

COMMUNITY XMAS CALLS A MEETING IS GREAT SUCCESS TO SAVE ORIENT

Large Crowd Heard Christmas Songs By Chorus of Children, Adults And The Junior Band.

SANTA CLAUS THERE IN PERSON

Apples and Candy in Sacks Distributed to Eager Youngsters—Real Christmas Spirit.

Christmas tiamed into the consciousness of the great crowd gathered at the Community Christmas tree exercises at the Court House last night in a way that would be difficult to improve.

Most conspicuous was the great cedar tree that rose in a day on the Court House Lawn, festooned with tinsel that reflected the vari-colored lights. Here was a chorus of children's voices blending into the old familiar hymns of the Christmas tide, and then an adult chorus with more finish, in the ever appealing "Hark, The Herald-Angels Sing".

And then Dr. L. G. Morony told the Christmas story in simple language, the more effective on that account and the Junior Band under the direction of H. P. Leavell, rounded out a program indeed charming.

But before the program was quite concluded, eager youngsters spied old St. Nicholas himself in the west doorway of the court house and there was a grand rush up the steps. Yes, Santa was there in person and didn't he hand out the sacks of candy and apples? You just bet he did, and every chubby little fist clasped one and went away happy that for once there had been a chance to see that mythical individual in person.

The proper way to get the Christmas, according to Dr. Morony, is for everyone to do something for someone who needs it. And he told of the little boy who walked with his father down a city street in war time, and of the service flags with their stars in evidence in the windows along the way. And then of the evening star tiamed in the evening sky and the little child's exclamation that "God must have a Son in Service, too," and Dr. Morony quoted, "For God So Loved The World That He Gave His Only Begotten Son".

Everything in connection with the celebration was donated—even to the decorations and the tree itself. The Boy Scouts worked like Trojans and the whole affair was one of the most successful community affairs that has been staged here recently. Great credit is due those whose untiring efforts achieved so great a measure of success, and those who co-operated so that Christmas would be a reality to some of the kiddies of Sweetwater and some of the grownups too.

Charity Ball

The Annual Charity Ball, held at the Hotel Wright Saturday night, added a substantial sum to the local charity fund, according to reports early Saturday evening, while the occasion was still young. The Ball was given under the auspices of the Girl's Bridge Club, which is affiliated with the United Charities.

All guests were required to bring a toy, which will be turned over to the United Charity board, according to Miss Peyton Irving. These toys will be distributed Christmas Eve.

The ballroom of the Wright was colorfully decorated in Christmas colors and rose-colored lights added the proper blend to the room. Music was furnished by the Smiles Fun Makers orchestra. Many out-of-town visitors attended the ball.

The patrons and patronesses of the Ball were: Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Wimberly; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Simmons; Mr. and Mrs. Will Corbee, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Douthitt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willis and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Payne.

To Observe Holiday

Sweetwater, along with every other city and hamlet in the United States and most of the foreign countries, will begin a two-day celebration in honor of Christmas.

Most of the churches of the city, including the Christian, Presbyterian and Methodist held their Sunday School Christmas exercises last night. The Baptist Sunday School exercises will be held tonight.

It is the day before Christmas on which they were preceded by the exercises at the Community Christmas tree which began at 6:30.

All stores with the exception of drug stores, candy kitchens, and restaurants will be closed Monday.

There will be no edition of the Reporter Monday, the staff observing the Christmas holiday and publishing Tuesday as usual.

Holiday hours will be observed at the general delivery window of the postoffice both Sunday and Monday, which will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 o'clock. It is not customary for the general delivery window to stay open on Sunday but owing to the fact that it is the day before Christmas an exception will be made. Mail will be delivered both Sunday and Monday.

Postmaster Howard said, in an endeavor to get everyone's Christmas mail to them promptly. In addition, Postmaster Howard stated that he would be at the Post office all day Sunday so that anyone could get packages there at any hour.

There will be a free show Monday morning for the kiddies at the Queen

Lieutenant Governor Lynch Davidson Calls Meeting At San Angelo January The Third, 1923.

ARE TO ASK LEGISLATION

Would Have State Take Over Line And Operate It Until Financial Relief Is Forth Coming.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—All parties interested in solving the financial problems of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad were today called to meet in San Angelo on Wednesday, Jan. 3, by Lieutenant Governor Lynch Davidson of Texas, who left for New York tonight following conferences with members of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Orient is reported to be again approaching financial straits, with only sufficient funds to carry it until March 1. No additional funds can be obtained from the Federal Government it is said.

To Consider Davidson Plan

The San Angelo meeting which will include representatives from Oklahoma and Kansas through which the road operates, as well as Texas, will discuss the plan brought forward by Governor Davidson and today submitted in writing. It is hoped to secure the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Governor Davidson said tonight a committee would be named to urge the plan at Austin and in Washington, since both State and Federal legislation is necessary.

As outlined to the commission today the plan called for immunity from the relaxation of both State and Federal transportation laws and a classification of the road with title in a State or State agency which would be equivalent to State ownership. While it is not set out, its purpose is for the State of Texas to be the nominal operator of the line.

Period of Immunity

The legislation would further make the obligation to the Federal Government by reason of the new condition secondary to obligations due the State by reason of the rehabilitation, but should there be net profits they would be applied equally to State and Federal debts. The period of the immunity would be fifteen years, the Federal act to require the States to furnish sufficient capital for rehabilitation and operation.

The Federal act would only be operative following the corresponding legislation on part of the State or States.

Governor Davidson, who is also chairman of the board of managers of the Texas State Railroad, told the commission that unless some plan is devised, the Orient was due for the scrap heap, and explained that he was opposed to Government ownership of railroads or of any other commercial business.

Would Avoid Death of Road

"The citizenship along the line, and Texas citizens in whom I am particularly interested," Governor Davidson's letter to the commission concluded, "is out for an avoidance of the road's threatened tragic death, and in consequence, destruction of hundreds of millions of dollars of their property. Destitution to many thousands of people and destruction of many towns along the line will follow in the wake of the road's physical dissolution."

"The public and the railroads are hog-tied in their relationship by legislation and regulation on one hand and labor organizations on the other. Liberal and substantial relaxation of those bonds are essential to the paramount interest of the ones most concerned—the public."

FALLS TO DEATH

Young "Stunt" Flier From Bonham Dies When Parachute Fails to Open—Drops 55 Feet.

BONHAM, Dec. 23.—Alvin Turner, 22-year-old stunt flier and aviator, met death this afternoon when he fell 500 feet when his parachute failed to open. Turner was performing over Leonard, Texas, and had jumped head first from the wing of the plane. The parachute "stuck" and Turner fell head long to his death.

Turner had taken the place of "King Joe", well known stunt flier, who came here after performing the feats at fairs and carnivals throughout Oklahoma. One of "King Joe's" thrillers was a plunge heading from the wings of the plane, which Turner was doing when he fell to his death.

Turner's home, as well as that of the pilot of the machine, Bobbie Jewell was at Bonham.

Theatre beginning at 10 o'clock—Mary Pickford in "The Little American," "Your Best Friend" will be the attraction during the afternoon and evening at the Queen.

Today will be the last day which the fare and one-half for the roundtrip will be sold on the railroads in Texas and Louisiana points. These fares are good returning until Jan. 4, however. The usual heavy holiday travel has been greatly augmented by the excursion rates.

ST. LUKE 11:7-18



7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13. And suddenly there was with the angel

a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.
17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18. And all that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

BANDITS GO WILD NEAR CHRISTMAS TO BE MURDERER FOR TERRORISTS

Paymaster of Pennsylvania Coal Company Slain And \$20,000 Payroll is Stolen.

BANDITS LOOT MISSOURI BANK

Robbers Overlook \$30,000—Kidnap Telephone Operator And Shoot Up The Town.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—J. H. Dennis, paymaster of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, was shot and killed here today by six masked bandits, who robbed him of the Christmas payroll of \$20,000.

HOLD UP PAYROLL CAR
DETROIT, Dec. 23.—Four bandits today held up the payroll car of the Bruff Products Company and escaped with a snatch containing \$1524. Two men in the car were bound and gagged after one had been wounded by the robbers.

MISSOURI BANK ROBBED
LUDLOW, Mo., Dec. 23.—A bandit gang terrorized Ludlow early today and, after dynamiting the safe in the First National Bank, escaped with \$3,000 but overlooked \$30,000 which was in another section of the safe.

POST OFFICE SAFE BLOWN
HOUSTON, Dec. 23.—The postoffice safe at Courtney, Texas, was blown open and robbed early today, according to reports received at police headquarters here today. The exact amount of the loot obtained and other details of the incident are lacking here.

Bronx Jury Says He Slugged Wife And Buried in Lime Pit—Body Found Nov. 29

HE WANTED ANOTHER WOMAN

Is Alleged To Have Killed Mother of His Two Children to Be Free to Marry Anna Elias.

By The United Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Abraham Becker, a chauffeur, tried on a charge of slugging his wife and burying her in a lime pit, was found guilty of first degree murder by a Bronx jury today. Becker, in testimony that was introduced, is alleged to have killed the mother of his two children so that he would be free to marry another woman, Anna Elias.
Mrs. Becker's body was discovered in a lime pit November 29th by detectives seeking to achieve the mystery of her disappearance last April.

TODAY'S RADIO WEATHER:
By Sweetwater Vulcanizing Co.

East Texas Sunday, fair.
West Texas, Sunday fair; little change in temperature.
Walter Brashear is visiting relatives here during the holidays. He has been attending Simmons College, at Abilene.

Officials of Three States and Federal Officers Promise Results in Double Death.

A SCORE ARE UNDER SUSPICION

License Numbers of Mob's Automobile Known—Prominent Men Are Believed Implicated Also.

By The United Press.
MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—Deputy Sheriffs were enroute tonight to make the first arrests on the charge of murder in connection with the kidnapping and murder of Major Watt Daniels, World War Veteran and Thomas F. Richards, whose bodies were given up by Lake La Fourche yesterday.
With this legal move the tension prevalent in this little community is near the breaking point.
The arrests were ordered under the direction of Governor John M. Parker who has dedicated himself to ridding the state of secret organizations that "hide their identity behind hoods and masks".

By The United Press.
MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—A wholesale round-up of terrorists in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana was promised by the State and Federal officials, who are investigating the murder of two men by a masked mob.
Many men, prominent in this section of the country, will be included in a list of twenty or more people, who have been charged with complicity in

LEGISLATURE ASKED FOR FUNDS

Nolan County Teachers Petition Legislature To Increase Amount to \$13.50 Per Child.

WOULD CHANGE CONSTITUTION

Petition State Text Book Commission To Rescind Order Changing Text-books—Text of Resolution.

The Nolan County Teachers' Institute in session in Sweetwater drew up resolution favoring an increase in the state funds to be made available for school instruction from \$10 to \$13.50 per scholastic—approving of the State Tax Assessors plans for increasing taxable values, for a constitutional amendment effecting a change in the state constitution for better distribution of school money, a petition to the State Textbook Commission rescinding its recent order changing certain textbooks and favoring a separate institute to consider problems for primary and intermediate grades.

The resolutions follow:
Resolutions adopted by the Nolan County Teachers in Institute Assembly, Sweetwater, Texas, December 18 to 21, 1922.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. In view of the fact that the apportionment of ten dollars per scholastic as made by the State Board of Education will, if necessary, cut the terms of school so short that good work cannot be done, and in view of the fact that such a condition would work disaster to our entire common school system, we respectfully petition the 35th Legislature to make an emergency appropriation of sufficient amount to raise the apportionment to \$13.50.

2. We heartily favor the plan proposed by the State Tax Assessor's Association to increase revenue from taxable values and to equitably distribute the burden of supporting our various state institutions, by abolishing county boards of equalization and establishing a State Board of Equalization. At present determining taxable values rest entirely with the caprice of various county boards who are often influenced by political considerations in making their adjustments, who allow vast taxable interests to escape their notice, and who never have and never will be able to distribute the tax burden so that it will fall on all alike. A State Board of Equalization should standardize our system of taxation and bring to light untold sources of revenue for educational and other public needs.

3. We go on record as favoring a constitutional amendment affecting a change in the distribution of state school money so as to eliminate the present discrimination between opportunities of individuals in the different sections of the state.

4. We respectfully petition the State Textbook Commission to reconsider and rescind its order changing certain text books that are now in use, for the following reasons: First, the text now in use are almost entirely satisfactory to teacher and pupils; second, the replacement of these books in use now would entail a very little outlay as compared to the cost of new books, third, the money for the new books will have to come out of the general school funds, thereby further reducing the length of an already too short term.

5. We believe that too little stress in general institute is being placed upon the problems of the intermediate grades. We feel that one source of weakness in our education: be traced to neglect of attention to intermediate methods, therefore we go on record as favoring a separate department in our institute to consider the work of these grades and that a trained supervisor be in charge.

6. We hereby extend to President Marquis of Sul Roas Normal, our sympathy because of the illness of his son, and hereby express our regrets of his inability to be present with us.

7. We wish to thank Representative Chitwood, Dr. Clingan and Mr. Borden for their inspiring and instructive addresses in the course of the institute. We wish to thank Mrs. Shajer, of Waco, for her splendid work in the Primary Department. Also we are grateful for her splendid work in the Primary department. Also we are grateful to Mr. Thos. Dawes and Mr. McCurdy, the members of the Choral Club, to Miss Fowler, and all others who have in any way contributed to the success of the institute.

8. Resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be given to the Sweetwater Reporter for publication, to the Texas School Journal, to the State Department of Education, and that a copy be sent to Representative R. M. Chitwood, as voicing the present sentiment of Nolan County teachers upon the vital subjects enumerated.

Respectfully,
Ted Myers
N. A. Terrell
A. C. Turner,
Committee.

kidnapping and the murder of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards last August.

The license numbers of automobiles, driven by the mob on the fatal night, issued in Arkansas and Mississippi, have furnished information upon which officials are prepared to round up the mob members today.

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 ed \$500 by a
 Under a threat th...
 would go back to jail if the other...
 \$500 was not placed in the bonds...
 man's hands by October 7 the releas...
 burglar took his pistol and went...
 out with a companion to "earn" the...
 money They "earned" \$500 and...
 more by a burglary, but in doing their...
 work they killed the man to whom...
 the money belonged. Now Smith is...
 back in jail again, a confessed...
 murderer.

Smith did what many another...
 criminal has done under similar cir...
 cumstances. Released through the aid...
 of professional bondsmen who get big...
 profits by opening jail doors to dan...
 gerous criminals made still more dan...
 gerous by their debt to the persons...
 who brought about their release, they...
 resort to crimes of violence in order...
 that the money demanded of them...
 may be easily and speedily obtained...
 The police records show long lists of...
 crimes committed under such cir...
 cumstances.

THIS MAKES 'EM STUDY.

By The United Press.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 23.—A novel...
 way to keep up the department of...
 school children is being tried out by...
 Miss Mabel Bean, sixth grade teacher...
 here. She started an "automobile...
 race" idea, in which each row of stu...
 dents plays the part of a racing au...
 tomobile. The race is for a distance of...
 "1000." Each time a pupil in a row...
 is corrected, 25 miles is added to the...
 distance his "car" must travel. A race...
 a day is held.

IS CONVENTION CITY.

Oklahoma City Ranks Third In 1923
Meet Schedule.

By The United Press.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 23.—Okla...
 homa City ranks third in the number...
 of conventions to be held in 1923.

Chicago is first with 140 conventions...
 scheduled, and New York is second...
 with 139. Oklahoma City has 119 on...
 the books.

All the conventions held in Okla...
 homa City are handled through the...
 convention department of the local...
 chamber of commerce. A budget of...
 \$10,000 has been voted to carry on thi...
 work during the next year.

In 1921 the attendance to the 58...
 conventions held here was 2,905. In 1922...
 the attendance was 6,582. An attend...
 ance many times greater than these...
 two years combined is predicted for...
 next year.

Oklahoma City offers many attrac...
 tions to conventions, including a hall...
 lodging for the visitors and steno...
 graphic work where needed. Inform...
 ation booths for visitors are also op...
 erated during conventions.

WHEN EVERY MOVE HURTS

Lame every morning, achy and stiff...
 all day, worse when it's damp or chil...
 dy? Suspect your kidneys and try...
 the remedy your neighbors use. Ask...
 our neighbor.

Mrs. S. E. Winfree, 515 Cedar St.,...
 Sweetwater, says: "I was troubled...
 greatly with kidney complaint. There...
 was a soreness in my back just over...
 my kidneys and when I tried to pick...
 up anything, I could hardly straighten...
 I suffered from dull headaches and my...
 kidneys became irregular in action...
 My feet and ankles swelled so, I had...
 to wear slippers. I was all played out...
 when I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills...
 and began taking them. It wasn't...
 long, however, before my kidneys were...
 regular in action and my back was...
 strong. Doan's entirely cured me and...
 I haven't been bothered since."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't sim...
 ply ask for a kidney remedy. Get...
 Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that...
 Mrs. Winfree had. Foster-Milburn...
 Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, New York.

SLEW TO PAY BONDSMAN.

Chicago Convict's Debt for Release
Led Him to More Crime.

From the Chicago Daily News.
 "Jimmy" Smith, burglar and high...
 wayman, confined in the Cook Coun...
 ty jail in Chicago since last July after...
 participating in a pistol battle in...
 which his partner was killed and a...
 detective sergeant was wounded, was...
 released the other day under a \$40...
 000 bond. The bail was furnished...
 by a professional bondsman who had...
 no other interest in Smith than the

DARWINIAN BILL.

representative Objects to
 Tad-Pole Oncestry.

ted Press.

Dec. 23.—No matter where...
 of other states originated...
 Texans didn't come from any tad...
 pole.

That's what Representative J. T...
 Stroder of the next Texas legislature...
 tells the world, and he wants his stat...
 ement stamped with the official seal of...
 the State of Texas.

Representative Stroder plans to...
 introduce in the coming session of the...
 legislature an Anti-Darwinian bill that...
 will declare that, however the rest of...
 the world "came from nowhere into...
 here," Texans are not descended from...
 little wiggle-tails, nor are they relat...
 ed to apes, bears, frogs or gorillas.

JUNCTION BOY LEADS PENN "11"
Alex Hamer Elected to Lead Big
Football Team in 1923.

From the Junction Eagle.
 Ernest A. ("Toot") Hamer...
 former football star of the San An...
 tonio Academy, and a resident of...
 Junction, was elected captain of...
 the University of Pennsylvania eleven...
 "out" when with the Academy at...
 San Antonio four years ago was a...
 terror with his mighty line plunging...
 and his punting ability helped the...
 Academy to stay at the top of the...
 Academy League.
 Three years ago he went to Penn

and played his first year on the...
 freshman eleven. The following year...
 he made the Varsity eleven and has...
 held down the fullback position for...
 the last two seasons. His line plun...
 ging has won many games for the...
 Red and Blue team this year. He has...
 done the punting for the Penn school...
 and has an average around the 40...
 yard mark.
 He is but 20 years old and it is...
 said that he is one of the youngest...
 leaders the Red and Blue squad...
 has ever had. His parents are Mr...
 and Mrs. Alex J. Hamer.

IS RECORD ONION CROP.

Approximately 2,200 Acres Planted In
 Willace County.

By The United Press.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 23.—...
 The onion crop in Willace County this...
 year will exceed all previous yields, it...
 has been announced by crop experts...
 who have inspected the fields.

Approximately 2,200 acres have been...
 planted in onions this year and the...
 stand is better than at any time previ...
 ous, according to the report.

No thrip has appeared this year and...
 the cut-worms which caused a great...
 damage last year have disappeared...
 following the recent cool damp weath...
 er, the report said.

Hundreds of acres in the area flood...
 ed last June have been planted in o...
 nions and in this section the crop is...
 expected to be especially heavy.



A
Merry, Merry
Christmas
To
Everybody

In all sincerity, we hope that...
 this will be the happiest...
 Christmas that you have ever...
 known. And that the years...
 to come will bring peace...
 health and prosperity. . . .

First National Bank

Oldest Bank In Nolan
 County.

4 Per Cent On Savings
 Deposits.



Merry
Christmas

At this most Joyous Season of the...
 year, we want to express the wish...
 that everyone, everywhere will have...
 the Happiest Christmas they ever...
 have known. And here is hoping...
 that you and yours will have

THE HAPPIEST AND JOLLIEST CHRISTMAS EVER

Texas Bank & Trust Co.

Only Guaranty Fund Bank
 In Sweetwater.



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GREETING:—



A Most Sincere
 And
 Cordial
 Wish
 To Everyone

For A Very Merry Christmas.

Max Berman



A Joyous Christmas Is
 With Us Once More
 May It Be The Happiest Ever
 With You And Yours

Automotive Electric Service Station

QUALITY SERVICE

M. J. Farmer, Mgr.



May You Find Everything Your Heart Desires Under
Your Christmas Tree On Christmas Morn

This is only our second year in Sweetwater, but one of many in Nolan...
 County. We want to take this opportunity of extending our sincere...
 thanks for your patronage which has enabled us to do nearly twice...
 the business this year that we did last year. We are steadily improv...
 ing our service. We are carrying regularly one of the largest stocks...
 of farm implements in this part of the country, so that you can get...
 what you want when you want it. So that there will be no annoying...
 waits during the busy season. And, more than ever, trying to give...
 you value received in merchandise and service for your hardware...
 money.

A Merry, Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
COSTEPHENS HARDWARE

We've Been
Asked for a
Low - Priced
Battery

And here's the answer—
 the CW Battery (Wood
 Separator).

Quality plates—selected...
 cedar wood separators—...
 the best workmanship and...
 material that can be put...
 into a battery. The best...
 built, most reliable and...
 serviceable battery at any...
 where near the price.

Price: for 6-volt,
 11-plate, \$16.70.

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and CW Batteries
 (WOOD SEPARATORS)

THE REPORTER'S HOUSEHOLD HINT COLUMN.

The modern Christmas dinner, a feast of good cheer and rich viands, is still a worthy descendant of the Merrie Christmas of old England when the lord of the manor opened his hall and feasted his kindsmen, retainers and all the poor of the countryside.

This week The Reporter publishes a special list of recipes, gotten up for this special holiday season. Each and every one of them have been tested and are proven worthy of trial by the housewives and cooks of Nolan and adjoining counties. The list of recipes is as follows:

A CHRISTMAS SOUP—Boil 2 to 4 good sized beets, after removing skin with 2 onions. Sift when soft, and add to 3 pints of white stock, previously thickened with 2 tablespoons of arrowroot, rubbed smooth into a quarter cup of melted butter. The arrowroot makes a transparent thickening, preserving the red color of the beets. Garnish with slices of hard-cooked eggs or strips of green lettuce, or both.

NUT BREAD—1 cup Graham flour, 1 cup white flour, half cup sugar, 2 teaspoons baking powder, half teaspoon salt. Put an egg unbeaten into a cup, and fill it with sweet milk. Add half cup pecan meats. Mix lightly, put into greased pan and let stand 20 minutes. Bake in moderate oven about 40 minutes.

HOLIDAY CRULLERS—Cream two teaspoons melted butter with 1 cup granulated sugar. Add 3 well beaten eggs, 1 cup sweet milk and 3 teaspoons baking powder in enough flour to roll out as soft as possible. Fry in very hot lard and roll in granulated, not powdered sugar.

FROZEN APRICOT SHERBET—Put 3 cups canned apricots through strainer. To the fruit syrup add 2 tablespoons lemon juice, a few grains of salt, half cup of sugar, 3-4 cup of orange juice, the apricot puree and half pint of chilled cream, whipped solid with 2 tablespoons powdered sugar. Freeze slowly, using 3 parts ice to 1 of rock salt. This is an excellent article to serve with your dessert.

GRAPE AND PEAR SALAD—Cut canned pears in halves. Mix together 6 tablespoons of chopped preserved ginger and 12 tablespoons of seeded, quartered Malaga grapes with a little mayonnaise dressing and fill the core cavities of the pears. Arrange the halved pears in nests of the celery straws, resting on crisp lettuce leaves. Sprinkle with 6 tablespoons of chopped pistachio nuts and pour over a dressing made from 3 tablespoons of salad oil, 4 tablespoons of lemon juice, a few grains of salt and 2 tablespoons of powdered sugar. Serve very cold.

BAKED OYSTERS DE LUXE—Scald 1 quart of oysters in the accompanying juice until edges curl; drain, add to liquid enough strained soup stock to make one and a half cups. Cook 2 tablespoons of butter with two tablespoons of minced canned pimento for 5 minutes. Blend in 4 tablespoons of flour and add gradually, while stirring constantly, the oyster liquid. Bring to the boiling point, season to taste with salt and celery salt and a few grains of mace. Arrange the oysters in individual baking dishes, pour over the sauce and sprinkle with grated cheese.

Bake until the cheese is slightly browned in a moderate oven.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.
New Orleans is famed for its delightful candy, known as pralines. Many a Mardi Gras visitor has carried away with them a "cotton bale" box of the toothsome dainty. So unusual is the flavor that many have longed to know just how they are made. An old Creole woman furnishes a recipe for this coveted and toothsome candy.

CREOLE PRALINES—3 cups coffee brown sugar, 1 cup cream, 1 cup pecans in halves, 1 large tablespoon of gelatine non acidulated, 1 tablespoon of butter, teaspoon vanilla. Mix the sugar, cream and gelatine and allow it to cook until, when dropped in water it forms a ball that can be picked up in the fingers—not a hard ball. Remove from the fire and add the butter and flavoring. Beat for a few minutes, then pour in the nuts. When the candy begins to beat thick and creamy, drop it into little cakes on a buttered surface with a tablespoon. Waxed paper is preferable.

STRAWBERRY CARAMELS—Cup sugar, cup corn syrup, glass of preserved strawberries, tablespoonful of butter, half cup of milk, teaspoonful of strawberry extract, quarter teaspoon cream tartar. Place sugar, syrup, milk and cream of tartar in saucepan. After boiling to the soft ball stage, add the preserved strawberries, and boil until mixture will harden when tested in water. Remove from fire and add the strawberry extract. Boil up, but do not stir, then pour immediately into buttered pans about a half inch in depth. Mark off into small squares.

FOAM O' THE NIGHT—2 cups clear sugar, 2 tablespoons mapeine, quarter teaspoon cream tartar, half dozen marshmallows, half cup water, third cup chopped walnuts, 2 egg whites. Boil sugar, mapeine, water and cream of tartar until mixture will make a firm ball when tested in cool water. Then add the marshmallows, cut into small pieces. Cover and let stand on the back of the stove for 5 minutes. Pour over the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Beat until light, drop from a spoon onto a buttered or waxed paper and place a half walnut on top of each. If directions are carefully carried out you will find a delicious refreshment in this recipe.

NUT CHIPS—Cup brown sugar, one fourth teaspoon cream of tartar, tablespoon butter, cup of molasses (light colored), teaspoon vanilla, cup of nut meats. Boil sugar, cream of tartar, butter and molasses until the mixture will harden in water. Add nut meats chopped fine and boil the mixture until it will crack. Remove and flavor with vanilla. Pull into thin strips and cut into small pieces with a pair of sharp, clean scissors. When cold, dip in melted chocolate flavored with a little vanilla. Follow directions as given and you will be surprised at the gratifying results obtained from this recipe.

Charlie A. McClintic left this morning for Midland, where he will spend the holidays with his parents, and other relatives and friends. He will return to Sweetwater about the first of the year.

EMPLOYER CHUM

Ponca City Millionaire Erects Model Estate For a Town.

PONCA CITY, Okla., Dec. 23.—The magic of black gold that spurts from the oil fields of Oklahoma and Texas, which has made millionaires overnight, is seen perhaps in few places more clearly than in this active little city of some 7,000 persons.

Ponca City boasts the distinction of having more laborers who are golf fans than any other city in the world—the result of an oil millionaire's riches which have enabled him to realize an ambition to make others happy. The man is Ernest W. Marland, head of the oil company that bears his name, and the golf playing laborers are his employees who, with the general public, are invited to use his private course, recognized as one of the best and most beautiful in the southwest. It is no unusual sight to see a foursome of bankers teeing off behind a group of men in jumpers and overalls.

Marland's golf course is part of his estate. Deciding to make Ponca City his permanent home in 1916, Marland selected a cornfield on the city's outskirts as the desired site. Today the southern part of the field has been transformed into the most elaborate garden in the southwest, and by the side of the garden is his palatial residence, reputed to have cost approximately one million dollars.

At the opposite end of the estate is the golf course. This, too, has been landscaped and beautified. A small stream flows through the course and has been dammed to form several small lakes. Clumps of trees and shrubs combine beauty with utility in providing hazards.

Two years ago Mr. Marland announced that he would build an athletic park, which, like his golf course and his garden, should be open to the public. Twenty acres adjoining the Marland refining plant were purchased and work commenced. The park was opened this spring. It is one of the most modern in the state, containing playing fields for football and baseball, running tracks, tennis courts and open sward to be used as desired. The concrete grandstand seats 1,800 and is equipped with club room, showers and other conveniences.

The Des Moines club of the Western League will use the park for training next spring.

Mr. Marland's newest enterprise of this nature is the establishment of a game preserve. He has purchased 300 acres adjoining the city on the north and is directing a large force of men in beautifying the area and otherwise preparing it for use.

POCKET FLASKS ON BOOM.

Prohibition Causes Increase in Pocket Flask Industry.

By The Associated Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—If the Christmas rum fleet reported to be bound for New York from the Bahamas succeeds in running the blockade of the dry navy, it should find New Yorkers amply supplied with receptacles for toting the forbidden liquor.

Several manufacturers declared today that the demand for flasks had trebled since the advent of prohibition. Shop windows with their Christmas decorations feature clandestine drinking vessels which in "wet" days brought a shudder from society.

Stores are selling thousands of flasks—large ones for roomy coat pockets and small ones gracefully curved for the hip—expensive ones of silver and gold and cheaper ones covered with imitation leather.

Flasks are not the only drinking apparatus on display. Shown in abundance are hollow cases, decanters,

glasses never blown for milk, and elaborate cocktail shakers.

HID LOOT IN CEMETERY.

By The Associated Press
MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—Ingenious thieves of this city have been using an old graveyard in which to hide food

supplies pilfered from railroad cars. The loot was buried at night under what, the next day, looked like newly made graves. Ultimately the police recovered 15 tons of sugar, and half as much cocoa and flour, all of which had been abstracted from relief supplies.

Greetings of the Season

Here's wishing those we have served and those we hope to serve

There's a reason why our Sale is proving such a great success.

We have forgotten the cost and have used the ax on the prices.

Between You And High Prices Stands

McCORDS

Sweetwater, Texas

Ten Powerful Reasons Why You Should Own Your Own Home

1. It is a civic duty.
2. It saves you money.
3. It is a sign of thrift.
4. It enhances your credit.
5. It makes you more independent.
6. It is the best possible investment.
7. It is a badge of good citizenship.
8. It is your supreme duty to your family.
9. It is evidence of good business judgment.
10. It is a continual and perpetual source of happiness and contentment.

Gray Company
Sweetwater, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are broadcasting to you our sincere appreciation for your patronage and Good Will during the past year and with it our Best Wishes for a

Merry Christmas and A Happy, Prosperous New Year

For—

Our hearts are warm though winds blow cold
So say good-bye to sadness
For Christmas turns life's grey to gold,
And fills the world with gladness.

Sweetwater Vulcanizing Co.

M. C. Manroe. Guy E. Morris.

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CHRISTMAS.

WORLD'S BEST NEWS:
—The Angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2: 10, 11.

THE DAY OF DAYS

Many years ago a little girl wrote to the New York Sun: "Is there a Santa Claus?" Francis Pharcellus Church answered her letter in an editorial which is a Christmas gem and which shines ever brighter with the flight of time:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. And you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childish faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. Nobody sees Santa Claus. But that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Christmas is more than a date on the calendar or a season of the year. It is a spirit—of giving, rather than receiving—an eternal reminder of what a joyous, beautiful existence this life on earth could be if it were not for the crash of selfishness against selfishness.

Therein is Christmas' real charm. It unveils what life could be. Other days of the year are matter-of-fact hard as agate, revealing life as we create it, reflecting ourselves.

Christmas is the Day of Days because it is the one day of the year when each of us strives to make others happy. Civilized future generations will look back and marvel that it never occurred to us to make a Christmas out of every day in the year.

CHRISTMAS.

Its cold. The snow lies drifted in the hollows with a good six inches on the level. The hills are clad with some evergreens and as far as the eye can reach it is a snow-bound world.

The stars twinkle frostily in the cold, cold sky, faintly reflected in the dark ice that has stilled with its iron hand the rippling joy of the river's summer-time play.

At other times the river would be alive with flying figures, the while the air were filled with the ring of steel on ice. But not tonight, its Christmas. There's more important things than skating.

In the distance comes the jingle, jingle of far away sleighbells. Closer at hand is the sharp intolerable shriek of wheels on frosty snow.

Lights gleam from windows. Windows dimmed with the rich lacy fretwork of the Frost King. Somewhere a door slams, there are faint shouts of "Merry Christmas" and another set of sleighbells takes up the merry refrain.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY.

The gleam of the arcs drowns the light of the stars. The snow in the streets is churned to a dirty sand by the skidding autos. A big Pierce-Arrow limousine with dome light, revealing ermine wrap and silk hat with holly wreaths at windows whirrs by followed by a rattling delivery truck with a sprig of holly in the radiator cap.

There is a tripod on the corner with a kettle suspended beneath the white while a woman in the garb of a Salvation Army Lasses tells the world's need for charity with tolling bell, trying to keep her feet warm between times.

Pedestrians laden with Christmas bundles scurry past in the biting cold and a derelict in human guise huddles in a corner of the building where a projection wall shuts off a little of the icy wind. Vendors of firs and spruce Christmas trees have sold out—holly wreaths are selling for 25 cents each and mistletoe sprays up to \$1.

Street cars hustle past, with their windows steamed and frosty. One by one the stores are closing, with their Christmas stocks sadly awry before the onslaught of the last minute shopper and with wearied clerks glad its all over.

If one is so inclined, one can attend some form of church service nearly the entire night long. Protestant Sunday School exercises with a great big tree, and "Santy Claus all over-hin" are barely over before the Midnight Mass of the Catholic Church. Then comes the early morning service of the Swedish Lutherans beginning at 3 a. m.

While the Swedish people are at church, they leave rows of burning candles in their windows to Light the Christ Child on his way. A very pretty practice, and one that the insurance people strangely enough, very strongly disapprove of. Another Swedish custom, the brewing of GLOGG, is one that Messrs Volstead et al very strongly disapprove of. Glogg is said to have "white mule," French cognac and liquid dynamite backed off the boards force effectiveness.

English people have a habit of going around to their English neighbors singing old English carols. The richly blended voices lends an enchanting note to the Christmas atmosphere. At least in the first few concerts it does. But of course the carolers have to be invited in and asked to partake of refreshments against the biting cold. Along toward the end of the route the voices are apt to be a trifle uncertain.

Miss Mabel Browning is in Lubbock to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Browning.

The Misses Zada and Veda Maxwell, Miss Ethel Isaacs, and Miss Mary Wilson left Friday for Snyder to spend Christmas with their parents.

Miss Ethel Bradley is in Abilene to visit her brother and family for the holidays.

Miss Lelia Poe is in Abilene for the Christmas holidays, the guest of her mother.

C. L. Browning is in Brady for Christmas, the guest of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. I. Browning.

Frank Stinecomb is here, joining Mrs. Stinecomb and children at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Graves for Christmas.

Miss Lelia Cowen arrived home yesterday from Amarillo, where she is teaching. She will spend Yuletide with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cowen and other relatives in Sweetwater.

Miss Frances Reynolds, who is a student at Baylor College, is here for the holidays.

R. A. Faver of Wichita Falls, will join Mrs. Faver and the children who are spending the winter here this evening for Christmas. Mr. Faver will be accompanied by Gerald Vinson, who will come from Wichita Falls to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Vinson.

An account of the holiday season, the ladies' church societies will not meet Monday afternoon, the regular meeting day of the societies each week. The majority, if not all of the societies will hold no meetings until January the 8th, according to information.

Milton Carr is expected from Ranger to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carr and his other relatives and friends in the city.

J. H. Freeze has just recently returned from an extended visit with his mother, at Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Frank Hill, editor of "The Prairie," the Canyon City Normal paper, and a Senior, is expected home today for the holidays.

Ben I. Warren, is here from South America to spend his annual vacation with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Warren on North Oak street. Mr. Warren has held a very responsible position with the Sun Oil Company, practically ever since he was discharged from the services of Uncle Sam.

S. I. Edwards left Saturday night for Dublin to join Mrs. Edwards and son, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Charlton and daughters left Saturday morning in their car for San Antonio to spend Christmas with relatives.

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Christmas Greetings

SPECIAL TURKEY DINNER
Sweetwater's giant Gobbler will greet you on Christmas Day at our Cafe ably supported by delicious "fixins".

YOU CAN AFFORD TO MISS THE DATE
MERRY CHRISTMAS
PACE BROS. CAFE

At this season of the year it is with real pleasure that I express my sincere thanks for the business you have accorded me the past year and wish one and all

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

D. A. Clark
Insurance—Real Estate.

Christmas Greetings

The year that is closing has been one of the most successful in the history of the Ford Motor Company in its attempt to furnish reliable transportation at the lowest possible price. It has gone farther in this direction than has ever been attempted before, in the endeavor to reach its ultimate ideal of giving every one dependable transportation, truck haulage and farm power at a low price. Although the Ford Motor Company has one of the largest industrial organizations in the history of civilization—the final factor in its accomplishments have been the confidence and the co-operation of the people. The Dabney Motor Company is glad, indeed, to have been of service in furthering the ideals of Henry Ford in this section and to have brought the advantages of the Ford organization to everyone in this community. We hope to increasingly merit your confidence in the years to come, the while we as sincerely thank you for the courtesies of the year that is gone.

The Dabney Motor Company

OUR BEST WISH **Merry Xmas**

Wishing you all that is worth while
All that comes with friendship's smile
This is our Christmas wish to you
Hoping it will last the whole year through.

Mills & Juengerman
Greatest of the Season

At This Time Of Year, It Affords Us Greatest Pleasure to Extend Our Sincere Appreciation For The Patronage Given Us And to Wish You—Everyone

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.
Pollard Grocery
Webb & Caskey.

With Heartiest Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas

Sweetwater Laundry Co.

A. H. Herring Was Awarded The Automobile
B. J. Stamps was Awarded The Doll
in Our Doll and Auto Contest
which closed Saturday Afternoon.

King's Fine Chocolates

When you present your Christmas remembrance to "Her" be sure that you accompany it with a box of King's—She will appreciate it the more if the name King is on the box.

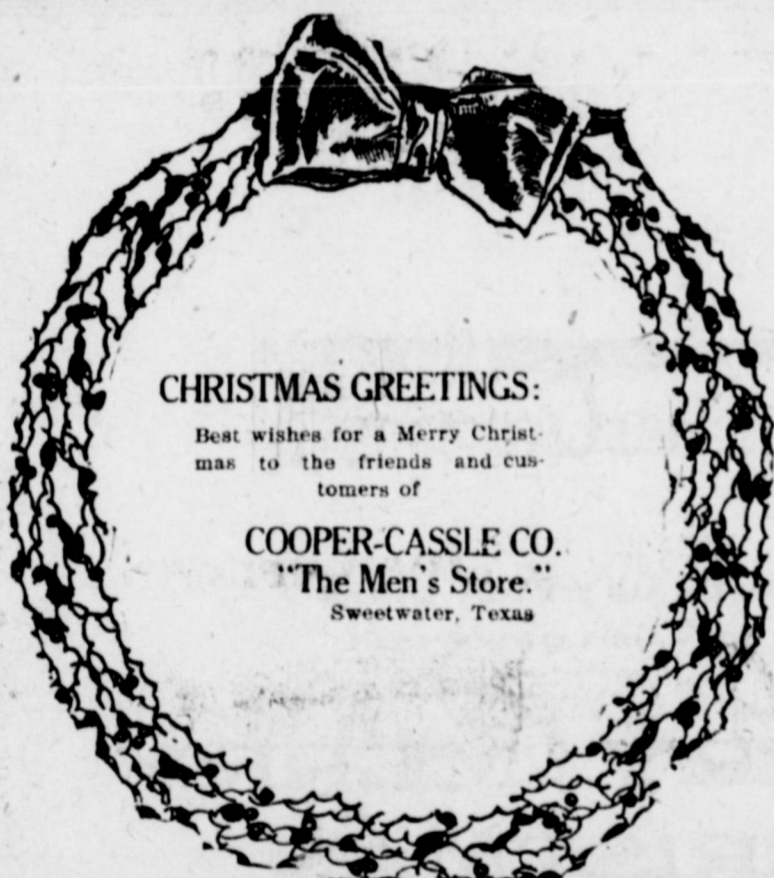
Our Store Will Be Open Monday

In the rush and bustle of last minute Christmas shopping you overlooked some one, or failed to find just what you wanted, come here. We have a fine assortment of toilet articles, perfumes, Christmas cigars and many other useful and appreciated Christmas tokens.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To the many, many friends who have, by their patronage, shown their confidence and appreciation of our service, we want, at this happy holiday season, to extend our sincerest best wishes.

Palace Drug Store



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:
Best wishes for a Merry Christmas to the friends and customers of

COOPER-CASSLE CO.
"The Men's Store."
Sweetwater, Texas

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

G. B. O'Dell left Saturday night for Dallas to join his wife at the home of their daughter for the holidays. Mrs. O'Dell went to Dallas about ten days ago and will visit at Houston with another daughter before returning home.

Special turkey dinner today and Christmasday at the Cozy Cafe.—Adv.

Mrs. Percy Carr and little son J. E. will remain at Childress until after the holidays. They have been guests for several days of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Powell, who lived here until October.

Two hundred and eighty pounds of dressed turkeys with the "fixins" await you at the Cozy Cafe. Served today and Christmas day. Singing by the Leavell Boys at noon and night.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning and son Hollis will make a trip to South Texas and into Mexico during the holidays, starting from Fort Worth, where they have spent the past week visiting their sons, John and Vessie Browning and wives, while Mr. Browning attended the state meeting of the Shriners.

You'll miss the best opportunity of a lifetime if you don't set up to a regular turkey dinner at Green's Place today or Christmas day.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lackey will spend the holidays with friends and relatives at Blackwell their former home town.

Excellent music and a splendid turkey dinner at the Cozy Cafe Sunday and Christmas day. Satisfy that hungriness at Green's place.—Adv.

Miss Ruby Tidwell, a member of the school faculty, will spend a part of her vacation with her home folks at Fredell.

Excellent music and a splendid turkey dinner at the Cozy Cafe Sunday and Christmas day. Satisfy that hungriness at Green's place.—Adv.

P. G. Dabney of Mexia, will arrive today to join his wife, at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Beall for the holidays. She preceded him a week ago.

You'll miss the best opportunity of a lifetime if you don't set up to a regular turkey dinner at Green's Place today or Christmas day.—Adv.

Mack Bainbridge, a third year A. & M. man came in from College Station Friday night to spend a part of his holiday vacation with his old school mate, Lindley Neal. His parents Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bainbridge lived here until this past spring.

Two hundred and eighty pounds of dressed turkeys with the "fixins" await you at the Cozy Cafe. Served today and Christmas day. Singing by the Leavell Boys at noon and night.—Adv.

Mrs. Burrell Carr and little daughter Francis are planning to leave Tuesday for Childress to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Powell for the remainder of the holidays.

Special turkey dinner today and Christmasday at the Cozy Cafe.—Adv.

Mrs. W. E. Henderson received a message Friday night that her brother, Pat Lawson, of Annona, Texas was dead.

ELK'S DANCE MONDAY NIGHT
The Yuletide ball of the Elks will be given Monday evening, starting at 8:30 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Smiles Fun Makers orchestra.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS
Will have nice lot of cut flowers and Pot Plants at my residence for Christmas. L. J. Mashburn. 279-1tc

S. A. Parker leaves tonight for Shreveport, La., where he will spend the holidays with Mrs. Parker, who has been in Shreveport for the past several days. He will also visit with his brother in Jackson, Tennessee, before returning to Sweetwater.

FOR SALE—A Ford touring car in good condition for only \$100. Call Al Williams at Wright Hotel. 279-1tp

Reporter Want Ads bring quick results.

Christmas 1922

—And now as one year ends in a blaze of happiness and good cheer while the New Year of Promise lies before us—our wish for you and yours is that the Gods of Good Fortune may attend you and the Cherubs of Happiness be your boon companions on Christmas Day and throughout the coming year.



City National Bank

"The Bank for Everybody"

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Topic—How to Have Christmas All The Year.—Leader, Dr. Monk
Hymn 107, Oye to the World.
Scripture Reading.
Piano Solo.—Verna Sheppard.
Reading—Ruth Davis
Hymn—Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
Reading—Edith Litchfield.
The story of God's Gift as told by the Shepherd—Margaret Dutler.

True giving to Others, Marcia's Dream.—Mrs. Monk.
True Giving to Christ.—Clara B. Willis.

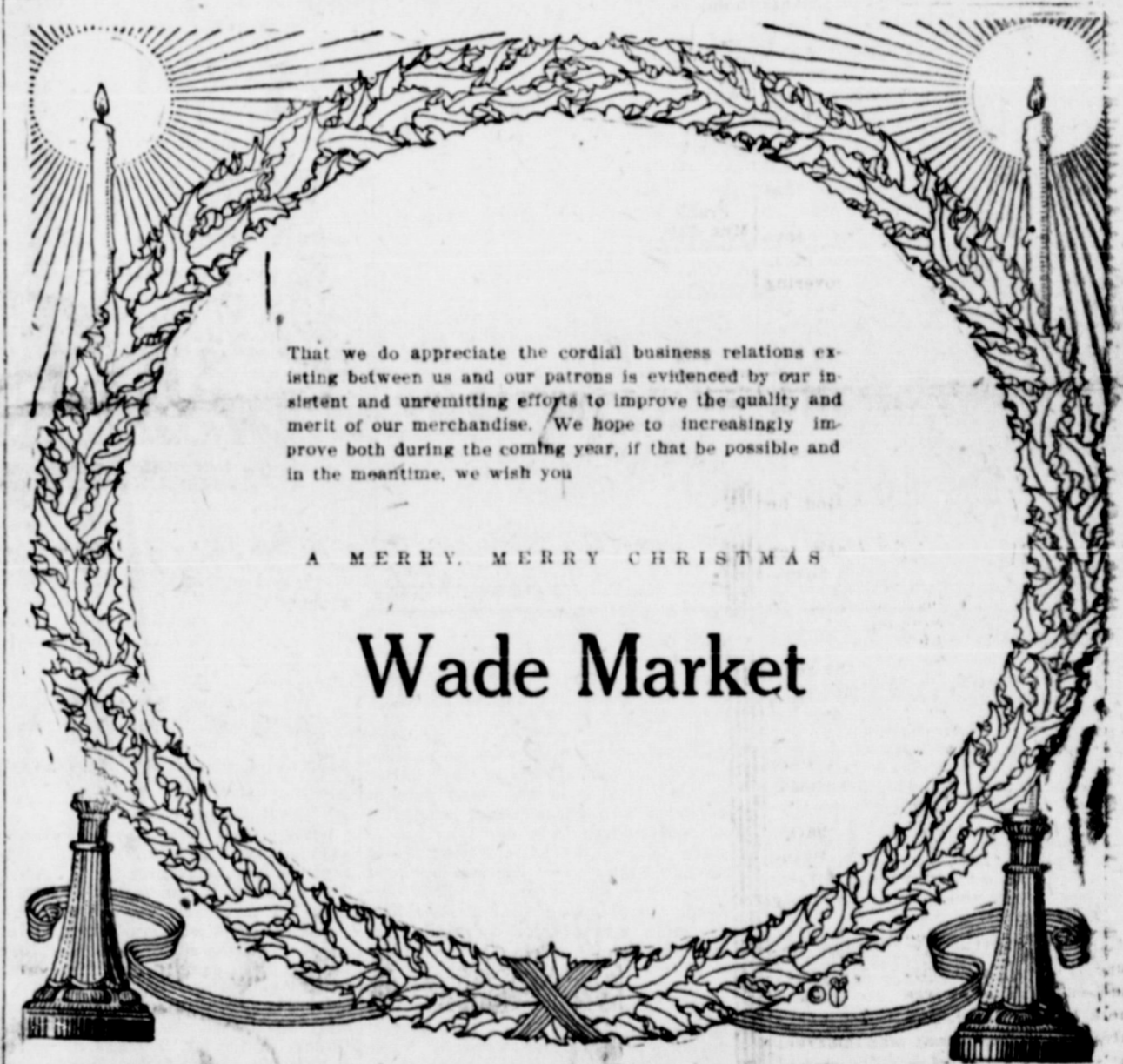
Poem, "He Had No Place Whereon to Lay His Head."—Bruce Gibson.
Hymn, "More Love to Thee O Christ."

All young people are cordially invited to attend the program.
Subscribe for The Reporter.

Ben W. McCorkle, who has been attending the Atlanta Southern Dental College, Atlanta, Georgia, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCorkle.

Mrs. Sam Harger and children of Colorado are visiting Mrs. Harger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Brashear.

The Ball given by the Girl's Bridge Club at the Wright Hotel Saturday night proved a great success.



That we do appreciate the cordial business relations existing between us and our patrons is evidenced by our insistent and unremitting efforts to improve the quality and merit of our merchandise. We hope to increasingly improve both during the coming year, if that be possible and in the meantime, we wish you

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wade Market

Christmas

Greeting

Day after day, and week after week,
No matter what you may do,
Whether it's easy or whether it's hard,
May you always come "smilin' thru."
And don't forget to COMMAND when we may serve you.

BURTON-LINGO CO.
Sweetwater Texas

Merry Xmas



Here's thanking everybody for their kind consideration during the past year and wishing you, one and all

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

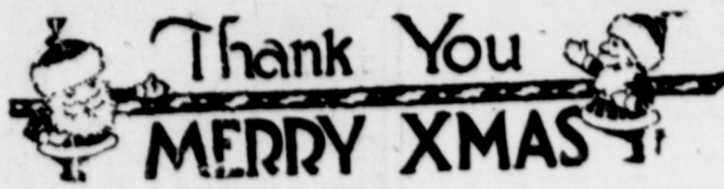
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Greeting

This is a very opportune time in which to express our most cordial appreciation for the patronage that has been given us during the past year. We sincerely hope that the friendly relations that exist between this company and its patrons will continue unclouded through the years, strengthened by the bonds of mutual interest. It is our intention to render the same type of service in the future, as in the past—and that the best.

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE A VERY HAPPY ONE

West Texas Electric Co.



The year would not be complete without an expression of our sincere gratitude for the business accorded us. We want to thank you and wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Carter Hardware



Wishing
One
And All
A
Very Merry
Christmas

Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co.

"EVERYTHING IN LUMBER"

GUESTS GOT THE INCREASE.

Larger Salary Necessitated Greater Economy for Corporation Officer.

By The United Press. One of the officers of a big corporation now drawing a yearly salary of more than \$50,000, once told me that his most important salary increase was when he got a raise from \$3,500 to \$5,000. This enabled him to take his family to a more pleasant neighborhood in the large city where they lived, and to buy food of the best quality.

Before that they had been obliged to live in surroundings that jarred and to practice the most rigid economy.

His next raise was from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This, strange to say, made no striking difference in their joys of life. They moved to a more expensive apartment with more

rooms, but it was in no better surroundings, and the extra rooms were not greatly needed. They had servants, too, but these brought more trouble than joy. A few years later he was drawing \$25,000 but by that time it was expected, as part of his official duties to meet and entertain many men of affairs. The consequence was that he had to live in a spacious apartment that harbored a butler, and he had to be more economical even than when he got only \$3,500. Indeed, for the first time in her life, his wife was obliged to make her own clothes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Myres left yesterday for Ennis, where they will spend their holidays with Mrs. Myres' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tidwell. They will likely visit his mother, Mrs. D. A. Myres and family at Dallas before returning to Sweetwater.

CLUB MEETS

Self-Culture Club Entertained By Mrs. R. A. Stewart And Mrs. G. E. Ramsey Wednesday.

The most beautiful hospitality was enjoyed by the members of the Self-Culture Club Wednesday afternoon in the form of a Christmas party given by Mrs. R. A. Stewart and Mrs. G. E. Ramsey, at the Stewart residence.

Preceding the party a short business session was held which was presided over by the president, Mrs. F. G. Robertson and Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Schooler.

Then the scene was changed to a most festive scene of Christmas cheer and gaiety.

The home was lovely in its artistic decorations of Yuletide colors with a Christmas tree of unusual beauty, loaded with gifts for each club member present and also those out of town. The tree was presided over by a real Santa Claus with long flowing beard and the famous suit of red and snow.

Clever diversions entertained during the afternoon. A delightful finale was the course of fruit cake, ambrosia and hot coffee with whipped cream. Quaint little candle sticks on each plate holding a tiny green candle carried out the Christmas color scheme effectively, and were blown out with good wishes.

Mesdames Olin Collins, J. I. Stephenson, F. C. Moore, and Walter Boothe were special guests.

SCHOOL SYSTEM LAGGING.

"Good Enough For Father" is Slogan, Says Educator.

By The United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—This country is so far behind in providing educational facilities for its children that "it is letting the school that was good enough for our fathers suffice for the children of today," according to John Y. Tigert, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

"The present school building shortage is nothing short of a disgrace to the nation," Tigert said.

Among the defects cited by the commissioner in an appeal for better school buildings are:

Old dilapidated structures, half of them dating back more than 25 years; lack of fireproof construction; serious congestion; lack of necessary adjuncts for a rounded education such as gymnasiums, shops, science and cooking rooms.

"One school building of every four now in use was built more than thirty-four years ago," Tigert declared.

"Hundreds of thousands of children are housed in portable, rented buildings, stores and lofts. Thousands more are sitting for four or five hours a day in badly lighted, inadequately ventilated basements, three feet or more below street level.

"Only five per cent of all the school buildings are of fire-proof construction. Every week in the year a school building is burned or partly destroyed by fire.

"Seventy-five per cent of the cities in 1920 reported congestion. Hundreds of thousands are on half-time.

"These are unpleasant facts. But they are facts that need to be stated because the crisis is serious," Tigert concluded.

RARE BONES ARE FOUND

Scientist Uncovers Abundant Supply In Nebraska.

By The Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Fragmentary evidence of unclassified rodents and reptiles has been found by Albert Thompson, paleontologist, in the ranch lands of Nebraska, where in former years, research workers have uncovered the remains of mastodons, rhinoceroses, giant camels, alligators, dwarf horses and other queer beasts.

The bones of the strange animals were uncovered on a ranch in Sioux County while Mr. Thompson, who is a member of the Paleontological research staff of the American Museum of Natural History, was searching for

skeletons of three-toed dwarf horses. Mr. Thompson began the study of paleontology while employed as a cowboy in the Dakota Bad Lands more than thirty years ago. He was especially interested in the remains of the three-toed horse and other types of beasts of the same family.

In the interest of this work he went to Nebraska early last summer. Aided by several students he began digging in a channel bed that appeared to be rich in bones of all sorts. He found bits of the dwarf horse, of the alligators and other animals, and then he came upon pieces of skulls the character of which was new to him.

He delved further in an effort to uncover complete skeletons. His student helpers returned to their schools and he kept on alone, but had no further success.

Bad weather finally set in and Mr. Thompson was compelled to abandon his work. He had, however, collected hundreds of bones and skulls of great research value. He plans to return to Sioux County next year and resume work in the channel bed.

"Western Nebraska undoubtedly is the richest field in America for this sort of work," said Mr. Thompson recently, "and we hope to make startling discoveries in the next two or three years. I shall return next summer and make an effort to find complete skeletons of the strange type of rodents and reptiles of which we have fragments."

PLAN BIG POULTRY SHOW.

By The United Press. COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 23.—More than 1,000 birds will be exhibited here at the poultry show during Farmers' Week, according to officials in charge of the exhibits. Four hundred coops, each to contain

two fowls, have been delivered in Columbia. It is the first time that coops for the exhibits have been furnished by the farmers. The annual catalogue, put out by the Poultry Association, will be sent to Missouri farmers on about January 1, it was announced.



Here's Wishing You A Very Happy And Prosperous Holiday Season.

THE CASINO

Chas. Starr, Prop.
Fruit, Short Orders And Candy.
Cigars, Cigarettes.

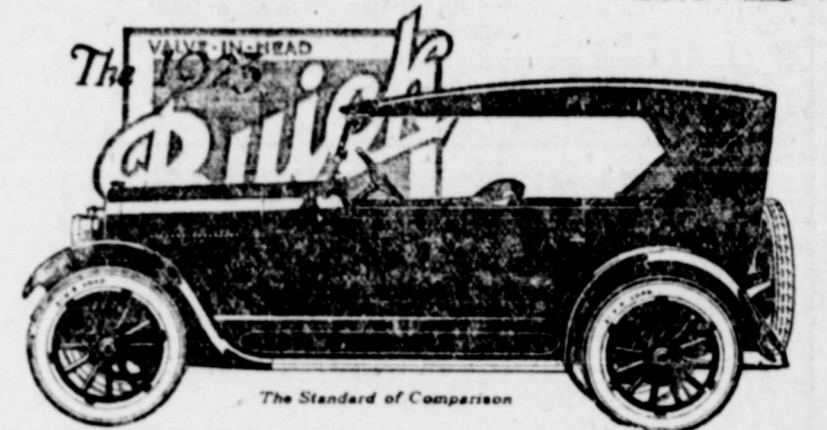


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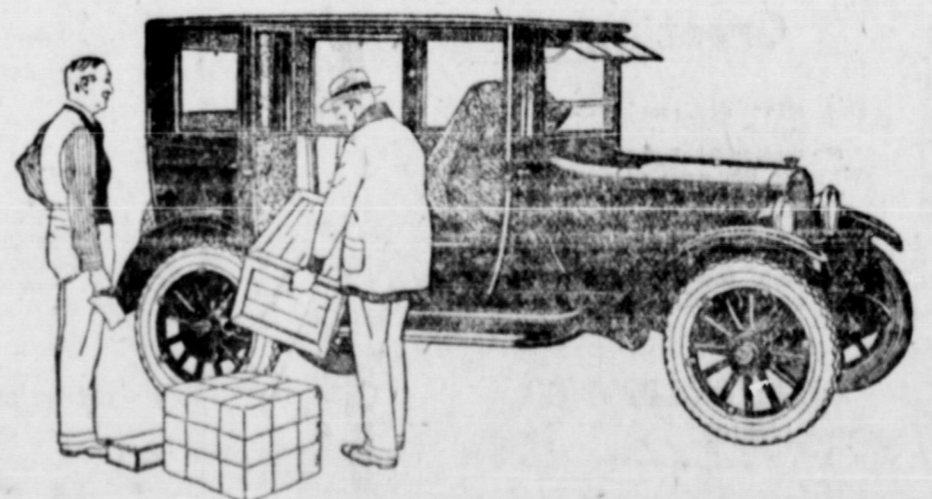
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NOTICE.

Seed wheat, barley and rye at the Flour Mill. Phone 689. 258 dtfc

FOR SALE—Close in lots or paved street. Terms. T. Vard Woodruff, owner. 194 tfdc

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FOR SALE—A number of fine young cockerels of the Thompson strain of the Imperial Ringlets. Pen headed by \$35.60 rooster from Thompson's best. Will go at a bargain to make room for fall stock. Address L. C. Vinson, Sweetwater, Tex. Box 272. 189tfx

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Join the Nolan County Poultry Association and help put over one of the biggest poultry shows in this section the first week in January. R. L. Shafer, at S. D. Myres Saddle Shop, Secretary. 277-3tde

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HAD THE IDEA ANYWAY.

But Names Were Hazy in Wisconsin Woman's Mind.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.
Some of Gen. John J. Pershing's friends in the army are relating a story which grew out of his recent visit to Wisconsin. The general went out to deliver an address and received most cordial welcome. In some part of the formal exercises a Wisconsin woman, addressing a member of the Pershing party, said:

"How wonderful it must be to be related to such a great man! Just think of having in the family such a celebrated general! It must have been marvelous to read about him going to France to command our army, and when he laid a wreath on that tomb and said, 'La Fayette, we are here.'"

PLANTS RUNNING FULL SPEED.

By The United Press.
CEMENT CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—The plant of the Missouri Cement Company here is running full capacity for the first time in many years, J. G. Morgan, manager announced. The plants are running 24 hours a day, employing 300 men, and turning out from 2,600 and 2,800 barrels of cement a day. The cement is shipped to points in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Mr. Morgan said.

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ing around
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TAKES OVER CHALMERS

Maxwell Interests To Continue Production.

Announcement is made from Detroit that the powerful Maxwell interests are now in full control of the Chalmers Motor Car Company, having taken over the physical properties of the Chalmers. The business of the Chalmers Company will go on as in the past. In other words, the production and sale of the Chalmers six will be continued. x x

The plans of the new owners of the Chalmers properties are already well matured. They provide for a development of the Chalmers along the same sound lines that have been pursued

in the Maxwell business during the last two years.

The purchase of the Chalmers means that it will now get the benefit of the experience, resources and vision of the same organization which has made the Maxwell such a success since the organization took over the Maxwell properties some two years ago.

Distributors and dealers, by wire and mail, have expressed their enthusiasm to the Detroit executives, over the constructive outlook. Plans are for a greatly enlarged Chalmers production during the coming year, and the fullest possible use of the extensive Chalmers manufacturing facilities, which are said to be among the finest in the industry.—Adv.

1926. If a plan prepared by the Detroit Board of Commerce materializes. A world's peace jubilee and waterway exposition in 1926 is planned in the event Philadelphia is unable to carry out the contemplated plan for an exposition commemorating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. If Philadelphia holds the exposition, the Detroit fair would be held a year earlier.

Harold H. Emmons, president of the board, announced the proposal would be studied carefully by leading business men here within the next few months. The last world's fair was held at St. Louis in 1904.

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Domestic Lump, \$10.50 Per Ton.

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TO BID FOR WORLD FAIR

Detroit Planning or Exposition in 1925 Or 1926.

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Detroit will have a world's fair either in 1925 or

Yule-Tide GREETINGS

The Reception Accorded The

NEW SERIES MAXWELL

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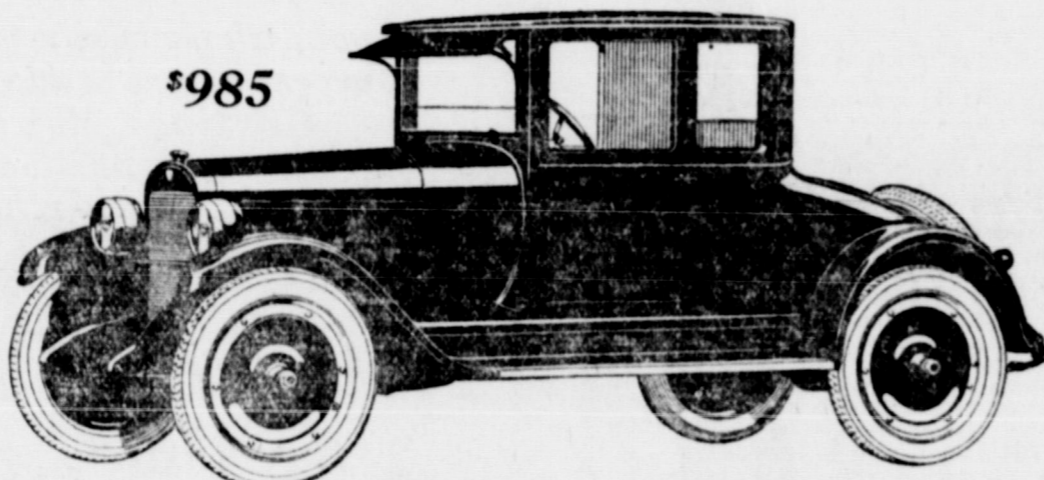


During the past year has been exceedingly gratifying. We could not let this season pass without expressing to the many purchasers of these fine cars, to the prospective purchasers and to our friends everywhere our sincerest best wishes and a



Merry, Merry Christmas HUBERT TOLER

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A Delightful Holiday Remembrance

Joy fills the air; for with Christmas and the New Year come days of glad reunion. On these days your presence, the sound of your voice, is valued above all precious gifts.

But what if distance prevents your actually joining the happy circle? Your telephone then is the friendly tie. It takes no heed of miles—of rivers, mountains or deserts.

It enables you to send your voice—your own personality—to the spot where the little gathering eagerly awaits you. Call them by telephone and they will feel that you are with them.

Ask the Long Distance operator about Station to Station calls and particularly the low rates prevailing after 8:30 p. m.

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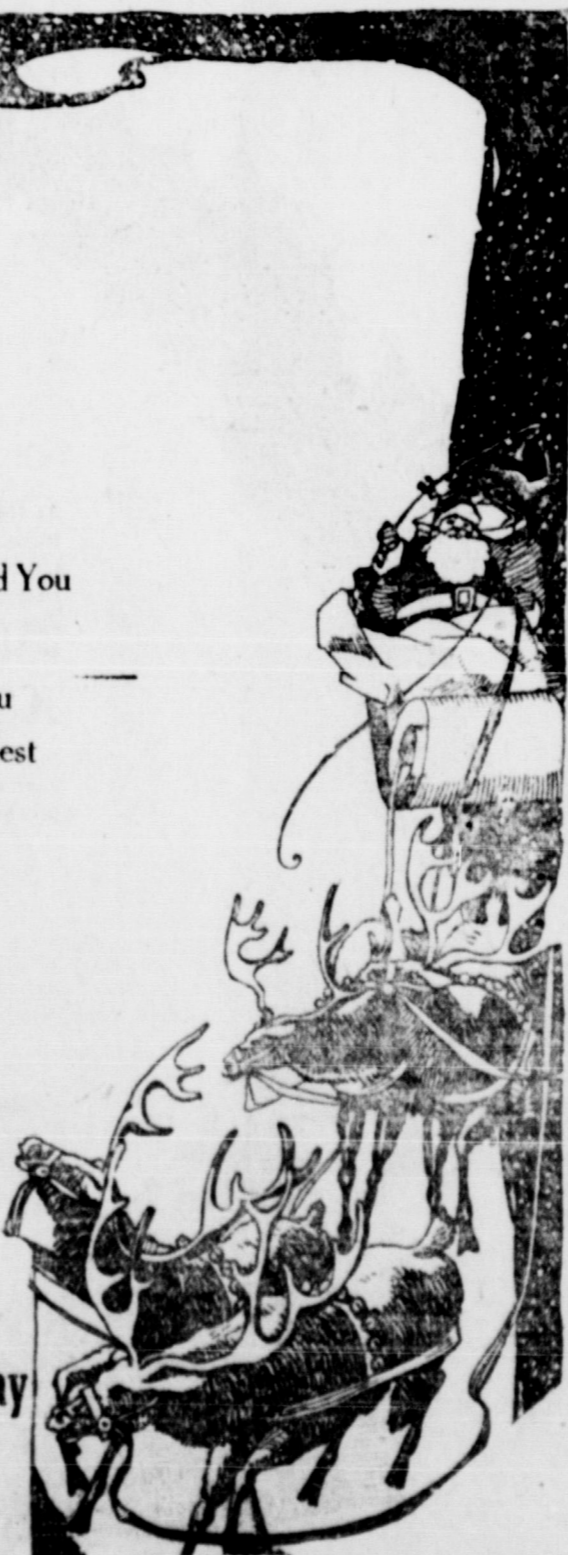


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And May Your



Christmas be a Very Happy one

SWEETWATER CANDY KITCHEN

Next to Masonic Temple. Sweetwater, Texas.

TEXAS PECANS RUN SHORT.

Ranks Lowest Nut Production State—Other States Small Also.

By The United Press.
AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—The Texas pecan crop this year will be the smallest of any of the pecan producing states, according to estimates of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Texas normally is the largest pecan producing state in the Union but due to adverse weather conditions the crop this year will be but 6 per cent of normal. This is more than 40 per cent below the five year average production.

Other pecan producing states will fall way short in this year's production, according to the report. Oklahoma, usually ranking second will have but 9 per cent of a normal crop; Louisiana 11 per cent; Arkansas 12 per cent, and Georgia 22 per cent.

The quality of the Texas nuts has slightly improved this year the report shows. Last year's crop was listed as 81 per cent for quality while the list for this year show quality a 83 per cent.

RIVALS THE "PIED PIPER."

El Paso Watchman Is Veritable "Rough On Rats."

By The United Press.
EL PASO, Dec. 23.—Found! A rival to the Pied Piper of Hamelin—a nightwatchman of El Paso.

In an effort to exterminate rats at a factory here, a novel plan of offering the nightwatchman a bounty for each rat killed brought forth unusual results.

Armed with a rifle to which an electric searchlight is attached, the rat hunter searches for his prey.

A rat scurries across the floor. The rifle is thrown to the hunter's shoulder and the instant the butt of the gun touches his shoulder the light flashes.

The rat is startled in astonishment by the sudden brightness of the elements and hesitates, blinded.

Then—bang—a few more cents for the nightwatchman. Factory officials say the watchman has about exterminated the rodents there.

"YULE LOG" UNDER SUSPICION.

Volstead Sleuths to Be Unusually Active This Season.

By The United Press.
DALLAS, Dec. 23.—The "Yule Log" itself will not escape the unwelcome attentions of Volstead's sleuths here this year, it was learned as the "flying squadron" of prohibition officers gathered for the holiday season.

Colonel W. A. Nitzer, head of the Texas dry division, is planning to dress a number of his staff in the accepted raiment of St. Nicholas, if necessary, to be finally certain that celebrants of the season's beer stay within the dictates of the law. He has issued a warning that any and all attempts at too great hilarity in this district will be watched carefully.

It might be advisable to pluck the whiskers of Santa Claus if the genial old gentleman turns up for Christmas, as he may be seeler of the shrewder of the day's egg-nogs, Colonel Nitzer averred.

Miss Helen Carr, who is attending school at Big Spring, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carr.

MANY HIGH SCHOOL PAPERS.

Approximately 1,000 High Schools Publish Editions.

By The United Press.
DALLAS, Dec. 23.—Approximately one thousand high school weeklies are being published throughout the state and establishments of others is contemplated, according to Roy Bedichek,

head of the Interscholastic League division of the Extension bureau of the University of Texas.

Most of the papers have been started in the last two years, Bedichek said.

Bedichek devotes a column in the "Interscholastic Leaguer," to criticism of the other papers.

TO SELL COLLEGE BONDS.

By The United Press.

DALLAS, Dec. 23.—A campaign for selling \$200,000 worth of bonds for financing improvements on the St. Mary's College, a Catholic institution, has been launched here by the board of trustees. The bonds will pay 6 per cent and are issued in denominations ranging from one hundred to one thousand dollars.

Luke 2: 13-14:—And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:—

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will to all men."

The First Baptist Church Wishes All Men A Happy Christmas Season.



To you, whose business helps to make ours successful, we send cordial Christmas Greetings. May happiness be your portion through the coming year.

WRIGHT PHARMACY

Sweetwater, Texas

WHITE ANTS INVADE KANSAS.

By The United Press.
LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 23.—White ants, similar to destructive ants of the tropics, are becoming numerous in this state, according to Prof. S. J. Hunter, state entomologist. Control of the pest has proved rather difficult although it can be exterminated by pouring on of carbon bisulphide, Hunter said. Several specimens of a wheel bug have been brought to the attention of the entomologist. They are non-poisonous and eat other insects, Hunter explained.

SOME "DUCK" STORIES.

By The United Press.
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 23.—Many and varied are the "duck" stories coming from Kelly field near here. One morning a cadet is said to have landed with two ducks hanging to braces between the upper and lower wings of the plane. The necks of the birds had become wedged in the acute angle formed by the wires. Another good one is of a pilot who ran into a flock of the birds scattering them in every direction. His propeller was broken and he was forced to land in a small lake.

TO TAX GAS CONSUMPTION.

By The United Press.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 23.—Mayor Ben D. Brickenhouse, here, has come forward with a radical change in the method of taxing automobiles. He would abolish all the flat rates on cars and trucks and retain only the tax on gasoline consumption. In this way, the Mayor argued, each automobile would pay in proportion to the amount of wear and destruction it causes on the roads.

TO OPEN LAND BANK.

By The United Press.
CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Southeast Missouri Joint Stock Land Bank will soon be opened for business, according to C. A. Vandivort, secretary of the company. Officers have been opened in the Southeast Missouri Trust Company and actual dealings are expected to begin within a few weeks, he said.

Miss Anna Mae Cochran, who is attending the C. I. A. at Denton, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. John Cochran, Jr., and her sister, Mrs. Frank Morgan.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

It would not be right for us, at this season of the year, not to express our thanks for the confidence you have shown in us by the patronage of the past year. It is a confidence that we hope to increasingly merit in times to come, by striving always to improve our service. And in the meantime, we want to wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Fine Christmas Candies

Do not make any Christmas calls without taking along a box of Liggett's Fine Chocolates. No matter what else you give her, be sure that a box of fine candy from Bowen's accompanies the gift. She will think the more of you for your thoughtfulness.

Store Open Sunday and Monday

In case Christmas stole upon you unaware, so that you were unable to complete your Christmas shopping, or in case you forgot someone who remembered you with an unexpected gift—you will find a very appropriate remembrance here.

- stationery
- perfumes and toilet waters
- Christmas cigars, pipes, etc.
- Eastman kodaks, pens, pencils
- razors, all kinds
- fine ivory
- vacuum bottles
- many, many others!

Bowens Drug Store

The Rexall Store



At this season of the year we are gratefully reminded of those whose friendly good-will and co-operation have contributed to our success, and we feel that 1922 should not pass from us without extending to you an expression of our appreciation of the cordial relations that have always existed between us. We want to take this opportunity to wish

A Merry, Merry Christmas

to you and yours. And likewise, we sincerely hope that the year 1923 will be the best you ever have known in health, prosperity and in happiness.



HOTELS RESERVED

Fore-Runners of Walton Inauguration Ceremonies Are Now Evident.

By The United Press
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 23.—"Sold out."

This was the sign hanging from all local hotels and rooming houses today—a forerunner of what might be expected in the way of accommodations two weeks from now, when 200,000 to 300,000 persons are expected here.

Several committees are working in an effort to house the thousands who will be here for the barbecue and celebration in honor of the inauguration of Governor-elect Jack Walton, January 8 and 9.

One thousand rooms in private homes have been listed as emergency accommodations for the two days and temporary "tent cities" are in the course of erection.

"The crowds will equal those attending a world's fair," Dan V. Lackey, in charge of the inaugural arrangements said.

Other than the housing problem, feeding the hundreds of thousands will be "some job," Lackey said.

A call was issued by the arrangement committee for scores of lunch counters to be operated in all parts of the city during the celebration.

An old-fashioned barbecue, in connection with the celebration, will help "satisfy" the hungry.

Three 10,000 gallon coffee pots and four 10,000 gallon soup kettles are being built for the barbecue. Two thousand hogs, and sheep; 10,000 chickens, ducks, turkeys, possums, squirrels and rabbits, and several deer, bear and buffalo will be barbecued, it was announced.

Besides the sleeping and eating problems, everything is "running pretty," Lackey said.

Scores of entertainment features, including an Indian War Dance, and an old-fashioned square dance, have been provided for the two days, and everything will be FREE, Lackey announced.

WERE COWBOY ASPIRANTS.

New Jersey Youths Went West—And Grew Homesick.

By The United Press.

DALLAS, Dec. 23.—"We wanted to be cowboys like they show us in the movies so we came to Texas to get a job on a ranch."

A boy of 14 told this to police after he and his companion, another boy of 14, had spent a week in the river bottoms of the Trinity river.

The boys, gripped with the desire for adventure, ran away from home in New Jersey after one of the youngsters had taken \$106 from his father.

They bought tickets for Chicago and

from there they rode a freight to St. Louis where they bought tickets for Dallas.

Arriving here they decided that they must learn the "art of cow punching" before applying for a job at a ranch so they invested the rest of their money in an outfit consisting of a small tent, cooking utensils and some bedding and then pitched camp in the river bottoms.

The largest of the two found work in a bowling alley in order to have money while learning their "trade." But all their dreams faded when the smaller grew homesick and wrote the homefolks of their whereabouts and advised them they were broke.

The lads were held by police pending receipt of money to get home on.

CANE MORE PROFITABLE.

By The United Press.

McALESTER, Okla., Dec. 23.—With increasing destruction being caused by the cotton boll weevil, it is now more profitable to raise cane, according to local farmers. H. H. Leard, farmer, says he made \$75 an acre, clear, raising cane for sorghum on land which formerly produced cotton, which netted him on an average of approximately \$50 an acre since the weevils hit this section.

Fulton Massengill of The Reporter force went to Abilene this morning to spend the day with friends.



Exide BATTERIES

The maximum combination of power and long life -

EXIDE BATTERY STATION

Harry Collins, Prop. Sweetwater, Texas

"SHEIK" HATS ARRIVE

Adorers of Rodolph Valentino Create New Style.

By The United Press.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 23.—The turban, hat of the desert sheiks, has made its appearance here.

It is a noble successor to the bell-

bottom trousers and the sash cord of the Spanish "bull-singers." And all on account of the adored Rodolph Valentino, local "sheiks" said.

Mrs. Emma Nebors, local dealer, declared that women are "going crazy" over the new fad.

Miss Mildred Hogue of Baylor College is here for the holidays.

Merry Christmas



Though Snow May Wreath
The Northern Hills
And Frost Enshroud the
Cold, Cold Earth

You Will Find The Warmest
of Welcomes Here And a
Sincere Wish For a Very
Merry Christmas
For You And Yours

Cowan & Tidwell

"Where The Price Is Right"

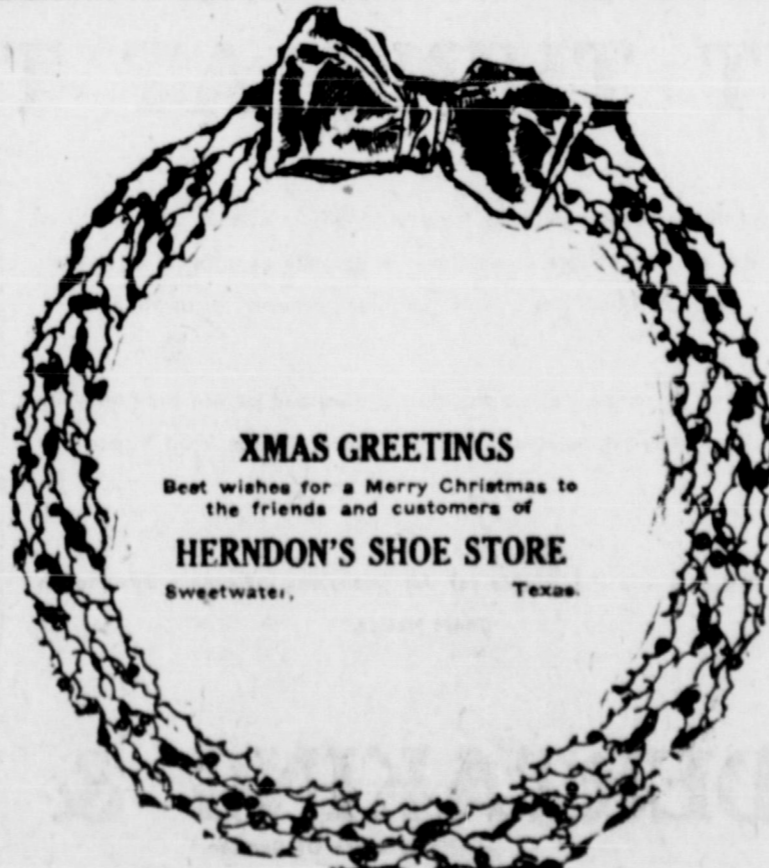


A Merry, Merry Xmas

Here's wishing Everybody just a plain,
Old-Fashioned Christmas, jolly as can be.

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"Everything In Leather."



XMAS GREETINGS

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas to the friends and customers of

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Cut Flowers—Pot Plants—Bulbs—Fruit and Ornamental Trees. Funeral designs a specialty.

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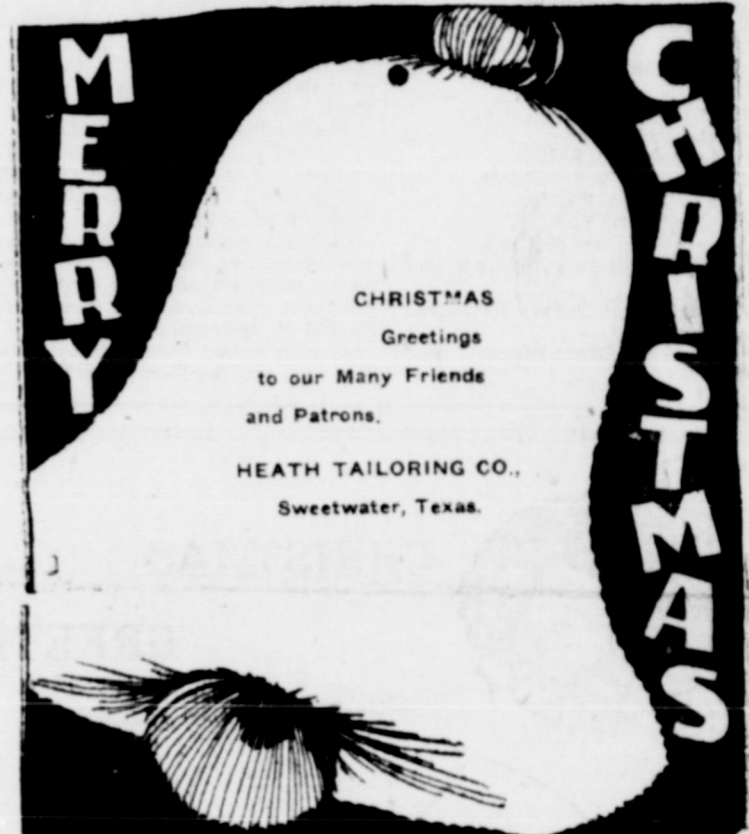
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COLONEL PURINA SAYS:—

Here's Wishing Every
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Good Kinds of
Christmas Cheer!
And So Say We.

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It provides enclosed car comfort in a dependable, quality product at a minimum cost.

Your order placed now will insure reasonably prompt delivery. Terms if desired.

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With The Heartiest
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Merry Christmas
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Christmas Greetings

L. E. COLEMAN

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Sweetwater, Texas

OPEN MIND COLUMN.

AN APPRECIATION

To The Sweetwater Reporter:—
I want to thank you sincerely for publishing our Christmas messages. In giving this information to the public, you have rendered a service worth while, both to the postal service and to the public.

It is to the credit we must look to educate the public to the needs of the postal service, and yet we do not always really appreciate your efforts. The public does not at all times give the necessary support to the press that is justly entitled to. Your service is a continuing beneficence.

With very best wishes for a Happy Christmas time and a prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely,
M. B. Howard, Postmaster.

IN APPRECIATION

To the Patrons of the Sweetwater Post Office:—

I want to assure you that I deeply appreciate your loyal assistance and co-operation in mailing your parcels early and addressing them plainly and wrapping securely. In doing this you have helped to conserve the public funds, and helped in giving Sweetwater improved mail service.

The work during the week has been arduous, its true, but you have made it pleasant and our real compensation for the extraordinary efforts put forth, is the joy that comes through bringing happiness to so many others.

This one thing we ask in return—the same loyal co-operation throughout the coming year that you have so willingly given during the past year, and particularly during this Christmas period.

To every patron of this office I send Christmas greetings, and I earnestly hope your happiness may be as great as is my gratitude of your splendid co-operation. I am

Sincerely yours,
M. B. Howard, Postmaster.

The Reporter force is likewise deeply indebted to the genial Postmaster for a box of choice Christmas cards which were deeply appreciated, indeed, in addition to the kind words expressed above. Postmaster Howard, we thank you.

YOUR BEST FRIEND

Vera Gordon's latest picture, "Your Best Friend," a Warner Brothers production which will be shown at the Queen Theatre Monday is said to tell the story of a mother who gives and loves her two sons. She does not ask forgiveness for their neglect, but rather endeavors to remain with them in spirit and feeling, when it's brightest, warmest or otherwise.

The prominent members of the cast supporting Miss Gordon include Billie Bennett, Harry Benham, Beth Mason,

Stanley Price and Dora Davidson. The story was produced by Harry Rapt and directed by Will Nigh. In "Your Best Friend" Miss Gordon once more graces the screen as the eternal mother—the part of a widow who at the outset, is surprised to learn that her son has married without ever having told her he had a sweetheart. She takes the shock calmly, and welcomes her daughter-in-law; but she soon discovers that the girl is a snob with an equally snobbish and socially ambitious mother. To please her son Mrs. Meyers (Miss Gordon) is transported from a lonely existence to one among the social elect. Here she sees her daughter-in-law with her mother squandering her money on gay parties and midnight suppers.

At every turn Mrs. Meyers is snubbed, and it does not dawn upon her that she is merely the financial support for the gratification of her daughter-in-law's whims and fancies. In time, however, she sees the light, and in the process Miss Gordon is said to render one of the finest characterizations of her screen career.

Mrs. John Hubbard and son, John Barry, have gone to Taylor to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCarty and family.

Mrs. Fred Pipkin, member of the South Ward School faculty, will spend the holiday season with her mother in Midland.

Subscribe for The Reporter.



We take this method of extending to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Sweetwater, Nolan County, and of West Texas, appreciated thanks for the liberal patronage accorded us since the birth of our establishment in Sweetwater, and ask that you remember us with a portion of your work in the New Year at hand. We wish for you the happiest Christmas of your life, and that the New Year will bring to you God-send blessings, happiness and prosperity, together with the best of health to you and yours for all time.

PENCE BROS. BARBER SHOP

North Oak Street, Sweetwater.

—REPORTER WANT ADS BRING QUICK RESULTS—

XMAS PROGRAM FORD WILL BUILD

First Baptist Sunday School Christmas Exercises Tonight At The Church.

The Christmas exercises of the Baptist Sunday school will be held tonight at the church. There will be a decorated tree and Santa Claus and everything for the kiddies.

The following program will be rendered:

Devotional exercises led by Judge E. I. Hill.

Scripture address.

Holy night—Choir.

Prayer—Judge E. I. Hill.

Christmas greeting—Chorus.

Reading—Zelma Parris.

Song—Junior B. Y. P. U.

Reading—Kathleen McLeod.

Song, "Good and True"—Little Fairies.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas"—Nina Mae Brand.

"The Search for Santa Claus"—Leland Stamps.

A Six Million Dollar Automobile Plant Is Big Manufacturer's Christmas Gift to Chicago.

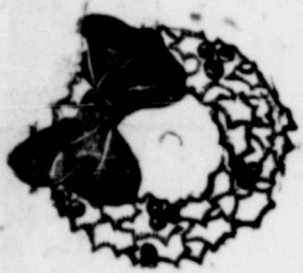
By The United Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A huge plant that will give 16,000 more men employment is Henry Ford's Christmas present to Chicago.

Plans for a mammoth manufacturing and assembling works which may be in time, a rival to the famous Detroit factory, have been completed by Ford.

The project will cost \$6,000,000.

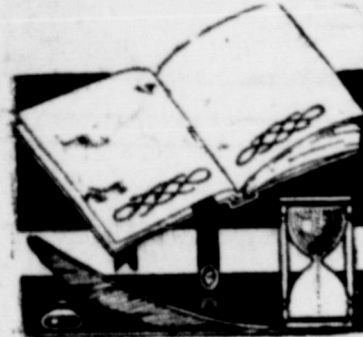
SWITZERLAND IS FAVORITE

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, Chicago's wealthiest woman, will announce her engagement to Edward Krenn, young Swiss architect, with the expiration of the legal year since her divorce from Harold F. McCormick, according to gossip in social circles here tonight. The year expires December 28.



CHRISTMAS

GREETING



To Close Our Books without expressing appreciation of our cordial relations in the past year and wishing you prosperity in the coming year would be leaving one of our principal debts unpaid.

Sweetwater Dry Goods Co.
THE PRICE IS THE THING.

Monday **R AND R QUEEN** Monday

A Great Picture For Christmas Day
YOUR BEST FRIEND



—with—
Vera Gordon

WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND?

Think—carefully. Run Over the list. Most folks will answer MOTHER, without any hesitation. And they would be right. There were two boys who did not realize it—nor did the wife of one of them—until things worked out that brought to them a keen realization that Mother was in truth their, as well as

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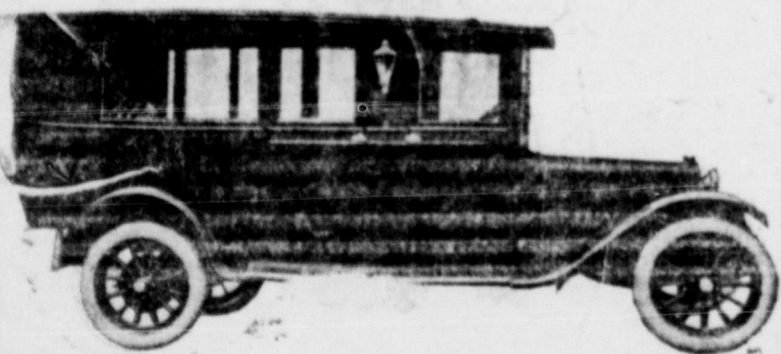
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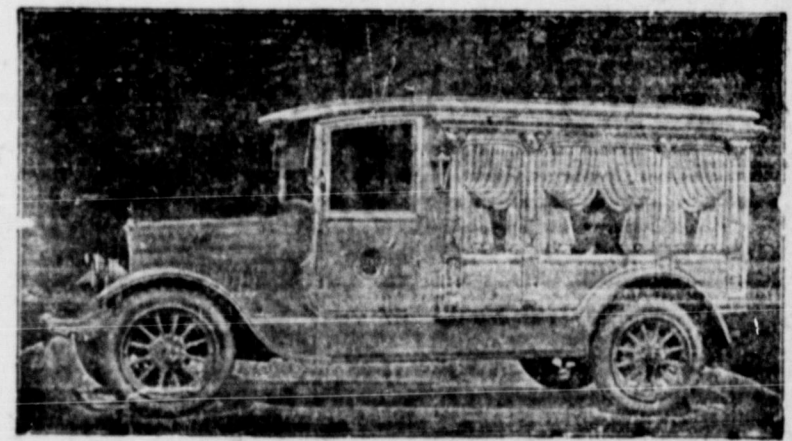


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