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In Germany, the home of Kriss Kringle and in "Merrie England," the Christmas trees were draped in mourning—surely we have cause to be grateful.

Reports from Germany are to the effect that there is a keen demand for American cotton in that country and in Austria, and that such cotton that is on hand is selling at from 12 to 14 cents a pound.

It is funny what a difference a few years make. The girl that used to let you chew her "wax" now has a daughter who carries her individual drinking cup so she won't get any germs in her mouth.—Ex.

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again. Here the saucy squirrel comes to share with us the harvest of nuts, where in the warm days of summer the gentle old cow who supplies us with milk lies quietly in their shade. A garden is there from which came vegetables to store our cellar. In a corner thereof an apple tree supplied its luscious fruits to grace our table, and underneath, a hive whose busy inhabitants are now quiet in their long winter sleep, enjoying the rest so richly earned by last summer's toil.

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#### HAWKINS CHAPEL

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Elzie Tedrow and wife of Megargel have moved down to this community. They will live with Mrs. Laura Baker the coming year.

T. F. Harman and family, also Robert Miller and wife spent Christmas day and night with Mr. Stennett's family of Markley.

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Messrs. Birdie and Oscar Tedrow of Megargel are down on a visit.

Robert Miller and wife took Sunday dinner with Tom Lindsey and family.

Jesse Oatman and family dined with Mrs. Laura Baker and family Sunday.

Master Elmer Stephens of Indian Mound, who has been visiting here, returned home Sunday.

Mr. Whited and family have moved to Loving. Master Eugene was still suffering with his knee.

Mr. Strickling and family have moved to the place where Will Smith lived last year.

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I will write you from this little village. We have had a very pleasant Christmas.

I have been here two weeks tomorrow. The first week was cold and cloudy but the weather got more pleasant and I worked three days this week helping survey the cemetery for this place. It was located two years ago but only has one grave. We cut it up in lots and staked and numbered the blocks that was cut in four blocks, and lots for 6 to 12 in a lot. There is ten acres in the entire cemetery and it will take a hundred years to fill that yard unless they have a big boom here.

Alta has been doing very well since I came home, only a few days she has not felt so well, but I see she has improved since I left here and went to Graham. My family, all but Alta, have had the best of health since they have been out here.

Christmas eve in the morning was like rain and after 12 o'clock it commenced to snow, and my how it did snow all evening. But, the people all kept fixing for the Christmas tree, or rather, box. They haven't very many trees out here and the things were in a box. I would love to have stepped over to where Dreamy Eyes lives and got a cedar tree for them and while there I would sure have gotten some of those good things she always has for Christmas. I know what I am talking about when I say I have eaten turkey, baked hen and all sorts of other good things to go with it with dreamy eyes. I can't say so much about her farming qualities, but if there is one of the Correspondents who wants a good housekeeper and can get her to agree to look

after his house for him it will be done up all o. k. But, that is up to the young man who has the nerve to try it.

This country is fine for Sudan grass, but from what I can find out about it it should be cut like Johnson grass, before the seed get ripe. I think it will make a fine hay crop and probably two crops in one year, but don't anyone try to make a fortune on the seed like some have out here. There is enough Sudan seed in Hale and Lubbock counties to plant nearly all of Texas. I don't know just what the seed are worth here now, but they are not as high as they have been. I would like to see some of this grass in Young county next year. The farmers here I see cut some of the hay early and leave a small portion for seed.

We are all very anxious to get the papers from home.

One thing here is a little different from there, I have not heard a man asking about the price of cotton. One man here had in ten acres and picked four bales and had to haul it to Lubbock to the gin and the last bale he only got 4.50 for, and he turned his cows in on the balance. He said he could have gotten two more bales but he could not keep his children out of school for the price.

It is not cold here like I expected. We sleep with our windows up every night and have some windows up all day. We all appreciate the tokens of remembrance from our many friends at Graham. We received a box of nice Christmas things, which we sure enjoyed from Graham and you may know it was not a liquid by coming from Graham.

I will be glad to hear from the different neighborhoods next week and wish for all a pleasant and prosperous year in 1915 and that the sad changes which have come to

our town and homes and the shadows which hover around our homes may clear away and sunshine burst forth and clear the hearts of all who have been made sad.

With best wishes to The Reporter force I will say a Happy New Year to all.

J. E. Parsons.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 66

An ordinance disclaiming title and interest in and to Salt Creek bridge and authorizing conveyance of any apparent title to be made to Young County.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Graham that the said City of Graham has not now (and has never had) any right, title or interest in or to, the bridge across Salt Creek (and the east approach thereto) situated about one half mile west from the Court House in the City of Graham; and that said City has and makes no claim of ownership or control whatsoever over said bridge, or its east approach.

It is further ordained and ordered that S. Boyd Street, Mayor of the City of Graham, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute to Young County a disclaimer of any interest in said bridge and approach by said City and a conveyance to said Young County of any apparent or real title that said City of Graham might have thereto.

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**BUNGER**

Excuse the Goose for being absent last week and for not attending the reunion. The Goose heard from the Gander tonight and he talked like he was brimming full and had the time of his life. I know you all had a jolly good time. It "kinder" makes my head swim to think of it. I am like the old woman, I will be there next time, "all spread out."

Health is just fine in our little village at present. H. A. Driver's new residence is nearing completion. He is building a five room house. It sure does make our little village look like a town.

The party at Freland Wiley's was just fine Friday night.

Say Beauty, have you a man in your little town by the name of Dr. Jones? He was in Bunger Friday morning and said his name was Jones. He didn't look like a Jones to me but on the box in his buggy the name spelled Tate.

G. C. Smith went to Geo. Gilmore's Friday evening to take a possum hunt that night.

Messrs. Kennedy, Geo. Mahaney, Frank Phillips and Dolph Owen sure looked cold putting shingles on Mr. Driver's house Saturday afternoon.

J. A. Ferguson will move to Pleasant Hill in a few days. He will be above the rest of us when he gets up there I guess.

Mr. Hamilton and three other parties passed here this afternoon en route to Graham.

Joe Upham hauled a load of wood today for H. A. Driver.

Wilburn Crick was in the Bend Thursday after a hay press.

Mr. Day was here today and he said he had all the bad weather that was coming to him.

Say, Gander, you asked me last week why we put such a large stove in our church. It is just what we want and is large enough. You see, the war is on.

Jake Jones, Will Owen, Gen Lasater and others went via Bunger to Graham Saturday.

Silver Bell I heard you were at the reunion. Had I been there we could have settled our troubles as to our Governor.

Mr. Rhodes has shipped his cotton to Galveston for better grades and prices. It is just the thing to do I think.

Goose.

**DEVIL BEND**

Oh, my! Haven't we had some awful weather?

This is Saturday and I am all smiles because the sun is shining.

I hope all the Correspondents have had a nice Christmas and Santa came to see you all.

Bird Stringer of this community and Miss Edith Nicklas of Fox Holow were married Dec. 24th. We hope them a long and happy life.

Ras Shoemate went from here to Waxahachie to spend the holidays.

Dick Whittenburg and wife, Frank Sharp and wife spent Christmas day with T. L. Lisle.

Buren Lisle and Tom Pinkston attended the party at Bob Fawks' Thursday night.

Trixie, I have been reading your letters and see where you mention Lud Chambers as one of your teachers. I know he is a good teacher for he taught for us last year.

I would sure have liked to have attended the Correspondents' Reunion. I hope I can be there next year and am going to be if the Lord wills.

Buster Blue. (Welcome, Buster Blue, and here's hoping that you will be a regular contributor to our columns, and that you will be with us at the next reunion.—Editor.)

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**DUFF PRAIRIE**

Well, Christmas has come and gone. Soon a New Year will be with us. We should make a number of resolutions and carry them through the next year.

I hope all the Correspondents had a glorious Christmas. Sorrell Top had a very nice time, although she stayed at home all day. And, Mr. Editor, I hope you also had a nice Christmas.

Did you Correspondents miss The Reporter last week? Well, I sure did. The week didn't seem complete because I didn't get The Reporter.

W. P. Martin and family took Christmas dinner with Walter and family.

Floyd Burgess and wife went to town Thursday and spent Thursday night with Will Burgess of South Bend returning home Friday morning.

J. W. Crabtree and W. P. Martin ate dinner with J. H. Groene Saturday.

Lucian Adams and cousin, Mrs. J. F. Lamb, and Miss Lillie Crabtree were in town last Tuesday. They surprised everyone by coming home married. The writer joins their friends in wishing them a long and prosperous married life.

Mrs. J. H. Groene gave a Christmas dinner in honor of her newly married brother. Those present were J. F. Lamb and family, cousin of Mrs. Groene's, J. W. Crabtree, Lucian Adams and wife, M. M. Kraft and children. All seemed to have a nice time.

J. W. Crabtree spent today (Sunday) with M. M. Kraft.

J. H. Groene, Lucian Adams and wife attended church at South Bend today (Sunday).

Mrs. Lizzie Burgess visited Mrs. Claude Ingram a while Saturday.

Mrs. Ella Barron and Miss Tempie Upham of Cedar Creek were visitors at Floyd Burgess' today.

I guess there will be a large number of letters this week so I will not take up any more space. Sorrell Top.

**ROCKY MOUND**

We are still having bad weather.

Health is very good in the community at this writing.

Miss Hattie Conder is visiting her cousin, Mrs. E. Mowery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston of Tonk Valley are visiting her father J. N. Farmer.

Mrs. E. Mowery and Mrs. H. Mowery were shopping in Graham Wednesday.

Hurrah! for Plow Boy, come on with some more good letters. Your letters are fine. Also Silver Bell's letters. I certainly enjoy her letters, too.

Raining again, seems as though it will never be clear again, but I guess we may as well be content for when it's dry we wish for rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Parsons and children of Megargel are visiting in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mowery spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mowery.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Parsons and sister, Mrs. Eaton, spent an enjoyable evening at Mr. and Mrs. Rob Casburn's the 25th.

There was quite a crowd at the party at Mr. Lawrence's Saturday night. All seemed to have an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Hunter and little daughter, Ida, visited Mrs. H. Mowery Friday afternoon.

Preston Lawrence and family spent Christmas in Graham.

Miss Easter Smith of Flint Creek visited her uncle, W. C. Smith Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Ada Orrell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lawrence.

Bud and Horace Gohlston were in Jermyn on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bower are visiting at Rob Robertson's this week.

Several from over in this part of the community attended the dance at C. W. Smith's Wednesday night.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year, I will close. Rocky.

**OAKLAND**

Well, Christmas has come and gone for another year. Old Santa was so nice to me last year I was surprised to get so many nice presents this year, and now, this is my first chance to tell you about how I appreciated our reunion.

I could not wish for a better day, and oh, my! at the dinner. It was so nice, and we were treated with so much courtesy. We first met at The West Texas Reporter office and from there went to the Club room where Mr. S. Boyd Street made a most enjoyable talk, also our Editor, too. Then we went to dinner which was served at the St. Louis Restaurant. We first passed in by Mr. R. G. Graham, who was at the door, then on the inside our Editor; then at the main dining room door by Mr. Babb, who met us with a smile as he does every one, and then by Mrs. Babb.

I tried to eat as much as Jack o' Diamonds and Sorrell Top but could not and I know I never eat so much as Jolly Girl and Candy Kid, for they ate longer than Jack o' Diamonds. And I ate awful slow. Anyway I am counting the days and weeks until we will all meet again. All who were not there missed a great treat.

Clarence Blount and little sister, Georgie Belle, went to Ft. Worth last week to visit their brother, Gray. They were accompanied home by John Blount who spent Christmas with the home folks. They report their brother doing as well as could be expected.

Misses Amy and Dora Robertson are spending the holidays with home folks.

Miss Ethel Baty is home for the holidays.

Several of the young folks enjoyed a party at Mr. Enlow's last week.

There were only a few at the party at Mr. Singleton's on account of the weather.

Dr. Willie Padgett of Dallas spent a day visiting his sister, Mrs. Lester, last week.

Dan Padgett and wife are here on a visit from Childress.

Douglass Blount took a bale of cotton to Graham Thursday.

Henry Moore and family of near Loving spent Christmas night with Mrs. Moore's mother.

Mr. Baty was in town last week.

Miss Ethel Baty was in Bryson last week.

Mr. Whitfield was lucky to get his wheat threshed just before the rain.

Bob Robertson was out hog hunting Thursday.

Mr. Whitfield has been on the sick list for a week.

Ben Ragland happened to the misfortune of losing his overcoat Saturday and he will miss it some cold morning, too.

School will begin again this (Monday) morning.

Mr. Porter and son were in Graham Saturday.

T. J. Whitfield was in Graham Saturday night.

Tom Reed attended the party at Mr. Enlow's Saturday night.

It looks now as though we were going to have some more bad weather. That is about all we are used to here of late.

Misses Amy and Dora Robertson returned to Graham Sunday, where they are attending school.

Miss Ethel Baty took her sister who has been spending a few days visiting her father, home last week.

E. E. Craig was at Ben Ragland's Sunday.

Ben Ragland has moved several loads over to where he will live another year, north of Graham.

The roads are in bad condition from here to Graham and no one goes who can get out of it. Carrie Nation.

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**LOVING**

We hope the Editor and all the Correspondents have had a joyful time this Christmas and wish for them a prosperous New Year. We have had a very prosperous year, and we are very thankful for the results of our labor.

Dr. and Mrs. Tate from Palo Pinto county are visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Drum, at Loving.

Rev. O. E. Dickson and family will leave today for Abilene, Texas, where Bro. Dickson will attend Simmons College next year. Brother Dickson is the sixth student who has attended Simmons College from Loving. The principal of our school, Bro. Evans, has just finished his education at Abilene before taking charge of this school.

Nathan Harlan and a boy who has been picking cotton for him have been very sick with pneumonia for several days, but they are about out of danger now.

Sorry I could not attend the reunion but the weather was too bad for me to venture out and risk a spell of pneumonia. Hope you Correspondents had a huge time.

M. D. Maples has sold his farm here and will move to a farm near Proffitt which he has lately bought. He will move this week to his new home.

I think it a very easy matter Silver Bell, for anyone to learn the right way to vote on the prohibition question. There are just two sides, the saloon on one side and sobriety on the other. Just take your choice.

Which side would the average voter line up on? If you will notice they are lining up on the right side at a rapid rate. Only a few years ago there was just one prohibition county in the state, now there are about one hundred and seventy counties in Texas, besides several states in the right line. With such advice as J. B. Gambrell, G. C. Rankin and others offer no one could resist voting right.

Quite a lot of cotton is in the fields here yet, and no doubt, the cows will finish a good deal of it if it don't quit raining so much. The two gins have turned out about 2800 bales up to date. Several fields are white yet, but the staple, it is said, is getting very "blue" and no doubt blue shirts and blue ribbons will be plentiful next year.

C. J. Harlan and others received a nice lot of pure ribbon cane syrup from East Texas last Wednesday.

Claude Reeves surely believes in the old adage, "In time of peace prepare for war" and has secured a large cannon to be placed at his shop ready for service.

The two Sanders boys, nephews of W. J. Sanders, left for their home in Clay county this evening, after a few days' visit with their uncle's family.

Miss Annie Tate is teaching the primary class in the Loving school this week as Miss Edith Echols is at home with her father, who is dangerously ill.

H. H. Clark and family of Seymour visited J. J. Dickson's family Christmas.

Bruce Burton has been limping with a cut foot for the last two weeks, which interfered with his Christmas festivities.

Arrangements were made to have a big Christmas tree here but rainy weather prevented.

Dr. Dickenson and family visited in the neighborhood of True last week.

Correspondent.

**OAK GROVE**

The holidays are past and gone, and lots of we Correspondents must get our scattered books together and hie away to school. Don't you wish every day in the year was a holiday?

There was no Christmas tree at the school house as was intended on account of the bad weather.

The parties at Mr. Self's and Mr. Miller's Wednesday and

Saturday nights were well attended, and everyone reported a fine time.

Miss Ethel Self and George Prideaux, who are attending school at Graham, are at home spending the holidays with their parents.

Chester Prideaux, who is attending the Southwestern University at Georgetown, is visiting home folks during the holidays.

Sunday school was small Sunday on account of the weather. There were only thirty present, including visitors.

Miss Ola Claggett returned Sunday from her home in Archer City, where she spent the holidays with her parents, and began her school here again Monday.

Mrs. Self and daughter, Miss Ethel, spent the afternoon with Mrs. Crowder Christmas.

Miss Annie Keene spent Christmas day with the Miller girls.

J. C. Miller and family spent Saturday night with relatives at Hawkins Chapel.

Mrs. H. O. Prideaux and Miss Muriel Jordan of New Hope spent Sunday with Mrs. R. O. and Miss Nellie Prideaux.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Peters and children spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Peters.

Mr. Madoozie and Will Gipson went to Graham Sunday.

J. C. Miller and family took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. Harwell.

Miss Beulah Peters spent Saturday night with the Waddill girls.

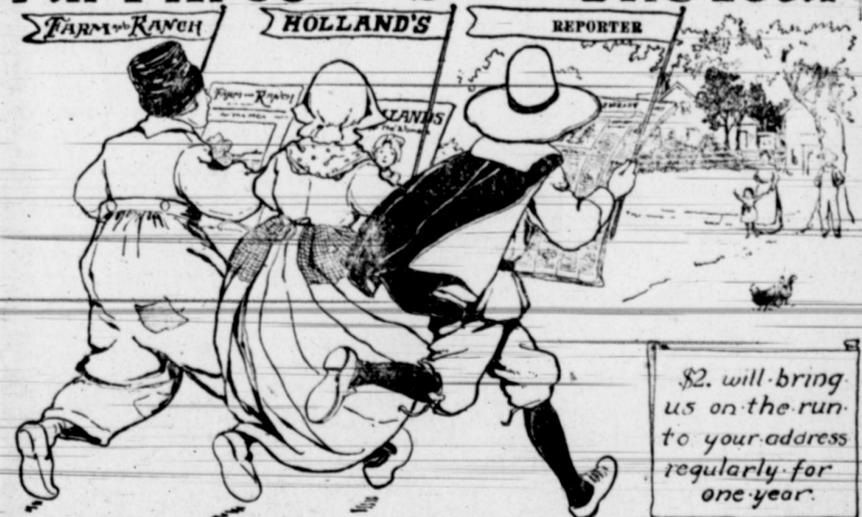
Wishing all the Correspondents a Happy New Year, I am one among you. Toughy.

(Welcome, Toughy, to our band of Correspondents and here's hoping that you will be tough(y) enough to stay with us the entire year regularly each week.—Editor.)

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## Live News from our Correspondents

### EDITOR'S CHAT

Pretty good reunion I thought, and I want to thank each of you who was present, for coming. I enjoyed meeting those who were new to us, and meeting again those we had known before. And we are glad so many of you were present. We missed the absentees, and the absentees missed a good time. I want to thank you for the nice Christmas present; editors aren't generally treated so good as that, but then all editors haven't such loyal Correspondents. Let's make 1915 a banner year—and the best way to do this is for each Correspondent to write every week possible. I hope that all of you had a good Christmas and that 1915 will bring you joy and prosperity.

### BRYSON

Here we all are again, after the reunion. Didn't we have a jolly time. The Correspondents who were absent sure missed one-fourth of their lives.

It seems like it has been a month since the last paper was published.

Carrie Nation did Santa Claus make his appearance around your way? Santa brought Trixie some nice presents. She was at the Christmas tree and got some nice presents, too.

There wasn't but one Christmas tree in the city and that was at the Methodist church. Most everybody attended and all enjoyed themselves fine. The tree sure was loaded.

Miss Fannie Newsome, who has been teaching school near Jacksboro, returned home recently to spend the holidays with home folks. Miss Mary Helton came home with her on a visit.

Miss Ethel Bryson, who has been teaching school at Perrin, returned home recently to spend the holidays with home folks.

Dee Chambers who has been away quite a while returned home from Oklahoma Thursday. Glad to see him back.

Mr. Evans and family from Union Ridge spent the day with Charlie Cullers and family last Saturday.

J. L. Herd and family and Misses Lerah and Doshie Sampley and Aaron Beek of Keyser spent the day with Bill Nichols and family Saturday.

Sterling Evans and Miss Emma Denning from Union Ridge visited the Misses Cullers Saturday.

John Herd and Miss Clemmie Nichols attended singing near Keyser Sunday.

Grenie Coley was a welcome caller at Miss Stella Chambers' Sunday evening.

Harvie King of Union Ridge was in the city Friday looking after Santa Claus.

Lawrence Simpson of Union Ridge dined with the Herd boys Sunday.

I saw Red Wing Sunday but I guess she will move soon. I sure hate to see her leave, but hope she will like her new home fine.

Fred Gulley came in recently to visit home folks. He has been at Perrin.

The Patterson picture show Friday and Saturday nights was splendid.

Miss Jewel West is visiting her sister, Mrs. Turner, here.

R. R. Clayton gave his children a Christmas dinner. All were there but two.

Grandma Clendon visited her old home place near Keyser Sunday.

How are you all enjoying this rainy day (Monday)? I am not liking it much. Too much rain is a dog's bait. Trixie.

### HUNT

My! my! Wasn't Sunday a cold day? I went a mile to Sunday school and thought I would freeze.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Willis made a business trip up the other side of Olney Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Reeves' cousin, Mrs. McKay, and family left

### YANCEYVILLE

Pardon me Dreamy Eyes and June Roses, I'll try not to intrude on your territory any more than possible.

The third annual reunion of The Reporter Correspondents has come and gone, and it will be a day that will long be remembered by Silver Bell.

I'm very sorry that all our good Correspondents could not be present, but am glad that I had the pleasure of meeting as many of them as I did for I sure enjoyed being with them, as well or more than I did the good dinner. And as I told you all, it is impossible for me to try to make a talk in a large crowd, and it is at such a time as that, that words fail to express the feelings of my heart.

And, when I should have uttered words of the highest praise and thanks my heart was too full for words to pass my lips. But, to our good Editor, his worthy brother and Plow Boy, I want to present a wreath of roses, and may the flowers ever stay as fresh and beautiful in your sight as your encouraging words will stay in my memory.

Although I'm far away the truth you impressed took root and sank deep in Silver Bell's heart, and never again will I say that my letters are not good, but will leave that for others to say; while I shall aim for something higher, whether it is ever reached or not.

Compliments to all the Correspondents who I met, for they are all worthy scribes and jolly good people. I also had the pleasure of meeting our Editor's charming wife, the staff poet, and three sweet little poets, and they will ever hold a sacred place in my heart. And last, but not least, to Mr. Parsons of the Flat Rock community, if I remember right. Mr. Parsons, may you ever enjoy health, happiness and prosperity is the wish of Silver Bell.

Dago, you came very near causing me not to receive Mr. Parsons' compliments and good wishes by being forgetful.

Correspondents, we have not failed to receive at the Editor's and Mr. Street's hands the most gratifying assurance that we were, pursuing a satisfactory course, and that our labors have not been in vain; that we have and are doing our part to make the West Texas Reporter one of the best county papers there is in the whole United States. It is already the best paper in West Texas and I assure The Reporter people that the high esteem in which I hold them is not for an hour or day but for all time.

No Salemite, I don't think the farmers were in the ring when it comes to who had a hand in making and shaping the land laws of the state, and it was the big men who made the money talk, too. You know a golden key will unlock most any door except the door to heaven. And, how has that advice that those big men have been dishing out to the farmers of Texas ever helped the farmers? I do not see that Mr. Ferguson has stopped the advice any as to that matter. Salemite, you say that Mr. Ferguson has offered relief to the tenant farmer. That looks very much like some more of the big man's advice, but advice by the car load isn't going to help the farmer any as long as things are in the condition they are now in. I do not believe the farmers of Texas will ever be any better off until they stop swallowing all that dope that is shipped off until here from Austin. But, as that is the only "free" thing they ever get they just keep on taking it. I do not doubt in the least but what Ferguson will be recorded as a pioneer. The man who is due credit isn't very often the one who receives it. Admiral Dewey received world-wide honors and praise at the battle of Manila, but at the same time he was sitting safely out of the reach of all stray shells, eating his breakfast. And, the brave men who did the fighting did not get a single bit of honor. Likewise Gov. Ferguson will get the honor whether he justly deserves it or not. I do not ob-

ject to Ferguson simply because he is not a pro or a socialist but because I have never seen one single thing that he has said that I believed there was any good in. Yes, Salemite, I'm perfectly willing to listen to the song of the mocking bird at any time.

And Homeite, you seem to think it very doubtful whether I get to heaven or not. I may not know what it takes to get a person to heaven, but I do not believe just being a member of the church will carry any one there. I believe there are good people in all churches and believe there are good people who are not members of any church, but I suppose if I ever have the good fortune to enter the Pearly Gates and Ferguson is the first person whom I meet, I can imagine him greeting me with these words, "I am a degenerate son of an illustrious sire, I have neither preached nor prayed and paid but little."

Beg pardon, Dreamy Eyes, for likening you unto myself, but didn't think you would object so seriously and as to that "good" lecture that the fellow would make on "Successful Farming" who never planted his foot on a farm, there would be no good in it whatever. He might make a long talk, but the good part would not be there. And, I have never yet known a farmer to plant his crop in the moon. All the farmers I know plant their crops, or in other words their seed, in the ground.

Dreamy Eyes, I guess I'm "kinder" behind the excitement for I did not know that there were any intoxicating spirits called "pot-liquor." Is that the kind of snake medicine you was telling us about? And as to proving you did not know what work was, what do you call work anyway? I know that you do not do any field work of any kind. There isn't but one thing you ever did that I know anything about, except house work, and as you seemed to be offended at Beauty for mentioning it I guess I had better not venture too close to the shore. If you do not know any more about farming than I do about politics you don't know anything, and if your dad has not loaned you any money where do you get your money? Come "fess" up. If you know any place where money grows wish you would tell me, for I do not get money only when dad lends it to me.

To all you Correspondents to whom I am due thanks, please accept them.

Thanks Beauty, and I'm going to look for you. Sure was disappointed in you not coming to the reunion.

Brunette, I wanted to see you real bad. The first thing dad asked when I arrived home was, "Did you see Brunette?"

Pardon me Mr. Editor, and Correspondents for not writing any news items, but did not have space and or any news either, as I have just gotten moved. Long life and success to the West Texas Reporter and all who are connected with it, is the wish of Silver Bell.

### WYNN HILL

It is raining this morning and don't look like we are going to have any more fair weather this winter. However, we had a pleasant Christmas with several parties and dances, and most everybody enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. Edgar Mullenax and children of Amarillo, Texas are visiting her mother, Mrs. S. F. Williams of this place.

Hiram Crum has returned home from Seymour, after a few days out there attending to business.

Barnie Zellerman and wife of Seymour came down yesterday to spend New Year's with relatives here.

John Williams of Seymour is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. S. F. Williams.

Frank Cook and wife spent Christmas with her father, Mr. Singleton, of Bryson.

Preston Crum left this morning (Monday) to attend school at Jermyn the rest of the term.

As news is scarce I will ring off.

Broncho Bob.

# Chickens WANTED

We will load a car of chickens in Graham on next

Thursday, January 7th

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### SOUTH BEND

V. M. Hale and wife took Sunday dinner with J. W. Burgess and family.

Mrs. P. P. Timmons and children of Elbert spent the holidays in the Bend visiting relatives. Mr. Timmons came in Saturday night and stayed until Sunday afternoon. They left Sunday afternoon for Graham to visit his sister, Mrs. Omer Beckham.

Rev. Marcus M. Chunn filled his regular appointment here Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The young people enjoyed three parties during the Christmas holidays. Christmas was unusually quiet here. No drinking at all to speak of.

O. A. McBrayer and family P. P. Timmons and family, Rev. Marcus M. Chunn and S. L. and Miss Nona Richardson took Sunday dinner with J. R. Holcomb and family.

J. R. Harrell of Olney, W. E. Harrell and wife of Ming Bend spent the holidays in the Bend.

J. H. Groene and Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers of Duff Prairie attended church here Sunday.

Miss Christine Britton returned to her home in Olney last week after visiting her mother, Mrs. V. M. Hale for a few days.

Mrs. J. H. Groene and son Fritz and Mrs. Lucian Adams of Duff Prairie visited the Harrell's one day last week.

I certainly hope that all have lived over the reunion. I for one have, but don't think that I will ever look like anything again. Well, anyway, I didn't eat very much dinner, and I can prove it by the Gander, as I sat by his side.

Christmas has come and gone and we are about to enter into the new year. Let us all strive to do more and make "our" paper a better paper this year.

Miss Mary McBrayer spent Friday night and Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Hubbard Rogers.

Leroy Britton spent Christmas in Olney.

With best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous new year I remain

Bashful Ben.

### CRAIG POINT

My! I can tell you Correspondents who were not at the reunion that you missed one of the best times of your lives, and especially one of the best dinners you ever sat down to. I think Mr. Editor enjoyed it as much as any of the Correspondents. When you go to one big reunion like that it makes you wish they would have one every month.

How did you all spend Christmas? I spent it in the house all day, trying to keep out of the rain and snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Fraser of Archer City spent from Thursday till Monday morning with Mrs. Fraser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cornhus.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight and children, Moses and Belle, of Tonk Valley ate Sunday dinner with Mrs. Denver Killion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wain and daughter, Miss Lois, of Graham ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jones.

Mrs. Will Mayes and children of Graham visited from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Baugh.

Mrs. Walter Green was shopping in town Saturday afternoon.

Miss Vera Baugh visited the home folks from Friday until Tuesday.

Grandma Green visited from Friday until Tuesday in town, guest of Mesdames W. F. Wain and Moore.

Mrs. Martin Jones has a very sick baby today. We hope for it a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Etta Wade and children visited Grandma Killion Monday afternoon.

Denver Killion was shopping in town Christmas eve.

Willie Baugh called on Wickliff Green Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Alice Killion called at Mr. Baugh's Christmas afternoon.

Those present enjoyed a singing at Mr. Baugh's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Alice Killion has been suffering with a very severe cold the past few days.

Wishing all a Happy New Year, I am a

Bluebird.

### MOUNT PLEASANT

New Year's Greetings to all the Correspondents. "From the cool dell of comforting thoughts where the joy of knowing you is a special pleasure," may your hearts know no sorrow, and may God's richest blessings crown your noblest efforts in this, the year of our Lord, 1915.

Neither would I forget the kind Editor, the patient printer and the magnanimous manager. May they have the best of everything and may their patience with this laborious scribe endure forever, is the humble prayer of one who loves free press, free speech and union Sunday schools.

The third annual Correspondents' Reunion has passed into history and with it cling some of my fondest recollections, chief of which is the memory of the determined faces and kindly spirit of the Correspondents.

So far as I know the meeting on the 19th ult., was perfectly harmonious. Not a hitch, not a jar. All seemed to be of the same mind and to speak the same things, i. e. to strive to make The Reporter better, by writing more regular and giving all the news. The banquet was simply grand and if there is a stronger word than 'grand' it was both of them. The St. Louis Restaurant people sure know how to feed a lot of hungry country pencil pushers.

But, say Comrades, did you all notice the place I occupied at the table? Dago on my left with the mayor, S. Boyd Street a close second, with the Kid on my right and Kid-o a close second, while Gander and Bashful Ben sat just across the table squarely facing Dago and the mayor. Don't you know I had to do some rustling? And, if Candy Kid had been at that end of the table, bounteous as it was, I would have had a hard time indeed, for believe me, all these "kids" love to eat. I am sure glad "kid-ee" wasn't there. And say, Bashful Ben is no tenderfoot, is he Dago? I believe he has a stomach trouble like Dago and Jack o' Diamonds. Didn't he astonish you? Just got right along down there among the "purtiest" folks around the "bill o' fair" 'jes zactly lak he wuz used to eatin' wid quality. Well Jack is not to be snubbed anywhere. Here's luck to you Jack.

I couldn't see X. Y. Z. for the pretty feminine faces, beautiful hats and stylish dresses he was mixed up with.

I had the exquisite pleasure of meeting for the first time a number of the good writers, among them our old much-esteemed friend and prohibition speaker, Silver Bell. Also, our kind, sympathizing, much appreciated friend, Homeite, and others which space forbids mentioning. Was disappointed at not seeing Salemite there, as he told me he was going. Uno, Buster and Goose were also missed. Can't imagine why Salemite and Goose were absent, but as to Uno, it being so near Christmas time, he was likely off to Ft. Worth or Dallas looking for a saloon. We remember he prefers frequenting saloons before going to church and Buster—well we imagine he was attending A Reader's funeral.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown, Dec. 9, a boy.

Married—At Medlan Chapel at 1 o'clock p. m. Dec. 22 Mr. Floyd Farmer of Goree, Texas, and Miss Alverse Brooks were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Rev. Gaines B. Hall, of the Presbyterian church, Graham, officiating. A large number of friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer left immediately for Goree, their future home.

It is needless to say these worthy young people are well and favorably known here. The groom used to live in Young county and the bride was born and reared in this community. May peace and joy attend their steps through life's uncertain journey, and may they have all prosperity commensurate with right living.

Rev. O. E. Dickson filled his regular appointment here last

Sunday, but we understand this is likely his last sermon here as he is going to Abilene.

R. U. Anderson is moving this week.

There will be several moves made in the next few days.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall expects to preach for us next Sunday at 11 a. m. Mr. Hall promises us a regular first Sunday appointment for an indefinite time.

Miss Maggie Steadham, who is attending school at Loving, spent the holidays with home folks.

Raymond Burnett who is attending school at Graham, visited with home folks during the holidays. Plow Boy.

### MOUNTAIN HOME

Christmas has come and gone and the old year of 1914 will soon be gone and a new year be here. Let us all see how much we can do to make our paper still better this year. I have gotten one more to join our happy band and I think if everything is favorable I will send the paper to some of my friends. Let's all help our Editor all we can, for he is so nice to us all.

I want to welcome Cotton Picker to our band. He spoke of several of the Correspondents that he knew. Now Cotton Picker you know me if you know Dreamy Eyes as I am her sister, the only difference is we don't go by the same name. Wasn't you at the party at Edgar Parry's one night in May when there was a crowd of young ladies from Bee Branch there. I will guess the first letters of your name to be B. D. I know you all right and glad to have you write the Swenson news.

How are you all since the reunion? I am all right but my two children have nearly had the croup, so I have been the doctor. They are both better tonight.

Grandma McClelland had a chill today (Sunday).

I have always heard that geese went south in the winter but I changed my mind the 19th as the Gander was on his way to the reunion. Silver Bell, June Roses, Dreamy Eyes, School Girl and Homeite all heard something crossing the bridge and on looking back saw it was the Gander going to the reunion as fast as he could. He was saying to the driver, "We will have to drive or we will miss that dinner." We got one more glimpse of the Gander before he got to town. That's right Gander, be on time and don't be like Bashful Ben, get there almost too late.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lisle and children spent Saturday and Sunday with Bill and Tom Bunker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beach of Dallas are visiting his parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Owen of Ming Bend were up in this community to spend Christmas with home folks.

Dreamy Eyes, your letter was all right last week.

Trixie, I would like to have been at the box supper. Am glad that you all made as much as you did.

Emmet Lisle attended the dance at Charlie Nicklas' Friday night.

Bird Stringer and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stringer Friday.

Jeff McLendon of California sent his mother a crate of raisins, figs and different kinds of nuts for Christmas. I ate some of the nuts and figs and they were sure fine.

Mrs. Lola Askew of Loving came down the last of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Dreamy Eyes and School Girl came up and stayed from Friday until Sunday with Homeite and all went to the reunion. All had a good time too.

We have had some more rain since I began writing. I hope to see some new Correspondents this week.

I will stop before the Editor gives me a blue pencil mark. I wish each and every one a prosperous New Year.

Homeite.

### SALEM

Christmas has come and gone again, and the new year in which we all expect to do so much is at hand and we are thankful that we have been spared and blessed with good health during the year just passed; and we enter the new year with a hope that we may be spared to meet and greet all the Correspondents at the beginning of the next new year with the best we have in the way of a letter and news from Salem.

We don't know just how well the young folks enjoyed the Christmas week, but do know that they put in all the time splashing around in the mud and rain attending parties. The real little folks enjoyed it from start to finish, for they are true believers in Santa Claus and we know one little girl who found Santa Claus tracks in the yard, and also found some of his whiskers that he had lost in getting over the fence.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Henderson had a small Christmas tree in their home for all the little folks and they had a jolly time with their many presents.

G. G. Smith and family are moving to Mountain Home this week, where he has rented a farm. We regret to see them leave.

E. B. Gilmore and wife visited relatives near Eliasville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ratcliff of Henry Chapel visited their son-in-law M. S. Hinson and wife here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Criswell spent Christmas week with their parents here.

Q. B. Nelson and family of Flat Rock were here last week greeting relatives and old acquaintances.

Miss Alice Gibson spent the holidays with home folks here.

The man who is so badly crippled or deformed, and who has been driving an old white horse around over this country is a sad sight and an object of pity. He spent a week or more of the bad weather in a dug-out on the Frank Burch place. The nearby neighbors fed and cared for him. As soon as the sun shone out last Saturday morning he mounted his carryall and floated down toward Palo Pinto but as the weather turned bad again he may return to his den and stay there until he can see his shadow again.

J. A. Askey and family spent Christmas at Mountain Home visiting their parents.

From some cause wheat is very backward in growth here. None of it large enough to pasture yet.

Now while there is so much being said and written on the subjects of home for the homeless, reduction of the cotton acreage and landlord and tenant it would be a good time for the Correspondents to take up and discuss these questions, and if those who are in the cotton field nine months in the year don't know how to raise cotton or don't know how much money is to be made in growing a cotton crop, then who does know? The Editor has said he believes this to be a good subject and I, for one, second the motion.

We all know that the cotton plant is one among the most valuable and beautiful plants that nature has given to man, but it is down and out now and with all its whiteness and purity and great usefulness to man has to go begging. There are few who will not admit that over-production is the main cause of this. But who or what is to blame for this over-production? Is it the credit system that has been in vogue in the cotton states for so long? Or, is it the farmer, the merchant, the banker, the landlord or the speculator. All are accused but the question is, who is mainly to blame? For one, I would like to hear from all the Correspondents on this subject. We know there are those who will say "Well it won't do any good" but I assure you good will result from it.

If all the glad tidings and good advice sent out to the farmers reached them you would

soon see a big change for the better, but for a fact, there are thousands upon thousands of cotton farmers whom it never does reach, for if a man cannot or will not read you can't reach him. There is a wall there that one with the best intentions possible cannot surmount. But it is growing brighter and they will be reached as time goes on. A little investigation on the land question shows that during the last thirty years land prices have advanced all the way from 400 to 2000 per cent, and there are those who claim that the opportunity to secure a home has forever gone glimmering in the past. But there are those who have been over the road, who will tell you and also prove it, that when everything is taken into consideration that the opportunities of today are just about as good to secure a home as they were thirty years ago. No more hardships will have to be undergone in paying out a home than has been undergone in the past and the prospect for a big advance in price is just as good or better than it was thirty years ago. Think of the comforts and conveniences of today and especially those of communication and transportation, and their great value to man compared with thirty years ago. We would like to hear from all on this part of the subject. The man who never ventures never wins, and of course, as land business is somewhat complicated there are many who do not know how to venture, but by paying any good, honest attorney \$10.00 they can get all the information that is necessary. Then, if they venture, and have the grit to hang on and srowl, they will win, and win just as easy as the man of thirty years ago won.

It is high time for the homeseeker to wake up, for the Belgians are coming and wherever they settle down they stick like red paint on a board fence. You notice that Mrs. Adair is going to settle a large colony of them on her 500,000 acre ranch.

Salem school opened this week with Prof. Ervin Duckworth as teacher. Twenty-two pupils were enrolled. Our school is not large but there are two families yet to move into the community and there will likely be an enrollment of twenty-five or thirty when all get started. We understand that this is Mr. Duckworth's first effort in the work but we believe he will teach a good school. Salemite.

### GOOSENECK

The first thing I want to mention in the Correspondents' Reunion which took place on the 19th. I had one of the very best of times and was glad to see so many there. There was only one thing wrong, and that was, the Goose was missing.

Christmas has come and gone and soon we will have a New Year. The bad weather made it a dull day for us.

Frelon Wiley and wife, S. H. Bain of Headley, Texas and Deacon Brown took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Christmas day.

Rev. Meece from the Pacific coast preached at the school house two nights.

Oscar James and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Caudill, on Cedar Creek.

Ernest Jones and Alex Shoemate spent Friday night with Frank Parsons.

Elmer McLaren is visiting his brother, Bob.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rose spent Christmas with R. L. McLaren and family.

We understand that June Roses spent the night of the 19th with Mrs. Jim Hunt.

John Clark and family went to Tonk Valley Saturday morning.

Some of the boys said they had a big forty-two game at A. L. Conder's Christmas night.

The young folks enjoyed a party Saturday night, given by Mr. and Mrs. Wiley.

Miss Cora Rose and brother spent Saturday night at Mr. Wiley's.

Alfred and Frank Parsons attended Sunday school at Bunker Sunday.

Roy Parsons, Lee McLaren, and John James attended Sunday school at Bunker Sunday.

G. W. Wiley and wife went to Bunker Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Editor, I know you are tired of looking at this letter, but you know we missed a week so please excuse me this time.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year I am still the same, Gander.

### MARKLEY

The last week has been very disagreeable. It has rained, snowed and frozen.

On last Sunday we had two weddings. Robert Cox to Miss Maggie Blackman; Walter Voquels to Miss Julie Haven. These young people are well known and well liked by all who know them. We wish them a long and happy life. Bro. Evans of Loving officiated.

Mrs. Long, wife of our blacksmith, died on the morning of the 20th and was buried on the 21st. Mr. Long has been in Markley but a short time. He and his family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Christmas has come and gone. It was very dull here and the only thing out of the ordinary was the ground was white with snow till about 10 o'clock. Yes, in the afternoon we saw the sun, the first time for several days.

Some cotton in the fields yet, but cotton is so cheap the farmers are not making any extra effort to get it out. I don't think in this gin district that there will be over 60 per cent of a normal crop planted next year. We did not get much wheat sown but there will be a large acreage of oats, kafir, millet and sorghum. A great many of the farmers don't know what to plant.

The majority of them are in debt and they know cotton will never pay them out.

Speaking about landlord and tenant, will say, they are both in the same box. My farm for the last five years has not paid three per cent after taxes and repairs are taken out. Some of you will say how do you make a living. I have grass land, and that pays more per acre than the farm.

How many of you read Holland's Magazine? All of you who do I want you to read that article "Are We a Nation of Drug Victims?" Please answer what you think of the article.

Misses Logan are home visiting their parents during vacation. Robert Logan is also at home for the holidays.

J. W. Cox has called a meeting of the Markley Independent Telephone System stockholders for December 29.

J. B. McDaniel has returned from Oklahoma.

Oil Slade has come back from southern Texas. He tells me he has enough of that country.

We had two loads of apples in Markley during the holidays which were selling for \$1 per bushel.

J. M. Wallace has bought J. W. Akin's land holdings in Markley.

Best wishes to all. Bono.

### LOVING

Lots of sickness in the community.

Nathan Harten is very low with pneumonia.

Mrs. C. T. Story has a bad case of la grippe. Mr. Story has a gripple also but is still able to be about.

Tom Brown is in Jacksboro on business this week.

Mrs. Con Singleton is visiting in Jacksboro this week.

C. T. Story returned last week from Jermyn where he has completed a fine well for H. H. Cobb, who lives seven miles north of that place. The well was 313 feet deep with a flow of water 205 feet deep.

Am sorry we could not be at the reunion but bad weather and sickness prevented.

Loving Heart.

### FLAT ROCK

Well, our Editor has had one week's rest and now he must take up his duties again, and here's my letter.

Hope you all enjoyed Christmas. I would have enjoyed it much more if it had not rained so much.

On account of rain it was impossible for us to have our Christmas tree on the night of the 24th, but instead we had it Christmas night. We also had a short program before the presents were delivered. The beauty of the tree it seemed was complete and we don't think there was a name in our community that was not called while the presents were being taken from the tree. Santa Claus came this time, after being absent two years. He did not get to attend our Christmas tree last year.

Miss Alice Burton of Dallas came in the 23rd to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Lottie Williamson and brother, Bill, of Henry Chapel spent last Wednesday night with E. H. Corley and family.

Miss Veta Logan, our teacher, spent Christmas with home folks at Markley and returned Monday.

Misses Maggie Taylor and Lona Corley and Messrs. Bob Corley, Horace and William Fain called at Mr. Hazelton's Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford spent Christmas with her parents.

Miss Maggie Corley of Graham visited relatives in this community from Thursday till Saturday last week.

The young people enjoyed a musical entertainment at Mr. Hazelton's Saturday night.

No literary meeting will be held at the school house Friday night.

Brit Mayes and little daughter returned Sunday night from a visit with relatives at Weatherford and Rockwall.

Ruel Corley of Garland spent Christmas with relatives here. Messrs. Jesse Martin and Lucian Smith were guests of Misses Georgia and Alice Burton Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Marie, a traveling minister, preached for us Sunday afternoon. He stayed from Saturday until Tuesday with Mr. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix visited relatives in this community Christmas day.

Brit Alford and wife, Miss Jessie Alford and Horace Fain took Christmas dinner with E. H. Corley and family.

Robt. Newby and family spent a few days with Mrs. Newby's sister, Mrs. May Martin.

John Ragland and sister, Miss Fanny and Miss Kate Fields attended the party at Mr. Hazelton's.

Oliver Hazelton, who is teaching school at Komo, spent the holidays with home folks returning to his school Sunday.

Tug Burk of Rock Creek visited our Sunday services.

Misses Georgia Burton and Lona Corley were in town last Thursday purchasing Christmas presents for their Sunday school classes.

The guests at Mr. Corley's Friday night were Misses Lena Humble and Jennie Bell Hunter of Graham, Brit Alford and wife, Miss Jessie Alford and Ed Hunter of Graham.

The following attended the party at the Fields' home Monday night: J. M. Taylor and daughter, Miss Maggie, Misses Alice and Georgia Burton; Messrs. Newby, Printess and Ruel Corley, Romie and Jesse Martin and Will Fain. All report an enjoyable time.

Correspondents, let's try to keep disputes and arguments out of our paper this year and see if we can't write more news that will cheer the readers of The Reporter instead of causing so much hard feelings.

Mrs. Vena Cook and children were greatly missed at Sunday school Sunday.

Here's wishing The Reporter and its many readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Candy Kid.



### Almost Like a Face-to-Face Chat

Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business to be away for several days, and had left his wife on the farm with no companion, except a small child.

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### INDIAN MOUND

We are sure having some winter weather here at last.

While I was at The Reporter office last Tuesday I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Candy Kid and as bashful as I was she and the Editor together managed some way to keep me there long enough to knock me down to Miss Jolly Girl. I have always heard that Tonk Valley was a fine, rich country, but never did I believe that it was rich enough to produce as fine a looking girl as the Jolly Girl. Well, I couldn't blame my Prof.

for going to Tonk Valley from now on.

Miss Uno, who writes for the Leader from Indian Mound says in her last letter: "Kid comes so near telling everything I think he sits on a box by the gate close to the public road and watches to see who passes, then scratches it down on paper and mails it to Mr. Editor to have it printed." Well, if the Correspondents for both the Leader and Reporter were to sit on a box by the roadside and gather up all the information that they could get I am sure they would learn better than to ring central and ask them to ring the postoffice for them, as I heard a lady do only a few days ago. See! My good friend Miss Uno, is generally at Sunday school but was absent today (Sunday). I guess she was sitting on the box gathering news, for the Leader and if she was I sure do feel sorry for the poor child, because it's sure been winter here today.

Well, the long looked for reunion has come and gone, and oh my! what a time we Correspondents had eating that fine dinner prepared by the St. Louis Restaurant for us. It was a real pleasure to this Kid to meet so many of the Correspondents and especially those I had never met.

There was only one thing that occurred during the time the Editor had we Correspondents in charge that I think we ought to be ashamed of and that was when our Editor accused two of the young ladies of eating more dinner than he did.

About four weeks ago the people of Indian Mound began talking Christmas treeism and each Sunday being bad weather they kept waiting till the next Sunday in order to give everybody a chance to be present.

But the weather kept on being bad so last Sunday most of our Sunday school was present and most of them voted in favor of having a Christmas tree Thursday night. Those who were deeply interested in having a Christmas tree and a good time went to work and by dark Thursday night the tree, which reached from the rostrum to the overhead ceiling, was well loaded with nice presents. Bro. H. H. Stephens, our superintendent, called the house to order and made a short talk; then we had a few nice songs and a prayer by Bro. G. W. McComas. Then a few short recitations; and then, owing to the fact that bad weather and bad roads had caused old Santa to be late, they sang another song while waiting. At the close of this song old Santa appeared and was escorted to the front and soon the tree was being unloaded of its fruit. Everybody present appeared to have a nice time and so far as I know, there was nothing but the very best of behavior during the whole time. I think this speaks well of our community at large.

So far as I know, or have heard up till today (Monday), everything has passed off as quiet and nice as anyone could wish for. It is to be hoped that some time in the future Indian Mound will be numbered among the best communities in Young county for its good people and good behavior.

Trixie, I meant we had six Correspondents among our ladies who were extra good. They are all good, but they are like we Kids, Kid-o, Plow Boy and menfolks. Some are extra fine writers while others are not so good.

Candy Kid, it would be real fine if Jolly Girl would make a fruit cake to go with that turkey but I am afraid one apple would not make a large cake.

Our teacher, Miss Zella Owen, closed her school here Friday before Christmas to begin next Monday week. We sure have a good teacher and we small tots aim to have a jolly good time during the holidays.

John Owen from Archer county came down Thursday evening after his sister, Miss Zella. She was going home to spend the holidays. Mr. Owen spent Thursday night at the home of H. H. Stephens and visited our school Friday. We are always

glad to have visitors to come and see us—well, that is, if we haven't a sorry lesson for that day.

B. W. Drum, Lamar Smith, Bud Stockings, Henry Dollins, F. E. Borchardt, John McComas and R. G. Taylor were getting wood for J. S. Frazier. Mr. Frazier has been in poor health for some years and the two past winters he hasn't been able to do very much work.

Horace Busch and family of Tonk Valley are visiting her parents, J. S. Fisher and wife, and other relatives since Saturday.

Austin Bird visited relatives at Ingleside during the holidays. The play party and singing at F. E. Borchardt's Friday night was reported to be fine.

Mrs. Ed Steadham from north of Newcastle is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Dollins, here during the holidays.

R. G. Taylor is suffering with a severe pain in his side at this writing.

Mrs. Lon Knight of Dallas is visiting her parents, G. W. McComas and wife during the holidays.

G. W. McComas, wife and sons, Floyd and John, and daughter, Mrs. Knight and E. G. Williamson and family visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Rhea Cox, at Newcastle Sunday.

Judson Taylor, while cutting wood last Saturday, had the misfortune of cutting one of his toes open with an axe. He cut his shoe open for about two and a half inches without cutting his foot some two weeks ago but this time he got his foot. Both gashes in his shoe are about two and a half inches long and run in the same direction.

We learn the singing at H. H. Stephens Sunday night was rather small owing to bad roads and inclement weather.

Lon Stephens and family visited his brother, Henry Stephens, and family here Saturday and Sunday.

We are sure having some more of C. D. Yancey's rains.

Well, Mr. Editor, I guess I had better bring this letter to a close and leave room for a part of my last letter which failed to reach you in time for publication. Any time my letter fails to reach you later than Tuesday night you can charge it up to some postmaster or clerk's carelessness. I'll mail them to you Tuesday or not at all.

Miss Gray-eyed Girl I see nothing in your references concerning lodge affairs in any way, neither do I find anything upholding dancing.

Tempest and Sunshine, you asked me how came me to know you. I have known you for several years. Yes, I lived there during 1908-1909.

Uncle Zeke, we welcome you to our happy band of Correspondents. Were you reared way back east on the Blue Ridge in North Carolina?

Silver Bell, you write good letters, but I think you are worse scared than hurt about getting no credit next year. I have not heard a single hint any time this winter from any Graham business firm that there was to be no crediting done next year. Don't think I am boosting for Graham. I like nearly all of them as friends but I have always contended that there was no use in them selling as high as they do. Kid.

Right now thousands of bales of cotton which were wisely held off the market are unwisely being allowed to lie out in the weather and rot. Warehouse such cotton at once before further damage is done; or build a cheap cover for it at home. With some old roofing and material picked up around the place we made a snug house for eight bales; but when this is not possible it will pay to buy what material is needed. Get the cotton under cover!—Progressive Farmer.

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### MOUNTAIN HOME

Good morning Mr. Editor and Correspondents. How are you all faring this awful cold day? I have been faring pretty well, have been eating peanuts and popcorn.

Miss Anis Matlock and sister, little Ora, visited the Mountain Home school Thursday eve. Mr. and Mrs. Leatherwood and family spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bolen.

Mrs. Sarah Matlock and her daughter, Miss Anis, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Ella Robbins.

Miss Anis Matlock has been on the sick list but is improving.

Misses Edna and Georgia Bolen spent Sunday with Miss May Epperson.

Mrs. Eddie Massengale spent from Wednesday till Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Matlock.

How did you all enjoy the reunion? It was just fine.

December the 18th Mr. Carl Bishop and sister, Miss Grace, of the Stovall farm passed thru this community going east. I didn't learn where they were going. When they reached salt Creek Carl got out of the buggy and took the bride off his horse to let it drink. The horse got lodge from him and ran to Bryson. Miss Grace jumped out of the buggy and in doing so tore her rain coat pretty bad.

Mr. Ervin Eason of the Salt Creek community and Miss Daisy Parrish of this community were married Sunday, Elder D. J. E. Clark of Dakin officiating. We wish them a long and happy life.

Pansy, why wasn't you at the reunion.

I certainly did enjoy meeting what few Correspondents there were in attendance and was real proud to meet the Editor.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Massengale and Mrs. Sarah Matlock and children spent Christmas day at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Plaster's.

Pharis Miller is getting along very well with the fever.

I will ring off by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I am the same New Year-eyed Girl.

### MURRAY

A Happy New Year to all. Mrs. E. E. Price and children left last week for Post City.

Miss Ima Jean Mobley of Oklahoma City is visiting relatives and friends here.

Some of the young people enjoyed parties at Messrs. Peacock's and Maben's Wednesday and Saturday nights.

J. W. Robinson returned from a business trip to Midland Friday.

Mrs. R. D. Tyra is on the sick list. We hope she will soon be better.

Mrs. J. T. Hamilton and son, Tyra Lee, are visiting in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Foster of Newcastle spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maben.

Several of the young people here attended a big dinner Sunday, given by Misses Hattie and Faye Martin on Myers Branch. All report a jolly, good time and a fine dinner. Hope we will get an invitation to go again next Christmas, and we will certainly respond, if possible.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brad-dock and little daughter, Pauline, also Misses Minnie and Bessie Moreland took Christmas dinner with R. D. Tyra and family.

Miss Myrtle Moreland spent part of last week at Graham, guest of Misses Carrie and Luna Harty.

August Robinson, who is working at Woodson, spent Christmas with his parents here.

W. H. Ardis and little daughter, Mattie Earl, went to Eliaville Saturday to spend a few days visiting.

R. K. Pounds and family and My! aren't we having some bad weather?

Odis East and family took dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bolding, Friday.

W. W. Fawks and sister, Miss Allie, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walsh. Bluebell.

### KOMO

Well, well, I sure did have to miss the reunion. I sure would have enjoyed being there and meeting with the Correspondents, but am hoping to be there the next one.

How did all of you spend Christmas? I spent it at home by a good fire. Old Santa Claus didn't know me this Christmas so I did not get any presents.

Oh, yes! Kid-o, I know you, and you know who Pansy is, do you not?

Health in this community is good except bad colds.

I will be glad when I get The Reporter again. It seems like it has been a month since I've read one.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. White and daughter, Miss Lottie, visited J. R. Martin and family of Bryson from Sunday till Wednesday.

Mrs. G. R. White and Mrs. Lucinda Odom are reported to be better of the grippé this week.

Ed White of Kansas City, Mo. visited his cousin, Geo. White, several days last week.

J. A. Bower and family visited his father, A. Bower, part of last week.

Austin White visited relatives at Bryson Saturday.

Well, will quit, hoping to see all the Correspondents present this week. Pansy.

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THERE are things of interest that you cannot find anywhere except in your local paper, and this paper gathers all the news of the community and brings it together in a manner appealing to every member of the family. Besides this, we endeavor to give as much of the outside news as space will permit, and as we think would be of general interest. Our interest is in this community, and we, at all times, endeavor to do everything in our power to help upbuild and improve it.

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**FLINT CREEK**

New Year's Gift to you all. I guess I will be allowed to say that. I haven't been with you in a long time but still claim to be one of the Correspondents, and if you all had been at the reunion you would have thought I was one anyway.

I suppose some will be surprised to see this in print but I couldn't afford to miss that big dinner (or seeing the other scribes rather) so I thought I would write and pay for it.

You all know why I haven't been writing so there isn't any use of telling that.

I am sorry I have been absent so long, for I hate for people to call my name when I can't reply to it. But, I think those who have sympathized with me, and I sympathize with those who missed that dinner.

I guess some think I was a little "hoggish" for taking in the reunion when I hadn't been writing for so long, but that sore thumb didn't keep me from eating, did it Carrie Nation? "Ho'gish" or not 'hoggish" anyway I went and enjoyed myself fine.

It has been so long since I was with you I don't know how to begin hardly. Guess I had better tell how we enjoyed Christmas out here.

We didn't have such an enjoyable Christmas as it rained nearly all day and eve' too. Have had a few dances but not many.

Quite a number of the Flint Creekers attended the dance at Mr. Lawrence's of the Rocky Mound community Saturday night and reported a nice time.

I am glad Christmas comes just once a year, for I sure did miss The Reporter Friday.

I enjoyed reading it just as well as if I had been writing all the time.

We have been having some bad cotton picking weather. The people here like a great deal being through picking. Guess we'll have two crops out of one.

School is progressing nicely at this place. The school teacher is liked well by both pupils and patrons, and by the young men, too, I think.

Ernest Heighen, who has been working for D. W. Doolen, has returned to his home in Graham.

Lyle Norred still comes to Flint Creek occasionally, and he comes every Sunday.

Miss Jessie Morrison, the school teacher at this place, visited home folks during Christmas.

Grandma Stephens is visiting relatives in Comanche county.

I see some more good writers have entered since I last wrote and I also see Plow Boy still gets hit, but he comes on as usual.

As this is the first I have written in quite a while will quit and give room to the older ones. Jack o' Diamonds.

**LUCILLE**

I guess Dago will not have to boat out to milk now. He can get some skates and go after them. That will be better won't it Dago.

A. Storm went over to the city of Graford Thursday.

Oscar Newberry, our mail carrier had the misfortune to brake his hack down Thursday.

Our school has been put off till after Christmas. Looks like we are not going to have any school. Maybe we will have a good one when it starts.

Silver Bell, you said something when you spoke of the farmers going to send off after their supplies next year. There will be a few who will send for their supplies this winter and they can't be blamed, for the merchants won't pay them anything for what they have to sell, but just look what we have to pay when we go to buy from them.

Hollyhock, I wish you and Gray-eyed girl would not tell so much about those parties, for it makes me sick to think they are so far I can't attend.

Health of this community I believe is good as far as I know. Johnnie Dolittle.

**LONE OAK**

How was Christmas with all you Correspondents? It was very dull with me.

And, the reunion? I sure did hate to miss it but I just couldn't go on account of the weather being so bad.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lowe were very ill with la grippe last week.

Mr. Wilburn's children have about recovered from roseola. Lum McBride has been very sick but is improving at this time.

Mrs. R. T. Carter is spending the week with Mrs. A. J. Lowe.

Misses Ida and Myrtle Watson, who have been the guests of Dave Watson and family for some time, returned to their home in Denton county Sunday.

Mr. Stanford and daughter have moved to Jack county.

Rev. R. E. Boyle has sold his place to Mr. Harris of Mezargel.

In our last letter we failed to report the marriage of Mr. Willie Conley of Jermyn and Miss Lee Hawkins of this community which occurred Sunday, Dec. 13, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Belle Hawkins.

The bride was reared in this community and is loved and esteemed by all who know her. The groom is a promising young farmer of Jack county. We congratulate him on winning such a prize as a partner thru life. They have our best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

Homer Armstrong and family contemplate moving to the Red Top community in the near future. We regret to lose these excellent people from our community but wish them much success in their new place of abode.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pratt and Frank Lee ate supper at the McBride home Christmas night.

Rev. R. E. Boyle and family will dwell on the Pratt farm during the coming year. He contemplates purchasing land in another portion of the state.

Luther Howard of Red Top was in our community Sunday.

W. C. McGee dined at the McBride home Sunday.

Did you Correspondents who had the pleasure of attending the reunion take up a collection for the purpose of purchasing the Editor's Christmas turkey? I did not intend to leave the impression that I thought witty sayings showed lack of refinement in the author. I meant the use of real slang. Such expressions as rhetoric classes as low or colloquial words. I enjoy the right kind of wit and humor as much as any one.

There was a party of men and boys out serenading Christmas night.

Tom Watson and John Dosssette called at C. C. McBride's Friday afternoon.

Mr. Walker and family moved to Red River county about two weeks since.

Mr. Veach and family have moved in the house recently vacated by Mr. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hawkins spent the holidays with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley of Jack county were the guests of Mrs. Belle Hawkins and family Xmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bee Martin and children dined at A. P. Stewart's Christmas day.

Kid, what was the matter that your letter failed to appear in the last issue of The Reporter? Preparing for Xmas were you?

We have had several weeks of rainy weather and there is still quite a lot of cotton in the fields. Suppose we'll have to wait until spring to finish picking.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all. Brunette.

**TONK VALLEY**

Did old Santa Claus come to see all you Correspondents? He sure did me. I had a fine Christmas.

The reunion was all right, wasn't it? I sure did enjoy myself and meeting the Corres-

pondents, and that fine dinner Mr. Editor had fixed up for us couldn't have been beaten.

Mr. Editor did you take your trip? If so, hope you had a fine Christmas.

Miss Rudelle Seddon entertained a number of her friends at her home on last Thursday night. All reported an enjoyable time.

Prof. Burnett spent Christmas at his home in Decatur, returning Saturday morning and will begin school the 28th.

Harry Hand, who has been attending college in Ft. Worth, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Burk of Rock Creek are spending several days at Mr. Robbins'.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight were visitors at Mrs. Killion's Sunday afternoon.

Prof. J. O. Burnett and Misses Eppie Moore and Sallie Timmons were callers at Mr. Seddon's Saturday afternoon.

Miss Zula George spent last Saturday night with the Lowrey girls.

Misses Eliza and Beulah Freeman visited at Mr. Robbins' Saturday afternoon.

Garrett Robertson and family have moved from our community up near Lovings.

John George and family spent Christmas night with his mother.

Bud Lowrey and family visited at her father's Saturday night in Lower Tonk.

Virgil Gatlin and Phillip Flint of Graham were visitors at Mr. Knight's last Tuesday night.

I. V. Freeman will soon have his new house finished and ready to move into by the 1st.

Miss Gussie Cornish and brother, Rex, attended the party at Mr. Gray's Saturday night.

Joe Hart of Flat Rock visited at Mr. Robbins' last Monday night.

Frank Corley is working for O. K. Freeman.

W. E. Simpson of Bryson called Sunday afternoon at Mr. Robbins'.

I failed to make my appearance at Sunday school Sunday, so haven't heard how it was.

Rev. Patterson will preach here next Sunday.

Daisy Flat, we missed you at the reunion. Here is my pencil, write and tell us why you wasn't there. Jolly Girl.

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WEST TEXAS REPORTER

**FARMER**

Christmas has come and gone and oh, how dull. Our Christmas tree was a flash on account of the inclement weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keene are the proud parents of a new boy, born Christmas eve. Mother and babe doing fine.

Our Sunday school was well attended last Sunday.

Oh! how bad I wanted to be at the reunion but business called me elsewhere.

Rev. Bell preached a very interesting sermon at the Methodist church Sunday. I think we have a good preacher and everyone seems to be pleased with him.

Mr. Carl Morgan of Thacher, Oklahoma is visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lizzie Wall.

J. W. Wall and Carl Morgan called on A. C. Casey Sunday night.

I hope all you Correspondents have had a merry Christmas, and wish you a happy new year.

Health is very good in this community with the exception of bad colds.

W. M. Stanford is moving to Flint Creek. Pilot.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Young County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Comanded to Summon H. P. Brogdon by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 30th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 30th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Young County, to be holden at the Court House thereof in March, A. D. 1915, the same being the first day of March, A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1914, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1693, wherein Nancy Martin and her husband, H. M. Martin, James S. Timmons, Omer Beckham, a feme sole, W. H. Timmons, L. Z. Timmons, P. P. Timmons, Noble Timmons, Leona McCluskey and husband, Ed McCluskey, Belle Rogers and husband, H. L. Rogers and Lizzie Burgess and husband, Plaintiffs, and J. S. Timmons, Mrs. Frances Henry and husband, Henry, H. P. Brogdon, Matt Brogdon, Mrs. Mollie Wagner, and husband, John Wagner, and D. T. Sledg, Defendants, and said petition alleging:

That plaintiffs and defendants are joint owners in fee simple of the following described land situated in Young County, Texas, to wit: 159 acres of the J. C. Colthran survey, the M. DeWitt survey, the V. E. Curtis survey, abt. 1654, the west 47-1-3 acres of V. E. Curtis survey, abt. 1674, the S. A. Hart survey, the D. W. Russell survey, abt. 1750, the D. W. Russell survey, abt. 1788, the Ben Bragg survey, the D. C. Russell survey, the W. J. Higgins survey, and the G. W. Ellis survey, containing the aggregate 1504 1-6 acres of land; the Plaintiff, Nancy Martin, is the owner of an undivided 40 part of said land, that the Plaintiff, J. S. Timmons, is the owner of an undivided 25 part of said land, that the Plaintiff, L. Z. Timmons, is the owner of an undivided .05 part of said land, that the Plaintiff, Omer Beckham, P. P. Timmons, Noble Timmons, W. J. Timmons, Leona McCluskey, Belle Rogers, and Lizzie Burgess are the joint owners of an undivided .05 part of said land, subject to the life estate of J. S. Timmons in and to 1-3. That the defendants J. S. Brogdon, Mrs. Frances Henry, H. P. Brogdon and Mollie Wagner, are each the owners of an undivided .05 part of said land. The interest of Matt Brogdon is subject however to a mortgage thereon in favor of J. S. Timmons and that the defendant, D. T. Sledg, is the owner of an undivided .04 part of said land. The plaintiffs and defendants are the sole owners of said land so far as is known to these plaintiffs and the estimate value thereof is \$15,000. Wherefore plaintiffs pray the Court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that they have judgment for the petition and division of said land, and the .05 interest of L. Z. Timmons et al be included in such partition with the .26 interest of J. S. Timmons, that commissioners be appointed, and a writ of partition issued, and for the possession of that portion that by judgments of the Court may be ascertained and declared to be property of each plaintiff respectively, and for such other and further relief both general in law and as they may be justly entitled to etc.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Willie Riggs, Clerk of the District Court of Young County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Graham, this, the 18th day of December, A. D. 1914.

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## Local and Personal Mention

J. L. Bratcher of Loving was a visitor in the city Tuesday afternoon.

T. M. Cunningham, who is at Austin, visited the home folks at Eliasville during the holidays.

J. B. McGlammery of Eliasville visited in DeLeon during the holidays.

Malcolm Donnell of Colorado City spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Princeton Wynns of Dallas spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wynns.

Homer Donnell of Eliasville was in the city on business Monday.

J. B. Robertson, a well known merchant of Ivan, was in the city Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greenlun of Dallas are here visiting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jeffreys of Wichita Falls are here visiting Mrs. Jeffreys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar.

Mrs. R. M. Todd spent Christmas in Dallas visiting her sister.

Amelia, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Morton has been sick with pneumonia.

L. L. Spivey of Oklahoma City is here for a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. Henry Groves and two daughters spent Christmas in Olney.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lyon, who have been visiting J. P. Hamilton and family returned to their home in Vernon yesterday.

Mrs. B. B. Garrett has about recovered from a severe spell of la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis of Eliasville, spent Monday night and Tuesday in the city, guests of Mrs. Ellen Riggs and son, Willie.

J. W. Jackson has been confined to his room for a week or ten days with la grippe but is able to be up now.

Silas Jeffery suffered a painful injury last Monday at Ingleside ranch by thrusting a pitchfork into his foot. He was brought home and the wound received attention at once and he is now about on crutches.

S. W. Lane and wife are expecting to return today from Ft. Worth, where Mrs. Lane underwent an operation at All Saints' Hospital. She is returning greatly improved.

Miss Lucille Miller visited in Arlington and Ft. Worth several days during the holidays.

Don Parsons of Megargal was a Tuesday visitor in our city and while here made The Reporter office a pleasant visit.

J. R. Holcomb of South Bend was here Tuesday.

J. P. McKinley spent a few days in Olney this week.

Miss Lou Stroud of the Street millinery department has returned to her home in Floresville. We understand Miss Stroud will return for the Spring millinery season.

R. F. Short, Jr., is to return Sunday to Baylor University, Waco, for the remainder of the term.

Miss Mary Cope visited relatives in Denton during the holidays.

The public school resumed work Wednesday morning after a ten days' holiday.

Prof. W. E. Simpson of Bryson made the Reporter a pleasant call Monday.

Miss Ruth Doty is home from Texas Womans' College, Fort Worth to spend the holidays with her father and family.

Mrs. Mary L. Manning and granddaughter, Dorothy Vick, spent the holidays in Dallas visiting relatives.

Adrain and Verl Upperman left Friday for Saginaw to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Axley visited in Bryson during the holidays.

Sid Epperson spent Christmas with his mother in Chico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Criswell spent Christmas with Mrs. Criswell's parents in Jacksboro.

Rob McLaren of Memphis, Texas is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

W. D. Spivey is enjoying a visit from his brother of Oklahoma City this week.

W. J. A. Cooper has returned from a business trip to Bonham, Dallas, Sherman and other eastern points.

Bill Yancey went over to Eliasville Sunday to attend a family reunion at his father's home at that place. A brother from El Paso was present whom he had not seen in some time.

Henry Driver, the Bunger merchant, was on the streets here Wednesday.

Pitt Martyn of Dallas is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil C. Eddleman at the home of A. B. Eddleman.

Miss Jewell Steen spent the holidays in town.

Clint Copeland of A. & M. College is spending Christmas at home.

Misses Mary Craig and Lois Loving are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Norman spent the week-end with Mrs. Will Loving at Jermyn.

Dr. Will Padgett of Dallas spent Christmas here.

Misses Buford Snoddy and Ada Rickman of Texas Woman's College, Ft. Worth, visited home folks during the holidays.

Leonard Norman and Scarborough Mabry were home for the Christmas vacation.

F. F. Parrish and family have moved into the Luther Clark residence in West Graham.

C. B. Bettis and family are moving to Oklahoma City this week. We regret to lose this estimable family but wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Price and children spent Christmas week with Mrs. Price's relatives in Bisbee, Arizona.

Frank Forbes of Sherman was here this week on a business mission and visiting former friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. King have returned from Seymour where they spent the holidays.

Mrs. Lowe and sister, Miss Hugh Weaver, visited friends in Dallas and Cleburne this week.

Miss Edna Long of Dallas was here for the holidays.

D. D. Cusenbary and Miss May Hunter returned last week from a visit to J. E. Parson's family at Littlefield, Texas.

Lost—Black Umbrella, with straight handle and aluminum hand piece. Finder please return to Reporter office.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryan spent several days in Dallas and Ft. Worth the past week.

Mrs. W. P. Clark and little daughter of Newcastle visited her brother, C. P. Hutchison and family here during the holidays.

Robert McJimsey was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McJimsey, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Arnold spent the holidays with Mrs. Arnold's parents in Llano, Texas.

The editor and family visited relatives in Ft. Worth Christmas.

E. H. Salling is spending the holidays with relatives in Ft. Worth.

R. E. Boyle of the Lone Oak community was here on business Saturday and paid The Reporter a pleasant visit.

Mrs. S. W. Lane, who underwent an operation recently, is improving rapidly and will likely be at home next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stovall left last week to spend a week with Mrs. Stovall's parents.

Miss Hattie Wray has returned to her home in Milford, after teaching a class in china painting here for several months. We regret that Miss Wray's class did not justify her continuance.

Capt. S. R. Crawford spent the holidays in Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Frank Southall went to Saginaw Christmas week to spend several months with her mother there.

Miss Vezey, the popular head trimmer of Morrison's millinery department spent the holidays with relatives at Cleburne and at Italy, Texas.

Miss Nanie Thomason spent the Christmas vacation with her parents at Justin, Texas.

Miss Allie Hogue visited her sisters, Misses Birdie and Willie, who are teaching at Vineyard, during the holidays.

Miss Aline Johnson of Chickasha, Oklahoma, spent Christmas here with the home folks.

E. L. Howell went to his home in DeLeon for the holidays.

Harry H. Petty of Muskogee, Okla., visited friends here for several days this week.

Wesley Johnson, who is attending a law school in Chicago spent Christmas week here with his parents.

Milton Snoddy of Dallas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Snoddy during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Criswell spent several days of Christmas week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Gilmore, of the Salem community.

A. J. Wheat of Loving was in the city on business Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Finch and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Strube of Fort Worth visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Finch, during the holidays.

### NOTICE

Regular annual meeting of the shareholders of The Graham National Bank of Graham, Texas, will be held at the banking house of said bank on the 12th day of January, 1915, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.  
Chas. Gay, Cashier.

Miss Mary Ellen and Marion Burkett came home for Christmas.

Robert Morrison of Austin College and Miss Lily Morrison of Kidd-Key were home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kidwell of Cache, Oklahoma, spent Christmas week at the Loving ranch.

Mrs. Lester Ringgenberg returned home Monday, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McJimsey.

Mrs. G. S. Mason of San Angelo is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sloan.

Miss Aline Johnson, who has been teaching expression at Chickasha is spending the holidays at home.

Sam Williams of Ming Bend was in the city yesterday. He was assisting J. A. Askew to move his household effects from Monument to Ming Bend. He paid us a pleasant visit while here.

C. A. Newby of Burkburnett is here spending the holidays with his folks. Mr. Newby called at The Reporter office last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Beech of Rhinehart are spending the holidays with his father's family at Bunger. Mr. Beech made us a pleasant call Saturday.

H. J. Sparks of Jean made The Reporter office a visit Monday while in the city.

W. B. Douglass visited his mother in Wichita Falls during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Burdick of Hastings, Okla. have been spending the holidays with relatives and friends near Loving.

Mr. Eugene Crouch of McKinney spent several days with the family of C. W. Johnson. Mrs. Crouch will visit for a while longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Casburn entertained quite a jolly crowd at their home in the country Christmas day. The event was in the nature of a family reunion and quite a number of guests were invited.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Casburn, Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne Reynolds and daughter of Newcastle, John C. Bower and family, Pat Wood and family, Robt. Bower and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ash, A. Kessler and family, Miss Hattie Conder, Messrs. Bill Martin, Ed Rehders, Lucian Smith and John Ragland.

### LES HIBOUX

Miss Bessie James entertained the Thursday Auction Bridge Club on Saturday afternoon. Each member was requested to bring a little Christmas gift and these were numbered and given to the guests. Many and various gifts were given and received.

Four games of Auction were played, the hostess then serving delicious chicken salad, olives, crackers, with hot tea. Miss Eula Logan won the high score prize, a pretty ivory file and a pair of sterling scissors. In the cut prize, Mrs. Walstead won a handsome brass fern bowl.

Those present were: Messdames F. F. Parrish, R. Fowler, C. Hutchison, H. Wadsworth, B. Street, M. K. Graham, E. C. Stovall; Misses Lillian Manning, Bladen Garrett, Eula Logan and Dorothy Graham. Invited guests, Mrs. L. A. Ringgenberg, Mrs. George Walstead and Miss Lucille Miller.

### Honoring Sunday School Girls.

On last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tidwell, Mrs. Isaacs entertained in honor of her Sunday school class of girls.

The young men were given a slip of paper on which was written the name of a Bible character. The young ladies were then presented a description of one of these characters, which she was to find. In that way partners were found to play progressive rook, which was the diversion of the evening.

Mrs. Isaacs, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Tidwell, Mrs. W. I. Tidwell and Miss Lorena Wallace served a delightful salad course, with hot chocolate and cake.

The following guests were present: Misses Lottie Bell and Lorena Wallace, Artie Norman, Beulah and Eula Stone, Velma and Verda Martin, Willie Kizer, Etta Schlittler, Lizzie Johnson, Myrtle Woolfolk, Sallie Jackson, Nola Adair, Lucille Reed, Beulah Allen and Ethel Birdwell; Messrs. Merle Cole, J. C. Rickman, R. F. Short, Jr., Grey Howard, Fred Mayes, Troy Samply, Elver Stone, George and Jesse Fore, Christian Stoffers, Herschel Eddleman, Floyd Hinson, J. B. Norris, Robert Morrison, Clint Copeland, Bill Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Tidwell.

### Priscilla Club.

The Priscilla Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1915, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Widmeyer. To make the meeting more enjoyable each member is asked to bring a small Christmas gift, which will be exchanged in a novel way, for that brought by some other club member.

Rev. L. A. Webb of Weatherford, the recently appointed presiding elder of the Weatherford district, was in town this week. He preached and held quarterly conference for the Methodist church Wednesday night. Rev. Webb made a good impression on all present.

### CEDAR CREEK

Hello! how are all you scribes by this time? This one is all right.

Jack o' Diamonds, how are you since the reunion? You must come on with your letters the first week of the new year.

Jolly Girl, you sure are a jolly girl all right. I sure enjoy your letters. How did you all enjoy Christmas? I enjoyed it fine.

The Christmas tree at Cedar Creek school house was well attended if it was raining.

The young folks enjoyed a candy breaking at B. P. Gann's Wednesday night.

I. H. Steele and wife and Miss Pearl Frazier visited Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Upham Friday night.

Melvin Gann visited Henry Steele Wednesday.

Well, I guess the Editor enjoyed a nice fat turkey Christmas. I hope he did.

I am in a hurry so will close.  
June Roses.

J. G. Dossett of Jean was in the city yesterday and made the Reporter a pleasant visit.

R. G. Taylor of Indian Mound was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

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## Want Ads

Barred Rock Cockerels for sale. Z. A. Hudson.

Having leased Mr. P. C. Walker's interest in the St. Louis Restaurant we are better prepared to serve you than ever. Ladies trade a specialty.  
W. F. and Mrs. Babb.

For Sale—Good milch cow, 5 years old, with young heifer calf. B. W. King.

For Sale—One span of three year old and two spans two year old mules, all black, for cash or secured note.  
S. P. Taylor.

For Sale—One span of young broke mules at \$185.00 for cash or good note.  
John Kisinger.

A Snap for Newly Weds. A full housekeeping outfit, worth \$250.00 will sell for \$100, account of leaving town.  
C. B. Bettis.

### FOR SALE

I have some nice year old Durham male calves for sale. This is good stuff.  
W. B. Hinson.

## Opera House

HAPPENINGS AT OPERA HOUSE NEXT WEEK

MONDAY  
Wife's Busy Day.  
Tribal War in the South Seas, two reels.

TUESDAY  
Man and His Brother, two reels.

A Race for Life.  
WEDNESDAY  
Some Cop.  
Universal Ike, Jr.'s Legacy.  
For Friendship's Sake.

THURSDAY  
The Third Party.  
Firelight, two reels.

FRIDAY  
When the Heart Calls, two reels.  
A Dramatic Mistake.

SATURDAY  
Detective Dan Cupid.  
The Coast Guard's Bride, two reels.

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