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REPORT TUXPAM OIL REGION IN MEXICO IS IN REBEL HANDS ZERO WEATHER FORECAST FOR WEST TEXAS BY SUNDAY NIGHT EIGHT MILLION DOLLAR OIL DEAL IS REPORTED SATURDAY

Garrison of the Port of Tuxpam And Federal Troops In Oil Fields Of Mexico Join Revolutionaries

SUGGESTS EXCESS PROFITS TAX AND SURTAX FOR BONUS

PROPOSAL IS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE RAINY, OF ILLINOIS. DECLARES THESE LEVIES WOULD PROVIDE MONEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (AP)—With Republican members of the house who are former service men pressing for early action on the soldier bonus, Representative Rainy of Illinois, a Democrat on the house ways and means committee, came out today with a proposal that payment of adjusted compensation be financed by restoration of the excess profits tax and an increase of the surtax on income. He declared these levies would provide more than enough funds for a bonus and at the same time a general tax reduction could be put into effect.

The Republican war veterans who are circulating petitions for a conference of house Republicans on January 10 with a view to putting the majority membership on record in favor of a house vote on the soldier bonus before February 1 continued today to obtain signatures. They plan to file the petitions when the house reconvenes on Monday. Rainy, one of the most outspoken proponents of the bonus legislation in the house, said he favored a maximum surtax rate of 10 per cent on net income exceeding \$150,000. Such a levy with one on the excess profits of corporations, he declared, would be designated as "revenue taxes."

The proposed schedules, he added, could either be made a part of the bonus bill or incorporated in the tax bill.

"If we could apply the surtax rates I suggest to the incomes of the individuals," said Rockefeller, Henry Ford, William Wrigley, Jr., and Secretary Mellon—and an endless list of other names—would be in which they are interested and in addition place a tariff on the article Mr. Wrigley uses in making chewing gum," said Mr. Rainy. "There would be plenty of money in the treasury to pay a bonus."

Day In Capital

The weather bureau announced that winter is at last on the way. The war department revealed that the army had developed the most powerful gun of its type in the world.

FATHER JACK DEMPSEY FINED \$50 ON CHARGE OF POSSESSING LIQUOR

RAIL LAKE CITY, Dec. 29. (AP)—Hiram Dempsey, father of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion boxer, was fined \$50 in city court today on a charge of possession of liquor. He was taken into custody a week ago in a local cafe and entered a plea of guilty. The arresting officer charged he was carrying highballs with liquor from a pocket flask.

TWO SHOT AND KILLED WHILE ON HUNTING TRIP

DEL RIO, Texas, Dec. 29. (AP)—Darshall Brown, 21, and Daniel Briggs, 18, were shot and instantly killed last night in Kinney county, 35 miles from here, while on a hunting trip with other youths. One of the party for the eyes of some animals and three shots were fired at them, reports received here stated.

Griswold Oil Company Purchases Lease Kentucky Oil Corporation For a Consideration of \$250,000

Another big sale was added to the number of recent purchases of oil properties in Archer county late Saturday when the Griswold Oil Corporation, for a consideration of \$250,000, bought the holdings of the Kentucky Oil Corporation. Hart and Mans, consisting of 13 acres in block 111 Geraldine townsite, L. F. Wilson land, direct offset of the Jetter well to the east. The property at present has also one producing well with a daily production of 500 barrels.

ANTI-KLAN LAW OF OKLAHOMA WILL BE SENT TO GOVERNOR

OPINION IS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKER OF HOUSE AND OTHERS.

STATEMENT RESULT OF REMARKS BY GOVERNOR

Declares That As Far As He Knows No Bill Passed by Legislature.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 29. (AP)—The measure commonly known as "the anti-klan law" passed by the extraordinary session of the Oklahoma legislature just before it recessed early this month is not dead and will be presented to Governor M. E. Trapp for his signature, according to an opinion expressed here today by W. D. McBee, speaker of the house, and concurred in by several members of the body.

Hundred Million 1924 for Making Motion Pictures

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29. (AP)—Upward of \$100,000,000 will be spent in the making of motion pictures in southern California during the coming year, according to film company officials here.

POETRY INVADES STATE PRISON IN PARDON APPEAL

AUSTIN, Dec. 29. (AP)—Poetry has invaded the state prison system and as a result Governor Pat M. Neff is in receipt of an appeal for pardon done in verse. Of the hundreds of requests for Christmas pardons, the poet to rhythm of Prisoner No. 4732 was said to be the most ingenious.

VIRGIL M. HARRIS DIES AT HOME IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29. (AP)—Virgil M. Harris, 81, widely trusted authority, died here today.

RATS GNAW BODY OF WOMAN PARALYTIC

WALKERTOWN, Ind., Dec. 29. (AP)—Rats gnawing at the defenseless body of Mrs. Margaret Taylor, 75, a paralytic, were responsible for her death as she lay in bed at her home here, C. R. Crumacker, coroner of St. Joseph county, said today. Police at first believed that a jagged wound reaching from her right ear to the point of her jaw was caused by some unknown human assailant.

Severe Cold Wave Is Forecast for Sunday By Weather Bureau

TEMPERATURE IS 80 DEGREES AT DALLAS

DALLAS, Dec. 29. (AP)—The temperature in Dallas today reached a maximum of 80 degrees, the highest on record here for December 30, according to Dr. J. L. China, in charge of the weather bureau here. This temperature has been exceeded in December only once, when 81 degrees was registered December 7, 1922.

TWO NEGROES HELD IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER OF WOMAN

PORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 29. (AP)—Two negroes, arrested in connection with the murder of Mrs. Effie Latimer, who was found in a dying condition at her home near Van Buren, Ark., late yesterday, were held in the county jail at Van Buren this afternoon after they are alleged to have made statements to an opinion expressed here today by W. D. McBee, speaker of the house, and concurred in by several members of the body.

ABANDON HOPE OF FINDING DIRIGIBLE EXPRESS SYMPATHY

PARIS, Dec. 29. (AP)—Hope has been abandoned of finding any survivors from the missing French dirigible Dixmude, and the search for the wreckage is being abandoned.

CHILDREN WOMAN INJURED IN ACCIDENT

AMARILLO, Dec. 29. (AP)—Mrs. J. E. Wilson of Childress, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured near here tonight when an automobile collided with the buggy in which she was riding. The car was driven by C. M. Williams, also of Childress.

Have List of 21 Names Seized In Raid At Capital

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (AP)—Commissioner Blair of the bureau of internal revenue declared in a formal statement today that the bureau's list of 21 names in the recent raid which has become the center of a bootleg scandal here.

COMMANDING OFFICER HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 29. (AP)—Major General A. L. Howe, commanding officer of the First cavalry division at Fort Bliss, had not been advised tonight of the war department's agreement to sell war material to the Obregon government in Mexico.

U. S. Government To Furnish Mexico Materials for War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (AP)—The Washington government has agreed to sell a quantity of war material to the Obregon government in Mexico. The decision was reached after a request for such action had been received from the Obregon government and it is understood to have been prompted by a desire to aid that government which is faced by an armed uprising.

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New York Reports Sale 60 Per Cent Stock of Texoma Oil Company to Superior Company for \$8,000,000

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Rumors in financial circles are to the effect that the controlling stock of the Texoma Oil Company, with headquarters in Wichita Falls, Texas, has been sold to the Superior Oil Company. The deal is said to have been closed during the day but no announcements were made either party.

Officials of the companies could not be located and the report had not been confirmed at 10 o'clock. According to information received 50 per cent of the stock of the Texoma company was sold to the Superior company for \$8,000,000. Miss Thelma Willis, of Wichita Falls, Henry Shephard, of Dallas, and Harry Houdreau of Shreveport were the principal buyers of the stock and effected the sale, according to the reports. These parties could not be located. It is said that the new company will be known as the Texoma Petroleum Company and headquarters will be maintained at Wichita Falls.

W. B. Hamilton, president of the Texoma Oil Company, Saturday night was not in Wichita Falls. N. H. Martin, vice-president of the company and E. H. Edmonds, legal advisor, were also said to be out of the city. J. J. Perkins, secretary of the company, could not be located, and C. W. Sinder, treasurer of the company, at a late hour Saturday night would not confirm the report, as he had received no official information.

The Texoma Oil Company is one of the largest independent oil companies in the United States. It has a total of 30,000 acres of valuable leases and owns more than 100 proven locations besides a large number of producing wells. (Associated Press.)

FIVE ARRESTED IN CHICAGO ROUNDUP OF COUNTERFEITERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 29. (AP)—Another step in the roundup up by secret police men in Chicago, declared to be the gang responsible for the larger distribution of counterfeit money in the country has been in four, came today in the arrest of five persons, including two school girls. These taken into custody were John Shea, Charles Thompson, his wife, Florence, and two daughters.

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FOUR MEN INJURED AND ONE MAY DIE RESULT EXPLOSION

FOR SMITH, Ark., Dec. 29.—Four men were injured, one perhaps fatally, when a gas well which was brought in at Alma about 10 miles north of here late Friday afternoon exploded about 11 o'clock night.

The well fired by the terrific blast immediately burst into flames a column of fire, rushing through a five inch casing was shooting 700 feet into the air lighting the country for twenty miles around.

No effort is being made to stop the flames and it is expected to continue through the night. The well is said to be a 20,000,000 foot producer.

SIX BANDITS SHOOT UP ILLINOIS TOWN STATE BANK ROBBED

CHICAGO, Dec. 29. (AP)—Six armed bandits today shot up the town of Summit, a suburb, terrorized employees and officials of the Summit State Bank, scrouped up about \$15,000 in cash and Liberty Bonds, made their escape after hanging their way out of town and engaging in a gun battle with policemen who tried to halt them.

It was the fourth time in six years that the bank has been robbed.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY RELEASED DECEMBER 20

PEKING, Dec. 29. (AP)—E. W. Schmalzried, an American missionary attached to the Reformed Church in the United States, who was kidnapped in Kweichow, China, was released on December 20, according to advices received here from Chungking, Kweichow. Four men who were accompanying him at the time were permitted to resume their journey.

WEATHER FORECAST

Wichita Falls and vicinity. Temperature: Maximum 71 degrees, minimum 50 degrees. Tuesday: Maximum 72 degrees, minimum 51 degrees. Wind: West. Barometer: 30.1.

West Texas: Sunday unsettled, temperature zero to 10 degrees in north portion; Monday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Tuesday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Wednesday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Thursday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Friday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Saturday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Sunday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Monday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Tuesday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Wednesday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Thursday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Friday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Saturday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Sunday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Monday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Tuesday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Wednesday probably fair, much colder in north portion; Thursday probably fair, much colder in north portion; 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CLOSING FROM THREE SIDES ON REBELS IN WASHINGTON REPORT.

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Official Advises State Rebels Continue Their Retreat, Destroying Railroads.

By M. P. FLYTHE, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

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Radio Inventor Has Developed Thermophone Said to "Out rival" The Ultra-Audible Microphone

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Dr. Lee DeForest, radio inventor, announced today development of a thermophone which he claimed not only rivalled the ultra-audible microphone invented by Dr. Phillips Thomas in recording sounds too rapid or too faint for the human ear to catch, but also was of greater practicability because of the extremely low voltage required.

Doubt that the ultra-audible microphone using 3000 volts of electricity could be used to practical advantage in recording insect sounds because the high voltage might burn the specimen in an ash tray, he said, using only four volts.

By continuing the thermophone with a talking motion picture process, he announced, he had found it possible to record the finest sounds of the human voice and musical instruments with perfect fidelity and to synchronize them perfectly with the pictures.

Previously, he said, the thermophone consisted simply of running a talking machine while the picture was being flashed on the screen.

MICROPHONE EMPLOYS AN ENTIRELY NEW PRINCIPLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Harmonizing for the use of practical science the possibilities of ultra-audible other vibration was seen today by scientists as the practical advantage of the announcement by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company of the perfection of the thermophone which it is claimed, recorded sounds too faint for perception by the human ear.

The possible uses of the ultra-vibration, it was pointed out, were clearly imaginable in the light of the practical uses to which X-rays, electric waves, ultra-violet rays and radio waves have been put.

The microphone, said to employ an entirely new principle, will open new fields of antonological research by making possible the recording of sounds made by insects apparently mute, it was asserted.

The new device, K. M. Klinger, Westinghouse director, asserted, would do for the human ear what the microscope has done for the human eye and possibly would add much to the store of human knowledge of physical and biological phenomena.

The instrument consists of two small electrodes placed diametrically opposite each other in a ring of insulating material. A high voltage applied to the electrodes is said to form between them a "glow discharge" having the peculiar property of being affected by sound waves and causing changes exactly corresponding to the sound waves in the flow of current to the electrodes.

CONCHO COUNTY MAN HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Dec. 29.—(AP) J. R. McDaniel, 40, of Concho county, was held at Ballinger, Texas, late today charged with murder in connection with the killing at Eola, 20 miles east of here, of Elmer Wright, 10, according to word received here.

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IRRESPONSIBLES TO HAVE CLEMENCY BUT LEADERS MUST PAY

By Universal Service.

EL PASO, Dec. 29.—"Clemency for the irresponsibles who have unwillingly followed traitorous commanders into this revolution, yes, but none for the leaders," said President Obregon to newspapermen at his field headquarters near Yarruquero Mich., today, according to dispatches received here.

By the middle of January the government will successfully put down the rebellion all over the republic," said Obregon.

Obregon was receiving reports from his chief commander, General Joaquin Amaro, of the steady advance of loyal troops against Guadalupe, which had been invested from all sides. One report said that Estrada's rebels had abandoned the city and that federal skirmishers in the western sections of the city.

A column of Yaqui Indians had cut off rebel General Manuel M. Diegues and a band of rebels near Ocotlan, General Lazaro Cardenas, after a fierce fight with rebels near Acatlan, south-west of Guadalupe, had successfully held the Colima railroad. Rebel advices claimed that Cardenas had been decisively defeated there.

Estrada's forces retreated to the northeast of Guadalajara, said a dispatch, taking with them considerable money and provisions.

General Ignacio Enriquez, commanding federal forces in Chihuahua, is expected to arrive at the border early next week.

A report that Nicolas Hernandez, formerly Villalta, had raised 500 rebels in southern Chihuahua lacked confirmation. Federals said the Villa colony at Cuautitlan, Durango, was quiet and loyal.

INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE LICENSED BY TEXAS

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Lincoln Fire Insurance Company of New York and the Standard American Fire Insurance Company of Chicago were licensed to do business in Texas by the insurance commissioner today. F. D. Cochran of Dallas is the Texas agent for the Lincoln. The Standard has no headquarters in this state.

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN ARTIST DIES IN OHIO

ALLIANCE, Ohio, Dec. 29.—J. Charles Arter, 64, internationally known artist, died here last night.

A Zundelwitz has returned from Galveston, to which place he accompanied Mrs. Zundelwitz, Mrs. Zundelwitz is in the Sealy Hospital there undergoing treatment.

Red suit case lost between depot and Floral Heights. Contains women's and children's clothing. Finder please call 1407.

Miss Dorothy Wilson, of 1417 Elizabeth street, is spending the week-end with Miss Rachel Spear, at Alford.

Vernon

Mrs. Castlebury Entertains. Mrs. L. Castlebury of West Wilbarger street was hostess Friday afternoon to the members of the Friday Forty-two club.

After the games, a small Christmas tree was placed on each table and each guest at the tables received a Christmas wish and a stick of mint from the tiny trees.

At this time a most delicious Christmas plate lunch was served. After the luncheon, the guests returned to the living room where gifts were taken from a very beautiful Christmas tree.

Guests other than club members were: Madames R. E. Dickenson, G. E. Blackman and M. O. Neathery.

Epworth Christmas Tree. Members of the senior, intermediate and junior Epworth League of the Methodist church enjoyed a Christmas tree, Wednesday night at the Methodist church.

After prayer meeting the young people went to the basement where the tree had been placed. Each guest received a five-cent present. Candy and apples from the tree were served to the refreshments.

Sherrard-Cross. Rufus Sherrard and Miss Marie Cross of Dallas were married Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by T. J. Griffiths, justice of the peace at his office in the court house.

Mr. Sherrard is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sherrard, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cross, both of Dallas.

Mr. Sherrard will make his home on the A. M. Bourland farms, east of Vernon.

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those present from other towns were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Malone of Amarillo, Miss Charlie Bell McDonald of Quanah, Jimmie Allen of Quanah and Irvin Lebus and Charles McClann from Electric. The Elks will entertain again with a dance New Year's night.

Married in Tennessee. R. D. Smith of Vernon was married Christmas Day to Miss Margaret Stevenson of Memphis, Tenn. The marriage took place at the home of the bride.

Mr. Smith has been with Goodner Wholesale Grocery Company for several months, but is leaving Vernon to engage in the grocery business with a brother at Houston, Miss.

Personal. Misses Bob and Don Stanifer left last week for an extended visit with friends in Dallas.

W. E. Bradley left last night for Corsicana after spending Christmas here with his family. Mrs. Bradley and children arrived some days ago for a visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Howard.

Mr. D. D. Matthews and Mrs. Lloyd Cooper have as their guests this week their mother, Mrs. Gunter, of Whitesboro.

Mr. C. M. Blair and son, spent Christmas day with her brother, C. W. Gilliland and wife of Wichita Falls.

W. E. Pittman of Childress is here for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. Reed Smith.

Elder and Mrs. Foy E. Wallace of Wichita Falls were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith yesterday.

Wayne Williams of Quanah was a guest of friends here Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Mildred McLarty, who is home from Austin for the holidays, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Quanah.

Miss Frances Greaver, who is attending Kild-Kid College at Sherman and is home for the holidays, was a guest of friends in Altus, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans of Enid, Okla., have arrived for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Roberts are spending the week with relatives in Memphis.

Mrs. H. V. Haltin is a guest for the week of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Haltin of Electric.

Walter McElroy of Holiday is here for a visit this week with Thornton Ferguson.

Mrs. Floyd Parker of Ralls is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Leta Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell were guests of relatives in Altus, Okla., Christmas day.

Mrs. J. P. Hamilton and granddaughter, Ruth, of Odell, are here for a visit with Mrs. Hamilton's daughter, Mrs. J. H. Pettit and Mrs. J. R. Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt and family of Eldorado, Okla., are here for a visit with his father, Joe Schmidt.

Miss Marcella Russell of Altus is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell this week.

Dr. J. O. Sherman, E. H. Pigg, O. W. Backus, and John Morris left Wednesday for Wheeler county on a hunting trip. They will return Saturday night.

Mrs. Essie Purvis of Dallas has arrived for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Hodges.

Miss Maud Ferguson spent Christmas day at Crowell with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ferguson.

Mrs. Rena Watts and son, C. D. Watts, spent Christmas day with her son, Roy Watts and family at Doan.

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Miss Cleo Bowers of Clarendon is a guest of her mother, Mrs. H. D. Hockersmith, for the holidays.

J. C. Lloyd and family of Oklahoma City spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lloyd.

J. H. Lloyd of Oklahoma City is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lloyd, and sister, Mrs. H. D. Hockersmith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Neal White of Dallas are visiting her sister, Mrs. O. O. McCurdy.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. McCurdy and Mrs. L. E. McCurdy were guests of relatives in Quanah, Christmas.

R. H. Smith of Clyde is here for a visit with his son, J. D. Smith.

C. A. Allingham and J. E. Lutz were in Chillicothe Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Joe Wright of Childress was guest Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Bird are visiting relatives in Arlington.

Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Worrall of Memphis are here for the holidays as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Evans.

George Collier, who is attending Texas Christian University of Fort Worth, arrived Christmas morning for a visit with his sister, Mrs. A. C. Smith Jr.

P. H. Collier has returned to his home in Fort Worth after a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Anderson Smith Jr.

J. W. Johnson and family, who have been living on route A, will move next week to Dixon, where Mr. Johnson has purchased a farm.

Mrs. E. L. Pendleton and daughter, Frances, left Wednesday for Fort Worth in response to a message that her mother, Mrs. W. C. Sanders, was seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haysor of

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Crowell were guests Christmas of their daughter, Mrs. O. T. Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Hatton of Electric were guests Christmas day of her mother, Mrs. Frances Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. McKenzie and children of Denver are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Prince and children of Electric spent Christmas in Vernon with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Prince, and other relatives.

A. B. Ross and Miss Maude Ross were guests Christmas day of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ross of Odell.

M. C. Buckalew returned Monday from a business trip to Rusk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Collins of Odell were here yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. Herman Schindler of Crowell were guests of Dr. W. M. Schindler and family Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shive, who have been in Santa Anna, Cal., for several months, will return Saturday.

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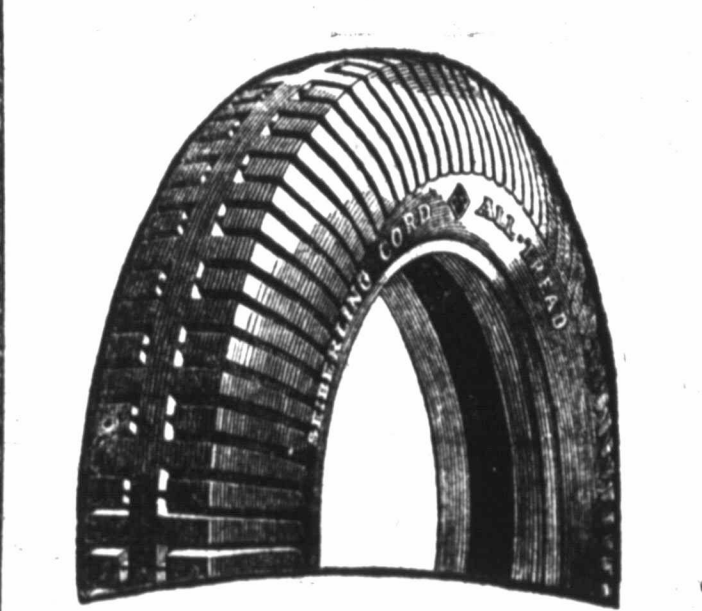
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WICHITA DISTRICT PRODUCES 24,162,757 BARRELS OIL IN 1923

OIL AND GAS JOURNAL REPORTS DECREASE 41,815 BARRELS DAILY

(From the Oil and Gas Journal)

Estimated daily average production in the oil fields of the United States for the week ending December 23, and a comparison with the previous week follows:

Field	Dec. 23	Dec. 15
Okla.-Northern Fields:		
Tonkawa	44,885	46,350
Burbank	71,887	71,100
Other Gease Fields	28,500	29,200
Cushing and Shamrock	26,200	24,400
Wriston and Eastern	22,500	22,500
Northern Miscellaneous	89,815	89,820
Southern Fields:		
Headright	17,250	17,250
Hewitt	26,500	26,970
Southern Miscellaneous	2,500	2,500
Total Oklahoma	172,032	177,280
North Louisiana	53,000	53,300
Arkansas:		
El Dorado	10,100	11,100
Smackover Light	20,400	20,100
Smackover Heavy	13,500	13,500
Other Arkansas Fields	10,010	10,500
Total Arkansas	107,510	110,600
North Central Texas	112,100	113,900
East Central Texas (Merit, Currie, Corsicana, Fossil)	123,600	123,200
Kansas	71,200	70,900
Total Mid-Continent Area	458,912	461,970
Gulf Coast	91,230	91,700
Western	110,150	110,400
Wyoming-Montana	149,170	153,970
California:		
San Joaquin	131,000	132,000
Long Beach	230,000	230,000
Huntington Beach	49,000	49,000
Torrance	46,000	46,000
Remainder State	190,000	190,000
Total California	746,000	747,000
Total United States	1,325,602	1,347,417

Decrease, 41,815 barrels.

Production of crude oil in the United States for the week ending December 23 showed an average decrease of 41,815 barrels for the week from the production of the preceding week in its summary the Oil and Gas Journal says.

"With reports from every section of the United States to the effect that the consumption of petroleum products is far greater than at any other time at this season of the year in the history of the oil industry and with the production of crude petroleum declining materially and already having reached a point where it is probable stocks will have to be drawn upon to supply the demand, the outlook for the petroleum industry is brighter than it has been in years. During the week, production of crude petroleum in all fields of the United States, decreased at the rate of 41,815 barrels a day, and causing the total estimated daily average output to drop to 1,325,602 barrels.

"When production and consumption figures are studied at this time, it is obvious to even the most obtuse laymen why there is such a pronounced spirit of optimism prevalent throughout the petroleum industry at this time. By the time this is published it is probable government figures giving the consumption of crude petroleum during November will be available. Consumption in October amounted to slightly more than 1,347,000 barrels daily. Production now is 1,325,602 barrels daily below that figure. Consumption is holding up better than production and is establishing new records in nearly every part of the country. Consequently, it is fair to presume that at this time there is little, if any, difference between production and consumption and this at a period of the year when it is generally expected that consumption should be at a minimum and crude should be going into storage.

"The great consuming territory east of the Mississippi river is experiencing one of the mildest winters so far in its history. It is shown by the temperatures recorded at the close of last week, the official thermometer in New York registering 42 degrees, in Pittsburgh 60; Boston, 60; Cincinnati, 60; Cleveland, 60; Philadelphia, 64; Chicago, 44, and Washington, 61. Very little snow has fallen in the east this year with the result automobile traffic is the heaviest in years and the demand for gasoline and lubricants far above what has been expected. This great consumption, coming at a time when production is registering its great drop in the memory of any person connected with the oil business, is the best New Year's greeting these consumers in the Lane family. Every boy is dedicated to the stage. So has it been since 1734.

AN Actor He Must Be

LONDON.—A theater contract was given to Lauri, baby son of Lupino Lane, the comedian, on the very day of his birth. It stipulates he must begin work for the London producers when he is 16. The pledge is in keeping with an old custom in the Lane family. Every boy is dedicated to the stage. So has it been since 1734.

A Marked Man

Dark-skinned Negro—Heater, what you doin' wid dat mustache? Light-skinned Negro—Dat ain't no mustache, boy. Mah gal sees dere a little, if any, difference bet-

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Production By District in 1923 Shows Gain Four Million Barrels

MONTH	ELECTRA	BURKURNETT	ARCHER	IOWA PARK	CLAY CO.	BBLs
January	741,700	688,814	98,237	62,277	12,200	
February	698,320	704,350	103,250	70,370	14,478	
March	717,346	794,350	103,250	68,400	14,250	
April	767,770	824,350	103,250	74,020	15,190	
May	811,146	834,350	103,250	70,650	13,130	
June	876,890	864,350	103,250	69,050	15,150	
July	916,018	824,350	103,250	68,400	15,485	
August	730,181	754,350	103,250	67,320	13,850	
September	760,870	784,350	103,250	66,050	12,950	
October	700,497	724,350	103,250	65,890	10,950	
November	650,480	674,350	103,250	64,890	10,950	
December	600,813	624,350	103,250	63,714	10,950	
Total	8,300,899	8,100,750	1,032,500	830,280	159,710	BBLs

GRAND TOTAL WICHITA CO.	TOTAL WICHITA FALLS DISTRICT
1923—11,100,000 BBLs	Burburnett 5,121,700 Barrels
1922—10,700,000 BBLs	Electra 2,300,000 "
1921—10,000,000 BBLs	Archer Co. 5,210,000 "
1920—9,500,000 BBLs	Iowa Park, R. M. A. 195,710 "
1919—9,000,000 BBLs	Clay Co. 120,300 "
1918—8,500,000 BBLs	Total 1923—14,725,717 Barrels
1917—8,000,000 BBLs	Total 1922—10,901,483 "
1916—7,500,000 BBLs	1923 Gain 4,141,234 Barrels

Notwithstanding the unsettled condition of the crude market and the consequent effort to curtail the output to overcome the surplus, the summary of the past year's activities in the great Wichita Falls district shows a total production for the year of 11,100,000 barrels, an increase over 1922 of 4,141,234 barrels. The greatest increase was seen in the region from Archer county which in 1923 produced a total of 5,121,700 barrels, an increase of 1,000,000 barrels over 1922. The increase in Archer county was due to the completion of a number of big producing wells brought in from the Hirsch and Cara pools, Burk Burnett's production showed a loss for the year of approximately 2,300,000 barrels. The prime factor in this big loss was the rapid decline of the older, pumping wells, and the absence of any flush production to take its place.

Clay county showed an increase over 1922 on account of the completion of the Gulf Production company's Washburn well early in the year.

Further operations at this test will be watched with interest, for the successful completion of a producing well at this point would have a far reaching effect on future developments in this part of the country.

The Kentucky Oil Company has abandoned its No. 1 deep test on section six, J. A. Kemp land about half way between Wichita Falls and the Shappel well. It was abandoned as dry at a total depth of 2,600 feet.

Producer of Liquid Gold Named For Possessor of Golden-Voice

Chas. Curci, No. 26-A, Iowa Waggoner, Wichita county's biggest producer brought in during 1923, with famous singer for whom it was named.

In the presence of Madame Gall-Curci and members of her company, W. E. Hamilton and other officials of the Texoma Oil and Refining Company, No. 16 Waggoner in the South Electra pool, section 34, blew itself in from the 1900-foot sand with an initial flow of 400 barrels per day on April 1.

In view of the fact that Madame Gall-Curci graced the occasion by her presence and was so greatly pleased to see for the first time in her world-wide travels, a Texas producer blow in, that Mr. Hamilton honored the famous singer by naming the company's premier producer after her.

The well, which encountered the 1900-foot sand on March 21, was completed April 1, began to flow with an estimated output of between 400 and 700 barrels per day. Later the sand was penetrated a few feet, when the well gradually increased its production and for several days flowed naturally and by actual gauge made 130 barrels daily. From April 1 to December 21, the well has produced in the neighborhood of 120,000 barrels of high-grade crude, going on record as the county's biggest producer during 1923. At present the well continues to produce 100 barrels daily.

Recently ruled that an individual may manufacture medicinal liquor for his own use under proper permit from the authorities.

Findings of the department follow those of the federal government as does the state law, and all permits for the sale or use of liquor in Texas comply with the federal statutes.



MADAME GALL-CURCI

Plans of Wichita Valley Landowners Association in 1924 Call for Several Demonstration Farms in District

Plans of the Wichita Valley Landowners' Association, which was organized during 1923, for 1924 call for the organization of the lands subject to irrigation by experienced irrigation farmers, and the installation of several 40-acre demonstration farms. The plan of an experimental farm is still under consideration.

A membership drive is now in progress and it is hoped that at the next meeting practically every landowner of several 40-acre demonstration farms will be present. The plan of an experimental farm is still under consideration.

President J. M. McCall stated Friday that a meeting of the association would be called shortly after the first of the year and that the meeting would probably be held in Iowa Park.

Landowners desired it was best to hand together for the best development of the new irrigated lands and to strive for the greatest possible success for the district. The association was organized and officers elected at a meeting at Iowa Park, Kansas, in the fall. They are greatly interested in the plan and believe they will save a large amount of money by cooperating in the movement.

Committees are investigating locations for the demonstration farms and it is planned to employ expert irrigation farmers to operate them.

Mr. McCall stated Saturday that complete plans for 1924 would be announced at a later date, probably after the next meeting.

It is estimated that there are approximately 100,000 acres of irrigable land in every cubic mile of the ocean.

DERRICKS PIERCING SKY IN NEW FIELD OF WICHITA COUNTY

The past week found the county's latest producing area, Murphy's Corner, 10 miles southwest of Wichita Falls, making locations from the Shappel Oil Company's discovery well on the Jackson land. To the north of the well on the Chilton farm the Panhandle Refining Company's test is in the sand at 1316 feet, with indications of being the next producer, after a record breaking 41 days of drilling.

To the northwest of the Shappel and west of the Panhandle well, the test of Gilliland and others is drilling at 1340 feet.

Across the road to the west on the Hamilton land, the Texoma Refining Company has made two locations and is drilling in the neighborhood of 1350 feet in the initial test.

East O'Donoghue is rigging up for his No. 1 well on the McCall and Sanderson tract, 150 feet east from the northern corner of block 22, league 3, about one mile south-east of Holiday.

Half way between Holiday and the Shappel well Carl Parker is rigging up a test on the J. L. Jackson and Morrison lands.

Two wells are due for operation on the R. F. Dutton land on block 17, Denton county school lands, one three-quarter of a mile north-east of the Shappel well. Knight and Hines are rigging up their No. 1 well at the corner of the McCall and Sanderson tract, 150 feet east from the northern corner of block 22, league 3, about one mile south-east of Holiday.

Two additional locations have been made by the Shappel Oil Company, No. 2, located 300 feet south of No. 1, and No. 3, 620 feet west of the discovery well.

Encountering the lime at about the same depth as it was picked up in the Shappel test, the No. 1 well of Norwood and Thomas, located on the Henry Ford land, about one mile southeast of the Shappel well, is at-

Archer County Leads District In Number of Wells Completed Within Borders During 1923

A review of drilling operations throughout the North and Central Texas districts during the past year, shows Archer county in the lead with the greatest number of wells drilled within its boundaries, with Wichita county runner up. A summary of wells drilled in the North and Central Texas districts during 1923:

County	Wells	Gas	Oil
Wichita	480	300	650
Archer	510	215	710
Young	75	65	110
Clay	15	4	15

(6 Gasers) 9 12

(3 Gasers) 9 12

Jack 0 10 10

Wise 0 5 5

Wills 0 2 2

Hardeman 0 2 2

Haskell 0 1 1

Shawnee 0 1 1

Collins 0 1 1

Denton 0 1 1

Donley 0 1 1

Hall 0 1 1

Gray 0 1 1

Foard 0 1 1

Cook 0 1 1

Dickens 0 1 1

Collingsworth 0 1 1

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Little trouble in taking the lead in increased average production as well as in numerous producers and new actual drilling tests.

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FIFTY-SEVEN ACRE LEASE SALE MADE IN MORAN FIELD

Special to the Times.

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General Debility Calls for Many Liquor Permits

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Old "General Debility" stands at the head of the list of causes for which liquor permits were issued by the state of Texas during the year 1923. Cold, coughs, chest troubles, stomach trouble and influenza are right on his heels.

The liquor permit department of the comptroller's office reports that during the past year, there is an increase of about 700 over last year. Under the Dean liquor law physicians and others must report to the department the causes for which they prescribed or distributed the liquor. Among the physicians, the records show the greatest number of general debility was the most persistent enemy of the human race in Texas, for most of the liquor was prescribed for this illness.

Records by V. N. Bentley, chief permit clerk, show the permits were issued as follows:

Physicians, 1,640; retail druggists, 406; alcohol permits for retail druggists, 293; scientific laboratories, 133; manufacturers of extracts, 102; other causes, 731; hospital, 25; wholesale druggists, night, 25; total, 2,970.

In addition to this, \$4,423.93 was collected from persons receiving the permits for administration supplies such as blank forms and prescriptions. The department made several thousand dollars in profit for the state, since the expense was only \$3,000 for the year. This is represented principally by the collection of two employees.

All permits expire December 31, new applications being necessary each year before alcoholic liquor of any kind may be had. No permits for the manufacture of alcohol are issued, but are issued at present by the department because the federal government has discontinued the manufacture of medicinal liquor. The state supreme court re-

Millions of Dollars Spent for Properties In Wichita District

JIMMY MAXWELL, Oil Editor

Despite the depressed condition of the crude market, oil properties and production prices held their own in the Wichita Falls district during 1923, which was attested by the unusually large number of sales made during the year. Several millions of dollars were expended for various tracts, with prices ranging from \$1,000 per acre for close-in acreage, to over \$1,000,000 for each acre and one well with a daily output of 900 barrels, located on the John Hirsch farm, block 22, D. C. survey, abstract 43, Wichita county.

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Many Extensions Featured 1923 In Wichita Oil Fields, One Having Brought Production to Doors of City

The close of the year fails to record anything of a sensational nature in the annual history of the oil industry of Wichita county. While seemingly discouraging conditions may have featured the developments of a year fraught with unfavorable weather conditions and demoralizing price reductions, the prospects for the new year hold promise of renewed activities in all branches of the industry and indications point to an era of prosperity such as has been unknown since the stirring days of the boom.

Despite this unsettled condition the country furnished a great many good wells, with production ranging from 100 to 1,000 barrels daily in the older productive areas, and several tracts formerly in supposed wildcat territories have been added to the boom of the country's active spots.

The most important feature of the county's development during the year was the finding of a new pool at the Saunders tract in the Glass pool at 1344 feet early in the summer by W. E. Hamilton and the McCall Oil Company, an entirely new depth for that district. The sand was drilled a few feet and when completed, extended 100 barrels daily. Other tests were started at once and the pool that for the past few years had been devoid of drilling, again took its place as one of the most active spots in the county.

Later several other producers were brought in to add to the daily production. Northwest of Glass, in the Hirsch district, many big wells were completed, extending 100 to several hundred feet in various directions from the Bradley discovery well.

Another interesting feature of the county's development was the bringing in on April 15 of a three-hundred barrel well on the Kemp-Kemper land, block 20, in the extreme south part of the county, near the Archer line, by W. R. Langford from a sand at 1100 feet, which linked up the territory midway between the old K. M. A. wells and the Freeman-Hampton pool in Archer county. Several other wells were brought in within a short period of the adjoining tracts.

Many Extensions.

The 1700 foot sand in the South Electra field received a big extension on April 12 by the bringing in of a well by W. J. Green on his holdings in the southeast part of section 31, which made 300 barrels daily. The well was located about two miles south of the Hirsch well, and the extension was made by drilling in the neighborhood of the new producer.

Later on the Gulf Production company while putting a well without on the John and Jeff Waggoner tract in the M. A. Willis survey.

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Producing 300 barrels daily, Charles Verschoyle on July 1 opened up a new well on the Verschoyle land, with the production daily from the sand at 1800 feet.

ELWELL MURDERED BY WOMAN THINKS SIR BASIL THOMSON

Automatic Pistol Not Too Heavy To Be Fired By Assailant Waiting Who Used Key He Had Given Her

By Sir Basil Thomson
Ex-Director Criminal Investigation Bureau in Scotland Yard.

Few murder mysteries of recent years have caused more sensation than that of Joseph Brown Elwell, who was found dead in his chair at 245 West 70th street, New York city, on June 11, 1923. I do not at all wonder that this mystery has never been cleared up, for Elwell was a man who had drunk deep of the drugs of life and must have had many secret enemies in the underworld into which he plunged from time to time. The case is so recent in the public memory that it is scarcely necessary to recapitulate Elwell's history. He was best known as an authority on bridge. Rumor said that he had won thousands of dollars at a sitting. He owned a racing stable and he gambled on Wall street.

Investigations made after his death showed that he frequented cabarets and the lower class of haunts and it was believed at first that he had been the victim of blackmail and had largely refused to pay tribute any more. He had been married, and lived apart from his wife under a separation agreement which provided that he should give her \$50 a week, no very large sum for a man of his means. He had a son aged fifteen who lived with his mother. He had made a will excluding his wife and son and leaving all his property to his parents, but there was no reason to think that Mrs. Elwell knew this and she did not contest the will after his death. He had had many affairs with women, so many, indeed, that the police were embarrassed by the amount of ground that they had to cover.

On the evening of June 10th Elwell had dined at the Ritz Carlton hotel with a party consisting of the Lewickis, Mrs. Kraus and Senator P. Figueroa, a South American journalist. After dinner they went to a midnight show and to a dance and dance restaurant where Elwell danced in turn with all the women present. Viola Kraus, who had been dining with the party, was the divorced wife of a man named Von Schlegel and it happened that Von Schlegel and another woman, Miss Ely Hope Anderson, were sitting at a table near that occupied by Elwell. At 2 o'clock in the morning that party separated. Elwell's guests left in a taxi and the last seen of him alive was at the moment when he turned as if to take another taxi. It is believed he went home by taxi and arrived at his apartment about 10 a. m. At about 11 p. m. on the morning of June 11th, Elwell's housekeeper, Marie Lassen, came to work and let herself in with the key. At that hour he was usually in bed, but to her astonishment she found him sitting crumpled up in a chair in the hall of the apartment. Elwell's eyes were closed and his hands were unopened letters lying on the chair and on the floor. He was partly dressed and at that time he still alive, though he died a few minutes later. She gave the alarm, the police were called and the body was examined. It was quite clear that he had been shot in the breast with a .45 calibre shell. The shell was found, but no revolver. The police seem to have adopted the conclusion that a .45 calibre pistol is too heavy to be handled by a woman. I do not myself agree with that view.

Documents Only Real Clue.
How would the police have dealt with such a case in London? I presume that they would have proceeded very much as they did in New York by seizing every scrap of writing in the house, by examining all Elwell's known friends and acquaintances and particularly by tracing the owners of those feminine garments that were found in different parts of the house. But the real clue would have been found in the documents if the police had been fortunate enough to find them.

In the case of a man of Elwell's distinguished habits and the absence of direct evidence, the detective must fall back upon guessing. The first material for guess work lies in the suggestive fact that, while the dinner party broke up at 2 a. m. and left Elwell on the sidewalk about to take another taxi, he did not, according to the police estimate, arrive home until 8:30. What was he doing during the intervening hour and a half? He was a man who lived in two worlds and he was careful never to let the one world know anything about the other. He was, in fact, a very secretive person. He never met his respectable friends without suggesting adjournment to some obscure cabaret. These places were frequented also



Elwell thought the loaded pistol a rebuttal, and turned contemptuously to his mail.

by high-bombers, or the leaders of gangs, men of a thoroughly disreputable life. It appeared after his death that he had acquired power over young matrons and girls through getting them into his debt at cards and then compelling them to do his bidding. In this way he used to furnish yachting parties with ladies. Some of them had good reason for hating him and any one of them might have called upon the injured husband for reparation to punish Elwell. He was also believed to have made enemies among criminals, who expected to get things out of him and had been rebuffed. He spent money freely as well as making it. At the time of his death he had a net worth of \$257,000 and half as much again in cash and securities. All this he left to his nearest relations.

Clark Case Separate Affairs.
There was curious cohesiveness of the case after the murder. For example, a Miss Lena Clarke, a former postmistress, was arrested at West Palm Beach, Florida, for the murder of Fred A. Millmore, who was found dead in a hotel room reserved in her name. She admitted having put cyanide of potassium into a glass of water and administering it to her victim. This woman was afterwards identified as one of those who was on those terms of intimacy with Elwell. She said she had received \$15,000 in loans from him and that she had stolen this amount from the post office in order to repay him. Her motive for murdering Millmore was revenge. This case is only quoted to show how wide a field the police enquiries have to cover.

Not very long after the Elwell murder Victor von Schlegel, the divorced husband of Viola Kraus, married Ely Hope Anderson. It will be remembered that these two persons sat two tables distant from the Elwell party at the Ritz-Carlton on the night before the murder. It was currently stated that Miss Kraus and Mrs. Anderson were among those who had keys to Elwell's apartment in New York and that they were in the habit of using them. The theory entertained by one of the police was that Von Schlegel removed Elwell because he knew that Elwell intended mischief to Miss Anderson.

On the other hand, Elwell's apartment was robbed in 1915 and two well-known burglars were convicted for the crime. They served two years imprisonment and were at large at the time of the murder. Some of the police declined to entertain the sensational blackmail and love motives and said bluntly that in their belief Elwell came home and surprised burglars at work and was shot by them as he sat down to read his mail, but against this there is the fact that the house did not show any signs of disturbance, that no valuables were removed and that if Elwell sat down to read his mail it ought to have been easy for thieves to escape without attracting his notice.

Circumstantial Evidence.
Mrs. Elwell appears to have expressed no particular interest in the case beyond hoping that the murderers of her husband were brought to justice. The attorney for the Elwell family said that nothing was to be gained by going over the same ground again and again. That the district attorney and the police had done their best; that he would pick out any one of seven or eight persons under suspicion and build up a circumstantial case against each and that in the end on would get no further. He pointed out that the man who bombed Wall street and left certain clues behind him was never discovered and therefore why were the authorities to be blamed for not having got further

in so different a case as this. Roy Harris, a weak-minded ex-convict, confessed to the murder, but it was found that he could have had no connection with it. Donald Tourbillon, alias "Dapper Don" Collins, who has amassed a fortune of \$1,000,000 by devoting means and who has a steam yacht and an organization of hundreds of doubtful persons, was an acquaintance of Elwell. His victim recovered and refused to take proceedings or to give any information, but there was no reason whatever to connect him, more than any other of Elwell's doubtful acquaintances, with the crime. Altogether, more than a hundred women and determined women in connection with the murder and nearly all of them have been questioned without bringing the police any nearer the solution. The district attorney expressed himself satisfied that neither Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence nor Viola Kraus had anything to do with the crime.

Murderer Probably a Woman.
The murder is one of those which is not now likely to be solved. It has always been assumed that the murderer was a man, probably because he was in possession of a .45 pistol, but I suggest the even greater probability that the assailant was a woman. To a resolute and determined woman the weapon is not difficult to procure and not too heavy for effective aim. If the police were right in thinking that Elwell did not reach home until 8:30, we have to account for the intervening hour and a half. Was he paying a visit to one of the numerous women of his acquaintance? What ever he was doing, I suggest that there was a visitor waiting for him in his apartment. At one time she had been a well-known guest and he had given her a key. Now for some time she had been eclipsed in his eyes by later favorites. It was not so much a question of jealousy, though that was present, as a question of rivalry. For Elwell was open-handed to his favorites and when his affections waned, the bounty fell off and his visitor that night had come to have an explanation and she had brought with her the most persuasive argument she knew, a .45 which she had borrowed from a friend.

Lengths of Murderer's Thread.
One can imagine the state of tension in which her nerves were worked while she waited hour after hour for his appearance. At last she hears a key in the door and she braces herself for the interview that means everything to her future. Elwell was not in the mood to waste time or consideration upon her. He is contemptuously cold. He cannot push a woman out of the apartment into the night, but he gives her plainly to understand that he had no time to waste upon her, throws off his coat and proceeds to read his mail. What use to bleed with such a man? The thought must have flashed through her brain that if she attempted to threaten he would spring upon her and disarm her and perhaps call the police.

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Embroidered and lace trimmed, dainty and serviceable complements to your wardrobe. Regularly priced at \$2.95, offered Monday at the 13th Month special price of\$1.95
WARM, HANDSOME DRESSES FOR CHILDREN—HALF PRICE
These dresses, in serge and other heavy materials, offer all the goods looks that a mother desires in her daughter's attire, plus the practical utility that the children's things must have.
There is plenty of variety in color, and the trimmings of embroidery and other decorative touches add happily to the attractiveness.
Sizes for almost any age.
HALF PRICE
Charming Brassieres Attractively Re-Priced

Silk brocade, silk and lace and muslin and lace are used in these dainty garments in a diversity of styles and sizes, to make a value that is extraordinary. These brassieres are priced regularly at \$2.50, but will be sold, on the final day of the 13th Month at only
\$1.69
The 13th Month Ends Monday

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INCORPORATED
DEPARTMENT STORE

That is how I suggest that Joseph Brown Elwell met his death. All his murderers had to do was to open the door and close it after her, taking the pistol with her. Who was the woman? Out of all the women that this man wooed, the identity of few is known. It might have been any one of them.
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MAN SHOT AND KILLED FOLLOWING CONTROVERSY
SABSON, Ala., Dec. 29. (P)—R. E. Lunford, 41, was shot and almost instantly killed near here today, Curtis Adams, 21, is being held charged with the deed. According to officers, the shooting occurred following a controversy between the men concerning cattle owned by Lunford.

BECAUSE COMMUTATION ONITS DATE TERM BEGAN HIS FREEDOM IS DENIED
CHICAGO, Dec. 29. (P)—Because a commutation of sentence granted by President Coolidge to Phillip Grossman, sentenced two years ago to serve a year in jail for violation of a liquor injunction, does not state the date of Grossman's incarceration, he may have to serve out the sentence, according to District Attorney Edwin A. Olson.
Grossman gave himself up after the commutation was granted and is being held in the custody of a United States marshal by order of Federal Judge James Wilkinson. The original sentence was imposed by former Judge Keneaw M. Landis.

Order of Thanks
We wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends for their kindness shown during the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. J. D. Frost. We also wish to thank our friends for the beautiful floral offerings. We also wish to extend our thanks to our minister and the choir for their beautiful services rendered. Special thanks to Mrs. Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Loopy, Mrs. Engold, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hoke, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gordon, Mr. W. H. Samuels, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Frost, and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wilkerson.—Adv.

Pre-Inventory Sale

Monday and Tuesday

An annual occasion which has as its purpose the disposal of large quantities of good merchandise before inventory at deep price reductions.

No One Should Miss the Opportunities to Save Which Kimberlin-Smith Pre-Inventory Sales Offer

COATS

Entire Stock at 1/2 Original Price

More than 100 coats developed in the finest coat fabrics the season has offered. Great collars, deep cuffs, borders, and other effective bandings of fine furs in use this season accentuate the rich fabrics. Lines gracefully becoming every type. The values will astound you.

Silk and Wool Dresses

1/3 and 1/2 Original Price

More Than 400 Dresses to Select From

You will be surprised at the low prices offered on such a comprehensive collection. Adorable models with every new style theme and embellishment the fall season has brought forth. Rich satins, novelty silks, the finest quality Canton Crepes, Charmees, Poirat Twills, Charminettes, velvets and evening and dinner frocks.

200 Brushed Wool Sweaters

Stunning chappie coats made with snug small collars, bell or tight sleeves, fastening at the lower edge or slip-on models—the most desired styles. All greatly reduced for this sale.

Deep Reductions on Suits, Furs, Skirts, Robes, Kimonos, Blouses, Etc.

By far the greatest reductions offered during the season in this sale. Monday and Tuesday only.

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INCORPORATED
Correct Apparel for Women & Misses

BIG HALF PRICE SALE of REMNANTS

Monday, consisting of ends of our very best SILK, WOOLEN and COTTON GOODS of all kinds. Monday they go on sale at exactly **1/2 PRICE**

25% to 50% REDUCTION ON ALL WINTER COATS and DRESSES

Big Shipments Arriving in SPRING MILLINERY

Richardson Bros.

724 Indiana 724 Indiana

International Complications and Social Difficulties Threatened As Result Recent White House Dinner

By Universal Service. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—International complications and social difficulties for those in diplomatic and highest official circles were threatened today as the result of the recent state dinner given at the White House by the President and Mrs. Coolidge.

ARTHUR C. HOWARD IS CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

Arthur C. Howard, a resident of Wichita county for the past 44 years, announces he is a candidate for county tax assessor. His announcement was made at a public meeting held at the home of Mrs. Howard.

STANDARD OIL SUES COSDEN TO PREVENT THE USE OF PATENT

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 29.—The Standard Oil Company of Indiana filed suit in United States district court here today to force Cosden & Co., the independent oil company in Oklahoma, to abandon the use of patented process in the refining of oil and to pay to the Standard Oil profits realized from the use of the process.

Falls 400 Feet And Then Walks To the Hospital

ROME, Dec. 29.—Angelo Sallia, a wireless operator in the Italian navy, fell 400 feet from the antenna atop the lighthouse, but was not seriously hurt. He crashed into the net, a net of supporting wires on which he hung suspended until the workmen who rushed to his assistance arrived. His injury was able to walk to a hospital.

ARMORED CRUISER ROCHESTER SENT TO HONDURAS WATERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The armored cruiser Rochester, flagship of the United States special service squadron in Central and South America waters, has been sent to Port of Amoy, Honduras, and will remain in that vicinity until the present disturbances in Honduras, and southern Mexico have quieted.

MODERNISTS DEMAND LIBERTY OF THOUGHT IF PEACE IS TO PREVAIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Modernist champions of the Protestant Episcopal church announced today that peace could come in the existing church schism only if the fundamentalists were prepared to grant them liberty of thought and their own places in the church as loyal sons.

Sir Auckland Geddes Resigns His Post As Ambassador Great Britain To United States Account Health

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Failing health due to injuries received in the world war has caused Sir Auckland Geddes to resign his post as ambassador for Great Britain at Washington and it is the expectation in informed circles here that Sir Esmé William Howard, at present British ambassador at Madrid, will be named as his successor.



SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES

The selection of an ambassador to Washington, however, is regarded as of great moment in England, the post being looked upon in British cabinet circles as the most important in the diplomatic service.

MRS. M. M. HARRELL DIES SATURDAY AT SON'S HOME HERE

Mrs. Missouri M. Harrell, 84, mother of J. T. Harrell, vice president of the City National Bank, died at the home of her son, 1115 Buchanan street, Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock.

MRS. ABERNETHY C. THOMAS DIES AT CHICAGO HOME

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Addison C. Thomas, former superintendent of the central division of the Associated Press, died last night at her home here.

VISION is the keynote of progress. We tell you in a single examination the condition of your eyes, whether or not you require glasses. If you do, we serve you accurately at a cost well within your means. Lenses duplicated. Optical repairing in a hurry. Spencer's Optical Shop 705 Ohio Ave. Phone 5645

Improvement of educational facilities in Mexico had to have taken part in practice. He practiced law in New York for several years and made a study of educational institutions in the United States.

Wall Paper. Surround Yourself With Beautiful Wallpaper. You will find the wall paper designs we are displaying very distinctive and most beautiful. Make your New Year's resolution one of thrift and in pursuance of that resolution buy your paints, wall paper and glass of us.

Chas. E. Watson Paint Co. 807 Indiana Ave. "GOOD OR MADE GOOD" Phone 6850. Did You Ever View It From the Other Angle? Wichita Falls citizens are the most hospitable people to be found anywhere. The friendly spirit shown here, as much as any other factor, is responsible for the splendid growth of our city.

We Will Soon Be Ready For Business

The debris from the fire which visited our Ohio Street store last Thursday night, doing considerable damage, is being cleared away and we will soon be ready to resume business again.

Special Fire Sale Prices on Damaged Grain

Water soaked, or smoke damaged grains and feeds are offered here at genuine fire sale prices.

CALL IN AND SEE US Morgan Feed Store 1100 OHIO AVE.

Wichita Falls Traction Company. MR. MOTORIST GIVE THE STREET CARS A CHANCE MR. PEDESTRIAN DECLINE THAT RIDE, TAKE THE STREET CAR. We believe you, Mr. Citizen, and Auto Driver, are proud of your traction company, just as you are proud of your library, your churches, your parks and other servants.

TIMES' DAILY RECORD OF EVENTS IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Local Boxing Fans Will Be Given Real Treat in Card Arranged For New Year's Eve by Legion

CLARKE GRIFFITH MAY AGAIN DON MANAGER'S TOGS

Who will manage the Washington Nationals in 1923? As yet no one has been appointed to succeed Donnie Bush, who despite the fact that he finished fourth, was fired.

Failure to name a manager at the Chicago meeting of the National League has caused the rumor to spread the rumor that Clarke Griffith will once again don the manager's togs.

Griffith, now president and part owner of the Washington club, was for years a major league manager of note. When he was elevated to the presidency of the club, he decided to retire from the active end of the playing game.

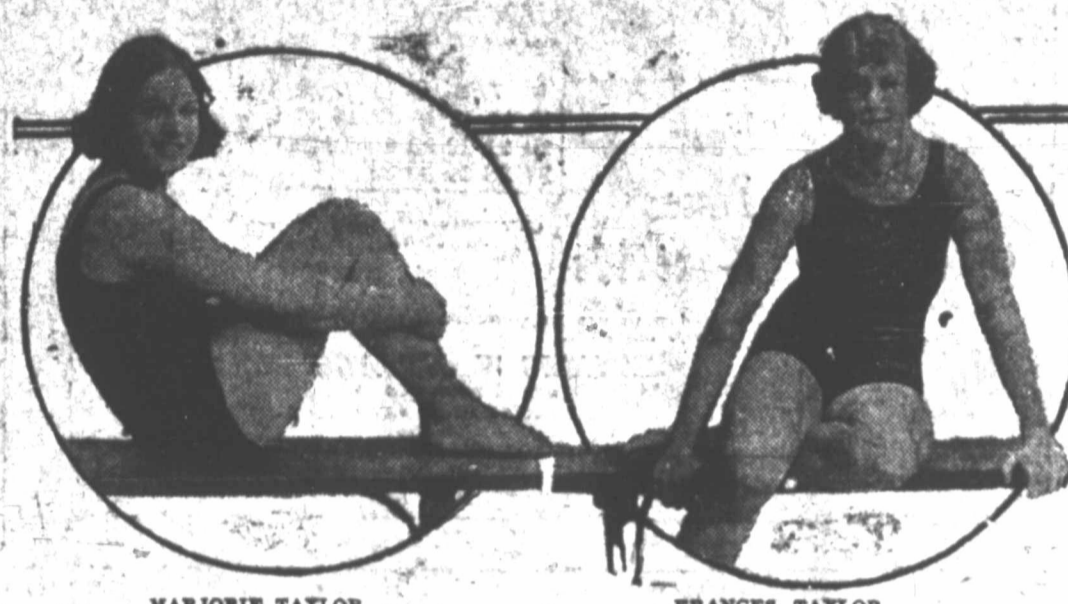
The managerial term, however, remained in his system. For Clyde Mills, who managed the club in 1921, and Donnie Bush, who led the team last season, say the policy of the club was largely dictated by Griffith.

It is said that Frank Chance, who was once seriously considered as Griffith's successor, refused to consider the proposition because he did not believe he would be given entire control, the only basis on which he could accept the management.

Failure to land several desirable candidates that Griffith had under consideration is said to have caused him to seriously consider the advice of again taking up the reins.

Taylor Sisters of Columbus, Ohio, Win Titles at Same Meet, Same Night and in Consecutive Events

Great swimmers seldom come in clusters. However, the Smith sisters of Columbus, O., formed a great swimming pair. Now come the Taylor sisters of Pittsburgh to rival them. The two Taylors, Marjorie Frances, scored notable triumphs in a recent meet when they former won the junior championship of the Allegheny Swimmers Association and the latter won the senior title. Both won their titles at the same meet, on the same night and in consecutive titles.



MARJORIE TAYLOR FRANCIS TAYLOR

High School Cagers Will Start Training Early in the Week and Coaches Expect a Winning Team

With the reopening of the high school after the Christmas holidays Monday, the first call for the Coyote cagers will be given. A short rest between the football and basketball seasons was given the high school athletes, and after the vacation period they will be back in the training ranks.

A winning team is expected by the Coyote coaches this year. With the exception of Coffey, last year's captain and all-star guard, who is dualing with the mid-term class, the last year's team will be back in the ranks. "Bud" McCallum, high school mentor, will send out the call, and the first meeting of the quint aspirants will probably be held Monday afternoon.

Last season the red and black squad won the championship of this district but was eliminated in the second round of play at the state tournament. Last season the district tournament was held at Archer City, but every effort will be made to bring the contests here this year.

A number of new players who are said to possess the ability will be in the ranks at the beginning. With ball aspirants and the old letter man several good squads should be organized for the season of 1923.

The junior college cagers also intend to organize soon and will probably work with the high schoolers. The college team of last season won the city basketball league championship and defeated a number of high school teams from neighboring cities.

Large Crowds Attend Pythian Circus Saturday

Saturday night at the Knights of Pythian indoor circus was the first fraternal visiting night and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were the guests of honor. For nearly two hours before the performance began the large hall was filled with one of the largest crowds that have yet been in attendance. From the time the doors were thrown open until eight o'clock, when the show began, the visitors were entertained by Charles Fournier's Family Band, consisting of himself, son and three daughters, which is carried with the show.

A special program had been prepared by Mr. Roberts, the performance went off without a hitch and many new stunts were provided for the amusement and entertainment of the visitors.

The performers carried with the circus company have been hard at work since the committee in charge decided to devote the last three nights of the engagement to visiting fraternal bodies. Refreshing and the two orders of Woodmen will be the guests of the local Pythians.

Monday night will find the Elks, Odd Fellows and Knights of Columbus on hand and Tuesday night will be Mardi Gras and Shriners night, with all Masonic bodies and the two orders of Woodmen will be the guests of the local Pythians.

SUGGEST CHANGES IN FOOTBALL RULES AT COACHES' MEET

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28. (AP)—Elimination of the forward jump shift, flying tackle and the tackle below the knees were recommended by the rules committee of the football coaches' association of America in meeting here today. The committee also recommended a revision in the rules that would allow the offensive player to complete his downs before closing the half where it has the ball within the opponent's 10-yard line.

ARMY EXPERTS DEVELOP THE MOST POWERFUL GUN OF THIS TYPE IN THE WORLD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (AP)—Army ordnance experts have developed what they believe to be the heaviest and most powerful gun of its type in the world.

The new weapon is of the 14-inch, 80-calibre type and is a post-war development. It is capable of hurling an armor-piercing shell of 1,500 pounds for a distance of 22 miles and can be mounted on wheeled carriages and drawn along railroad tracks. An electrical apparatus is provided to lower the gun into position for passage through the tracks and elevating it to firing position. The total weight of the gun and carriage is 104,000 pounds.

Aggies No Match For New Mexico Polo Aggregation

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 28. (AP)—Displaying a reversal of form over the playing of Friday the New Mexico Military Institute defeated Texas A. & M. in the inter-collegiate event of the San Antonio mid-winter polo tournament, 13 to 6.

The New Mexico team displayed one of the best offenses shown thus far in the tourney and scored seven points in the first two periods. After that the Texans put up a better fight, but were unable to check the fast western team.

Lathrop Riggs and Knight displayed daring riding throughout the game and each of them accounted for a couple of goals. Newman and Brown carried off the honors for the losers.

Games Thursday In City League Interesting Ones

Followers of the city league basketball will be well entertained Thursday night when two of the strongest teams of the league meet. Landon-Hill, present leaders of the association with a perfect record for the year, is scheduled to meet the Knights of Columbus. The second game will be between the American Legion and the Iowa Park high school.

The city league battles have taken an unusual turn this season, and the two nights of the schedule have been as interesting as the final games of last year. Landon-Hill took the lead from the first by defeating Iowa Park by one point, while the high schoolers won over the Knights of Columbus by two points last week.

While the American Legion had a bad takeoff in the league, they are showing up better now and a hard fight is expected out of them. Although having some of the best players in the league, the Legion quint showed a decided lack of practice.

SAYS DEVELOPMENT RADIO MAY FORCE A NEW LANGUAGE

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28. (AP)—The development of the radio may force the adoption of an international language, A. W. Stratton, chairman of the committee of an international language, told the American Association for the Advancement of Science today.

Broadcasting in Europe where a strong transmitting set is able to cover large areas has brought a demand from both commercial and amateur operators that some language which all might understand be adopted.

Through organization of a United States section of the International Auxiliary Language Association it is hoped to get the subject of the new language which would not place the present day English, but serve only for international communication, before the people, Stratton said. Years of work and the expenditure of probably a million dollars would be required to carry out any comprehensive plan, it is believed.

FOURTH LABOR UNION BANK FOR NEW YORK IS OPENED ON SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (AP)—The Locomotive Engineers' Cooperative Trust Company opened today marking the ninth invasion of the railmen's union into the banking field throughout the United States and the fourth labor union bank in New York.

Besides their first bank at Cleveland which the brotherhood opened in 1920 with \$600,000 capital and now has \$21,000,000 resources the engineers own two more recently opened Cleveland banks and one each at Hammond, Ind., Minneapolis and Birmingham. It also owns large blocks of stock and participates in the management of a bank in Spokane and the Empire Trust Company in this city.

In outlining the bank's policy of service to customers President W. S. Stone said any person could open a checking account in any sum instead of requiring from \$250 up as is asked by most banks.

Where's in a Name? Armistice Day was well named, for that is what it still is five years after war formally but not actually closed. Europe fights on 'tace and rest-a still wait in the sidelines.—Capper's Weekly.

TODD COMMANDANT A. AND M. COLLEGE, SUCCEEDS ASHBURN

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Dec. 28.—The duties of commandant of the A. & M. College of Texas will devolve upon Colonel C. C. Todd and be discharged by him supplementary to his duties as professor of military science and tactics beginning January 2. This announcement was made by President W. B. Hissell today. In the commandant's duties Colonel Todd will take up the work of discipline of the student body given up by Colonel E. M. Ashburn, who resigned as commandant effective January 1 to become executive secretary of the A. & M. Extension Association.

Colonel Todd is a graduate of the college and has a record of distinguished military service. He served overseas and was judge advocate of the American forces on the Rhine after the armistice.

CATCHER WIRTS GOES TO BEAUMONT CLUB

CHICAGO, Dec. 28. (AP)—Woodward Wirtz, catcher of the Chicago National League team, was released to the Beaumont club of the Texas League. Wirtz is a promising young catcher, but with Roy O'Farrell and Charles Hartman on hand to do the bulk of the catching, Manager Killifer decided to turn Wirtz over to Beaumont. Wirtz's home is in Beaumont, Texas.

SHREVEPORT SEEKS TO MATCH HEAVYWEIGHTS

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 28. (AP)—Business men of Shreveport are being sounded out by Frank Foster, boxing promoter here, on a proposal to bring about a meeting in Shreveport in March or April of next year of Tommy Gibbons, one of the foremost contenders for the heavyweight championship, and Georges Carpentier, the great French heavyweight, it becomes known today.

Kenneth Appel Captures Junior Tennis Crown

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (AP)—Kenneth Appel of East Orange, N. J., high school, today captured the national junior indoor singles tennis championship, defeating his schoolmate, John Van Ryn, in a keenly fought final match, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.

The national boys' singles title was won by Malcolm Hill of Loomis school, Connecticut, who defeated John Finsad of Hill school, Pennsylvania, in the final round, 6-1, 4-7.

In the final doubles match Malcolm Hill, Loomis school, and H. B. Johnson, Newton, Mass., high, defeated Kenneth Appel and John Van Ryn, East Orange, N. J., high, 6-2, 6-4.

FAIR GROUNDS TODAY!

AERIAL ACROBATICS!

A Thrilling Spectacular Program of Flying and Daredevil Stunts

PARACHUTE RACE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTHWEST

Admission 25c and 50c—Tax Paid

Program Starts 3:00 p. m.

Stunt Flying

By Louis, Sheehan and C. W. Sheehan

What Will Be Your New Year's Resolution?

Have you given due thought to the future? Will you be with the wife and kiddies next Christmas?

Will Your Widow Be Able to Enjoy the Same Comfort That Your Wife Does?

A check from us each month for life, will guarantee the happiness and comfort you gave them this year.

The Travelers Insurance Co.
HARTFORD, CONN.

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"The Travelers' Man"
222 1st National Bank

New Year's Eve Boxing Exhibition

OPERA HOUSE 8:00 P. M.

MAIN BOUT—10 ROUNDS
JOE DENTON vs. JIMMIE CARROLL
Amarillo Fort Worth

SEMI-FINAL 8 ROUNDS
TEXAS TATE vs. CHIEF KORENS
Chickasha, Okla. Wichita Falls

Spider Roach vs. Batting Jennings
Petrolia Henrietta

Kid Snyder vs. Bull Dog Nolen
Burk Iowa Park

Rattle Snake vs. Daddy Snow Ball
Wichita Falls

GOOD MUSIC AND VAUDEVILLE
SPOT LIGHT DANCE LEGION HALL
Beginning 9:30 p. m.

Monday—Special Sale On All Hats

YOUR HAT IS HERE

Everything in color, shape, style, material and finish, which a discerning taste could desire.

\$2.95	Our Regular \$5.00 Hats	\$2.95
\$3.95	Our Regular \$6.00 Hats	\$3.95
\$4.95	Our Regular \$7.00 Hats	\$4.95
\$5.95	Our Regular \$8.00 Hats	\$5.95
ALL BORSALINO HATS		\$8.95

The prices above include every hat in our entire assortment—Borsalino, Dunlap, Youngs, and Ward Hats. Nothing reserved.

Harry Baum Co.
"Gentlemen's Wear"
Wagoner Building

TIMES DAILY MARKETS

COTTON MARKET

Local Cotton Market. Middling 1 1/2 cents per pound. Receipts nominal. New York Cotton. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Opening advances on relatively steady Liverpool cables were followed by declines in the cotton market today...

WHEAT

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Liquidation of the long interest was the outstanding feature of the trading in cotton today. Much of it seemed to be of the week-end and year-end variety...

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Local Grain Market. Wheat: Receipts nominal. Chicago Grain. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Wheat receipts were not quotable today...

LIVESTOCK

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Receipts: Hogs 10,000, cattle 1,000. Fort Worth Livestock. FORT WORTH, Dec. 29.—Strength appeared throughout the cattle and calf price list Saturday...

WANTED TO BUY

ONE 8-passenger Overland, just overhauled and in good running order. \$275; quick sale. Clark Machine Co.

WE BUY AND SELL USED CARS. EVERYBODY'S USED CAR EXCHANGE. 926 Scott.

FORD coupe, 1923 model, for sale by owner. First-class condition. Trade for 1924 or 1925. Driven on pavement only. Phone 485 or call 1484 Hayes.

SEVERAL GOOD FORDS. Four good Ford coupes, all '23 models and in class. Phone 2013. One '23 Ford roadster. Two '23 Ford touring cars. Two '23 Ford touring cars. A few '24 Ford touring cars. Three '24 Ford touring cars. A few '24 Ford touring cars.

Chevrolet light delivery, almost new, replaced. You can buy it for the balance due on it. BEEY LOCKART. 911 Scott-st.

1925 STUDEBAKER Special Six in good condition, good fuel economy. \$1,000.00. 1924 Buick sedan, 1923 Buick sedan. 1924 Buick sedan, 1923 Buick sedan.

AUTOS TO EXCHANGE. BUICK, 8-passenger car, with winter top; just completely overhauled; good and tires. Trade for 1924 or 1925. Ford sedan, J. P. Friberg, 809 Ohio-ave. Phone 2059.

RADIATOR REPAIR SERVICE. AUTO AND TRUCK RADIATORS. Repaired and recored. Cores and parts for all makes. Call 478. SUPREME RADIATOR CO. 601 Scott-st.

AUTOS WANTED. OLD CARS WANTED. AUTO SALVAGE CO. 103 Indiana-st. Phone 1693. We will buy your car. SECURITY MOTOR SALES CO. 713 North-st. Phone 2013.

Welding and carbon burned; storage per month \$4. Heating, washing and greasing reasonable. All work guaranteed to please you. Heating Garage, rear 1048 Travis-ave. Phone 6018. Frank Sobush, mechanic.

AUTO SUPPLIES. ALL PARTS for some cars, some parts for all cars. Hughes Bros. 218 Indiana. Phone 2116. USED parts and bearings for all makes of cars. Paris Co. 610-13 Indiana.

FOR SALE—All Hupmobile parts for model '18, including set of wire wheels. W. C. HEATH'S GARAGE. 1046 Travis-ave. Phone 1046.

MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES. HARLEY-Davidson, with side car, electrically equipped. \$100 cash. Powell Zoo, at K. P. Indoor Circus. FOK SALE—Motorcycle, first class condition; also Quick Meal gas range. 1810 Locust-st.

WELDING. WHY BUY NEW PARTS? We sell all metals. Fichola Welding Co., 1046 Travis-ave. Phone 1046.

ELECTRIC WELDING, pre-heating; automobile housing, crank cases, frames, etc. Call 478. Welding, perfect welds on shafts. W. D. Higlerman, 214 Ohio. Phone 4148 or 4124.

BY OWNER—House at 1301 Ave. R. near school. Auto painting no gas. 113 S. month.

AUTO PAINTING. THE CITY AUTO PAINTING CO. We also build cars. Fenders and cushions repaired. FENDERS AND CUSHIONS BAKED. Phone 418. 1310 corner Tenth and Scott-sts.

HOUSES FOR RENT. COMPLETELY furnished house, 1009 Kemp-blvd. Phone 4922. SIX ROOMS, unfurnished, modern house, new oil furnace, suitable for two families. Located at 1802 1/2 South-st. Call 478.

FOR RENT—Five-room house, 1131 Britain-st. Phone 2157. W. H. Downing. STRICTLY modern 3-room furnished house, in walking distance of town. Phone 418.

FOR RENT—New 4-room house, 2145 Ave. G, 156 month. Phone 2366. Call 111 Morse-blvd. Phone 418.

IN Southland addition, new 4-room house and breakfast room, elegantly furnished, with refrigerator, gas, six months to party not having small children; also one that can furnish good refrigerator. Call at 1292 Collins.

Five-room house, corner of Grace and Fifteenth-sts., \$10 per month. Five-room house, 1527 Monroe-st., \$6 per month. Six-room house, 1601 Polk-st., completely furnished, \$10 per month. WELSH & RICHARDSON. 724 Ninth-st. Phone 1557.

FOR RENT—Five-room furnished house at 2410 Tenth-st. Apply at 4853 Tenth-st.

FOR RENT—Five-room modern house, 613 Denver-st. Telephone 418.

FOR RENT—Modern five-room house and garage, close in, 1214 Twelfth-st. Phone 2375. Patton & Morris.

HOUSE for rent, 4 rooms, 1684 Burnett. Phone 514.

FURNISHED home, will rent any time to suit, furnished or unfurnished, 1409 Blvd. Phone 2108. ask Ross.

FOR RENT—Small house, 3 rooms and screened porch; just right for two or no children; close in. Phone 4890, or call at 213 Lee-st.

FOR RENT—Modern 4-room house and garage; in good condition, 1187 Broad.

FOR RENT—Six-room house; close in, on carline, arranged for two families, and offer you some best gains in furniture for \$150; house rents \$55.

R. C. WILLIAMS. 101-C Tenth-st. Phone 3085-6216. 1561 Seventeenth, six, garage, 1000 cash. 1609 Eighth, seven, 150. 1609 Travis, twelve, garage, 175. 1207 Heillon, five, 125 per month. 1407 Monroe, five, garage, 160. 1204 Taylor, four, 85. 1715 Garland, five, garage, new, 155.

H. G. HELGERSON. Placement City National Bank. Phone 2172.

FOR RENT—About the first, nicely furnished 6-room bungalow at 2382 Tenth. Phone 2626.

OFFICES FOR RENT. FOR RENT—Desirable office room in Harrison-Everett-bldg., 716-717 Seventh-st. Call Micks Furniture. Phone 523.

FOR RENT—Convenient office space in 708 block, north side of Tenth-st., second floor, desirable for insurance, real estate, advertising, investment or factory branch office. Space too large for company action desired. If interested state line of business. Address Box 192, Times.

DESIRABLE office, one or two rooms, reasonable rent. Room 202, second floor Chemnitz Bldg., 412 1/2 Scott-st.

WANTED TO RENT. WANTED—Three-room, furnished apartment. Would consider small furnished room, practically new. WANTED—To rent, good five-room house, in good location. Rent must be reasonable. Best of references. WANTED—Three or four-room furnished apartment with nice living room. Phone 4122.

HOUSES FOR SALE. \$100.00 CASH. That is all you need to obtain a deed to this beautiful six-room home. Living room, dining room, kitchen with all the built-in cabinets, breakfast room, three large bedrooms with south and east exposure and large bath room, plenty of clothes and linen closets. This is a well built home with solid driveway. The price is considerably under \$15,000 with pavement paid for and you can pay out 10 per cent a month—all you require as cash payment is \$400.

IF YOU WANT A SMALLER HOME. \$250.00 CASH. Will give you a deed to the best bargain offered in a long time. This place is strictly modern, four bedrooms, five bathrooms and lots of built-in features. Four large baths, one breakfast room, one garage, driveway, \$500 cash. \$100 monthly. N. A. Moore, Phone 5435.

DANDY little brick home, hardwood floors, modern kitchen, built-in features, on a beautiful lot, close to school. \$100 cash, balance \$100 monthly. Call for your own. If you would rather drive over yourself.

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RENT—Small store building, 1611 Ninth.

WANTED TO RENT. WANTED—Three-room, furnished apartment. Would consider small furnished room, practically new.

WANTED—To rent, good five-room house, in good location. Rent must be reasonable. Best of references.

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FOR TRADE—Good corner lot close to business district, valued at twenty thousand dollars for twenty thousand dollars, offer \$10,000.00. Good improved land within seventy-five miles of this city. Stehlik & Sons.

WILL trade good shallow oil lease, several wells, fully equipped, for city property; also offer 2000 and two beautiful lots on pavement. Friedman, Arthur Lyons, phone 4122.

WILL exchange farm for good home not too expensive and in desirable neighborhood. Home owners need answer. Box 155, Times.

WILL trade 350 acres good land in New Mexico, clear for 1000 acres, equities in city property. Arthur Lyons, 610 Staley-bldg., phone 4107.

GOOD bottom farm for rent to responsible parties with three or four cows. Phone 3321. J. J. Dadd.

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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF DAWSON COUNTY HONORED

CLOSE A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND VALUABLE PRIZES AWARDED.

SIXTH YEAR UNDER ABLE LEADERSHIP C. T. WATSON

Winning Club Entertains Business Men and Directors Chamber of Commerce.

LAMESA, Texas, Dec. 28.—The boys' and girls' clubs of Dawson county have just closed a very successful year's work, this making the sixth year under the leadership of C. T. Watson, county agent.

Early in the year a number of community clubs were organized, officers for the year were elected and adult leaders chosen. The business men of Lamesa offered some very valuable and attractive prizes to the winners in the different club activities. The following prizes have been awarded:

To the best community club a \$250 Victoria, given by Ritz Furniture Co. Also to this club was the silver loving cup given by the First National bank. It was through the loyal support of the club members, the interest of the parents and the able leadership of the adult leader, Joe M. Peterson, that the McCarty Community Club with 15 members won first prize.

Club Entertains Donors. On Friday night, December 14, the winning community club of Dawson county entertained the directors of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce and the business men who offered county premiums in club work in 1923.

A real life program was rendered by the club members, after which talks by some of the directors of the chamber of commerce were given. At the close of the program refreshments were served. The program was given by the club boys and girls for their parents, the business men and directors of the chamber of commerce, about 125 being present.

Other premiums given by the business men were suits of clothes, shoes, dresses, a modern poultry house, jewelry, cash, etc. Among the donors were Chas. Smith Lumber Co., Simpson-Jones & Co., E. E. Matthews, D. G. Dawson Mercantile Dry Goods Co., C. E. & M. McDonald, Drug Co., Lamesa Reporter, V. O. Key abstracts, H. E. Williams Hardware, Burns Furniture Co., G. Ward Moody, head director.

The above premiums were awarded the first week in December. The Lamesa Chamber of Commerce gave five free trips to the Boys' Educational Encampment at Dallas.

Three Dawson county boys were given a free trip to the encampment by the South Plains Fair Association on stock judging.

Dawson county will have both a county and home demonstration agent in 1924.

Damage Caused by Air Rifles Results In Drastic Action

Drastic action on the part of the police department has been caused by the amount of damage done by air rifles in the hands of small boys and the injuring of a little girl Saturday afternoon.

Police Chief George Hodgins stated Saturday that the premeditated shooting of air rifles must be stopped and that officers will seize the rifle in every case which is reported. The guns will be turned over to juvenile authorities.

A large number of calls were received at police headquarters Saturday, reporting broken window panes, the injuring of a small girl, and other damage caused by air rifles.

The chief Saturday afternoon issued orders for police to answer every call regarding the premeditated use of air rifle, and seize the gun and turn the weapon and the name of the offender over to juvenile authorities.

In speaking of the serious situation which has been called to the attention of police since the holidays, Chief of Detectives Dave May stated that the use of air rifles premeditatedly within the city limits would be stopped immediately. A number of windows were broken and other damage was incurred with the guns Saturday. A small girl was struck by one of the shots and seriously injured Saturday.

Dog Catchers to Begin Operations Here on Tuesday

City dog catchers will operate in Wichita Falls beginning Tuesday. Police Chief George H. Hodgins stated Saturday afternoon and all owners of canines are warned to procure 1924 license tags for the animals before Tuesday. No time extension for the purchase of dog tags will be granted this year and the tags have been on sale at the city hall for several days.

Chief Hodgins has issued orders to the dog catchers to pick up every animal which does not bear a tag.

SHERIFF MURPHY TO LIVE IN COUNTY JAIL

Sheriff W. W. Murphy moved his household effects into the first floor of the county jail Saturday and it is stated that he will move his family there at once. The jail is so arranged that there is adequate space on the first floor to accommodate a family.

New Traffic Survey

NEW YORK.—What are the major causes of all traffic accidents? The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce hopes to learn them through a nation-wide survey, soon to be launched. Its program, though, will not attempt to compete with other surveys now being undertaken by various other agencies.

It is estimated that the sum of \$100,000,000 is being lost at the present rate for 1,000,000 years.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF CHARLES A. CULBERSON

SHORT LETTERS—FIFTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Many important questions were up for consideration by the attorney general's office during my two terms in that office, but by far the most important was the issue of the railroad commission, the most controversial provision of which was written by Governor Hogg himself.

Governor Hogg sent for me and asked my opinion, and I agreed with him about this provision.

The railroads of the state, through the trust companies, made an attack upon the validity of the law, and after a lengthy trial at Dallas before Judge A. K. McCormick, circuit judge, its enforcement was enjoined.

The state immediately appealed its case to the supreme court of the United States, where it was represented by W. K. Simpkins, an excellent lawyer, Henry C. Coke, then whom Texas has known no able lawyer, and myself.

The decision of the supreme court in effect, reversed Judge McCormick on the law, but sustained him on the facts. That is to say, held the law constitutional but the rates confiscatory.

When I concluded my oral argument in the case, Mr. Justice Horace Gray, then a member of the court from Massachusetts, sent a deputy clerk to me with a message that he desired to see me. When I saw him back of the bench, he complimented me on my argument, and spoke very kindly of me personally.

After I was elected to the senate, I appeared before the supreme court of the United States, as counsel for the state, in the Houston and Texas Central Railroad bond case, and made an oral argument.

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Completion of Junior College and Large Increases in Enrollment Marks Close of Year 1923 for City Schools

The year 1923 has probably been the greatest in the history of the Wichita Falls public school system.

Not only has the enrollment been increased by over 400 students, a great gain in the city scholastics for one year, but the Wichita Falls Junior College has been constructed and will be ready for use on or about February 1. That is the report from the office of Dr. J. W. Cantwell, city superintendent of schools.

A building with all modern facilities to accommodate fully 1,000 students, a junior college with two years of standard college work and affiliated with the state universities, and one of the most beautiful buildings for educational purposes, is the new school. And in more ways than one it is the best school in a community of this size. According to Dr. Cantwell, the state needs schools of this kind located so that they will not be more than a day's automobile ride apart. Many young people that could not in other ways receive the education may secure the first two years of preparatory work prior to the regular study for a profession. Also, the junior college will relieve the larger universities from the masses of freshmen who swarm to the state schools, giving a few opportunities all around, he contends.

Best of Equipment. This is what the local board of education and the taxpayers have made possible. A building costing over \$700,000 with every modern accommodation, gymnasium, class rooms, library and one of the largest school auditoriums in the state, situated in a beautiful section of the city that is speedily being built up with fashionable homes, and is as near a central part of town as is possible.

With the opening of the junior college the school board plans to relieve the now overcrowded condition of the schools and supply a seat for every student in the city. The building now occupied by the high school and junior college students will be turned into a junior high school building. That is, students in the seventh and eighth grades will attend, according to the standard of junior high schools in the south. The present junior high school building will again become a part of the Austin ward school, and will be the largest grade school in the city.

At the opening of the college local school authorities plan to have many prominent speakers and state and nationally framed educators. A definite program has not yet been planned, although committees are now preparing for the occasion.

Other Construction. Besides the college very little construction has been completed during the year. One ward school, the Pat Carrigan school, costing \$25,000, was finished early last spring and opened for use. This is located in the section of the city near the Municipal Golf Club and the power plant, and accommodates many children who, prior to that time, were forced to go a long distance to the Austin ward school. Small wooden one-room buildings were also erected in connection with other wards, but no other new schools were completed. According to Dr. Cantwell, no building plans have been made for 1924. With the

twelve city schools now in use and the completion of the junior college, the scholastics in this city will be well taken care of.

There are, at present, about 4,500 children enrolled in the public schools of the city, a gain of approximately 400 over the enrollment of last year. The city employs 1,131 teachers to instruct the students through the various grades. 1,131 students alone are enrolled in the high school grades, that is, the junior and senior high school. At present there are 88 students in the junior college, with others scheduled to start work there at the beginning of the second semester in January. This is almost double the enrollment of last year, the first experiment of a junior college in this city.

Plan of Education. This city, in the case in most southern cities, uses the 6-2-3 plan of education. That is, of the eleven years spent in the elementary and high school grades, six years are in ward schools, two years work is done in the junior high school and three years of final work is completed in the high school before a diploma of graduation can be granted. Of the graduates from the local high school during the past year, 127 students were in the spring class and 12 graduated at mid-term, making a total of 139 diploma graduates. It is the largest number of students to graduate from the local school system in one year in the history of the city.

Foremost among the changes in the city school system for the year 1923 was the election of Dr. J. W. Cantwell as superintendent of schools to succeed Professor Lee Clark. Dr. Cantwell, who has long been well known as an educator in the state, was elected by the board early last spring at the annual election. The year also marked the return of S. H. Bider as principal of the high school to succeed Hugh Porter. An experiment that was found to be successful was attempted at the annual teachers' institute this year at the beginning of the school term, by the consolidating of four counties and the independent school districts into one for the purpose of the institute.

Five gallons of corn whiskey were found by City Officers Bryan and Griffin Saturday afternoon when they raided a rooming house on Ohio avenue. The proprietor of the place denied any knowledge of the manner in which the whiskey was brought into the place.

The whiskey was confiscated and the evidence turned over to federal authorities. No arrests had been made Saturday afternoon. It is expected that charges will be filed in the case as soon as federal officers investigate.

Granite is the only common rock which shows no traces of animal or vegetable life.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

FROM THE

CHAMBER of COMMERCE

THE YEAR 1923 has been a period of readjustment and steady improvement in basic conditions in Wichita Falls. With the oil boom, from which present business history is dated, four years behind us, business in Wichita Falls is now on a very solid basis. Bank deposits, building permits, population, retail buying, wholesale and jobbing, rail tonnage, all indicate a steady and dependable growth. The United States Census Bureau, early in 1923, credited Wichita Falls with a population of 51,500 which was an increase of about 25 per cent over the 1920 census.

Make Reservations Now for Annual Dinner January 15

While the oil business suffered some depression during several months of the year, the close of 1923 sees much brighter prospects for the industry with the price of crude oil advancing. A great deal of new development is planned in the Wichita Falls district which bids fair to bring our oil field payroll back to normal again.

Christmas buying reflected a most healthy condition and was satisfactory to retail dealers throughout the city. There is every evidence of good conditions along this line in the new year with increased activities throughout the district, regular wages and little unemployment.

The year 1924 dawns with a most encouraging outlook. On every hand are heard expressions of optimism and confidence. It looks like a bigger and better year for Wichita Falls in 1924. The Chamber of Commerce views the past year with some gratification and we enter the new year in a spirit of helpfulness to the entire community. A detailed report of the past year is now being compiled and will be presented to our membership at our annual dinner on January 15th, together with some very practical recommendations from our members for our new program.

The remarkable success of our Welfare Campaign in which the budget of \$40,000.00 was over subscribed, with half of it paid in cash, reflects a spirit among our people of which we may well be proud. It has been the subject of comment in the newspapers of other cities.

A high percentage of payment of dues by the members of our Chamber of Commerce affords our officers and directors much gratification and encourages us with indisputable evidence of the spirit of confidence that pervades this community for a bigger and better city.

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SOCIAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN



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Country Club New Year's Dinner Dance Will Feature This Week's Social Calendar; Other Affairs

The New Year's dinner dance at the Country Club Tuesday night will be one of the most attractive social events of the week for the members of the club and their out of town guests.

Entertainment among the younger set will be about over for the crowds that include the college students who spent the holidays at home.

A series of pretty affairs is planned in honor of Miss Mary Hamilton, who came to Friday night with Miss Alameda Kalkreuth.

Sunday evening Dr. J. A. Heyman, Dr. Bailey Collins and Mr. A. D. Boyer, all of the William-Mary hotel, are entertaining with a picnic supper party for Miss Terry.

Lovelace-Willis Home Wedding Is Interesting Event of Week; At Bride's Residence Wednesday

In an exquisite setting formed of palms and southern amilax, white and orchid chrysanthemums, before an improvised altar of beautiful greenery in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Willis, at 1406 Tilden, Miss Zora Willis, their daughter, became the bride of Bryan W. Lovelace of this city at high noon on Wednesday.

The marriage ceremony was held by Rev. O. L. Powers, of the First Baptist church, and was witnessed by members of the family and close friends of the happy couple.

A brief program of music preceded the nuptial rites; Miss Edith Wharton playing "Träumerei" as a violin solo with Mrs. F. H. Collier, sister of the groom, at the piano; and Miss Jane McCullough singing Cadman's "At Dawning".

The bride party approached the altar through an aisle of white satin ribbons, held in place by Misses Ellen Hooker, Mauda Smith and Alice Willis, sister of the bride.

Before the wedding the guests were received by Mesdames B. M. Hooper and W. L. Hawkins, the latter an aunt of the bride, and registered in the bride's book presided over by Miss Ellen Hooker.

Tables were arranged for 125 guests at the home of Mrs. J. E. Hamilton, 1230 Pearl street, Tuesday night, the affair being in the nature of a little farewell from her friends. Miss Hamilton leaves the first of the year to attend C. I. A. in Denton.

MISS MARY HAMILTON IS HONORED TUESDAY

Miss Mary Hamilton, sister of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Humphrey of Rose avenue, was the honoree at a pretty party given at the home of Mrs. J. E. Hamilton, 1230 Pearl street, Tuesday night.

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COUNTRY CLUB DANCE A DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR OF FRIDAY EVENING

The Country Club dance of Friday evening was a delightful affair of the week, and about the last of the Christmas entertainments at the club.

Music for the dance was furnished by the Southern Trumpeters, and the grand march was led by Miss Ruth Barnard and Charles J. Norton.

Most of the society and study clubs resume meetings this week after a period of one or two weeks' inactivity, except for their Christmas parties.

Ladies Day at the Golf Club Thursday will be another New Year's event, with a special party. The hostesses will include Mesdames Van Wormer, A. B. Britain, Harwood Stacy, Luther Hoffman, Leslie Humphrey, Morris Marcus, C. C. McDonald, C. W. Gilliland, W. W. Gardner and W. P. Killingsworth.

CHRISTMAS BRIDGE PARTY FRIDAY J. M. FOX HOME

Mesdames M. Fox and Guy Rogers will join their friends for a Christmas Eve bridge party at the Fox home on Friday evening at the Fox home on Thirteenth street.

A five course menu was served to Mesdames Frank Moore, McDowell of Pittsburgh, J. W. Culbertson, Roy Calvert, J. C. A. Guest, W. J. Grisham, F. F. Langford, Dennis Gray, Donald O. Clint Wood and W. W. Silk, and Miss Schofield, J. J. Perkins, M. J. Dasher and Mrs. Salder.

Messrs. Moore, Sweetser, Guest, Dasher, Hartwood, Kilgusworth, Barbara, Silk, Gidder and Wood; Messrs. Edward Silk, Jimmie Guest and Lewis Moore.

All Day Party Mrs. Naylor entertained Saturday with a "spanish day" party for a small group of friends.

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Two Pretty Parties Compliment Kansas City Visitor Last Week

Mrs. Frank Moore, of Kansas City, visitor and guest of Mrs. C. W. Salder, was the honoree at two pretty parties last week, one luncheon at the Country Club Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Salder, and the other a picture show party with Mrs. W. W. Silk, hostess.

Luncheon was served at the Country Club in the private dining room, the decorations being especially attractive. The table was decorated with poinsettias in a crimson basket, fern fronds lying in length of the table.

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Mrs. C. E. Naylor was hostess to the Idle Hour members at a delightful bridge luncheon Wednesday at her home on Eighth street.

Place cards, with tiny red tapers and crimson poinsettias, were arranged for sixteen, and a delightful luncheon served at one o'clock, the menu comprising fruit salad, wafers and olives, turkey and dressing, cranberry jelly, creamed potatoes, and creamed cauliflower, fruit jello, and whipped cream, fruit cake, coconut cake, and coffee.

In the bridge games enjoyed later Mrs. James C. Waggoner won high score and received the remembrance, a gay telephone case. Mrs. Roy Colman, who was accompanied with a framed note.

A pretty feature of the party, carried out in an original and most attractive spirit, was the Christmas gift presentation. Each member brought little gifts and drew a name of another member during the afternoon; then each presented the gift to the recipient in person. Stuffed dates were served during the games.

Those present included: Mesdames James C. Waggoner, E. D. Stewart, E. O. Ward, John Barker, John D. Swanner, R. L. Mathis, Roy Coffey, E. T. Barker, E. B. Parker, Fred Lane, Dan Blackburn, C. S. Wyatt, W. W. Burgess of Dallas, and H. J. Naylor.

OPEN HOUSE AT COUNTRY CLUB A PRETTY AFFAIR WITH SPECIAL PROGRAM

Open house at the Country Club, featuring a pretty Christmas entertainment for the members and their out of town guests, was one of the attractive hostesses of the week.

The program numbers were exceptionally lovely, and Mesdames E. C. Fulton, Stuyton Bonner and George Thorburn, committees in charge, were very highly complimented on their spouses. An ensemble group of Greek dancers presented Misses Rose Marian Art, Camille Ayla, Nathaline Levenson, Charlotte Burton and Donna Marie Ehlert.

Mr. Jarrel Goss gave a delightful violin number, Miss Toadie Darr gave a group of costume dances, with Miss Florence Sammons at the piano, Miss Adelle Marcus and Mr. N. Darwyn Galtip gave a ballroom dance number, Mr. Galtip gave a solo dance number, and Mr. Ernest Kats a beautiful piano number. Miss Bulah Gardner lent a very delightful and effective touch to the program by appearing in costume as a megaphone announcer of the numbers.

The hostesses for the occasion included Mesdames George Thorburn, Bernard Martin, C. W. Salder, T. P. Dunson, W. D. Clint, M. D. Rowe, E. A. Thompson, P. A. Rogers, W. B. Chapman, J. W. Culbertson, A. R. Cotton, Mack Thomas, W. R. Ferguson, C. D. Shambarger, Ivan Marchison, A. E. Carls, E. L. Fulton, Tom Reese, E. B. Huff, E. D. Patterson, F. E. Lee, Ben G. O'Neal, Aps Marous, Clint Wood, Fred Cooper, W. M. McGregor and P. P. Langford.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ralley were joint hostesses at a 6 o'clock dinner Christmas day, when covers were laid at a beautifully decorated table for Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fonder, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Williamson, Misses Bert Holt, the Fonder, and Viola Small of Oklahoma City, and Mr. Travis Ralley.

The dinner was served at the Holt home, 1313 Twelfth.

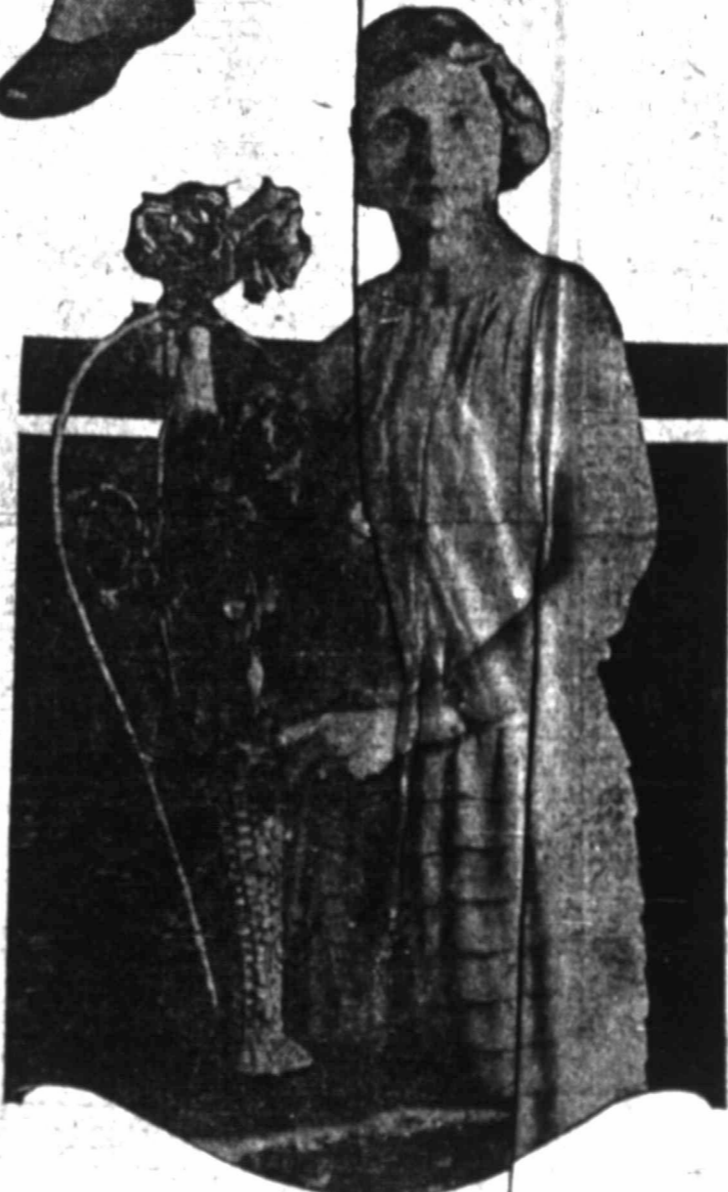


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In The Pictures

Mrs. Clarence V. Coeks, formerly Miss Anis Campbell, was Christmas eve bride.

Little Miss Virginia Ann Daniels is the small daughter of Mrs. C. U. (Dan) Daniels. Virginia Ann was one of the prettiest of tiny costumed girls who lighted the white candles in a party children's pageant at the First Presbyterian church Christmas week.

Miss Louise Wick was maid of honor to Mrs. Bryan Lovelace, formerly Miss Zora Willis, whose marriage occurred last week.

Mrs. Bryan Lovelace, formerly Miss Willis, was a popular member of one of the younger sets. Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace are at home here.

Miss Mabel Dundy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dundy, 1511 Eleventh, is enjoying a delightful vacation this Christmas. She is home from C. I. A. at Denton.

RANDLE MISS KING OF FRIDAY

Miss Randle... afternoon... the home of Miss... Randle's on the... Miss King was... the hostess of the... originally planned... complimented with... Randle's on the... Miss King was... the hostess of the... originally planned... complimented with... Randle's on the... Miss King was... the hostess of the... originally planned... complimented with...

STMAS PARTY

Ward and... a few friends at... Christmas... decorations... with a pink... a delightful... of fruit... baskets of... served... John Barker... H. Stallings... CELEBRATE STMAS DINNER... Little Miss Betty Jo Williams...

CELEBRATE STMAS DINNER

Little Miss Betty Jo Williams... daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Williams... of 150 Chester street... was one of the ribbon winners at the T-O Fair last fall... Betty Jo's picture got separated from the slip with her name... so the cut was not printed earlier.

S AND ICES

the First Baptist... with Mrs. W. M. Eleventh street... Cornus Club dance... the Kemp Hotel... the music... the city are... of the First Christmas... Monday... in the basement... will meet Tuesday... care will be given... and all members... present.

HUISACHE CLUB FRIDAY

The Huisache Club... with Mrs. E. M. Friend... 1621 Collins street... when four tables were arranged for the... Late in the afternoon a refreshment... food and fruit was served to... J. H. Burt of Elk City, D. D., J. H. Fowler, W. H. Oran, H. Jagers, A. M. Hutchins, Lella Harston, F. Hardy, W. M. Langford, Frank Ramsey, A. H. Stewart, L. D. Townsend, Allan Puskey, James Valle and W. M. Walker.

IN LOVELACE-WILLIS WEDDING



MISS ALLEN WILLIS younger sister of the bride, assisted in the Lovelace-Willis wedding last week.

MISS BETTY JO WILLIAMS



Photo by Bartlett.

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"DON'T YOU REMEMBER" PARTY

A "Don't You Remember" party... was what the gathering at Mrs. and Mrs. Grover Bullington's... night... a group of the classmates of 19... Wichita High... were invited to their first reunion... Games, contests and stunts... while delightfully diverting... not wholly necessary to the success of the party... An old book... by one of the class members... with pictures taken in 18... '16 started the ball rolling... the evening became a joyfully reminiscent... In one original content a romance... the names of the girls were... Robert Holen... a cake... contest... Miss Ellen... several... present... making their... stay-up-late band there... some delightful readings...

REEVES-BRIST WEDDING

John D. Reeves of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Reeves... and Miss... of Mr. and Mrs. E. Listow... of Wichita... now of Fort Worth... in marriage... bride's uncle, Rev. E. Painter, in Temple, Texas... Announcement of the marriage... was something of a surprise to the many friends of the young couple... Miss Bristow was graduate of Simmons College, Illinois... she and young... were first acquainted... she at most of the past year... assisted with the... for several months... with the Wichita Electric Co... The young couple in Christmas... with Mrs. Reeves... in Fort Worth... later on... for a few days visit with... and Mrs. Reeves Sr... On account of a school... Mrs. Reeves returned to Carnegie, Ohio... her year's teaching... to be at home here after the date of May...

MISSES WILSON KEMP AT HONORED

Misses Dorothy Wren and Audrey Kemp... were hosts at a delightful party... Misses J. B. Wilson and M. Adickes... the... House 5677... the young ladies were invited to come as "coverts" of the other half... the... Tables were arranged for bridge... and there was music for dancing... During the evening... sat down... fruit punch and waters were... Miss Kemp made a very... Miss Wilson played... in Spanish... The guests included... Misses Margaret Hines, Evelyn White, Mary Elizabeth Featherston, Fairs Murphy, Frances Boyd, Lorena Davenkort, Ruth Moore, Isabel Stone, Elizabeth Miller, Lucille Boudreau, Jackie Scott, Emma Frances McFall, Flora Bruce Greenwald, Billie Vaughn, Dorothy Reed, Doris... Mrs. Ann Saunders, Jewel Rose Akle, Ruth Moore of Kansas City, and... of Abilene;... Mary Deane, Bertha Deane, Elsie Dierckhorst, Mary Zeigler, Elsie Hines of Abilene and Mary... of Elmer.

HAROLD SHARPE WEDS

Harold Sharpe and Miss Esther Jackson... of Jernyn Wednesday... Announcement is received here of the marriage... last Wednesday, Dec. 26, of Harold Sharpe... and Mrs. J. E. Jackson... of Lawrence, Okla.,... to Miss Esther Ruth Jackson, daughter of... and Mrs. Roy Jackson of that city... The marriage was at the bride's home... Miss Paula Jackson... sister, sang the pre-nuptial... leave for... Mrs. W. W. of this city... played the... during the... The bride wore a handsome... and carried an arm bouquet of... Mrs. and Mrs. Sharpe are at home in... at the... at the... at the...

MANN-HICKS WEDDING

Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Hicks... arrived here Thursday night... following their marriage... the ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's... Mrs. Mann was a popular student at K-K-K... Mrs. Mann was a popular student at K-K-K... Mrs. Mann was a popular student at K-K-K...

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TO SOUTHERN METHODIST U.



Miss Lulu Brannan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Brannan, of 1701 Leola, and a 23 graduate of Wichita High, leaves tomorrow (Monday) for Dallas to enter Southern Methodist University.

FLOWER MAID IN WEDDING



Miss Jonnie Green Hawkins, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hawkins and cousin of Miss Zora Williams, was flower maid in the Lovelace-Willis wedding last week.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Mildred Hachel... returned to her home after spending the holidays with Miss Marjorie McGinnis at 977... Mrs. Stella Ross and son, N. L. Ross, have returned to their home in Florida after spending the holidays with relatives here... Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hallmark and daughter, Billie Lou, have returned from Haskell, where they spent the holidays... Jack Thurman, who spent the holidays in Denton, Texas, has returned to his home at 977 Burnett... Miss Mary Wisdom of Tyler, Texas, daughter of Dr. H. H. Wisdom, is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, 1600 Grant street, and also of Mrs. R. A. McDaniell, 1508 Fillmore... Mrs. O. E. Wilson and daughter, Miss Katherine, Miss Ann Cargill and Master Paul Cargill spent Christmas with homefolks in Stamford... Mrs. J. L. Burt has returned to Elk City after a week with friends here... Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence of Houston, who spent the holidays...

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WITCHITA CLUB PARTY AT WICHITA CLUB FOR GIRLS

The Wichita Club presented a... party... when half a hundred girls... members of the "D. I. E." Club... from home, from college, had a... thoughtful reunion and bridge party... in the prettily decorated club room... The members of the club, as... divided themselves into a... evening line and hostess party... Misses Marie Johnson, Lucille... Ruth Murphy, Louise Wick, Ruth... Eleanor Spaulding, Foreign Russell and Monterey... in the former and Misses... Deana, Helen Knotts, Cecil... Dorothy Nolan, Dorothy... and Stella Winters in the... In the games, Miss Virginia... was most fortunate in... and was rewarded with a... while Miss Leta Jo, with... high score, was presented with... bridge candles... A two course luncheon was... to the following: Misses... Callista, Frankie Adkins, Georgia... Maxwell, Mary Jo Kell, Helen... Gertrude Mallet of Fort Worth, Kathryn Hopper, Mabel Bundy, Bernice Gohler, Mary Frances... Georgia B. Leath, Lillian... Beatrice Spyer, Betty Hill, Edna Madryer, Alice Copeland, Elizabeth Brown, Gertrude Hines, Fern... Nell Wick, Alma Willis, Thomas... Sadie Tavis, Lucille Smith, Alma Lee Johnson, Florence... Virginia Miller, Hazel... Edna Kay, Marjorie Woolsey, Anabel... Louise Jenkins, Gene... Nelson and Louise Scott, Mrs. O. D. McCoy and other members of the house party... VISITORS WEDNESDAY... Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Haly entertained Wednesday evening with a... party for Mrs. W. H. Fry and Miss Edith Fry of Londonia, who are the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fry at 404 Van Buren... Various entertainments were provided during the evening and was very much enjoyed, especially the songs by Miss Fry... The guests included Mrs. Fry, Miss Edith Fry, Misses Rachel Shipman, Pearl Copeland, Hazel Waggoner, Irene Gar... and Evelyn Underwood, Messrs. David Smith, L. O. Scott, Cecil Shipman, and Charles Brooks... MEXICAN MESSIAH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM... The Presbyterian Mexican Mission had a Christmas program Thursday night at the Brown school building, consisting of readings and songs, some in Spanish and some in English... The pastor, Rev. A. R. Carrero of Fort Worth, who has five missions in west Texas, told the Christmas story and preached a sermon in Spanish... An attractive Christmas tree bore a gift for each child who is a member of the mission and candy and fruit for all of the children present...

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Tuesday night and Thursday night services as usual at Fifth and Broad streets at 7:15 p. m. Let everyone attend these services... W. M. BURTON, M. C. A. F. P. T. Y... North Side M. E. Church... Sunday school at community house 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. a special subject, "Inevitable Doom." Evening subject, "The Supreme Earthly Honor." Every real Christian is true to God, to himself and to the world... He is true to no man... He can have both that "peace of mind which passeth understanding" and also at times that "ardor of the world which is as a fire." Aristotle says, "The loftiest genius cannot bring forth the darling children of his mind." J. L. DONOVAN, pastor... Trinity Lutheran Church... Corner Fourteenth and Bluff... There will be no Sunday school and no services Sunday... On New Year's day services will be held at 1:30 p. m. in the German language... You are cordially invited to worship with us... A. H. MUEHLBACH, pastor... Christian Science Society... Church edifice, corner Tenth and Van Buren streets, Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; morning service 11 a. m.; evening service 7:30 p. m. Sunday, except Sundays and holidays... Subject, "Christian Science." Testimonial meeting 8 o'clock Wednesday evening... Reading room... in room 15, Ward building, 404 1/2 Eighth street, is open from 2 to 5 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and use the reading room... Floral Heights Baptist Church... Tenth and Kemp boulevard... Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:45... Chas. H. Smith, supt. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor... Junior B. Y. P. U. meets at 4 p. m.; Senior and Intermediate B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30... Girls' Society meets Wednesday evening... at 7:30... Boy Scouts meet Friday evening... Visitors welcome to any and all services... J. W. LONN, pastor... First M. E. Church, South... At the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Tenth and Lamar streets, Rev. C. M. Simpson, the pastor will bring a special Christmas message at 11 a. m. Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. on Sunday night, he will present a message of peculiar interest to the young folk... He will propose to deal with the elements of success as presented from the viewpoint of hard-headed business men of world-wide reputation and influence... This will involve Morgan, Rockefeller, Edison, Eastman and others... The message will be gripping to all those young men and young women who have aspirations and ambitions and all those young married couples who are looking ahead in due earnest to success... The nature of the message will be of the popular kind such as to interest all young and old... Special musical features of the day will be an anthem morning and night by the choir, a vocal solo by Mrs. Hermoline Stuart... at the morning service and a violin solo by Miss Mary Clark at the night service... Sunday school meets at 9:30 a. m.; Junior League at 4:30 p. m.; Senior League at 6:15; all offering programs of interest to their membership and their friends... The regular "Church Night" program will be given on Wednesday... luncheon at 6:30; study classes at 7:00; prayer and inspiration service at 7:45 led by the pastor... Lamar Avenue Baptist... Fourth and Lamar... Let us make the last Sunday of this year a day well spent in the service of our Lord... We welcome all who will worship with us... at 9:45 a. m., Fred L. Cone, superintendent... Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor... Subject for the morning, "The Word Which I Propose to Do in 1924." Sunbeams at 3:00 p. m. Senior and Intermediate B. Y. P. U. at 6:30... Music by Mrs. H. H. Harper... Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening... at 7:30... A. J. HOLT, Pastor... Nazarene Church... Sunday School 9:45... Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor... Subject for the morning, "The Word Which I Propose to Do in 1924." Prayer meeting at 7:30... Wednesday evening, and a study in Epiphany 8:15... Friday evening at 7:30... All are cordially invited to attend these services... International Bible Students Association... Will hold all meetings at 503 Leola street... Sunday, 9:30 a. m. There will be a Bible study about "Jehovah applied only to the Father of glory." Isa. 42:1-8... At 11:00 a. m. the Bible study will be "The Word for Christ." Pen. 145:7, R. V. in the evening at 7:30 there will be a Bible study about "The Attomence of the Burial-Offering." Lev. 14:22-23... Prayer meeting at 7:30... Wednesday evening, and a study in Epiphany 8:15... Friday evening at 7:30... All are cordially invited to attend these services...

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First M. E. Church, South
At the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Tenth and Lamar streets, Rev. C. M. Simpson, the pastor, will bring a special New Year's message at 11 a. m. Sunday. At 7:30 p. m. Sunday night, he will present a message of peculiar interest to the young life of the city. His proposals to deal with the elements of success as presented from the viewpoint of hard-headed business men of world-wide reputation and influence. This will involve Morgan, Rockefeller, Edison, Eastman and others. The message will be gripping to all those young men and young women who have aspirations and ambitions and all those young married couples who are looking ahead in their earnestness for success. The nature of the message will be of the popular kind such as to interest all young and old alike. It will be an anthem morning and night by the choir, a vocal solo by Mrs. Hermoine Stuart Vaughn at the morning service and a violin solo by Miss Mary Clark at the night service. Sunday school meets at 9:30 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:15; all offering programs of interest to their membership and their friends. The regular "Church Night" program will be given on Wednesday; luncheon at 6:30; study classes at 7:00; prayer and inspirational service at 7:45 led by the pastor.

Lamar Avenue Baptist
Fourth and Lamar. Let us make the last Sunday of this year a day well spent in the service of our Lord. We welcome all who will worship with us. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Fred L. Cone, superintendent. Church service at 11 a. m. Subject in the morning: "Five Things Which I Propose to Do in 1924." Subsequent at 9:30 p. m. Senior and Intermediate B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. Music in charge of Mr. Harper. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening.—A. J. HOLT, Pastor.

Nazareth Church
Sunday School 9:45. Preaching by pastor at 11:00 o'clock. Y. P. Society 4:00 o'clock. Evangelistic services at 7:15. Tuesday night, Bible class. Thursday night, prayer meeting.

International Bible Students Association
Will hold all meetings at 502 Lee street Sunday at 10:30 a. m. There will be a Bible study about "Jehovah applied only to the Father of glory," Isa. 42:1-3. At 11:00 a. m. the Bible lesson will be "The World for Christ," Psa. 145:1, R. V. In the evening at 7:30 there will be a Bible study about "The Atonement Day Burial Offering," Lev. 16:23-24. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening, and a study in Mark 16 on Friday evening at 7:30. All are

gation extend a hearty welcome to everybody to attend these special and unique services. Monday at 2:30 p. m. the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Dalton, 1184 Austin. Stewards meet at 7:30 Tuesday evening.

First Baptist Church
Regular services at the First Baptist Church Sunday. At 11 o'clock the pastor will speak on "Forgetting the things that are behind." The subject for the evening hour, "How Old Are You?" There will be special music at both services. The public is invited to worship with us.—O. L. POWERS, Pastor.

Young People's League
Program for the Young People's League of the Christian Embassy, Yale Avenue Evangelical Church, beginning at 7 p. m.: Leader, Miss Eva Raines. Fifteen minute song service by audience. Sentences prepared by Endeavor members. Scripture lesson, 2nd John, 1:1-14, by Mrs. Jeannette Smith. How to have a happy new year, Job 36:11, by Mrs. Freney. Assurance of strength for the day, Deut. 32:25, by Miss Hazel Johnson. Song, Our motto for the year, No. 112, by all members. Reading "God's Will for the New Year," by Maurine Martin. "The Fourfold Look," paper by Mrs. Martin. How the Lord will crown the year, Psalms 65:1-11, by the pastor. Piano solo by Miss Dorothy Stansberry. Wishes for the new year, by Mrs. Holloway. "Safety First This Year," Matthew 6:33, by Eva Wilson. "New Things for the Year," 2nd Cor. 5:17, by Miss Anna McFarland. "A Right Beginning," Col. 3:2, Mrs. C. R. Hibbs. "The River of Time," Mattie Cook. What is your wish for the League of Endeavor for the year? Open discussion. Closing song and benediction.

Sacred Heart Church
1501 Ninth street. High mass 10. Sunday school and benediction 7:30 a. m. Sermon: Value of time; request for the past and resolutions for the future. Lesson in Sunday school: The three Divine Persons in God. Visitors welcome.—ADVANCEMENT, O. S. B. Pastor.

Lutheran St. Paul's Church
1400 1/2 Synod. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning services in the English language at 11 a. m. Mr. O. Harms will deliver the sermon in that language. Bible class study meeting at 7:30 p. m. Subject for discussion: Separation of church and state. On Monday night, New Year's eve, we shall have services in the English language at 7:30. On Tuesday, New Year's day, we shall have services in the German language at 10:30 a. m. On Wednesday afternoon, the Ladies Aid will meet for their monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Serries, 2401 Ninth street. On Thursday morning at 9 o'clock our school will take up again. Everybody is cordially invited to worship with us and attend our Bible class meeting. L. S. C. will meet Thursday night at 7:30. Let everyone attend these services.—M. BEYER, Pastor.

Floral Heights Presbyterian
Corner Avenue G and Kemp Boulevard, Thomas A. Rockett, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Our Sunday school, under our efficient superintendent, Mr. Newman, is growing in interest and you are invited to come and be with us. Morning services, 11 a. m.; evening services, 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

East Side Presbyterian
Sabbath school, 9:30 p. m. Preaching service, 10:30 p. m. We are very grateful to the First Presbyterian Church and friends for their remembrance this holiday season. We urge every member to attend Sabbath school and church services Sunday, Dec. 30. Everyone is welcome to any and all services.—THOMAS R. ROCKETT, Pastor.

Yale Avenue Evangelical
Corner Yale Avenue and Twenty-second street. In this last service of the year we trust that each one in the community will close the year by showing the Lord that we are thankful to Him for His care over us during the year and we will come to the house of God in the spirit of our Master and make this a day of rejoicing in His name. We would like for every parent to be present on this day. Let us make this special effort for the Lord at least one time out of 365 days and give this day to the Lord. We request this of you for your sake and the sake of your children. Remember Sunday school will begin promptly at 9:45 a. m. and the normal worship will begin immediately after the Sunday school. The subject for the morning will be "Lifting." Come praying that the Lord may bless us and that His name may be glorified in us. The Juniors will meet at 2:30 p. m. and the Seniors at 7 p. m. with the live new year program which you will find on another page. The evening sermon will follow the meeting of the young people and the subject for the evening will be "Forgetting." The services for the week will be first of all a watch service in a joint meeting with the Epworth League of the First M. E. Church, corner Seventh and Lamar streets. All members of the Senior League of C. E. for this is election night and we want you to have a say in this election and we want to pledge more thoroughly our service in the service of God in a way to make things move for the Lord. If you are interested in the welfare of your community, come out and line up with the children of the living God and let us all work together for our good. "For it unity there is strength." May God bless and lead us in our prayer, and He will if we will only let Him have the right of way in our hearts.—Cordially, W. D. COOK, Pastor.

First Methodist Episcopal
(Seventh and Lamar) The Rev. Leslie Miller, pastor. Sermons for Sunday, Dec. 30, 11:00 a. m. "The Tower of Babel," 1:29 p. m. "Spiritual Gravitation." Special music, 11:00 a. m. Anthem by the Chorus Choir, "Turn Ye Even to Me," Gabriel. Solo by Mr. Geo. C. Taylor, 7:30 p. m. Anthem by the Chorus Choir, "All Hail the King." Gospel, Deut. Geo. C. Taylor and Rev. Leslie Miller. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Epworth League: Senior League 6:30. Miss Eva King leader. High School League meets at 4:30 p. m. Watch night service Monday from 9:30 p. m. to midnight. Social hour, musical program, refreshments, and short sermon by the pastor, "Outward Bound," Tuesday evening 6:15 p. m. picnic lunch. Special service, Topic "Spiritual Radio," Wednesday, church family night, supper 6:30 p. m. Topic for the worship hour, "The Code." Thursday evening 6:15 light supper. Special for young people, Service hour, topic "Reflection and Refraction," Friday, 7:45 p. m. Topic "Cost Marks." The pastor, Epworth League and whole congregation

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HOLLIDAY, Texas, Dec. 29.—Miss Beatrice Thomas entertained a few of her friends Wednesday. The evening was very pleasantly spent with bridge and music furnished by "The Harmony Flaming Fire."
Those present were Misses Erna Lee Little, Hollis Parrish, Lorine Mahan, Edna Carter and Elizabeth Whisenant, Messrs. Willet Thomas, Tolly Parrish, Bill Stegall, Pibbie Parrish and Burdette Clabby.

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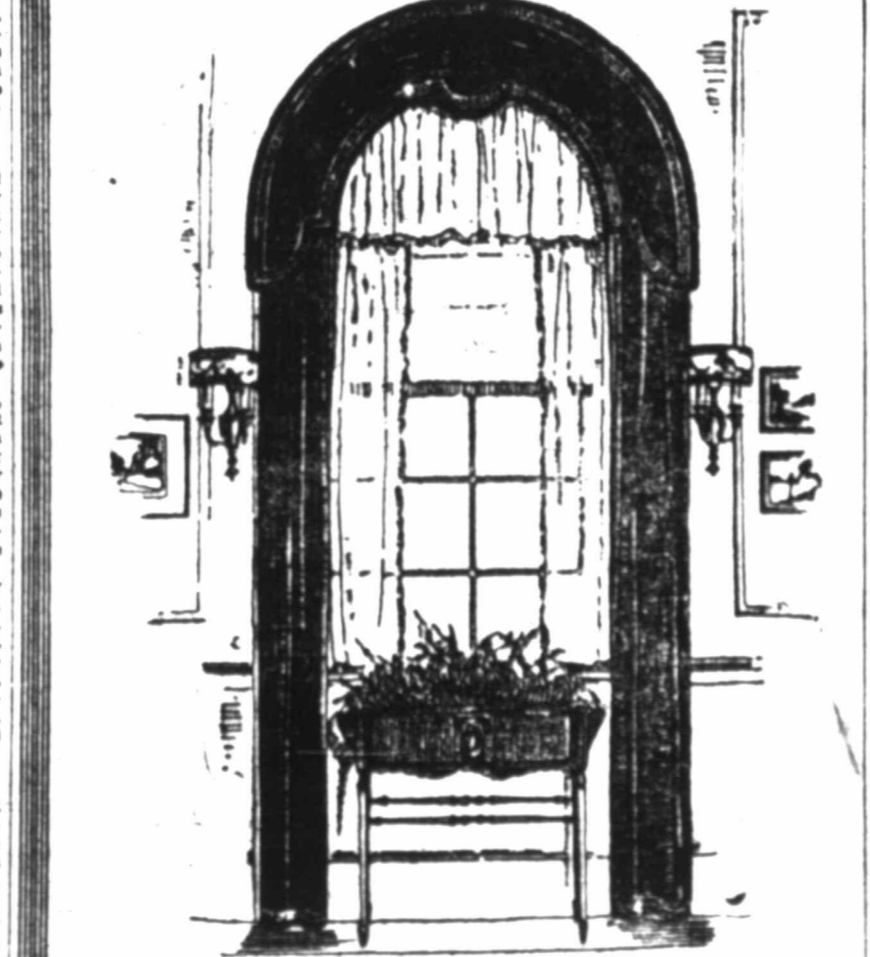
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Dundee News

Wade and Willie Hampton were in Olney Monday. Misses Daisy and Oorale Alexander of Olney were the guests of Willie Hampton Christmas day. Mrs. Will Brando and children visited her mother at Charlie Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Vardeman and children, Maggie, are the guests of Mrs. Vardeman's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Lee Sanders. Bessie Hampton and Henry Locklear were united in marriage at the home of Rev. Rhodes Christmas day. Rev. Rhodes officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Locklear left for his home at Tipton, Okla. Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ben King and daughter, Vera Tom, were the guests of Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Hampton, Christmas day. Mrs. Barnes entertained the young people at her home Christmas night. Games and music were enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Drummond left for Grandfield, Okla., Tuesday morning. Russell Lyle, of Decatur, Baptist college is at home for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Drummond were in Wichita Falls Monday. Mrs. John Hatcher was in Wichita Falls this week. Dutch Swellings, of Wichita Falls, was in Dundee Tuesday. Mack Woodrum, of Seymour, visited his brother, Frank Woodrum, during Christmas. Mack Smith, of Moran, visited home folks during the holidays. Mrs. E. L. Barnes and daughters, Eunice and Nettie, were the guests of Mrs. Stanley Pearson Christmas day. Mr. Harmonson, of Archer City, Mack Woodrum of Seymour, Mack Smith of Moran, and Mrs. Frank Woodrum, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smyth and family. Hugh Riley was in town Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reese, of Wichita Falls, are visiting Mrs. Reese's mother, Mrs. Geo. Jackson. N. M. Raburn, of Padgett, visited his family during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Faulkenberry and baby, of Bowie, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson. To-night, Clifford Jackson and Wade Hampton went back to the Sunshine State oil fields Thursday. Messrs. Bradley spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. George Friedlauf, at Archer City. Fred McDaniel was home from his work near Marlette during Christmas. Joe Bates left for Wichita Falls Tuesday. The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges gave a supper at their hall Wednesday night, honoring Miss Eunice Barnes, who has been at the I. O. O. F. Orphan's home at Corsicana. R. O. Smith from West is visiting his brother-in-law, Joe Lucy, and old friends in Dundee this week. Minnie and Lottie Taylor, Vera Wingo and several boys from Marlette, were in Dundee this week. The W. M. U. gave a party Wednesday night at the school gymnasium. As the guests arrived they were met and directed to their places by Mrs. Smyth and Mrs. A. W. Maxwell. The married boys were entertained by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Maxwell while the young people were entertained by Mrs. J. W. Reese and Mrs. J. T. Smyth. Mrs. Wm. Mathis had charge of the little tot. Games were enjoyed by all. After the games the refreshments were served by secret vote, the quilt going to the prettiest girl, Mrs. M. Rhoads won. The profits were \$11. Lemonade and cake were served at the close of the entertainment. Five games of basketball were played on the Dundee courts Wednesday afternoon. Dundee girls won and Mankins boys won. Mr. and Mrs. Faulkenberry left for Bowie this morning. J. E. Russell and family are leaving for Stephens, Ark. Sunday. They will make their home in the future.

Stamford

To Honor Miss English. A party was held at the home of Mrs. Murray Doyle on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Murray Doyle entertained at bridge complimentary to Miss English in honor of her departure for the college. The tables were attractively decorated with Christmas trees. Refreshments were served during the games. Miss Betty Raines prize for high score was a bottle of toothbrush. Novelty year figures were the plate favors and the refreshments consisted of marshmallow whip with fruit cake. The guests were Mesdames G. L. English, Chester Yeatts, Cecil Williams of Abilene, Victor Nelson of Abilene, C. M. Francis, Berry Win of Stephenville, Miss Geraldine Wright, Evelyn Baker, Marie Dee, Betty Raines, Cecile Donaldson, Tennis Belle Colbert, Laura Lee Edwards and the honoree, Miss English. Shower Thursday. Mrs. John Dee and daughter, Miss Marie, gave a miscellaneous shower Thursday afternoon honoring Miss Susanna English, who will be married Monday to Mr. Lawrence Abbott of Panama, Cal. The home of Mrs. Dee was quite pretty in gay decorations suggesting the Yuletide season. Receiving were the hostesses, the honoree, Mrs. G. L. English, mother of the bride-elect, Mrs. R. L. English of Breckenridge, Mrs. Haskell Abbott and Mrs. J. H. Rutherford. An informal program was given by Miss Cecile Donaldson who read a violin number by Miss Nina Booth, accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. J. H. Rutherford; vocal selections by Mrs. Pickens Smith and piano numbers by Mrs. R. R. Baird. A very pretty rosewood satin frock and her flowers were Killarney buds on corsage. Little Miss Mary Alice Abbott presented the gifts and made an appropriate speech. Little Miss Tina English assisted the hostess in serving jam cake and tea to the following guests: Mesdames E. P. Bunkley, W. H. Wright, Victor Nelson of Waco, W. E. Ray, W. B. Harrison, R. L. English of Breckenridge, Murray Doyle, R. L. Harnia, C. B. Gray, Ennes B. Brophy, S. F. Smith, Lewis Dill, A. H. Goldstick, Nib Shaw of Abilene, Lawrence McDaniel of Anson, W. O. Britton of Anson, R. B. Bryant, R. E. Hall, Jack Booth, J. K. Brady, T. H. Colbert, R. V. Colbert, Claude Yates, Cordie Pennell, L. E. Larche, J. L. Williams, J. H. Rutherford, V. C. Fagan, D. T. Perkins, W. C. Bickley of Abilene, R. F. Culbreath, W. L. Harrison, C. L. Fowler, J. P. Astin, Hugh Astin, E. E. Yates, Walter Orr, A. Langford, B. R. Baird, Jack Blake, B. H. Baird, Maymie Ray Howard, Betty Ray, Russell Merrish, Hal-

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During the year 1923 an excellent record was established by the fire department of Wichita Falls according to officials. The total property loss for the year 1923 is approximately \$250,000. The department extinguished 194 fires during the year and only 33 false alarms were booked. Records show that 75,000 feet of hose was used and only 140 gallons of chemicals were employed during the year by the department. The record in 1923 is one of the best ever reported by the department and Fire Chief J. L. McClure is proud of the department and the employees for the splendid showing. In 1922 the property loss in Wichita Falls by fire was \$267,781.32, while in 1921 it was \$246,851.69, according to the records of the department. During the year 3,000 feet of hose was added to the equipment and this was the only new property purchased by the department. There have been no new boxes established or apparatus purchased in several years. The fire department employs 21 men at the four stations and eight pieces of motor apparatus are in use. To Increase Efficiency. Elaborate plans for the betterment of the department in the future are being made by Chief McClure. He proposes the establishment of the double platoon system, which is used in practically all of the larger cities of the country, and says that it will increase the efficiency of the department at least 50 per cent. The chief favors the ten and fourteen hour system with the changing every month of the different platoons. The building of a new fire station at Eleventh and Tyler streets is also suggested by the chief for 1924 and the purchase of a triple combination (pump, hose, and chemical motor apparatus) truck to complete the equipment of the station. Ten new fire alarm boxes will probably be installed during the coming year and Chief McClure suggests that these be located as follows: two in Scotland addition, two across the river, three in Sibley-Taylor addition, and three in the district near the Junior college. With the installation of the proposed new alarm boxes a total of 120 boxes will be available. At present 120 boxes are in use. The key rate for Wichita Falls is 32 cents and has not been changed for several years. Drastic changes in the department will be necessary to lower the rate, Chief McClure explained. He stated that the lowering of the rate would necessitate the employing of 21 additional men and the purchasing of a hook-and-ladder truck and other apparatus. It is said that the key rate of Wichita Falls is at present lower than that of the average city of its size. Excellent service and greater efficiency is the promise of the fire department in 1924 and it is the hope of the chief that the record of 1923 will be shattered.

His Own Horse. SKEWNESS, South Lincolnshire, Eng.—The spectacle of a man in the shafts pulling a wagon along a country highway is the talk of this district right now. The man, a local shopkeeper, bought the cart at Boston Market, 24 miles from here. He became indignant when he learned the railway charges for shipping it to Skewness, so he said he would drag it home himself. And he did. Bet Her Boss at Home. PARIS.—Another true gentleman arises in defense of those comely soft collars! This time it is a Parisian hair specialist. The starched ones, he says, are the chief cause of men's baldness. They press on the veins and blood vessels of the neck, he tells us, and prevent healthy circulation. The Craying Need. What we need is not people who will rewrite the Bible, but people who will read it.—New York Tribune.

Officers of Faith Chapter Will Meet. Mrs. Viva Newman, Worthy Matron of Faith Chapter, No. 712, Order of the Eastern Star, has called a meeting for Monday night of all officers of the department at all important matters are to be taken up at this executive session and plans will be made for the initiation of a number of candidates. Scotland's Blind Organist. EDINBURGH, Scotland.—Dr. Alfred Hollins, one of Scotland's most gifted organists, is totally blind. The degree of doctor of music recently was conferred upon him. He never makes the slightest slip on the keyboard. And all of his playing is timed perfectly. Pity the Poor Man! Magistrate—You are accused of stealing twenty reams of foolscap and a gallon of ink. Have you any defense? Prisoner—Yes, your honor. I am a novelist. I simply was collecting material for my new story.—Exchange. "When I'm a man—" began Robble after a stormy interview with his mother. "What will you do?" asked his mother. "I'll name my boy after papa. And oh—how I'll spank him!"—Progressive Grocer.

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WHEN GOING OUT OF TOWN

A GOOD YEAR IN PROSPECT.

The Times today presents a review of a number of phases of business developments during 1932 together with a forward view for 1934.

Summarizing the year just closing may be described as one of continued readjustment in this section and it has been a difficult one in many lines.

It has been an especially hard one in the oil business, both in the production of crude and in refining, which are our foremost industries.

The production of the business was brought to a state of practical demoralization by a series of cuts which brought prices down to a dollar a barrel and below, even at which low prices producers were unable to market all their product.

Refiners have had to operate under a declining market, slow demand and the demoralization that came from the throwing of distress stocks of gasoline into an already unsettled market.

But the closing days of the year have brought a decidedly better situation in the market, especially in the production end. A market has been opened for all production again and there has been an actual advance in posted prices.

The rising tide of oil production has been checked and has declined from the peak. There are prospects for a better export market for both crude and refined products.

There is a feeling that the worst has been passed in the oil industry and that there will be a gradual improvement in the market.

The Wichita Falls district in 1932 produced more than four million barrels of oil than in 1931. It did this in the face of adverse market conditions.

Archer county furnished the larger part of this increase. It seems practically certain from the possibilities of the pools already discovered that 1934 will see more oil produced in the Wichita Falls district than was produced in 1932, making so much more wealth to be added to the assets of this community.

The closing days of 1932 also brought a Christmas trade to merchants in this section that was generally beyond expectations. This Christmas trade has changed prospective losses to gains for many of them and has placed all of them in better position for the new year.

A dream of more than a quarter of a century is about to be realized in the completion of the Big Wichita irrigation project. Water will soon be available to land owners for irrigation and the new year will see the beginning of an agricultural development that is certain to be far-reaching and whose effects will stimulate and stabilize business in all the towns and cities which lie within or close by this district.

Westward from Wichita Falls and in its hinterland there has been a development that may eventually become more important than we realize. That development is the growing of cotton on the plains and prairies of the Texas Panhandle. In 1924 the cotton acreage will not only be much larger in the Panhandle than ever before but cotton will be planted in many communities in which no attempt has been made heretofore to grow it. Every additional bale of cotton grown west of Wichita Falls will add to the trade possibilities of this city.

The improvement in the oil market, the opening of new pools which make practically certain an increase in production and increased drilling operations and the beginning of irrigation on an extensive scale are the outstanding features of the business outlook at the threshold of the new year. There are many other favorable conditions which we shall not attempt to discuss here. Throughout the whole state and section the high price of cotton has brought increased buying power to farmers, has changed country banks from borrowers to lenders, has enabled merchants to liquidate their debts and has changed the aspect of whole communities from depression and gloom to plenty and optimism.

Throughout the nation there was a gradual but noticeable improvement of business in 1932, with a most favorable outlook at its close. Business generally has been adjusted to changed conditions and is on a sound and stable basis. More and more the old-fashioned virtues of industry, thrift and foresight are being evidenced and are being appreciated at their true value.

Unless the signs have been misread, 1934 will be a good year for Wichita Falls, this section and for the whole country.

MEETING THE UNDERTAKER.

According to government reports there have been 4467 deaths officially reported from poison alcoholic liquors in the United States during 1932. In the city of Philadelphia alone, there have been 875 such deaths during the year just closing.

Since Christmas day 107 persons have been treated in one New York hospital for illness from drinking alcoholic drinks. These figures don't necessarily show that there has been any increase in drinking, for doubtless there has not been. They just show that there are still a number of folks who are foolish enough to flirt with the undertaker in drinking bootleg booze.

Los Angeles movie star's auto hit a train. She was driving. Car's always get by on your looks.

DENTON MAN URGED TO BECOME CANDIDATE.

A number of newspapers over the state are urging W. C. Edwards, of the Denton Record-Chronicle, to become a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Edwards is head of one of the most successful small city newspapers in the country. As a newspaper man he has performed a great public service and his influence has been felt in many matters far beyond Denton and Denton county.

Two years ago he was elected to the wishes of Denton county folks and became a candidate for the state legislature. He was elected without opposition and served his constituency and his state well. His friends over the state now wish to see him elevated to higher office, that of Lieutenant Governor.

We need more men like Mr. Edwards in public service. We need men who will fill the office of Lieutenant Governor or any other office within the gift of the people of Texas with distinction. We do not know what his attitude toward becoming a candidate is. Certainly he can ask for no higher honor or privilege of service than is already his as head of the Denton Record-Chronicle. But we opine that if he saw his duty to become a candidate for Lieutenant Governor he would do so. If he does he will certainly have the support of those who know him best.

ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL POLL.

The season for straw polls is now upon us. Some weeks ago Collier's conducted a poll which revealed the popularity of Henry Ford as a presidential possibility. Hank has since come out for Karelak and eliminated himself from consideration as a candidate.

Now Good Housekeeping is conducting a poll among the million and a quarter members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. To date 81,303 ballots have been tabulated. The standing of the candidates in this poll is as follows:

Coolidge 52,374, McAdoo 6,411, Ford 5,904, Hughes 3,315, Wilson 2,953, Hoover 2,456, Underwood 2,368, H. Johnson 1,861, Pinchot 1,422, LaFollette 716, Borah 461, Lowden 150.

Of the total number of votes polled 42,854 have been for Republican candidates, and 17,854 for Democrats. If Democrats believed that such a poll reflected the views of any considerable part of the voting population they would probably abandon plans for holding a convention.

Mah Jongg sets are popular this Christmas. Mah Jongg sets are dominoes with a college education.

Your wife may keep you in hot water. Could be worse. A Spanish one bottled her hubby in oil.

Springfield (VT.) couple has a house on wheels. It's the best way, if you talk about the neighbors.

Wisconsin phonograph dealer is in jail. But not, as some readers may think, for selling phonographs.

JUST FOLKS

By EDGAR A. GUEST

ADOPTION

"It is so easy to find excuses," she said, "and it's now too late; We have made of our purse but tawdry uses. No children run at our gate.

"There was a child that we could have taken. Lovely and sweet and pure, But always by doubt was our courage shaken. Never the way seemed sure.

"Childless, we hungered for baby laughter— 'Adopt one,' the neighbors said. But always the thought of what might come after Caused me to shake my head.

"We could have done it, and now we know it. Lonely and old we stay. Lonely and old our faces show it. She might have been here today.

"It is so easy to find excuses! We found them, the small and great. We have made of our years but tawdry uses. No children run at our gate."

TODAY'S TALK

By GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS

YOURSELF—NOT ANOTHER!

I have become better acquainted with myself than anyone I have ever known. And I admit there is a great deal about me that I wish were not me.

But, after many years, I have decided that even though I do not like myself for many of my qualities, still I am me—myself—and not another.

I get along with myself fairly well—better than those who know me do. But then, they know me only a little and I know myself much. I have thought the matter over from every angle and have learned that I must make the best of all my faults and failings and try sincerely to express and give away this best in me, getting along with the rest in the best way I know.

So I have evolved a simple philosophy: Be yourself—not another! After all, I am very sure that this is what makes anyone interesting, anyway. And while there is none of us who does not imitate to a certain degree, and take upon ourselves unconsciously certain characteristics that belong to others, still it is that something of personality and expression that gets us out of our place in the world.

Your innate intelligence and common sense, if properly mustered, are sure to save you from many a false road. Few of us are anything but a make-up of contradictions. Like a native forest we find ourselves. And so we must clear things. And only after great labor and patience are we able to clear away the last stumps and have a clear field for cultivation and a rich harvest.

The trouble with so many is that there is a disposition to "live off" the other fellow who has toiled and sweat and achieved. All the more important for you, then, to be yourself—not another. God has a sound idea in making us all different, though in similar form. And since we are so dissimilar, we have that much larger opportunity to exchange and give, thus enriching our lives by enriching others.

Repentance Needed to Purchase Oblivion of Past on New Year

THOMAS R. MARSHALL, Former Vice President of the United States.

Regardless of how old we may grow, we are never too young to begin the imagination of childhood. The child is never killed in the man. We know we are not good, yet we derive pleasure from playing the hypocrite now and then. We know we are not wise, but infatigable eagerness comes in assuming that we know it all. We know we are not just, but to dream that we keep the scales of our judgment equally balanced helps a great deal.

Men all the while are trying to build better things by calling upon the world to celebrate a certain day for some fixed purpose. Just as though the temper of a man's mood could be changed by the proclamation of an executive. When I was governor of Indiana I declined to proclaim "Mothers' day" as a day when all men who were absent from their mothers should write them a letter, and I gave as my reason that any such day would be officially reminded of the love and loyalty he owed his mother and could be induced only by public proclamation to atone his affection and devotion was not worth worthy about. I did not desire officially to proclaim the day.

The recent drive for a Golden Rule Sunday struck me as amusing. The church, of course, is the origin of the day, but the day for the church's day for services, but every day should be golden rule day, and its preachers should be wherever men and women gather daily to enjoy the lighter and finer relations of life. Whenever, if ever, a rule in business and society, some rule for democracy will appear, some gleam heralding the dawn of universal peace will be visible. Although I have but little faith in sporadic altruism, I should be very glad to see any such rule or principle on earth to object to anything which was intended to promote even an hour of higher thinking and finer living.

I had with respectful salutations the dawning of the New Year. How much good a day may do the world does not, however, depend upon the day. The chubby little infant who symbolizes the New Year and emblems hope should not command our attention. He is the infant who symbolizes the old man of the calendar who is to disappear into futurity. Let us merge into forgetfulness the old man of the year, and we will, but we cannot safely deny that what a man does that shall be also remembered. It is the man who at New Year dawn can truthfully repeat these words:

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To my good friends in Iowa Park and Wichita county and to my enemies, who have been even more than I can thank for it, I bring greetings and best wishes. I did not know that I had an enemy in the world, but I want to say that I am sorry indeed that such a slender has fallen on me, on my sister and brother.

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Little Benny's Note Book

Weather. Aggravating. SIBIRIETY PAGE

Last Saturday afternoon Miss Quiver told me that she had a letter from her mother who was upstairs talking to Miss Minceers mother who she did by taking them in the earlier and leaving them in the earlier she did some of her singing exercises, the 3 girls going home with their mother without saying weather they felt entertained or not.

THE WEAKLY NEWS

Leroy Shoofters cousin Raymin gets 3 dollars a week spending money just spent on Wednesday he came to Leroy and he looked at Puds Simkinnes box kite and Sam Crosses patten pencil sharpener and Sid Huns electric torch and he didn't actually buy anything.

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BURDENS

By MORRIS



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

A HOLIDAY GREETING FROM LONNIE DAVIS

Editor's Note.—The Times has received the communication which follows from Lonnie Davis. Davis, a young man who was abducted at Iowa Park and terribly flogged by a masked gang, following which he was taken to the hospital and died.

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FOLKS BACK HOME

Sketches by J. H. STRIEBEL

Bob Haynes was the most popular man in town. He was clean without being a prude; he was a liberal spender and yet paid his debts promptly, and he was invariably cheerful and liked everybody and everybody liked him.

In our town, however, a man may have all of the virtues and yet fail to win complete approval unless he will fight when a fight seems necessary. There was no occasion for Bob to fight, but this very freedom from trouble caused many to wonder if he would come clean in time of emergency.

In due time the emergency appeared. Todd Walker tried to collect a bill that Bob thought he did not owe. Several men were standing about; and when Bob refused to pay, they looked for a row, for Walker was a bully and quick to begin hostilities. "You'll pay me," bellowed Walker, "or take a lick-in." And then the show-down came. Bob got out his purse and paid and walked away.

He was no longer cheerful after that. He avoided people and walked with hanging head. He was ashamed, and he knew that he had lost some measure of the community's respect.

People forgot about it after a while, but Bob didn't. And one day in the drug store he slapped Walker's face without provocation and squared away for battle. He was soundly whipped before spectators interfered, but he regained his self-respect, and now he is again invariably cheerful and the community finds no fault in him.

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YOU AND I

By ALBERT APPLE

MOTHER

The Association of Overworked, Underpaid Dishwashing Housewives mails a petition to every senator in Washington, urging legislation for men and more for the patient mothers who toil at home.

I trust that all will realize that these reports were absolutely false, as they are.

I wish that the holiday season of 1932 will hold for you and yours a full measure of good cheer and happiness and that the New Year will usher in the most wonderful period of your life.

May I extend to all the season's greetings and the best wishes.

Again I beg to extend to each and everyone of my friends many thanks for their kindness toward me, for their services given, to the newspapers and to all.

A fullness of friendship to all. I am, sincerely, LONNIE DAVIS, Iowa Park, Texas.

where for a match; and when two of them are working close together they get into an argument about politics or something and they strike a lick until I go over and stand right close. They look daggers at me, and I know they'd like to cuss me out, but I don't care. Me and Hiram haven't got money enough to pay for anybody taking the rest cure, and as long as they're paid to work, I think they ought to work. It gives me the creeps to watch them poke along and every time one slips to sharpen a pencil I can see another nicked slipper.

What a delightful, innocent youngster she is! Because she looks forward to the business of putting up curtains, the carpenters seem to drag on heavy feet. But the more worry they cause, her now, the less she will have to worry about five years from now when these houses built in a day are leaning away and selecting a soft place to fall on.

"I'd do a gig better in the grocery business if I didn't have so many kinkof that think blood is thicker than debts."

Aunt Het

"Pa has been clearin' his throat in that grand way, like an orator, ever since he attended that banquet given by the county seat, and he won't feel properly humbled again until his rheumatism has another spell."

ILLITERATE.

Nearly five million men and women in our country are unable to read or write, according to their confessions to the census takers. Many others, of course, are too sensitive to admit such handicaps.

In January there'll be a national illiteracy conference in Washington, D. C., to map out plans for reducing illiteracy.

Sometimes, when reading some modern fiction and our own stuff, we wonder whether the people unable to read should be pitied or congratulated.

Alaska has no more white residents than there are in the Equitable building of New York.

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PRIEST AND BURGOMASTER LIFT AUSTRIA OUT OF THE HOLE

Seipel as the Austrian Moses and Zimmerman as the Modern Joshua Who Are Recreating That Nation

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 VIENNA.—I have talked today with two of the men who stand at the front in the reconstruction of Europe. Two years ago neither had a world reputation, and up to that time their lives had been spent in seclusion. Still, for the past year the names of each have been on the front pages of all the newspapers, and today in the recreation of Austria they are shown how the world may come back. Both of these men are remarkable characters. One is a Roman Catholic priest and the other is a Dutch burgomaster.

My first talk was with the priest. You have all seen his name in the papers. It is Ignatz Seipel, the man who is known as the Saviour of Austria, the man who when the republic was drowning, when it had gone down twice under the waves and was about to sink for the last time, went to London and saw the premier of the Great Powers there in meeting. Dr. Gruber, then, was the man who suggested that he be appealed to the League of Nations, which with his aid has dragged this country out of the Slough of Despond and on to the shore.

My audience with Monsignor Seipel took place in the splendid reception parlors of the office, where under a gorgeous chandelier of carved brass, seated on gold framed chairs, the priest, dressed in a white cassock, the priest chancellor of the republic, the minister of foreign affairs and minister of the interior, was at the time of the reconstruction and peace.

His excellency, the chancellor of Austria, speaks some English, but he prefers German, and the foreign minister acted as our interpreter. Dr. Gruber, the former minister of the interior, his English is clear and his association with Monsignor Seipel is no secret. The latter, the interview in some ways reminded me of one I had some years ago with the late Li Hung Chang, the great viceroy of China when he was in London, after the Chinese ambassador to London, a graduate of Oxford, and one of the best English scholars I have known, acted as the medium between me and the famous statesman. He was a perfect conductor and he transmitted every electric spark from Li's brain to mine.

But first let me say a word about this Christian statesman who, like Moses, is leading his people through the wilderness of post-war reconstruction toward the Promised Land of National Prosperity. The term "Christian statesman" is used, advisedly, Dr. Seipel is a Christian by education and training, as well as in conduct and action. He is a Roman Catholic priest, and he is now the leader of the Christian social party which has the largest vote in the new republican parliament of Austria.

He looks like a priest or I should say more like a prophet or a seer, with a big dome of a head as free from hair, from the neck to the eyes, as this is the part on which I am writing, he weighs about one hundred and eighty pounds. His complexion is ruddy, his eyes are deep blue, his nose is straight and his features are strong. His bright hazel eyes look out from under a broad and full forehead. His great nose reminds me of that of Savonarola and his firm jaw indicates the power he has shown in the control of the Austrian parliament.

The great of Doctor Seipel today is that of the priest of America when outside the church, a place of quietude and above which the light of a Roman collar shows out. He talked in a low plain place, smiling at the foreign questions which now and then partook of a personal nature.

From the church to the state. I told Doctor Seipel that our people were greatly interested in him and that they would like to know how he, a priest, came to leave the church for the practical turn of politics. He replied:

"My work in the church was largely along political lines. I was a professor at the University of Salzburg, lecturing on social and political science to the world when war broke out. My talks were ahead of the times, and it was a book on the state and nation which I published in 1913, that brought me, as it were, to the front. My ideas of the situation attracted the attention of the great statesman, Franz Joseph, and he asked me to form a delegation and go to Switzerland to confer with the great statesman, who was at the time of the war and the possibilities of its conclusion. Later, in 1918, when the war was still raging, I wrote a second book on the reconstruction of the empire, and this had something to do with my being asked to leave the church to take upon a political career."

Doctor Seipel, that ministry, however, lasted only 11 days and was succeeded by the ministry which finally ended in the new Republic of Austria. Since then I have been a part of the new government and I have seen my duty to do what I could.

"I should not like to predict that I shall have a great future in the League of Nations in a long step toward the advancement of international peace. I believe it will grow in strength, and that the time will come when your people will feel that they must be a part of it. The League has saved us in the time of our trouble and in the spirit of the United States has shown in coming to our aid in subscribing to our loan, which has been an endorsement, as it were, of the League's action. For that I think it is even more valuable than the \$25,000,000 which you loaned us in money."

But your excellency, will the stability of Austria be permanent? Have you the people and the re-



(Copyright 1923, Carpenter World Travels) Doctor Seipel, the chancellor-general of Austria, in the velvet glove on the list of the League of Nations, which is trying to lift Austria out of the hole. He is the burgomaster of Rotterdam.

sets enough to make it a stable economic nation, but it cannot keep well within the rest of Europe. It is dependent upon the re-organization and recreation of the countries about it. It is the marketing center, and the banking center, and it can render a great service to this part of Europe if business is not allowed to take its natural course. As it is now, the conditions are growing better and better but the future depends not only on Austria but to a large extent on her neighboring countries.

Re-creating a Nation.

And now in a nutshell let me put it all in a few words. The League of Nations is going on in the re-creation of Austria. You all know how little more than a year ago, the nation was practically bankrupt. It had exhausted its credit, it was printing worthless notes to pay its expenses, many of its people were on the edge of starvation, industry was dormant, riots had begun and the nation and its friends were all in despair. He likes his work and does not take it home with him when he leaves. He works easily, and accomplishes much with a very small force. He is in constant contact with him every day.

The beginning of New Europe. In response to my question, Doctor Zimmerman told me much of his work, giving the credit too often, I thought, to the powers at Geneva. He said:

"The task which has been undertaken in Austria is a gigantic one, and it has been possible to carry it through only because, for the first time Europe has shown a determination to help one of its members by means of a constructive international union. This has produced a real peace and not a war under the microscope. We have the independence and financial integrity of Austria guaranteed by the nations. We have a great interest in the reconstruction of Austria, and a control which prevents the squandering of money by politicians and demagogues. We have, in short, all the elements which in your country have so often been pointed out as the first conditions of post-war reconstruction."

"What does this mean as to Europe, Doctor Zimmerman," I asked.

"I think it means the beginning and the starting point of the salvation of Europe. If the scheme is successful, and I believe it will be, it means that humanity may hope that the consequences of the war will be overcome. If it should fail, I believe it would be a calamity for the whole world. It seems to me that we have here in Austria kindled a light in the darkness of Europe, a light which perhaps is too small as yet to illuminate the continent, but large enough to guide those nations that are being led in the dark toward finding their way out and a way ahead."

"The permanent success of Austria," said Doctor Zimmerman, "is the condition of post-war reconstruction. It has physical, material and spiritual as-



(Copyright 1923, Carpenter World Travels) This is the latest style in advertising in Vienna. Each street poster was once regarded as a refuge for the bilious. Now, even a teetotaler gets dizzy when looking at this dazzling product of Uncle Sam.

Despite Rules, Gobbler Travels Via Parcel Post

Live turkeys are contraband as far as the parcel post of the United States postal department is concerned, but nevertheless, a real live turkey of unusual proportions was received and delivered by the local office.

It happened this way—a postmaster at Big Lake, Texas, who evidently was not informed on the postal regulations, accepted the turkey and, once in the hands of the postal department, they were forced to deliver it to its destination.

The fowl arrived here safely with only a name, without an address. It was delivered to the family with that name. They accepted the shipment and at the end of two days decided that the turkey did not belong to them. Postal employees were notified and called for the fowl.

Directories were searched and in the meantime, Assistant Postmaster Lon Howard fed and kept the turkey in good condition.

Finally the family for whom the turkey was intended and to whom it belonged, became anxious and inquired at the office of the postmaster concerning the place of residence of the Christmas dinner. It was delivered in proper time to the family to whom it was sent.

Can't All Be Guitty.

A man who broke into a house recently took nothing but a graphophone. All the neighbors now are under suspicion.—Humorist (London).

Pretty Clean.

Trate Individual—It seems to me, sir, that you are not far removed from an idiot.

The Other—Only about a yard—Selected.

But Who Are Guitty?

American Visitor (in London)—Say, waiter, doesn't anybody ever laugh in this hotel?

Waiter—Well, yes, sir, we have had complaints.—Passing Show.

Seems "A Duster"

"Is your father home, little boy?"

"No, he ain't been since Max caught Banty kissing the cook."—Wisconsin Octopus.

Many Permanent Improvements Were Added to City's Assets By Municipal Government During 1923

Many improvements besides the extensive street paving program were recorded in the history of the city of Wichita Falls during the year 1923, according to records of City Clerk W. E. McElroy, although expenses of the operation and improvement of the municipality were held to a minimum by officials.

During the year Texoma Park was given to the city by the Texoma Oil Company and it has been improved by the park department at a considerable expense. Three acres of land were included in the gift and the park is now one of the most attractive in Northwest Texas. It is located on the north side of the city.

At an expense of \$2,500, the Municipal Golf course was constructed by the city government during 1923. The owner of the land agreed to lease it to the city if taxes were remitted. The taxes remitted each year amount to \$400. The course includes 55 acres of land, a splendid club house has been installed and a course is said to be one of the best in Texas.

During 1923 Broad street was opened into the "Silver Taylor" condition at an expense of about \$2,000 to the municipality. The opening of the street gave residents of the

Improvements on and the completion of the General Hospital are also included in the records during 1923 and \$2,000 was spent by the city for the nurses home, near the hospital.

A number of new street lights were installed in the residential districts during the year and approximately 1,000 feet of sewerage extensions were completed.

Many extensions were reported by the water department.

During the last year the city jail was enlarged and the interior of the city hall was repainted and secured at an expense of about \$2,000. The records show the purchase of a tractor at an expense of \$1,500.

A large number of permits were granted by the council for the opening of filling stations and suburban stores in Wichita Falls during 1923.

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Many late buyers have availed themselves of the big reduction in prices. This sale continues until 6 p. m. Tuesday, as announced in Friday's Times.

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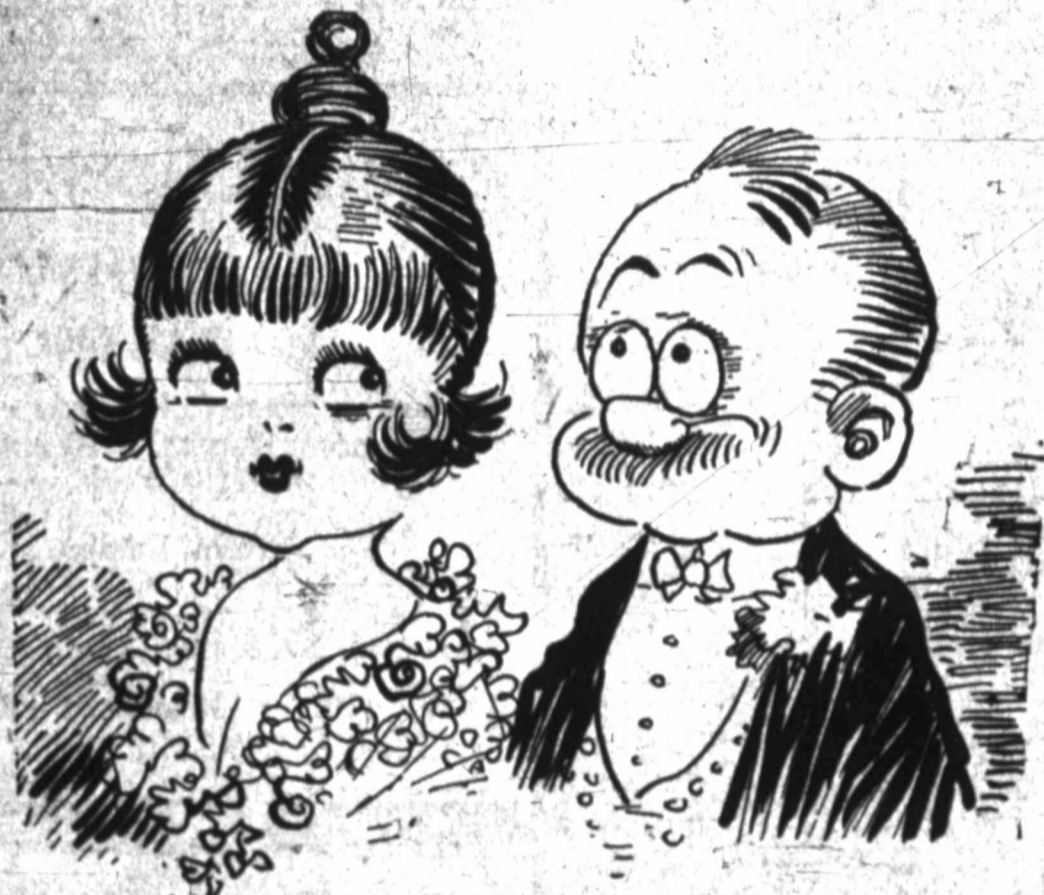
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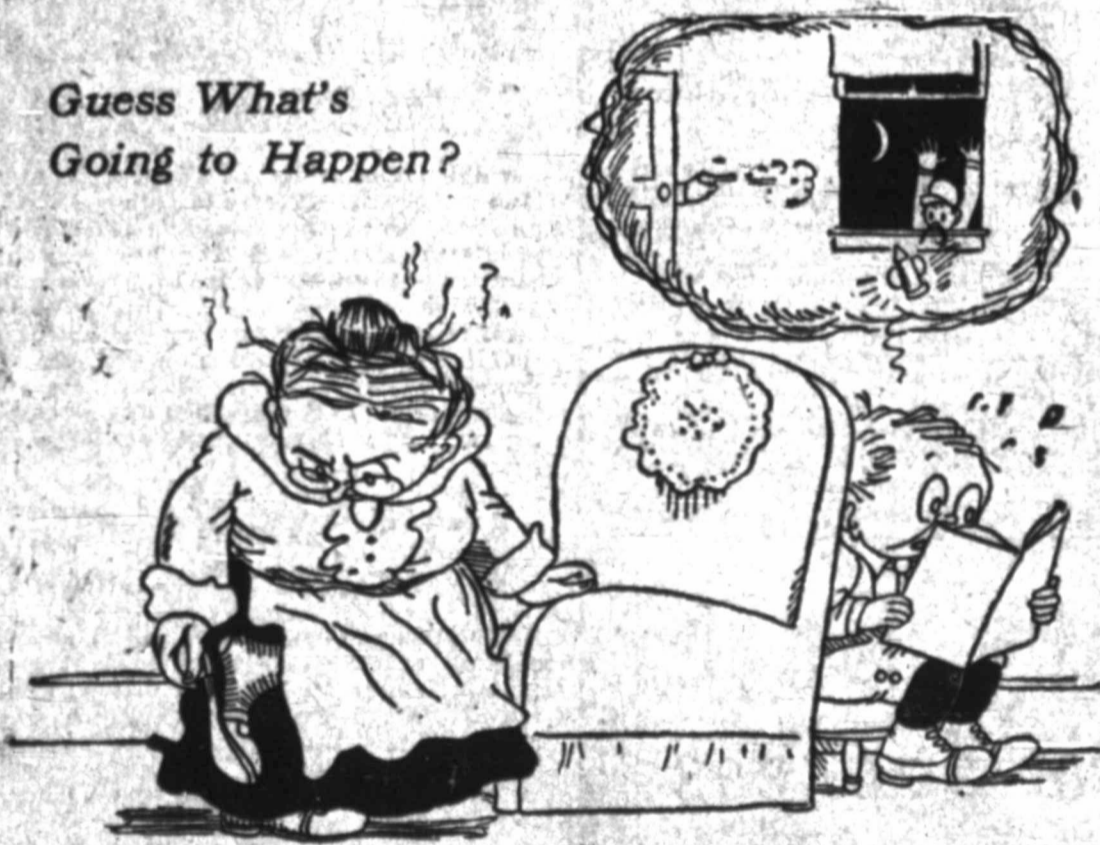
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JUST BOY—By Vera

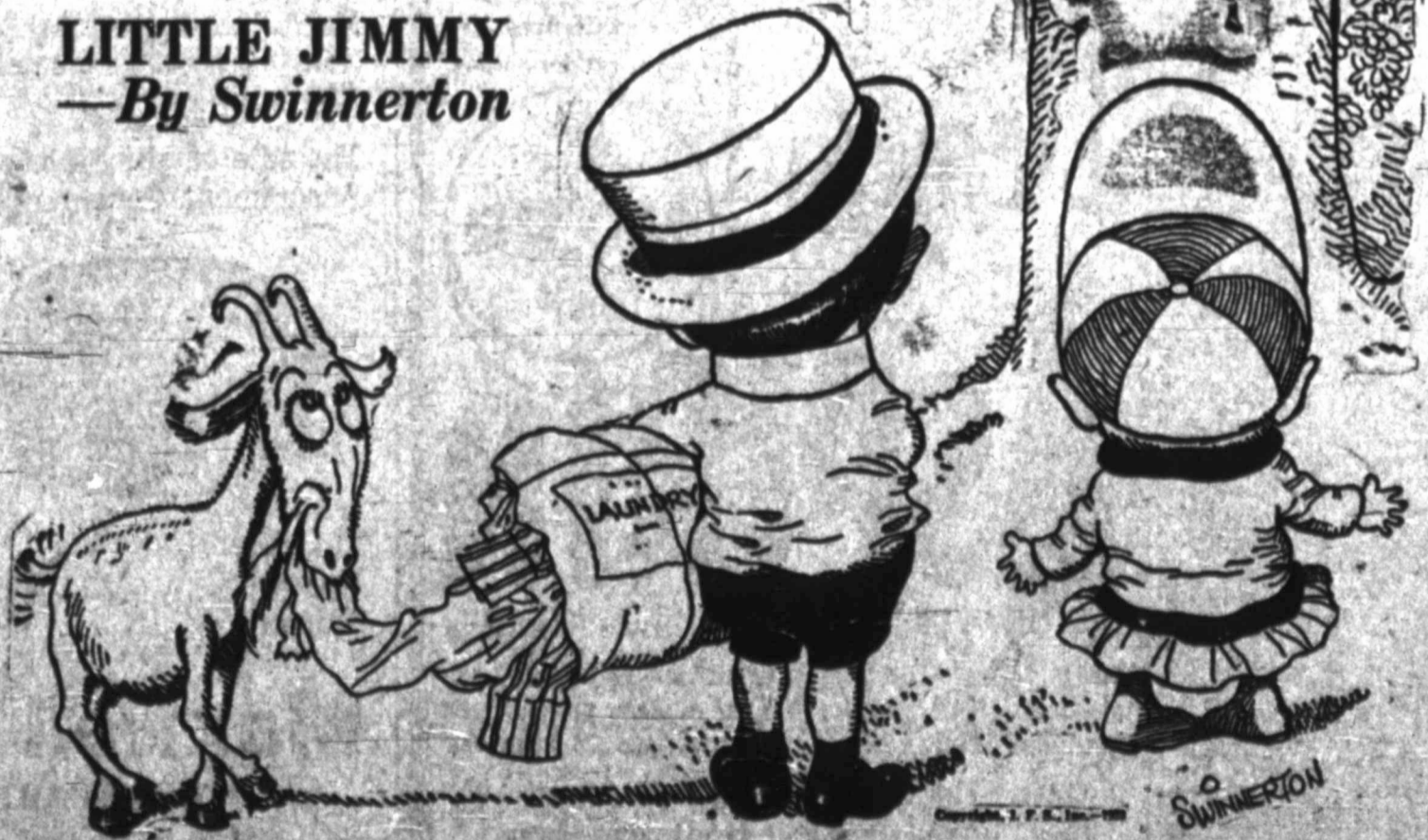
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—By Swinnerton

These pages have been selected by The Times not only for their mirthfulness and brightness but because they are clean and wholesome and are free from the poorly concealed profanity which unfortunately mars some other comic pages. Most of them are old favorites. All are certain to please and delight.

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FIVE MILES OF STREETS PAVED IN CITY DURING 1923

CONTRACTS LET FOR PAVING OF TWO ADDITIONAL MILES OF THOROUGHFARES.

PROCEEDINGS STARTED FOR THREE MORE MILES

Prospect Are That Paving Program For 1924 Will Be Even More Comprehensive.

Approximately five miles of streets were paved in Wichita Falls during the year 1923 and contracts were let for the paving of two additional miles.

City Clerk W. E. McBroome, who compiled statistics on paving and improvements during 1923, says the paving program during 1924 may be even greater than that of 1923.

The paving of Ohio and Indiana avenues in the business district was contracted for in 1923. The wooden block paving has been unsatisfactory and has been replaced many times at a great expense.

Streets paved during 1923 are as follows: Eleventh street, from Indiana to Grack, nine blocks; Austin street, from Eleventh to Twelfth, one block; Lamar street from Fifth to Seventh, two blocks; Travis street from Sixth to Seventh, one block; Sixth street, from Lamar to Travis, one block; Tenth street from Tilden to Hayes, one block; Hayes street from Tenth to Ave. E, two blocks; Taylor street from Tenth to Ave. E, seven blocks; Kellie street from Brook to Grace, five blocks; Ave. F from Monroe to Oldmans, three blocks; Ninth street from Baylor to Eleventh, one block; Eleventh street from Denver to Baylor, one block; Bluff street from Ninth to Eleventh, two blocks; Burnett street from Eleventh to Thirteenth, two blocks; Pearl street from Brook to Grace, five blocks; Park street from Ave. G to Ave. H, one block; Collins Ave. from Brook to Baylor, one block; Lamar street from seventh to Eighth, one block; Travis street from Ninth to Tenth, one block.

Forty-six blocks of streets were paved in the program and 31 blocks were contracted for work which will begin on these latter streets at an early date.

Following Contracts Let: Contracts were let for paving on the following streets: Eighth street from Denver to Filmore, two blocks; Vasey street, eighth to ninth, one block; Denver street, from Tenth to Eleventh, one block; Garfield street, Tenth to Ave. E, one block; Tenth street, from Hayes to Tilden, one block; Hayes street, from Tenth to Eleventh, one block; Indiana Ave., repaving sixth to Tenth, four blocks; Ohio Ave., repaving sixth to Tenth, four blocks; Austin, Tenth to Fourteenth, two blocks; Harrison Ave., Huff to Clarence, three blocks; seventh street, Travis to Burnett, two blocks; Lamar street, Fourth to Fifth, one block; Elizabeth street, Marshall to Fourteenth, one block; Fourteenth street, Elizabeth to Grace, one block; Tilden Ave., Ave. G to Ave. I, two blocks; Austin street, Fourteenth to Sixteenth, two blocks; Alley, Alma to Marshall, one block.

UNIQUE PROGRAM NEW YEAR'S WEEK FIRST M. E. CHURCH

The program to be given New Year's Eve at the First M. E. Church, Seventh and Lamar, will be one worth remembering.

The social hour will begin at 9:00 p. m., at which time there will be community games, interspersed with pleasant musical program.

At 10:30 p. m. light refreshments will be served, followed at 11:00 p. m. by a special service.

Service will be featured by singing and the short sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Leslie Miller, topic, "Outward Bound." Everybody is invited.

Tuesday evening the meeting will begin with a picnic supper at 6:15, everybody bringing their own lunch and spreading it together on the tables prepared in the basement.

Wednesday evening will be the regular church family night. The ladies of Circle No. 3 will furnish supper to all who come at 6:30 p. m., followed by a social hour.

Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m. the pastor will speak on the subject, "The Code."

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Statistics Show One Divorce Granted For Every 3.24 Marriages

A survey of the records of Wichita county for 1923, relative to marriages and divorces, discloses the following figures:

A total of 3,113 marriage licenses were tested.

Divorce suits filed totaled 464.

Of these divorces granted amounted to 242.

These figures conclusively show that the so-called "divorce evil" in Wichita county is far above the average of the entire state for 1923 and still farther above the average of the United States for the preceding year.

In terms of averages, the Wichita county figures show that for every divorce granted in the entire county there were 3.24 marriages tested.

The figures for the entire state for 1923 shows that one divorce decree is granted in the entire state for every 3.5 marriages, while in the state of Texas the ratio was one divorce for every five marriages.

With the figures of the past year as a basis, 41.73 per cent of marriages in Wichita county are failures as far as divorce suits are concerned, while 58.88 per cent of marriages end with divorces as a result.

Thirty Thousand Acres of Land Will Be Thrown Open to Irrigation Next Spring By Completion Local Project

Unexpectedly rapid progress and the completion of many parts of the Wichita County Water Improvement district's great irrigation project have been recorded during the year 1923 and in April, 1924, more than 30,000 acres of this country can be irrigated with water from the gigantic system, third largest in the southwest.

The storage reservoir, Lake Kemp, is completed and the diversion dam will be completed within 60 days, according to estimates of engineers.

The south side canal is complete in every detail and has been used to convey water to Lake Wichita, where it is stored in the reservoir.

The system is surpassed only in the state by the Colorado and the Roosevelt dams in the southwest.

The Wichita county district project is the largest of any in the state and many other projects which are of a larger nature for the hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile lands are being investigated.

J. A. Kemp thought of irrigating this territory more than 30 years ago and the first survey was made in 1887. A soil survey by the department of agriculture of the United States was completed during the year 1923.

By next spring the north side canal will be completed and with the south side canal will irrigate more than 160,000 acres of land.

Storage Dam Completed. The mammoth dam, fifty-four miles west of Wichita Falls on the Wichita river, which impounded the magnificent body of water known as Lake Kemp, has been finished and is now being completed in every detail. It was tried by the hard rains and flood waters of the Wichita river during the past few months and stood the most thorough tests, according to engineers.

The diversion dam, which will prevent water from the great canal system for irrigation, located twenty-six miles west of Wichita Falls, is now nearing completion and will soon be completed.

The piling process to form the core wall of the dam has been completed, since iron piling has been driven and the huge earthen dam is now rapidly being completed.

With the dam completed, water will be available by gravity flow from the great canal system, which will carry water down through the fertile valleys of the Wichita and to the doors of Wichita Falls for an abundant municipal and industrial water supply.

It is expected that the development of the project will go on for many years and with the completion of the great storage reservoir there was great rejoicing among those who had dreamed and planned the project and among thousands who now see in concrete illustration what it means to have an abundance of water.

Few Texans realize that Lake Kemp is the seventh largest artificial body of water in America. When filled to capacity it will contain 17,317,000 gallons of water. For illustration this is about ten times the capacity of Lake Worth at Fort Worth, Texas.

The hydraulic dredge, "T. E. Noble," completed the storage dam embankment July 27. The dredge began work September 11, 1922, and in 219 days continuous operation placed 1,200,000 cubic yards of embankment, of an average of over 1,400 yards per day. The storage dam is now completed with the rip-rap and gravel blanket on the upper slope. The central core, always to give its full capacity of water, 225,000 acre feet or 173 billion gallons.

The hydraulic fill has been viewed by a number of prominent engineers during its construction, who pronounced it one of the most substantial dams of the world.

The material was pumped from the river valley above, and contained proportions of clay and gravel in amounts ideal for the purpose. The heavy gravel and sand were deposited in the outer slopes of the dam, while the central core, always equal to the height of the dam above, is composed of fine, impervious, yellow clay, impregnated with concrete, which was always maintained during construction, thus absolutely insuring against leakage through the dam in the future.

The immense amphitheatre type service spillway of the storage dam was completed early in July. This is of novel and unusual design, adapted to the particular location in which it is built. The semi-circular, hollow, reinforced concrete spillway, twelve feet high and 885 feet long, surrounds a concrete pool, which terminates in the floor 38 feet below. The slope

Upstream slope, 3 to 1; downstream slope, 2 to 1 and 3 to 1. Estimated cost, \$1,233,000.

Spillway capacity—service spillway, 75,000 second feet; emergency, 200,000 second feet.

Contents—Embankment, 1,491,341 cubic yards; steel sheet piling, 61,437 square feet, (728 tons); concrete in conduits, 5,474 cubic yards; concrete in spillway, 7,522 yards; stone rip-rap, 25,000 cubic yards; gravel blanket, 21,200 cubic yards; gates and machinery, 150,813 pounds.

Diversion Dam. Length, 4180 feet. Maximum height, 24 feet. Height of free board, 19 feet. Width on top, 18 feet. Greatest width at bottom, 178 feet. Upstream slope, 3 to 1; downstream slope, 2 to 1.

TAX RENDITIONS IN WICHITA COUNTY GAIN 25 PER CENT

Wichita county tax renditions for 1923 show an increase over 1922 of 25 per cent in number, while the total valuation of the county for 1923 showed a decrease from that of the previous year.

The total valuation of Wichita county, according to the tax assessor's reports, was \$11,974,000, as compared with \$7,450,713 for 1922.

Out of 60 applications for divorce examined in the survey of the year 1923, 25 were granted.

The annual report on which is listed all the renditions, as well as unrendered property, contained 26 more pages than the report of the previous year.

The cost of operation for 1923, however, despite the increase in number, showed a decrease of \$100 under that of 1922.

Mr. Deaton has guaranteed a new system during the past year and adopted a new rendition sheet which is fitted into a binder and is kept in a permanent record in the office.

The sheets supplied by the state were found to be inadequate and inconvenient for use in a county where the renditions are heavy.

Work of assessing property for 1924 will begin immediately after the first of the year and will progress throughout the county by January 7, Mr. Deaton announces.

He has appointed E. S. Alexander and E. S. Dunaway as deputies who will work the city of Wichita Falls.

The field deputies in the other three road precincts have not yet been appointed.

Japan has fourteen national holidays.

Fifty-Four Water Main Extensions Made By Water Department of City During Twelve Months Just Passed

During the year 1923, the water department of the municipality of Wichita Falls made 54 water main extensions, consisting of 24,872 feet of two-inch pipe; 2,761 feet of four-inch pipe and 31,831 feet of six-inch pipe, or a total of 69,505 feet of pipe.

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Thirty-eight fire hydrants were installed by the city water department during 1923. The city now has 256 fire hydrants. Of these 135 were included in the sale of the water works to the city.

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2,337 PRISONERS SPENT 19,107 DAYS IN JAIL IN 1923

During the past twelve months 2,337 men and women spent 19,107 days in the county jail of Wichita Falls.

The number of prisoners served but one or two days, while a few put in the entire year in the county bastille.

The month of July was the heaviest in the number of men and women who were imprisoned. During this summer month a total of 297 names appeared on the jail docket and a total of 1,735 days were served by the various prisoners.

The number of prisoners for each month with the number of days served during the year follows:

Prisoners Days

January 143 1,429

February 132 1,429

March 132 1,429

April 132 1,429

May 132 1,429

June 132 1,429

July 297 1,735

August 132 1,429

September 132 1,429

October 132 1,429

November 132 1,429

December 132 1,429

Total 2,337 19,107

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The operator's voice came back sweetly, "Number, please?"

"Oh," he replied, "she has my second van."—People's Home Journal.

BUILDING PERMITS 1923 EXCEED 1922 BY HALF MILLION

NUMBER ISSUED DURING YEAR WAS \$29 FOR TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$1,737,467.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR CONTINUED INCREASE

Construction Gain is in Line With Steady Growth of City in All Respects.

Building permits for the year 1923 totaled \$1,737,467, according to City Clerk W. E. McBroome, which is an increase of approximately a half a million dollars over those for the preceding year, 1922, the total for which was \$1,237,515.

During 1923, 129 permits were issued by the city, while in 1922 only 411 permits were granted.

The increase of half a million dollars in the amount of building in Wichita Falls is in line with the steady growth of the city.

Mr. McBroome predicts a steady growth and a large amount of building in the residential districts during the year 1924 and possibly an ever greater amount of money spent for homes and buildings. City records show an increased number of permits and increase in the valuation of property during the past several years, which proves a steady growth for the city.

Building permit issued by months during 1923 were as follows:

Month Number Issued Total Amt.

January 35 \$ 63,570

February 36 \$ 81,370

March 40 \$175,600

April 46 \$171,600

May 54 \$108,140

June 58 \$ 87,613

July 48 \$ 94,820

August 46 \$ 72,710

September 60 \$ 97,215

October 50 \$ 49,928

November 27 \$ 57,708

December 41 \$175,745

Total 629 \$1,737,467

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New Year's Greetings

The old year is valuable for the experience we have gained, the new year for the opportunities it has in store for us.

The Texhoma Oil & Refining Co. is mindful of the liberal patronage accorded us by our friends in the past, and trust that we may continue to merit your patronage by giving you satisfactory service throughout the coming years.

We sincerely wish for you and yours a bright, prosperous and happy New Year.

Texhoma Oil & Refining Co.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

OWNED, CONTROLLED AND OPERATED BY TEXAS PEOPLE

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THE YEAR OF PROSPERITY FOR U. S. DURING 1923

Production of Tremendous Volume Employment General and Steady; Continued Prosperity Is Indicated

THE BUSINESS PICTURE AT A GLANCE

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Continuation of the main body text, starting with 'The number of hours of labor necessary to raise an acre of corn...'



Continuation of the main body text, starting with 'The volume of goods produced now has risen to 1,000,000,000 cubic feet...'

Politics and Business As Seen From National and International

Main body of text on the right side, starting with 'For four months except for a few hints of policy but not until the first address was read to congress...'

COTTON, GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK REVIEW FOR THE YEAR 1923

High Price of Cotton One of Most Interesting and Discussed Events in Agricultural History of Year

By GEORGE DEWITT MOULSON, (Copyright, 1923, Wichita Daily Times)

In view of the dependence of mankind on at least a certain amount of clothing, it is not at all surprising that the present high price of cotton should have become one of the most interesting and much discussed events of the year. More and more the past two years, the world is gradually awakened to the fact that a revolution is going on, one calling for a revision in ideas as to the relative value of silk, wool and cotton.

With the sole exception of the Civil War period, when a falling off in production of raw cotton led to the supply of raw material from the great manufacturing centers in England, nations during modern times had been able to produce with an abundance of cheap cotton, when compared with silk or wool, articles made from cotton fibers. In the past few years, however, the attitude of "Oh, that is only cotton," suddenly, housewife throughout the world are confronted with a new attitude toward cotton. It is no longer a commodity that the three cottons are fast entering into active competition with each other.

The era of cotton, which appears to be passing and until science discloses some method of exterminating the destructive boll weevil in the south, or quarantines other than the United States against the cultivation of the cotton plant, the question of an adequate supply of raw cotton at prices within the reach of all will grow steadily more perplexing.

Indications of this were perceptible last year when cotton advanced from 13 cents in 1922 to 27 cents at the close of 1923. During the three years 1921-22-23, the total cotton averaged 14,000,000 bales. The last three years have averaged about 2,000,000 bales, or an annual increase of 100,000 bales. Though prices were high when the southern planter began thinking about the crop of 1923, the trade hopes for a decline in this season to relieve the situation.

The violent advance in values during the summer of 1923 has carried both spot and futures steadily upward until cotton in the various markets of the country sold above 25 cents a pound. In the spring of the year, the upward movement had lifted the level to 23 cents on the New York exchange. The middle of the year, however, almost was the anticipation of a large acreage and a good crop that mills refused to buy freely, and began to contract for the year, depending the maturity and marketing of new cotton from the growth of 1923. This cessation of buying has been the cause of a decline of about three months and a decline of 3 cents a pound had occurred.

The fall in prices from March to July this year is explained on the general theory of the function of all commodity markets to disorganize the future. Working on the supposition that the market yield than that of 1922 would have to be purchased from the producer and financed by the consumer, the three large contract exchanges were almost entirely on the side of lower prices. Following the action of the wheat market, which had a decline from \$1.50 to below \$1 a bushel in advance of the harvest, cotton went from above 20 cents to almost 10 cents in the case of wheat, the process of discounting the future turned out to be a correct forecast of later developments. It had almost everything went wrong and the review of the various reasons for and results of this movement renders the reader more interested in the cotton market and remarkable in annals of the past half century.

Two Definite Divisions. While not merely chronological, a clear understanding of the cotton season is best obtained by simple division into two definite parts, the one concerning the crop failure and its causes, and the other general conditions that have prevailed since the annual estimates of the department of agriculture issued on December 11, the yield of last year was estimated at 14,000,000 bales. This does not include linters which aggregated over 200,000 bales last year, crop. Between American and foreign cotton, the total world's production of cotton promises but little more than last year, or several million more, and an average consumption for both 1922 and 1923.

To say that this year's cotton crop is generally regarded as not much larger than that of 1922 falls to give to those unfamiliar with the cotton situation, the total picture of what happened. It is only by going back to the early spring months and the high hopes entertained that the real measure of the calamity is disclosed. The two previous crops had been so low that the cotton industry was withdrawing raw material necessary for current needs from reserve stocks had not only depleted the existing supply, but had automatically enhanced values. Thirty cent cotton meant large returns to the grower and prospects of a season of stimulated agricultural activity throughout the cotton belt. The world needed cotton, and at a price that would insure the production of the largest returns ever received for a single crop.

THE INHERITANCE

made by various financial groups in that quarter.

Last fall the advance of 8 cents from 21 cents to 27 cents was generally profitable to both northern and southern interests. That rise in 1922 occurred because of the dropping of the rules of the game. Mills had been able to secure over 5,000,000 bales under 25 cents a pound, and for the position became attractive for speculation. That the market stood at 27 cents in October was all in accord with the best American traditions.

In this year, operators started with the very serious handicap of having guessed wrong. A large number were busily engaged in speculating on a position that daily grew more threatening. Instead of plenty of cotton, there was a shortage, and the operators were thus compelled to shift from a short to a long position. That look time and all the while the price advanced. It advanced 2 cents in a few days.

Some operators started operations for rising values; the Japanese tragedy recalled the world. Lines of speculation held above the year average. All other states were from three points below that average, as in the case of Alabama, 21 points below, as in the case of Arkansas. The very first stages, therefore, had established a position in which the cotton, almost vital to a good yield; an early start, a large acreage and a good stand for the plant, was a serious handicap.

It was the latter part of August before rains came to end the drought in the west and then they were so heavy that they did not pick the cotton. The most disastrous season for the American cotton culture. Rainfall reached flood proportions, and in the south cotton was almost entirely overthrown. In the north, not only the crop was ruined, but the soil was washed out of the fields, and carrying it down the river to the Gulf of Mexico. From the middle of April to late October, the record is chapter after chapter of disaster.

It was not until September that the world became aroused to the menacing nature of the situation. The cotton market was in a state of panic. The price of cotton advanced from 13 cents in 1922 to 27 cents at the close of 1923. During the three years 1921-22-23, the total cotton averaged 14,000,000 bales. The last three years have averaged about 2,000,000 bales, or an annual increase of 100,000 bales.

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By Morris



Wheat Crop As Whole Is Sold at Slightly Lower Price Than 1922; Discontent Is Rife During Year

By GEORGE C. SCHACKEL, (Copyright, 1923, Wichita Daily Times)

Discontent has been rife in the grain trade during the year 1923. Not only have the grain traders been blamed for the low price of wheat, but the producer of wheat has also been less than forthcoming in his complaints over prevailing conditions.

The corn farmer has been riding on the wave of prosperity the past year because of the 1922 crop sale for feed purposes. As a result of the 1922 crop sale, the price of corn advanced from 13 cents in 1922 to 27 cents at the close of 1923.

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Producers of Livestock In U. S. Poorly Paid During the Past Year Second Year Industry Is Hit Hard

By L. C. GRUNDLAND, (Copyright, 1923, Wichita Daily Times)

Livestock trade has been unprofitable during the year 1923 as it was in 1922.

At the opening of the period trade looked for a boom in the industry because of the hard hit industry the year before, and in some instances present year show up better than that at the outset.

Quality improved during the first months of the year in the local market, but this was to the detriment of the stock in the country. The percentage of short fed cattle has been proportionally large, as the number of grassy animals also have outnumbered the corresponding figures. The result of this has been an uneven market, with plain grades and some surplus.

The hog market has been featured by a heavy supply. The trade started with prices for best stock at 13 cents, but the heavy run of hogs in 1923 was not expected. The supply has been so heavy that the price has fallen to 10 cents.

A greater saving in the operating expenses of the city government during the year 1924 than was effected in 1923 is not probable, due to the fact that the property valuation in 1923 was below the base in the budget of \$507,235.17.

At the beginning of the fiscal year 1924, the budget of \$507,235.17 was set aside for operation and improvement of the city. With only three months more to go, the city is now on hand \$147,000. The average expense of the city government for the year 1923 was \$2,000,000.

The various grand juries which met and worked during the past year returned a total of 281 true bills of indictment. In every court in the county the dockets appear in a less congested condition than they did at the beginning of the year. The number of cases disposed of exceeding the number filed.

Security By Ext Do

As a matter of fact, the condition of the country is not as bad as it is made out to be. The present situation is a result of the war, and it will be corrected in the near future. The government is doing all it can to restore the economy, and the people should have faith in the government's ability to do so.

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WICHITA COURTS DISPOSE OF LARGE LEGAL BUSINESS

An exceedingly large volume of legal business was filed and transacted in the various courts of the city during the year 1923. The total number of cases filed in the courts was 2,000.

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High Lights Shine Out Through Amateur Sport Season of Year As Seldom Has Been Seen Before

By WALTER CAMP. (Copyright, 1923, Wichita Daily Times) There are high lights shining out through the sports season of the year of 1923, such as seldom have been seen before. And while the facts are fresh in mind, it is well to note these high lights and profit by them.

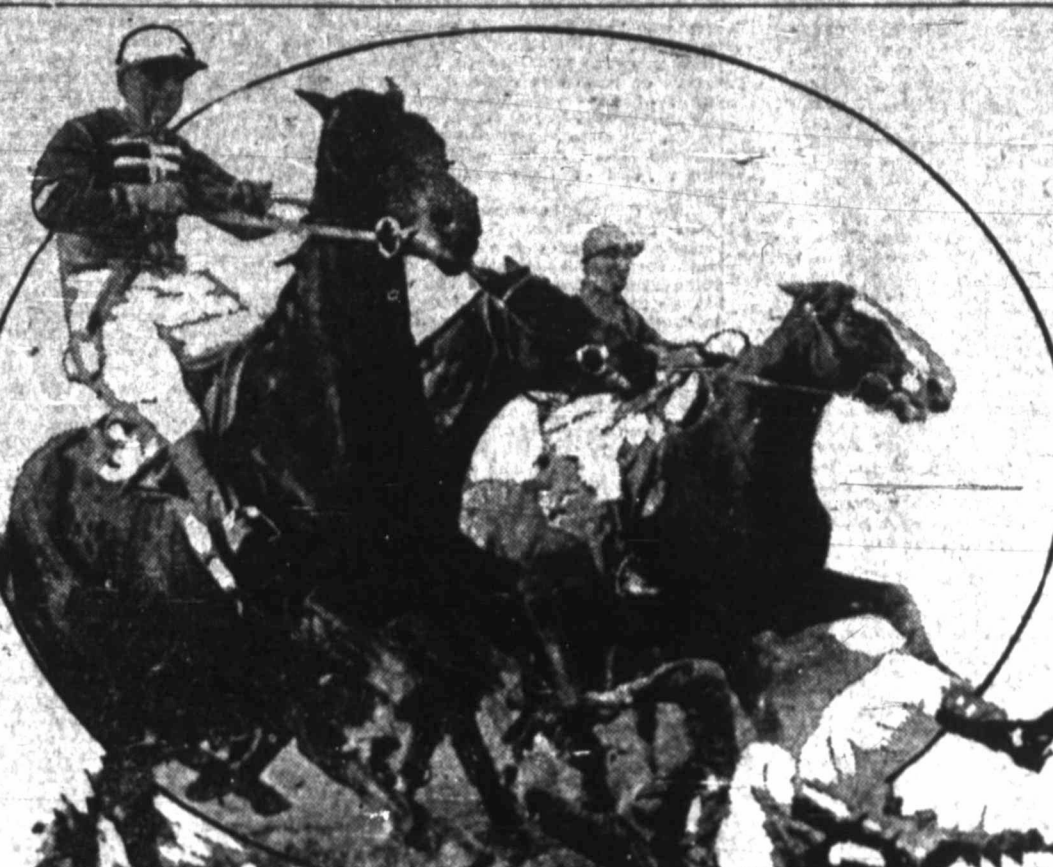
It has been one of those seasons when satisfaction, interesting as they are, is less than the satisfaction of the victor. One might almost be tempted to consider this year as one in which the victors go down to such great rewards in the satisfaction of their hard-earned victories as to be perfectly compensated and one is ready to cry "Victory" "Hail to the Conqueror!"

In tennis, a similar lesson is to be learned, that our efforts should be more largely directed toward the thousands of medium players and the thousands of players who would become players if they had the field room and equipment; that as an element in this far more attention should be paid to the encouragement and development of doubles players.

In football, the lesson is that the game has taken on new and unusual developments and has progressed rapidly in the point of tactics, and finally that the loosening up of formations has led to a more powerful attack more powerful but has made it possible for the spectator to see much more clearly just what is going on. Unfortunately, the stadium has not been stretched to the limit of capacity to accommodate the crowds but thousands are turned away, disappointed.

In golf, Robert Jones won the open championship but not until after the season had progressed against "Bolt" Crulshank. And here indeed "Bolt" to the conqueror is decidedly in order, for such a fight as this has never before in the history of the game been so worthy of the highest credit. Max Marston, after fighting towards the top for years, finally won the amateur championship but not until after a hard, grueling final against Joe Sweetser. Miss Edith Cummings of Chicago took the women's championship, defeating Miss Alexia Stirling of the Canadian open. Harriet Dexter Cummings, a brother of Miss Edith Cummings, and a Yale man, won the intercollegiate championship, and Princeton was the college team champion.

The American Walker Cup team won the championship for the first time, but here once more the contest should go to the victor, because it was a bitter fight, decided by a narrow margin. The Americans failed to win the British Amateur championship in 1923, but a subsequent victory by Kelly of our country over Wethered, beating out Francis Quinn, the runner up. But such a struggle has rarely been seen, and there was no doubt that the American team in the way Francis Quinn fought it out to the last.



UNDER THE THUNDERING FEET OF DEATH! Yet the jockey shown here on his back escaped without a scratch. The remarkable amateur showman Jockey F. B. Dees sat on the turf after having gone over the head of "Dasho-White" at the first hurdle in the Burns race at Kempton Park, England. Note jockeys at left and right straining to pull their mounts away from the fallen rider. He's a lucky boy!

Retrospect of Local Sports for 1923 Finds New Ones Added and Baseball and Football in Lead

A retrospect, locally, of the year 1923, through the channels of sports, demonstrates clearly that more interest has been displayed by the public in general, than during any previous year. Not only did the favorite pastime draw large crowds, but the field of sports has been widened locally and interest is being shown in every direction.

Standing out above all the sports events of the year is the showing made by the Spudgers during the 1923 baseball season. The wonderful football machine of the local high school and the showing which it made by leading the state championship for the state championship.

When the 1923 baseball season opened the future seemed secure for the Spudgers and Skipper Wadler. This year, however, the Spudgers were defeated by the Spudgers and Skipper Wadler. The year, however, the Spudgers were defeated by the Spudgers and Skipper Wadler.

The season ended with Wichita Falls in fourth place with an average of 52.7. From a financial standpoint the season was not a very good one. The management barely broke even, although at the end of the year they found a surplus in the way of players increased to quite an extent.

The biggest deal made by the management during the season was the trading of Rip Wheeler and Bob Osborne to the Chicago Cubs in exchange for four players. The following men were traded: Pitches, Pitches, Pitches, Pitches.

Baseball Standard Not So High But Game Successful Financially Shown by Records of Past Season

(Continued from preceding page.) The victory of the Baltimore club in the international league for the fifth year in succession was no small achievement for Jack Dunn, who has developed some successful players and the fact must not be overlooked that Ruth got his schooling with Dunn, who started that much lauded young man in baseball.

The International League had a fair season. It was not so good that it could not have been better, but the cities in the league that were successful did not lose the season in any way.

The leading batsman of the American Legion, boxing exhibitions have been given with regularity in this city and each a well good crowd attracted to the park and arena.

High School Basketball. The school basketball season fared better for the Coyotes in 1923 than ever before in the history of the city. The team, led by Jim Jones, was in excellent condition and working with a fair degree of team work when the district tournament took place in Archer City.

At the annual district basketball meet held at Iowa Park on April 11 Wichita Falls won second with a score of 22 points. The following men were on the team: Pitches, Pitches, Pitches, Pitches.

President Harvey has purchased and traded for a large number of players to report for the spring training in 1924. The outlook for 1924 for the Spudgers is very bright, and some exceptionally good material is on hand from which to mould a winning baseball team.

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were in demand but quickly became the dominating factor later. The trend was helped by the increase in the price of diamonds kept prices for those stones up. So far as the big sales went, it was a year year.

LIVE STOCK.

Live stock growers wound up the year in much better condition than they started. The sales were heavy throughout the entire twelve months and while prices were not entirely satisfactory in many instances, they sufficed to put the majority of breeders in far better condition financially than they have been for a long time.

The breaking of the long drought in the southwest changed the complexion of the live stock market that section. Then, too, the heavy sales have diminished herds and the incursion of farmers is breaking up the larger ranches of that section. Cattle men believe that these factors will tend to decrease production and eventually result in higher prices.

The selling of hogs was especially active throughout the year. There had been a sharp decline in the first three quarters of 1923, 17,781,000 were marketed and slaughtered, or over 7,000,000 more than in the corresponding period of 1922. Corn has been maintained at high prices and farmers could not afford to feed their corn to cheap hogs. Many feeders therefore throw their animals on the market before they were ready. This is believed to have decreased the supply of hogs which will be raised this year although final figures on the fall farrowings have not yet been available. Both hog and cattle prices bettered somewhat after mid-year but the low price for hogs was well under the low of 1922 and toward the close of the period, heavy selling again forced prices down.

Cattle buyers showed both high and low for the year well above the corresponding figures of last year. Sheep growers did excellent, not only from the wool sales but from sales of lambs and wethers, which brought profitable prices.

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LUMBER.

The tremendous amount of building construction throughout the year in all sections of the country has been a factor in the lumber industry. The output for the year, both in the Pacific northwest and the southern pine belt and in the north, ran well ahead of last year and was aided, especially in the west, by the heavy orders from Japan following the earthquake.

Production in the Pacific northwest ranged around 15 per cent above 1 hour capacity much of the time and employment throughout the country in this industry was heavy all through the year. Prices were generally higher than in 1922, points being reached in April, after which they declined from the peak. There was a wide range of fluctuations, however, as manufacturers carefully avoided conditions which would tend to offer a check to consumption.

The movement of lumber manufacturers into the still unexplored sections of the northwest became more pronounced although the southern mills showed no severe diminution of output. Transportation of lumber was far better in 1923 than in the previous year and delays in delivery were of minor importance.

Water shipments from Seattle for the first 11 months of the year showed an improvement of 25 per cent. Daily foreign shipments from Portland the latter part of the year averaged almost 1,000,000 feet a day. Final figures probably will show the best year in the industry in the Pacific northwest.

WHEAT.

The oil industry has had a disappointing year and the immediate future holds only a little encouragement for a change for the better although for the long haul the tremendous increase in consumption is a factor which cannot be re-estimated.

Early in the year, a sharp decrease in production in Mexican fields took place but this was immediately counteracted by the terrific flash production of the Huntington Beach, Long Beach and Santa Fe Springs fields of California. New wells were started as fast as drillers could work. The peak of this output was reached in mid August when the daily output was 375,000 barrels. Efforts to curtail production were unavailing for lessening and were based on the possibility of oil being drained from below their property if they did not in turn shut wells and tap the immense subterranean reservoirs.

The peak of the California production apparently passed in September for since that time daily production has fallen from around 350,000 to around 160,000 barrels. No sooner was the peak of California production passed, however, than the total output was raised by the expanding flow from the Juntura field of Texas which showed a decrease from 242,000 barrels in September to around 490,000. The reaction in California output of 1923, 600 barrels a day (therefore has been met by an increase in the Powell field of around 150,000 barrels. As the year closed, however, the peak of Powell field production also appeared to have passed.

National daily output, in spite of attempts at curtailment is running above 3,235,000 barrels and there will be approximately 40,000,000 barrels of crude oil stock on hand in 1924 comes in. Moreover, the industry at the moment is in a period of unusual inactivity of consumption. Even the domestic market has an active consumption month, production output consumption by nine and a half million barrels.

Price cut has followed price cut in both crude oil and gasoline but it has proven almost impossible to restrict production even by production of pipe line runs and purchases, as many producers were unable to finance additional tankage. The above goes to indicate that prices except in certain localities show little prospect of improvement in the immediate future but the 1924 outlook is not unfavorable for stock producers as can keep their oil underground or can store further stocks.

PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS.

For the first time since 1920, the packing industry has had a really good year. The improvement affected both the large and smaller concerns and it is a testimony to generally good conditions throughout the country that the industry got back on a profitable basis in a period when marketing of live stock was so exceedingly heavy.

greatly broad and there has been a real boom in the packing business. Foreign trade has been fairly active, with England especially a buyer of large quantities of meat. The industry has been fairly good considering the unfavorable political developments of the year.

Profits admittedly have been narrow but a greater volume of products has been handled than in any year in the history of the industry. There have been no violent breaks in prices which would affect values of inventories and so far as labor troubles have been concerned, they have been negligible.

Between 3,000 and 10,000 more hogs have been marketed this year than in 1922 but the additional quantity of pork and pork products between consumption and export has kept pace with the increase. Prices of fresh pork are about on the level of last year's prices. There has been a dearth of the best kind of cattle which has kept best prices up and beef, veal, mutton and lamb have been consumed in increased quantities.

In general the outlook is for continued marketing of a large volume of livestock and also for a continued heavy consumption of meats and meat products. The year is ending with a surplus of stock on hand in large proportions. These stocks are somewhat below the levels for the corresponding period of 1922. Collections have been good.

PAINTS.

Paint manufacturers and dealers had a splendid year, due in large part to the tremendous volume of building in progress. The activity in repair and refurbishing work has decreased but the demand for paint has increased and the move toward increased summer and winter paint accommodations made itself felt.

The three largest factors in the industry all were engaged at near capacity and reported most profitable operations for their fiscal years which terminated in the autumn.

The general price level of white lead throughout the year was above that of 1922. The price of oil showed marked advances over last year's quotations from January through August although the spread grew smaller as the autumn progressed. Turpentine, however, after strong markets for the first half year, fell well below 1922 figures from August on.

POTATOES.

The 1923 potato crop was large in most sections of the country but not remarkable for quality. This was the early part of the season, growers in individual communities made good profits. All the way from Florida to Long Island, fall prices were excellent although southern growers had a crop failure. Long Island growers got as high as \$1 a bushel as compared with 45 cents for the similar period in 1922. Later, when the full volume of the crop hit the market, prices dropped to \$1. New York potatoes, holding for \$1, had the market fall under the level of 1922.

In Maine where much of the crop is controlled by the Maine potato exchange the larger part still is unmarketed. It is being held for high prices but so far the returns to growers have been only seven cents a bushel. Later they will, of course, receive the remainder which they combined production brings in the market.

Prices, as low as 45 cents a bushel was paid growers. Michigan farmers sold some lots at 30 cents. Pacific northwestern men did slightly better, getting a good price so far as has been reported although some potatoes remain on the ground.

At the farmers' market, quick markets, shipments on consignment began to flood the large centers. This resulted in yard overflows. That is, railroads refused to accept cars or trucks to allow more potatoes to come into certain yards. This forced loss through demurrage. Taken as a whole growers did not have a prosperous year although exceptions were numerous.

POLTRY.

Weather and growing conditions favored poultrymen during the year and they raised tremendous quantities of birds. The crop of turkeys was so large that prices were materially lower than in 1922 except in isolated sections. After Thanksgiving growers of Idaho and the Pacific northwest entered into something like a trade duopoly with Texas and prices to growers dropped to the neighborhood of 15 to 20 cents a pound, which is a low price for the level back to pre-war times.

Growers of other fowls complained that their profits were curtailed by the fact that commission men controlled the principal markets. The commission men made counter charges that they were paying for the birds the same as gravel fed by growers to the birds before marketing to increase their weight.

In considering profits on poultry, however, it is well to remember that most growers pay for their own feed and a profit from eggs and that marketing of birds is a secondary consideration.

RAILROAD EQUIPMENT.

The most significant thing as to the condition of the railroad equipment industry today is that the American Railway Association has determined to continue the program of equipment improvement which it started in 1922. Appropriations for such expenditures totaling \$743,824,490 will be carried into 1924. Orders now on the books for equipment manufacturing are sufficient in magnitude to keep them occupied at capacity through three to six months at least. Some new plants are booked almost solid for the ensuing year.

The reason for this is the more evident from the fact that during the first 10 months of 1923 the class roads put into commission 154,972 tons of stock and 3,771 locomotives and on November 1 had on order 14,571 additional cars. In spite of this, however, the roads discarded 1,322 more cars than they were in service in the first 10 months of the year.

The carriers put 2,871 new locomotives into service in the same period, but retired 253 more old engines than were placed in commission. This means that the roads are no better off than they were a year ago so far as amount of equipment in commission is concerned.

business for the equipment manufacturers.

Since production for the year reached high levels and manufacturers, especially those in the middle west, in many cases had record production. These conditions, however, labor conditions were unimpaired which had a marked effect on production. These conditions are a good sign for the manufacturer from some of the New England shoe towns, production throughout the first five months of the year was 23,326,000 pairs to 23,326,000 pairs a month.

After that time, output fell slightly, but for the first three quarters of the year totalled 270,704,000 pairs as compared with 234,111,000 pairs in the corresponding period of 1922.

The vogue for the colored woman's shoe was a sustaining factor in the early months of the year. Last year ran its course and manufacturers of women's shoes held back later in the year. More than 75,000,000 pairs of school shoes were required to meet demand, however. Retail prices in general were well maintained and showed few marked fluctuations.

The annual statements of the manufacturers of the live stock market that the large manufacturers did far better in the way of profits than the smaller companies.

SILK.

After complete disorganization following the earthquake and the silk market, toward the end of the year, got back to the levels which obtain before the earthquake or below them. Shipments of silk were resumed surprisingly early and few manufacturers were seriously handicapped by the interruption of raw staple movements.

Manufacturers expect next spring to develop a splendid year, due in large part to the tremendous volume of building in progress. The activity in repair and refurbishing work has decreased but the demand for paint has increased and the move toward increased summer and winter paint accommodations made itself felt.

ARTIFICIAL SILK.

The year of 1923 was a remarkable expansion in production and use of artificial silk. This was due in some small measure to the Japanese earthquake, for manufacturers turned to the artificial product during the time they were un-dermined by the earthquake. This moved the price of the artificial product up in proportion to the advance in the natural article, which was stabilized when it became known that Japanese supplies of the latter would not be much affected. There was a demand for the artificial product for light wool and silk and cotton and silk mixtures.

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been as fairly well established. These have been working in consumption, but it is asserted by growers, to advertising liberally in giving samples of various grades of tobacco. The use of tea balls and tea bags. In the first three quarters of the year 6,850,000 pounds of tea were imported. The market was not appreciably affected by the Japanese earthquake for the reason in cigars Oriental countries made any shortage unlikely.

TORRACCO.

Shattered records marked the year in the tobacco industry. Cigar manufacturers expected record breaking volume of their products approximately 78,000,000 cigars being disposed of, or about 30 per cent more than in 1922 and 1921, the previous high years.

Cigar production increased only about four per cent over last year but the demand for cigars showed a marked increase. The tobacco crop of the country was estimated to be about 10 per cent larger than that of 1922 and growers, as a whole, have received most satisfactory prices. This fact was made further by the orderly marketing of the crop under the many cooperative growers associations. The development of the tobacco growing industry in the island possessions was one of the features of the year.

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CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED IN 1923 SHOW GAIN

During 1923, \$2,528,824 was collected by the city of Wichita Falls for current taxes, which is an increase of \$1,206,528 over the amount collected in 1922, which was \$1,322,296.

The 1923 valuation was lower than that of 1922 and the amount to be collected was less, although the amount of current taxes collected was greater. The 1923 valuation for 1923 totalled \$22,499,546, while in 1922 they were only \$21,293,018. The amount in delinquent taxes for 1923 was \$171,141.10, while in 1922 the amount was \$224,403.44.

On February 1, 1923, W. R. Hyer, city tax collector, started more than \$20,000, or more than 21 per cent of the 1923 taxes, went delinquent. Mr. Hyer stated that on April 1, 1923, the end of the fiscal year, the delinquent taxes amounted to \$107,000. During the year 1923, \$21,394.91 was collected by the delinquent tax office. This was more than 20 per cent of the total amount of delinquent taxes.

An excellent record is being made by the tax collector's office and many changes and plans are being contemplated. The city tax collector is increasing the efficiency of that department of the city government and to collect a greater percentage of the taxes.

Since November 16, when the collection of sewer taxes was turned over to Mr. Hyer, the amount of delinquent sewer taxes has been collected. When the books were taken over by the tax collector, the amount of delinquent sewer taxes was more than \$12,000, and practically all of this amount was delinquent taxes.

Change Contemplated. Mr. Hyer stated that the program for 1924 for the tax office contemplated in order that "members will not be left in the dark" as to the changes in the bookkeeping system and also in the forms and printed blanks of the department. A house to house canvass will be asked of the equalization board before valuation is placed on the right side of the ledger. The complaints affected not the general industry, but particular lines. The high price of wool, the unfavorable buying weather, the uncertainty of styles and the failure of dealers to stock heavily all were instances.

Goods for men's wear undoubtedly dragged, yet the general condition of the industry was shown by the statement of the president of the leading interest that orders on the books late in the year were exceptionally heavy. This indicated that the unfavorable condition in men's goods was more than compensated by the activity in women's wear.

Strong resistance to upward tendencies in goods prices undoubtedly was encountered, but prices for goods still were maintained at a point where an adequate profit was possible. This was accomplished by some manufacturers through improved mill methods, careful buying of raw material, better distribution systems and increased volume of output.

Prices for cloth at present seem likely to be stable for some while to come. Production, while down from the high point of 1919, is up between five and ten points above normal. The carpet manufacturers have had an excellent volume of sales due to new building at well maintained prices and their factories have been well occupied. The demand for linoleum has shown no signs of decreasing materially in the near future.

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According to the new plan, the owner's submitted valuation, and the tax assessor's valuation will be placed side by side on a printed form for the benefit of members of the board. The final valuation as placed by the board will be written beside the two submitted valuations and the board's action will be final.

The assessing commission on city property will begin about January 7 and will probably take three months. Only 60 per cent of the valuation was taxed in 1922, but it is probable that two-thirds

of the valuation will be taxed in 1924, Mr. Hyer stated.

With the advent of higher values and additional property a lower rate will be experienced by the citizens of Wichita Falls, Mr. Hyer believes.

In 1923 the tax rate was \$1.50 on a \$100 valuation. The people want a lower rate, Mr. Hyer explains, but the city is still in need of money and the same rate will probably be used.

The tax on slot machines will be strictly enforced in 1924, the tax collector stated.

Plans for 1924 include the probable lowering of rates and more equitized values.

Some Care for Our Elk. A little bit of Patience often makes the gambler come. And a little bit of Love makes a very happy home. A little bit of Hope makes a rainy day look gay. And a little bit of Christmas makes a weary way—Titi-Bits.

She—I heard you singing in your room this evening. He—Oh, I sang a little to kill time. She—You certainly have a good weapon.—Titi-Bits (London).

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American Divorce Featured in 'Reno' Strand Wednesday

By RUPERT HUGHES

(Mr. Hughes' timely photoplay on the chaos of our divorce laws, "Reno," will be the attraction at the Strand Theater for four days, beginning Wednesday.)

Nearly everybody, young or old or middle aged, expects to get married or is married or has been. The divorce question is, therefore, of vital interest to practically everybody in the nation. And hardly anybody can be satisfied with its present status.

Whether marriage is to you a sacrament or merely an experiment; whether you are married or in one state or in none at all; you cannot feel contented with the methods now in fashion.

Whatever the laws may be, it is important to know what they are and what they really mean. But in our country the divorce laws contradict each other at every step. Our forty-eight divorce laws, ranging from South Carolina, which grants no divorce on any grounds whatever to New Hampshire, which grants divorce on fourteen grounds, when people cannot be sure married or not; when they are married to one person in one state and to another in another; when it is uncertain whether children belong to one parent or another; when it is uncertain whether children are legitimate or not—things are in a bad way.

American Divorce Rate

In 1930 there were 50,000 divorces in this country; in 1931 there were 60,000; in 1932 there were 75,000. This means that last year 300,000 men and women were divorced and at least half a million children deprived of one or the other parent. It means that about half a million people applied for divorce.

What the number will be next year there is no knowing, except that it is sure to be enormously greater.

In communities where divorce is not recognized, a separation is increased twenty-fold. And a separation is only a form of divorce without the privilege of re-marrying.

A ghastly feature of the confusion is the fact that divorces granted in one state are not necessarily recognized in all other states. The situation therefore arises, and often occurs, where a good, well-intentioned woman is in the plight of the heroine of my moving picture called "Reno." She is married to one man in one state, to another in another, to neither in another, and is a bigamist in another.

Her children belong to her in one state, to her first husband in another, and are illegitimate in a third.

If she lives with her second husband in certain states she is liable to arrest for bigamy. She cannot live with her first husband because he has also married again, believing himself free. And if he lives with his second wife in certain states he is liable to arrest for bigamy.

This is the starting and dramatic situation that has inspired my new motion picture, "Reno," which endeavors to present a true love story of our day.

COURT HOUSE SENDS OUT BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The members of the court house family, officials and their deputies, send out their greetings to the citizens of Wichita county at the beginning of a new year and include their wish to everyone for a bright, healthful and prosperous New Year.

And in their wish they may abound with every one they look back over the page of time labelled 1933 and perceive that the past year has been most kind to them.

Very little sickness was suffered in this court house family and that little which marred the year was entirely inconsequential. The year dies out with all in good health, just as it began.

The grim reaper did not visit this family during the year and for this at least all can be thankful and grateful. And in sending out these New Year's greetings, they hope that the same good fortune that kept its wings outspread over this family may hover around the health and fireside of every family in the county.

At the beginning of the new year and time is inscribed the hope that 1934 may be just as kind and considerate as its predecessor.

On Road to Boneyard

"I have just finished a treatment of your wonderful remedy and can say it has done wonders for me already. For the past five years I have been unable to eat any but the lightest food and that sparingly. As any food caused me to bloat with gas, I was reduced to a skeleton of ninety pounds, and was on the road to the boneyard. A friend in Birmingham sent me a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, which I took, and I am sure it will entirely cure me of my trouble. Judging from what it brought from me and the way I feel." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Mack Taylor and druggists everywhere.—Adv.

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Although her life since marriage has been one of hard work and few material pleasures, Marjorie Benton (Mary Alden), is absolutely happy. Her husband, Hugh Benton (Huntly Gordon), earns only a small salary as a clerk, but is ambitious and encouraged by his wife. Marjorie's devotion and sacrifices are repaid by her children. Elinor (Norma Shearer) and Howard (William Collier, Jr.), unlike most children of theistic parents.

Ten years of economy and struggling end in Hugh's sudden financial success with a railway safety system he has devised. The change in their lives is radical. They move to a beautiful home in New York. Hugh and his wife become thoroughly acclimated to the city night life and bored with their home life. Of the simple little family, only Marjorie remains the same.

The Coming-Out Party.
On the night of Elinor's coming-out party, she quarrels with her mother because Marjorie objects to her evening gown. Elinor's intimacy with Geraldine de Lacey (Winifred Bryson), an adventurous widow, has completely spoiled her. Hugh and his friend, John Hammond (Frederick Truesdell), a well known attorney, act as peace-makers between mother and daughter. Geraldine fascinates Hugh, who ignores his wife during the party. The evening is further marred when she discovers that Howard is in a drunken stupor in his room. She stays with her son, and Hugh stays with the attractive widow.

Marjorie realizes that her family is slipping away from her. She attempts to bring them together with an old-fashioned evening at home, but fails miserably. Hugh suggests a party at a roof garden, but Marjorie refuses to look for companionship outside their home. Elinor, sulking in her room, refuses to let her mother explain her aversion for Druid.

The Threat of Divorce.
Hugh's late hours and growing intimacy with Geraldine do not escape Marjorie's notice. She sends for Mrs. de Lacey and charges her with trying to take her husband away. They quarrel and Hugh arrives in time to demand that his wife apologize to Geraldine. Marjorie indignantly refuses and Hugh escorts Geraldine home. He asks her three quarters of his fortune if she were free and her answer is most enthusiastic. Hugh comes home to ask Marjorie for a divorce, promising her three quarters of his fortune if she consents. The blow is doubly strong, for she still loves her husband. At Howard's suggestion she has tried to dress and act in a more modern manner, and Hugh has not even noticed her changed appearance. Marjorie will not listen to talk of divorce, and

Hammond will not act as the counsel in the divorce case.

But Hugh is determined to be free and puts the question up to the children. He asks which parent they would prefer to live with—as he and their mother are going to be separated. Elinor goes to her father, and Howard elings to his mother, to comfort her in her distress.

The Thrilling Climax.
That same night Howard learns that Elinor is at a party in Druid's apartment. He hurries to bring her home and finds his father there. Hugh had been visiting Geraldine, who took him along to the party to cheer him up. The father is infuriated when he learns that Elinor is also there, and breaks open the door of the room where Druid is making love to the unwilling girl. He rescues Elinor and apparently kills Druid. The police arrive, and the guests are detained while the surgeons work over Druid. Meanwhile Marjorie has heard of the excitement and hurries to be with her family.

She declares her faith and love for her husband, and now realizing Geraldine's true worthlessness Hugh goes back to Marjorie.

The reunited family is back again in the country when they receive word that Druid has recovered and has made no charges. Marjorie is happy once more, for the children have also learned their lesson "in values, and she forgives them all."

Such is the thrilling story as told on the screen in "Pleasure Mad" showing at the Strand for three days starting Sunday.

"BRINGING UP FATHER" AT PALACE



Scene from the new play based on the famous George McManus cartoon, special attraction New Year's matinee and night.

Something radically a departure from the usual and conventional in musical comedy is promised in "Bringing Up Father on Broadway" which is to hold the boards at the Palace Theater New Year's matinee and night.

The new cartoon play, based on the famous comics of George McManus, is in two acts and five scenes. John P. Mulgrew is the author of the book and lyrics. A real plot involving plenty of side-splitting complications and situations and written on original lines takes the various characters around the world.

Of course, the beloved Jiggs Mahoney will be a conspicuous figure. And it may be assured that Maggie his termagant better half, along with Dinty Moore and Kitty are also in the limelight. Maggie still contrives how to spend "Father's" money, her social aspirations having not been squelched even in the face of past failures and tribulations.

An elaborate and up-to-the-minute production, the employment of a capable cast, a pretty bevy of chorus girls and other original features should provide unusual entertainment.

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STRAND SPECIAL ATTRACTION FOR SUNDAY



A Thrilling Scene from "Pleasure Mad"

Announcement is made by the Strand theater that a special New Year's eve theater party will be given Monday night beginning at 11:30, at which a special program of pictures and music will be provided for those who may remain up to welcome the advent of 1934.

The theater will present "Pleasure Mad," a feature picture, and one that is sure to please the patrons of the Strand.

Manager Day states that no patron will be spared to make the occasion an enjoyable one for his patrons and especially does he plan a program of unusual merit for the event.

Her Immunity
After the epidemic had been checked, an old negro protested vigorously when the health officers started to take down the sign they had put up on her house.

"Why don't you want us to take it down?" one of the officers asked.

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Coming New Year's Day—Priscilla Dean in "The Flame of Life" Coming Friday—Matt Moore and Barbara La Marr in "Strangers of the Night"

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MONDAY NIGHT AT 12

The Olympic and Mission Theaters' Big NEW YEAR'S FROLIC

Dancing, Singing, Comedy, Thrills

Anna Mae Cato in a Novelty Snow Dance

Josephine Fisk singing a new comedy song.

A 2-reel comedy and an advance showing of

BEBE DANIELS

With a cast of Paramount favorites in

"His Children's Children"

Special Program

Midnight Matinee Mission Theater

The Mission and Olympic theaters will combine in putting on a New Year's midnight matinee frolic at the Mission theater starting Monday at 11. midnight. With a number of novelty songs, dances and film numbers worked up for the occasion the matinee should be one of the most successful the D. F. & R. enterprises has ever staged.

The Olympic theater introduced midnight matinee into Wichita Falls about two years ago and has staged them since, every matinee being attended by hundreds.

Two specialty numbers will be given at the New Year's party, a show dance by Anna Mae Cato with beautiful lighting effects, and a new comedy song by Josephine Fisk. These two girls are great favorites here and their numbers are always greeted with hearty applause. A comedy film will precede the special advance showing of "His Children's Children," which will have its regular engagement at the Olympic Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The picture stars Bebe Daniels with George Fawcett, Dorothy MacCall, James Hennie, Mary Eaton and Mahlon Hamilton in support. It is a Paramount picture production of the Cosmopolitan magazine story of the same title.

London's Traffic Deaths.
LONDON—London's traffic death toll is appalling. Life after life is being sacrificed on the altar of haste and recklessness. In three months, there were 12,263 street accidents, according to Scotland Yard. In them, 115 persons were killed. All but 18 of the fatalities were attributed to automobiles. Yet there are fewer traffic policemen here today than 10 years ago.

Girls Deserting Stage.
LONDON—There's a dearth of pretty chorus girls in London now. Higher wages in the business world are attracting them into offices and shops. Many beauties have quit the stage in recent months, according to one old-timer who's been in the theatrical business half a century. And it's going to be difficult, he declares, to find others equally as charming.

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SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S PARTY

See the Old Year Out and the New Year In!

MONDAY-STARTING 11:30 P. M.

COUNTY COLLECTED OVER \$1,342,000 IN TAXES DURING YEAR

MORE THAN ONE-HALF WAS RECEIVED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY.

NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES GAINS 7,000 OVER 1922

New Method of Collection Adds Efficiency and Lightens Task of Tax Collector.

Tax collections during the year 1923 were very heavy and the monthly reports of Guy C. Raley, county tax collector, show that a total of \$1,342,977.42 was collected by him during the past year.

This amount includes ad valorem tax for both the state and county, poll taxes, occupation tax and automobile license tax.

Over half of this amount of money was collected during the month of January, 1923. The property taxes which were taken in during the first month of the year amounted to \$774,474.88. Collections for December, 1923, will amount to approximately \$290,000.

The tax collector issued poll tax receipts to 11,116 taxpayers and voters of Wichita county for 1923 and it is conservatively estimated that this figure will easily reach the 15,000 mark for 1924, because of the many elections which will occur during that year.

Up to January 1, 1923, the tax collector had issued 2,490 poll taxes for 1923, while to date this year 3,398 polls have been issued.

Approximately 18,000 automobiles were registered in 1923 in Wichita county and for this year 25,000 seals have been ordered. It is believed that auto license tax will be paid on nearly 25,000 cars for 1924.

The increase in automobiles registered last year over 1922 was a trifling more than 7,000, which shows an exceedingly large gain. The increase for 1924 over 1923 will not be so great, it is believed.

During 1923 a new system and method for the collection of taxes was inaugurated by Collector Raley. A statement of the amount of taxes was issued in duplicate and sent to every taxpayer in the county. The taxpayer surrenders both the original and duplicate when he appears at the office to pay the taxes. The original is stamped and returns a receipt, while the duplicate is filed in the office and becomes a permanent record.

Since the new system was instituted the collector has balanced his accounts every evening and thus far it has proven a great improvement over the old system. Each night the accounts are balanced on the penny, Mr. Raley stated.

MECHANIC HAS HAND PAINFULLY HURT IN ACCIDENT SATURDAY

Robert O. Whistler, a mechanic for the Kelm Motor Company, was taken to General Hospital at 1:30 Saturday afternoon with a painful injury to his right hand and other minor bruises, which he sustained when his hand was caught in the fly wheel of some machinery in motion.

An X-ray examination of his hand was being made Saturday afternoon to determine the extent of his injury. The wound is deep but physicians in charge of the case did not believe that it was serious.

TWO BUSINESS BUILDINGS PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY SATURDAY

Fire of unknown origin early Saturday morning completely destroyed two business buildings at 302 Grand. The blaze started in a tailor shop owned by Howard Iyer and damaged the place to the extent of about \$50. The blaze spread to a building adjoining the tailor shop and occupied by a fish market operated by William McClelland. Loss on the two places was estimated at \$200 and was partially covered by insurance.

H. J. BRUCE TO ENGAGE IN GENERAL PRACTICE AFTER FIRST OF YEAR

H. J. Bruce, who for the past five years has been connected with the firm of Carrigan, Montgomery, Brittain, Morgan and King, as land lawyer, will open an office at 401-403 Staley for a general practice on January 1.

For the past five years, Mr. Bruce has had charge of and handled the land title work for the firm with which he has been connected. His resignation will become effective January 1, 1924.

NEW YEAR'S GOOD WISHES

Wealth, health, prosperity and happiness are relative and doubtful goods and hence it is not these that I wish to my friends, fellow-citizens and townsmen, but that peace may come to each and every one of Wichita Falls' many citizens, that there be more harmony and love, more friendly cooperation and more hearty good-will among the various churches and their good ministers and members than there is even now, and that there be less and less strife and hatred and coldness and bitterness and antagonism and petty selfishness than is even now among our various denominations, who are all striving for one common end by different means and on different roads, to the best of the light given to each one of us; that the Prince of Peace may dwell among us, His children, though different we be in race or color or creed, that is my sincerest good wish to all for 1924.

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Wichita County Has Developed In Past Four Years 67 Miles of Concrete Paved Highways and 25 Miles of Gravel Roads

BY J. M. EBEL, County Engineer

Wichita county has developed within the past four years a system of highways comprising 67 miles of concrete paved roads and 25 miles of gravel roads, including 297 concrete culverts, four concrete bridges, three steel bridges, with three other steel bridges moved and placed in new locations, two pile trestle bridges in which piling has been re-driven, and six concrete piling.

The total mileage of road in Wichita county is approximately 890 miles, precinct No. 1 having the largest mileage and precinct No. 3 the smallest mileage.

The total mileage of state highways in Wichita county is 66 miles and with the exception of 11 miles on the Seymour road all has been improved within the past four years.

State highways are routes designated by the state highway department and are a part of the seven per cent system of federal government aid which government aid may be allotted.

To encourage highway construction, in 1916, the national government passed an act allotting funds for aid in the construction of cardinal or important highways in the various states, under certain conditions and regulations. Some of the conditions are that a project must be constructed according to approved plans by the state as well as the federal department of public roads.

This financial aid is allotted directly to the states and not to the various counties in which projects are located. In order to obtain government aid, it was necessary that all states not having a state highway department, should create one, or lose their right to participate in the federal aid allotment.

Before the establishment of a state department of highways, the constitution of highways in Texas was notably behind the times. There was no organized effort along the line of road construction. Counties here and there over the great state voted bonds and constructed county systems, with generally no strict inspection or supervision and no provisions for the maintenance of roads after they were constructed.

Many county officials, engineers and contractors labored at it conscientiously, but progress was slow because of lack of organized effort; the large number of counties that would make no effort to improve their roads; and no designated roads on which to concentrate effort for highway improvement.

Generally no provision was made by the counties voting bonds for the maintenance of improved highways and often the improved highways went to pieces before the bonds were taken up, due to no repairs, and sometimes to faulty design or construction, or poor judgment in selecting type of road for a particular section. Here, people were getting interested in the matter, and increasing numbers of motor vehicles in both urban and rural communities directed attention to the matter, the people generally began to awaken to the fact that to make Texas take her place as the greatest of all the states, we must have not only schools, colleges, cities, railroads, harbors, factories, etc., but we must also develop the great state commercially, industrially, socially, morally and mentally, have a great system of roads that would connect our people on the eastern border with those on the west, the northern boundary with the southern and thus unite us more closely in interest, ambition, commercial and social relations.

Since the establishment of the state highway department in 1917, and the financial assistance rendered by the national and state departments, counties have taken great interest in attempting to improve or construct county systems of roads, and many counties catching a vision of the future, have in arranging their plans for improvement, set aside money for the maintenance of their highways after they were constructed.

In recent years in the more populous counties, the funds obtained from automobile license fees have been sufficient to maintain improved highways.

Texas counties are falling into line fast and nearly every county has some road program at present, either under construction or contemplated, but there is much to be done before even our designated state highways are all improved.

Under the present program of construction it will require approximately 20 years to complete the present system of federal aid roads in the United States. There is in the United States about 2,700,000 miles of public roads, the federal aid system or seven per cent system as outlined aggregates 151,000 miles. In Texas we have an aggregate of 150,000 miles of roads; the Texas highway system, a part of the federal aid system, is approximately 14,000 miles.

Maintenance of Local Roads. Wichita county ranks fifth among the counties of the state in the number of motor vehicles licensed, with an annual tax to the county of approximately \$60,000. A portion of this money has been used in highway maintenance of improved roads.

been very satisfactory to all concerned, especially to the state highway department, which is directly responsible to the federal department for some aid allotted to each county. Regular inspection has been made and to date this county has received no criticism for neglect of maintenance.

During the year 1923 the four maintenance or patrol gangs in addition to regular work of maintenance of roads, have completed 35 miles of rock and gravel shoulders.

Wichita county has accumulated approximately \$240,000 in their maintenance fund which will be directed and put into new construction in 1924, this fund, together with \$90,000.00 of the special road fund, will be used for highway construction as follows:

Program For 1924. Contract has been let and work is in progress on three miles of gravel road, including grading, concrete drainage structures and gravel surface on the Charlie road, from the Friberg school house to the Clay county line, connecting up Wichita Falls, Thornberry, Charlie and Meyers.

The completion of this stretch of road will do much benefit to the county, providing as it does an improved road to the rich agricultural section of Clay county. Contract has been let and work will be started within a few days on seven miles of improved road on the Electric 28 highway, which is the main route from Electric to Frederick, Okla., the improvement beginning at the end of concrete pavement and extending five miles toward Frederick, the other two miles extending east from Mount Carmel to the Higgins school house. This work will consist of grading, concrete drainage structures, one 10-foot steel span bridge, and a crushed conglomerate gravel base with one-inch asphalt surface.

This road will be 18 feet wide and will cost approximately \$120,000.00 per mile, not including the 70-foot steel span bridge on China creek. This bridge will cost approximately \$5,000.00 erected in place.

Bids have been asked for the construction of two miles of local gravel road on the Park-Clear highway, for January 14, 1924. This work will commence at the end of the present road and extend to a point near Clara.

Bids will be received on January 14, 1924, for the construction of a highway from the end of the pavement on the Burk-Clear road to the present line about one mile east of Clara; also for the improvement of the road running north and south from the pavement to the cross road north of the Fairview school house and for the improvement of the road from the city limits of Burkburnett to the Burkburnett Refinery on what is known as the Burkburnett-Hacon road. This work will consist of grading, concrete structures, gravel base with one inch of asphalt surface, all roads to be eighteen feet wide.

Bids will be received on January 14, 1924, for the improvement of the Park-Jonesdale road, commencing at the end of present surfacing and extending a distance of about three miles, intersecting the proposed Wichita Falls-Diversion lake road. This work will consist of grading, drainage structures and a crushed conglomerate gravel surface.

Bids will be received in February, 1924, for the construction of ten miles of concrete pavement on the Seymour road state highway No. 20. This work will commence at a point near the limits of Wichita Falls and extend to a point near the county line of Archer county.

The development of highway construction has not kept pace with the construction or development of the motor vehicle. Although research has been directed attention to the last few years it has been necessary in order to meet the requirements of the motor vehicle to alter designs and wearing surfaces.

Research highway engineering was extremely carried on during 1922 and 1923. In 1922 there were 436 research projects in highway engineering in progress, 267 of these projects covered investigation of materials, 18 on road economics, 18 on operation, 119 on road design and 17 on construction.

The leading traffic or surface test was the Bureau of Public Roads in Illinois. This test cost the state of Illinois approximately \$250,000.00. The second in magnitude was the Pittsburg road test in California. The third was the test run by the Bureau of Public Roads at Arlington, Va.

Very valuable scientific information has been obtained from all of these research projects, which have led to new designs in pavement and surfacing materials. Practically all the states have adopted designs developed from the Bureau of Public Roads.

The tests have indicated that a smooth surface is essential to the life of a pavement carrying motor vehicles.

Tests also show conclusively that more attention must be given to bad sub-grade - this was especially brought out in the Pittsburg road test in California, where pavements were constructed on adobe clay.

Uncle Sam Has Long Wait. The United States has a \$22,000,000 judgment against Germany, and probably will collect it about Judgment Day.—Little Rock, Arkansas, Gazette.

In ancient Rome married men had a right to the best seats at the public games.

Quite a Difference. Every American boy has a chance to become president and every German boy runs the risk of being called to form a new cabinet.—Life, Gazette.

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BANK CLEARINGS FOR 1923 GO OVER HUNDRED MILLION

INCREASE OVER 1922 IS MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS.

AVERAGE CLEARINGS EACH BUSINESS DAY \$337,113

December, 1923, Clearings \$81,907 Less Than Those For December, 1922.

Bank clearings in Wichita Falls totaled \$101,898,369.35 for 1923, or an increase of \$1,021,235.50 over the total for 1922, which was \$94,787,130.90, according to reports given out by the clearing house association Saturday morning.

The average clearings each business day of the year 1923 were \$337,113.80.

A decrease of \$12,997.25 was recorded in the clearing of December, 1923, the total of which was \$8,347,489.75, against the December, 1922, clearings of \$15,294,733.

Clearings last week showed a decrease of \$26,309.81 from the preceding week. The total last week was \$2,053,966.29, while the total for the preceding week was \$2,319,276.10.

Bank clearings in Wichita Falls during the past week were as follows:

Table with columns: Clearings Last Week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Dec. 11, Total, Last week, Decrease, Bank clearings for the several months of 1923 and 1922 were as follows.

Table with columns: 1923, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, 1922, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

SAUL LEBENSON WILL OPEN STORE AT BURK WITHIN NEAR FUTURE

Announcement has been made by Saul Lebeson, proprietor of Saul's store, that he has secured a long lease on one of the best located business buildings in Burkburnett, and will open a branch store there soon, the exact date to be announced later. However, the branch store will be opened as soon as the necessary changes and improvements in the building can be made.

Complete stocks of ladies' ready-to-wear, men's clothing and furnishings, shoes, dress goods and notions, will be carried. In fact, it is Mr. Lebeson's plan to make a complete "Saul's Store," such as "made Wichita Falls famous," in operation at Burkburnett, after all plans are carried out, though in a smaller edition of course.

This will no doubt be welcome news to the people of Burkburnett and surrounding trading territory, because the same popular prices in all departments will be maintained. Mr. Lebeson said, in making this announcement, "I intend to open this branch store at Burkburnett in regular Saul's fashion, and advise the people of Burkburnett and surrounding territory to be on the lookout for the opening date."

WILBARGER COUNTY CIVIL RECEIPTS JANUARY 20

VERNON, Texas, Dec. 23.—Civil receipts in Wilbarger county up to date are \$2,972, and estimates of the crop yet to be picked place the total yield at between 25,000 and 26,000 bales.

SCHOOL BUILDING BIDS RECEIVED JANUARY 20

VERNON, Texas, Dec. 23.—Bids on Vernon's new \$100,000 high school building will be received by the school board January 20, at which time it is hoped that a contract will be let.

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Keeping Pace With 1923!

The year ending has been one of sound development and progress for Wichita Falls and her citizenship. Business readjustments have been made; sound, more conservative policies have been adopted, and in no previous year have we stood on the threshold of a brighter, more prosperous future.

1924 will offer further possibilities for industrial development in every line of endeavor. We will advance steadily on the safe and sound foundation laid in 1923, to a bigger, better, more promising city.

In this march of progress your gas company will take its place, endeavoring always to keep a few paces ahead in supplying the community with the fuel so necessary to civic development.

We are thankful for the opportunity of serving you in 1923. A service, we believe you'll agree that has met the most exacting standards in almost every instance. In 1924 we will constantly strive to better serve you and to lend every assistance in building the community of which we are rightfully proud.

MUNICIPAL GAS COMPANY

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

Palace Theatre advertisement for 'Bring Up Father' on Broadway, including showtimes and prices.

FIVE TIRE SAYS

AKRON size of lively motor automobile of 1100 lbs. who problem of the office & Rubber was early decided.

The Rul omments arduous detailed production according to the inch ball either a wheel, which but a wheel only.

The first look tire is a 4 wheel tire. How will place tire sent?

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AUTOMOBILE NEWS

FIVE SIZES BALLOON TIRES MEET NEEDS SAYS GOODYEAR MAN

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 29.—That five sizes of balloon tires will effectively meet the needs of the entire automobile industry is the conclusion of Rubber Association executives who have been studying the problem during the past season.

As officials of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company point out, it was early realized that the introduction of balloon tires will complicate the line of tire sizes, already rather large, so an effort has been made to limit production of the new type to the fewest number of sizes that will adequately take care of the requirements of different sized automobiles.

The Rubber Association now recommends to members that standardization on "hot" tires be definitely adopted for their future production. The two smaller sizes, according to this plan, will be built to fit a 31-inch wheel only. The 31-inch balloon tire is designed to fit either a 29 or 31-inch diameter wheel, while the seven-inch tire is built to fit a 31-inch diameter wheel only.

"Give me four-forty twenty one," may become a common request of small car owners to dealers when balloon tires become popular, because these new type tires are to be designated by different symbols than are used in labeling the regular type of tires now in use. And when a customer asks a 4-20-31 he will get a tire that takes the place of the present 20x31 size used on Fords and others of the lighter car class.

The first two figures of the balloon tire size, by way of explanation, represent the size of the tire in decimals of an inch, and the figure back of the diagonal dividing line gives the diameter of the wheel and rim designed to fit this size. In other words, a 4-20-31 balloon tire is a 4.20-inch cross-section diameter tire for 21-inch diameter wheel and a 31 inch rim.

Months of experimentation and careful consideration for the preference of various car manufacturers has resolved the balloon tire question down to the five following designated sizes: 4-16-21; 4-18-21; 4-20-21; 4-20-29; and 4-20-31. The new designation of sizes has been selected to avoid confusion with regular tires now in use. The balloon sizes, expressed in terms of inches, as in the case with all tires at present, would be in the order given above: 20x21, 20x21, 20x21, 20x29 and 20x31.

How will these balloon tires replace tire equipment in use at present?

The popular 20x31 size used on Fords and the smaller cars will be replaced by 4-20-31 balloons, while the 5-20-21 replaces any four-inch tire and the 4 1/2 inch tires now in use may be replaced by 4-20-21 or 4-20-29 or the 4-20-21. Regular five-inch tires will become 4-20-29 in the balloon type.

Though balloon tires permit the car owner to carry less air pressure in his equipment, there is the danger of overloading and underinflation shortening the life of the tire just the same as with ordinary tires, Goodyear tire engineers point out. And so they have prepared a table of air pressures for the various sizes of balloon tires, together with a maximum load that may in safety be carried by the tires. Overloading and underinflation ruin balloon tires just as easily as they will regulate tires.

Tire engineers and automotive experts are pretty generally agreed that the balloon tire has a definite future. And as present indications are that these better cushioning tires, with their larger volume of air insulating easier riding, will be furnished as optional equipment by a number of the leading automobile manufacturers in 1924, it is also rather certainly indicated in tire circles that a great many purchasers of new cars are ready to pay additional prices if necessary to get the easier riding equipment.

As is expected that the New York and Chicago automobile shows in January will feature balloon tires equipped machines, and Goodyear engineers predict it is not unlikely that most automobile factories in the future will honor specifications for the balloon tire at an extra charge.

Wins Teachers Contest Conducted By Highway Education Board



MRS. TERESA M. LENNEY

Sixty thousand teachers who entered the 1923 national contest conducted by the Highway Educational Board sought the award won by Miss Teresa M. Lenney, a teacher in the New Rochelle, New York, public schools, for the best "Practical Lesson on Highway Safety."

As national winner she receives five hundred dollars and a trip to Washington, D. C., with all expenses paid, gifts of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, Judges who reviewed Miss Lenney's paper, and the others are: Mrs. Louis N. Geldert, national president, League of American Pen Women; Dr. A. B. Meredith, commissioner of education for Connecticut, and Dr. Ernest Hamlin Abbott, editor of The Outlook.

of Durant products is a tribute to the confidence in which Mr. Durant is held by automobile purchasers throughout the world," Mr. Parmenter said.

W. E. Robertson, better known as "Bill" to his legion of friends here, joined Mr. Parmenter at the formation of the company, as sales manager, and has done much in furthering the success of the agency during its brief existence.

Mr. Robertson is likewise enthusiastic regarding the possibilities of Durant and Star and states it is their goal to see the number of models here more than doubled at the close of the coming year.

DEALERS TO HEAR PLANS TO REDUCE USED CAR LOSSES

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cooperative steps undertaken by automobile dealers to reduce used car losses and "solve the used car problem" probably will furnish the most interesting session of the Seventh Annual Convention of the National Automobile Dealers' Association to be held at Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, January 29-31, 1924. This meeting is open to all dealers of the United States. Special reduced rates of fare and one-night hotel rates will be provided by the railroads to members of the association.

Three plans that have attracted nationwide interest in the last year will be discussed. The first of these plans, the "Appley Motor-Mart" will be discussed by James E. Appley of Detroit. Appley is together with Percy Chamberlain has formed the Percy Chamberlain Association, Inc., to nationalize the Appley plan.

By the Appley plan the automobile dealer absolutely washes his hands of the used car as a part of his business. Instead all used car transactions are handled by a motor-mart, operated by the dealers themselves. Used cars are bought and sold, with a definite price for each used automobile dealt in. This plan was begun in Anaheim, Cal., last March, is in use in 26 Pacific coast cities and by January it is expected that 50 or more cities in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania will be operating these markets as a result of the promotional work of the Chamberlain organization.

The second plan to be discussed will be the Atlanta Statistical Bureau which has operated throughout the year. This is a bureau maintained by the dealers of Atlanta for the appraisal and buying of used cars at a definite price in the Atlanta territory. R. H. Martin of Atlanta, president of the Martin-Nash Co., will discuss the accomplishment of the Atlanta plan.

The third plan to be presented will be the "Green Seal Merchandising Plan" developed by the dealers in Cleveland, Ohio, and which has been operating for about six months. R. J. Schunk, Hudson-Essex distributor at Cleveland will present this plan, which has as its characteristic feature the reestablishing of confidence in the used car as an article of merchandise, by standardizing its mechanical condition and guaranteeing that the car is in the condition represented when sold under the Green Seal certification of the dealer association.

The Appley plan is the most radical departure in automobile merchandising that has developed since the introduction of time payment sales. The Appley plan is based on the principle that the dealer cannot both buy and sell merchandise competitively and that inasmuch as he will always have to buy the used car competitively so long as old automobiles are traded in as part payment for new ones,

NEWEST GIANT OF REO SHOPS



Sufficient compressed air to operate all sand blast, air hammers, wrenches and similar equipment throughout the entire plant of the Reo Motor Car Company will be supplied by a huge compressor recently installed.

The ponderous machine has a capacity of 4,000 cubic feet of free air per minute at 90 pounds pressure. It weighs 21 tons and has a flywheel 14 feet in diameter, weighing 10 tons alone. The floor length is in excess of 40 feet.

Because of its size and weight, a special building was erected to house it. The matter of providing suitable foundations was so important that nothing less than an especially planned brick, concrete and steel building would suffice.

Built by the Nordberg Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, the compressor required nearly four months to complete. Its installation also consumed several weeks, this work having been in charge of a special engineer sent by the makers.

Known in the trade as a cross compound two-stage compressor, the huge machine has two air cylinders. The low pressure cylinder is 24 inches in diameter while the high pressure cylinder is but 19 inches. The stroke of the pistons is 40 inches and they travel at the speed of 125 feet per minute, or a little faster than eight miles per hour.

The importance of compressed air in modern manufacturing practice is not generally realized. In such plants as Reo, where much of the machinery has been developed by Reo engineers as a result of their experience with Reo individual mechanical needs, many unexpected uses are found for compressed air.

For example, an air driven plunger mounted over a scale is used to test springs used in Reo valve mechanisms and clutches. The accuracy and ease of the operation, resulting from the uniformity of pressure obtained from compressed air, makes it possible to apply this test to every individual spring used on all valves and clutches.

Throughout the big Reo shops air hammers, wrenches and drills are in service. Of course the sandblast jets are also used in some departments for cleaning castings and rough parts. In the earlier operations in the paint shop air force is utilized. In fact, compressed air maintenance of uniform quality and efficient practice in virtually every department.

then the dealers only out is to quit buying them at all.

The Atlanta plan is admittedly an effort to assist the dealer to buy cheaper and the Cleveland plan primarily a sales stimulant. The three plans will be presented at Chicago solely for the information of dealers who may be interested in knowing most recent developments in the trade and methods by which these developments have come about.

A ton of soft coal will produce 1400 pounds of coke.

Automobile Business Here in 1924 Expected Biggest Yet, With Bright Oil and Agricultural Prospects

The coming year in the automobile business in Wichita Falls and this territory looks mighty good, in the opinion of many of the leading automobile dealers of this city.

During the year just closing approximately 17,000 motor vehicles were registered here and it is estimated that 1924 will outstrip this by as much as 2,000.

During the past year many dealers have faced the question of getting the cars, rather than selling them, but the factories will be in a better condition to take care of the demand in the future, as most of them have recently enlarged their capacity, building new plants and adding improvements to the old ones.

The new year is coming in with all prospects for this section better than they have been at any time during the past year and with extensive development in this line for the next few months will come a big demand for motor vehicles of various types and values.

The oil situation, and the improved condition of the farmers will be big factors in bringing about a universal prosperity in Wichita Falls and its territory.

With the completion of the irrigation project and the opening up of large sections of surrounding land, which is being sold in small acreage, an unprecedented number of people are buying and building homes in the country. This movement will make the owning of a car a necessity and in many families more than one motor vehicle will be used.

People in this part of the country are rapidly realizing the comfort and advantages of the closed models, which offer protection from the various forms of panhandle weather including cold, wind, rain and dust. A great many will make a special effort to dispose of open cars, replacing them with closed ones, it is predicted.

The stringent period which followed the boom times here has made it necessary for many to postpone the purchase of a new car or to do without one altogether and with the improved financial condition of most of them, new cars will be purchased both for business and pleasure.

Cheaper and better cars than ever before are being offered and better terms can be secured than have been possible in the not far distant past, thus making it feasible for those with limited means to own a car.

Wichita Falls is fortunate in having many of the biggest and best business men of the city engaged in the automobile business. They are men of experience, as well as vision, and having weathered the hard times, and come out victorious, are now on a firm foundation, being able to meet prosperity, as well as vicissitude, with level heads and sound judgment.

A steamship service for direct freight shipments between Chicago and Manchester is proposed by a company which has been formed in England. Sixteen vessels will be engaged in the service.

It takes a weight of 4,000 pounds to crush a cubic inch of best brick.

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T. B. Noble

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Phone 2171

PARMENTER MOTOR CO. MAKES RAPID PROGRESS IN YEAR

Among the many automobile concerns of Wichita Falls which are reviewing with approving smiles, the success of their business during 1923, is the Parmenter Motor Company, local distributor for the Durant and Star automobiles.

The company was formed about a year ago, and the first Star automobile was shown in the sales room, corner Tenth and Burnett, during January, a year ago. Since that time, through the progressiveness of the local firm and the merit of the car handled, a host of Star and Durant cars are now in evidence in Wichita Falls and throughout this section.

During the year the company has advanced from its origin to the place it now holds among the leading distributors of the city.

The Star and Durant are making many friends for us by their remarkable performance and reliability in owners' hands," said F. E. Parmenter of the company.

"A car's real worth can only be estimated by the owner's opinion, and it is the many boosters who tell us of their car's ability who are taken as an indication, both the Star and Durant have made good with a vim.

"With a new and more handsome Star model, new attractive body lines, and added mechanical features, for 1924, we are looking forward to a prosperous year. We are indeed gratified at the results of our efforts for the year. We have seen in business here and feel we have made a worthwhile record with a car line that is receiving the motoring public's reception.

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR

Value so pronounced that you are justified in looking upon the purchase of a Dodge Brothers Motor Car as the soundest possible investment in transportation.

Not a dollar is added to the purchase price to support a free service policy; nor to cover the costliness of numerous body or chassis types; nor to pay interest on borrowed money; nor to maintain a multiple organization of middlemen.

Dodge Brothers finance themselves. They sell directly through a single organization of dealers to you. They do not believe in charging in advance for service you may never need. They have developed remarkable economies, and a time-seasoned product, by concentrating on standard types.

These facts are reflected, not only in the price of the Car, but in the quality of workmanship and materials that enter into its construction.

M. Fall Brothers
210 Ohio Avenue Phone 4144

Studebaker

MOTOR CARS

And Now for "Another Studebaker Year"

1923 was a "Studebaker year," not only for the Studebaker company who report the greatest business in their history; but for us, as Studebaker Dealers. More new Studebaker Motor Cars were delivered in Wichita Falls than in any previous year; not excepting the enormous business done during the boom days.

1924 will be another Studebaker year; from all indications, bigger, greater than ever. With the new lowered prices on all Studebaker closed models, backed by the reliability of over 71 years as manufacturers, the Studebaker Corporation, by right of experience and leadership, will continue to take its place as the world's largest builders of six cylinder motor cars. As Studebaker dealers, we are looking forward to a year of greater progress; proud of the confidence reposed in us, proud of the product we have the good fortune to offer the motoring public.

KEIM MOTOR CO.

905-911 Scott Phone 4156

1924 WILL BE ANOTHER STUDEBAKER YEAR

1700 MILE ROAD BATTLE WON BY REO; LOWERING RECORDS

Setting the fastest time ever made by any vehicle on the trip from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City and back to San Francisco, a six-cylinder Reo has just made the treacherous trip in 54 hours, 17 minutes.

Charles H. Bigelow, well-known project and road engineer, pioneer transcontinental motorist, driver of several records for fast time over mountain routes, made the record-breaking run. Dave Fassett, service manager of the Los Angeles branch of the Motor Car Company of California, accompanied him as a relief driver. He is also a veteran cross-country driver and has helped Bigelow establish a number of records in his Reo.

Several attempts have been made recently to lower the Reo time between various mountain cities and the west coast, but because of breakdowns, roads, or weather conditions, these have been unsuccessful. Reo has never failed to lower records set out to beat, according to Bigelow.

Therefore, the latest record is truly phenomenal, since it was made under the most adverse conditions which could scarcely have been worse. His version of the trip is verified by Fassett and by the Mobilis, Los Angeles newspaper representative who accompanied them.

Reo Bigelow of the trip: "We left Los Angeles early on the morning of June 18th with a 1923 Reo stock model Reo six sport plane. It was my intention to go as far as I could and then to turn back and come to Los Angeles. I had carefully seen to it that every nut and bolt was in place. We took an extra supply of tires, a supply of gasoline along in the tonneau and had additional supplies shipped on ahead to the stations at which I stopped.

"The first 100 miles to Victorville is paved boulevard, but from there on for hundreds of miles the trip lies through stretches of heavy sand and broken rock that furnish a very uncertain footing. The route lies across the rolling country that leads up into the Sierras and the Rockies, fully as winding and full of short reverse curves as which I expected.

"A bad chuck-hole had disposed of our windshield glass before we had reached the open desert which was crossed for March instead of the middle of June. We lost ever an hour between the Colorado river crossing and the Utah line, but we made the most of that up to the final 400 miles into Salt Lake, in spite of a continual down-pour of rain and terribly slippery going which had us in the ditch off the road several times. When we turned completely around twice when we struck an especially slippery spot.

"We got into Salt Lake City, however, 24 minutes ahead of my previous record of 24 hours, 15 minutes. Our elapsed time for the 2100 miles was 24 hours, 41 minutes.

"We had intended going right on to San Francisco after getting a good night's rest, but the rain storm increased in severity instead of lessening, and it was almost the last of the month before the water had gone down enough to let us through. As it was, we traveled for long distances through shallow lakes and the mud in many places was all but impassable. The Reo, however, plowed through without a whimper. We did not decide until just before leaving Salt Lake what route we would follow to the coast, but finally decided upon the Lincoln Highway as being in better condition after the rains. We were glad afterward that we had made the choice.

"Our running time into San Francisco was 28 hours, 25 minutes for the 853 miles, and this included the climb to more than 9,000 feet at the Tahoe Summit, besides surmounting two or three very considerable heights intervening between the Utah capital and the California state line.

"Dave Fassett, at present manager of the service department for the Reo in Los Angeles, is a veteran transcontinental driver himself, and he rode with me as relief driver. The two of us agreed after the trip that more than 1,700 miles that we had never experienced a harder grind, nor more difficult going. However, the fact that we averaged about 31 miles an hour, elapsed time for the entire trip explains many of the discomforts experienced.

"Road improvement is a vital necessity for much of the country we traveled through, but once work is started the back country is due for a big boom and it will not be many years before motorists will be making coast-to-coast trips over almost the same routes we followed, finding comfortable hotels and restaurants along the way, and mechanical economy that is unequalled anywhere in the world."

N. A. D. A. Will Hear Dodge Sales Manager On Things Factory Can Do For Dealer to Maintain Stability

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29.—Legitimate fields in which automobile factories and dealers can cooperate and the line of demarcation between factory and dealer interests have long been a subject of discussion in the motor vehicle industry. In the early days it was regarded as the manufacturer's problem to make the best motor vehicle he could at the lowest cost and the dealer's problem to find a buyer for it. Then gradually there began to be an awakening of the necessity of cooperation between factory and dealer interests until today factory dealer relations are an extremely important subject in the conduct of a manufacturing plant.

A discussion of the various things a factory can do for its dealers and what it can't do will be made at the Seventh Annual Convention of the National Automobile Dealers Association at Chicago, January 29, 1924, by John A. Nichols, Jr., of Detroit, general sales manager of Dodge Brothers, one of the largest manufacturers in the business. While Mr. Nichols' subject will be "Dodge Brothers and Its Dealers," his message in a way will summarize the program that he is running throughout the world toward maintaining dealer stability and prosperity.

In his sales promotion department, which is regarded as one of the most advanced maintained, Dodge Brothers constantly impress upon the dealer that he is running that amount to an automobile department store. Five separate and distinct divisions of the business are recognized and classified: new labor sales, service parts sales, and car sales, used car sales, service accessory sales and it is insisted that each one of these departments must be operated at a profit.

Three years ago Dodge Brothers adopted a standardized accounting system and use of this system by its dealers has been made compulsory. This was done primarily with the purpose of showing the dealer how his five departments are getting on and where effort must be applied to stop his losses. According to a recent announcement by the factory it was said that "Dodge Brothers dealers had installed a flat rate which is linked the service problem through now in practically universal operation and we are going after the used car problem. This last is naturally a question of individual treatment very largely but there are certain fundamentals which we believe apply universally and we propose to see that this department of the dealers business receives the intelligent handling that it deserves.

Mr. Nichols is largely in charge of this work for the factory and will tell at the National Dealers meeting how these things are being brought about. Mr. Nichols was in newspaper and advertising work for twelve years, was with the Franklin Motor Company for five years at first in its advertising department, then as northwest sales manager, manager of branch houses and a retail dealer. He has been with the Dodge Brothers organization ten years, first as district representative at Seattle, then at New York, later director of field operations and two years ago he was made general sales manager.

The National Automobile Dealers Association Convention is open to all dealers whether or not members of the association. Special reduced rates of a fare and one-half round trip have been granted by the railroads to members of the association.

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Is Predicted That Production for 1924 Will Be Around Five Million; Stunning Gray Group Announced

By ROY C. HAYES
Universal Service Special Correspondent.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 29.—Prospect for another record-breaking year loom bright as the automobile industry looks forward to 1924. Manufacturers, from Ford right down the line to the smallest producer, are preparing for bigger things. Schedules are not being based on hope and visionary conjectures but on facts that are the fruits of keen study and investigation. Twenty-four years of experience has taught the industry many things and not the least of these is the danger which results from "over shooting" and production work stoppages of the last four years in particular are serving as signal guides to the executives in their round table conferences of 1924 plans.

One fact seems granted. More cars and trucks will be made in 1924 than were made in 1923. Despite the remarkable feat accomplished this year in the production of four million vehicles, motor leaders predict that the new year's demands will require an even greater output during the coming twelve months. They base the statement on many facts.

Reasons for Optimism.
1. The general prosperity of the United States and the improving conditions in all foreign countries.
2. The very evident fact that the automobile of today offers a greater dollar for dollar value than at any time in its history. Prices are lower than they have ever been.
3. Once an automobile owner always owns one. There are now approximately 13,000,000 motor vehicles in service. Experts set the number of replacements for the new year at three million.
4. The fact that the farm market and the foreign field have scarcely been scratched.
5. The fact, too, that the industry brought out new models in the last half of 1923 and nearing capacity as they go into the new year.

The all-time record for "bumper" buying. A more even distribution of sales throughout the year which is proving helpful to the manufacturer, dealer and consumer.
7. The sudden increase in closed car popularity, which will cause many who bought open cars to buy another car in 1924—and this time a closed car.
8. The increasing number of good roads and the fact that even on any of the better known cars may be obtained in practically every community.
9. Ford's contemplated production of ten thousand cars and trucks a day, starting in the spring.
10. The general optimism, assurance and confidence that prevails throughout the industry and its sales organization and the constantly growing interest that the public is displaying in motor cars.

Five Million Probable.
How many cars then will be produced in 1924? That is a question that the majority of manufacturers evade. After glancing at the schedules prepared by many of the larger makers, I believe that the 1924 grid will closely approach the five-million mark.

Ford should produce about 55 per cent of this total of general motors, Studebaker, Dodge Brothers, Willys-Overland and Hudson-DeSoto will take care of approximately 20 per cent. Other companies, many of whom do not aspire to quantity production, will care for the remainder.

This column makes the exclusive announcement today of the new Gray group for 1924. Through the courtesy of Frank Klingensmith and Rex Glasson, I was privileged to be the first visitor to see the new Gray line. The public will get its first glimpse of the new cars at the New York show opening Saturday.

ALL WEATHER TREAD TIRE NEEDED FOR WINTER—BANDLE

"With winter at hand, every car owner should think about his tires," says C. C. Randa of this city.

Winter, with its slippery pavements calls for careful driving and there's much to consider, where the right kind of tire traction will save the motorist many uneasy hours behind the wheel.

"Packard is bringing out a new single six equipped with internal expanding four-wheel brakes. The price has been increased \$190. The factory claims that the change in price really amounts to a reduction when the number of improvements are considered. The transmission has been made heavier than that of the former single six and the same improved type of gear used in the straight sight has been adopted. Heavier construction is used in the wheels, which are of the artillery type, adding much to the appearance of the car.

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STORAGE BATTERY IS PART OF CAR THAT NEVER RESTS

The storage battery in an automobile is the one living thing that never rests even though the balance of the car may be idle. It is the life, the heart of the machine.

This was the statement of Kenneth Paulk, of this city, Wichita Falls Battery Co., local Willard dealer, in discussing the proper care of this vital part of the automobile.

"Electro-chemical change is taking place in the battery cells all the time, just as the human heart keeps on pumping during sleep. Especially during the winter months it is dangerous to neglect the heart of the motor car.

"As the power goes out, the danger of freezing the battery increases. The sulphuric acid component of the electrolyte, in a fully charged battery, will keep the water component from freezing except at a very low temperature.

"But let the battery run down, and it is likely to freeze any day. Once frozen, a battery is seldom worth the cost of repairing," Mr. Paulk says.

to another seeking tractor, Goodyear has retained the All-Weather Tread for almost twenty-five years. There must be some reason why Goodyear, a pioneer in the rubber industry, has not changed the original All-Weather Tread with which it started.

Mother Can Be It.
"Oh, look, father! That man just changed 25 cents into a six handkerchief!"
"That's nothing, child! Your mother can very easily convert \$10 into a hat."—LeBire (Paris).

They Can Kick Them.
German taverns are selling drinkable at prohibitive prices, we read, but the real distress won't come till they begin charging prohibition prices.—San Diego Union.

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BALLOON TIRES AND 4-WHEEL BRAKES OPTIONAL—MARMON

After many months experimenting, the Fordyce & Marmon Company, of Indianapolis, Ind., motor factors of Marmon automobiles, has announced the adoption of balloon tires as standard equipment at a slight additional cost on all Marmon models.

This new announcement places the Marmon motor car in a position relative to other motor car manufacturing concerns. Both the specially designed Marmon four-wheel brakes and balloon tires now available on all Marmon cars as optional equipment, some have not adopted the four-wheel brakes at all others have made balloon tires standard equipment and still others have not adopted them. This combination in which place Marmon in such an advantageous position.

Marmon engineers and officials have recognized the fact that some people want balloon tires but do not want four-wheel brakes and vice versa. Many motorists do not desire to change their driving habits and therefore they prefer to combine with the standard four-wheel brakes and the standard tire.

New Cause for Alarm.
"I'd look like a good fish, Mrs. Mahon, but will you kindly tell me what your father has got?"
"Oh, can't rightly remember as to what, but sure it was nothing serious."—Life.

Willard or Not—Come to Us

The man who has in his car some other battery than a Willard, is no less welcome here on that account.

We are always glad to consult with you about any battery problem, regardless of the make you own.

We want to thank one and all for your past patronage and hope to serve you through the new year with even greater efficiency.

Call in and see us about all battery and electrical troubles.

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Willard STORAGE BATTERIES



1923-1924

A NEW EPOCH in BUICK HISTORY

The year ending has been one of triumph for Buick; unexcelled by any previous year in Buick history. Ranking third among motor car manufacturers, Ford included, the factory now has a production of 23,000 cars monthly, a new record, even for Buick.

Several reasons are apparent for Buick's leadership, for over a long period of successful operation, 1923 has been significant mainly because Buick is now producing the finest car in all its history.

New and attractive body lines; 4-wheel brakes on all models; the known dependability of the Buick valve-in-head motor; new lowered prices; these are among the reasons for Buick's popularity among knowing motorists.

Buick will again take the lead for 1924 and as Buick dealers we will lend every effort to fulfill the high standards of Buick service set by the factory and Buick dealers everywhere. We appreciate the splendid business given us in 1923 and hope to merit a continuance of your cooperation in the years to come.

DIXON MOTOR CO.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS
 Phone 4111 Seventh and Scott

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REFINEMENTS MAKE NEW REO CLOSED MODEL POPULAR

Many national refinements are embodied in the new line of closed Reos for 1926. Reo closed models emphasize more than ever the outstanding features of the Reo...

DIES AND TOOLS FOR TUDOR SEDAN MADE IN 8 WEEKS

The die-making division of the Ford Motor Company set a remarkable record when within eight weeks it designed and manufactured a complete set of dies and tools necessary for the production of the new Tudor Sedan body...

Its Worth a Bonus to Wear Hand Knit Sox

Just been reading in the Literary Digest what both sides have to say for and against the Bonus. Now, while nothing I would say would be quoted as what you say for Political purposes, especially on a Presidential year, still my opinions on the Bonus question are not issued after first taking the opinions of any Constituents, and then stringing with the majority...



The Disabled ones and divide it according to the affliction. The more serious getting the most. This disabled money would not have to be paid to them at once. It could be left with the Government and paid in yearly installments...

Splendid Record of Efficiency Made By Wichita Falls Police Department During Past Year

Although seriously handicapped by a very small budget and a minimum number of officers, the Wichita Falls police department has made an excellent record during the last nine months, according to reports given out by Police Chief George Hodgins Saturday...

TRAFFIC CHIEFS ENDORSE BRAKES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—No development in the automobile industry has won from the traffic chiefs of the country such a hearty endorsement as the announcement of four-wheel brakes, according to clippings collected by the Buick Motor Car Company...

OAKLAND USED BY OLDEST DRIVER IN WORLD, WHO IS 100

Today is not only the day of youth but the day of age turned youth. Age is keeping the spirit of youth because it is doing the things that youth likes to do...

DIXON MOTOR CO. SELLS 100 BUICKS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1

With approximately 100 sales since the announcement on September 1, of the new Buick models, the Dixon Motor Company reports one of the biggest years in the history of the local Buick agency...

WTAM SERVES AS LOST AND FOUND BUREAU RECENTLY

WTAM, radio broadcasting station of the Williams Storage Battery Company, Cleveland, Ohio, has served as a lost and found bureau recently...

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPENING OF THE Queen City Grocery and Market

804 Polk St. Phone 2464 FORMERLY THE MIDWAY GRO. & MARKET

HOT WATER AND GAS WASTE

A common way of wasting natural gas is through misuse of the water tank. The great convenience of a constant supply of hot water is enjoyed only where gas is available, and the continuous use of the burner offers opportunity to waste gas...

Advertisement for Lone Star Gas Co. featuring a diagram of a water tank burner system and text: 'LONE STAR GAS CO. DALLAS, TEXAS'.

THE NEW YEAR

Dawns. Already we see its enlightening promise of future Happiness and Prosperity. So here's wishing you your share.

Advertisement for W. E. Bernhard, Civil Engineers & Surveyors, 308 City Natl. Bank Bldg., Phone 4800-3786.

Advertisement for Queen City Grocery and Market, 804 Polk St., Phone 2464, formerly Midway Gro. & Market.

Advertisement for Lone Star Gas Co., Dallas, Texas, featuring a diagram of a water tank burner system and text: 'LONE STAR GAS CO. DALLAS, TEXAS'.

GUY ROGERS SEEKS ELECTION AS JUDGE OF 78TH DISTRICT

Judge Guy Rogers, who has served the county for 14 months, has announced his candidacy for the 78th district court judge...

GUY RALEY ASKS FOR SECOND TERM AS TAX COLLECTOR

Guy C. Raley, who has served the county for 11 years as tax collector, has announced his candidacy for re-election...

B. D. SARTIN ASKS SECOND TERM AS JUDGE OF COUNTY

Judge B. D. Sartin, head of the commissioners' court, has announced his candidacy for re-election as county judge...

Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Three Was Quiet Year Politically In Wichita County; Ramblings of 1924

Politically, as far as the county is concerned, the year 1923 was a very quiet one. The greater portion of the year was spent in sifting down the political promises...

WAYNE SOMERVILLE IS CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

Wayne Somerville, who has served the people of Wichita county for the past four years as an active assistant in the county attorney's office...

JUDGE P. A. MARTIN IS CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE OF THE 8TH DISTRICT

Judge P. A. Martin, who has been judge of the 8th district court for the past four years, has announced his candidacy for re-election...

ALMA Y. MILLER ASKS FOR SECOND TERM OF OFFICE

Mrs. Alma Y. Miller, in announcing her candidacy for re-election as county clerk, has presented the record of her first year's tenure...

As Your Doctor Ordered!

Advertisement for Wilford Harrison Drug Co. featuring the slogan 'As Your Doctor Ordered!' and 'WE DELIVER'.

A. F. KERR TO BE CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT CLERK

A. F. Kerr, a resident of Wichita county for the past 13 years, and intimately known in all parts of the county, has announced his candidacy...

LON A. SMITH TO BE CANDIDATE FOR R. R. COMMISSION

Austin, Dec. 28.—Comptroller Lon A. Smith today announced his candidacy for a position on the state railroad commission...

INDIA TIRES

Advertisement for India Tires, mentioning 'AMERICA'S BEST' and 'JOE A. SEAY, M. D.' as a contact.

PATENT

Advertisement for Patent services, mentioning 'ENGINEERING' and 'WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS'.

Park Inn Cafe

Advertisement for Park Inn Cafe, featuring 'IOWA PARK BIG TURKEY DINNER SUNDAY 50c'.

POSITIONS

Advertisement for positions, mentioning 'Draughts' and 'Secured or tuition refunded'.

CHARLES VERSCOYLE BACK FROM EASTERN TRIP

Charles Verscoyle, secretary of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair Association, arrived home from the east Saturday...

UNITED STATES SENATOR MARRIES BOSTON WOMAN

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—United States Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon and Miss Cornelia Morton of Boston were married quietly today...

MR. FARMER: WERE STILL BUYING TURKEYS

Advertisement for turkeys, mentioning 'PHONE OR WRITE' and 'Wichita Pecan & Hide Co.'.

Your Choice

Monday and Tuesday of any of our velvet and sport hats in lot number 1.

Groups of Velvets

That are usually good looking, in all colors and attractively designed, formerly selling at \$10 and \$15.

Spring Hats

A number of new spring hats have arrived and are now on display.

J. P. JACKSON IS AGAIN CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

J. P. Jackson, well known resident of Wichita Falls, who has served the Wichita Falls precinct as a county commissioner for several years...

DR. WAKTINS, Dentist

Advertisement for Dr. Waktins, Dentist, featuring '17 Years Experience' and 'High-class dental work'.

Dr. G. H. Hampshire

Advertisement for Dr. G. H. Hampshire, featuring 'Practice Limited to Skin and Venereal'.

Dr. M. H. Glover

Advertisement for Dr. M. H. Glover, featuring 'X-RAY, RADIUM and CLINICAL LABORATORIES'.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

is a modest estimate you can save in one year, by depositing regularly at our Savings Department.

STATE TRUST CO.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: W. H. RUFF, President; W. F. WARR, Vice President.

1923's TEST OF 1924's PROMISES

Advertisement for The First National Bank, featuring 'We're willing for you to measure this bank's promise of service in 1924'.

Advertisement for Security National Bank, featuring '1923 is Drawing to a Close' and 'OUR NEW HOME'.

Progress

Our progress has been consistent and constant since 1890. As you look into the New Year anticipating, among other things, the widening of business friendship...

Advertisement for City National Bank, featuring 'We invite you' and 'Since 1890'.

Advertisement for DR. WAKTINS, Dentist, featuring '17 Years Experience' and 'High-class dental work'.

Advertisement for FAITH OPTICAL CO., featuring 'EYES TESTED' and 'GLASSES FITTED'.

Advertisement for Moving and Baggage Transfer services.

Advertisement for Dr. G. H. Hampshire, featuring 'Practice Limited to Skin and Venereal'.

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A TIMES WANT AD WILL SELL IT QUICK