





## What's On at The COZY

### TODAY

George Walsh in "From Now On." The story of a man who played a lone hand against all the forces in the Underworld. Also Eddie Polo.

### TOMORROW

"Kentucky Colonel". Adapted from Opie Read's Novel, and featuring "The Miracle Man of the screen, Joseph J. Dowling. NOTE—Eddie Polo will only show at 2 p. m. "Fox News," at night.

### MONDAY

George Walsh in "Plunger," Fox News and Mutt and Jeff.

### TUESDAY

Olive Thomas in "Darling Mine," and, a Star Comedy.

### WEDNESDAY

H. B. Warner, in "One Hour Before Dawn," Can a girl of sixteen make a monkey out of a man? What happened one hour before dawn? Also a Sunshine Comedy.

### THURSDAY

Same Program. With the exception of Comedy. Which is another Clyde Cook. See Cook if you want to Laugh.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

### Methodist Church.

Sunday school splendid, especially were we proud of the offering to the Orphans' Home. There were two hundred and thirty one who gave in this offering, and the amount reached nearly two hundred dollars. Next Sunday is New Year's Sunday. What a good time to worship. We welcome we would be glad to see you. Preaching at 11:00 and 6:15. Morning subject: "New Year Chimes."

The Epworth League program was well attended. The Christmas program presented by them was unique and excellent. The thanks of the entire congregation are due the leaguers for this service.

The church is planning a night watch service for Dec. 31, from 7:00 to 12:00. There will be a real church warming and good things to eat, as well as a splendid program.

J. H. Hicks, Pastor.

### At the First Christian Church.

On Christmas eve night of this week a Christmas Tree and treat will be given at the church for the Sunday school. Everybody come and have a good time.

On Christmas Sunday at 11 a. m. I will preach on "The World Significance of Christmas" and at 6:15 p. m. on "Are You Saved? How Know It?" This is a general home coming time and a record attendance is expected at the Sunday School and all services.

We have bought the J. E. Murphy home three doors west of Mrs. Geo. Harris' and are mighty busy remodeling and re-decorating. Hope soon to move in and be at home in and be at home to everybody. Come and see us anyhow.

Clyde Lee Fife.

### Coming, Coming, Coming, Who? King Jesus, When? Soon.

Are you ready to meet him? Come to the Apostolic Tabernacle near R. S. & P. Ry. station, and Bro. and Sister Swift with other workers, will tell you more about Jesus. And what he can and will do for you and of what he has done for others. Every evening at 6:30 p. m. Sundays at 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Come and hear of a man who told me all things I did and coming behold the lamb of God who taketh away your sins. We have no startling headlines, but we have the full gospel, and Jesus, who is with us in power of the Holy Ghost. Everybody welcome. Come and bring a friend. There is a seat reserved for you.

J. H. Nunn.

### RENEWED TESTIMONY.

No one in Snyder who suffers back aches, headaches, or distressing urinary ills can afford to ignore this Colorado man's twice-told story. It is confirmed testimony that no resident of this locality can doubt.

J. H. Cooper, proprietor of blacksmith shop, Sixth and Oak Sts., Colorado, Texas, gave the following statement November 4, 1915: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills several times in the past for trouble with my back. From the results I obtained I think they are a good, reliable remedy. I gladly recommend Doan's to anyone suffering with their kidneys."

On April 12, 1919, Mr. Cooper said: "I can still recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as highly as I did when I endorsed them in 1915. Doan's certainly benefitted me a great deal."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Cooper had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Madge Darby who came home ill from Fort Stockton is reported better.

Miss Lois Sears is home from Ward Belmont, Nashville, Tenn., to spend Christmas holidays with home folks.

Miss Marie Palmer who is attending C. I. A. at Denton, came in Monday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Welch left this week for their home at Wichita Falls.

Miss Ida May Southers leaves today for Brady, her old home, to spend Christmas.

Raymond Sims is home from Austin to enjoy Christmas with home folks.

## Your Gift On Christmas Morning

Will it be chosen with care and consideration or will it be an "Eleventh hour" purchase?

Our stock is now complete, which insures a good selection of those things most appreciated.

Come Look Over Our Offerings.

**Stinson Drug Company**  
North Side

## Not Only CHRISTMAS

But each and every day you will find us giving Service—the real service that serves

## The Chocolate Shop

Success is built on service. You cannot build a house without a foundation, neither can you expect success without you lay the foundation well. We are building our business on the idea that

**"He who serves well serves best"**

August Stahl of the Foch community was in the city Tuesday.

FOR SALE—Good piano at a bargain. See P. A. Davenport. 29c

### Income Tax Reports.

We are prepared to make your income tax report at a nominal charge. Ask us about it, Boren & Erwin, North West Corner Court House.

Wishing you a

## Merry Christmas

And thanking you for your esteemed patronage during the year just past.

*By your liberal patronage our first year's business has been very pleasant and satisfactory; and we hope that during the year to come we may have the pleasure of serving you often, and ours will be a renewed effort to serve you better. Again wishing for you a pleasant and profitable NEW YEAR.*

**J. E. Ketner**

Phone 181

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are approaching again the happy Christmas Season. Let us lay aside the cares, worries and disappointments that may have been ours, and remember the gift the Holy Babe of Bethlehem gave to us on this, his natal day; let us, too, give the best that is in us that Christmas may be a day of happiness through service.

Old friends and new, we are wishing for you and yours all the happiness, all the joy and gladness, that the Christmas Season can bring.

**THE SNYDER NATIONAL BANK**

**\$100 Reward, \$100**  
 This is a local disease greatly in-  
 creased by constitutional conditions. It  
 requires constitutional treatment.  
**HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE**  
 acts internally and acts through the  
 mucous surfaces of the system.  
**HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE**  
 is the foundation of the disease.  
 The patient strength by improving  
 general health and assisting nature in  
 its work. \$1.00 for any case of  
 this kind. **HALL'S CATARRH**  
**ICINE** falls to cure.  
 Agents 75c. Testimonials free.  
 J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

**FOR SALE OR RENT**—3 1/2 acres of  
 land fairly well improved, house well  
 and windmill, orchard, outside city  
 limits 10 blocks from court house,  
 ideal place for dairy and chickens,  
 also 10 acres of grass land leased.  
 George Epply, south Spring St. Snyder,  
 Texas. 27p.

W. C. Wermenger returned last  
 week from a business trip to Winters.

**SANTA'S  
 REINDEERS**

By May Annesley Rigdon



HERE was a past Christmas  
 eve that stood out in bold  
 prominence in the mind of  
 Ross Evans, as he lounged  
 in a luxurious chair in his  
 room at the hotel and wove  
 fond, reminiscent, and then  
 hopeful anticipatory dreams.  
 Evans was a successful cir-  
 cus man, but not of the ring type. With-  
 in two years he had won the envious  
 distinction of being a leader in his line  
 as advance agent and advertising  
 man.

The shows were off of the road for  
 the winter season now, and a few  
 days before Christmas there came a  
 great longing to the wanderer to see  
 the old friends at home. There was  
 Mrs. Alice Dalrymple, whose husband  
 had been the best friend Evans ever  
 had. There was her house full of lit-  
 tle children and Ivy Clary's peerless  
 beauty and grace, who had come into  
 his life as a winning spirit of gentle-  
 ness.

It was because of his remembrance  
 of his last Christmas eve in Weston  
 that he thought of her now. How fer-



vently he recalled the merry hours  
 with the brood of little Dalrymples,  
 and one incident that had tinged his  
 whole career, when he and Ivy were  
 alone trimming the Christmas tree.  
 She wore a rose colored, broad ribbon  
 belt, and he was steadying her on a  
 stool. As she was adjusting some tinsel  
 its perfumed ends swept his face.  
 With an impulse he could not analyze  
 Evans put out one hand, seized the  
 bit of finery and pressed it to his  
 lips.

"Be careful!" he muttered quickly,  
 for Ivy had nearly lost her balance.  
 She had witnessed the fervent gesture  
 of Evans in the mirror. She stepped  
 to the floor, her face crimson, her eyes  
 showing half fright, and breathless  
 with emotion. In intense tones he  
 whispered:

"I am thinking of leaving Weston,  
 but if you care for me—" and then  
 Mrs. Dalrymple abruptly entered the  
 room and Evans had no further op-  
 portunity of seeing Ivy alone. The  
 next day a position with the circus  
 was offered and he gave heed to the  
 call of ambition.

His eyes glowed now, and there was  
 a rapt smile on his face as he took  
 up a pencil and filled in a telegraph  
 blank. It was to Mrs. Dalrymple. It  
 read:

"Santa Claus will drop in on your  
 dear little ones at eight o'clock Christ-  
 mas eve. Have them ready for the  
 surprise of their lives. I hope that  
 pretty cousin of yours is still with  
 you."

"It can't offend her," reflected Evans.  
 "It may remind. Dear girl! the big  
 success I have made shrinks very  
 small when I think of her precious  
 worth," and Evans arose to greet the  
 man who had charge of the show's  
 winter quarters.

"I've followed your orders, Mr.  
 Evans," he said. "The reindeers are  
 in excellent shape. I've trimmed them



up as you suggested. The wardrobe  
 has a Santa Claus outfit so you're all  
 right."

"Good!" nodded Evans briskly. "I'll  
 have to start for Weston early, but  
 people will suppose I am giving them  
 an advance advertising stunt. Some  
 class to my scheme, eh?"

"You are always original," comment-  
 ed the old circus man.  
 One of the favorite "stunts" of Ross  
 Evans had been to make his advance  
 route with the high single-seated  
 buggy and a pair of the circus rein-  
 deers. He was proud of his team.

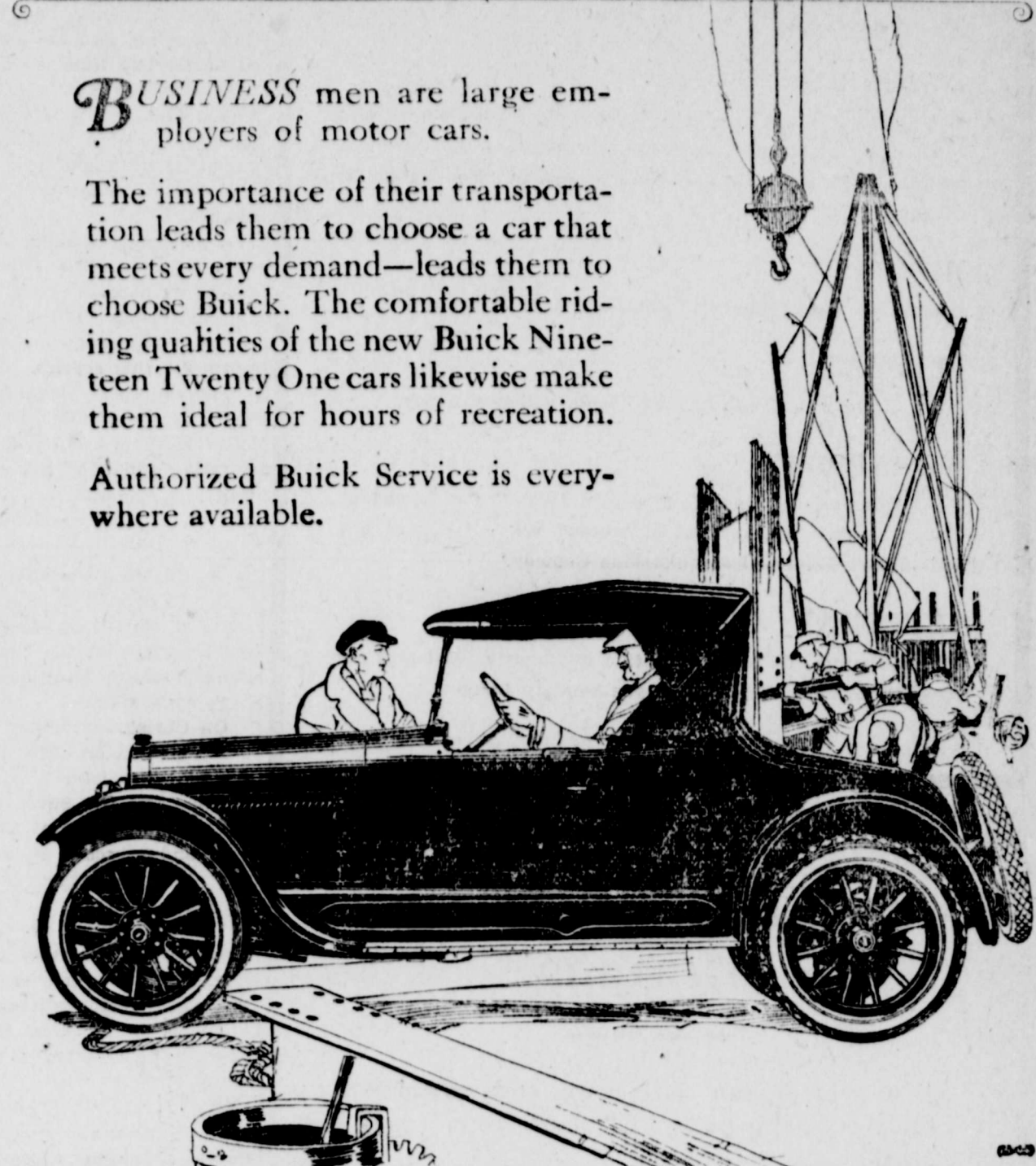
It was a 20-mile drive to Weston.  
 Late in the afternoon, arrayed in  
 Santa Claus costume, Evans started on  
 his trip. Mrs. Dalrymple had the lit-  
 tle ones posted at the windows, and  
 the Christmas tree was lighted. At  
 the sound of sleigh bells she switched  
 on the outside electric light. Into the  
 yard roadway came the most ravishing-  
 ly delightful Kriss Kringle with his  
 wonderful reindeers bedecked and daz-  
 zling with gleaming tinsel and holly.

It was like a dream, those ensuing  
 two hours. And Ivy assisted, and it  
 seemed like a paradise to the wanderer  
 to revel amidst such joyous friendli-  
 ness. And when the little ones had  
 gone to bed, as on that other Christ-  
 mas eve, he stood beside Ivy.

"I am going to tell you what my  
 heart longed to impart to you just two  
 years ago tonight," he said.  
 "Wait," she fluttered. "I can guess,  
 for I had hoped," and she flitted from  
 the room. It was to return wearing  
 the rose-colored sash.

He knew it was his answer as she  
 hid her blushing face. As he drew her  
 to his arms a peal of merry Christmas  
 bells echoed forth. And amid the joy  
 and glimmer and love of that radiant  
 hour, neither saw the shadow of an-  
 other parting.

**BUICK**



**B**USINESS men are large em-  
 ployers of motor cars.

The importance of their transporta-  
 tion leads them to choose a car that  
 meets every demand—leads them to  
 choose Buick. The comfortable rid-  
 ing qualities of the new Buick Nine-  
 teen Twenty One cars likewise make  
 them ideal for hours of recreation.

Authorized Buick Service is every-  
 where available.

**J. W. COUCH, Snyder, Texas**

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

**BARBECUE**

Bologna white, bologna right, bologna round and brown,  
 United hen is high class cheer in Meats, the best in town.  
 Tenderloin well worth your coin and porterhouse the same.  
 Chickens, lamb, pork chops and ham and any kind of game.  
 Here is the place to feed your face, but you must cook it first,  
 Everything from fall till spring, from fish to "winny" must,  
 Ribs to spare, spare ribs for fair! Liver heart and cheese,  
 Sausage, too and bacon true; in here we aim to please!

We even aim to please you with our ads!

**Lon Pierce**

**Ed Darby's**  
 Ford Garage and Blacksmith Shop

Will do repair work on your Ford Car and  
 most anything you bring us. Blacksmithing  
 quickly done.

**Bridge Street**

**Harness, Wagons, Buggies**

When in need of harness come to see me.  
 Also have wagons.

We have just received a car of Missouri  
 BUGGIES

**D. P. Strayhorn**

To Our Many Friends  
 Christmas Heralds the Coming  
 of a New Year

With best wishes and pleasant memories we  
 take this opportunity of thanking you for the  
 many pleasant transactions we have had with  
 you and we trust we may have the pleasure of  
 serving you more often and better during the  
 coming year than the one just closed.

**Higginbotham-Bartlett**

**HIGHEST PRICES**

paid for your Turkeys,  
 Chickens and Eggs.

We buy Hides and Cream.

**WHITE PRODUCE COMPANY**

R. L. Terry, Mgr.

Snyder — Texas

Miss Pearl Forrester was down  
 Sunday from Fluvanna visiting  
 friends.

H. G. Towle was a business visitor to  
 Dallas last week.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of  
 Scurry County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to sum-  
 mon L. E. Crawford by making pub-  
 lication of this citation once in each  
 week for four, successive weeks pre-  
 vious to the return day hereof, in  
 some newspaper published in your  
 county to appear at the next regular  
 term of the district court of Scurry  
 county to be holden at the court  
 house thereof in Snyder, on the 4th  
 Monday in December, 1920, the same  
 being the 27th day of December,  
 1920, then and there to answer a pe-  
 tition filed in said court on the 20th  
 day of November, 1920, in a suit,  
 numbered on the docket of said court  
 No. 2169 wherein Nora Etta Craw-  
 ford is plaintiff and L. E. Crawford  
 is defendant, said petition alleging  
 that plaintiff and defendant were  
 lawfully married on or about the 5th  
 day of October, 1907, and continued  
 to live together as husband and  
 wife until on or about the 27th day  
 of June, 1914, when defendant left  
 plaintiff for the purpose of perma-  
 nently abandoning her and that more  
 than three years have elapsed since  
 said abandonment, plaintiff prays for  
 judgment dissolving the bonds of  
 matrimony, custody of their two  
 children, Ella Pearl and George  
 Lewis, costs of suit, etc.

Herein fail not, but have before  
 said court on the said first day of  
 the next term thereof, this writ, with  
 your return thereon, showing how  
 you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of  
 said court this the 20th day of No-  
 vember, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) **NELLIE WEEMS,**  
 Clerk of the district court, Scurry  
 county, Texas. 28.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
 IN PROBATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS.  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of  
 Scurry County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to  
 cause to be published (in a newspa-  
 per of general circulation, which has  
 been published continuously and reg-  
 ularly for a period of not less than  
 one year in your county) at least once  
 for two consecutive weeks pre-  
 vious to the return day hereof, copies

of the following notice:  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the  
 estate of Thomas Henry Norris a firm-  
 or, C. L. Norris has filed an applica-  
 tion in the county court of Scurry  
 county on the 13th day of Dec., 1920,  
 for Letters of Guardianship, which  
 said application will be heard by said  
 court on the 10th day of January,  
 1921, at the Court House of said  
 county, in Snyder, at which time all  
 persons interested in said estate are

required to appear and answer said  
 application, should they desire to do  
 so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you be-  
 fore said Court, on the first day of  
 the next term thereof, this Writ, with  
 your return thereon, showing how  
 you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal,  
 at Snyder, this 13th day of Dec.,  
 1920.

**KATE COTTEN,** Clerk,  
 28 County Court, Scurry Co., Texas

**We TRUST**

That the service render-  
 ed our customers during  
 the year

**1920**

will merit a continuance  
 of their patronage during

**1921**

We thank you all for your co-  
 operation and acknowledge you  
 an accessory to the successful year  
 just passed. The praise is yours,  
 we could never have done it alone

Merry Xmas Friends  
**Grayum Drug  
 Company**

# We Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

## MATTHEWS

### THE QUALITY SHOP

#### Hogville Local News.

Zero Peck says when the church goes to give a dinner or supper his wife always agrees to furnish more than her share. Zero has always been a little stingy except back in whiskey times when he could get about half drunk.

Gape Allsop finds that a great deal of the information given him by other people is not so.

The postmaster, who is regarded as not being as religious as he should be, got a good scolding from the wife of the Bear Ford preacher the other day.

Dag Smith told it at the postoffice yesterday that his wife if not as near a good cake baker as her neighbors think she is; that they ought to have to eat some of the cake he eats and they would see for themselves. He says when she happens to bake a good cake she gives it all to the neighbors in order to get bragged on, and when she bakes one of the other kind he has to eat it and let on as though it is very fine.

Gape Allsop says a fellow, in order to keep on good terms with everybody, has to say, "That's all right" lots of times when it isn't.

Dock Mathews has always been afraid he would have some kind of fever and die. He says all his wife's people who have died, died of fever

and he is afraid of those hereditary diseases.

Alexander Moseley says if he owned a circus he would try to make some arrangements by which he could keep it in Hogville all the time, as our people seem to enjoy them so well.

Gape Allsop thinks the indications are for a very hard winter, as the hornets' nests are built very low this time. Yesterday, while in the woods on Petunia Ridge, where he had no business, he bumped a very large one with his head. Today his head is sore and very badly swollen, though he is expected to recover. He finds the hornets about the most sensitive and treacherous animal he knows anything about.

Zero Peck says watch the fellow who claims to like his mother-in-law. If he will "tell somethin'" about one thing he can't be believed in very strong. Zero had a mother-in-law one time.

Don't fail to attend Altruistic Tea at Legion Club room, night Dec. 28th.

#### Fire Insurance.

During the Holidays is dangerous for fires. Be sure you are protected. Let us write your fire insurance.

Boren & Erwin.

North West Corner Court House.

#### Pounded.

We wish to express our sincerest thanks for, and heartiest appreciation of the good things to eat which were sent us by our friends on last Friday evening. It was more than a pounding, for some sent fifty pounds and each more than a pound, and some came by dozens. It has not been our good fortune to receive such generous pounding from such a large number in our ministerial career. We thank you, not alone for the intrinsic value, but for the spirit back of the gift as well. May the good Father of us all bring to each of you bounties out of the riches of his grace. A thousand blessings be upon you.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hicks.

Albert Buchanan of the S. J. Castevens store is housed up this week on account of a sprained knee.

Mrs. W. T. Maury, who has been visiting in Chicago, has returned home.

#### Use for Old Records.

What can worn-out phonograph disks be used for? asks C. B. A. So far as our observation goes, C. B. A., they can be and are used on phonographs just the same as ever.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### Program for Christmas Tree Friday night Dec. 24, Baptist Church

Invocation, Bro. Hull.  
Song, Choir.  
Reading, Jack Chinn.  
Song, by Children.  
Reading, Marion Rosser.  
Piano Duet, Ernestine and Ruth Rosser.  
Reading, Johnnie Lee Shaw.  
Reading, Margerite Adamson.  
Song, by Choir.

H. H. Twomey of Carthage, Texas, is the guest of his sisters, Mrs. Jno. M. Holt of Snyder and Mrs. R. C. Jay of Dunn during the holidays.

#### His Bean Was.

New and good Spoonerisms are rare, but here is one recently reported from Yale. A gentleman entered the dean's office, and, being a bit flustered, he inquired: "Is the bean dizzy?"—Boston Transcript.

#### Extraordinary Hurdling.

William Priestly, at Hull, England in 1863, jumped one thousand hurdles, each three feet six inches high, in sixty-one and a half minutes. That is equal to lifting his own weight nine times the height of St. Paul's, in London, and running six miles into the bargain.

#### PENNSYLVANIA NOW LEADING

Keystone State Led Nation in 1919 in Mileage of Contracts Let for Road Building.

Pennsylvania led the nation in 1919 in mileage of contracts let for road construction, according to the state highway department. Up to January 1 the state awarded contracts for the building of 679.26 miles of curable highways. Its nearest competitor was Illinois, which contracted for 510.70 miles.

Pennsylvania's 1920 program calls for the construction of approximately 800 miles of roads. The department says that Pennsylvania is far ahead of other states in the organization it has perfected to build durable highways.

#### GOOD ROADS INDISPENSABLE

Highway Improvement is a Business Proposition With Farmer and City Dweller.

When it takes four horses to pull an empty wagon to town and wheat is going off in price each day; when the mail carrier gives up in despair, and the children cannot get to school, the farmer cannot help wondering how much this condition is costing him each day.

Figure as he may, he cannot get away from the fact that good roads are indispensable to agricultural prosperity.

The city dweller is alike concerned. The farm on a good road has acres of possibilities for the development of its resources to every one open to the farm on a poor road. Increased expenditures—greater buying powers.

In the early days of poverty many a county bonded itself for hundreds of thousands of dollars to secure railroads to promote agricultural development. Three-fourths of all the freight the railroads haul must sooner or later move over the public highways, and every ton so moved is costing at an average rate of 23 cents per mile.

Verily, road improvement is a business proposition—a matter of dollars and cents.

#### BETTER SCHOOL ADVANTAGES

Average of School Year is 180 Days in Five States Having Best Road Systems.

Good roads make it possible to have better school advantages. In the five states of the Union which have the best system of public highways the average length of school year is 180 days. In the five states that have given the least attention to road improvements the school year is less than half that long.

#### Cheerfulness.

Cheerfulness is full of significance; it suggests good health, a clear conscience and a soul at peace with all human nature.—Charles Kingsley.

## A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Folks wished it many years ago,  
Folks wish it still today.  
A "Merry Christmas"—loving thoughts  
To friends it will convey.

We take this means of thanking you for the liberal patronage in our short stay with you in 1920, and hope the New Year, 1921, will bring you, one and all, Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Your friends,

**BRYANT-LINK CO.**  
S. W. Corner of Square Phone No. 8

Please, Please, Dear Santa Claus



YULETIDE FESTIVITIES IN OTHER LANDS

**I**N ENGLAND, Christmas celebrations of three or four hundred years ago charm us with their quaint and simple jollity. The English always remembered everyone from their neighbors down to their servants. "In the country, an English gentleman always invited his neighbors and tenants to his great hall at daybreak on Christmas morning. There they were regaled upon toast, sugar, nutmeg and good old Cheshire cheese." The house was decked with ivy and other greens. Under the title of a "Christmas box," the general English custom,



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which still prevails to some extent, a small gift of money was given to postmen and other delivery men the day after Christmas, which was called "Boxing Day." In 1100 Henry I granted a charter to London, making it a city and the Christmas celebration, it is recorded, consisted of a feast for rich and poor. The people gathered in the streets around blazing bonfires singing and dancing, after feasting upon oxen, deer, ale and mead. The wassail bowl, spoken of so often in many books describing England at the time of the crusades, was another evidence



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of the ever-ready hospitality that the English offered to all comers. In Russia on Christmas Eve everything is dressed—or at least they use to, it is hard to say anything definite about bolshevist Russia—for a gay masquerade. Each one was supposed to represent some animal, the idea being to commemorate the fact that Christ was born in a stable among the humblest of the animals. Peasants among the Bulgarians, Germans and others have a legend that animals are conscious on Christmas Eve. Some people believe that "at midnight the sheep awake and march in a procession, that the cattle



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kneel in their stalls while by a holy miracle all the beasts are able to converse together. But it is a mortal sin for a man to attempt to overhear them; a sin punishable with sudden death." Holland has many festivities, prominent among them, a skating or ice carnival. In Switzerland the ski and toboggan hold sway. An interesting practice takes place in Serbia on Christmas Eve. The younger men and boys of the family early in the morning go to the forest. After crossing themselves three times as is the custom of the Greek church, or saying a prayer, they select a tree, then known as the Baduyi. They greet it, "Happy Baduyi to you." Then

takes a thorough wash from head to foot, or a bath in a large tub. This is the only bath many take during the whole year. In some places old-fashioned ways still exist. Young men often paint or blacken their faces, put queer crowns on their heads or hats, wear large stars on their breasts, and generally carry long wooden swords. One man is furnished with a large pouch, and the men then visit each farm and solicit contributions for a frolic. Now and then they indulge in great mischief and fun. If they find out that a young fellow loves a girl of the village they visit her house and sing to her the old Herode's song.

CALL FOR GARMENTS BY THE RED CROSS.

Texas chapters and members of the American Red Cross have been called upon to make and ship at the earliest possible moment several thousand garments for destitute and suffering children of Roumania, Poland, and other of the small Balkan nations to meet and alleviate the most desperate conditions in child life since the close of the war, according to an announcement received today by the Scurry County Chapter. Each one of the eighty-six chapters in the state has had assigned to it a definite quota of garments, the amount of clothes asked of this chapter being fixed at 10.

Grim evidence of the toll taken in child life of these stricken countries is contained in the call for garments, which states that the rigors of the past three winters have killed so many of the younger children that there is little need for clothes for children under the age of 12 years. Most of the garments asked for will be made for those between the ages of 12 and 14 years. The amount of refugee clothing fixed for the southwest has been set at the minimum figure and will only tide the children over the worst of the winter. It is expected that by making the request conservative the entire amount needed will be reached without delay.

In Roumania alone, with a population of three million, statistics received at St. Louis show that more than 5,000 children under 14 are running wild in pathetic little bands gypsy fashion, crowding together for company and protection, and finding their sleeping quarters in caves and their precarious living from the alms of villagers. If these waifs possess two ragged garments apiece they are envied as fortunate by their comrades.

Garments made by Texas Red Cross members will be shipped direct to the Bush docks, Brooklyn, New York, marked for export and will be sent direct from there to the Balkans.

**GARDEN PLOWING**—If you want your garden broke up or any kind of plowing, see me. Done on quick notice and prices reasonable. R. H. Merrett. 29p

W. F. Bertram of Windham was here this week. Mr. Bertram owns a farm out on the divide and will move here about the first of the year.

**Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.** In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, in Bankruptcy, Abilene, Texas.

In the Matter of Thomas Clyde Watkins, Bankrupt. No. 693. In Bankruptcy. Abilene, Texas, Dec. 20, 1920. Office of Referee.

Watkins, of Snyder, in the County of Scurry and District aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of December, A. D. 1920, the said Thomas Clyde Watkins was duly adjudged bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office in the city of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1921, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

D. M. OLDHAM, Referee in Bankruptcy.

**FOR SALE**—12 registered Hereford Bulls, 1 and 2 years old, J. A. J. Jones, Fluvanna, Texas. 30p

Miss Carlie Card, who is teaching school at Pride, is at home on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Card.

Just received a supply of rental batteries. If your battery goes dead phone 99, we'll bring a rental battery put it in your car and recharge your old one. The Cash Garage 23tf.

Mr. S. C. Porter and wife left last Friday for La Porte, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter.

**PLENTY** of nice shade trees. Come and inspect the different assortments. J. M. Loak. 27c

Mrs. Forrester and her two daughters, Ruby and Pearl, are down from Fluvanna attending teachers' institute.

**LOST**—A purse containing around \$52.00, somewhere in Snyder. Reward if returned to Signal office. Arthur Goebel, Foch, Texas. 28p

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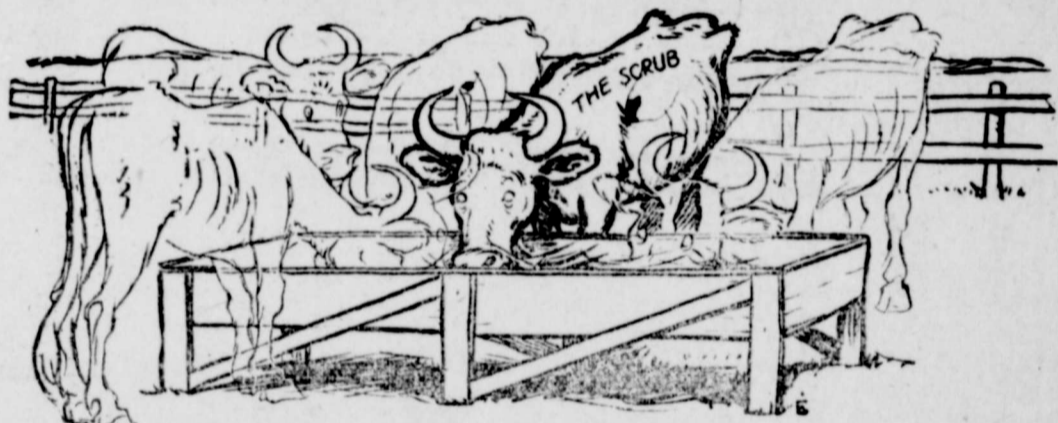


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## Honored By Grand Lodge.

At the recent meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco, Texas, E. B. Barnes, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 79th, Masonic district. Mr. Barnes has also been appointed one of its inspectors by the Grand Commandery of the state, another high honor which is very much appreciated. The Snyder Commandery has long been recognized as one of the leading Lodges of this part of the state, and the selection of one of its members to such high honors is proof of its efficiency. Mr. Barnes is postmaster at Snyder.

J. D. Doak and wife left yesterday for Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Josie Roberts.

Dink Merrell and wife came in Sunday from Dallas to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merrell.

A. Parker and family of the Foch community were in Snyder Monday shopping.

Rev. A. W. Waddill, pastor Methodist church, Stamford, was in the city Thursday.

## Under the Holly Bough

"Ye who have scorned each other,  
Or injured friend or brother,  
In this fast fading year;  
Ye who, by word or deed,  
Have made a kind heart bleed,  
Come gather here!

"Let sinned against and sinner  
Forget their strife's beginning,  
And join in friendship now,  
Be links no longer broken,  
Be sweet forgiveness spoken  
Under the holly-bough.

"Ye who have loved each other,  
Sister and friend and brother,  
In this fast fading year;  
Mother and sire and child,  
Young man and maiden mild,  
Come gather here;

"And let your heart grow fonder,  
As memory shall ponder  
Each past unbroken vow;  
Old loves and younger wooing  
Are sweet in their renewing  
Under the holly-bough."  
—Charles Mackay.



## Origin of Quaint Traditions of the Yuletide

THE holiday season recalls quaint ideas and Christmas fancies of old, even back to the ancient days of the Druids—a time when the mistletoe sprig, as a potent mascot, was presented as an omen of good fortune, as a symbol of health, wealth and prosperity, and in those days long ago the house that sported a branch of mistletoe at Christmas would never be unlucky.

It is from the Druids that the custom of decorating our churches and homes with evergreens comes, for they believed that all the sylvan sprites flocked together on these boughs, there to remain until the warm weather came. In midwinter the Druids sent around sprigs of ivy and mistletoe to remind the people to decorate their dwellings with evergreens, in order to propitiate the sylvan sprites and secure protection from frosts and wintry blasts. Holly berries long have been considered as giving wonderful power when worn in the shape of a wreath, which must be made and worn in imitation of a sacred crown of thorns and of berries, and the wearer of this crown must go alone at midnight on Christmas and sit in the dark, and, in accordance with that ancient tradition, when worn on Christmas eve the holly wreath will evoke visions of spirit forms coming in the air to sing their Noel songs, and all the beasts will be seen to kneel down in worship.

The Yule cake and Yule log, too, have their important part in this ancient Saxon tradition for the Christmas festival season. The cake had the same powers as the bride cake has on Christmas night. The Yule log was used to light the Christmas fire the next year because it preserved the house from fire during the year and subdued the spirit of the flames. Its powers were bestowed in the days of the Druids, when the belting fires were lighted and the brands secured from the fire to light the fire the next year. The ancient Saxons burned the Yule log as a symbol of the turning of the sun toward spring.

Even the moon contributed its share to Christmas superstitions, for, as the legend runs, if Christmas comes during the waning of the moon we shall have a very good year, and the nearer to the full moon the better.

Holland, perhaps, has the prettiest custom of all nations for the Christmas festival. On the night before Christmas in commemoration of the star of the east, the young men of their towns assemble and carry through the dark streets a large, bright star; all the people go out to greet and give to the bearers of this

## GOOD WILL TRIUMPHANT UNDER TEST

As this message is being written, Dodge Brothers' daily, weekly and monthly production, is at the highest point in its history.

The most casual sort of inquiry will satisfy you that this production is being absorbed as it is delivered.

Within sight and sound as we write, a great addition to Dodge Brothers' immense works, is being rushed to completion.

The interesting thing about this situation is, that it is not likely that a half a hundred people have ever bought Dodge Brothers Motor Car just because they wanted a motor car.

Of the more than half a million who have bought it—the overwhelming majority did so because of the name it bore.

It has always been treated, by the American people in particular, as an exception—always set apart, and singled out, and never judged by ordinary standards.

It has always been thought of, and is still thought of, first, and foremost, and all the time, only in terms of its goodness, and the results it gives.

All of this is wonderful, in one way, and quite natural and logical in another.

It all dates back to the day when John and Horace Dodge conceived and designed and finally built the car—after warning each other, and their associates, not even to think of it in any other terms than the best obtainable value.

They began with a few almost absurdly simple principles, bluntly expressed and rigidly executed, about decency and honor and integrity—

such as most of us wrote in our copy books at school.

They reduced these old copy book maxims to a splendid and scientific system, pouring more, and more, and still more value into the car, and then marshalling all the resources of modern massed manufacture to get their product into the hands of the people at an honorable and an honest cost.

These policies and principles have never been changed, and never will be changed, by so much as a hair's breadth; and they have come to be recognized and accepted as Dodge Brothers principles wherever motor cars are driven.

It has all happened as John and Horace Dodge planned it—quite simply, naturally, and automatically, all over America, and all over the world.

People do discriminate, as Dodge Brothers contended they would; people will find out when a motor car is well built and gives good service and great good value.

Dodge Brothers market today is where they planned to locate and establish it—in the mind and the heart of every man and woman who admires good work, well done.

It will last, and it will keep on growing, as it has kept on growing for five years (faster than Dodge Brothers works could keep pace with it), as long as the number of those who believe that a manufacturer should build to serve and not merely to sell, continues to increase.

All is well with Dodge Brothers today, because John and Horace Dodge build well in the beginning, and because their business will continue to build well until the end.

GUY E. PAXTON

Snyder, Texas

## Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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"star of Bethlehem," as it is called, alms for the poor.

Seven days before their New Year, the Chinese worship the Kitchen God by preparing dishes of candy and various sweets with which they smear his mouth. Later they burn him amid the firing off of crackers, the deity being sent up in a chariot of smoke and fire to a conference with the king of the celestial regions. The idea of smearing his mouth with sweets is that he may not say anything but honeyed words, or that his lips may stick together and so prevent his talking too much.

The Kitchen God, according to story, had been ill treated by his brother and sister-in-law, who were very rich and had many servants, but allowed their brother to work with the servants and have dinner with them. Their cruelty developed day after day, until at last they treated him heavenly by seating him in a sedan chair made of paper.

The creation of giving gifts at Christmas came, not from presents of gold and silver given to the Christ child, as many believe, but from an

old custom of priests putting on board of all outgoing ships a box of alms. This box was opened at Christmas time and masses said for the givers of the alms, and was called "Christ mass" box, and from this has come our custom of Christmas boxes and gift giving.

Mrs. W. B. McCormick left Monday for her home in Snyder after several days' visit with Mrs. Frank Hill and other friends in Crowell.—Floyd County News.

The junior and primary departments of the Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree Friday night in the basement of the church.

W. F. Burney of Knapp carried his little boy to Lubbock Monday to undergo an operation on his knee. He is said to be doing nicely.

## Notice.

Notice is hereby given of the regular annual meeting of the Shareholders of The Snyder National Bank, Snyder, Texas, to be held in their offices the second Tuesday in January,

1921, for the purpose of electing Directors for the coming year.

A. C. Alexander, Cashier.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Towle visited at Colorado last Friday.

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# What is Christmas Without Candy

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## COLLECTIONS FOR METHODIST ORPHANS HOME IS \$313.00

The collection last Sunday morning at the Methodist Sunday school and also at the morning service went for the Orphans Home at Waco. There were 169 givers at the Sunday School and a collection of \$141.16 the morning service there were 231 givers with a total collection of \$172.00. Making a total of the two services \$313.16, with about 200 givers.

The spirit of giving seemed to be

manifest and especially to such a worthy cause. It seems that one of the greatest pleasures anyone could have would be to make some orphan's heart glad at Christmas time.

Misses Doris Marshall and Zonell Harris arrived Wednesday from C. I. A. Denton, to spend the holidays with home folks.

Misses Lois, Myrle and Bess Johnston are home from Midland to spend Christmas with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnston.

## BUSINESS DEPRESSION FILLING CHURCHES.

In Chicago it is said that depression in trade has added to church going, according to statements by Chicago pastors, and they believe that financial and business depression are responsible for the increasing congregations.

"The prosperous business man, is inclined to self-sufficiency," said Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, "and when commercial depression comes the merchant and business man leans more and more on spiritual aid."

The financial condition of things will be a wonderful aid, if it will only bring men to church.

"We need," said President-elect Harding, "an old time religious awakening." Man's dependence is not in self, which is the least support to which he can turn in time of adversity, but in God who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts. Only in Him can we find adequate support and the church is the Mecca of all anxious seekers.

**Income Tax Reports.**  
 We will be prepared to make your income report for 1920 at a nominal charge. Ask us for information.  
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A. J. Kemp, J. W. Jackson and J. C. Rea, all of Föch, were here Monday just looking around and taking in Christmas.

Miss Vashti Jay of Dunn was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John M. Holt, this week. She attended the teachers' institute while here.

C. E. Fish has accepted a position with the Snyder Garage and would be pleased to have his friends call and see him.

Marriage license were issued Monday to Amil H. Kruse and Miss Lois More of the Ira community.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Thrane went to Post Saturday night to hear Ex-President Taft.

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 THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of

Scurry County, Greeting:  
 You are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published (in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year in your county) at least once a week for 20 days previous to the return day hereof, copies of the following notice:

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in Estate Loyd and Mary Evans, E. M. Lewis has filed his final account as administrator of said estate and filed an application in the County Court of Scurry county on the 16th day of April, 1920, for appointment as guardian of the estate Loyd Evans, Jr., Gladys Evans, Lewis Evans, May Evans and Pettus Evans, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 10th day of January, 1921, at the Court House of said County, in Snyder, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said report and answer said application, should they desire so to do. Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
 Witness my hand and official seal,

at Snyder, this 21st day of December, 1920.

KATE COTTEN, Clerk,  
 31 County Court, Scurry Co., Texas

Altrurian Tea, night Dec. 28, Legion Club room.

**Wanted to Lease.**  
 One section of land known as the McLean Section north of town. About 230 acres in cultivation, balance in grass. See J. W. Fesmire. 26-1f

**First Enthusiasm Gone.**  
 Mariette was delighted when a small brother arrived at her home. However, after some weeks she began to think he was somewhat of a care, and one day when her mother told her to rock his cradle, she looked at him with disdain and remarked, "Oh, you little bothering thing!"

**Vain Acquisitions.**  
 "Some men gets a heap of education," remarked an old colored philosopher, "just as some people gets a whole lot of bait without ketchin' any fish."—Boston Transcript.

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