't needed any medicine since I took Cardui, and I am feeling fine.
Nervousness, restlessness, sleeplessness—these symptoms so often are the result of a weak, run-down condition, and may develop more seriously if not treated in time.
If you are nervous and run-down, or suffering from some womanly weakness, take Cardui.
Sold everywhere. F-105

Dick Graves came in the first of the week from Fort Worth and is taking a few days vacation with his people here, after which he will return to T. C. U.
K. E. Nutt, who has been a member of every chamber of commerce organized in Midland for the past twenty years, has re-joined the present organization.

ORPHAN CHILDREN LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS

BUCKNER ORPHANS' HOME HAS
TASK OF BEING SANTA CLAUS
TO 700 CHILDREN.

LARGE GIFTS NECESSARY FOR DAILY SUPPORT

Three New Buildings for Coming
Year Goal of Home.

Right at this time more letters are being addressed to Santa Claus out at Buckner Orphans' Home, near Dallas, than to any other one person. Naturally that is to be expected—especially in a family where there are 700 children! And the wants of the children are various and multitudinous. One little fellow, who had secured the help of an older child to write his letter, dictated his wants to his little stenographer in the following words:
"Yes anything."
There was the customary assurance, of course, that he "had been a good boy" during the year.
Many communities, churches, and organizations in Texas are now making offerings in cash and in merchandise to send to Buckner Orphans' Home, so that these dependent children will have good cheer at Christmas time.

Cash Offerings Most Valuable.
Dr. Hal F. Buckner, one of the co-managers of the institution, in a special interview, emphasized the importance of making gifts to the home wherever possible. However, some communities are making up cart-load lots of merchandise, including groceries and clothing, and sending direct to the Home. These gifts are appreciated, but the purchasing power of the Home is greater than that of the individual, and where money is sent direct it can be used in the most economical way.

Five Hundred Dollars a Day to Run Home.

Outside of the responsibility of Buckner Orphans' Home to take care of the children on special occasions like Christmas, there is the ever-recurring need to provide for the daily needs of the children year in and year out.
It has been estimated that it takes approximately \$500 a day to care for the running expenses of the Home. For each child in the Home \$300 per year is necessary. This runs up a total bill of nearly \$200,000 a year, not including money needed for building and permanent improvements. This large amount must come entirely from the free-will offerings of the people of Texas, as the institution has only a very small endowment.

83,000 Loaves of Bread to Feed Children.

Some idea of the great task it is to feed 700 children for one year's time may be gained from the following figures:
83,000 loaves of bread; 34,000 rolls; 1,000 pies; 20,000 muffins; 3,200 gallons of ice cream; 295,000 pounds of milk; 170 tons of ice. In addition to this the children have biscuits for breakfast every morning of the year, and this item alone would figure a grand total of nearly six million biscuits a year!

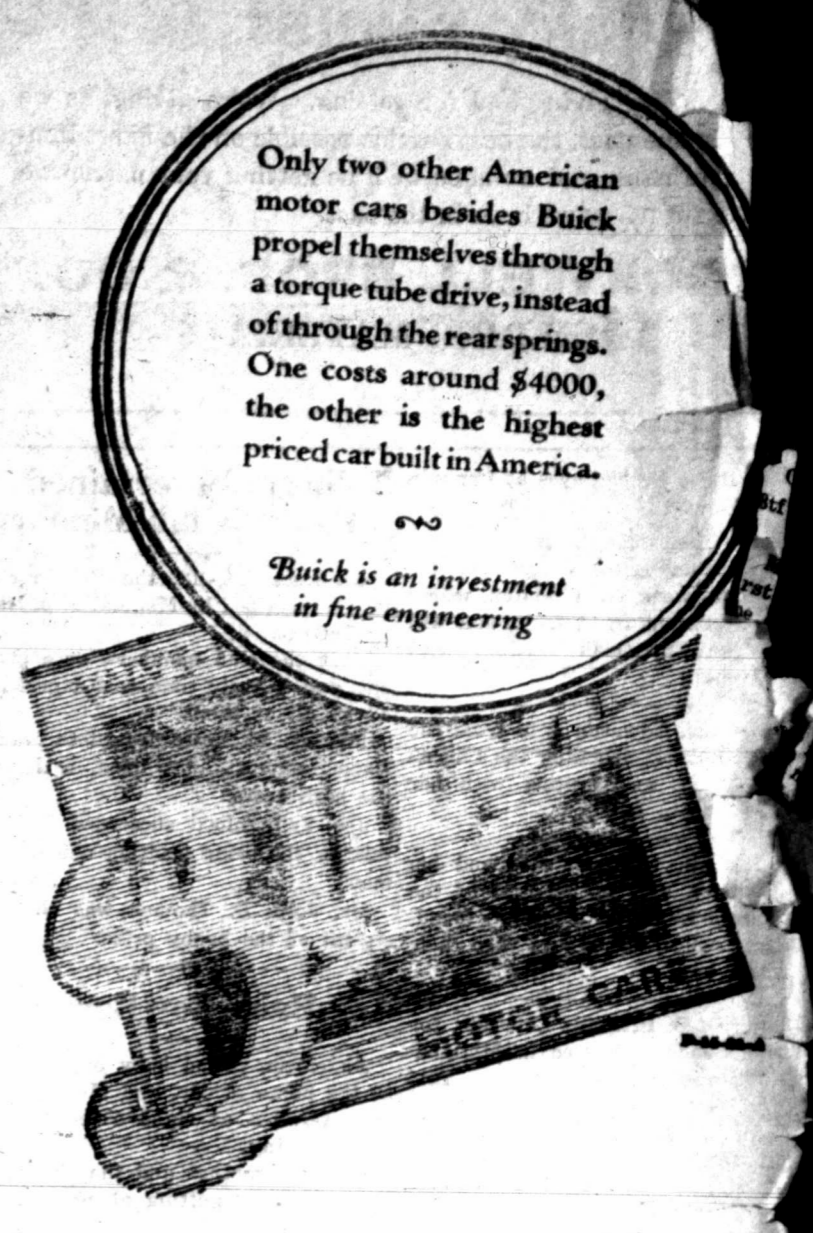
Home Has Never Turned Away a Destitute Child.

In the receiving of children into Buckner Orphans' Home the institution is guided by certain fundamental principles. They can not take children that are not absolute destitute; the child must be normal, mentally and physically; but the Home has never finally turned away a white fall orphan child who came within the limits of the above requirements. The Home is non-sectarian in its ministry and children of every religious denomination, and of no denomination, are welcomed into the Home.

New Dormitories Needed
Two new dormitories for girls and one for boys, are greatly needed for the coming year. The Home is seeking contributions for the erection of these buildings. A modern school building is needed to take care of the educational activities of the Home. The school is of academy rank and graduates from the Home school may enter without examination any college in the State. Many of the older boys and girls are now in various colleges and universities over the State, completing the education begun in the Buckner Academy.

One other vital need of the Home is the drilling of an artesian well. The estimated cost of this is a little below \$25,000.

Information in detail covering the entire history and activities of Buckner Orphans' Home is being sent throughout the State and to those who request such information from the administration office at Dallas.



Only two other American motor cars besides Buick propel themselves through a torque tube drive, instead of through the rear springs. One costs around \$4000, the other is the highest priced car built in America.
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When better automobiles are built, Buick will build them



HOW DOCTORS TREAT COLDS AND THE FLU

To break up a cold over night or to cut short an attack of gripe, influenza or sore throat, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the nauseous Calomel tablet, that is purified from dangerous and sickening effects. Those who have tried it say that it acts like magic, by far more effective and certain than the old style calomel, heretofore recommended by physicians.
One or two Calotabs at bed time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with eating, work or pleasures. Next morning your cold has vanished and your system feels refreshed and purified. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price ten cents for the vest-pocket size; thirty-five cents for the large family package. Recommended and guaranteed by druggists. Your money back if you are not delighted.—adv.

Anti-Freeze Sold In Great Quantities

When the cold spell hit Midland last Thursday evening, automobile owners began to fill their radiators with anti-freeze, and by Friday the commodity was selling in great quantities at local garages and dealers.
Many cars were left one night too long, and the result was a "busted" radiator when they got the "divver" started next morning.
The cold spell was felt more keenly on account of the warm weather that had preceded it for several days.

A FABLE FOR BUILDERS

Last summer a good citizen of a certain town, not over a hundred miles from almost anywhere, built a wooden house for a woman and her children. He built the chimney of brick because he had to do so. The chimney was able to stand alone, so he did not have to prop it with wood. But the floors of the house would not stay up without props. The good citizen saved a dollar by using the chimney as a support for the floors. He nestled the ends of the floor joists nicely into the brick of the chimney. He then covered up the job and got his money.
The rain fell and the winds blow in the most Biblical manner and the winter came after its usual fashion. The chimney settled a little and there was a tiny crack.
One morning the woman woke up with fire all about her. She tried to get to her children. If she got to them no one ever knew it. The good citizen who built the house was not arrested for manslaughter. He is still building other houses of the same kind for other women and children.
He makes his living by it.—National Fire Protection Association.

STOP THAT ITCHING
If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BUICK STAB REMEDY on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.
For Sale By City Drug Store



Do You Feel All Tired Out?

When your appetite is gone and your digestion bad; when your food sours on your stomach, causes gas to form and makes you nervous and feel like smothering; when you feel all tired out and unfit for work you need Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup.
Miss Forrest Deese, Route 9, Cullman, Ala., says: "My health was failing fast; I felt tired and worn out and could hardly get my breath. Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup is our family medicine and it soon relieved my suffering."
Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup is now being used by countless numbers of men and women because it not only improves digestion but helps to soothe the nerves, wake up the sluggish liver, relieve constipation and send purer, healthier blood coursing through your veins. Your money returned if it fails to bring relief.

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WICKWELL BROS. & CO.
BUILDING MATERIALS

Spex for bad eyes at Inman's.

Miss Leola Bigham returned from the week from Denton, where she is a student in C. I. A., and will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Chas. Edwards is in from the city this week, spending the Christmas holidays, and visiting with her grandson.

G. K. Bell, with his wife and his son, Tolbert, arrived the first of the week from El Paso. They are spending the Christmas holidays with their relatives here.

George O. B. Price, of Colorado, for whom Coach, delivered in Midland \$50; Essex Coach, \$1050.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Spaulding arrived Tuesday evening from Lubbock, and are spending the Christmas holidays with their relatives, the Spaulding and Barrons.

Shord and Garvice Dockray arrived Friday morning from Austin, to spend the holidays with their family, in the State University this year.

HOUSE FOR SALE

Four room house, with bath, sleep porch, barn and garage, fine pacarbor, good well and windmill; near as the Walter Jordan place. Interested, see J. S. Gordill. 13-4t

Carroll Hill is putting in his vacation time in The White House, helping to distribute Christmas groceries.

Wiley Taylor Jr. is working in Elite Confectionery for a few days during his Christmas vacation.

Plumbers Have Had Busy Time

Local plumbers have been very busy in demand as a result of many "leaky-ups" and bursting pipes on account of the cold weather which enveloped the country last week.

One phone call right after another kept the waiting list rather lengthy and the plumbers had time to get out to the various scenes of trouble. Some of these scenes were pretty bad, as the water flooded some kitchens and adjacent rooms when it began to thaw.

Automobile radiators also came in for their share of the trouble, and extra shipments of anti-freeze have been received almost daily by local garages.

Tolberts Entertained Bridge Club Members

On December 12, the Bridge club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tolbert.

Only the club members were present, and a lively time was experienced by all of them.

Mrs. H. W. Rowe proved to be the leader among the women, and won the high score.

Joe Youngblood succeeded in attaining the same position among the men.

Baby Boy Born

An eleven pound baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Cowden at eight o'clock Tuesday morning.

Both the mother and the child are reported to be getting along fine. Their many friends extend congratulations to the young people.

S. C. E. Program

Subject: The Old Year and the New.

Leader—Mrs. Henry Fleenor. Song service. Prayer.

Talk: The value of making resolutions.—Velma Winborne.

Talk: Keeping resolutions—Mariam Pemberton.

Talk: What shall we resolve?—Rev. W. B. Blount.

Scripture reading: Ps. 37:1-5; Phil. 3:12-14.

Dr. Clifton C. Carter arrived Tuesday night from Amarillo, and is spending Christmas with his Midland friends. He came over by automobile.

C. F. Trammell is here this week from his home in Buena Vista.

E. J. Handley and wife returned the first of the week from a trip to south Texas, and are again living in their home in West Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Bedford and children were in this week, shopping.

Earl Williams came in from College Station last Saturday to spend the holidays with his family. He is a student in A. and M. College.

Will Henderson of Odessa was a business visitor to Midland Monday.

West Texas Stock Stands Cold Spell

Reports from South Texas state that many thousand head of cattle have been lost during the recent drop in temperature, on account of severe sleet and snow.

According to a statement from E. B. Spiller, secretary of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, published in a daily paper, he has communicated with stockmen from all sections of West Texas and finds that few losses if any have occurred.

There has been little dampness in West Texas, and the cold dry winds have not seriously affected the cattle. Many ranchers around Midland state that they have put some of their weaker cows up for feeding, but all of them are standing the cold weather in pretty good shape so far.

W. C. Holloway, land agent here, left Monday to visit his family at Kosse for several days.

J. M. Jemison is here this week from Fort Worth, where he has been living for several months.

Buster Clayton arrived the first of the week from Gail, and is spending Christmas with his Midland relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Clayton Sr. are here this week from the Borden County ranch.

Buck Kelton is in this week from the Five Wells ranch, celebrating Christmas.

Lee Reynolds is in this week from Upton County, where he has been looking after a bunch of cattle.

H. B. Dunagan Jr. arrived the first of the week from Austin, where he attends State University, and is spending the holidays with his family.

R. A. Moxley of Andrews was in town Tuesday, looking after his Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Fred Collins is expected to return today from Toyah, where she has been visiting her people.

W. W. Luckey left Tuesday night for Caldwell, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Goldsmith were in from the ranch this week, shopping for Christmas.

A WEDDING TUESDAY

News of the wedding of Miss Annie Lou Craddock, of Andrews, to Mr. Al Long, of Midland, was announced early Wednesday morning, the wedding having occurred Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Craddock is the daughter of T. W. Craddock, prominent ranchman of Andrews County, and is well known in this section of the country. Mr. Long, who has been connected with various ranches in the Midland country for several years, is also very popular in Midland.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank our friends for their untiring help and sympathy during the recent illness and at the death of Mrs. Lawrence Beauchamp. Without the love and sympathy of our friends, the sad hours would have been much darker.

Lawrence Beauchamp, children and relatives.

Our Christmas Wishes

Among our assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy—your good will. And so at this holiday season we extend to you—not as a customer alone, but as a friend—the Best of Wishes for the coming year.

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to you and yours

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FRED WEMPLE

NOTICE!

On account of having to repair a broken pump, our gin will not operate this week, but will be

RUNNING AGAIN
Next week.

Guitar Gin

C. W. Crowley, Mgr.