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W. M. S. SOCIETY HOLDS PARTY OF SURPRISES

Annual Social Meeting Held With Mrs. C. W. Johnson Proves an Enjoyable Affair.

The W. M. S., who as a body, is noted for its many happy afternoons spent in social session, as well as for its work of love and Christian neighborliness, outdid even itself on New Year's day, when it had been arranged to surprise our efficient and zealous president with a New Year's party. All who could possibly arrange to go were present promptly and with beaming countenance our hostess met us, recognizing us almost directly as a part of that great band of women who are doing things through the "Spirit of Love."

After all had assembled a short program, which had been previously arranged, was carried out. Mrs. Crim gave a piano number which delighted all present. There is nothing sweeter than those dear old instrumental selections, which the young generation of today have never learned, and when played by one who hath music in her heart as well as her fingers, as Mrs. Crim evidently has, from her execution, it is heavenly to sit and listen.

Next was William Pitt-Palmer's short story, told humorously in poetry of "The Smack in School," Mrs. Widmayer giving the number in a manner that especially delighted her hearers.

Miss Carrie Dow charmed her audience with several sweet piano selections. She is a very charming young lady and the Society appreciated her presence on this occasion.

Mrs. Bowman next announced a speech to be made by herself, stating by way of explanation to the hostess that her speech was written and that she was not going to say anything which she did not know she was going to say before she came. She again surprised Mrs. Johnson by presenting to her, in behalf of the Society, an exquisite piece of china. Mrs. Bowman spoke as follows:

"When I was called on for this honor this afternoon, I hesitated, because I knew I would not do the subject justice. It has been said, and I think truly, that 'some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.' The last applies to me. I feel great because of the greatness of my subject—woman, and is there a greater?"

"In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, you will find the first mention of woman, one who was entitled to be called 'The First Lady of the Land.' You will read that the Creator 'saw everything that He made, and behold it was very good—and he rested.' Then He made man and said 'he was good—and He rested.' He then made woman out of the rib of man, but no mention is made of His remarks or of His resting, in fact there has been no rest for mankind ever since. You will readily see from the very creation that woman has ever been a tireless worker; and note what wonderful things have been accomplished by man under her guidance and admonition. Man might just as well admit 'Dis-mise our bondage as we will, woman, woman rules us

still.' However my subject this afternoon is not what women have done in History of the Past, in the Field of Battle, as Sweet Sisters of Charity who in scenes of misery and woe seem Heaven's chosen messengers on earth, nor women who are good daughters, loyal wives, and faithful mothers, but of ONE WOMAN who is our very own, our beloved President, Mrs. Johnson.

"Mrs. Johnson, in your long, continuous service as President of this Society, in your tireless efforts in our behalf, in your wise leadership, in your kind, courteous treatment of each of its members, and in your sacrificial work for the Society, we want to express our love and appreciation. We love you. We desire to pledge our love, support and loyalty for the New Year. May you still continue in the work for the Master and when all is over, receive the well done, good and faithful servant and receive a crown filled with brightest stars. With love we present you this small token."

Mrs. Johnson, though so touched by the beautiful tribute to her loyalty and efficient work, replied in a few graceful words.

Mrs. A. M. Graham then arose and crossing to where Mrs. Burkett, our never-tiring treasurer sat, gave her a piece of china, the exact counterpart of Mrs. Johnson's in point of quality and beauty. In presenting the gift to Mrs. Burkett Mrs. Graham said: "Mrs. Burkett, allow me to present you with an offering from the members of our Missionary Society, which is a slight token of the very high esteem in which you are held by us and is a faint expression of our appreciation of your long and faithful service as treasurer of our Society. We trust you may continue to act as our treasurer through this and on through coming years, and that you will accept it along with the very best wishes of this bright New Year."

Mrs. Burkett made a surprised but appreciative acceptance. It then became the part of the "surpriser" to be surprised, for our Publicity Superintendent had not been forgotten, and Mrs. Widmayer having been selected to make the presentation speech delivered to Mrs. Bowman both the talk and the gift—an electric iron. Following is Mrs. Widmayer's presentation speech: "When I was a little girl in Virginia my old black mammy used to say 'Whenever anything happens two times, it am bound to happen agin.' Now I am persuaded that mammy Lucy's prophecy is coming true on this occasion at least. Since surprises seem to be the order of the day, and we have already had two, why I just think we will have a third one. Did Mrs. Bowman think she had all the surprises coming? Well, she hasn't for I have one too."

This delightful afternoon's program would seem incomplete did we not acknowledge and do honor to the Publicity Superintendent of our Society.

"She has been an efficient member in every capacity which she has been asked to assume. With her ready wit and buoyant spirit she has taught us 'that to be a genuine "Christian" one need not forsake the house of Mirth.' She

has been an inspiration, as well as a bulwark of strength and energy. Not being gifted with a silver tongue or brilliant wit myself, two things entirely necessary to the popular speaker, I shall not tire you with 'much talking' but will ask Mrs. Bowman to accept this electric iron as a gift from Mrs. Graham, through the Society, and may the very nature of the gift be a catalogue of the love and good feeling we bear you, Mrs. Bowman.

"May its usefulness first appeal to you as you do to us—one we can not do without—may its electric flashes be as bright as your wit; its heating capacity as warm as your Christian love, and its bright exterior only rival your charming personality, and last, but not least, may you neither ever get so overcharged as to be unmanageable."

Mrs. Bowman replied, but her wit was not so sparkling as usual. The "surprise" had acted as a "boomerang" you see.

It was indeed a charming surprise to each guest when Mrs. John Gay and Mrs. Eugene Crouch of McKinney, both daughters of the house, entered, bearing plates of tempting salad sandwiches and fragrant tea, after which Rosemary Bowman rendered a pleasing piano number.

Many are the happy thoughts in reviewing the events of the afternoon and we hope to be enthused anew with the importance of the "Womans Home Mission" work.

A Member of the Society.

Miss Finch Entertains.

Miss Bessie Finch entertained a number of her friends at her home on South Cherry street on Saturday evening, Dec. 27, from 8 to 11 o'clock. Progressive Rook and Bunco were played, Miss Sallie Jackson winning the prize.

Misses Emily Rehders and Beulah Bell furnished delightful music and little W. T. Douglas amused the young people very much with his cute chatter. After a late hour delicious hot chocolate, cake and sandwiches and candy were served by Mrs. Finch, assisted by Mrs. Douglas and Miss Nola Adair.

Those present were: Misses Sallie Jackson, Artie Norman, Berenice Miller, Emily Rehders, Ethel Gilmore, Louise Fulp, Mary Wallace, Jaunita Adair, Nola Adair, Beulah Bell, Kate Arnold, Myrtle Woolfolk, Eloise Morrison, Katherine Craig, and Messrs. Richard Williams, R. F. Short, Jr., Sherrill Norris, J. C. Rickman, Boyd Shannon, Spencer Mayes, Elver Stone and Jim Logan.

Senior Quartette.

The Senior Quartette of the Graham High School met last Saturday night at the home of Mr. Jackson for the purpose of resuming their work again, under the direction of Miss Ethel Rogers.

This quartette was organized in 1911 and although slight changes have been made each year, it is the same as it was in the year of its organization, with the exception that Holt takes Morrison's place. The boys stand as follows: Bill Johnson, first tenor; Scarbrough Mabry, second tenor; Joe Wootton, first bass; Albert Holt, second bass.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR COUNTY OFFICES

For Tax Collector.

J. E. PARSONS
Mr. J. E. Parsons requests us to announce that he will be a candidate for re-election to the office of tax collector. Mr. Parsons has already served the county for four years and has made an efficient, courteous, and obliging officer. He is well qualified to fill the office, not merely from natural ability but from the fact of that long service. He will appreciate your support for re-election.

For Tax Assessor.

M. P. McCracken
In submitting the name of M. P. McCracken for the office of tax assessor we present you a man who stands well, not only in his home town, Olney, but throughout Young county. Mr. McCracken is first a business man, and if elected to the office of assessor will give the office that business ability which he gives to all his undertakings. He solicits your support and influence for election to the office to which he aspires.

For Sheriff.

MAL M. WALLACE
We are requested to announce the candidacy of Mal M. Wallace for sheriff of Young county. Mr. Wallace is a young man, well suited to the duties that devolve upon a sheriff and if elected he will be a competent, fearless, and careful officer. He is well known in this county, having made the race for this office two years ago, and asks your support in the coming election.

A. H. JONES

Mr. A. H. Jones, one of the county's best known citizens, requests us to announce this week that he is a candidate for sheriff. Mr. Jones has for several years been commissioner of precinct number one and has been in public life for quite a while. He will make an excellent sheriff, one who can be depended on to look after the duties of the office. He submits his past record as an evidence that your trust in him for the future will not be misplaced.

For Representative

E. W. FRY
E. W. Fry, County Judge of Young County, announces his candidacy this week for representative of the 99th district, comprising Young and Jack counties. Judge Fry has been county judge of this county for the past six years and before election to that office was our county surveyor. He is a man liked by all with whom he has dealings; is a good public official, politician enough to get a hearing in any legislative halls and altogether a suitable man for the place of representative. He trusts you may see fit to cast your ballot for him on July 25th.

For County Attorney.

C. FAY MARSHALL
In the announcement column this week appears the name of Mr. Fay Marshall, who seeks re-election to the office of county attorney. Mr. Marshall has served one term in this office and has made a record for being always on the job. He has prosecuted without fear or favor, friend and foe alike, and has always taken the welfare of the

county and its citizens into consideration in his work. We believe he will be as faithful to duty in the future as he has during this first term. He will appreciate your support in the primary election.

For Commissioner, Precinct 1.

G. D. HINSON
We take pleasure in announcing this week the candidacy of Mr. G. D. Hinson for the office of commissioner of Precinct 1, and wish to assure the voters of this precinct that while as good a man might be found for the place we believe there is none better. Mr. Hinson has been tax assessor of the county for the past four years, has traveled all over the county numbers of times and appreciates the value of good roads. We believe this precinct will have good roads if he is elected our commissioner.

Pleasant Moments Spent.

Young County Camp No. 127, U. C. V. met in regular session at the Court House in Graham Saturday afternoon, January 3, 1914. Twenty-seven of the South's Civil War Veterans, together with quite a number of their friends were present. The meeting was called to order by the Adjutant of the Camp, and a very appropriate prayer was offered by Rev. S. D. Cook.

There being no business of importance to be attended to by the Camp, the time was consumed by listening to an address delivered by our townsman, Dr. R. A. Duncan, his subject being, "The Private Soldier." The plain and forceful manner in which the Doctor handled his subject, together with the truths that he spoke, made the address very interesting and pleasing to the Veterans present. They, themselves knowing by war experiences, that every word spoken by the Doctor relative to the private soldier was the truth, and nothing but the truth.

Judge E. W. Fry was to have made an address at this time, but owing to the death of his little niece he could not be present. The remainder of the time was spent in listening to Comrades S. D. Cook and H. L. Groner relating some of their hardships and trying experiences during the Civil War; the effects of which no one can fully realize, only those who had similar experiences.

A vote of thanks was tendered Doctor Duncan for his able address, and for the tender feelings of friendship and great respect that he has for the Confederate Veterans. A vote of thanks was also tendered Mrs. William Johnson for honoring us with her presence, after which the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Gaines B. Hall. F. HERRON, Adjt.

Wade-Moran.

Tuesday night Mr. Bryan Wade and Miss Maggie Moran of Henry Chapel droye up to the home of Rev. Gaines B. Hall, where they were married about 9 o'clock.

These young people are from two of the most prominent and highly respected families in the Chapel and have a host of good friends there who join us in wishing for them a life filled with success and happiness. They will make their home in Henry Chapel.

FAREWELL PARTY TO MRS. MAYES

On last Friday afternoon Mrs. W. T. Finch and Mrs. Douglass, her daughter, gave a farewell party to Mrs. Homer Mayes, who leaves in a few days for Tyler, Texas.

Cheery and bright was the circle of merry "Don't Worries" and several other of Mrs. Mayes' special friends, who gathered on that charming occasion, each with some dainty piece of hand work, with which, however, we were not long allowed to occupy our time as the hostess had prepared several unique and altogether fascinating contests, which instantly put us all to exercising our wits. The first was an entirely new contest, a character sketch of ourselves, in which papers were given out with questions to be answered with words beginning with the initial of the lady writing, and which is not such an easy matter after all. Mrs. Widmayer's paper scored highest and she was awarded a bow of ribbon in the club colors. The next was a flower contest, and wits went wool gathering for the most of us but Mesdames Virgil Eddlemaff and Nat Price were more sensitive to suggestion than the others and secured correct answers to all the questions, and they too, were awarded dainty bows in club colors. The three favors were highly prized by the ladies winning them.

The hostess served a most tempting course consisting of sandwiches, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, cheese dice and coffee, with that delicious aroma that makes one and all forget resolutions to abstain from coffee drinking, and enjoy it immensely.

Mrs. John B. Wood assisted in the serving. After the plates had been removed, Mrs. James Porter entered, carrying a package, tied in holiday ribbon, and after making a touching talk to Mrs. Mayes, Mrs. Porter presented the package, with the admonition to not forget the "Don't Worries."

When Mrs. Mayes opened the package there was a gift from every lady present as well as from several who could not come, each bearing a card with some word of love, and regret at her departure.

Following this came an impromptu program which came near eclipsing all that had gone before. Mesdames W. I. Tidwell, John T. Cunningham, John H. Wood and McCain gave some readings which were exceedingly humorous, and if you don't believe the ladies are O. K. entertainers, just secure an invitation to the "Don't Worry" Club and be your own judge of the matter, provided they will honor you by giving you an exhibition of their talent.

An Appreciative Guest.

Vaden-Richardson.

On last Sunday, Jan. 4th, at the home of T. A. Richardson, Mr. Edd Vaden of Gooseneck and Miss Ola Richardson were united in marriage, Rev. G. W. Black officiating.

Mr. Vaden is one of the highly respected young men of the Gooseneck community. Miss Ola was one of our choicest young ladies and Mr. Vaden is to be congratulated on winning such a prize.

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A. L. BRANTLEY
C. FAY MARSHALL

For Public Weigher:
S. W. RATCLIFFE
JOE T. CARTER

For Commissioner, Precinct 1:
G. D. (Dillard) HINSON

Horace Fain of Graham visited Sunday with his brother, Oscar and attended the Sunday school at this place.

Mrs. R. L. Reed and daughter, Miss Florence and Mrs. Raymond Reed of Graham visited relatives in this community Tuesday.

Lucille and Lois Cook spent Saturday night with their aunt, Mrs. Katie Shipley in Graham. Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin attended Sunday services here.

D. L. Wallace returned to his home at Stephenville Saturday, after visiting a few weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. J. Parsons.

Mrs. Vena Cook was not able to attend Sunday school.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor and daughter Maggie and Miss Artie Myers spent last Friday at E. D. Burton's.

Mesdames Trafton and Lawrence of Graham visited last week with Will True and wife Lud Martin and family took

supper at J. M. Taylor's Sunday night.

Misses Georgia Burton, Maggie Taylor and Artie Myers called on Lona Corley Friday afternoon.

We are very glad to have you with us Jolly Girl. Are you still climbing hills? Believe me, there is some class to climbing hills this kind of weather.

Bro. Dellinger took supper at Mr. Hodges' and preached for us Sunday night.

Rev. Roark and family visited in Ming Bend Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parsons visited J. P. Hodges and family Friday, and R. W. J. Parsons and family Friday night.

Well, if I don't hurry and send this letter off the waste basket will catch it.

Candy Kid.

Loving.

There is greater activity on the farms now since it has quit raining so much and everybody is turning the soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Wyatt gave a New Year's dinner to a number of their friends last Thursday. They all seemed to enjoy themselves very hugely.

Among those present were Mrs. Taylor and family, Grandpa and Grandma Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Holoman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rubenkoenig, Mr. and Mrs. Milton, a brother of Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wheat.

Grandma Stovall has been very sick with lagrippe. Her daughter, Mrs. McCluer, of Megargel, is with her.

Mrs. Cornelius of Perrin, Jack county, mother of Mrs. John Lusk, left for her home last Friday after visiting her daughter and family during the holidays.

I see The Reporter has a new Correspondent from Monument and who starts out right by agitating the good roads question. We too, would be glad to see more road machinery, especially a heavy roller in the sections where they are needed.

A good heavy roller would be the proper thing to be used right after the grader, and on all roads that are now graded.

Mrs. Emily Padgett and son Willie, of Dallas were visiting relatives in this section during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Moore of Bryson are visiting their son, Henry Moore and family. Dr. Hughes brought them down in his car. Dr. Hughes is attending Mr. Moore's sick girl, who has tonsillitis.

The Loving school will organize a literary society next Friday night at the School Auditorium.

D. Dickenson was very painfully hurt last Monday by being kicked by a mule.

Dr. Winstead of Spanishfort, Montague county, is prospecting in Loving with a view to locating.

Ed and Truman Parsons came up from Graham last Monday to take the train for Megargel, but just as they got to the depot the train was pulling out for the west and Ed said the scene reminded him of the song, "Good by my lover good by." They returned to Graham Monday evening.

Mr. A. P. Maples, west of Loving, had a stroke of paralysis a few days ago and is very low. His children are all at his bedside. Mr. Maples is one of the most highly esteemed men of this section and it is hoped by his many friends that he may soon recover.

A basket ball game was played by the Loving school team against a team from Jean, resulting in a victory for the Loving boys.

The Loving band boys will be on hand next Monday at Graham to play for the big crowd.

Correspondent.

Live Oak.

Bro. Newsome held services at the Baptist church Saturday and Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and daughter, Miss Ellen of Johnson county visited at Mr. J. D. Bowling's a few days last week.

Miss Cora Rhodes of Olney has been visiting Miss Edith Walsh for a few weeks.

The young folks enjoyed a pleasant afternoon Sunday at J. D. Bowling's.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin returned Saturday from a visit to the east.

Mr. Davidson and wife went to Graham Saturday.

More Anon.

Indian Mound.

Hello Mr. Editor, did you miss me from among the other Correspondents last week? I got the news ready and then the postmistress at this station let our mail carrier get by before she got the mail fixed up.

Sunday school and prayer meeting Sunday was very well attended.

H. G. Frie spent Sunday in Newcastle.

Mrs. G. W. McCommas visited Misses Lou and Grace James Sunday afternoon.

E. H. Stockings of Red Top was here Sunday.

The play party at G. W. McCommas' Friday night was well attended and a nice time reported.

R. G. Taylor went to Newcastle with bobbies Saturday morning and to Graham Saturday afternoon.

Austin Bird and E. G. Williamson went to Graham Saturday.

Buster there is no danger of Plow Boy and the Kid having any trouble over our writeups. The Kid would turn him over to the good Lord and the cooks rather than have trouble. Bro. Plow Boy, do you honestly think that Buster could work up animosity or any other kind of hostility over that old shepherd dog, between us? I don't. If you will turn back and re-read my letter good you will see that I never said a man could not sin ignorantly. I only asked you the other question. I am still awaiting your answer.

There is no one who will agree with Plow Boy any more than I do concerning his school subject that he gave us last week.

Miss Brunette you were mistaken about me begging for permission to stand in the pond with Turkey Short. If you heard me begging during Christmas times at all it was for a division of Turkey Short's turkey.

Mr. Albert Graves of Orth was reported as a visitor in our community Sunday, but I won't tell what his mission down here was for fear the young school marm might get after me.

Mrs. R. G. Taylor visited Mrs. H. H. Stevens Monday.

Miss Jimmie Bird returned to Orth Sunday to reopen her school.

D. Bird has sold his farm and is expecting to move up about Ingleside or Olney. We will give the buyer's name when we get to where we can remember it long enough to write it down. I guess it's some of Plow Boy's (Dutchmans).

Jack o' Diamonds I thank you for taking care of Plow Boy for me during my absence. I have no objection to you being a Baptist, but in case you don't want to be one you had better keep out from under Plow Boy's Baptist vine and fig tree or else you will be like him you will gradually come across to the Baptists.

We wonder if that awful malady, church-prejudice, that we read about in The Reporter is contagious?

We guess the Baptist lady that told the preacher she was sanctified was a candidate for matrimony and just wanted to fool the parson.

G. M. James was hauling wheat to Graham Monday. News is as plentiful here as ever but it is now bed time so I must close. Kid.

Markley.

Our sick folks are improving. We had quite a number of

visitors during the holidays from different parts of the state and some from Jack county.

The Misses Logan came home from their different schools and spent the holidays with their parents.

Miss Annie Price from the Windhill school visited home folks during the holidays.

Dr. Conley and family of Red Springs came down a few days ago to be with old friends.

Mr. James Wallace and family of Petrolia and Lester Wallace and family of Graham were here several days visiting home folks.

On Christmas day Mr. Hilton Haven of Markley and Miss Genetta Norman of Bryson were married. I am well acquainted with both parties and predict a happy life for them. I wish them much success. On last Sunday they took dinner with Mrs. M. A. Stewart and were very happy.

If any of you should meet M. B. Pickens wandering around treat him nicely for he is a little bit off his base at this time—it's a girl.

W. J. Wright sold his farm east of Markley to a Mr. Arnold. We bid you welcome Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Baker, west of Markley sold his farm to Mr. McDonald of Jermyn.

The farmers are all at work preparing for the spring crop.

Mr. Moreland is doing good work in our school.

Some one last Thursday night tried to make a bon fire out of M. B. Pickens' gin but the fire was discovered in time to save the gin with but little damage. I care not who it was it was cowardly and mean.

Mr. H. O. Prideaux is a cripple again. This time he ran a mesquite thorn in his leg and erysipelas set up.

Homes for the homeless, Mr. Marks. Oh rot! 22 per cent of the people of these United States don't want a home, and if they had one they are too lazy to take care of it.

How many of you ever heard a Caliope. At one time they were very numerous on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. They are pipe organs played by steam and distance lends enchantment, even on water, and when I heard Bralley's name mentioned for governor I just thought of the Caliope. Bono.

Loans renewed. E. C. Stovall.

County Line.

Dear Editor, will you please make room for me this happy New Year's day, that I may give expression to a few simple thoughts which I deem appropriate to this occasion? I'm going to do so with a keen appreciation of the relations we

Correspondents have so long sustained with each other. The faculty of this band, and the world of affairs into which we are about to emerge, and with which we are henceforth to mingle, not knowing what is before us, but hoping for the best. We have been comrades for one happy year; a year of pleasure, of light and shade to all of us; we have enjoyed Correspondent-life in each others' society, I will venture to say, as well as any other band of writers that ever existed. What success we shall have in this new year, what victories we may win, the future alone can tell. For myself, and I think I may speak for all, what success we have won in the past year, our good editor has helped us to win; what we are going to do and the success we expect to have this new year our editor should have the praise, for without him at the helm we would not have very much success. It is with pleasure that I propose the toast to the editor of the West Texas Reporter: "long may he reign."

We are glad to report little Velma Moran able to be up and about again.

The men in this community have been putting in a new floor in the school house this week.

W. D. Barron and family, who moved to Strawn several months ago have moved back to Cedar Creek. We extend them a welcome.

It seems as though some of the boys have more buggies and teams than they have any use for as they are betting on them, or trying to at least, however, as the "bet" wasn't called, we have our opinion of what kind of a team and buggy it is.

B. P. Ritchey is engaged in breaking land preparing to make another crop. The last one, he says, this side of Corpus Christi.

Herron Newby and wife have lost very near all of their dishes while away visiting, by dogs getting into the house and breaking them. We think when dogs get this numerous they are a howling success, and should be given a good dose of cold lead.

John Alford and Robert Newby went deer hunting Tuesday but didn't kill anything larger than "time."

All right, Lost Willie, I'll send my cousin over to Center Ridge with the pockets for they have to be patched every week. You are welcome to the job, I'm sure, isn't she Candy Kid?

Goodness, here's my pencil, some one, dad has quit plowing, and he told me to carry in wood and water, and I haven't done either. I'm in for it all right. If you never see anything more from the pencil of this gifted (?) writer you may know that is what I received for disobeying dad.

Silver Bell.

Hunt.

We are having some pretty weather at last. Most of the farmers are turning the soil.

Charley Willis and family have moved to Mr. Prangle's place near Hunt school house.

J. T. Brown has bought a place for himself and is clearing some of it out.

Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. H. E. Clayton made a trip to Jean Tuesday.

Sallie Rayburn spent the day with Mrs. Henderson Tuesday. Since I last wrote the following weddings have taken place:

Mr. Homer Howard and Miss Ora Davis.

Mr. Guthbert Vernon and Miss Ethel Micheal.

Mr. Estell Butler and Miss Enley Bryant.

Mr. Bryant and family spent the day with Mr. Williams and family Sunday.

Mrs. Matthews and children and Mr. W. O. Rayburn and family and Millie and Ruth Henderson spent the day at the home of G. R. Smith on January first.

Mr. Estell Butler happened to some bad luck while filling up an old well with a scraper. One of the mules slipped and fell in the well, pulling the other one in after him. They fell 14 or 15 feet. Neither of them was hurt when they got them out, so far as they were able to tell.

Rosebud.

Weather for January.

1st to 5th, Cold Wave; 6th to 9th, Clear and pleasant; 10th to 13th, Slow rain, may Snow; 14th to 16th, Cold Wave; 17th to 21st, Snow or Rain; 22nd to 24th, Mild Wave; 25th to 28th, Cold Wave; 29th to 31st, Clear and Cold.

Prof. Brumment, who is the teacher at Ivan came down Friday night to spend until Sunday with Mrs. Brumment, who is teaching the Lower Tonk school.

Fyett Hamilton is working for T. C. Wadley.

Mr. J. F. Clark has returned home from Eastland county, where he visited his son, who was very sick. He reports his son better.

Mr. Buntin and Mrs. Bruce George have returned home after a visit to friends and relatives in Stephenville.

Mrs. Sam Jones called on Mrs. G. W. Gowens Saturday.

Bill Timmons returned home from a hunt near Padgett, but reported no game.

I saw Jesse Wadley on the road Sunday. Wonder where he was going?

Mrs. Willie Wadley and son, Master J. T., visited J. R. McClanahan a few days during the week.

Misses Eppie Moore and Alma George have been indisposed the past few days.

Mrs. Bill Timmons spent last week visiting in South Bend with her parents.

George Jones was making his usual trip up the road Sunday. We better both look out old boy.

Mrs. A. H. Jones visited with Mrs. A. A. Timmons Thursday.

Mrs. J. F. Clark and son and daughter, John Clark and Cora Jones went to visit their son and brother in Eastland county.

Miss Sallie Timmons and Mrs. Bill Timmons attended church at Upper Tonk Sunday.

Mr. Renick and little daughter are on the sick list. Hope they will soon be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood have returned home from near Bunker, where they have been visiting their children.

Mrs. Bill Wadley and Miss Effie were shopping in Graham one day last week.

Will ring off for the present and sleep a little so I will be able to study tomorrow, so good night. X. Y. Z.

Hunt.

We are having some pretty weather at last. Most of the farmers are turning the soil.

Charley Willis and family have moved to Mr. Prangle's place near Hunt school house.

J. T. Brown has bought a place for himself and is clearing some of it out.

Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. H. E. Clayton made a trip to Jean Tuesday.

Sallie Rayburn spent the day with Mrs. Henderson Tuesday. Since I last wrote the following weddings have taken place:

Mr. Homer Howard and Miss Ora Davis.

Mr. Guthbert Vernon and Miss Ethel Micheal.

Mr. Estell Butler and Miss Enley Bryant.

Mr. Bryant and family spent the day with Mr. Williams and family Sunday.

Mrs. Matthews and children and Mr. W. O. Rayburn and family and Millie and Ruth Henderson spent the day at the home of G. R. Smith on January first.

Mr. Estell Butler happened to some bad luck while filling up an old well with a scraper. One of the mules slipped and fell in the well, pulling the other one in after him. They fell 14 or 15 feet. Neither of them was hurt when they got them out, so far as they were able to tell.

Rosebud.

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Make Your Arrangements Now to Come to This Great Sale

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Several counters will be filled with goods worth from \$1.25 to \$5.00, which will be sold at choice for \$1.00. Sales at these counters will be fast and furious during every day of the sale.

- 1 Pure Silk Kimona, worth \$5.00, only . . . \$1.00
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- 1 Boy's \$5.00 Knickerbocker Suit . . . \$1.00
- 5 Pair Men's \$5.00 Florsheim-Shoes . . . \$1.00
- 22 Crepe and Fleeced Kimonas, choice . . . \$1.00
- 10 Ladies' Dresses, worth up to \$4.00, at . . . \$1.00
- 20 Misses' and Children's Dresses, choice . . . \$1.00
- 31 Ladies' Waists, worth up to \$3.00 at . . . \$1.00
- 27 Ladies' Trimmed Hats, regular prices up to \$4.00, choice at . . . \$1.00
- Misses' and Children's Trimmed Hats, at . . . \$1.00
- Children's Shoes, a big lot at only . . . \$1.00
- Men's Shirts, worth \$1.25 to \$1.75, choice . . . \$1.00
- Men's and Boys' Sweaters, worth up to \$2.25, choice only . . . \$1.00
- 50 Men's Hats, worth up to \$3.00, yours for \$1.00
- Dark Outing Flannel, extra special at 25 yards for . . . \$1.00
- Cotton Checks, 25 yards for . . . \$1.00
- Calico, sale price 25 yards for . . . \$1.00
- Light-colored Outing, full width, 14 yards . . . \$1.00

Extra heavy Outing, light and dark colors, at 12 yards for . . . \$1.00.
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 Dress Gingham, 10c quality at 12 yds. for . . . \$1.00
 Fine Dress Gingham, 12 1/2c quality, 11 yds. \$1.00
 11 Yards extra heavy Canton Flannel for . . . \$1.00
 14 Yards good Canton Flannel for . . . \$1.00
 17 Yards 36-inch LL unbleached domestic . . . \$1.00
 14 Yards 36-in. heavy unbleached domestic . . . \$1.00
 12 Yards heavy 10c Shirting for . . . \$1.00

Many other goods will also be included in this great ONE DOLLAR SALE.

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Every garment in this department must be sold at once, so we have cut the price so very low that every woman needing a Coat or Suit can easily afford to buy one.

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- \$12.50 and \$14.00 Coats and Suits now . . . \$8.95
- \$10.00 Coats on sale for only . . . \$6.75
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We have a complete stock in Button and Lace, in Gun Metal, Black Kid, Tan and Patent Leathers, all sizes and all kinds. You will probably need some new warm shoes to wear during the next two months of bad weather, so be sure to come to this sale and take advantage of the great saving in price.

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Sale Closes
Saturday
Jan. 17,
at
7 p. m.

Winter has just begun. You will need a lot of good, warm Clothing, Shoes, Underwear, Hats, Hosiery, Blankets, etc., during the next two months, so we urge you to come to this great sale and get some of the many bargains offered.

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Live News from our Correspondents

Salem.

For various reasons Salem was not represented in the last week's issue, but we are with you again, determined that Salem, one among the best communities in the county, shall be heard from occasionally at least.

Glad to say there is no sickness to report this week.

The weather is very unsettled, about as much so as affairs in Mexico. The insurgent elements rise up from the north and then from the south, then turn around and give us a broad side from the west, but even if the weather is a little tough, plowing and getting ready for planting is going forward very rapidly.

We got our wires crossed last week when we reported Mrs. J. M. Parker here; instead it was J. M. Parker and son Rolla, who were here on a short visit and a prospective land deal.

On the day following Christmas quite a number of the young folks engaged in a rabbit hunt. G. D. Hinson led the invasion into the rabbit kingdom and had their ammunition not run out there is no telling how great the slaughter would have been; as it was they killed forty-three and jumped twenty-five more on their way home after the last shot was fired. Rabbits are more destructive here than the boll weevil.

Grandma Martin, with her son Jim and his family of Komo spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Henderson.

Marvin Gilmore, after a pleasant visit with his mother and other relatives here returned to his home up near Megargel.

J. Y. Kisinger, after spending Christmas here left Friday for his home in Baylor county.

We have late word from Jno. Greenwade, an old time resident of this county; he has sold part of his holdings in Clarendon and moved to Canyon City.

Miss Roberta Hatfield visited her parents here Christmas week.

Miss Alice Gibson, who is teaching at Monument spent the holidays with home folks.

Albert Martin was here Friday and bought a load of hogs from John Kisinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Criswell gave the young people a party Friday night and all report a jolly good time.

Miss Sallie Criswell visited her sister, Mrs. J. A. McLaren last Saturday.

We are sorry to report Miss Amy Bullard out of school since the holidays; she is waiting on her Grandma Tipton, who had the misfortune to run a nail through her foot, but glad to say she is improving.

Albert Askew is busy breaking land.

We had occasion to be in the Gooseneck country recently and while there traveled over the whole bird, feathers and all; we passed many fine farms but didn't see as much as one stack of feed anywhere. We interviewed a native about this and he said they had plenty of feed, but the custom over there was to haul it in and put it under the bed in order to take good care of it. We investigated no further but rode on with the hope that we might meet the Gander, but am sorry to say our hope was not realized.

We are glad to note that Plow Boy and others are having a word to say on the school question. That is right for it is far better to rattle the dry bones a little than to let it go on as it has been going for the past thirty years. Yes, even if we venture where angels fear

to tread. Expression should be had on this question. However it is not on record that any suggestions that any of us may later offer on this question will ever be incorporated in the school work of this county, but we don't think we are far from right when we say the county superintendent of schools will welcome suggestions from all who are interested in good schools.

As time has gone on the school laws of this state have been changed or new ones made until they are now almost identical with the laws of other states where good rural schools were in full blast forty years ago. Schools that with the aid of one term in a high school fitted the pupil to meet and successfully answer the questions in teachers' examination with questions as difficult as the questions are here today for second grade certificate, in fact many of the old questions and especially those in history, are met with in the examinations of today. Everything is now in shape for successful school work here, the prospect was never so bright as at present. We have five times as many teachers as we had a few years ago. The complaint of the trustee that "we have to take just anything we can get in order to get a teacher at all" won't stand good now. Besides a larger teaching force we now have a superintendent of schools and a five days' institute. The only or main thing wanting now is the right kind of interest in the work among the patrons of the school. If we wait for a leader to bring about successful results it will prove a case of only waiting, just as we have been doing for the last thirty years. The facts in the case are, the task is too great for any one individual to successfully perform; it would require a leader endowed with all the generalship of a Napoleon and all the diplomacy of a Count von Bismark to successfully perform the task alone. Now as to whether this question is worth while or not we will go back to the organization of the schools here. We have six school communities in this corner of the county, Connor Creek, Salem, Henry Chapel, Ming Bend, Gooseneck and Mountain Home. They have been organized for thirty-three years, and in the meantime have expended approximately \$50,000.00 in the cause of education, and at the same time if one single pupil in any of those six schools ever reached a grade high enough to entitle them to even a little knotty third-grade teachers' certificate, we never heard of it. In every instance where any of the above named districts have the honor of one of their pupils making a teacher he or she was educated in some town school, the parents paying a board bill for three or four years, also tuition, as well as the regular school tax. Now for all we know it may be that a majority of this county have no fault to find in regard to the schools and that the standard in their estimation is efficient, to which all we can say is, that we beg to differ with them, for so far as I am informed the schools here are a fair average of the schools in the county. Now I am going to request that you give the teachers' institute a little thought. What is its mission? Is it a business meeting? Is it for the benefit of the teachers or the pupils? Are you satisfied with the program that has been used in past years? What time in the year should it be held? And should teachers receive pay for institute week? I am

of opinion that the teachers institute is one of the main wheels in conducting work in a system of rural schools.

But I will ring off lest Plow Boy shoots me on sight for asking so many questions.

You will read this, providing that big basket under the editor's desk doesn't swallow it down at one dose.

Salemite.

Fish Creek.

The New Year has been ushered in with its golden opportunities which are ever offered us to improve ourselves and to make new and determined resolutions.

How many of us, while we were celebrating Christmas and enjoying the many presents bestowed upon them, thought of those who have been made homeless and stricken to poverty by the recent floods?

How much we have to be thankful for, this the dawn of another year!

This scribe had such a good and entertaining Christmas that he failed to send in the news last week, but will try to be at my post from now on.

Don't anyone take exceptions if some of this is a little old.

Messrs. Tyra, Holloway and Mayben went to Graham Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamilton are the proud parents of a new boy.

Mrs. Holloway visited Mrs. Braddock Monday.

Mr. Needham has moved to Huffstutle and Claud Mayes has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Needham.

Glad to welcome Mr. Mayes to our neighborhood, as he has moved here so as to be near our school.

Mr. Jones and family have moved near Craig ranch. Sorry to give these people up as the children were much interested in school work.

Misses Ada and Mary Kramer visited Miss Lucy Eddinberg Friday.

Mr. Wootton and son Sam have been doing some clearing the past week.

An entertainment was given at the Moreland home Friday night.

Mrs. Hayes and sister, Miss Lucy Eddinberg, took dinner with Mrs. Braddock Thursday.

There were several parties here during the holidays, which the young people enjoyed immensely.

The Christmas-tree was very well attended, notwithstanding the bad night.

Mrs. Peacock, who died in Ft. Worth, was buried in the Tyra cemetery Christmas eve.

Miss Mayme Mayes and Joe Wootton, who visited the home folks here during the holidays have returned to school at Graham.

School opened again Monday with full attendance, and with a new determination to do more efficient work than ever before.

We are striving to build up a good country school here, in fact we believe we have above the average country school already. So patrons, lend your aid toward the cause of education in 1914, and you will feel amply paid by so doing.

What is the matter Honeysuckle? Did you, like myself, take too much Christmas?

With best wishes and a Happy New Year to you Mr. Editor and all the Correspondents I yield to Plow.

School Boy.

Please bear in mind that Second Monday will be the last day upon which you can place your order for feterita seed. We are very anxious that as many farmers in the county as will, try at least a small amount of this new feed crop. Get your order in early.

South Bend.

Hello Mr. Editor and Correspondents. I was absent last week, and I wonder how many of you noticed it. Did anybody notice that Honeysuckle was absent? I wrote my letter in due time but forgot to mail it. But I am glad to be with you again this week.

Everett Harrell, who is teaching the Copeland school spent Saturday and Sunday with the home folks.

Walter McDavid and family and Mrs. Emma West spent Sunday with E. N. McCluskey.

Mr. Johnson is buying corn from LeRoy Britton this week.

J. R. Harrell is still sick but seems to be slowly recovering. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Bertha McBrayer and Hub Rogers took dinner with J. R. Holcomb and family Sunday.

Miss Lela McCluskey and Everett Harrell took Sunday dinner with O. A. McBrayer and family.

Miss Ruth Britton was real sick Sunday but is better at this writing.

O. A. McBrayer, J. R. Holcomb and B. F. Scott killed hogs Monday.

Word was received here Monday that Fan Taylor, who spent Christmas with home folks at Athens, Texas, is quarantined there and will not be back for some time.

Rev. G. W. Black filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Bill McBrayer is spending a few days with home folks.

Mrs. W. C. Harrell and daughter Adele, of Newcastle spent the latter part of last week visiting at the home of M. D. Harrell.

P. G. Cunningham and family have moved to Newcastle. We wish them health, wealth and prosperity in their new home.

Royal Conner of Graham was in the Bend Monday looking for work.

Friday morning while at school Frances Thornton was taken suddenly sick. She was hurried home in a buggy and a physician summoned who pronounced it cramp colic. She is better at this writing.

Say Correspondents, I move that the Kid and Plow Boy be made to quit "fussin" so much about our friends, the Holiness, do I hear the second? It seems that Plow Boy has so much talking to do about the Holiness, "stinking bridge" or something, so I guess we just as well let him go. Anyway I think Plow Boy one of our very best writers, and I always enjoy reading his letters. I am sure all will agree with me on that.

On last Sunday, January 4th at the home of T. A. Richardson Mr. Edd Vaden of Gooseneck, and Miss Ola Richardson were united in marriage, Rev. G. W. Black officiating. Mr. Vaden is one of the highly respected young men of Gooseneck Bend, Miss Ola was one of our choicest young ladies, and Mr. Vaden is to be congratulated on winning such a prize.

Immediately after the ceremony some of the unthoughtful boys imagined it would be fun to duck the bridegroom in the river which runs nearby, and they proceeded to do so. Now I do not consider this fun, nor hardly civilized and we hope that the next time they will think twice before acting once.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaden left Monday for Gooseneck. We wish for them a long and happy married life.

Grandma Goode spent Tuesday with her grand-daughter, Miss Bertha McBrayer.

Wishing the Editor and all the Correspondents a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,

Honeysuckle.

8 per cent money. E. C. Stovall.

Proffitt

There was a large crowd attended the fruit supper at Mr. Ben Blanton Wednesday night.

There are several cases of small pox here. The county health officer came out Wednesday and quarantined them.

Mr. J. F. Weatherbee and wife and Robt. Weatherbee and wife spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Blanton.

Mrs. Dot Gibbs is visiting at Graham this week.

Miss Maggie Weatherbee visited Misses Willie and Maud Hudson Thursday.

The school has stopped for ten days on account of the small pox.

Mrs. W. M. Gibbs visited her daughter, Mrs. Willhoit, Thursday.

Mr. Strother has put in a telephone.

Mr. Howard and son Horace went to Newcastle Friday.

We regret very much to learn of the death of little Catherine Carter, who died Thursday and was buried Friday in the Proffitt cemetery. Rev. J. F. Weatherbee conducted the funeral services.

Miss Ida Watson is visiting home folks this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtice of Elbert spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Blanton.

Mr. Dick Wells and wife, who have been visiting relatives at Newcastle for the past week returned home Friday.

Judge Fry and wife of Graham attended the funeral of their little niece, Catherine Carter, Friday.

Mr. Bob Wells went to Newcastle Saturday.

I think Proffitt is coming to the front as a land office has been put in. Mr. Buckler is the manager.

Guess my other letter got lost or arrived too late.

Snowflake.

Eliasville.

We are glad to say that we have at last got part of our roads in good condition. Hope they will continue the good work for quite a while, then perhaps people who are traveling won't dread the roads round about our town.

I am sure Mr. Yancey is rejoicing very much for it may be possible that he will get one more car ride before spring.

He hasn't been seen in several days; the last account I had of him he was at home praying for some of his good friends to take him out for a buggy drive.

The people here are still going to turkey dinners. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson had a dandy dinner Sunday for a number of the young folks.

Last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCharen, a supper was spread in honor of their sons, Mr. Kimmons and little Beaty. The dining table was filled with every good thing you might imagine good to eat, and in the center a fancy birthday cake. This splendid occasion was enjoyed by a number of friends and relatives.

The New Year dinner at Mrs. Davis' home Thursday was a success. The most important feature of the dinner was a big water melon, the last of the 1913 crop. The afternoon was spent in a lively croquet game.

Miss Gladys Duckworth, who suffered from an attack of tonsillitis last week was able to be present at church Sunday.

We learn that a Mr. Mills has bought the Frank Donnell house and will make this his home. We welcome these people and hope they will be pleased with their new home.

Mr. Joe Chunn is visiting his parents at this place.

Rev. Marcus Chunn preached here Sunday at 11 o'clock; the sermon was enjoyed by all.

Dixie.

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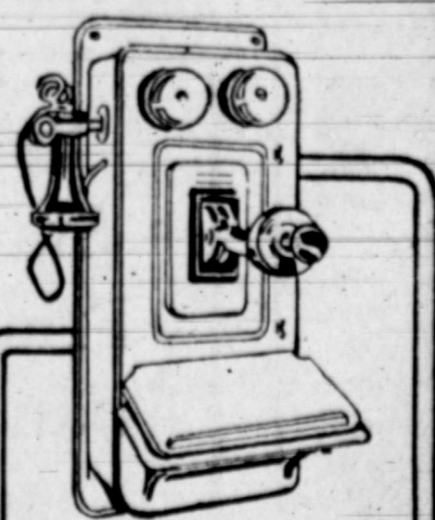
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Mount Pleasant.

Buster, I believe you are at last trying to take the right position between the Kid and myself. I have been thundering at the door of the Kid's understanding for weeks, but to no avail. But if I have succeeded in penetrating your "thinker" with the thought that "we should always grant each other the right to differ with us and not think hard, for there are very few of us who do not err in some things," if I have done this, and it seems that I have, then I feel as well paid for my efforts as if I had succeeded in penetrating the benighted mind of the Kid with the same thought, because—why should I not feel hopeful for him too? After all, Buster, your letter last week was a good one, and had the true ring of the spirit of Christmas: "Peace on earth, good will to men." And here is my hand for good feeling among the Correspondents, and if at any time Buster, I have seemed unjust to you I beg forgiveness, and don't you ever worry about the Kid and me: he is always talking to some saphead. Now let's begin on this new slate labeled "1914" and try to make better entries than we did on the old one, remembering that "charity never faileth."

Little Inez Pardue, who was reported so low last week, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1913, at ten minutes to six o'clock, p. m. She was taken on Christmas day with what the physician pronounced membranous croup and died New Year's eve. For exactly one week she fought heroically for her life and while her suffering was very great, yet she bore it so patiently. But in spite of all that loving human aid could do, at the hour mentioned above her little soul took its everlasting flight to Him who said, "suffer little children to come unto me," and we sorrow not as those who have no hope, but expect, if we are so fortunate as to get to the Glory land to see little Inez with the millions of other little children "torn on earth from our embrace." She was laid to rest in the Median Chapel cemetery, Elder Fisher conducting the very appropriate funeral services.

Referring to my remarks of last week in regard to matters pertaining to schools, will say, as they were intended to apply in a general way, as well as locally, and as no names were used, I don't consider that I am due anyone any apologies.

Last Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m. Mr. W. C. Wragg and Miss Mittis Brown were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Brown. Rev. O. E. Dickson, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson spent several days during Christmas week with relatives and friends at Crystal Falls. Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Wragg, returned home with them for a few days' stay with her daughter.

The Missionary Baptist church here commemorated the Lord's Supper last Sunday, under the auspices of the pastor, Rev. O. E. Dickson. A number of visiting preachers were present, among them Revs. Baugh, Newsome and Brewton. Rev. John W. Newsome preached at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. M. M. Crawford of Lubbock, Texas, arrived last Thursday to be at the bedside of little Inez Pardue.

B. W. King visited our school Monday. Plow Boy.

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Gooseneck.

Messrs. Matthews and Price of Graham were out on a bird hunt Monday.

Mesdames Wiley and Berry visited Mrs. Will Pryor Monday. Mrs. Joe Parsons went to see Mrs. John Clark Monday afternoon.

Grandma Mahaney of Bunger spent the day with Mrs. Susie Price Tuesday.

Mrs. Walter Marshall visited Mrs. Jim Price Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Sparks spent several days of last week with Miss Cora Rose.

Mrs. Mattie James says she put in the day visiting Wednesday.

Mack Rose and sister attended the New Year's party at Mr. Wiley's.

There was preaching at the school house Thursday and Friday nights.

Mrs. Creagher and daughter of Woodson spent a few days with Mrs. Kelley this week.

Miss Cora Rose spent Wednesday and Thursday with Miss Lizzie Sparks.

Mr. Wiley and family will move soon to the T. A. Parson Farm, now occupied by Mr. Marshall.

Mack Rose and Roy Parsons say they are the champion wood choppers.

Mr. Pinkerton and family went to Graham Friday.

Mr. Jim Reed and family of Cedar Creek spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Jim Hunt.

Mr. John Clark and family went to Tonk Valley Saturday; Mr. Clark will go from there to Eastland county to visit his brother, Walter.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at Uncle Geo. Rose's Sunday night.

There will be speaking at the school house Friday night.

Rev. Dickson will preach for us the third Saturday and Sunday of this month.

R. L. McLaren and sons went to Bunger Saturday.

Miss Cora Rose visited friends at Bunger Saturday.

It seems that Plow Boy and the Goose are getting up a debate; help yourselves, the Gander doesn't want in.

Mr. John Lasater and family of Ming Bend visited Jim Ferguson and family Sunday.

Well, what has become of the Goose and Rounder. We would be glad to hear from them once more. Gander.

Duff Prairie.

Our school opened again on Monday morning with the usual attendance.

Mr. Cross Barron and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, on Cedar.

Mr. Herron Newby and family of Cedar, were in our community Tuesday, visiting Mr. Ed Richardson and family.

Mrs. West and Miss Mary McBrayer of South Bend spent Friday with Mrs. Groene.

Miss Willie Mae Corbett visited our school Tuesday.

A crowd of the Prairie folks attended church at South Bend Sunday morning. In the afternoon Bro. Chunn preached in our community.

Mr. Jack Melton and family of South Bend, and Mr. Groene and family dined with Mr. Walter Corbett Sunday.

Mr. Crabtree and daughter and Mr. Kraft took dinner with Mr. Will Martin Sunday.

Everett Reed was on the Prairie on business Friday.

Prof. Harrell went to the Bend to spend Saturday and Sunday. We all suspicion there is a good reason why.

Mr. Stringer has moved to his new home at Fox Hollow.

Mr. Kraft and Mr. Crabtree went to Graham with cotton Saturday. Sorrell Top.

If you have a loan expiring see me at once. E. C. Stovall.

Flint Creek.

Well, it is a little chilly up about Flint, but cold weather won't hurt anyone I don't think.

By the way, this is the starting of a new year, so let's all try and make our letters as interesting as we can and make the West Texas Reporter one paper that can't be beat for news. Of course we think that now, but let's make everybody else think so.

I see there enters a new Correspondent in most every issue of the paper and still the editor says come on, so let's keep-a-coming on. I believe that's the way the song goes.

Health in this community is better than it has been, the sick and wounded are up and stirring around again.

Mr. W. D. Rogers and wife visited Mr. Smith and family Sunday.

Mrs. Clay Smith's sister of Thurber is visiting her.

Mr. Emmet Caskey and family visited Joe Doolin and family Sunday.

I want to correct a mistake in my last letter, where it said my Sunday teacher had got back. It should have been my school teacher. I don't want to leave an impression that we have a Sunday school here for I'm sure the people would come to join us, and I don't want to disappoint anyone. Why Flint Creek don't know what a Sunday school is I don't suppose. Well, I believe they did have one here a year or two ago, but the kind it was—Ah, we study the Bible all right but we study it at home so we won't get tangled up like Plow Boy and Kid did.

Well, Plow Boy, I guess the Kid has skipped out and left you for me, but as I believe the same way you do I don't suppose we will have any argument. Of course that's the reason. But I wish Kid had stayed with you for I was getting interested.

School is progressing nicely except the climbing of two of our boys. They wanted to get higher than their teacher and didn't think they could, only by climbing so they succeeded in getting up in the ceiling and staying until recess. Of course you know what took place then. Boys, don't do that any more.

Next Friday night is literary night again. All come who can. Jack o' Diamonds.

Monument.

Dear Mr. Editor, will you admit another stranger into your happy circle of Correspondents?

Everything in this community is looking fine. Good rains, and some snow.

Oats are heading and orchards are in full bud. I think if it doesn't come a freeze before long we will have an abundance of fruit.

Farmers are very badly behind with their farm work on account of so much rain.

Christmas down this way was dull, but we got all the turkey we could eat.

School opened Monday morning after a week of holidays. All the children report a joyful time.

Sunday school has been very dull on account of the bad weather, but is coming to life once more.

Rev. Nobles filled his appointment here the third Sunday. He will be back the third Sunday in January. Everyone invited to come.

Mr. Arthur Sanders and Miss Lucille Cochran were taking a pleasant drive over our rough roads Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ethel and Bernice Long and Miss Bettie Sanders spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Dennie Maples.

Mr. Reece Harlan made a call at Miss Lula Sanders Sunday.

Miss Lucille Cochran, who

has been attending school at Graham spent Christmas with her uncle, B. M. Cochran. She has returned to Graham to finish her school.

Mr. G. W. Alberts has returned home from a visit to his mother's, where he has been spending Christmas.

I will quit as this is my first time. Will write more next time.

Tempest and Sunshine.

(There is always a place for a new Correspondent. Not only in the paper, but in the hearts of the many Correspondents that we now have. They are as deeply interested in you as is the editor, and we all are working to the same end, making The Reporter the greatest newspaper in West Texas. It will be a wonderful step forward in the newspaper world when one paper gives the news from practically every community and city in Young and adjoining counties. This, each of our loyal Correspondents is helping us to do. We are now the greatest news gathering force in West Texas and we are making rapid strides toward the desired goal, that of giving the news from every community and town in this section. In your next letter please give your correct name and address, so we can mail you stationery and supplies.—Editor.)

Hawkins Chapel.

Mr. Robert Miller and wife visited his sister, Mrs. Jack Miller and family of West Fork last week.

Messrs. Barrie Baker and Olie came home from Parker one day this week. Their mother Mrs. Laura Baker and Miss Florence are expected the first of this week. They have been visiting relatives in Parker county.

Misses Lillie and Hettie Drum entertained quite a crowd of their friends Sunday.

Mr. Lloyd Hawkins and wife were the guests of her parents Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Jesse Oatman of Megargel came down on Monday's train to move into this community.

A number of young folks met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Sunday afternoon for the purpose of singing. The singing was good and very enjoyable to those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Mr. J. E. Oatman went to the city of Graham Thursday and came back by the way of Indian Mound and brought his wife and children home, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. H. Stevens, for the past week.

Mr. J. C. Owen and family of Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loftin Saturday night and Sunday.

The literary was in session Saturday night, the program was splendid. The debate was the old subject: "Woman Suffrage." Mr. Johnson, who is teaching in the Loving school made a good talk for us. Several from that neighborhood were present.

Mr. Frank Loftin started to school at Loving last Monday.

Mr. Chapels has had a wind mill put up at his place.

Sunday school was good indeed Sunday with a full attendance and several visitors.

There was no preaching at the M. E. church Sunday on account of Bro. Noble being sick.

Mr. Lindsey was not feeling very well Sunday.

Most everybody is busy now breaking land and preparing to make another crop. The ground is in good condition for work.

Miss Lessie Lotin was shopping in Graham one day last week.

I appreciate the nice compliment you passed on my letter in the Christmas number, Buster, thank you. Violet.

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Tonk Valley.

As the editor has made me feel most welcome to write again will try and tell what little I know. If that "Kid" would quit looking at me so straight I could write better.

Well, haven't we been having some extra pretty weather. You know I have been enjoying it, 'cause I have to walk over a mile to school and sometimes little folks get cold.

Candy Kid, I sure did enjoy reading the news you sent in last week. You know I'm a little partial to Flat Rock. When anyone lives at a place as long as I did there it seems more like home than any other place. Mrs. Cherryhomes returned home Tuesday night from Forney, Texas, where she had been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Knight called at the Robbins' home Thursday night. Bro. Cook filled his regular appointment Sunday and as usual preached a good sermon.

Messrs. Jeffery Cherryhomes, Wesley and Alvin Gary called at Mr. Robbins' Sunday night.

Willie Simpson filled his regular appointment at Mr. Robbins' Sunday.

Prof. B. W. King visited our school Friday afternoon. He said we had a fine school and we certainly thank him for we need somebody to encourage us.

Rex Cornish attended the party at Mr. Knight's Friday night.

Miss Rudell Seddon was the guest of Miss Anna Bell Wadley Sunday.

Let's all be good folks and go to hear Bro. Hall preach next Sunday.

Candy Kid I was sorry to hear of your sore finger and hope it is sound and well by now.

It's time all little girls like me were in bed. Mr. Editor if you can read this letter you can beat me. Jolly Girl.

Rocky Mound.

Another year has passed by. I wonder how many are going to be better this year than they were last year. I for one am going to church tonight.

Mr. Garrett Robertson and wife visited R. J. Robertson last Sunday.

Mr. Oscar Miller gave the young folks a party last Friday night. All present reported a nice time. Some of the Flint Creek and Dakin people were there.

Mr. Jim Taylor has moved to Graham and is running the Star Restaurant. We are sorry to have him leave us but wish him much success.

Messrs. Rubey and Jim Robertson, Ernest Heighten, Earl Brewton and George Pickard were out horseback riding Sunday afternoon. Can't tell you for what reason, whether they were out to enjoy the cool air or seeking a girl.

Jolly Girl I am glad to hear from you and if you want to get acquainted with a very good looking boy call on me.

Mr. Bump Mowery and wife spent Sunday with H. Hunter and family.

Mrs. John Gachter and children of White Rose have been visiting J. W. and R. J. Robertson and families of this community.

Buster I agree with you on everything you said last week. I try to make everyone happy I come in contact with, and I want to say when I write anything about anyone I do not do it to cause hard feelings.

Jack o' Diamonds, I don't think those Phillips boys are so short. I saw Deen give his dog a biscuit the other day.

As it is time to go to work I will hang up. Round Rock.

Lone Oak

The year 1913 has passed into oblivion. The year 1914 dawned clear and pleasant as a spring morning. No doubt most everyone has made one or more resolutions for the year just beginning. Though many hearts may have been made sad during the preceding year we hope that peace and prosperity shall reign throughout the universe during the year which is just beginning.

The County Farmers Union held their regular meeting at Lone Oak January 3rd. G. C. Boyle delivered the welcome address and interesting talks were made by E. B. Moreland of Olney and Prof. Brown of this community and Prof. Johnson of Loving. The ladies had prepared a nice dinner and brought well-filled baskets. All present report a pleasant time.

The literary society failed to meet last Friday night. The holidays interfered with the preparation of the program. The next meeting will be the third Friday night in this month.

The school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. Brown and Mrs. Havens.

Mrs. Genneta Havens spent Saturday and Sunday with the home folks at Markley.

Rev. R. E. Boyle filled his regular appointment at Red Top Sunday.

Miss Ada Workman of Red Top was in our community delivering her order. She informed us that she selected a dinner set for her premium. That looks kinder suspicious, too, doesn't it Spinster Maid?

That Olney guy had better look out. The new man is going to get ahead of him over at Mr. Walker's if he doesn't put in an appearance more regular.

Prof. Brown and Miss Adele Stewart were out walking Sunday afternoon.

Some of the men around here must have found a new way to celebrate the Sabbath as they and their boys were out pitching dollars Sunday afternoon.

Sam Orr has gone to Fort Worth to work.

We are indeed glad to welcome Jolly Girl to our midst. The more the merrier you know. Hyacinth, we would be pleased to hear from you again.

Lewis Robertson made a business trip to Loving Saturday. Miss Emma Walker and Frank Newman attended singing at Red Top Sunday.

Mrs. Rody Hawkins spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Arnold and family.

Arthur Hawkins visited Mr. Alexander Sunday.

As news is scarce I will be going. Brunette.

Bunger

Grandma Mahaney and Aunt Nancy visited Mrs. H. A. Driver New Year's day.

The New Year's party at Mr. G. W. Wiley's was well attended and all report a good time.

Mr. R. D. Berry was seen riding down the road on his mule with a rope around his neck and was asked where he was going. He said he was going to the Woodman meeting at Bunger.

We had an old time rag at Mr. Gene Lasaters New Year's night and sure did enjoy ourselves.

Mr. Ed Vaden is the spunkiest boy in the southland I guess. He braved the river last Sunday to ask the old man for his girl and ran across the old gentleman sooner than he expected and a lump of some kind got in his throat and his mind changed,

and instead asked the old man how much his big hog weighed. Then Ed says, well, I got to go home.

R. L. McLaren says he is going to announce for sheriff pretty soon as there is no candidate out from Bunger.

Mr. W. E. Crick has moved to the Mabry place near Bunger.

Mr. Wiley has bought out Mr. Marshall on George Parson's place and will move soon.

Mr. Mullenax moved to Prosperity Point last week where he says he can raise all kinds of fuss and no one to hear him.

Mr. A. Grimshaw moved Monday to near DeLeon, Comanche county.

Mr. Upperman of Graham is here on a few days' visit on the Prairie and at Bunger.

Mr. Newman was in the village Saturday trading some.

Boys if you want to see the girls, come to Bunger Saturday afternoon for they are here.

Miss Cora Rose was in Bunger Saturday after the mail.

Mr. J. W. Rickles has thirty-seven tons of cake warehoused at Bunger waiting for the roads to dry a little.

Say, Gander did you hear about the man that went to a hotel for dinner and said waiter, what have you got. The waiter replied, everything you want. The man said, bring me a hog's head. He couldn't do anything with it and asked the waiter what kind was it. The waiter said it was a democrat head. The man told him to take it back and bring another which he did and when he had gotten it said this is fine, what kind is this one. The waiter said I took this one back there and knocked the brains out of it and made a socialist out of it.

Well, Plow Boy, I haven't got time and space at this writing to get up those Bible references you asked for.

Mr. Wiley Conder is going into the jewelry business. He ordered one case of rings, sizes from five to eight.

Here Silver Bell, take my pencil, I have just come in from the cow pen and the cows broke my close finger. Goose.

Mountain Home.

We have all had a pleasant time Christmas. I spent most of Christmas week in Stephens county. The New Year is here and let all of us try to do our best to see which can write the best letter to The Reporter this year.

Mr. Forrest and Buren Lisle are visiting their uncle and aunt in Hountain Home. Forrest will go to Newcastle Monday and take the train Tuesday morning for Arizona. We regret very much to see him go.

Buren will go part of the way with him. We wish them both a pleasant trip.

Mr. Frank Stringer of the Copeland community moved to their new home. Mr. Stringer bought the Bunger place on the river. We are glad to have them with us but sorry to lose Mr. Andy Cunningham's folks, who will move to Graham. We wish them both well and invite them all to visit us when they come to Mountain Home.

We are glad to state that little Vealar Jones is able to be up and go about the place.

The young folks enjoyed the dance at Mr. Lasater's Thursday night.

Bro. Purselly filled his appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. T. M. Bunger has been sick the past week.

Prof. Chambers began his school last Monday. There were several visitors at school Friday.

Mr. Grimshaw's folks will leave Monday morning for Comanche county, where they will live another year. We are sorry to have to give them up for

they are almost like kinfolks to us. We wish them success this year, but hope they will come back again.

Mr. Mullenax moved to Mr. Grimshaw's place this week.

Little Jim Bunger had a very bad cold Saturday night, almost had the croup.

I will tell of one of my experiments. I had a table cloth with some ink spots on it and to remove them I wet the spots in some water and put some lemon extract on the spots and covered them with salt and let stand for 15 minutes, then I washed and boiled it and the stain all came out. I thought this might be of interest to some of our good readers.

Mr. Dick Whittenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharp spent the day at Bill Bunger's Friday.

Mr. Ben Beach will start back to Dallas Monday. He will go through in a wagon. Ben we hope you will have a pleasant trip.

If this doesn't reach the waste basket I will write again. Homeite.

Oakland.

We are having very beautiful weather again, except a little cold, but that is good for us, makes us appreciate summer when it comes.

And in summer we will be anxious for winter and here it goes—we can't be pleased all the time.

Health is good in this community except a few bad colds.

Several of the young folks enjoyed the party at Mr. King's Friday night, and some of the boys from Graham drove out to be at the party, but seem to be unlucky as they had to walk part of the way home.

Misses Ethel Baty and Dora Robertson visited the school on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Porter was in town on business this week.

Graham Logan of Graham was out at Mr. Porter's Saturday.

Mr. Edgar Craig was in town Saturday night.

Jeff Whitfield was in town on Saturday night.

Miss Ethel Baty called on Dora Robertson last week.

Mr. J. D. Baty was in Graham last week.

Mr. Singleton was in Graham most every day last week on business.

Miss Carmack went home on Friday afternoon to spend Saturday with home folks.

Quite a number seem to be frightened over the small pox, but we hope there will be nothing serious and that no one in this community will take it.

We hope to see another large crowd at church Sunday, like there was last month so all see if they can come.

I suppose quite a number of our young folks will attend the literary at Flint Creek next Friday night.

Miss Dora Robertson visited Miss Singleton Sunday. Carrie Nation.

Cedar Creek.

Mr. Editor, here we are once more with our little budget of news; but we suspect that the news items will be short from this community since Silver Bell has moved to another community. However, we will do the best we can till a better writer takes up the work.

We had a very quiet but pleasant Christmas here. Some of the visitors to this community during the holidays were Mrs. E. F. Duncan and daughter Miss Cecil, of Graham, Joe Upham and family of Bunger, Arno Harris of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wesley of Jones county, Mrs. Sam Copeland and children of Graham, J. W. Gann of Pickwick and W. D. Barron and family of Strawn.

The recent cold weather has

nipped the wheat and oats some but we still have hopes of an abundant harvest next summer.

D. A. Upham returned from a stay of several weeks at the town of Strawn this week. Iambus.

Miller Bend.

It is moving time and everybody is stirring.

Bill Cole is moving to his place beyond Murray.

Mr. Turner is moving on the Limley place.

We are glad to have Mr. Turner with us but hate to see old Bill leave. He is a pretty good fellow.

We have had a few weddings. Ike McCallister and Rosa Dozier were married the 23rd at the home of the bride.

Miss Ethel McCan and Mr. Smith of Dallas were married Christmas day at the home of the bride. They left for their home in Dallas Wednesday. We wish them all a long and happy life.

The baby of G. D. Ratliff is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. P. Y. Ratliff is visiting her son, G. D. Ratliff.

Mr. J. W. Wright was seen in the Bend Tuesday.

Sam Haggard of Padgett passed through here Tuesday on his way to his step-father's.

Uncle Hasty Nichols, who is sick.

Mr. R. E. Griffin made a trip to the Proffitt country on last Thursday.

Miss Mask and Miss Turner visited the Griffin girls last Friday. Little Boy.

Orth.

Elder D. J. E. Clark and wife and two grandchildren, Willie and Noel Clark, spent Christmas with their son, M. E. Clark and family near Orth.

We had a Christmas tree at Orth but none of the Uno's were there on account of the weather being so bad.

Mr. Dick Campbell's ranch-house burned one night last week and nothing saved.

They say the Christmas tree was well attended.

John and Elmo Clark went home with their grandparents to spend a few days.

The people in this community have killed all their fat hogs. The party at Mr. George Leberman's Monday night was reported quite a success.

Ashby Clark has been on the sick list the last few days, but is improving and getting along very well.

Mr. M. E. Clark and son, Elmo, are hauling cord wood for Mr. George Leberman.

Mr. J. Y. Morgan has moved back from New Mexico. He said he had enough of that country. Everett Morgan said they hadn't finished thrashing in Mexico when they left.

Miss Fay Leberman spent the day with Miss Foreman Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith spent last Thursday night here with their daughter Mrs. Jim Choat.

Mr. Branam and family have gone to Oklahoma, where they will make their home.

I will ring off by wishing the editor and all the correspondents a Happy New Year. Uno.

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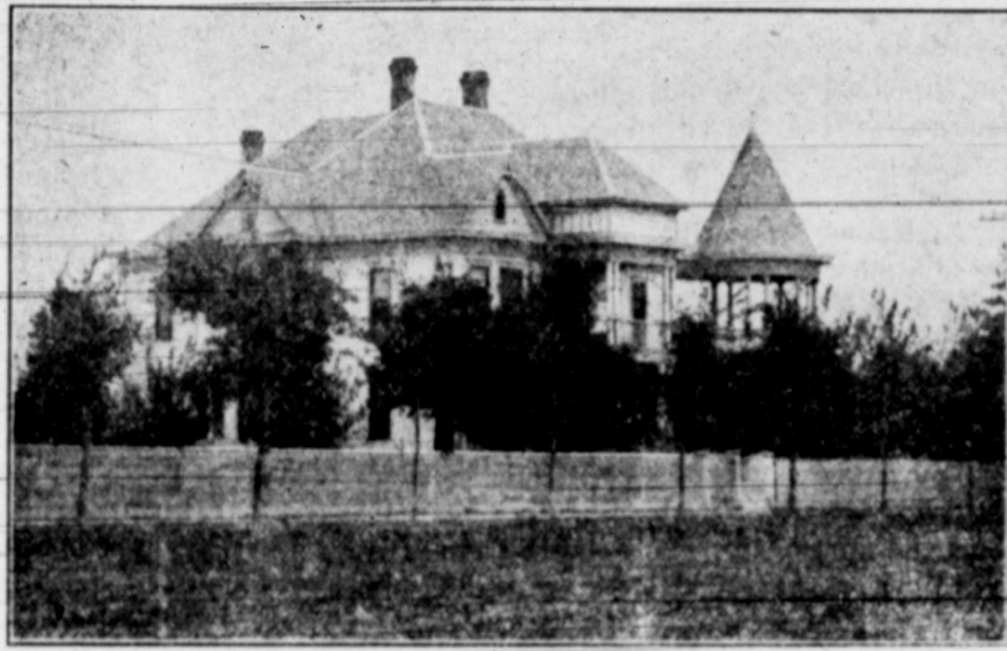
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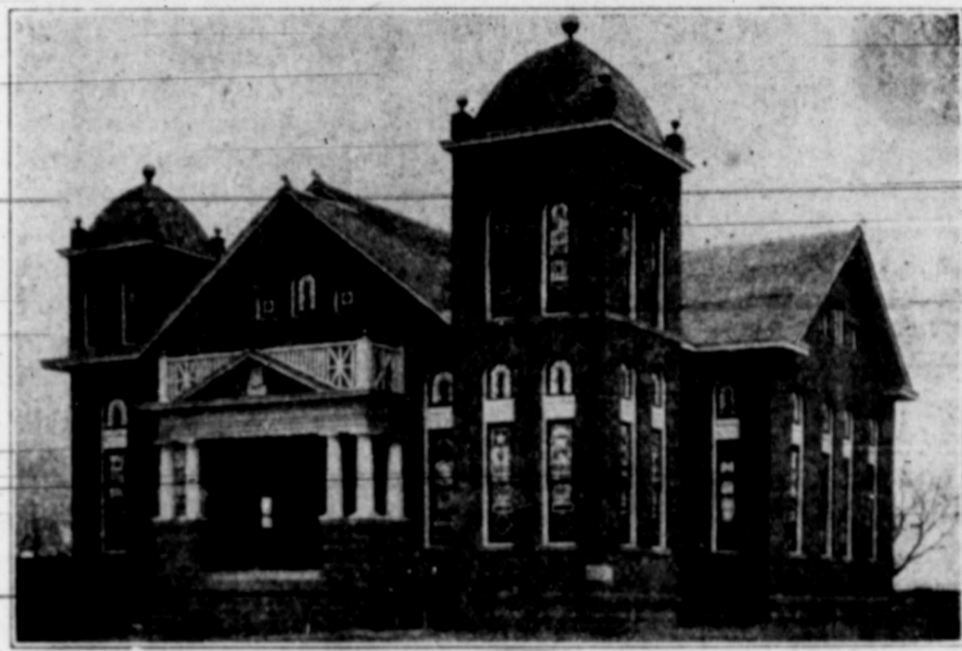
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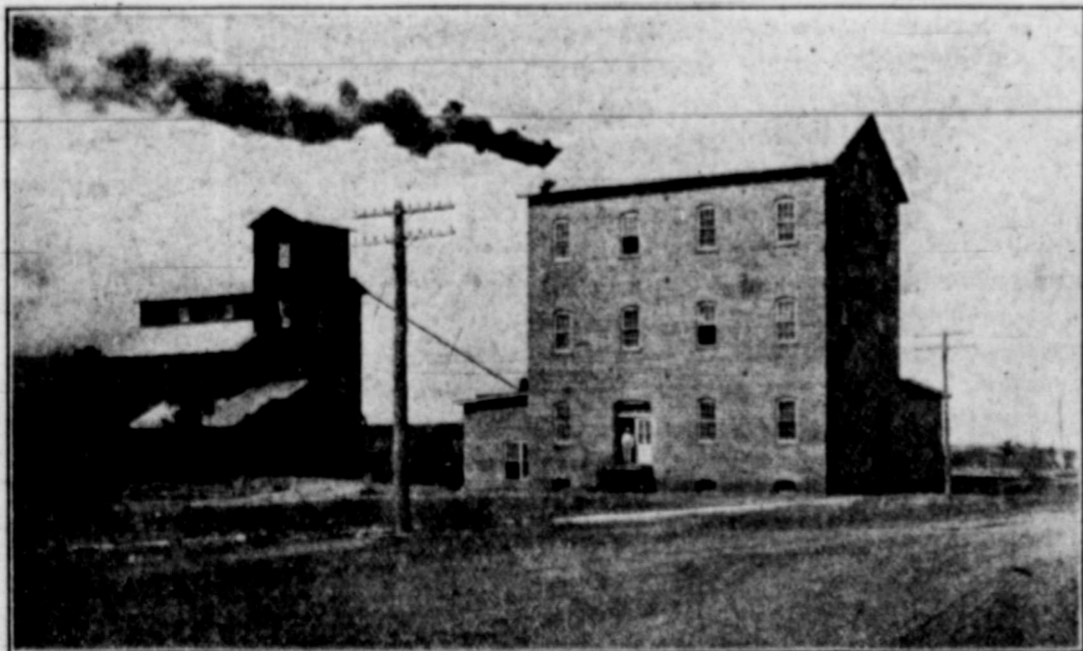
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N. B. Nolen, one of our good friends out on route 2 was in to see us Thursday.

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The Reporter enjoyed a call from J. S. Elmore, who was here on business yesterday.

Give your copy of The Reporter to some friend who doesn't take it. He'll thank you.

H. H. Rogers of South Bend visited The Reporter while in the city Monday.

If your subscription expires with this issue—renew at once.

H. F. Peters of Farmer was looking after business interests in the city Monday and called on The Reporter while here.

J. C. Taylor is again in charge of the Star Restaurant and invites his friends to call and see him.

The Reporter has received a nice letter from Mr. John R. Haynes, who has been residing at Baird, New Mexico. Mr. Haynes is well pleased with the paper and compliments us very highly on the bright, newsy letters from all over this portion of West Texas, and asks us to change his address to San Jon for the present.

R. A. Shipley, late of Padgett, has moved to Graham and will make this city his home. Mr. Shipley is connected with the Newsom Manufacturing Company, now being organized here. We are glad to welcome him as a citizen.

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Miss Alvena Vacha of Dallas is in the city, guest of Mrs. S. Weaver.

James Donnell of Murray spent Monday in the city.

Miss Anna Hamilton returned to Dallas Friday morning after spending the holidays with the home folks in the city.

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Miss Strickland of Nacogdoches, who has been a guest of Mrs. Henry Axley for several days returned to her home Friday morning.

L. E. Braddock of South Bend was in the city Saturday.

F. J. Hawkins of Loving paid us a call while in the city Monday.

T. M. McKinney went over to Jacksboro Sunday to meet Mrs. McKinney, who has been spending the holidays with friends and relatives.

Edgar E. Craig on Route 1, was in the city Saturday and made the Reporter a pleasant call; Mr. Craig will plant feterita this year.

Good horse, buggy and harness for sale. Dr. Gallaher.

A. Grimshaw of South Bend made The Reporter a visit while in the city Saturday. He will move soon to DeLeon in Comanche county.

R. D. Owens and J. H. Robbins of Bunger dropped in to see us Saturday while in the city on business.

Loans renewed. E. C. Stovall.

8 per cent money. E. C. Stovall.

Mrs. Bertha Sechrist was shopping in the city Saturday, and while here made The Reporter a pleasant call.

Mrs. Noel Cropp of Brownwood, who has been visiting relatives here returned to her home this morning.

Robert L. Morrison left Monday morning for Sherman, Texas where he is attending Austin College.

Fountain pen inks, Carter's and Sanford's, 10c up, at The Graham Printing Co.

P. P. Williamson out on the Farmer Route was in the city yesterday on business; he will try feterita this year.

J. W. Nesbitt and Oscar A. Fitzgerald of the Mt. Pleasant community were pleasant callers at the Reporter office Tuesday.

Miss Beulah Allen left Monday for Jacksboro, where she will be a guest of Miss Hazel Leath.

John McCorquodale of Murray was in the city Tuesday.

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Mrs. Jessie Wilkins has accepted a position as night operator with the Southwestern Telephone Co. of this city. Mrs. Wilkins is an experienced operator and the patrons of this company may rest assured that they will receive prompt and efficient service.

Rev. C. M. Dellinger of Eliasville will preach at the Presbyterian church in Graham next Sunday and at Tonk Valley in the afternoon. The pastor, Rev. Gaines B. Hall, will be in Chico and Bridgeport on Missionary work.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Pohlman returned last week from a visit to friends in Cleburne.

Pat Woods spent Friday in Bryson.

F. P. Burch was in the city Monday on business.

Miss Pearl Weems of Jean was in the city Friday to make arrangements to attend the Graham High School.

Loans renewed. E. C. Stovall.

G. W. Wiley came in to see us Saturday.

Thos. Price of Murray made The Reporter a pleasant call Monday.

Graham loses one of its best families this week, when Homer Mayes and family leave for Tyler. Mr. Mayes has been a citizen of Graham for over thirty years and he and Mrs. Mayes have been connected with the business, church and social life of the city in such manner that their places will be hard to fill. We regret very much to see them leave, but trust good fortune may smile on them in their new home.

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Your laundry one week, then take the cost of wood, soap and water off, and see how little it would cost you at 3c a pound, then call The Graham Steam Laundry. Both Phones.

PLOW BOY'S WAR CLOUDS.

To Salemite's question in regard to "war clouds" will say that after casting a retrospective glance over some thirty years or more; recounting the prophecies of wars and rumors of wars; remembering the long suffering and patience of the American people, and when I contemplate the cost of modern warfare, I feel tempted to retract my recent prophecy that "we will be fighting each other in ten years," and I believe I will take back the "ten" part of it. You see, it happened this way, Salemite: I heard my father read in a newspaper some thirty or maybe thirty-five years ago; it was when I was just a lad anyway, and before I got to reading the newspapers—I heard him read that a baby had been born with a "full mouth of teeth," and when the little wonder opened its eyes and looked out upon the light of this old battle-scarred country, and got a whiff of the smoke from the rebellion, it looked up into its doting father's face and said "There's going to be war," and never spoke again. I don't remember whether it said "papa" or not, but surely as remarkable a child as that would not fail to honor its father, and I have always believed the baby told the truth—there "is" going to be war, but when? It is doubtful if there will be any civil war until the "Hague" succeeds in bringing about international peace; until international peace is secured it will take all the money your Uncle Sammy can raise to build and equip warships, and buy ammunition for practice shooting. Every time one of "our" big 14-inch guns is fired it costs us fellows just \$1,342. Now stop right here, Salemite and do a little thinking: \$1,342 dropped into the sea—enough to buy a home for some poor "farmless farmer," isn't it?—It costs \$10.00 to shoot the smallest gun "we" use on "our" big warships, and the ship costs thirty-two million dollars. So let's get out in the yard, throw up our hats and yell, hurrah for us!

1,342.00: that amount of money will provide quite a respectable home indeed, or it would build a good rural school house, and good roads leading to it. And then these guns are only good for 250 shots, then they are ready for the junk pile. Multiply \$1,342 by 250 and we have \$335,500, absolutely thrown away, not even the gun left. See what a fat thing the manufacturers of war materials have? And just so long as they can prevent it, there will be no international peace agreement.

When international peace is secured, then look out for internal or civil wars; the war maker must have a market for his wares, and I say if they just must have war let them do the fighting out on the waters, just as far from me as possible. Do you see any sign of civil war in the foregoing, Salemite? Do you think the American people will continue to build and equip big war vessels and furnish ammunition at the rate of from \$10 to \$1,342 a shot just for some high colored naval officer to throw into the ocean, just to see the water splash? According to Congressman James L. Slayden of Texas, since 1898 the year of the Spanish war, appropriations in the United States have increased from four hundred million a year to more than one billion. So it is getting "no better fast" is it?

But the most ominous war clouds that touch our horizon of peace is the menacing aggression of the Roman Catholic church in this country, and the land-grabber, the pretending home promoter. It is a light

thing that our naval officers and soldiers should be on their knees by the hundreds before the Pope of Rome? Is it a light thing that our President and nearly the entire cabinet should attend high mass at the Roman Cathedral in Washington annually on Thanksgiving day? And is it a light thing that Catholics should grow so bold in this Protestant(?) land of ours, (this land of the free and home of the brave(?)) as to march 2000 strong against a Baptist preacher in a little town in Pennsylvania, as they did a few days ago and mob him and damage the church building almost beyond repairing? Does it signify anything that our Secretary of State, Bryan, should attend a banquet given by the Knights of Columbus, and laud to the skies that oath-bound organization, three hundred thousand strong, who are pledged to the pope of Rome first and to this government next? And does it mean nothing that our navy is practically in the complete control of the papists and the stars and stripes of these United States are pulled down each day and the pope's flag raised and non-papists compelled to attend papal mass? And why are the papists being centered in New York, Boston, Chicago, Saint Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans, all of which are strategic points in time of war?

Our navy is said to be practically in the pope's hands, being manned by men who have sworn allegiance first to him; our generals in the army are said to be largely under the same obligations, and the system claims three hundred thousand trained Knights of Columbus. And did you know that President Wilson had invited Arthur Barry O'Neill, a Catholic priest, to Washington to aid him in his selection of army and navy chaplains? And of course most people have read in the latest press dispatches that the President has reprimanded the dinner committee at the recent banquet of the Order of Carabaos for criticizing the officials of "our" army and navy, for their inconsistent and hypocritical talk of "universal peace." It seems that the Order of Carabaos is composed of old Philippine warriors, men who have actually "seen service" and because these men criticised what they deem, and know to be hypocritical talk of the administration; about universal peace, the president formally withdrew his membership as honorary member of the Carabaos and strongly reprimanded them for "criticizing their superiors." In this does the President exhibit the true American spirit? and will such a spirit long be tolerated in this "land of the free and home of the brave?"

Add to the foregoing the fact that the common farm homestead is fast losing its identity in the big plantation, to be farmed by either tenants or hired hands, and that millions of acres are being held for speculation, thus forcing taxes higher and higher on the common home owner, because as land values rise his taxes rise also, notwithstanding his land doesn't produce any more, if as much as it did when the state sold it for \$1.50 to \$2.50 per acre. If the home owner builds a better barn, or a better house on his farm for the comfort of himself and family his taxes are raised; he is virtually fined for improving his home! And I say will the farmer, the home owner, always tamely submit to such conditions?

Peter Radford says at the rate the farmer is losing his farm now there will be no home owners in thirty-four years, and I think his estimate very conservative, if not too liberal. The United States Census re-

port, 1910, pages 285 and 286 shows that at least since 1880 the farms operated by tenants have in each decade increased faster than those operated by owners; that the per cent of farms operated by the owners in the United States shows a decrease of from 75 per cent in 1880 to 63 per cent in 1910, and on page 668 of this report we find that the rate of home owners in Texas for the same period of years decreased from 63 to 48 per cent. Consider the foregoing, together with the fact as recorded on page 292 of this same report, that one farm in every three in the United States is under mortgage, and anyone who wants to see can discern the "handwriting on the wall," which, being interpreted, means a "nation of landless farmers"—unless we get legislation along this line, and who will respect a government of absentee landlords? and who will fight for a rented home? Look at Mexico.

Yes, there is going to be a battle, either with ballots or bullets. Which will it be and when will it be, Salemite? I leave you to make your own deductions, and draw your own conclusions, which you no doubt have already done. Give them to us through The Reporter.

PRISCILLA CLUB

After a suspension of the Club for several weeks the "Priscillas" met again Tuesday afternoon and were charmingly entertained by Mrs. Charles P. Hutchison. A business meeting claimed first attention, in which new officers were elected as follows: Mrs. R. G. Graham, president; Mrs. Z. A. Hudson, vice-president; Mrs. C. B. Jones, secretary; Mrs. Ewing Norris and Mrs. M. K. Graham, reporters.

Mrs. E. Mabry was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the Club.

After some time spent in needle work and conversation, Mrs. Hutchison, assisted by Mrs. A. A. Morrison, served a salad course.

Mrs. Kidwell, of Cache, Oklahoma, one of our former members, was a welcome visitor.

Next Tuesday the 13th, at 3 o'clock, Mrs. C. B. Jones will be hostess.

New Year's Party.

Mrs. H. Clay Wilson and Miss Mae Gilmore entertained a few of their friends with a New Year's party with progressive ruck, the game of the evening. The high score prize, a cut-glass perfume bottle, was won by Miss Pearl Matthews.

In a cut with all present, an ivory mirror, was given Miss Nina Hall.

Beautiful musical numbers were furnished by Miss Beulah M. Bell. At the conclusion of the game delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Mesdames J. W. Carlton, W. A. Morris, J. W. Akin, W. M. Miller, Misses Eula Logan, Vera Norman, Elizabeth Hall, Eula McCain, Minnie Rubenkoenig, Katherine Arnold, Nina Hall and Pearl Matthews.

Notice to Taxpayers.

After January 31, 1914, a ten per cent penalty will be assessed against all unpaid taxes. Please avoid this by paying your taxes during the month of January. I also wish to call attention of the young men to call for their exemption certificates before the last day of January. Any young man who will be 21 years of age during the year 1914 will be entitled to an exemption certificate, but these certificates can not be secured later than January 31, which also is the last day for paying your poll tax. J. E. PARSONS, Tax Collector.

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Irrigated Farm For Sale.

The 400 acre stock farm, known as the Benedict Ranch, on the Clear Fork, 13 miles southwest of Graham. For further particulars see the owner. 74tf W. E. McCharen, Eliasville, Tex.

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