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## AS LONG AS THERE IS LIFE THERE IS CHANGE

According to a sensible, sane interpretation of the Genesis account of the creation, thousands of years might have passed during the creative period. It is pretty well accepted by the best scholars that the six day mentioned in the book means six thousand years. According to science many thousand of years must have passed during the creative period. To be honest about it, the proposition is too big for the average mind.

A long time after the creation there was a great flood upon the earth. It would look to a common Scurry County man like the Creator saw that His first world patent was not good and decided to destroy the whole thing and start anew--These ante-deluvian fellows must have been as badly crossed among themselves as we Hermleigh folk are.

It was a long time after the second world was patented until that old mother wolf, of which we have all read, nursed the two boys, back to whom dates the founding of Rome. Things use to move forward slowly, didn't they? Why do we get in such a hurry?

Seven hundred years passed after the founding of Rome before the birth of Christ. The birth of Christ has for the past fifteen hundred years been considered the greatest event in the history of all time.

We recognize it in the transaction of all business and in the addressing of all letters and other documents.

It was about five hundred years after Christ until the fall of Rome, giving full recognition to the event of the founding of the Christian religion. It was long time after the fall of Rome until the discovery of America--and yet some people think the world will come to an end within a few years. If it takes as long to end the world as it took to bring it to its present state of perfection, our anxious friends had as well go ahead with their courtship and marriage as in the days of Noah, way back yonder.

From the discovery of America till the early settlement of Texas was no short time. From the early settlement of Texas till the early settlement of West Texas was no longer period than most of us care to wait to get rich.

It hasn't been more than a half century since our home county was organized and her second best town doesn't date back more than a one quarter of a century, and yet there are those who are ready to despair because it hasn't grown to be a city. Can't you wait yet a little while? Do you not know that the county has just now begun to develop in a noticeable way?

If time waited thus patiently for America's great contribution to civilization, does it not look like we might wait yet a little while to see what good fortune might befall our town and people? Things which now stand in our way will not check our progress for ever. The graveyard out yonder will slowly bring them to an end as the years go by.

Mrs. Elmer Gardner, Buster, Crowley, Dorothy and Elmer Joe, of Clovis, N. M. are here for the holidays.

## OLD ANCIENT ARABIA IS NOW MODERNIZING

The following line, quoted from the Star-Telegram: "Arabia now has 2,000 automobiles," is worthy of a little thought. Thinking of Arabia as we do, the thought of an automobile being running down those old "camel trails" is not in perfect blending with the general color of the picture.

Arabia is just a large peninsula. It is about 1,000 miles long by about 600 miles wide. It has some mountains which tower considerably high. Its riverbeds are too often dry. Its close distance to the Saharian Desert and the equator makes one who has never visited the country fear that "Hobbing" on the road would be slow go, and yet it is said there are 2,000 automobiles in operation there.

Those who have been across Lee County N. M. can imagine something of the geography of Arabia. Those who think of the fact that there are parts of the Arabian country that no European has ever placed a foot on, begin to wonder concerning the possibility of an automobile, even the "13" model Ford, running over her roads.

Now let us get serious for just one minute. If an automobile can run over the sandy roads of Arabia; if those marooned Arabians, as we think of them, can operate a modern automobile; if that part of this old world has progressed enough to take on this sort of conveniences, certainly any fellow over here in this country where possibility knows no limit and where opportunity is in full bloom, ought to handle his little trifling problems and go whistling down the path to better things.

## MRS. D. R. LAYMAN HAS CHRISTMAS TREE

Mrs. D. R. Layman entertained the children of her side of town with small Christmas tree. A goodly number of children living near her were made happy by Santa Clause who kindly consented to visit the children there before going on his way with his gifts and words of cheer to the other children of the community.

Santa Clause has always been a great lover of children, and wherever they meet together on Christmas eve night "there is he in the midst of them."

Grandmother Leslie who will celebrate her ninetieth birthday early in January was chief among those relieving presents and enjoying Santa Clause's visit. "It seems like every body loves me, and I love every body," she said.

## A PRACTICAL JOKE

It is humorously reported that a light suspicion growing out of his receiving an unusual number of handkerchiefs, from the "fairer sects," as it is supposed, led to Superintendent Milze's having to keep his eyes on the "rolling pin" after returning from the Xmas tree at the German School the other night.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Vaughn and the boys were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pandals in Abilene.

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In this weeks issue of the County papers will appear my announcement as a candidate for the nomination in the Democratic Primaries next year for the office of County Tax Assessor of Scurry County. I have decided to ask the citizenship of Scurry County for this office after due consideration of the responsibility imposed by law and custom in the discharge of the duties of the Tax Assessor.

I have resided in this county practically all of the time since 1902, heretofore I have pursued the usual vocations of a private citizen and have never asked for public office or honor, however, there are many of the voters of the county who are already well acquainted with me and my qualifications to render the service in this office that will be satisfactory to the tax payers of the county. I believe that I can discharge the duties of this office to the entire satisfaction of every one concerned and if elected, I will devote my entire time and attention to this work.

I want every voter to know that I will appreciate your vote and influence in my behalf, I am going to try to visit each and every voter before the election and if, by chance, I should not meet each of you, I wish you will consider my candidacy just the same and if I am successful in this campaign, I will undertake to discharge the duties of the office which I seek with credit to the county.

My claim for your support for this nomination will be made strictly on my qualifications and ability to fill the office in a satisfactory way, together with my reputation of citizenship in the county. I want to make more friends, if possible, and hope that each voter of the county will give me due consideration in deciding your vote and if you think I will make you a satisfactory Tax Assessor, I sure want your vote and your support and influence.

Your very truly,  
Bernard Longbotham

## Mr. Bernard Longbotham Announces For Assessor

Mr. Bernard Longbotham of Snyder announces his candidacy for the office of Tax Assessor to the readers of the Herald this week. Mr. Longbotham has been a resident of Scurry County for the past twenty eight years and, unlike most of the earlier settlers of this fine country, he doesn't claim any priority of right by reason of his having been here these many years. He was satisfied with the country when he came here, and he is still satisfied with it, he says.

Mr. Longbotham is a brother to our own Victor Longbotham who recently moved from here to Sweetwater. He is well known to most everyone in the county. He sees a future for this part of the country, he says.

Ideals have a great influence for good; imagination gives shape to realities; down the road yonder, success is to be found.—At the "end of the rainbow" there lies a sack of gold."

## WHAT THE "ECONOMY TWINS" SUGGEST

Every time we look at the "Economy Twins" as seen pictured in all the Texas Electric Service Co's advertising matter a much more generally effective common economic system suggests itself to us. The suggestion might be of some value to others, so we pass it on.

The Electric Service people mean by their use of the "Economy Twins" to show their new service rate as compared with the former rate. Service at the very minimum expense is evidently their object. They mean to serve. They can see that the individual's pleasure is an absolute necessity, and that time is the greatest asset one has, if he will use it rightly. Give the average man more time and he will make more money; lighten the housewife's work and her pleasure is increased. More electricity for less money, then, is the chief objective with them.

The term seven is an accommodative term. It is used to indicate the status of abstract propositions, the maximum of power, quantities, etc. It is said that the human system undergoes a complete change about every seven year. Business has it ebbs and flows about every seven years. The country at large suffers a money shortage about every seven years. Our good years come at intervals of about seven years.

These things being true, let us use the "Economy Twins" to illustrate our idea of economy. Let the figure seven represent the maximum of one's income. If the individual spends on the bases of the same figure, he is gaining nothing. So let us make use of the figure five as suggested by the "Economy Twins." Let the figure five represent the maximum of one's expenditures. If one gains at the rate of seven, as per suggestion, and keeps his maximum expenditures down to five, as suggested, there will be a steady increase of two. At this rate each man will prosper in accordance with his ability and the amount of effort he puts forth.

The chief difficulty with the most of us lies in the fact that there are no "Twin Brothers" in our system of economy. It is the very height of human ambition that one might be prosperous. The greatest happiness grows out of financial success.

Think this over. If it is found practical, apply it. If it is not practical, forget it.

Misses Farris Stevenson, Ollie Coston, Hallie Rea, Mar-iam Snowden, Ruth Clift, Agnes Early, Edith Stevenson and Hazel Spykes, with Messrs Henry Murphy and Doris McMillan are home from school attendance and teaching to spend the holidays. Mary Ann Nachlinger will spend the holidays in San Marcos.

Many of our teachers, including Supt., Mrs. Kerr and Frank Newton are spending the holidays out of town.

That the whole world is undergoing a change, there can be little doubt; but how are we going to know what the change is going to be until it comes

## WALKING MORE TIRESOME BUT LESS EXPENSIVE

The cold snap of the latter part of last week struck right in on many of us. It seemed to have effected the automobile more than the men and mules.

After wrestling with his Chevrolet for some time Friday morning, Mike Rogers decided that walking was not all taken up, and left for town on foot. He came ploughing through the snow as if he had never driven an automobile. The strides Mike was taking indicated that "three miles per hour" is just as good speed as it was twenty years ago.

Now wouldn't it be awful if we had to set the automobile aside and take to the wagon, buggy and a foot again?

Man's methods, manners, customs and conveniences all change, but man goes on forever. He has power to change everything but himself. He can perfect a machine which will perform wonders, but himself he can not change.

A man can walk three miles per hour on an average. He can drive a car forty miles per hour on an average. It costs him only 60 minutes time to walk three miles, but if he drives a car forty miles it will cost him \$1.60, according to the government estimate of car operating expense. It is much more speedy and less tiresome to ride in the speedy automobile, but walking is far the cheaper.

## EMIL SCHATTEL ON THE FINE ART OF FORGETTING

Mr. Emil Schattel who has lived here for years and who has been watching the people here opened up his heart recently and told us just what he thinks about things in general. Mr. Schattel's reasoning is good.

"Why people will persist in holding contempt for others and hating them at their own direct loss, is beyond my comprehension," Mr. Schattel said. "The people here have become crossed among themselves and would suffer hardships of all sorts before they would recognize the good they see in others." "Fighting and devouring at the loss of all concerned! This is profoundly foolish," he continued.

Mr. Schattel makes what he says stand up. He puts it out in a way that no one doubts that he is the least bit in doubt as to what he thinks. We do not know the things about which he speaks, but we do know that when two men get crossed they are working directly against each other, and if these happen to be business men, they transfuse venom into the affairs of the whole town. But it might be hard for "a leopard to change his spots."

Among the finest of all arts, is the art of living together well. This should be one's first consideration.

## BACK IN SCHOOL

Our little Miss Marlene McQuaid, who underwent an operation a few months ago, is gaining in weight fastly. To her great pleasure she boasts of not missing a day from her class at school this year. It looks good to see Marlene improving in health so rapidly.

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line.

**LET HIM SPEAK**

The following clipping from  
the Star-Telegram is worthy  
of attention. "Job was wise  
enough not to answer the Lord  
when He spoke out of the  
whirlwind, and a newspaper  
man should be wise enough  
not to offer suggestions to  
rulers of high influence.

"Nevertheless this sugges-  
tion is being made to presi-  
dent Hoover and Secretary  
Mellon."

A good suggestion is in  
order anytime. The greater  
the personage the more capa-  
ble he is of appreciating sug-  
gestions. The world is moved  
by the power of suggestion.  
No man should allow himself  
to become too respectful of  
the feelings of any other man  
as to neglect to offer sugges-  
tions. Let the people think.  
All the people of any place are  
smarter than any one man or  
given set of men. Let your sug-  
gestions come free. Perhaps  
the very most brilliant man in  
the country is sitting back  
with a closed mouth. It is  
true that a "still tongue makes  
a wise head," but what is a  
wise head worth to the other  
fellow if one keeps his mouth  
closed? Let us hear from you.

**NO OTHER EVIDENCE**

Many folks have been won-  
dering why the back page of  
the Herald was printed up-  
side-down last week. The ex-  
planation is as follows: That  
was the last issue of the paper  
which was to reach the good  
people before Christmas, and  
as there was no other evi-  
dence of the near approaching  
of the most enjoyed of all  
seasons of the year, the prin-  
ter played drunk. Better have  
had a "drunk" printed than  
to have had no Christmas at  
all.

**ADVERTISING PAYS**

"Little Billy Wattler, at the  
age of seven months picked up  
the stub of a cigar his father  
had ben smoking and has  
been smoking ever since. His  
present capacity is three a  
day plus a few drags of a pipe  
or cigarett. He suffers no ill  
effect."—Star-Telegram.

Tobacco is so highly adver-  
tised that it is no wonder ba-  
bies are beginning to smoke.  
Yet Hermleigh merchants do  
not believe in advertising.  
Start a thing to moving and  
the world will fall in line.

Clyde Mason says that a  
man is the only living crea-  
ture that will eat tobacco.  
Funny creatures, we are!

Among the humorous things  
which has been reported here  
recently was that certain man  
who has a business here had  
announced his plans to move  
his bank account to Snyder on  
the morning of the 12th, and  
when he got up that morning  
it had been moved for him.

It is a long lane, indeed,  
that never turns; but who can  
tell how far it is to the turn?

Mr. T. W. Winkle spent  
Christmas here. It always  
looks good to see him home.

**AT PEACE AFTER 67 YEARS.**

"Separated only by the nar-  
row Rappahannock River, a  
21 year old youth wearing the  
blue of the Union Army and a  
17 year old lad in a faded grey  
uniform lay in the mud be-  
fore Fredericksburg in Dec-  
ember, 1862, and awaited or-  
ders from their commanders  
that would send them at each  
other's throats.

"They are now, and for  
twenty years have been, the  
best of friends."—Star-Tele-  
gram.

We reprint this condensed  
report for the good effect it  
might have on our people at  
such a time as this. It is no  
matter what the past might be  
blot it out, is the only wise  
thing. Why harbor dislike and  
hatred, it hurts the one har-  
boring it worse than it hurts  
the one against whom it is  
held.

**TOWN NEEDS NURSE**

We have herd the story of  
the man's only son whom the  
doctors had given up as dead.  
The anxious father said: "I  
just can't give him up" and,  
taking the child into his arms  
and pressing him to his own  
breast transferred to the child  
his own very life, and the dy-  
ing child regained strength  
and lived.

This serves as an illustra-  
tion of how things need close  
attention sometimes. One's  
own business sometimes needs  
careful nursing, and it is a  
frequent thing that one's town  
needs a nurse.

It is just as foolish for one  
to neglect his business as it is  
to neglect his health. It is  
equally foolish for a man to  
neglect the interests of his  
town. Towns sometime pass  
through crysis and at such  
just times they need careful  
attention. A good nurse is a  
fine thing to have.

**AN OFFERED SUBSTITUTE**

At last one man has offer-  
ed us a substitute for brains.  
W. T. Stevenson said: "Find  
out what Sam Barfoot and  
R. C. Watts use and you will  
have your desired substitute  
for brains."

Thanks Mr. Stevenson; but  
we find ourselves incapable  
of determining what these  
gentlemen use.

**At Last a Definition**

A journalist is a man who gets  
to work about 10 o'clock in the  
morning and thinks a few min-  
utes, and if he sees he can't  
think goes to the golk links.  
A newspaper man is a man  
who gets to work about 8 o'-  
clock, and on discovering that  
he can't think, gets out on the  
street and interviews some-  
one who can think.—Selected.

Listening in over the radio  
is quite an interesting thing;  
by this means one is enabled  
to see that the rest of the world  
is just like the part he lives in.

Once a mother's son who  
had stolen his way out into the  
high grass called to her for  
help. She was busy and de-  
clined to go at the time. Af-  
ter a little she started to him,  
and seeing her he said: "there  
s no need to come now, I am  
lone bitten."

The wise man is the man  
who looks ahead and keeps  
his way cleared before him.  
It is said that "fear is the be-  
ginning of wisdom."

It is said that procrastina-  
tion is a thief of time; sup-  
pose it is, what is time worth  
to those who do not use it?

**ANNOUNCEMENT CHARGES**

The Herald opens its col-  
umns to the candidates of  
the county, district, and pre-  
cincts. Our charges will be as  
follows:

District offices ..... \$12.50  
County offices ..... \$10.00  
Precinct offices ..... \$5.00

**Political Announcements**

We are authorized to an-  
nounce the following candi-  
dates for office, subject to the  
action of the Democratic pri-  
maries in July.

**FOR TAX ASSESSOR**  
Benard Longbotham.

**Given American Food,  
Prison Had No Terror**

Major Malcom Wheeler-Nichol-  
son, who is president and editor  
in-chief of Wheeler-Nicholson, Inc.  
during the war was in com-  
mand of a battalion of American  
infantry in Siberia. His organiza-  
tion was entrusted with the guard-  
ing of some eleven thousand Ger-  
man, Austrian and Turkish pris-  
oners who were supposed to be  
pretty tough customers. At any  
rate, they had been pretty tough  
customers until the major and the  
Americans arrived. They were sur-  
rounded by a heavy guard with  
fixed bayonets and put on Ameri-  
can army rations.

A day later the major counted  
his prisoners to make sure that none  
of them had escaped and to his  
surprise made the discovery that  
the number of his charges had been  
increased by two thousand.

Moral: The way to a prisoner's  
heart is through his stomach.

**Teacher Didn't Matter**

When "sheik" came to roll call at  
Tech he found out that his teacher  
was going hunting Thursday  
(Thanksgiving day). He went up  
to the teacher and asked whether he  
could go along. The teacher said:  
"I think you ought to go hunting  
with some boy your own age, about  
sixteen or seventeen years old."

"Oh, I can't do that, my mother  
won't let me," said "sheik."

"Well, why not?" asked the  
teacher.

"Because she's afraid I might  
shoot one of them."—Indianapolis  
News.

**Natural Gas Figures**

Oklahoma leads in the production  
of natural gas with an output in  
1924 of 214,452,000,000 cubic feet.  
California was second and West  
Virginia third. The total consump-  
tion of natural gas in the United  
States in 1924 was 1,141,482,000,  
000 cubic feet. The estimated value  
at the wells was \$195,779,000; at  
points of consumption, \$253,930,  
000.

**Reciprocity**

"Oh, look, Charles," exclaimed  
the author's wife, "what a beauti-  
ful present I bought for you—a  
lovely set of lace curtains for the  
dining room!"

"I anticipated your thoughtfulness,  
dear," said he, "and just see  
what I have got for you—a cunning  
little portable typewriter—for my  
desk!"—Life.

**Less Maple Sugar Made**

For years maple sugar produc-  
tion has declined largely because  
the public prefers sirup to sugar,  
and the larger portion of the sap  
has been made into sirup. In the  
last five years there has been a de-  
cline in the sugar from 9,787,000  
pounds to 3,266,000 pounds.

**Timber for Mine Props**

A substantial part of the timber  
cut in Upper Michigan is used as  
mine props in both the copper and  
iron mines of that territory. Dr.  
Raphael Zon, of the United States  
forest service, estimates that this  
reaches \$7,500,000 annually in  
Michigan and Minnesota alone.

**FREIGHTING BY HEAD  
LENDS WOMEN GRACE**

OVER, Portugal, Dec. 21—  
The athletic and graceful  
carriage of the women of this  
fishing town is attributed to  
their being trained from child-  
hood to carry heavy weights  
upon their heads.

These healthy women who  
laugh at modern sports de-  
crying heavy wicker baskets  
laden with fish on their  
faces hardly betraying a  
sign of physical exertion.

Portuguese women seldom  
carry parcels under their  
arms. Water jugs, baskets,  
and all other forms of bag-  
gage are carried upon their  
heads. It has been an object  
of amazement to tourists to  
see these women keep their  
poise in the thick of the day's  
traffic.

It has always been said that  
the darkest part of the night  
is just before day, but unless  
a cock can be heard to crow  
over the hill in yonder's barn-  
yard, how is one to tell but  
that it might be a little dark-  
er later in night

**SCHOOL GIRLS ARE HOME**

The school girls are all  
come for the Christmas holi-  
days. When the girls come  
home from school they al-  
ways bring cheer with them.  
They always have new hats  
and coats; they have a new  
cosmetic touch displayed a-  
bout their faces, and are  
graced with a new movement  
in their walk. This inspires  
the folk at home.

Wouldn't things become mo-  
notonous if some of us didn't  
get out occasionally an take  
on new life? We are curious  
to know why the new things  
always come from somewhere  
else.

**THREE BOYS ROBBED**

Early Sunday morning three  
boys who were enroute home  
from the Plains where they  
had been picking cotton, were  
held up and robbed of what  
money they had on their per-  
son. The report was made to  
Constable Mims, who made  
an investigation, but no clue  
to the hold-up was found.

**NOTICE!**

The long and persistent neglect of patrons to pay  
their bills produce hard times.

No business or profession can withstand the per-  
sistent neglect of patrons to pay their bills.

Your bill may seem small to you, but many such  
bills mean much to me. You would not want to have  
trouble and expense trying to collect, or would not  
want to wait quite so long as I have, so please come  
and settle some way.

**Dr. W. H. Ward**



**Eyes Scientifically Tested  
and  
Glasses Fitted**

Are you sending your Whole child to school? They may have  
some Eye Defect that causes them to lag in their studies.

H. G. Towle

Snyder,

Texas

**GREETINGS!**

We pause at this time to extend to our good  
friends and customers the greeting of the coming  
new year. The old year ended in the fine season of  
the Yuletide, the weather contributing greatly to  
our pleasure during the holidays.

There is naturally associated with the new year  
new conditions, all of which will end in happiness if  
we face ourselves about right. We wish everyone  
health, happiness and prosperity.

Yours for service.

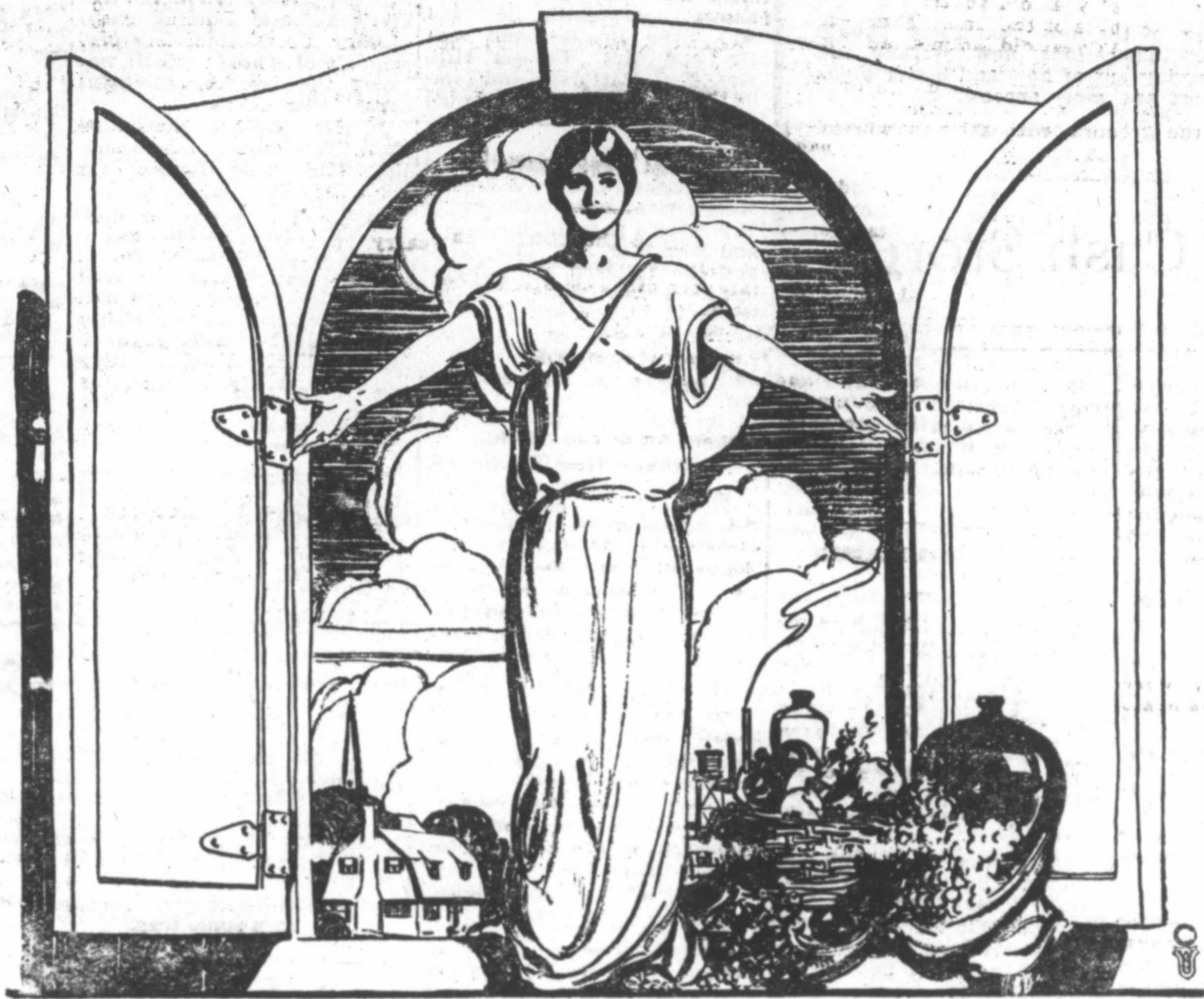
**Harkins Grocery**

**TAILORING**

The Christmas season in nearing its close only  
to be met by the good spirit of the New Year. With  
the new year comes new things, and may they all  
be yours.

Bring your old clothes to our shop and have them  
made new. A newly cleaned and pressed suit makes  
any man look good.

**Werner's Tailor Shop**



HELLO, LITTLE OLD 1930!

We are sincerely trusting that you bring with you a bountiful harvest with its attendant good things. Now be nice, good "New Year!"

The Season's Greetings With  
ALL  
BEST WISHES FOR  
A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE HERALD

## New Year's Greetings

With the coming of the new year there should come new hope, new aspirations, new courage and new plans. The carrying out of new and better plans mean more happiness and more success.

We extend you the greeting with all best wishes.

## Ely's Cash Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Louder and children of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hull and children of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hamil and B. M. Jr. and Tom Coker of Colorado were all at home with their parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coker Christmas.

They had a Christmas tree and a turkey dinner, a real good time was enjoyed.

Mrs. J. B. Etheredge and daughter, Miss Alma, were hostesses to a Christmas home coming Wednesday. Forty persons were present. All the children except two were present, with two great grandchildren to receive the family greeting of the passing generation. A big time is reported to have been enjoyed.

Bill Rea has accepted a position with a bank at McCamey. He will report for duty there on the first. With much regret to the entire town that the young Mr. Rea goes away, but the good wishes of us all will go with him. He is a capable young business man and will do well anywhere.

Mr. Vernon Adkins of Dallas, brother to Mrs. J. M. White, arrived here this week for a holiday visit with the White and Snowden families.

Messrs. Jim Stewart and C. O. Robertson were visitors in the Herald office Saturday. These fine young men are son and son-in-law of our own J. M. Robertson east of town. This family has the reputation of being among the best cotton farmers in the country.

Mr. C. J. Lubojasky and family spent the day with the Jacob Brom family Thursday. They had planned to meet kinpeople there but they failed to arrive. A big dinner was served, Mr. Lubojasky reports.

Mr. J. F. Groves was in the office this morning (Friday) and renewed his subscription to the Herald. Mr. Groves is among our best friends and we appreciate the renewal of his subscription and his visit to the office. Come again, Mr. Groves.

Miss Agnes Early who is home from school at San Marcos, was a pleasant caller at the Herald office Thursday. She expressed appreciation of the Herald's weekly visit with her and the other girls at their school home in San Marcos.

The Ballard family of near Bell School is moving to Amarillo.

Mrs. Wilsie Goble's home was the scene of much merriment and a festive dinner served to the following guests last Friday noon:

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patterson Mr. and Mrs. Major Kimzey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bralley and son, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hill, Mrs. E. C. Patterson and family, E. J. Ely Jr. and Madge Goble.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Reed and daughters, Mary Jane and Marguerite were visitors in Mrs. Reed's parents' home Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ely. Mrs. Reed and the children are remaining for a short while in Hermleigh.

Little Misses Frances Lee and Robbie Dee Hull of Lamesa and Katie Marie Louder of Snyder, with their grandfather Coker were visitors in the Herald office Wednesday. If every living individual might radiate sunshine and fragrance as do these little girls, the world would be soon restored to its Edenic beauty.

Mrs. G. E. Chorn and children are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Fatheree of Abilene.

Mrs. E. J. Ely who has recently undergone an operation, was able to make a trip to Snyder last week.

Little Misses McQuaid and Snowden were visitors in the Herald office Tuesday. They were looking for Santa Clause.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Grimes and children are spending the holidays here, guests in the K. B. Rector and B. D. Smith homes.

Mrs. Floyd Hocker of Plainview spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Fargason here.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lynde spent Christmas day at Clarimount, and visited out on the farm Thursday.

### ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Mrs. E. C. Adams and daughter, Miss Ella, were hostesses to their west side neighbors Thursday. The occasion was the celebration of the former's sixtieth wedding anniversary. Forty nine were present all of whom greatly enjoyed the day. A delightful dinner was served.

It was easy to determine that Grandmother Leslie and little Miss Mary Louise Rea were the oldest and youngest present and that Miss Ella was the most useful, but a silent vote was taken to determine who was the prettiest girl and the ugliest man present. The vote on the prettiest girl resulted in a tie between Misses Elizabeth Neymeir and Faye Adams. Mr. Boles of Snyder, a grand son-in-law to the Adams family, was declared by unanimous vote to be the ugliest man. Bob Adams was considered the best liked of any one present or absent.

The question came up among the older members of the family as to the number of children in the Adams family. It was decided that there were 360. It was figured like this. There were nine boys and each boy had four sisters, making 36 girls. These 36 girls each had nine brothers, making 324 boys. 324 boys and 36 girls made a total of 360 children.

Miss Emily Vaughn who has been at work in Abilene was home for Christmas.

Mrs. J. I. Chorn served her Christmas dinner Sunday with all the children at home except one son.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Adams of Greenville are here for the Christmas holidays. This is the first time Mr. Adams has been home since moving over a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Chorn will leave Tuesday for Lubbock where they will make their future home.

Mrs. T. M. Sanders has been seriously ill for the past week but is somewhat improved at present.

Mrs. Emit Ayers and family of Tye are visiting their parents and grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Hudson and family here.

Tom Sanders remembered the Herald with a renewal of his subscription this week. Thanks, Mr. Tom.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hill of Alpine are visiting the latter's mother here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nachlinger are spending the holidays in South Texas.

Judge and Mrs. H. O. Norwood of Greenville spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhea.

Mr. Harry Lee of Merkle was a visitor in town here this week.

Mrs. J. L. Fargason has been confined to her room and bed during the holiday.

### Bill Der Says



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# 1930 GREETINGS 1930 WITH ALL BEST WISHES

We have been in business here ever since the year of 1918. We have carefully viewed things as they have passed, year by year, and here give a short summary of conditions which have prevailed in the meantime. The years of '17 and '18 are known generally as the "Dry Years" in West Texas, notwithstanding the wages were good and the agriculture of the county continued to develop. In '19 a bumper crop was made and sold for big prices. The whole country was prosperous. In '20 there was a good crop, but prices were low, and business depression followed. The fall of '21 brought good times. A good crop was made and the main brick buildings in Hermleigh were erected. The year of '22 was an average year. The crop was not a large one, but business was good. '23 brought with it reverses. In the spring many sections were seriously effected by grasshoppers. They appeared again in '24. The '24 crop went through a crisis in the early spring but a change for the better came, and a good crop was harvested. Business was normal. In '25 there was an average crop, but prices being only fair business conditions were not so good. In '26 there was a good crop but it was struck by hail in October which destroyed much cotton. Cotton prices were low. The '27 crop was destroyed by boll worms, but after the first of September a fair crop was made and sold at good average prices. Business was good. Everyone was encouraged. The year of '28, the memories of which still linger, was bad. Boll worms totally destroyed cotton in some sections. Our own 1929, which is fastly hiding itself behind the western horizon, has been a disappointment largely. Not more than one half of a crop was made, and about the time it was ready for the market the slump in price came. At this time the price is looking up a little and the crop is about gathered.

The Coming of the new year always brings with it promises of better times and a challenge to do greater things. It brings a spirit of greater achievement. The world must move on. The passing of the years mark time with its attendant evidence of human progress. At this fine season we extend greetings to our many friends and customers including Hermleigh community at large. May all the good things of the new year be yours.

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