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THE following tribute to Christmas was written by the late J. H. Lowry, for many years editor of the department of "Current Comment," and associate editor of our Magazine Section:

"Whence comes this kindlier feeling toward mankind—this longing to put aside serious problems and play with the children? The answer is CHRISTMAS. Back of all our beautiful customs, sacred memories, benevolent impulses there is a Power—supreme, resistless. It is God imminent in men. In the hearts of every man and every woman there is a spirit of the same nature as the spirit of Jesus, who gave His all for others.

"It was nearly 2,000 years ago that

the Star of Bethlehem burst upon the land of David and the Heavenly Choir sang of the Savior of men, but still the sweet refrain rings around the world and the scenes of that hallowed night recur to gladden the world today as they gladdened the hearts of shepherds on Judean hills when the emblazoned skies announced the coming of the King.

"The mightiest tongues and pens have paid tribute and the sweetest voices have sung praises of Christmas, to commemorate and to consecrate this great epoch in human history. Through the ages it has been heaven's message to earth.

"May CHRISTMAS come to you, dear reader, in all its beauty and significance."

Christmas Observance Among the Pioneers

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WE are so accustomed to observing Christmas the modern way that we give little thought to the manner in which our grandfathers and grandmothers observed the anniversary of Christ's birth. Although Texas pioneers lacked all of the luxuries and most of the conveniences of modern times, yet they celebrated Christmas joyfully, and the Christmas spirit reigned in the humblest log cabin. Rough dirt roads were alive with settlers going to and fro shaking hands and wishing each other a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

During that lean period immediately following the war between the States such things as toys for children were unknown. Texas was remote from Eastern cities and the average little girl considered herself lucky if she possessed a rag doll. According to Mrs. W. W. Horner, wife of a pioneer East Texas circuit rider, a child was very happy if he or she received at Christmas an apple, an orange, or a large stick of candy.

Mrs. Horner grew up in Cass county, and was one of the first public school teachers in the eastern section of the State. According to this 77-year-old woman, the young girls looked forward to Christmas as a "dressing up time." Weeks before Christmas, girls and their mothers began to make bonnets and dresses of cotton or wool. Women of today can go to a shop and purchase ready-made apparel, but pioneer women had to spin cloth, weave thread, and then sew Christmas garments together with deft fingers.

Pie and Cake Rare

"We didn't have much pie and cake at Christmas, either," Mrs. Horner says. "As everyone knows, the severities of pioneer life required the settlers to live largely on meat diets. Corn bread was our staff of life, and flour and sugar were rare and expensive, it being necessary to haul both of these staples hundreds of miles overland. As women of the 60's busied themselves with Christmas sewing, men went hunting for the Christmas meats. The woods were full of game, so the hunters returned laden with deer, an occasional bear, and bags full of slain wild turkeys.

"Often the settlers would trap their Christmas turkeys," Mrs. Horner relates. "A pen made of poles with a series of zig-zag corridors would be built in the vicinity of a turkey roost and a little feed placed outside and a great deal of

feed inside the pen. An old turkey gobler usually entered the pen first, followed by his flock. The corridors confused the birds, who were so dumb that they could not find their way out.

"Christmas dinner menus were baked turkey, barbecued or roasted venison, or fried home-cured ham, with perhaps a roasted possum in the center of the table. Of course the sweets were homemade jellies and preserves, mostly made from wild plums and grapes. If the pioneers were out of real coffee they parched wheat, barley or meal as a substitute for this beverage.

Few Christmas Entertainments

"There were no Christmas entertainments to speak of during the sixties.

People often lived from seven to ten miles apart, which made such things impossible. But on Christmas afternoon the young folks would generally gather at some settler's home and go horse-back-riding along the dim roads that were little more than trails. Perhaps that night there would be a square dance somewhere within fifteen or twenty miles. Most of the young people would decline to attend unless accompanied by parents or brothers. These dances were strictly conducted without drinking or ruffianism."

Christmas trees were first introduced into Texas about 1872, according to Mrs. Horner. The men began going into the woods, cutting holly or cedar trees and bringing them home. Popcorn and red berries were strung on the Christmas trees, and the whole house decorated with holly or oak leaves. Mistletoe was also a decorative and strapping youths maneuvered to place blushing girls underneath the mistletoe. The first Christmas presents were very simple—perhaps a little individual cake baked for each child by the mother of the family.

If a settler possessed a fairly large home, built of ~~log~~ or stone, the entire neighborhood might gather in covered wagons at his home for a Christ-

mas Day celebration. Generally the principal lighting for these gatherings came from home-made candles of tallow and beeswax. Often the only light was from a huge open fireplace which also was used to cook the Christmas dinner. Usually on such occasions the settlers danced all night to music furnished by local fiddlers.

No Firecrackers

Boys who read this article may wonder what pioneer boys used for firecrackers. I asked this question of Mrs. T. J. Spear, who lived in Bastrop county during the early days. Mrs. Spear chuckled and replied:

"Well, the boys had no firecrackers. But they managed to make a big noise



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just the same. Often they bored holes in trees, filling the holes with gunpowders. A piece of slow-burning punk was placed against the gunpowder, then everybody scattered to a safe distance to await the fun. When this burning punk ignited the powder the tree was blown into splinters.

"Blacksmith anvils were sometimes substituted for trees in the Central Texas hill country. Two of the anvils would be mounted, one on top of the other, with a thick layer of powder between. A fuse attached to the powder, was lighted, and the result a deafening explosion that shook the ground and rattled nearby windows."

George W. W. Gillespie county pioneer, recalls a dance almost every night during the Christmas season. The

young men and girls would gather at some neighbor's home, eat Christmas dinner, and then ride twenty miles to a dance. The older men hunted deer on Christmas Eve and throughout the week. Sometimes all the men, young and old, pitched horseshoes, played marbles or matched skill in rifle shooting.

German Settlers Observed Christmas

The early German settlers of Central Texas observed Christmas in a manner somewhat different from their American neighbors. In Fredericksburg, Santa Claus began to visit children as early as the 6th of December, continuing to visit them at nightly intervals up to Christmas Eve, leaving candy and fruit in stockings hanging from mantels and bedposts. The German children believed that Santy peeped through the windows to see if they were obeying their parents.

The German settlers always had a religious service on Christmas night. Hymns, including the traditional "Silent Night, Holy Night," would be sung in every church, and the pastor would read the story of the Christ Child's birth from the New Testament. Each child recited a little poem, and then received a bag of candy and fruit.

During the seventies and eighties religious services were held in Burnet county throughout Christmas week. If no local preacher were available, the community hired some minister to come and conduct a holiday meeting. Neighborhood families brought dinners to church and ate on benches outside the church building, if weather permitted. Should the day be cold, settlers ate inside the church. Everybody dressed very simply for this holiday occasion. John Boltinghouse, of the Smithwick community, says that he thought he was attired in the height of fashion when he wore a striped hickory shirt, jeans pants and knit woolen socks.

Favorite Time to Get Married

Early Christmases were a favorite

time to get married, particularly circuit rider happened to be in the area. The engagement was several weeks in advance. The bride's family began on the marriage supper, the bride and groom were in the home of the bride. That night the marriage dance followed. Next day there would be a similar reception, "fair," at the groom's home. Three nights later the wedding would be "shivaree" with rattles, tin horns and tin kettles, capable of making a noise. My grandmother, Mrs. (North Texas) landlady, used always to present a gift with a Christmas gift, before and after Christmas. Communities would have parties, the guests enjoyed in sing games, such as "Way Down Below" in holiday season, folks visit in buggies, hacks, buckboards, children bringing gifts for inspection. If enough gathered together at one place a prayer meeting.

Negro Slaves Remembered

Nor were the negroes Christmas-time in Texas. War between the States, greet their masters with gift, Massah! As early as a gift, there was a fire in every house. The fire in every house tained a Yule log, promised a holiday as long as Yule log was kept burning. A great deal of good among negroes in past bringing in the biggest three or four men were on a wagon and bring in.

Needless to say, past were always welcomed. Day or any other day, tradition of hospitality meals or bed to any Christmas, fifty years ago. E. G. Hocutt arrived from drew rein at a settler's county. The new circuit money and was always sat astride his Texas minister came out at once to minister.

"Get off your horse and the settler. 'I don't mind any gentleman. D— Later, when the settler guest was a preacher apologized for the rou-

First Christmas in the Trenches During the World's

By VALENTINE WILLIAMS

Late Captain, Irish Guards

(New York Times)

THE first Christmas of the World War—Christmas of twenty years ago—found the armies in trenches and dugouts. In the west, open fighting was over, not to be resumed for more than three weary years; and the belligerents peered out at one another from trenches that scarred the shell-torn earth from the North Sea to the Alps. The war had stagnated on the line where the desperate autumn fighting, under the influence of the exhaustion of the combatants and weeks of heavy rain, had slowed to a standstill. The advent of Christmas found hundreds of thousands of civilized men living like animals in holes in the ground and confronted by the prospect of passing the winter in conditions of unimaginable danger, hardships and squalor.

The armies were destined to spend three Christmases in the trenches, but no succeeding winter tested courage and stamina so severely as that first winter of 1914. No force in the field was properly equipped for trench warfare, although the Germans were better off than the rest.

A Chain of Light

Christmas is the great festival among Germans. That Christmas Eve, lighted Christmas trees made a chain of light all the way along the endless German line of communications from the front line in France to General Headquarters, where the Supreme War Lord in person presided at the distribution of gifts from a gigantic tree to all ranks employed at G. H. Q. To enliven the feast for the troops in the front line, regimental bands were moved up to the reserve areas and, after nightfall, the strains of "Stille nacht, heilige nacht!" (Silent Night, Holy Night) and other German Christmas hymns stole out across the German trenches and No Man's Land to the ears of the enemy sentries on watch at the parapet. That night the traditional Christmas punch and cake were served to the troops in the front line.

Christmas morning dawned clear and fine with a powdering of snow. In little village churches, many of them ruined and abandoned, behind the British lines, there were services for the dif-

ferent denominations and afterward the men marched back to their Christmas dinners.

In their absence holly and mistletoe and gay festoons of paper had mysteriously appeared to garnish their billets. There were roast beef and plum puddings and mince pies and a special Christmas issue of rum. The officers went round from billet to billet to wish their men a merry Christmas and toast them in a glass of rum.

Their Hearts Were at Home

Up in the line the night before Christmas was strangely quiet. In their damp and narrow dugouts these little bands of Britons, isolated in the Flanders mud, sat and gossiped of other Christmases they had known. Their bodies, devoured by vermin and racked by the chill of the trenches, might be at the



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front, but their hearts were at home. Christmas letters and cards were shown around.

Gifts which the mail had brought for those who had known their last Christmas on earth and whose bodies, perhaps, still hung in the wire beyond the parapet, were distributed to those who had gone short. There were empty places in the messes; but the survivors spoke little of those who had gone before, however much these vanished comrades were in their thoughts as the traditional Christmas toast "To Absent Friends!" was drunk. The officers produced presents for their orderlies and batmen, useful gifts like warm socks or gloves or a pipe.

Outside on the fire-step the sentries, mud-caked and muffled to the eyes, caught snatches of merriment proceeding from the trenches opposite and

from time to time the faint strains of bands playing behind the German lines, accompanying voices in harmony. The night was as still as that "holy night" of which the unseen enemy sang; and "All quiet" was the report from one end to the other of the line. At stand-in the bitter dawn of Christmas Day there was neither sound nor shot as the troops, blowing on their frozen fingers as they lined the parapet, with the musty odor of death in their nostrils, watched the morn of Our Saviour's birth streak the east in an eerie and most unwonted silence. Even the German guns, that daybreak, refrained from their customary "morning hate." It was so quiet between the trenches that men could hear the twittering of birds, and flocks of sparrows, emboldened by the unfamiliar hush, came to the dugouts to be fed.

Greatest Tribute to Christmas

And then took place an event, or rather a series of events, which I have always held to be the greatest tribute to the Christmas spirit our age has ever known. The sun was up and the breakfast bacon sizzling all along the British trenches when two or three gray figures were suddenly visible between the wire. They waved friendly hands and cried in broken English, "Merry Christmas, Tommy!" by "Merry Christmas, Jock!" Before anybody realized what was happening, men from the trenches on either side were scrambling into No Man's Land, laughing, cheering, singing. And from right and left, all along the lines, figures in khaki and field-gray kept appearing.

As though by common consent they came to a halt midway between the

trenches. At first with suspicion, then with wonderment, Briton and German surveyed one another. For behold! either body of men resembled the other strangely, grimed and unkempt and red-eyed as they were with nights of watching, even the distinctive khaki and field-gray all but effaced by the earth from which they had emerged, their very semblance of soldiers blurred by the extraordinary collection of garments, stocking caps and woolen helmets, leather coats and cardigan vests, they had donned over their uniforms to ward off the rigors of the Flanders winter.

Rifles Laid Aside

Then rifles were laid aside, hands were grasped in Christmas friendship, cigars and cigarettes handed about, souvenirs exchanged, the hatred be-

request—brought a demerol on the other side for "Tipper" battalion sang for the beginning:

The boys o' Bonnie
Where the heather
grow.

Afterward persuading to join with them in a few Christmas with their every body thought, editor of wrote but he etc. to authors say a d strain ng white to the h ce and, w ing a w him th t even r printed common ground in the appeal

Christmas dinners everybody back to his truce continued during. In one sector the British charge asked permission of British dead, killed the week before. The mander readily agreed Germans, working side graves.

When the task was officer, with tears in his British subaltern his in French, "Les braves magel!" The Briton that, later in the evening German captain a scarf as a Christmas present knowledge of the behavior, and the German with the gift of a pair. Next day there was morning after, the war resumed.

Such incidents were eral. The fact that they only stresses their under the inspiration of son of the year. The mand frowned upon a proper fighting spirit reprimanded the officer. The Christ Child never the way into No Man's other war Christmas newal of this curious business of killing. spect twenty years illumines the blackest of human suffering. Christmas tree shining along a darkened street.

QUINTUPLETS BORN IN TEXAS

Records revealed recently that about 50 years ago quintuplets were born to a Mrs. Couch who resided on a farm near Bonham. The children, all boys, died a few hours after birth.

OLD FIDDLERS CONTEST IS HELD

C. W. Haggerton, of Bonita, won first prize, \$2.50, in an old-time fiddlers contest held in Nocona. Second prize of \$1.50 went to J. B. LaMascus and third, \$1.00 to Roy Smith, both of Nocona.

NEW TOWN NAMED "SAND"

Texas' newest town, Sand, Dawson county, has just been granted a postoffice and Ebbie Lee is to be postmaster. The new postoffice will be established in a filling station, on Highway 15, near the west line of the county.

PANTS SNATCHER GETS 500 YEARS

A negro widely known in Hill, Ellis, McLennan and Bell counties as a "pants snatcher," was sentenced to terms in the State penitentiary totaling 500 years. The negro would steal his victims' pants after rifling the pockets of anything of value.

ANOTHER GIFT TO MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR COLLEGE

A gift of \$46,302.59 was made to Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton, President J. C. Hardy has announced. This brings the total amount from Hardin's estate donated to the college to nearly \$500,000. This last bequest is from the personal estate of Mrs. Mary C. Hardin.

TWO LOADS OF CORN DONATED TO ORPHANAGE

Members of the Church of Christ at Bertram, Burnet county, shipped two carloads of ear corn to the Bowles Orphanage Home at Greenville. The corn was donated by members of the church and hauled to Georgetown where it was loaded in the car. The corn will be used to fatten hogs at the orphanage.

SIAM RESIDENT SUBSCRIBES TO WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

From Bangkok, Siam, came a request from Henri Brandt that his name be added to the subscription list of a West Texas newspaper (the Ochiltree County Herald). Brandt writes he is financially interested in wildcat oil development in that county and wishes to keep in touch with the general news of that vicinity.

GRAND JURY URGES PARENTS TO KEEP TAB ON CHILDREN

A district grand jury sitting at Littlefield, Lamb county, returned a report addressed to Judge R. C. Joiner, urging that parents should always know the whereabouts of their children. The jurymen agreed that parents who do not know the whereabouts of their children are neglecting a parental duty. The report was signed by J. T. Bellomy, foreman.

OLD AUTO PARADES STREETS

Residents of Odessa rubbed their eyes when they looked out and saw a model 1900 automobile moving along the streets under its own power. The machine, a Holzman, was driven under its own power from Ohio to San Diego. The owner, J. H. Ozum, says he gets 22 miles to a gallon of gas and averages 12 miles an hour on the highways. It is a 9-gear shift machine.

ETHIOPIAN ACE IS NATIVE OF SEGUIN

John C. Robinson, negro aviator fighting with the forces of the Emperor, Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, is a native of Guadalupe county and his parents still live on a farm near Seguin. He attended school at Seguin, but later left there and enrolled at Tuscogee Institute. After studying aviation at Buffalo, N. Y., Robinson offered his services to Ethiopia as an aviator. He is 34 years old.

BLACKSMITH, AGE 80, STILL ACTIVE

Edwin Bates Sweeney, age 80, is still active as a blacksmith in Hillsboro. He first came to Hill county in 1868 after coming to Texas in 1861. Mr. Sweeney goes to work at 7 o'clock each morning, regardless of weather conditions. Born near Clinton, Mo., he is one of fourteen children, and has lived in the McKenzie addition to Hillsboro for the past 42 years.

MANUSCRIPT OF SAN JACINTO BATTLE FOUND

A document of great historical interest, probably the only one in existence, a manuscript version report of the Battle of San Jacinto was found in the office of the Dallas News. Scholars and experts long ago gave up hope of finding the original report, which is supposed to have been made out by General Sam Houston after the battle in which Texas won her independence from Mexico. The yellow and faded paper, missing for three quarters of a century, checks word for word with the authenticated printed text of Houston's report.

U. OF T. ENROLLMENT SETS NEW RECORD

The fall enrollment of University of Texas, at Austin, is 7,675, largest on record. A total of 5,211 men and 2,464 women are on the records in the institution. Largest percentage of gain was shown in the College of Pharmacy.

STONEWALL COUNTY PAYS OLD JURY WARRANT

While H. Meyers, of Peacock, was searching through papers in his home he found an old \$2 jury warrant on Stonewall county for jury service performed July 3, 1905. Meyers, after receiving the warrant, placed it among his papers in a desk at his home and forgot about it. Stonewall county officials voted to pay the warrant.

WORLD'S LARGEST WATCH, HE CLAIMS

T. L. Miller, of San Angelo, is displaying what he claims is the world's largest watch. The timepiece weighs 125 pounds, including case. Its balance wheel is 11 1/4 inches in diameter. Miller made the watch at a machine shop in Seattle, Washington, while on vacation. It required 120 hours to complete the machine work.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN TEXAS ON DECLINE

Commercial failures and liabilities of bankrupt firms in Texas declined sharply last month in comparison with the same month a year ago, figures from the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research show. Total liabilities during the month were \$155,000, a decline of 74 per cent from the same month in 1934. Average liability per failure was \$11,923, down 42 per cent from 1934.

CLAIMS TO BE 125 YEARS OLD

A woman supposed to be the oldest in the world, Mrs. Cirilde Ydrego, age 125, is living in the Mexican section of Refugio. She came to this town from Monterrey, Mexico, about 60 years ago. Her husband, 27 years her junior, was killed at the age of 94 in an automobile accident. Her first husband, she says, was killed while fighting with Santa Anna against the Texans in 1836. The old lady is blind and deaf. She constantly calls for her husband, whom she doesn't believe is dead.

QUILT 90 YEARS OLD

Mrs. E. E. Bolton, of Houston, while on a recent visit to the Sharp community, near Cameron, displayed a quilt made more than 90 years ago. It was of floral design with rainbow colors predominating. The quilt was owned by the Bolton family during the Civil War and was buried with other family valuables when Union soldiers made their raids on the family homestead. It has been exhibited at many county fairs and Mrs. Bolton received an invitation to show it in Chicago recently, but she declined.

WINS HONORS AT MONTERREY

At the Monterrey, Mexico, Agricultural and Livestock Exposition, held October 26-29th, first honors were won by M. Bernand Volpe, of Laredo, with his grand champion Polled-Herford bull, Sir Perfection 20th, a two-year-old. Volpe carried off other prizes with his superb herd of Polled-Herfords. Monterrey plans a bigger and better show in 1936.

VALLEY MILLS BOY PAYS CONSCIENCE DEBT

The manager of a Valley Mills store was surprised when a boy, age 16, handed him a dollar. The manager of the store asked why he should receive the money. The boy told him that two years ago he entered the merchant's store, took a flashlight and another article, never intending to pay for them. The boy confessed that, after attending church services, his conscience hurt him and he decided to reimburse the merchant.

PRESENCE OF MIND SAVES BOY FROM RATTLESNAKE BIT

Chester Davidson, age 12, grandson of Mrs. T. M. Porter of the Willow community, Harris county, probably saved his life by presence of mind. While picking cotton a large rattlesnake bit him. He called his uncle, John Nelson of Walnut Springs, to come and kill the reptile. The boy calmly proceeded to bind his arm tightly and to slash the place in his hand where the snake struck so the wound could bleed freely. While the arm became swollen, the attending physician said young Davidson probably saved his life by prompt first aid treatment.

COLORED MAN HAS BEEN PREACHING 55 YEARS

A. B. Lennox, colored, age 70, has been pastor of the Hopewell Baptist Church, five miles east of Clarksville, for the last 51 years; also was moderator of the Zion Baptist Association for 25 years and a minister of the gospel 55 years. He has preached in churches in New York and San Francisco while on vacations.

CIRCUS DIVING DOG POISONED

Pat, a little rat terrier that gladdened thousands of Gainesville residents with clever tricks, is dead, victim of a poisoner. Last summer the dog, just a puppy, was acquired by Verne Brewer and within two months was star performer with the Gainesville Community Circus. Pat would mount a thirty-foot ladder, rung by rung, stand at attention on a tiny pedestal near the top of a high tent and then dive into a net spread below. A marble slab inscribed, "In Memory of Pat, World's Greatest Diving Dog," was erected over his grave.

MARRIAGE FEES FOLLOW DEPRESSION CURVES

That fees paid for marrying couples fluctuate just as do other service charges was the statement of Justice of the Peace J. P. Siler, of Plainview. Siler, who has tied more than 1,000 marital knots during the past 50 years as a justice and a minister, keeps a record of his marriages. These records show that in the middle 20's grooms paid Siler from \$2 to \$3 for marrying services; in 1927 payments dropped to \$1; in 1929 payments averaged \$3 with many grooms paying \$5 and sometimes \$10. Since 1930 an occasional 50-cent piece has been the justice's lot. Only three couples have failed to pay anything.

LLANO COUNTY'S LAST CIVIL WAR VETERAN

E. H. Alexander, the last surviving Civil War veteran in Llano county, celebrated his 90th birth anniversary with many friends helping him to celebrate. In addition to being in the Confederate army, he was for many years elected to various county official positions.

PARIS RESIDENT, AGE 104, DIES

Paris' oldest resident, Miss Clara Lee, died at the home of a niece, Mrs. Nell King. Born at Lafayette, Ind., when there were only 28 miles of railroad in the United States, Miss Lee had witnessed the metamorphosis of the last century in transportation. She moved to Paris, then a village, 62 years ago.

OWNS AZTEC BATTLE AX

A battle ax, supposed to have been made by the Aztecs, is owned by O. D. Wyatt, principle of one of Fort Worth's high schools. The weapon, dug from the bottoms of Trinity river about 16 years ago, was presented to Wyatt by a friend. The instrument is made from the root of some plant supposedly a native plant of Mexico. It is about 30 inches long and weighs six pounds.

GIFT CALVES WIN HONORS FOR FAMILY ON RELIEF

Two years ago friends gave Frank Brown, his wife and six children, then on relief, two calves and a cart. They trained the calves to draw the cart; also used them as beasts of burden in raising two crops. Now the family is self-supporting and with the grown calves drawing the cart, took second prize with their float at the East Texas Yamboree at Gilmer. The Yamboree was a festival honoring the lowly sweet potato.

FREAK CALF BORN AT DELEON

A calf without eyeballs or any opening in its skull for eyes was born to a full-blooded Jersey cow belonging to Rev. H. D. Holdridge of Humphry Addition, DeLeon. The cow is a splendid animal, giving an average of four gallons of milk and two pounds of butter daily. She was bred to a fine Jersey male. The calf's disfigurement, it is assumed, was due to the cow lacking certain vital food elements during gestation.

PILOT CREDITED WITH SAVING CHILD'S LIFE

Buck Taylor, Tyler pilot, flew to Amarillo for serum which it is believed saved the life of 4-year-old Barbara Ann Bryant, who was at the point of death from a blood serum infection. During the flight Buck had to battle a storm and severe head winds.

REMOVE NEEDLE MANY YEARS IN ARM

J. O. Crites, of Level-land, feeling a severe pain in his left arm, summoned a doctor who cut deep into the fleshy part of the arm and found a needle that had caused the pain. Dry goods men who examined the needle said that particular type of needle had not been made for many years. The instrument was embedded in a grisly growth that prevented it from injuring the muscles of the arm. Mr. Crites could not recall when the needle entered his arm.

ODESSA HONORS OLDEST SETTLER

R. N. Henderson, Odessa's oldest settler, was honored by the town on his 79th birthday. "Uncle Dick, as he is affectionately called, is a native Texan. His father came to Texas in 1845. Henderson came to Odessa in the summer of 1886, a few months after the first town lot sale there. He has been an active rancher for years, and helped much in the early building of the town.

BIGGER AND FASTER PASSENGER AIRPLANES

A fleet of the largest airplanes yet put into service from Texas points East and West has been announced by Leonard Nelson, passenger agent of the American Air Lines, with headquarters in Fort Worth.

These new super all-metal planes are now being built and tested out at the Santa Monica, Cal., plant of the Douglas Aircraft Company. Each plane provides seats for 24 persons in daytime and 16 berths at night, similar to the standard rail sleeper berths. Weight of each plane is 24,000 pounds, with a wing spread of 95 feet, propelled by two engines weighing 2,000 pounds and capable of developing a top speed of 215 miles per hour at 7,000 feet. Meals will be cooked and served on the planes to passengers.

3,336 GET JOBS IN

Jobs for 3,336 Texans in the Works Progress Administration in San Antonio. Amount of \$801,696 in Federal aid on basis for the order. Jobs for persons now on the relief list.

\$1,500 REWARD COME

A reward of \$1,500 was offered to Dave Rousdale, veteran press messenger, who had been robbing and frustrating a robbery 23 years ago. The government failed to provide the money until recently.

FINDS WATCH IN SAUSAGE

Mrs. A. G. Tribble, of Seguin, opened a can of sausage and found a woman's 15-jewel watch. Evidently it had fallen from a factory worker's pocket. The local jeweler said the timepiece corroded that he would be able to pair it.

STOLEN BEEF GIVEN TO CHARITY

Meat from a bull stolen from Kelly of Handley, Tarrant county, given to needy families. Kelly, already been slaughtered and stored when located by police. Kelly suggested the meat to charity and it was given to the Union Gospel Mission at Worth.

KIND ENOUGH TO LEAVE

Imagine the chagrin of a doctor at Sudan, who owned a building in Amarillo. While the building had vanished, the doctor, the sheriff and police upon to help locate the building. After diligent search it was found a nice, new foundation and the doctor is now trying to locate the house.

BOY BREAKS NECK OF "TARZAN"

Victor Richard, 16, of Amarillo, sustained a broken neck while swinging a limb while swinging in trees in imitation of Tarzan in fiction. Victor fell from a tree, landing on his neck. While partially paralyzed, said the youth had a good recovery.

SHELTERBELT PROGRAM

Tree planting in the Shelterbelt program is scheduled for December in four Texas counties: Collingsworth, DeWitt, Wilbarger, according to J. C. Nelson, in charge of the program at Wichita Falls. Mr. Nelson says the program will do the most for the tree rows around or in the tree every few feet, 100 feet from the Canadian border.

TEXAS RAW MATERIALS FOR 1934

Among the important raw materials which Texas sent abroad last year were sulphur, of which the state exports 78.3 per cent of the nation's supply, or 390,807 tons of 499,174 tons. Texas cotton exports for 1933 were 356 tons out of 1,370,518 tons. Texas ores, metals and minerals represent 56.3 per cent of the nation's total, or 130,393, against 130,000. Texas petroleum and natural gas exports 39.9 per cent of the nation's supply, or 5,196,868, against 13,000,000. Texas rice exports amount to 42,705, or 6.91 per cent of the nation's, or 6,910,000.

Origin of the Most Popular All Christmas Carol Night, Holy Night

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Tyrolese song" before Frederick Wilhelm IV, of Prussia, resulted in an edition of "Holy Night" be given first place in religious Christmas program investigation to determine its origin.

Eighty years later "Holy Night" was given first place in religious Christmas programs the world over. The voices of the world's choirs will peal out the "Holy Night" throughout America. In the silent night peasant folk of the village will gather about the traditional midnight candle of the chill night under a star across the fields and roads white. As the chimes in the distance announce the hour of midnight, high music gallery at the church building and from the low will come the strains of "Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright, Round you Virgin Mary and Holy Infant, so tender and so dear, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace."



YULE SONG

Ring, ye bells, over hill and hollow—
Blow ye winds and driven snow,
Joy comes swiftly as the swallow—
Hey, for the holly and mistletoe!

Now the dawns are clear and crisper,
Warmth is in the back-log's glow,
Sweet lips carol and fond lips whisper—
Hey, for the holly and mistletoe!

Yuletide greetings soon will follow
Kindly thoughts begin to flow,
Ring, ye bells, over hill and hollow—
Hey, for the holly and mistletoe!

THREE KILLED BY MEXICAN WAR BOMB

An old bomb, souvenir of Mexican revolutionary days, exploded in the yard of Jose Perez at Eagle Pass, killing him, his wife and daughter. Twenty-one years ago, Perez found the bomb on a hillside and placed it in his yard.

GOLDEN WEDDING COUPLE ARE SAME AGE

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lyon, who live a mile east of Leonard, jointly celebrated their 72nd birthdays just one day before their golden wedding anniversary. Children, grandchildren and friends honored the couple with a dinner. They are parents of 13 children, six living, and they have five grandchildren.

GREEN'S CREEK CHURCH OBSERVES 57th ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Green's Creek Methodist Church, near Dublin, had an all day home-coming celebration, marking the 57th year since the founding of the congregation, in 1876. It is one of the oldest religious organizations in that section of the State. Services in pioneer days were held in a log cabin. The present building was erected in 1882. Five traveling and nine local preachers have been sent from the old church.

6-YEAR-OLD QUADRUPLETS START TO SCHOOL

The Perricone quadruplets, of Beaumont, managed to make school this fall. For a while it looked hopeless. The children are six years old and their names are Anthony, Carl, Donald and Bernard. Bernard decided for some reason that he wouldn't attend school. The mother intended to keep the four out of school for a year unless Bernard changed his mind and wanted to go. At the last minute he gave in and now the four are full-fledged students.

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Some Suggestions for the Yuletide Party

HIS is the season to "deck the halls with boughs of holly," and everyone in the family is no doubt bustling around with wreaths, poinsettias, gay Christmas wrappings and candles under both arms.

Here are some new ideas about decorating the house and presenting the gifts on Christmas Day.

If you are having a Christmas tree it is a nice plan to have the room decorations in keeping with it. Pine or cedar or oak boughs filling the fireplace, and tiny sprays tied with red ribbon twined around the chandelier or sidelights, will decorate the room beautifully. In place of red ribbon, imitation poinsettias are attractive.

Shiny Tin Molds

Two shiny tin pudding molds filled with sprays of evergreen will twinkle effectively on the mantel-piece or a library table. To give the effect of a Christmas tree, hide shiny red balls in among the sprays.

Of course, the final red and green note in this color scheme could be holly wreaths (or imitation ones) at each window, tied with lovely red bows. In place of these, one handsome wreath outside the front door is Christmasy.



A pretty red and white scheme can be worked out using the poinsettias and leaves or boughs dipped in starch and sprinkled with artificial snow. From the chandelier hang Christmas tree ornaments of red and silver at different levels. Cover the mantel, window sills or radiator covers with a layer of cotton brightened with the snow. Santa and his pack should stand on the mantel surrounded by silvery reindeer which can be purchased inexpensively. In each window on the snow foundation put a fat red candle in a silver candlestick.

Santa Claus Chimney

A Santa Claus inside a chimney makes a nice table centerpiece. Cover a good-sized box (about a foot square) with red brick paper and around the top put a three-inch band of cotton. Put a Santa Claus inside it with a pack full of favors for the guests. Miniature chimneys made in the same way will serve as nut cups, and toy Santas may hold the place cards.

For a lovely blue and silver table use a white cellophane tablecloth in one of the new patterns now available. A flat

mirror in the center may have a circlet of blue Christmas tree beads around it and three reindeer in the center. Cluster bright blue tree ornaments with silver paper leaves around the foot of silver candlesticks which hold dark blue candles. Paint a dark blue margin around the edge of plain white cards and tie a little silver bell to each one to make unusual place cards.

Lacking a mirror plateau for the center, use a crystal or silver bowl piled with the blue and silver tree ornaments.

Hiding Gifts

Gifts hidden throughout the house will provide the basis for a jolly Christmas treasure hunt. Hide clues under davenport and behind pictures and in other out of the way places. Give each person a clue to start with, such as, "Look in the grand piano." In the piano he finds a clue reading, "Look in the ice box," etc. If you like, instead of laying a separate trail for each person, all clues may lead eventually to a pillow case labeled Santa Claus' pack, holding the gifts.

Guessing gifts is another amusing way to distribute gifts. Give each person a slip of paper on which is written his or her name and some simple very general description of a gift, such as "What a lovely perfume," or "It is red and goes like the wind" for a toy sled. When each person has guessed correctly what his gift is he may have it.

Hunting With Candles

Place as many candles or tiny holly wreaths on the mantel as there are guests. Tie each one with a bow of different colored ribbon, and attach a name. Guests and members of the family are instructed to take their candle or wreath and hunt for packages hidden in the house. Whenever they find a package tied with the same colored ribbon as that on their favor, they may have it.

Distributing gifts at the table may be made an entertaining and prolonged festival. Instead of giving all the presents at the same time, give each person one when he enters the dining room, and present the others at the conclusion of various courses. It will be fun to request each recipient for a speech before he opens his gift, in which he should try to tell how he will use it.

Don't Forget the Babb's Switch Disaster

SHOULD you attend any kind of Christmas celebration give a thought to what occurred at Babbs Switch, near Hobart, Oklahoma, on Christmas Eve, eleven years ago. It was one of the worst Christmas tragedies in history.

A little pine frame school house was the Christmas community meeting place for the folks in the Babbs' Switch community. It was filled this Christmas Eve with men, women and children. Santa Claus, red-faced and with a long white beard, was presiding. A beautiful Christmas tree, bowed with a heavy load of gifts, stood in a corner. Gifts were being passed out to the children by Santy and everyone was merry, unmindful of any catastrophe.

Fire suddenly broke out in the crowded school house, the huge Christmas tree was burning. Either a lighted candle on the tree had ignited a bit of cotton, or the glowing coal stove had set off the blaze. Fire spread all over the room in a twinkling. Iron bars were

securely fastened over each window, and a single door opened inside not outside. During a wild scramble to escape the fiery flames a mass of humanity packed against the single door, blocking it so it could not be opened. Deafening screams rose above the roar of flames. Men, women and children were trapped inside.

Fire Chiefs Offer Suggestions

When the dead were counted, thirty-six persons had lost their lives in the Babbs' Switch fire holocaust.

A similar tragedy can occur again—in a church, a school building, or your own home. Be very careful with fire. Texas doesn't want a Babb's Switch tragedy to mar this Christmastime. Every home, or public building, should have fire extinguishers. Here are some other suggestions, offered by fire chiefs, to avoid accidental fires:

Instruct children carefully in use of toys, especially electrical toys, and watch them until certain they fully understand the use of these playthings. Avoid toys requiring alcohol or kerosene. Children cannot be expected to always handle such things safely.

Flimsy motion picture machines should be shunned, as children might borrow or buy films and attempt to use them. All films are made of nitrocellulose, an inflammable material, emitting deadly fumes when ignited. Only film machines that bear the stamp of the Underwriters' Laboratories should be used.

A Warning to Smokers

Rooms decorated for the holidays should not be used as rooms in which to smoke tobacco. Thoughtful smokers will retire to another room when they wish to smoke.

Avoid lighted candles for decorative effects. They are especially hazardous on Christmas trees, or window sills, where curtains may blow against them.

Trees should be set up securely and at some distance from heating and lighting fixtures. A new type of stand, which holds the tree trunk in water, is better; it keeps trees greener. Otherwise the heat of the house dries out the tree and makes it a real

fire menace. A good precaution is to remove Christmas trees from the house a few days after Christmas. By all means, don't let Santa Claus himself be a fire hazard. Often his costume or whiskers would burn furiously if ignited accidentally. Costumes and cotton beards can be made safer by spraying them with a solution of water-glass, obtainable at drug stores.

Precautions against fire risk at Christmas can be easily observed without marring the joyousness of this great day. Better be safe than sorry; better not to turn a joyful occasion into a dire tragedy by carelessness or thoughtlessness.

JAPAN'S PURCHASES

Japan roughly buys 54 per cent of her raw cotton from the United States (chiefly Texas), 97 per cent of her automobiles and parts, 52 per cent of her lumber, 57 per cent of her mineral oil, 99 per cent of her copper, 36 per cent of her machinery and parts, and 25 per cent of her wheat.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:26.

Camels don't get your Wind



DICK SHELTON—Champion Cowboy **BETTY GRIFFIN—PHONE OPERATOR**

CAMELS COSTLIER TOBACCO

THE AUTHOR OF "A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS"

He lies buried in a Long Island, New York, graveyard, dead these many years yet more alive than when 112 years ago, his pen scratched the immortal poem that begins:

"Twas the Night before Christmas when all through the house Not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

Even the PWA has found a place in its budget of millions to remember Clement Clark Moore, the poet-author-lexicographer-educator of more than a century ago whose "A Visit from St. Nicholas" remains to this day the classic of Christmas.

In the cemetery where he sleeps, the PWA set out to build a monument to his memory—something in stone to equal in strength and beauty the poet's lines.

But money gave out and the monument remained unfinished. Where government—never much for poetry, anyway—has failed, youth—which is poetry—carried on. Four hundred dollars was the sum needed to complete the memorial.

The students of the Newton high school, of New York, took care of that. They got it, dime by dime, by scrimping on their lunch money and by getting contributions from sympathetic adults who themselves, perhaps, once saw that their "stockings were hung by the chimney with care."

Down in Chelsea, that part of New York where the soil seemed most fertile for poets and authors, there is already a marker of a sort to designate the place where Clement Moore—the son of Columbia University's first president—lived when he wrote the poem. It is the cornerstone of one of the world's largest apartment houses which now stand where the Moore home once was.

AUTO DEATH RATES, 1934, FOR INDIVIDUAL STATES

Auto death rates and the per cent of increase over 1933 for individual States follows:

State	1934	Per Cent of Increase in 1934 Over 1933
Nevada	73.40	8.35
Wyoming	45.25	20.15
Arizona	44.55	36.21
California	42.52	15.72
Dist. of Columbia	35.63	34.09
Florida	38.34	20.64
Washington	37.05	24.95
Montana	36.82	72.13
Indiana	34.62	16.40
Utah	34.23	31.85
Iaaho	33.48	27.95
Delaware	32.47	42.95
New Mexico	35.40	42.12
Oregon	31.51	33.21
Colorado	31.04	3.67
Ohio	30.99	15.20
Virginia	30.53	23.89
Maryland	29.29	15.32
Illinois	29.05	17.04
Connecticut	28.03	5.97
New Jersey	28.05	2.48
Michigan	27.80	17.55
Vermont	26.86	38.52
South Carolina	26.65	37.26
Georgia	26.09	19.36
North Carolina	26.47	19.61
Texas	26.05	22.24
Missouri	25.66	22.24
Kansas	25.54	—47
Tennessee	25.12	5.48
Maine	24.95	5.48
Pennsylvania	24.82	10.95
Minnesota	23.98	18.55
Kentucky	23.71	24.59
Alabama	23.59	19.62
West Virginia	23.29	8.17
Wisconsin	22.94	9.11
Massachusetts	22.74	22.58
New York	22.82	8.49
New Hampshire	22.12	—25.14
Iowa	21.35	5.15
Louisiana	21.28	16.03
Nebraska	21.00	3.25
Mississippi	19.49	41.02
Arkansas	18.08	21.74
Alabama	18.37	5.18
North Dakota	17.15	16.68
South Dakota	16.87	2.39
Rhode Island	14.99	6.78

Under the agricultural adjustment act since 1933 a total of \$204,156,727 has been spent for removal and conservation of surplus farm products and drought relief programs.



Your Money Back! Valuable information gathered from daily market and weather reports often permit you to obtain more money for your crops because of changes in prices. In this way you keep in tune with the times and the money expended on the radio should find its way back to your purse!

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Reception and tone reach a new high. Programs come speeding to you with rich clarity—with full and mellow tone! This year you enjoy a wide choice of sets. Storage battery, Air-Cell or all-electric—whichever you want. All are big and beautiful! And all are priced right! Your nearest RCA Victor dealer has them on display. Get a free demonstration today!

All prices f. o. b. Camden, N. J., less batteries. And remember, any radio will work better with RCA Antenna Systems.





For Our Boys and Girls

By AUNT MARY



A CHRISTMAS GREETING

"MERRY CHRISTMAS," DEAR FRIENDS:

For twelve years I have extended greetings to the readers of the Boys' and Girls' Page at the holiday season. They have been years filled with hearts-throbs of joyousness and sadness. The many wonderful persons who have contributed to the work to which this page is dedicated are very dear to me. Month after month, year after year, on this page has been printed stories of love, sacrifice, service and devotion.

You will remember the story of "Little Nell," in England, who was so happy to have just "one tree outside her window." Because all of her life she had lain on a bed of pain and suffering, to look out only at walls blackened with smoke and grime. Then came the move to another home that gave her a glimpse of a living tree, even though it lasted but a little while. How full of paths this story.

Then there was the story of a little girl about 10 years of age in body, but with the mind of a three-year-old child. It was the heart-gripping appeal of a mother who wanted some little ray of sunshine sent into her child's life.

You will also recall our own sweet Aunt Emma Rothermel, who has gone to her reward? How, on a bed of affliction, suffering for many years, she sent out much cheer and helped to place afflicted children where they would receive proper treatment? Her mission on earth was that of a ministering angel.

Then there was little R. C. Shaw, who made such a brave fight for the use of his legs. His dear mother, patient and hopeful, sent much cheer our way.

As I sit today, reviewing all the human interests with which I have been connected, I count the last twelve years among the happiest and most useful of my life.

I want to again thank the thousands of people who have permitted me a glimpse of their lives. I want to especially thank those who have contributed so much time and energy to making the Sunshine for Shut-Ins Club successful. May great joy and happiness be yours.

As the old year of 1935 comes to a close, let us look backward and be thankful for many blessings. Then let us look forward with a firm resolve to do bigger and better work in 1936.

That the blessings of the Christ Child, and a peace that passeth all understanding, be yours now and forever, is my sincere Christmas and New Year wish.

Affectionately,
(Signed) AUNT MARY.

NAMBIE'S CHRISTMAS BABY

The lovely days of Indian summer were giving away to the biting chill of frost and ice. The gentle breezes were being pushed further south by the harsh winds of winter.

All summer long Nambie had toiled in the cotton field. First, she had helped Joedy plow the mellow, brown soil. Then, after the fuzzy little cotton seed were tucked into their warm beds, she watched for the first tender green shoots.

"Come a runnin', Joedy," she called gaily one day, as she rushed in from the fields. "Come and see de fust green babies."

"Law, child, don't get 'cited ober dat," drawled her tall, brawny husband.

But Nambie was excited. Here was she, fresh from the North, knowing only the story of cotton as told by her aged darky mother. Now she had seen the miracle of cotton growing right in her back yard.

Nambie had been born and raised in the great city of New York. Living in Harlem with other colored folks, she had heard stories of the great white fleecy fields in the South. Her "mammy" never had been happy among the coldly practical "white folks" of the North. She hungered for "Massa and Missy" and the easy-going ways of "quality white folks," as she termed the gentle Southern people.

As mammy lay dying in her one narrow apartment room at Harlem, she said to Nambie: "Chile, take my little savings and go souf wid it. Go to Uncle Henry and grow up and marry one of yo' own folks down souf. Dat's whar us niggers am most happy. Promise yo' ole mammy yo' will, dear chile—promise me."

Nambie kept the promise by coming South to live with Uncle Henry and his ten half-naked "chilluns." When she was 16, big, slow, steady-going Joedy had won her heart in marriage and she had gone to live with him as a share-cropper on Boss Hardin's place. They had moved in on New Year's Day. Nambie didn't know there was such happiness in the world as she found in cooking and caring for Joedy's tumbled-down house. She sang and bubbled with joy from morning until night. Joedy worked hard and had little to say, but he adored Nambie, and in his simple way tried to show her his love.

"Here, sugar, is a bunch 'o posies I done brung you all," he would say, quietly, as he handed Nambie a bright bunch of wild flowers.

"Mammy shore was right when she tole me to come and be wid my own folks. Why, honey, dis mus be nex dere to hebbin." Nambie would say, her eyes shining brightly and affectionately.

Down the long rows of green stalks Nambie had trudged with Joedy after the spring planting. When the first cotton squares appeared the sight of them thrilled and delighted her.

"Wouldn't it be fun to hab our own real baby for a Chrismus gift, Joedy?" Nambie said slyly.

"Sho would, honey. Jes our own little Joedy," her husband drawled.

"No, no, Joedy! I'd love to hab a leetle girl Judy fust. She'd help in raisin' de odder chillens," Nambie said, seriously.

So went on the planning and anticipated joy, in the hope there would be a little Joedy or a little Judy by Christmas-time.

"I knows how, Mary, de mudder ob Jesus, felt," confided Nambie one day to Aunt Lula. "I knows when de angels tole her 'bout de baby Jesus she was glad jes like I is glad."

"Sho nuf' honey? I'se glad, too, fo' yo' alls. Yo' can 'pend on me. I'll be de fust ter care for de leetle one," Aunt Lula confided.

All at once it seemed to Nambie that the lovely cotton blooms were gone, soon followed by the bolls and the white lint. How enchanting was all this to a colored girl born and raised on the bleak sidewalks of New York with an inborn craving for the soil and the sunshine.

"Listen, Nambie, yo' all doan need ter pic cotton. I'se strong and I'll hav it pic in a hurry," counseled Joedy one day when Nambie looked very tired. "Yo' know Aunt Lula done say yo' oughter res mo. Come now, please, do dis fo' me."

"But, Joedy, yo know I'se jest fine—not tired. Boy, I loves to pic cotton. 'Sides, we sho' needs de money. I seed the darlin' leetle things at the store I sho' want to get for our baby, Judy," ventured Nambie.

"Or leetle Joedy," teasingly replied her husband. Nambie crawled up and down the rows each day, nobly doing her part of the work.

Fall came and cold winds swept the cotton rows. Boss Hardin was pleased; Joedy had made a fine crop. He gave Joedy a fat pig for Thanksgiving. What a feast it was of spare ribs, backbone and sausage, with Uncle Henry and all the chilluns participating. Nambie worked too hard and next day took a chill and had to go to bed. Old Doc Brown, who had most of the "darkey practice," told her she would have to stay in bed a long time. Joedy was deeply worried—what if— But he didn't dare to think of that.

As the fall days grew colder and shorter and the skies grayer, Nambie seemed to grow weaker and paler.

"Don't take her, please, deah Lord, I needs her," pleaded Joedy, in his simple, humble manner.

Thanksgiving gave away to Christmas and still Nambie lay on her bed a worn looking little thing.

Christmas Eve Joedy brought Aunt Lula to his house.

"I jest' can't stand it, Ant Lula. All she do is lay dar an' looks at de ceiling, wid eyes so sad, and neber a smile or laugh like de ole Nambie. What is I to do?"

"Now, Joe, yo' jes leave it all ter me," said Aunt Lula, comfortingly. "Ise sure eberyting gwine be all right. Yo' bettah go and fetch Mister Doc Brown."

Midnight—two o'clock—and Joedy still walked alone under the stars, unheeding of the cold winds. He was pleading with God to save Nambie.

"Cum in, Joedy," called Aunt Lula softly, a little after three o'clock. The sad, crestfallen, look of Aunt Lula frightened Joe.

"Tell me—tell me Ant Lula—is—Nambie?" cried Joedy, his voice trembling.

"No, not Nambie—she's bin asking fer yo', boy. But—I hates to tell yer—its—its— (the poor old negro mammy broke down and cried as though her heart would break.)

"Tell me, Ant Lula—please do tell me," begged Joedy, grief-stricken, and his whole frame shaking.

"It's Judy—de baby—she's dead. Lived jest a leetle while—den flew away to de angels in heaben." Oh, Joedy! Ise so sorry, so sorry," exclaimed Aunt Lula, as she clutched Joedy's trembling hands.

Nambie was lying with a faint smile about her mouth, as Joedy bent to kiss her, tears streaming down his face.

"Taking Nambie in his arms, he said to her: "Don't yo' min honey—I still hab you. De gud Lawd be praised! Bless de Lawd!"

"What yo' talking boy 'bout mindin', don't yo' know whut day dis is?" spoke up Nambie.

"It's Chrismus mawnin' shore 'nuf, ain't it?" Joedy exclaimed jubilantly.

"Sho', it's Chrismus. Don't yo' see I sent a Chrismus gift to de Lawd—a little flower for his garden. My mammy whut died she am walking dere, Joedy. She'll know dat flower when she sees it."

Nambie's eyes brightened. Her old listlessness disappeared, for she had caught the inspiration of a newer and a brighter day.

SUNSHINE FOR SHUT-INS NEWS

There are many wonderful letters this month I wish I might print. However, it is our custom to devote this page to a Christmas story in the December issue.

It is our sincere wish that each reader of this page will have a very Merry Christmas and a most Prosperous and Happy New Year. As you know, the Magazine Section of this paper is devoted to bringing you worthwhile, and at the same time, interesting stories and features. Make it a habit to follow the many instructive articles prepared especially for you. Feel free to call upon us for any help we may be able to give you.

Best wishes again from Aunt Mary and the Sunshine Club members.

We are hoping to have a bigger and better club next year.

Watch for the January issue; it has a few surprises for you.

Merry Christmas to all.

Sunshine for Shut-In List

Here are the members of our club which are shut-in from God's great out-of-doors. As explained last month, I shall not assign numbers this month, although I am asking each club member to send a penny post card with an appropriate greeting to each Shut-In member. There are thirty-eight listed here. Should you buy the penny post cards for sale at any postoffice, just paste a pretty picture or write a pretty poem on each card, and then sign your name and address. The total cost will be 38 cents. No gift could possibly bring a greater degree of happiness.

DO THIS TODAY—DON'T WAIT—LEST YOU FORGET.

Miss Mamie Silver, Clifton Rural Sta., Maxton, N. C., Age 80.

Mrs. Chas. Lebradt, Jr., Rt. 5, Box 48AB, (Continued top next column)



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- Mrs. Lanier Smith, 4803 Colonial Ave., Dallas, Texas. In a chair. Age 76.
- Mr. W. S. Pannell, 303 Pine Bluff St., Paris, Texas. Cripple.
- Mr. A. P. Moore, Yoakum, Texas. Age 80.
- Mrs. Albert P. Zeigler, 17 W. 4th St., Lansdale, Penna. Age 65. In bed.
- Miss Beulah Lamb, Hazel, Ky. Age 41. In a chair.
- Devan James, Bronte, Texas. Age 11. In a chair.
- Miss Beirt Thompson, Royce City, Texas. Age 67. In bed.
- Mollie Parker, Carthage, Texas. Age 67. Helpless.
- Mrs. S. D. Spears, Carthage, Texas.
- Mrs. M. C. Dancen, Fairy, Tex.
- Mrs. A. C. Bertand, Purlmea, Texas. Age 46. In bed.
- Lillian Vedder, Spokane, Wash. In bed.
- Mr. John Carter, East Springfield, Ohio. In bed.
- Mr. James R. Beard, Red Springs, Texas. In bed.
- Mr. T. B. Bensen, Gonzales, Texas. In bed.
- Neil Hall, 45 Spooner St., Vauxhall, Birmingham, England. (Postage 5 cents.) In bed 26 years. Age 34.
- Mrs. C. T. Iley, Cost, Texas. Blind.
- Rogers Mitchell, Rutledge, Tenn.
- Ruby Lee Sikes, Gen. Del., Levelland, Texas. Age 16. In bed.
- Georgia Sullivan, Mayville, New York. In bed 38 years. Age 63.
- J. F. Dillard, Grishy, Texas. Age 67. Invalid 44 years.
- Frieda Carr, Pine Crest Sanatorium, Athemo, Mich. Age 37. In bed.
- Mrs. Sallie Martin, Route 3, Box 98, Troup, Texas. Age 75. In a chair.
- Miss Lula Young, St. Mary's Infirmary, Galveston, Texas. In bed.
- Louise Sludder, Royse City, Texas. Can't walk. Age 12.

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also spelled "Saint Nikolas," which through the years was corrupted into "Santa Claus."

CHRISTMAS STILL OLD-FASHIONED

Quaint old prints and startling new times, new customs and new toys prompt the inquiry: What has become of the old-fashioned Christmas? A little research reveals that the old-fashioned Christmas is holding its own very well, thank you, in this most changeful world. Dynasties fall, industrial orders totter, Old Deals give way; still the old-style Christmas survives serenely. The child, the home hearth, the tree, the light at the window, wreaths, the out-hung latchstring—these old symbols of the season are as true and sound as ever they were.

Uncle Sam is now the biggest landlord in the world, with nearly a million "distressed" home owners on his rent list, and with nearly 5,000 of them behind in their payments of interest and principle totaling \$75,000,000.

THE DUTCH BROUGHT CHRISTMAS TO AMERICA

Until the Dutch first settled in New York, Santa Claus was unheard of in America. He paid his first American visit in the seventeenth century, while seeking the Dutch immigrants to New Amsterdam (now New York). He is really the good St. Nicholas who was Bishop of Myra, in Lycia, an ancient country on the southern coast of Asia Minor. His name is

"Calumet sure gives you your money's worth, with that Big New 10¢ Can!"

SAYS MRS. W. W. HICKEY, OF CHICAGO, ILL.

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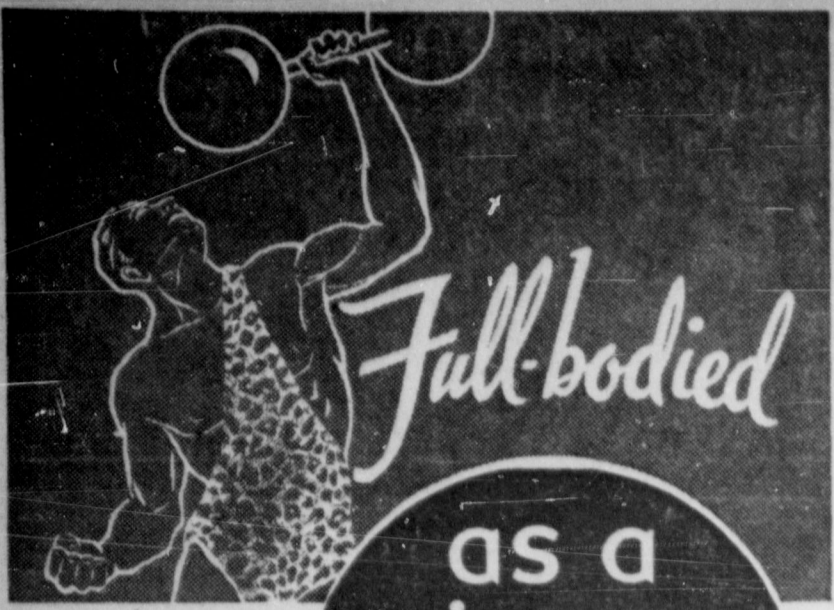


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CHRIST AND THE RICH YOUNG RULER

The reply of Jesus to the rich young ruler, who asked what we might do to inherit eternal life, is typical of the manner in which Christ looked upon the rich and ruling classes of His time: "And behold, one came and said to Him, 'Good Master, what shall I do that I may have eternal life?'" "And Jesus said: 'Thou shalt do no murder; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not bear false witness. Honor thy father and thy mother, and love thy neighbor as thyself.'" "The young man saith unto Him, 'all these things have I kept from my youth up; what lack I yet?'" "Jesus said unto him, 'if thou wilt be perfect go and sell what thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; then come and follow me.'" "But when the young man

heard that saying he went away sorrowful for he had great possessions."—Matthew 19, 16-22.

GOVERNMENT SPENDS \$2,000,000,000 IN 14 WEEKS

Government expenditures for a little over three months of the current fiscal year of 1935 passed the two billion mark October 7, breaking all previous records in the country's peacetime history, the Treasury has disclosed. A total of \$2,009,461,366 was spent between July 1, the opening of the fiscal year, and October 7, the Treasury's report shows. Against these expenditures the government collected \$1,073,668,960 in taxes and other revenues, leaving a \$935,792,406 deficit to be financed with borrowed money. The first whole Bible printed in English, known as the "Cloverdale Bible," was finished in October, 1535.

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- 4 COARSENESS
- 5 DRYNESS
- 6 SAGGING TISSUES

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Woman's Page
By MRS. MARGARET STUTE
HOME PROBLEMS

Something Different for Christmas

While there is no substitute for old-fashioned Christmas cheerfulness, yet it is the clever woman who can introduce something different throughout the holidays. The atmosphere of the home is one of the most important points in creating that "something different." The housewife who can sincerely make everyone within her portals feel a WELCOME on the doormat has conquered half the battle. One of the greatest compliments a guest can bestow is to say, "I always feel so much at home here."

A house does not have to be elaborately or expensively dressed in order to attract the people we most desire as friends. I have in mind right now a little family who live in a very plain house, but laughter and a hearty welcome make it a palace for all fortunate enough to enter and be called, FRIENDS.

With the advent of the holiday season it is but natural to make our homes as lovely as possible. There is something about the gay-

children of this family have been accustomed to more than their share of worldly goods. All at once this was changed. It was so hard for the parents to adjust themselves to this changed condition that, instead of explaining their reduced circumstances to the children, they became cross and impatient. I was never in a more unhappy home.

Shortly before Christmas last year the parents realized the mistake they had made, and told the children into their confidence and the entire change for the better came over the family. When the youngsters realized the family's financial straits, they left off putting and nagging and went to work to do something about it.

First, the boy got a job after school that netted him a rather nice income for the time he put in. True, he had to work until ten o'clock each night and all day Saturdays, but when he felt it was for the good of the family he never complained.

The daughter took more interest in her home. Her nimble fingers and quick brain created many interesting things, so that the home took on an improved aspect.

Both, boy and girl, saved every penny they could, and when Christmas arrived they had laid away enough to buy a few extra trimmings for the Christmas dinner that made the dinner look like a real feast.

However, the most fun they had was around the Christmas tree. The tree, just a tiny affair set on the table, was the most beautiful in the world to them. Christmas Eve the children made mother and dad go to bed, real early, just like they (the children) had done so many years previously.

There was such a joyful spirit about the children's scheme that it soon filled the house with love and cheer. After the "little children," as the boy and girl called their parents, were safely in bed they proceeded to decorate the tree. Late into the night mother and dad heard the children laughing and playing with the things they had bought to bring happiness to their parents.

Next morning mother and dad were taken before the Christmas tree, just as mother and dad had taken the two children for so many years. The packages first unwrapped contained, for the most part, funny little messages that tended to lift the parents above daily cares and worries. Then followed useful gifts for each parent—something they really needed.

During Christmas day I called on this family, to find it one of the happiest families I have ever seen.

Surely, they had found "that something different," that Christmas Cheerfulness, without which there can be no real Christmas joy and happiness.



At various times this year I have jotted down some Christmas thoughts. Knowing the thrill of achieving something different, I will pass the thoughts on to you. Try them, perhaps they will suggest even more original and better thoughts of your own.

Wreaths have long been one of the most favored Christmas decorations. One ingenious housewife gave me a tip that I think most excellent. She takes ordinary wire-clothes hangers and bends and shapes them to fit her needs. Upon these wire frames she builds wreaths of many different designs. Some she will shape round and cover with bright autumn leaves, both natural and artificial, sewing them in place as she goes on. Frequently she wraps the wire with a dark green cloth and then sews into this, adding bows and odd bits of tinsel. One year she made several heart-shaped butterflies here and there for decorative finish. The butterflies were caught in the fall and carefully preserved. Lovely wreaths can even be had by covering the frame with artificial flowers that are so easy to make. Then, too, mistletoe and many evergreens are charming if a bit of color is added. One woman snips bits of evergreen from the front shrubs that are never missed, adding white berries with a red ribbon for a finish. Hooks on the wire at the top she conceals with a decoration, the hooks being handy when hanging the wreaths in place.

I am reminded at this time of a little family where there are two youngsters, a girl 16 and a boy 18 years of age. For the past three years the depression has reduced the family income to bare necessities. All their lives the

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THE STAR OF HOPE
May It Guide You This Christmas



Sometime ago a very dear friend, Jerrene Inches, of Pearl, Texas, sent me a beautiful thought I would like to pass on to the readers of this page. It is so appropriate at this time and so full of meaning. Here it is, with Jerrene's permission:

"Like the three wisemen of old, we, too, have a star to follow. It is the Star of Hope."

"The three wisemen followed their star until it led them to the Christ Child, and exceeding great joy was their reward. Hope our guide

CHRISTMAS GOODIES

Crisp cool winds—rollicking fun and romping youth—make an extra demand on the pantry shelves. Here are a few interesting and unusual recipes to help fill the demand:

- Fruity Surprises**
- 1 cup chopped dates.
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
 - 1/4 cup cut orange peel
 - 1/4 cup cut lemon peel
 - 1/4 cup candied pineapple
 - 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 2 eggs beaten light
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 3 tablespoons melted butter or shortening.
- Add sugar and salt to eggs and beat until foamy. Add butter. Stir in fruit, last flour and baking powder sifted together. Spread the dough 1/2 inch thick in well greased shallow baking pan and bake in a slow oven (275 degree Fahrenheit) 30 to 40 minutes. When cool cut in squares and roll each in powdered sugar. They are delightful but not too rich for between meal snacks.

about one inch apart on well greased baking sheet. Put a half peanut on top of each cookie. Bake 10 to 15 minutes in moderate oven (350 degree Fahrenheit).

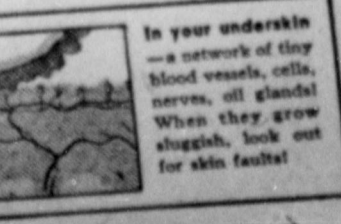
- Turkey Dressing**
- Here is an unusual dressing for the glorified Christmas turkey. However, we suggest that you use it frequently as it is most delicious.
- 1 1/2 quarts crumbled cornbread
 - 1 large onion chopped
 - 4 tablespoons butter
 - 2 cups chopped nut meats
 - 1 cup chopped celery
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/2 cup chopped apple
 - 1/2 teaspoon sage (if you like it)
 - 2 hard boiled eggs, chopped
- Enough juice from boiled jiblets to moisten.
- Make a 9x13-inch panful of rather dry cornbread the day before you intend to make dressing. Fry the onion in the butter and add to cornbread. Then all the chopped nuts, the seasoning, and the chopped eggs. Add enough juice in which jiblets have been boiled to make mixture moist but not mushy.
- Robbing the hands with dry salt will remove odor left from peeling and slicing onions.
- Dry hair will take on added luster if shampooed regularly every two weeks with a tar soap.



100 Cookie Delights

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup chopped peanuts
- 3 eggs beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon soda
- 3 cups flour.

Cream peanut butter, sugar and shortening together until creamy. Then add the beaten eggs. Sift flour and soda together, mix with peanuts, then add, mixing thoroughly. Take bits of dough, roll between the hands then press flat with knife or spatula. Put



In your under skin—a network of tiny blood vessels, cells, nerves, oil glands! When they grow sluggish, look out for skin faults!

HOME, BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE

Is the American home slipping, as Professor Whoozis fears? It seems firm enough at Christmas. Some of the young people and a few of the oldsters rush away for entertainment to the country club, the roadhouse and other new-fangled institutions. But most of us are amply entertained in that older institution, the home, be it ever so humble. Within its four walls the Christmas virtues of goodwill, generosity and simple-heartedness make the day the happiest social occasion of the year.

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- 03085 HILLBILLY STOMP.....W. LEE OTTAWAY and BILLY BOYS.....Old Time Fiddling
- 03085 A JUG OF WINE AND YOU.....Old Time Fiddling
- 03085 JUST LIKE YOU.....ARTHUR DUBOIS and MY STAR OF THE SKY.....Vocal with Instrumental
- 03064 THE OLD RUGGED CROSS.....THE LIGHTER THERE'S NO DISAPPOINTMENT IN HEAVEN.....Vocal with Instrumental

LATEST HITS ON MELOTONE

- 6-91-59 DON'T FORGET ME LITTLE DARLING—LATTER GATHERING FLOWERS FROM THE HILLSIDE
- 5-11-45 WILDWOOD FLOWER.....CARTER FAMILY
- LITTLE DARLING PAL OF MINE—Singing with Instrumental
- 5-12-53 SILVER HAired MOTHER.....GENE AUSTY and OF MINE.....Vocal Duet
- THE OLD COVERED WAGON.....Vocal Duet
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RELIABILITY, A VALUABLE ASSET

A story has been told of a man who stood on a busy street corner, offering gold coins for sale at a tiny fraction of their true worth, without finding a single buyer.

At first this story would seem to point to the stupidity of the passers-by, who, having been offered a great bargain, were not smart enough to accept it. But the real point of the story is quite different.

The real point is that, unless a man has created confidence in himself and what he has to offer, he cannot expect others to believe in him, even though at times he may act in good faith.

No one bought the gold coins at the cheap price offered by the man in the story because no one trusted him. He was unknown to the people who passed him by. Yet, had someone of good reputation vouched for him, the story would have ended quite differently.

A reputation for truth-telling, for dependability, for honorable dealing, is a priceless thing. It cannot be bought. It cannot be inherited. But it can be won. Yes, and it can be kept for a lifetime, if one is willing to be mindful of his every act, be it great or small, to do it according to the invariable standards which build character.

On eight out of every nine farms in the United States water is carried by hand.

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School Dismisses For Christmas

The local schools will dismiss Friday for one week of holidays and will resume work Monday, December 30. The teachers will spend their holidays as follows: Miss Murphy at her home in Plainview, Miss Mable Waddell with parents at Abernathy, Miss Rutherford with her mother at Greenville, Miss Zeman with home folks in Abernathy, the Lowreys at Jayton and Plainview, Mrs. Lowrey's mother and sister will spend the Yuletide with Mrs. Lowrey in Jayton. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams will be in Stephenville, Mr. Marvin Williams will be with home folks in Jayton, Mrs. Check Jay will be at home in Jayton and Girard, Miss Creighton will be with her mother in Abilene, Miss Yarbrough will spend the holidays in Carbon, Mr. Cozans and wife will be in Abilene and Denton, Miss Patton will be in Jayton and will visit in old Mexico.

Basketball Tour

We are arranging a tour for the basketball team that will be both interesting as well as educational. Games are being matched with Sonora, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass for the latter part of January, the dates are being arranged at a time when there will be a bull fight at Va-Acuna Old Mexico so that all the players may see the ancient sport with all the glamour and modern technique. The finances for this trip are being paid by the towns where we play. Beds for players are provided also. This tour would have been impossible to arrange had it not been for the reputation gained by our team for both sportsmanship and skilled playing our boys and girls have done in the past two seasons. If any of the parents of the players wish to accompany the team you will be welcome but arrangements should be all worked out before January 15th as places to stay and a full schedule will be worked out in advance of our departure.

To Survey Mineral Resources of Texas

Mineral resources of Texas will be surveyed under terms of a project which has received the approval of the Texas State Planning Board, the Works Progress Administration and the University of Texas. This undertaking will be conducted under the direction of the University Bureau of Economic Geology, with funds in the sum of \$375,190, provided by the WPA. Final approval of the proposal has just been accorded by the University Board of Regents. Under this program, 92 geologists, not on relief rolls, will be employed to head the investigating parties. For each geologist that is employed, there must be nine persons taken from the relief rolls to aid in the field work. It is intended to place responsibility for the local organization on the geologists themselves, according to Dr. E. R. Sellards, director of the University Bureau of Economic Geology. So far as possible, local geologists will be employed to head research parties, so that they will bring to the project considerable knowledge of the geology of the several counties they are to survey and at the same time will bring familiarity with local unemployment and relief conditions. The project had its origin with the Texas State Planning Board, which last August submitted to H. P. Drought, State works progress administrator, the plan to make a study of mineral resources under the direction of the University Board of Economic Geology. This plan was approved by the works progress administrator on September 6, and by President Roosevelt, November 8. Under the plan as approved, allotment is made for the survey by counties, ranging from \$1,161, to \$3,555 per county, the total being \$375,190.

Late Renewals

Ray Williams, Girard.
C. L. Hagar, Jayton, Rt. 2.
G. Coury, Rotan.
John York, Jayton, Rt. 3.
WOOD FOR SALE. Lots of good wood for sale at \$5.00 for big truck load—See or phone H. E. Duncan.

"Behold, I Bring You Tidings..."

So spoke the Angel of the Lord to the shepherds on a hill in Judea. "Tidings" means "news" and the news which they heard that winter night two thousand years ago was the news of the greatest event in the history of mankind.

"Behold, I Bring You Tidings..."

Each week throughout the year, your Home Town Newspaper brings you the tidings of this community—the news of your relatives, your neighbors and your friends.

It brings you all the news—the news of community activity and achievement, the news of the everyday life of the men and women and children who make up this community.

It brings you clean news, constructive news, hopeful news, wholesome news—the kind of news that makes this newspaper a welcome visitor in your homes.

"Behold, I Bring You Tidings..."

And now as this year draws to a close, your Home Town Newspaper brings you that greatest of all news—the news which the shepherds heard that Christmas eve so long ago, the news that "peace on earth, good will to men" now reigns in the hearts of the people of this community.

Such are the "tidings of great joy" which it is our privilege to bring to you. THE PUBLISHERS

Bridge Club Enjoys Holiday Parties

During the past two weeks there has been much pre-holiday entertaining. On Tuesday, December 5, Mes. W. M. McLauri and Lawrence Mayer entertained in the home of Mrs. McLauri with a luncheon-bridge, one of the loveliest parties of the season. The rooms were beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif, with tinsel, wreaths, and evergreens. On a brightly lighted Christmas tree by the open fireplace was a gift for each guest. The gifts were attached to tally cards. The gifts were dainty little Japanese vases. After a delectable buffet luncheon was served games of contract bridge were enjoyed by the following: Mes. Brown, Branch, Bilberry, Contella, Jay, Kelley, Mason, B. M. Robinson, Sandell, Tom Jones, Hembree, and Wade, and Miss Mary Robinson, all of Jayton and Mrs. Allen Cairns, Cathy, and Samson of Clairemont. High score was won by Mrs. Dick Samson who's ew skeps went to Mrs. Jack Contella. On Thursday afternoon, December 12, Mes. H. H. Bilberry, Jr., and Eldon Wade gave a party for the bridge club in the home of Mrs. Bilberry. The holiday motif was carried out in the decorations, the tallies, and the plate favors. Games of Contract were enjoyed by Mes. Branch, Lairson, Kelley, Mason, McLauri, North, B. M. Robinson, Sandell, Tom Jones, Wood, Hum, and Miss Mary Robinson of Jayton and Mes. Cathy, Samson, Cairns, and Allen of Clairemont. High score went to Mrs. Mike Lairson, low score to Mrs. Mack Woodrum, and the traveling prize to Mrs. M. S. Sandell.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of The First State Bank of Jayton, Texas, will be held at the bank on the 2nd Tuesday in January, 1936, the same being the 14th day of said month at 2:00 O'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the coming year and attending to such other business as may come before the meeting. The First State Bank.
By W. H. McKinzie, cashier 3tp

Mr. S. F. Ross, Rt. 1, Spur Texas, was in Jayton Wednesday attending to business and while here visited the Chronicle office and subscribed for the Chronicle and the Star Telegram. We wish for him and family a most happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Gymnasium Receipts And Games

As the year of 1935 draws to a close the Athletic Department of the school combined with the Dramatic Department feels that they have closed a successful season both from a financial stand point as well as games won and successful plays given. The funds taken from the gym receipts, plays and donations amount to \$66.89 in addition to this amount the merchants subscribed almost one hundred dollars toward the printing and publishing the first year book which is to be known as the "Black Kat." Games played and won by the girls this season rank with the best ever in the country. At present writing the Jayton Girls have played 32 games winning 29 of them. Games played and won by the boys show a marked gain over previous years, our boys are showing the skill of expert coaching. At the present they have played 26 games winning 19. Having played some of the best teams of the country the boys are having their annual tournament on the first Friday and Saturday after the holidays which will be the 3rd and 4th of January. Lets pull for the boys. Teams which have entered so far are ACC Academy, Tusca, Dowell, McCauley, Peacock, Girard, and Dumont. We are proud of our teams. In the past as they showed up well with other teams but due to the gym and good coaching the teams this season are proving to be stronger than most competition that we are able to offer our fan public.

County Agent's Notes

Practically all of the 1935 parity checks were received in the County Agent's Office Monday, December 16, 1935. The total value of these checks amounted to approximately \$15,000.00. If you have not received your parity check and should you have a tenant on this farm who is not known on the contract please bring him when you call for the check. We have strict orders not to let anyone have a check in the Agent's office unless their name is shown on the face of the check.

Mrs. Lizzie Brown, mother of G. H. Brown after a pleasant visit with G. H. and wife, and a short visit with her daughter in Wichita Falls, Texas, left for her home in Iowa Hill, California, Wednesday. Mr. Brown accompanied her as far as Sweetwater. Mrs. Brown had been on a visit to her old home in Georgia, before coming here. Jo Robinson, Richard Jay and Joe Gilbert came in Wednesday from Abilene, where they are attending college, to spend the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Quilt Show Great Success

Tuesday afternoon the Jayton Culture Club entertained with a quilt show and silver tea benefit for the Jayton Public Library. The party was given at the home of Mrs. W. J. Hembree. The reception rooms were tastefully decorated with Christmas wreaths, tinsel and evergreens. A beautifully trimmed Christmas Tree stood in one corner of the living-room by the fireplace. Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Tom Jones and W. J. Hembree. Mrs. B. M. Robinson conducted the guests through the rooms where the quilts were on display. The dining table, where Mrs. McLauri presided over the punch bowl, was covered with an exquisite lacy, drawn work table cloth. Delicious punch and cookies were served throughout the afternoon. Entertainment was provided by the high school girls quartet, composed of Misses Doris Mae Sewalt, Peggy Lou Fowler, Mildred Self, and Mozelle Gallagher, accompanied at the piano by Miss Barney Faye Sewalt. Among the numbers they sang were "Trees," "Red Sails in the Sunset," "Holy Night," and "In the Garden of Tomorrow." Mrs. Grover Little also sang "Just A-Wearin' Fur You," and Miss Barney Faye Sewalt played several piano solos. Miss Mildred Self gave a number of amusing readings. Many beautiful quilts and bedspreads were entered in this show. Prizes were awarded by vote of the guests, as follows: Prettiest Bedspread — Mrs. Paul Lane. Best quilting — Mrs. J. H. Deaver. Oldest Quilt (90 years old) — Mrs. Tom Parker.

Rolling First-Aid Stations On Trucks

Houston, Dec. 19.—Rolling first-aid stations on carrier trucks is the plan of H. B. Cole of Houston, local safety chairman of the Texas Motor Transportation Association. "We are operating up and down the highways under a privilege the public has granted us," Cole said, "and every once and a while we come on the scene of an accident in which a passenger car has gone into a ditch or two have hit and somebody is hurt or badly scared. So we have decided to turn our own trucks into rolling first aid stations for the benefit of the public generally." For several years Cole's line, the Union Truck Depot, has had no accident "so no such precautions are necessary for us." From his Houston terminal several other carriers operate. "What all of us have done at the depot is to equip our trucks with a fire extinguisher and first-aid kit," explained Cole. "We are having a doctor instruct our drivers on how to use the kit to give temporary relief to anyone who has been injured. The outfit contains compresses and bandages, antiseptic, scissors, tourniquet, adhesive and smelling salts. Rolled into a waterproof cylinder, the whole thing is about the size of a fire extinguisher, which is one of quart capacity." Commenting that the whole outfit costs less than twelve dollars, Cole continued: "We think it is the finest investment we have ever made. If we come upon one woman who has been scared and calm her down with a dose of smelling salts, and as a result she feels better toward us and all truck operators, we will have been amply repaid. If we could save one life it would be worth much more than the cost of similarly equipping every truck in Texas." Driver training in highway courtesy and safe driving practices is another part of the campaign, Mr. Cole explained. Over 100 trucks in Houston have been equipped with this "hospital" kit.

Letters to Santa Claus

Jayton, Texas
Dec. 17, 1935

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl three years old. Please bring me a tricycle, doll and a set of dishes.
Don't forget some candy, apples and oranges.
Your little friend,
Jo Nell Ashby.

Old Age Pension Information

Austin, Dec. 19.—"Many provisions of the Texas Old Age Assistance Law were taken directly from laws previously existing in other states or from the Social Security Act, which President Roosevelt sponsored." State Auditor Orville S. Carpenter, appointed pension chief, said this week. "Major provisions are the following: 1. A qualified applicant must 65 years of age and a citizen of the United States. 2. He must have lived in Texas five out of the last nine years, and have lived in the State continuously one year preceding application. 3. He must not at time of receiving aid be an inmate of a public or private institution. 4. He must not have made a voluntary transfer or assignment of property to qualify for aid. 5. He must not be a habitual criminal or habitual drunkard. 6. He or she is not eligible if he or she has a husband or wife able to furnish him or her adequate support. "The property restriction," Mr. Carpenter continued, "as well as that of cash or security ownership, must be clearly understood." "A qualified old-age pension applicant — "Does not own property, real, personal, or mixed, the fair value of which taking into consideration assessed valuations for State and county tax purposes less all incumbrances and liens, exceeds, if the applicant is single, \$5,000, or if married, \$7,500. "Does not have or own cash or marketable securities, the fair value of which exceeds \$500 if the applicant is single, or if married, \$1,000," Mr. Carpenter stated. "An important restriction concerns incomes of qualified applicants. Incomes of applicants must not exceed, from any and all sources, \$360 yearly, if single; and the combined incomes of both spouses, from any and all sources, must not exceed \$750 yearly, if applicant is married," Mr. Carpenter explained. "A sworn statement of all income during the preceding two years must accompany the application." "All applications will be handled through agents after the new law goes into effect February 14," he added.

School Getting Out Year Book

The Senior Class is getting out an Annual the first ever for Jayton High School. The annual will consist of over fifty pages with all the school activities listed. Each class will have their group pictures as well as the buildings. Faculty and ball teams, School board etc. The officers for the Annual consist of the following: Faculty advisor G. A. Lowrey. Business Manager — Doris Mae Sewalt. Associate Manager Jo Dell Cade. Faculty Advisor — Miss Mabel Waddell. Faculty Advisor — W. L. Coons. Editor-In-Chief — Owen Cox. Associate Editor — Mildred Self. Sport Editor — Bill Walker. Associate Sport Editor — L. H. Mathews. Class Editor — Peggy Louise Fowler. Club Editor — Barney Faye Sewalt. with gold lettering a. These annuals are neatly bound. The name Black Kat which is in gold lettering is across the front of each annual. The price of the book will be \$1.00. Those desiring one see any member of the Business Staff and pay the sum and get a receipt for same and your annual will be held for you. The last date for purchasing an annual is January 15th. No one can get one after that date, at any price. The merchants are advertising splendidly, which makes the success of the annual assured from the stand point of finances and the Senior class and all officials appreciate this splendid cooperation of the home town merchants. This is not the only time merchants have displayed their loyalty to the support of the school and we highly appreciate their fine spirit.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: One good work team. — Ed Brown.

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A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

A Christmas present that will be appreciated fifty-two weeks in the year—The Jayton Chronicle—Remember your out of town relatives and friends with a gift of this kind and you will never regret it. For one dollar and fifty cents you can send the Chronicle from now until January 1, 1937 to anyone you may wish—it is the best and cheapest gift you can buy and those away from home, in the far away states will

be glad to receive its weekly coming. Drop in at the Chronicle office today—see the editor and lets get them the Christmas issue as a beginner. — The Chronicle.

Your renewal to the Chronicle will be doubly appreciated at this time and will be considered as a special Christmas expression of good will to the editor.

HIT AND RUN DRIVER YOU DID ALL THESE THINGS

Whoever you are, wherever you are, I hope this will reach you so that when you try to sleep at night the picture will be before your eyes
YOU KILLED GEORGE YAMPOLSKY!

His left ear was almost off and blood trickled through it for twenty one hours; his skull was fractured, a compound fracture the doctors called it, and the brain was shattered against broken bones; his right eye

was pushed back into his head, and his forehead, which was so straight and bold and smooth and full of character, was just a hole. His left eye was only bruised—not badly, but just enough to take away all chance of sight if he had lived. Traces were left of his once powerful, masterful jaw, but his mouth was no longer his for teeth were now gone and lips and gums bruised and discolored.

The most merciful Almighty God did not return him to consciousness after you struck him, so only his family and friends knew that his right leg was so badly broken that doctors decided amputation was useless; there was nothing left to be saved.

From the time you struck him, Sunday, about 5.30 p. m., on Irvington avenue, until the time he passed away at 2:30 p. m. Monday, his breath came through his mouth in short, fitful gasps, each one with a message "This is the last," and all the time he was bleeding, with no way to stop the flow of blood.

You did all this, Hit-Run driver, but that is not all!

You robbed a 5-year old boy of his father, a devoted father. May the call of this little boy, "Daddy, daddy come back, daddy," may that calling ring in your ears.

You robbed a 17-year old daughter of a loving, understanding, indulgent father. May her stifled groans and teeth-clenched moans sound in your head when you try to chew your food.

You robbed a sick mother of her helpmate, her companion for twenty three years, of her strength and stay. You turned her hair from black to grey overnight. May her grief-stricken face appear before every time you see a glass.

Hit-run driver, you did all these things; you turned the festival Holidays into days of mourning and sorrows.

Hit-run driver, keep your freedom. We do not want you in man-made jails. But may the memory of your deed never leave you through your living days.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

A Christmas program will be given at the Baptist Church Sunday, December 22 at 10:45. Everyone is invited.

PROGRAM
Santa Parade — Cradle Roll Tots.

- Welcome Speech—Bobby Little.
- Happy Day — Junior Graves.
- 23rd. Psalm — Joe Steve Earnest.
- A Joke On Santa Claus—Lonny Jeff Mock.
- The Christmas Candle — Francis Little.
- Glad Tidings — Don Jones.
- It is Coming — Peggy Robinson
- Christmas Morn — Jimmie Corder.
- Where s Santa — Betty Joe Jones.
- The Christmas Tree — Betty Sue Shultz.
- Song by Junior Girls.
- Christ Birthday — Betty Sue Fowler.
- Always Christmas — Martha Jean Browning.
- The Christmas Star — Alma Jo Holley.
- Proof of Santa — Tom Lane Jones.
- My Christmas Shopping — Buddy Gallagher.
- Christmas Reading — Junior Corder.
- Song my Intermediate Class.
- Christmas Quotations — Dorothy Lou Jones.
- Musical Reading — Mildred Self.
- Special Music — Patterson Trio.
- Santa Claus Story — Supt. Jimmie Johnston.
- Christmas Carols — Led by Mrs Little.
- Story of Christ Child — Rev. Fred McPherson.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: One good work team. — Ed Brown.

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BOYS

Plus This Newspaper At Reduced Price

HERE is an offer that will appeal to all—The Boy Magazine and this newspaper at a combination bargain price. The American Boy favorite magazine of more than 500,000 boys young men. Its fiction carries boys on the adventure to all parts of the world. Its sports by famous coaches and athletes are studied by millions. Here you will find the finest stories on aviation, business, school activities, humor, and even at its regular price of \$1.00 a year, The Boy Magazine is considered a bargain. But now you obtain it and this newspaper.....

Both One Year...

Send your orders to The Jayton Chronicle



Christmas Greetings

We know no truer word—no song—no poem that expresses our sentiment better than a simple

Merry Christmas
and God Bless You!

City Tailor Shop



Yes, Santa Claus is here. He joins with us in wishing you, a Merry, Merry Christmas.

He joins in urging you to spend your Christmas funds wisely and above all things remember the home folks first.

The true Christmas Spirit is not found in the glittering tinsel of the Christmas tree, but in the true expression of good will and friendship the season brings. May we add to the many you will receive, our own greetings and hope that peace, prosperity and happiness will be yours.

Let us call your attention to our stocks of quality merchandise, something for every member of the family and emense stocks of apples, oranges, nuts, candies, and what you will need to fill the Christmas stockings to overflowing.

Be sure and be here Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. when around \$1000 worth of Christmas presents will be given away on the public square in Jayton. It will pay you to pay your notes, accounts and spend your cash with us before that hour.



ROBINSONS

Everything From The Cradle To The Grave.



A Merry Christmas!

A wish to you, our customers! May the Holiday Season bring you a wealth of joy and good fellowship. May the New Year bring you Health, Happiness and Prosperity in full measure. For ourselves, we also have a wish: That we may continue to serve you faithfully and well, making life easier by this service and rendering it in a more personal manner than ever before.

Progress is our watchword, so we hope this year may bring new developments in Electric Service which will further seek to simplify labor, save time, and do both at the lowest possible cost to you.

We cordially extend Season's Greetings to all, and add the hope for a better acquaintance and the privilege of rendering to you a more liberal service, which our past experiences and achievements make possible.

West Texas Utilities Company

Lairson's Market

WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

OUR SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

Will save you money for your Christmas dinner

- POT ROAST per lb 16c
- SHOULDER ROAST, per lb. 14c
- PRIME RIB per lb. 14c
- STEAK (Seven cuts) per lb. 17 1-2

We also have a fresh supply of boiled ham, cured ham, sliced bacon, cheese and lunch meats.

BUY A FARMALL !!

Get on the road to prosperity. Talk to your neighbor who has been farming with a Farmall F12. He will be glad to tell you about this great farm equipment.

We have mules, horses, horse drawn implements, 2 row and single row which we will sell at bargain prices.

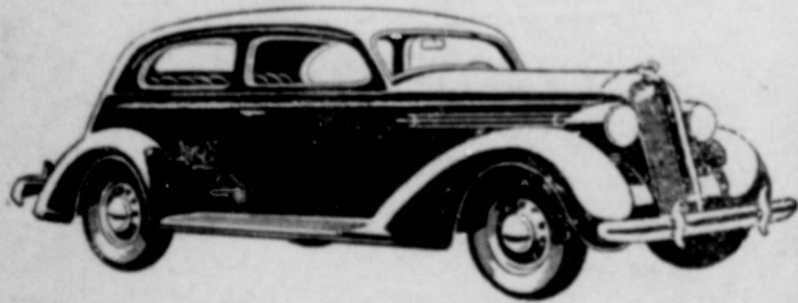
One used John Deere Tractor and one Easy Washing Machine for trade. If interested see, write, or phone and we will do the rest.

The Farmall House

SPUR, TEXAS

IF YOU OWE

The Mayer Auto Service anything on account, or on notes it might be to your own interest to come in and pay them up before or by the 24 of this month. Call for your free tickets. That new 1936, 2 door,



Plymouth is going to be given away in Jayton, on the square at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Your business and honest cooperation has certainly been appreciated by the gang

And we wish for you and yours
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
MAYER AUTO SERVICE

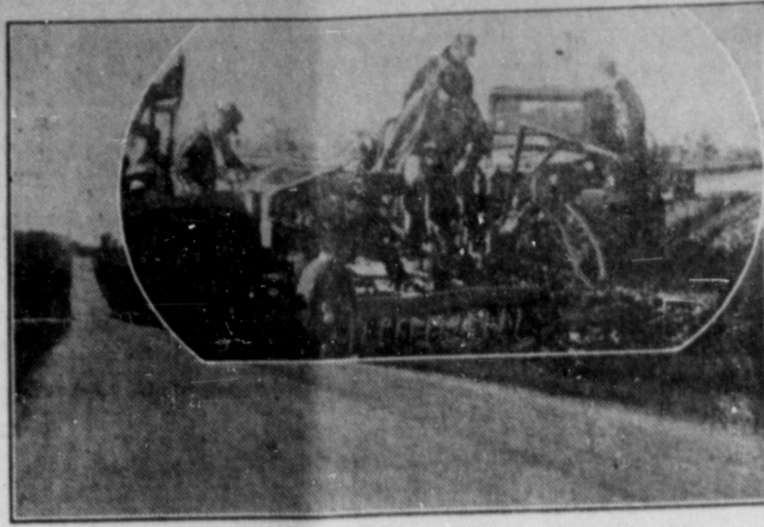
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FOR THE BEST

Of better barber work, the kind that you will appreciate, the kind that brings you back without an invitation.—

PALACE BARBER SHOP
Ivey F. Murdoch, Owner

ANOTHER BIG STEP OUT OF THE MUD



Highway engineers of Jackson County, Missouri, are lifting more farmers out of the mud with a new process of low-cost road construction. Asphaltic oil is injected several inches below the surface by a specially designed sub-oiling machine. The oil penetrates evenly to the surface, making a smooth, mudless and dustless road and a firm, stable base, five or six inches thick on which a riding surface or pavement can be laid. The photograph shows the finished road with a light bituminous surface. The inset shows the sub-oiling machine in operation.

NEW ROAD BUILDING PROCESS PROMISES TO LIFT AMERICAN FARMER OUT OF MUD

New Highway Development Seen as Solution of Mud Menace. Waterproof, Mudless and Dustless Road Built For Less Than Cost of Graveling

KANSAS CITY, MO.—An upside-down process of road construction in which asphaltic oil is injected or "planted" several inches under the ground and allowed to penetrate or "grow" to the surface has been developed by highway engineers of Jackson County, Missouri, with the cooperation of the state highway department.

The process has attracted the attention of engineers from the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and from state and county highway departments who see in it possibilities of removing the mud menace from America's roads. Farmers and motorists see hope of finally being taken out of the mud, in view of the tremendous road-building funds available through federal agencies for extensive use of the process.

"Initially successful experiments," states F. V. Reagel, materials engineer of the Missouri Highway Department, "give promise of transforming a clay road quagmire into a smooth, firm and stable base. Preliminary results indicate the possibility, under certain traffic conditions, of eliminating, or greatly reducing the use of expensive types of road materials."

The usual method of oiling roads merely by spreading oil on the surface has been reversed. In the new process, asphaltic oil, carefully suited to the soil by laboratory experiment, is spread several inches below the surface by a machine

which operates in the manner of a corn or wheat planter. The oil penetrates smoothly and evenly to the surface, leaving an oil impregnated layer of earth of a predetermined thickness.

After a short period of curing, the road is compacted by rollers and by traffic, leaving a firm and waterproof mixture of asphaltic oil and earth—mudless in rain or snow, dustless in the driest summer heat—a durable all-year road, capable of withstanding heavy traffic shocks.

Ordinarily, the road will be further improved by the addition of a bituminous surface or pavement except on roads carrying the lightest traffic.

The preliminary development reveals that smooth, mudless and dustless roads can be constructed with the new process for an original investment much lower than the cost of graveling. Maintenance costs will be far lower than for gravel. The cost will be still further reduced, engineers point out, when the process is used over an extensive network of roads.

The process has other advantages in that it lengthens the working season, as weather conditions offer a minimum of interference. Some of the test sections were constructed in the late fall when other road construction was halted. It is unnecessary to add gravel or crushed stone to the road base—a fact which further reduces the cost.

GET A PERMANENT TODAY!

Ladies! Look at your hair! Every one else does! Let us help you to look your best. Your men folks will appreciate you trying to look nicer. Our Prices are right.

Mrs. Ivey F. Murdoch

Our Christmas Message:

FRIENDS: It has been mighty good to know you and do business with you. We have enjoyed serving you and hope you have enjoyed being served by us. It is our sincere wish that this Christmas will be one of genuine happiness and that our business relations will continue to grow as the days come and go.

We shall do our best to make the last days before Christmas pleasant shopping days for you. We are stocked so as to supply most of your Christmas and holiday Grocery demands with all the things needed to lavishly fill the Christmas stocking.

Be here Christmas Eve for those Christmas Turkeys, and may this Christmas be the Happiest one you have ever known.

Landers & Gardner

PALACE

Jayton

"BEST SOUND IN ANY TOWN"

Friday and Saturday

BUCK JONES in

"OUTLAW GUNS"

Here is one western that if different from the six gun type. Beautiful scenery, action and perfect sound. Added comedy. Ken Maynard in 'Mystery Train.' Chapter 9.

Saturday Nite Prevue 11:00 O'clock

"OLD MAN RHYTHM"

Charles 'Buddy' Rogers and a cast to list. Featuring 6 big song hits of comedy. Pathe news and feature. By all means plan now to see special picture.

SUNDAY MONDAY AND TUESDAY

JOE E. BROWN in

"BRIGHT LIGHTS"

Another musical concerning Joe Brown rise from burlesque to a Broadway hit. Ann Dvorak, Patricia Ellis, William H. Cagney. Added News and big comedy. NOTE: A special morning Matinee day, December 24, at 12 O'clock time for drawing.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

We have selected for our Christmas

"BONNIE SCOTLAND"

Stan LAUREL, and Oliver HARDY keep you laughing for one solid hour.

ADDED: Our Gang Comedy—

"SHRIMP FOR A DAY"

Also big cartoon comedy. Matinee day, Wednesday 2:00. Admission 10 and 20c. NOTICE: Next Friday December 27, Amateur Contest. Cash prizes. Let us hear your name at Box Office. On the Screen "The Air."

Thanking all for their patronage and wishing all a Merry Christmas.

Lyles & Esterline

"The Christmas Store"

Christmas Mixed Candies — Beautiful Colors and Designs. 2 lbs.

Christmas Chocolate Candy, Special good 1 lb.

Pecans, Large Thin Shell. Pound

Fire Works of all kinds. The lowest prices. We will save you money.

Toys, Novelties, Dolls, Toilet Sets and Hundreds and hundreds of things specially brought for the Christmas Trade — at very low prices.

With all our hearts, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Health and Prosperity for the New Year.



Merry Xmas To You

Don't forget—this is the best place in town to buy your Christmas presents. Little things that go a long ways to make Christmas a Merry Christmas are here and the price is so low you will learn how little it will take to remember your friends and loved ones and make them happy as you wish for them a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Parker Variety

Our Sincere Good Wishes



Valuable assets cannot all be shown in figures. Among our most valued assets are the good will and friendship of our patrons. The spirit of the season brings to renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends. May your Christmas be very happy is our wish.

County Lumber Co.



Only 4 Days

Only four days and then Christmas. Have you purchased your Christmas presents? Don't come direct to this store and make yourself happy by getting quality presents for your loved ones and friends. We will not disappoint you either in the purchase or the price you pay. For the best of Christmas Candies and the most useful Christmas gifts we urge you to come to this store.

Merry Christmas 1935

Let our warm true handclasp our thoughts this holiday season reach out to you in giving you all the joyousness of the season.

Pharmaceuticals Drug Co. THE REXALL STORE

Texas Tech College News

Candidates for Rhodes scholarships from the Texas Technological college, James Toothaker, Lubbock, and Jack Fox, Childress, will meet the Texas committee on selection of Rhodes scholars at a breakfast for all candidates from the state in Houston December 12. At this time, two men will be named to represent Texas before the district selection committee, which will choose four Rhodes scholars from the 12 candidates of the six states in the district.

Last year, a Tech graduate, Canon Clements, Lubbock, was awarded a scholarship and is now studying at Oxford.

Invitation to attend the breakfast meeting was extended by Professor R. Tranham of Baylor University, secretary of the Texas Committee.

Toothaker, who was graduated last June with the highest scholastic average ever made by a Tech student in four years, is an instructor in the department of economics and business administration. Fox, a sophomore pre-med student, has an all-A record and last year made the highest score on the Thurstone psychological test ever made by a Tech freshman.

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 11.—Two shots heard on the Texas Technological college campus Tuesday afternoon, which threw the town into a furore and sent four reporters on a local paper to hospitals, physicians police and sheriff for details of the "murder", proved to be part of a buildup for a pre-law mock trial, held twice a year as practice for pre-law students.

Rumors of a "campus murder" spread over the town 15 minutes after Jack Bradley, Junior from Amherst, had "shot" Voyle Vaughn, senior from Lubbock, in "a quarrel over Julia Moore, Brownwood. Riddled by blank cartridges, Vaughn fell to the ground, as the screaming crowd ran into the administration building. The "victim" was taken away in an automobile "to receive medical aid."

Students who saw the shooting did not suspect a hoax.

"A Tale of Men Who Knew No Fear", the story of Sibley's campaign into New Mexico in 1862, has been written by Gertrude Harris, San Antonio, who took a B. A. degree in English at Texas Technological College in May, 1930.

The book contains the history of the oneman act put on by Texas in its role as a Confederate state, and was written partly as a plea for building monuments to honor the Texans buried at Valverde and Greta Pass, New Mexico. One third of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be put into a monument fund by the author.

D. O. Wiley, director of the Texas Tech band will be a guest director of the 100-piece selected band which will play at the Wes-

Texas band clinic December 13 and 14 in Fort Worth. The rehearsal will be held Thursday night. Directors of other South Plains bands will attend the clinic.

Christmas holidays at Texas Tech college will begin December 20 at 5 o'clock and end January 2, at 8 a. m., President Bradford Knapp has announced.

With a preliminary WPA allotment of \$10,000 for beautification of the Texas Technological college campus, work will begin December 16, President Bradford Knapp announced recently. This amount is part of \$58,060 granted the college this fall for campus improvement.

The work to be done includes paving, digging of irrigation ditches, grubbing the pasture on the college farm, landscaping, and general beautification.

A WARNING FROM DR. BROWN

Austin, Dec. 19.—Christmas, the season of joy and happiness, will soon be with us and D. John W. Brown, State Health Officer, urges everyone to do their utmost to prevent accidents in order that the season of merriment be not changed to one of sorrow or suffering.

This season of the year brings with it an increase in the motor vehicle traffic. Thousands of persons, enjoying a vacation, are on the highways at this time. Like public health and a great many other things, traffic safety depends upon effective partnership. Whether you are at the wheel or on the highway or street, your safety and that of the other fellow, depends upon both of you.

The speed mania and reckless driving, and all that they imply, in the lack of self control, disregard for laws and for the rights and lives of others, are responsible for a large part of the tragic deaths and unnecessary suffering. In the face of the

hazards involved, absent-mindedness on the part of the driver or pedestrian, also becomes a vice, with notorious record for destructive consequences. Motor transportation has become an inherent part of our daily lives. To reduce the hazards for ourselves and for others the least we can do is to admit our obligation as partners in the safety traffic business, and to accept our responsibilities as drivers and as pedestrians.

One would not wish all persons to be in a state of constant dread to the extent that every act be con-

sidered a source of possible accident; but we can be sensible and intelligent and since we are creatures of habit we can teach ourselves and our young people to recognize certain situations which represent hazards and to act in such a way as to prevent them.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: One good work team. — Ed Brown.

J. E. McKenzie, Jr., has our thanks for his renewal to the Star-Telegram and Chronicle this week.

Christmas 1935

Although the universe is filled with millions of stars, none can vie in fame with the star that guided the Three Wise Men of the East through the night to the tiny Babe in the manger in Bethlehem.

And just as it brought to the world a message of good will and peace, we want this greeting to carry to you and all our friends our appreciation of the happiness your friendship has brought to us, and with it our wishes that this Christmas may bring to you all the joy health and happiness that you could desire.

The First State Bank

Jayton, Texas

Notice Cotton Growers

Our Gins will be CLOSED next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Christmas day and the two days following. We will be on the job again Saturday. Get your cotton in not later than Tuesday. Please keep this in mind as the gins will be air tight on the days mentioned.

Williams-Miller Gin Co.

The Farmers Gin

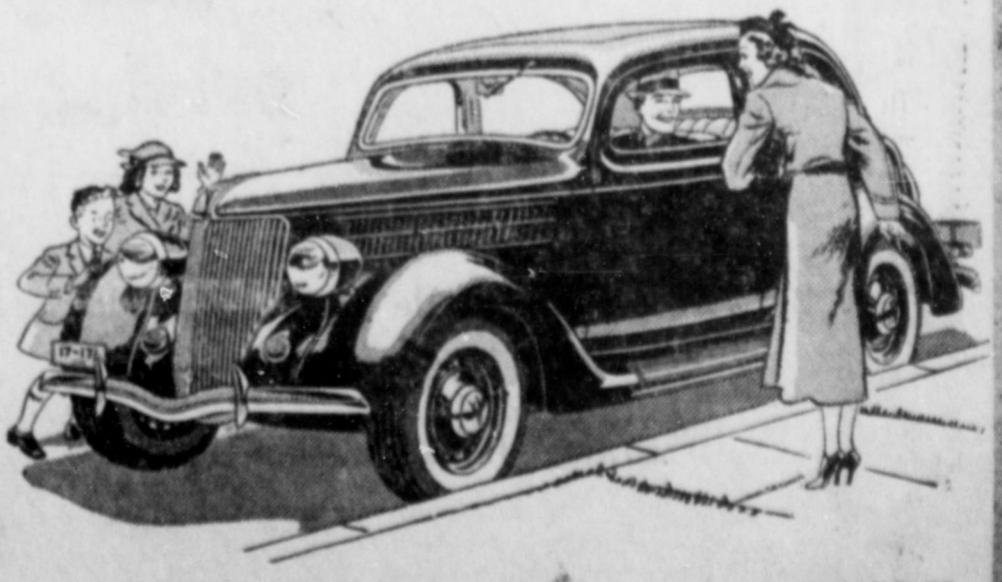
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Why not get your 1936 FORD V-8 in time for Christmas?



THE 1936 Ford V-8 is the finest Ford ever built. It goes further than ever beyond the accepted standards of its price class. In engine performance, riding comfort, roominess—it may be compared with cars costing hundreds of dollars more. Today's Ford is backed by over 2,000,000 Ford V-8's on the road in America alone. Here are its most outstanding values—many brand new this year.

- V-8 ENGINE PERFORMANCE—smoothness, pick-up and power with proved V-8 economy.
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Dep't Of Commerce Weekly Survey

In substantially all sections of the country holiday buying entered the normal period with a considerably larger volume than last year, according to reports to the Department of Commerce from 33 important trading and industrial areas. The reports gave evidence also of continued in-

dustrial expansion. Some wholesale lines were already feeling the effects of Spring orders and reported holiday lines running low as a result of heavy refill orders. Leading department stores in New York showed a loss in business from last year due to the fact that there was abnormal buying in anticipation of the sales tax which went into effect December 10, 1934. Busi-

ness was disappointing San Francisco and Dallas since the volume did not vary appreciably from the 1934 level. Houston trade was adversely affected by flood conditions. Many cities reported trade up to the highest levels since 1930 and in some instances, 1929. Principal buying covered the entire range of gift items. Cleveland stores employed 12,000 extra sales people. Chicago reported business exceeding expectations. St. Louis reported the best trade in several years with the trend to quality merchandise. Colder weather was a stimulant to increased buying in Minneapolis. Substantial gains over the previous and 1934 weeks were reported by Cincinnati, Louisville, Boston, Philadelphia, Portland, Ore., Wilmington, Buffalo, Atlanta, New Orleans, Memphis, Washington and Pittsburgh. Earlier than normal gift buying was reported in rural communities, attributed to increased buying power of farmers. In Kentucky and Tennessee tobacco was selling well, high grade burley averaging higher than last year. Citrus fruits were moving in heavy volume in Florida, and celery, strawberries, and new potatoes will move during the month. Portland reported increased carloading of fruits and vegetables over previous week. Colorado shipped 1,000 more cars of fruits and vegetables in November than in 1934 month. Charleston reported 28 per cent more tobacco revenue to growers than last year.

Residential building in the first eleven months of the year gained 85 per cent over the same period last year, according to Dodge figures and November contracts were double those of the 1934 month. The Automobile Manufacturers Association estimated automobile output for the year at 4,150,000 units, a gain of 45 per cent over last year.

While activity in the steel industry relaxed slightly from the previous week, indications point to a spread of orders that will extend the upward trend far into 1936. A steel executive predicted a decided increase in the first quarter of 1936 over the 1935 peak. Railroads are repairing car and locomotive repairs and utilities and oil companies are

ing larger users of steel. Scrap steel was highest since 1930. A feature of the week was the order of the Pennsylvania Railroad for 10,000 new freight cars to cost \$25,000,000. The Ohio Valley Transportation Advisory Board forecast the need of 6,581 more freight cars in the first quarter of 1936 than the same period last year. In Cleveland, industrial payrolls were running \$9,000,000 a month more than a year ago with 10,000 more men at work. The same city reported active steel plants and considerable blast furnace expansion. Heavy industrial expansions and new industries were reported over a wide area, including Chicago, New Orleans, Birmingham, Los Angeles, Louisville, Philadelphia and Cincinnati. Actual housing shortages were reported in Wilmington and Cleveland.

Other high spots of the week were rising postal receipts, increased bank clearings and mail order sales. Montgomery Ward reported an all time record in November, while for the ten months period, sales were 18 per cent ahead of last year. Sales of

automobile radios passed the million mark for the first time with sales for the year estimated at 1,100,000. Newspaper advertising income in October rose to the highest level of the year with automotive advertising showing the largest gain. Sales of General Motors cars in November were three times greater than last November and largest for a November in the history of the company.

Private industry and WPA projects continued to absorb increasing numbers of employables. Excess reserves of Federal Reserve banks rose to \$3,310,000,000. The United States exported \$221,137,929 of merchandise in October, compared with \$206,413,068 in the same month last year. Exports for the first 10 months of the year were \$1,788,911,306 compared with \$1,767,435,055 in the same period last year. October imports were \$189,239,866, compared with \$129,634,816 in October 1934.

Texas should make Texas attractive to visitors. Beautifying the state is the first step. Next Kent County, hundreds of cases and other plants are being planted. We will have a state of plants you will want to see. We will have a state of plants you will want to see. We will have a state of plants you will want to see.

Another thing we are doing, and we will continue to do, is to develop a park in every county. There is an interest in donating something of ground for the way department to an attractive monument with the bronze in a park. If you talk with us about plain it to you.

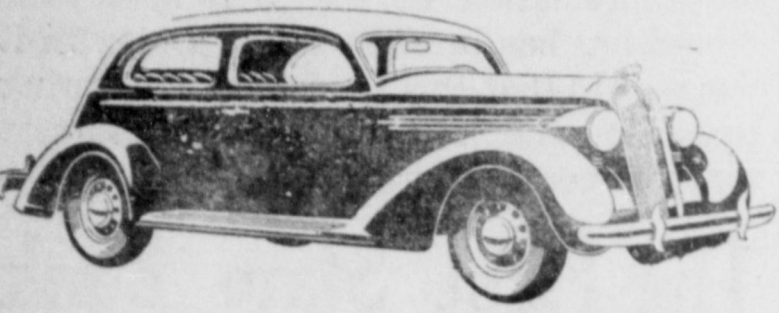
Texas Centennial News

The Texas Centennial celebration will open in June and the people of

Happiness to All

We send to you—the high regards in which we treasure your friendship and loyal patronage . . . The good wishes we would like to convey in person . . . and the hope that you may have a right Merry Christmas filled with all things good . . .

Your Christmas shopping done here will certainly make for you a Christmas of good cheer, and may this automobile find its way to your Christmas tree.



JONES DRUG

"The Store of Quality"

USED CAR BARGAIN

- 1933 CHEVROLET COACH
New Motor — New Brakes — Perfect Steering
New Tires — Good Upholstery and Paint \$425
Price
- MODEL A FORD COUPE
Motor, Steering, Brakes, and Tires Good \$225.
Price
- 1929 CHEVROLET
Good Paint — Battery Price
- 1930 FORD MODEL A COACH
New Motor — New Brakes — New Upholstery Price
- 1933 CHEVROLET COACH
Good Motor — Good Steering — Good Upholstery \$170.00

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Person Monoplane
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On the screen—
Jack Benny, Ted Healy, Una Merkel
"IT'S IN THE AIR"
King of comedy of the air. Bringing even more laughs in their latest sensation. Regular Prices 10c and Saturday Only
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THE following tribute to Christmas was written by the late J. H. Lowry, for many years editor of the department of "Current Comment," and associate editor of our Magazine Section:

"Whence comes this kindlier feeling toward mankind—this longing to put aside serious problems and play with the children? The answer is CHRISTMAS. Back of all our beautiful customs, sacred memories, benevolent impulses there is a Power—supreme, resistless. It is God imminent in men. In the hearts of every man and every woman there is a spirit of the same nature as the spirit of Jesus, who gave His all for others.

"It was nearly 2,000 years ago that

the Star of Bethlehem burst upon the land of David and the Heavenly Choir sang of the Savior of men, but still the sweet refrain rings around the world and the scenes of that hallowed night recur to gladden the world today as they gladdened the hearts of shepherds on Judean hills when the emblazoned skies announced the coming of the King.

"The mightiest tongues and pens have paid tribute and the sweetest voices have sung praises of Christmas, to commemorate and to consecrate this great epoch in human history. Through the ages it has been heaven's message to earth.

"May CHRISTMAS come to you, dear reader, in all its beauty and significance."

Christmas Observance Among the Pioneers

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WE are so accustomed to observing Christmas the modern way that we give little thought to the manner in which our grandfathers and grandmothers observed the anniversary of Christ's birth. Although Texas pioneers lacked all of the luxuries and most of the conveniences of modern times, yet they celebrated Christmas joyfully, and the Christmas spirit reigned in the humblest log cabin. Rough dirt roads were alive with settlers going to and fro shaking hands and wishing each other a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

During that lean period immediately following the war between the States such things as toys for children were unknown. Texas was remote from Eastern cities and the average little girl considered herself lucky if she possessed a rag doll. According to Mrs. W. W. Horner, wife of a pioneer East Texas circuit rider, a child was very happy if he or she received at Christmas an apple, an orange, or a large stick of candy.

Mrs. Horner grew up in Cass county, and was one of the first public school teachers in the eastern section of the State. According to this 77-year-old woman, the young girls looked forward to Christmas as a "dressing up time." Weeks before Christmas, girls and their mothers began to make bonnets and dresses of cotton or wool. Women of today can go to a shop and purchase ready-made apparel, but pioneer women had to spin cloth, weave thread, and then sew Christmas garments together with deft fingers.

Pie and Cake Rare

"We didn't have much pie and cake at Christmas, either," Mrs. Horner says. "As everyone knows, the severities of pioneer life required the settlers to live largely on meat diets. Corn bread was our staff of life, and flour and sugar were rare and expensive, it being necessary to haul both of these staples hundreds of miles overland. As women of the 60's busied themselves with Christmas sewing, men went hunting for the Christmas meats. The woods were full of game, so the hunters returned laden with deer, an occasional bear, and bags full of slain wild turkeys."

"Often the settlers would trap their Christmas turkeys," Mrs. Horner recalls. "A settler possessed a fairly large tract of land, and he would have a great deal of

feed inside the pen. An old turkey gobler usually entered the pen first, followed by his flock. The corridors confused the birds, who were so dumb that they could not find their way out.

"Christmas dinner menus were baked turkey, barbecued or roasted venison, or fried home-cured ham, with perhaps a roasted possum in the center of the table. Of course the sweets were homemade jellies and preserves, mostly made from wild plums and grapes. If the pioneers were out of real coffee they parched wheat, barley or meal as a substitute for this beverage.

Few Christmas Entertainments

"There were no Christmas entertainments to speak of during the sixties. People often lived from seven to ten miles apart, which made such things impossible. But on Christmas afternoon the young folks would generally gather at some settler's home and go horseback-riding along the dim roads that were little more than trails. Perhaps that night there would be a square dance somewhere within fifteen or twenty miles. Most of the young people would decline to attend unless accompanied by parents or brothers. These dances were strictly conducted without drinking or ruffianism."

Christmas trees were first introduced into Texas about 1872, according to Mrs. Horner. The men began going into the woods, cutting holly or cedar trees and bringing them home. Popcorn and red berries were strung on the Christmas trees, and the whole house decorated with holly or oak leaves. Mistletoe was also a decorative and strapping youths maneuvered to place blushing girls underneath the mistletoe. The first Christmas presents were very simple—perhaps a little individual cake baked for each child by the mother of the family.

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mas Day celebration. Generally the principal lighting for these gatherings came from home-made candles of tallow and beeswax. Often the only light was from a huge open fireplace which also was used to cook the Christmas dinner. Usually on such occasions the settlers danced all night to music furnished by local fiddlers.

No Firecrackers

Boys who read this article may wonder what pioneer boys used for firecrackers. I asked this question of Mrs. T. J. Spear, who lived in Bastrop county during the early days. Mrs. Spear chuckled and replied: "Well, the boys had no firecrackers. But they managed to make a big noise



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just the same. Often they bored holes in trees, filling the holes with gunpowder. A piece of slow-burning punk was placed against the gunpowder, then everybody scattered to a safe distance to await the fun. When this burning punk ignited the powder the tree was blown into splinters.

"Blacksmith anvils were sometimes substituted for trees in the Central Texas hill country. Two of the anvils would be mounted, one on top of the other, with a thick layer of powder between. A fuse attached to the powder, was lighted, and the result a deafening explosion that shook the ground and rattled nearby windows."

George W. Wallace, a Gillespie county pioneer, recalls a dance almost every night during the Christmas season. The

young men and girls would gather at some neighbor's home, eat Christmas dinner, and then ride twenty miles to a dance. The older men hunted deer on Christmas Eve and throughout the week. Sometimes all the men, young and old, pitched horseshoes, played marbles or matched skill in rifle shooting.

German Settlers Observed Christmas

The early German settlers of Central Texas observed Christmas in a manner somewhat different from their American neighbors. In Fredericksburg, Santa Claus began to visit children as early as the 6th of December, continuing to visit them at nightly intervals up to Christmas Eve, leaving candy and fruit in stockings hanging from mantels and bedposts. The German children believed that Santy peeped through the windows to see if they were obeying their parents.

The German settlers always had a religious service on Christmas night. Hymns, including the traditional "Silent Night, Holy Night," would be sung in every church, and the pastor would read the story of the Christ Child's birth from the New Testament. Each child recited a little poem, and then received a bag of candy and fruit.

During the seventies and eighties religious services were held in Burnet county throughout Christmas week. If no local preacher were available, the community hired some minister to come and conduct a holiday meeting. Neighborhood families brought dinners to church and ate on benches outside the church building, if weather permitted. Should the day be cold, settlers ate inside the church. Everybody dressed very simply for this holiday occasion. John Boltinghouse, of the Smithwick community, says that he thought he was attired in the height of fashion when he wore a striped hickory shirt, jeans pants and knit woolen socks.

Favorite Time to Get Married

Early Christmases were a favorite

time to get married, because the circuit rider happened to be in the area. The engagement was several weeks in advance, and the bride's family began preparing for the marriage supper. The bride and groom were married in the home of the bride's parents. That night the marriage dance followed. Next morning a similar reception was held at the groom's home. Three nights later the wedding would be "shivareed" with tin horns and tin kettles, capable of making a great deal of noise.

My grandmother, Mrs. (North Texas) landlady, used always to present annually with a Christmas gift before and after Christmas. Communities would have parties, the guests enjoying in sing games, such as "Way Down Below" and "The Yuletide" holiday season, folks riding in buggies, hacks, buckboards, children bringing gifts for inspection. If enough gathered together at one place a prayer meeting.

Negro Slaves Remembered

Nor were the negroes forgotten at Christmas-time in Texas. Between the States, greet their masters with a gift, Massah!" As each received a gift, there was a Yule log. The fireplace in every home promised a holiday as long as the Yule log was kept burning. A great deal of good-natured among negroes in picking bringing in the biggest three or four men were on a wagon and bring in.

Needless to say, past were always welcomed on Day or any other day. The tradition of hospitality meals or bed to any stranger Christmas, fifty years ago. E. G. Hocutt arrived from drew rein at a settler's home county. The new circuit rider the money and was almost sat astride his Texas post-ster came out at once to meet minister.

"Get off your horse and the settler. "I don't mind any gentleman. D—n it!" Later, when the settler's guest was a preacher, apologized for the rough

First Christmas in the Trenches During the World's

By VALENTINE WILLIAMS
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(New York Times)

THE first Christmas of the World War—Christmas of twenty years ago—found the armies in trenches and dugouts. In the west, open fighting was over, not to be resumed or more than three weary years; and he belligerents peered out at one another from trenches that scarred the hell-torn earth from the North Sea to the Alps. The war had stagnated on the line where the desperate autumn fighting, under the influence of the exhaustion of the combatants and weeks of heavy rain, had slowed to a standstill. The advent of Christmas found hundreds of thousands of civilized men lying like animals in holes in the ground and confronted by the prospect of passing the winter in conditions of unimaginable danger, hardships and squalor.

The armies were destined to spend three Christmases in the trenches, but succeeding winter tested courage and stamina so severely as that first winter 1914. No force in the field was properly equipped for trench warfare, though the Germans were better off in the rest.

A Chain of Light

Christmas is the great festival among men. That Christmas Eve, light-Christmas trees made a chain of light all the way along the endless German line of communications from the front line in France to General Headquarters, where the Supreme War Lord personally presided at the distribution of gifts from a gigantic tree to all ranks led by G. H. Q. To enliven the life for the troops in the front line, mental bands were moved up to the rear areas and, after nightfall, the lines of "Stille nacht, heilige nacht!" (Silent Night, Holy Night) and other German Christmas hymns stole out to the German trenches and No Man's Land to the ears of the enemy lines on watch at the parapet. That the traditional Christmas punch cake were served to the troops in front line.

Christmas morning dawned clear and with a powdering of snow. In little churches, many of them ruined and abandoned, behind the British lines there were services for the dif-

ferent denominations and afterward the men marched back to their Christmas dinners.

In their absence holly and mistletoe and gay festoons of paper had mysteriously appeared to garnish their billets. There were roast beef and plum puddings and mince pies and a special Christmas issue of rum. The officers went round from billet to billet to wish their men a merry Christmas and toast them in a glass of rum.

Their Hearts Were at Home

Up in the line the night before Christmas was strangely quiet. In their damp and narrow dugouts these little bands of Britons, isolated in the Flanders mud, sat and gossiped of other Christmases they had known. Their bodies, devoured by vermin and racked by the chill of the trenches, might be at the

front, but their hearts were at home. Christmas letters and cards were shown around. Gifts which the mail had brought for those who had known their last Christmas on earth and whose bodies, perhaps, still hung in the wire beyond the parapet, were distributed to those who had gone short. There were empty places in the messes; but the survivors spoke little of those who had gone before, however much these vanished comrades were in their thoughts as the traditional Christmas toast "To Absent Friends!" was drunk. The officers produced presents for their orderlies and batmen, useful gifts like warm socks or gloves or a pipe.



"Rifles were laid aside and hands grasped in Christmas friendship."

Greatest Tribute to Christmas

And then took place an event, or rather a series of events, which I have always held to be the greatest tribute to the Christmas spirit our age has ever known. The sun was up and the breakfast bacon sizzling all along the British trenches when two or three gray figures were suddenly visible between the wire. They waved friendly hands and cried in broken English, "Merry Christmas, Tommy!" or "Merry Christmas, Jock!" Before anybody realized what was happening, men from the trenches on either side were scrambling into No Man's Land, laughing, cheering, singing. And from right and left, all along the lines, figures in khaki and field-gray kept appearing.

As though by common consent they came to a halt midway between the

trenches. At first with suspicion, then with wonderment, Briton and German surveyed one another. For behold! either body of men resembled the other strangely, grimed and unkempt and red-eyed as they were with nights of watching, even the distinctive khaki and field-gray all but effaced by the earth from which they had emerged, their very semblance of soldiers blurred by the extraordinary collection of garments, stocking caps and woolen helmets, leather coats and cardigan vests, they had donned over their uniforms to ward off the rigors of the Flanders winter.

Rifles Laid Aside

Then rifles were laid aside, hands were grasped in Christmas friendship, cigars and cigarettes handed about, souvenirs exchanged, the hatred be-

request—brought a demand for the other side for "Tipperary" as the battalion sang for the first time beginning:

The boys o' Bonnie Scotland
Where the heather and
grow,

afterward persuading them to join with them in "Auld Lang Syne." At one place a hare, affrighted by the unfamiliar hubbub of voices, got up and the whole party of Germans, officers and men, in pursuit, hallooing madly about in the mud, until the hare ran to earth.

Truce Continues All Christmas

Christmas dinners were everybody back to his trench. The truce continued during the day. In one sector the British charge asked permission to bury the British dead, killed in the week before. The German commander readily agreed and the Germans, working side by side with the British, dug the graves.

When the task was done the officer, with tears in his eyes, British subaltern his hand, in French, "Les braves! C'est un grand honneur!" The Briton was that, later in the evening, German captain a scarf he wore as a Christmas present as a knowledge of the other's behavior, and the German with the gift of a pair of socks. Next day there was still a truce but neither side left the trenches morning after, the work resumed.

Such incidents were by no means rare. The fact that they were only stresses their utter sincerity under the inspiration of the spirit of the year. The British command frowned upon them as a proper fighting spirit and reprimanded the officers. The Christ Child never visited the way into No Man's Land. Other war Christmas witnesses newsworthy of this curious business of killing. Viewed in retrospect twenty years after, it illumines the blackest period of human suffering, like a Christmas tree shining from along a darkened street.

Christmas Comments

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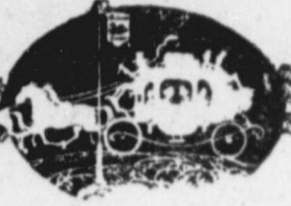


Christmas Again

Third year I have en- bring to the readers Magazine Section the Mes- heard by Shepherds as by night over their in the Judean hills, just town of Bethlehem. It of love with me and been very kind. They Christmas cards by the many letters of apprecia- ed" were carefully preserved and then I get down the them in and look I am hopeful you

What the Day Means

No matter what one may believe about the Birth in Bethlehem, all must admit that it has influenced the earth as no other event. That Birth has painted our pictures, composed our music and runs as a golden thread through the world's best literature. It has built hospitals and asylums; unloosened the purse-strings of wealth, and caused poverty to give of its mite to those in greater want. Thousands of church spires point heavenward; schools have been erected on hill and vale, and in every land and in every clime men and women have gone to carry the Gospel of Him who was born of Mary in Beth- lehem.



The Wonderful Gift

Thousands have gone to prison, thousands have died at the stake, millions have undergone privations and anguish because they believed that the Son of God became incarnate in the Person of the Galilean. That Birth has caused thrones to crumble and has brought low the mighty. It has built halls of justice and established freedom on earth and sea. The once reviled Nazarene is enthroned in the hearts of more people this Christmas than ever before. In millions of homes children will laugh with joy and older ones will feel again the thrill of the world's most wonderful Gift.

Jim and Tom

They had been neighbors on their farms for many years, but Jim had moved to town and Tom and Sarah had come to town the day before Christmas. It was back in 1876. Times were hard then as they are now in the old South. Tom and Sarah hunted Jim up and Sarah wished him a happy Christmas. "Thank you, Sarah," said Jim, "but I don't s'pose it will be a very merry Christmas at our home this year. It will be the first Christmas the children ever had without their mother ——" "Yes, I know," said Tom, "and that's why we came to town today. You and the kids don't know many people in town, and we want you to get in the wagon with us and go out to our place for Christmas." "No, Tom, I couldn't do that, because

you and your family should ——"

"Listen Jim, I ain't never forgot, nor has Sarah, how when our little girl died how you and Nancy — well, you know, Jim, what you both were to us in our sorrow. Now, you go and get the kids and we will be going. You and me will have to go and get a Christmas tree this afternoon. We won't have much for the kids, but your and ours will get the same."

People Used to Be That Way

People were like that 60 years ago. There wasn't any costly gifts in the stockings of Jim's and Tom's children the next morning. Probably an apple or two, a stick of barber-pole candy and half a dozen tea cakes. But Jim's children still believed in Santa Claus, even if she who was their Santa Claus last Christmas had gone on before.

Are We Just As Kind Now?

I suppose people are just as kind now as they were when Tom and Sarah took Jim and his four motherless children with them to spend Christmas in their home. At least, I hope so. But we do most of our kindnesses through organizations, and we miss much of the joy of the personal touch of giving and receiving.

Christmas in East Texas

I wish to give my readers a homely, if somewhat whimsical way, of how Christmas is spent in many homes in our East Texas country and so I asked an old friend who lives in what is known as "Twixt the Forks of the Cypressess" to tell how Christmas was observed in his family. Big and Little Cypress bayous are about twelve miles apart and this stretch of country was early settled from the old Southern States and old customs and old traditions still exist there. My friend writes in Forks of the Cypress dialect and I have not tried to correct his spelling or his grammar. I believe the way he describes Christmas in his home is fairly typical of thousands of humble homes in the Southwest. Here is his letter:

"Dear Friend:

"I have yore letter astin' me to tell you how we expect to spend Christmas this year. Jest to let you know, I'll tell you how we spent it last year to our home. Most of the families over here spent it 'bout as we did. We don't hav as hi rollin' time as we used to 'fore you

prohibitionists voted out liquor and though I be an apti, I'll jist tell you how we spent Christmas eve. That is, them that wuz big nuff to go. Mandy, you know my wife, hed been bizzy for 2 weeks while they wuz gone a makin' things for Santa Claws. Ever 1 of them kids b'lieved in Santa Claws and I do, too. I've known 2 Santa Clawses myself. They wuz my mother and Mandy. I'd made 2 or 3 trips to Harleton to buy sum nick nacks for the stockin's and hed hid 'em out in the barn and Mandy hed made a year muffler fur each of the boys and purty little flimsey things fur the girls and she'd made 1 of them purty white caps with ribbons a runnin' through it fur the baby. There ain't ennythin' that set a baby off like 1 of them caps. And she'd cooked a lot of cakes and there wuz a turkey all dressed up with his legs stickin' up like wagon spokes. And me and Mandy thought we wuz purty nice fixed fur Christmas. We hedn't spent much money, not more than 4 dollars on the hole outfit. Me and the 2 oldest boys hed gone down on Little Cypress and got a holly tree with red berrys on it and it wuz a standin' in the company room. The children wuz all in a flutter all evenin' and looked up the chimney a dozen times and wonderin' how old Santa could git down it with all his clutter.

"If you remember it wuz purty cold last Christmas eve and after supper hed been over and the dishes cleaned up we all got in the sitting room and the old hickory logs on the dogirons wuz a cracklin' like they knowed it wuz Christmas. Mandy wuz a settin' in the rocker over in the corner of the cradle where the baby wuz a sleepin'. All of us wuz talkin' a good deal and a laughin' and finally Mandy gits down the Bible and she turns the leaves just a little 'fore she hed found the place and the chaps all got as still as mice. And she read that chapter 'bout the shepherd's a keepin' watch over their sheep and the angels a singin' and the baby in the stable with its mother. Mandy's a good reader and she put somethin' in her voice that night that wuz soft like and the children all sat there with shiney eyes and I kept a lookin' at the fire and knowed I hadn't bin the man I ought to hev bin. After she'd read it she told it over agin to the young children so they could understand it and after she wuz through our next to the baby little girl, named after Mandy, up and asks her if the little Christ Child wuz as purty as nothin' wrong and her mother knowed it and so she went and got a picture of the Child and showed it to her and then little Mandy went over to the cradle to look at our baby jist as she smiled in his sleep and she said they wuz jist alike. And then the next child who is just a little the rise of six years wanted to know if the Baby wuzn't scared of the horses and cows there in the stable. And Mandy got 'em another picture that showed the animals a lookin' from their stalls at the Child. And they wuz the gentlest lookin' cows you ever seen.

"And at last Mandy got down a book that she had when we married and she read 'bout a little cripple boy called Tiny Tim and a lot of other folks. And sometimes we wuz a laughin' and sometimes a cryin' but the story turned out all right at last. I ain't no book agent or nothin' of the kind but if you want to git a good book you git that one. Its written by a feller named Dickens. He's got a funny name but his bool's all right.

"After that the young ones begun to talk about old Santa Claws and wonderin' what time he'd git to our house and everything wuz purty gay when that girl that's named for Mandy asked her mother if Santa Claws would take anything to her little brother, he wuz a twin of hers, that went up to Heaven the July before. I saw Mandy's chin begin to tremble and saw her hands kinder clinch on the cradle rounds and I knowed how hard she wuz a tryin' to keep from spoilin' their Christmas by showin' of any sorrow, and then our Boy, Bill, he's 7 1/2 and the toughest nut we've got, gits up from his corner where he was a sittin' and says, sure old Santa will leave him somethin'. He allus goes There 'fore he cums to earth and leaves his purtiest toys to the children up There. And then he goes over to his mother and leans up agin the cheer and puts his hands on her cheek and rubs it jist as soft and sez, you is the beautifullest and best mother there is enny where.

"I kept my eyes away from the kids and went out to the barn. But I'll say 'is, that that boy Bill hez bin mighty aggravatin' a hundred times during the last year but I hain't laid a hand on him. When I git riled up at him I'd see him there a strokin' his mother's cheeks and keepin' her from breakin' down.

"I staid out at the barn for some time a seein' that the animals wuz all fed and housed and when I cum back to the house Mandy hed put the last 1 of them to bed, and there wuz a great row of stockin's a hangin' by the fire-place. Course we hed a big time next mornin' with every chap a goin' into their stockin's and gittin' out their Christmas gifts. Mandy hed quite a time finding her stockin' as Santa hed found it and hung it up without her knowin' it. And it wuz the fullest one of the lot, for every one of them kids hed a gift fer her and I hed gotten them all together and put 'em in her stockin'. Her eyes wuz purty shiney when she got through takin' all of them little childish gifts out and found the last one to be a gerty-perchy ring that Bill hed made from a coat button.

"After breakfast me and the boys het up the hog bladders we hed saved and took 'em out and busted 'em and you could a heard 'em up to Harleton. Then we bored sum holes in logs and put in powder and a peg in the hole and teched it off and it made sum noise worth listenin' to. Nothin' much else to say 'cept we hed a fine dinner and sum of the neighbors cum 'round and we talked about how much more simpler Christmas wuz when we wuz children then it is now.

"And well spend this comin' Christmas 'bout like we did last year. The two oldest children think they hed found out somethin' 'bout Santa Claws but they're keepin' it from the others. And take it from me that oldest boy and his sister that knows so much hev got somethin' nice for their mother. That boy hev ben doin' odd jobs for 6 months to git the money to buy it with and the girl hev bin doin' her part in makin' it. She's bin makin' it at school durin' the dinner hour.

"Some how I sorter think you won't keer to git this letter 'cause it looks kinder weak fur a man to write. But 'bout Christmas times when I gits mixed up with Santa Claws I can't think of much else.

"So long.
"Yore friend,
"JIM.
"Twixt the Big and Little Cypress."

Phantom of the Star and Babe

Phantom of the Star and the Babe in danger, once a year, enables us to turn toward. We rejoice that each year it calls us forth from petty cares, sorrows, to seat us, old and young, under the Christmas tree and to lay upon us the gift of God. If it falls upon us, if it be only a brief moment that the gray veil of the com- day is let down—one moment of eternal—that is mightier than the empty hours of time. There is our in the year in which the round listens to the shepherds' song of to God in the highest; on earth, goodwill towards men."

Let's Forget Everything Else

Let us forget this Christmas every- day of bitterness, of hate, everything might shrivel the soul. If the clouds been about us, let us see through years ago a brighter day. Let failures and appointments of the year be buried let us see in the future the oppor- tunities that lie out before us. And as almost all, and beyond all, let us get exas pending of the Christ Child in our nece to us; if we do this, nothing else mat-

The Phantom Gobbler's Visit and the Repentant's Letter

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While looking through an old scrap book recently I came across a clipping from the "Monitor," a weekly newspaper published in my old town many years ago.

The clipping was in the form of a letter addressed to the editor of the town paper and signed "Repentant." It was published in the paper a few days before Christmas. The author withheld his real name and made everybody in and near the town think that Pudge Madison, editor of the paper, wrote the letter, but he stoutly denied its authorship. I did say a tall tale about a stranger, with long white hair and a beard, who came into the Monitor office and, without saying a word, handed him the letter and walked away without even revealing his name or address. I had printed the stranger's letter about comment in his local columns, but it created much talk about town. It was speculation as to who wrote



"He began at once to abuse me in a violent manner."

the letter and why it was written. Some folks said the writer was merely hitting at our provincialism and others said he was hitting at the town's tight-wads and sanctimonious hypocrites.

The Stranger's Letter

Be that as it may, since Christmas is just around the corner, I am here-with reproducing the letter that was handed to the editor of the Monitor:

"DEAR EDITOR: "I note you are doing all you can through the columns of your paper to promote the Christmas spirit in your town and county. I commend you for this noble effort, even though I am not a citizen of your community. It is my personal opinion, however, that the hardest men to reach with any kind of Christmas appeal are those who pride themselves as being honest, law-abiding citizens. Until I had that run in with a phantom gobbler ten years ago this coming Christmas I also thought I was a model citizen, but that turkey took all the conceit out of me and show-

ed me up in my true colors. "It was Christmas night and I had retired early. About 2 a. m. I awoke from a sound sleep by what seemed a sharp peck on my left ear. Of course, it was only a dream, but I opened my eyes to behold a turkey gobbler, 14 hands high, with fiery-red eyes, standing heavily on my chest. He began at once to abuse me in a violent manner; called me an old fraud and contemptible whelp that ought to be run out of town.

Nearly Knocked My Head Off

"No one can talk to me like that and get away with it, let alone a blamed turkey," I hissed as I started to get up and kick the thing out of the room, but the gobbler gave me a side swipe with one foot that nearly knocked my head off. Then I began to reason that this uncanny bird must have come to haunt me in the belief I had killed it for our Christmas dinner. I hastened to explain that I never killed a turkey in my life and that our Christmas dinner turkey was a hen turkey bought from the butcher. "Who said you killed me," the phantom asked sullenly. "I am here to tell you how mean and onery you are." "But, ain't I a law-abiding citizen and pay more taxes than any man in town?" I protested. "That's true," replied the evil-looking bird, "but at heart you are an old

skin-flint, a tax dodger, and a robber of widows and orphans. It would take me all night to tell you just how mean you are. To begin with, you are a tyrant to your family. You never give anything to charity and you quarreled with your good wife for giving a poor crippled tramp an old ragged coat. You brag of being the biggest tax-payer in town, but that means nothing.

Old Aunt in Dire Need

"Why don't you send a few dollars to your old aunt, now in dire need, who looked after you when your mother died. The only gift you ever made your wife was a hat bought from a bargain counter for \$1.38. You are so dern stingy that you quit the church to keep from paying the preacher. No longer ago than yesterday you said you wish Santa Claus would drop dead, or get his whiskers so tangled up in a barbed wire fence that he wouldn't get here until next summer. "From your wife's small weekly allowance she saved enough money to buy Christmas presents for the entire family, even buying you a nice tie and two pair of socks. But what did you give her? Not a blamed thing. The meanest thing you did tonight was to slap the jaws of your little boy for beating the toy drum his mother gave him, and you topped off your meanness by making him go to bed without supper. "There is a little grave out yonder in

the cemetery—it's the grave of your little boy who died when five years old. Let me ask what you would give to have that little boy back tonight? Would you abuse him for beating his toy drum and—"

A Thousand Times No!

"No, a thousand times no," I yelled leaping out of bed to awaken and alarm my wife and children who gathered about me presuming I had gone crazy. "With tears running down my cheeks I put my arms around my wife and children and told them about the strang dream I just had and how dearly I loved them, asking their forgiveness for all the mean things I had said and done. "That dream about the phantom turkey has never worn off and it change me from a narrow, selfish, contemptible man to a man filled with love and a preciation—not only for my family but for my fellow man.

"REPENTANT"

The Repentant's letter in the Monitor had a marked effect on Christmas-giving in our town. Never before was such an outpouring of gifts for the poor and needy. Tight-wads loosen purse strings and bought gifts free for relatives and friends. Everybody seemed to feel the Christmas spirit a tried to make some one happy, with either a gift or a kindly greeting.

Origin of the Most Beloved of All Christmas Carols, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

FROM the land of silent night, high in the Tyrol, comes the most beloved of all Christmas carols—"Silent Night, Holy Night." The pair of songs has become an inseparable part of the Christmas celebration throughout the world over. The appeal of "Silent Night" is attested by the fact that it has been translated into nearly every possible language and is sung on Christmas Eve of every year in metropolitan cathedral and in the smallest chapel on both sides of the Atlantic.

monica to sing of the birth of Christ. The origin of the immortal song makes it one of the most interesting of the modern world's collection of Christmas carols.

Josef Mohr, Author

Josef Mohr, the poet, and author of "Silent Night," was born in Salzburg, Austria, the son of Franz and Anna Mohr, military people. His splendid voice admitted him as a boy to the church school, where he studied theology and in 1817 became assistant pastor of the little village of Oberndorf, Germany. On a clear, starry Christmas Eve in 1818, Josef Mohr was looking out the window of Oberndorf's little choir house and heard the carolers singing the songs he and his wife had sung with the children, who were now asleep. The mother was also asleep, for on that day "she had gone to celebrate her Christmas in Heaven." The husband sudden-

ly imagined that his wife was singing the carols, too, and blending her voice with those of the angels. Under the spell of the picture and the quiet beauty of the night he turned, sat down and in a few moments penned the lyric of "Silent Night."

He handed the composition to the organist, Franz Gruber, whose grandson's account tells the story of the melody. An hour later "Silent Night" was sung for the first time in the little

village church, where "made in the night, it seemed to the congregation as if the angels themselves had infused their own spirit into the writer, composer and singers."

Often Regarded as Folk Song

But the famous Christmas carol was not immediately proclaimed to the world. Often regarded as a folksong, it has, in fact, participated in the joys and dolours of such a composition. Among the dolours was the fact that for a lengthy period no one seemed to know or care who wrote it or what was its origin. "Without witness of birthplace or homeland," it wandered and became known, among other things, as "the Tyrolese song" and a "folksong from the Zillertal." For a long time in Germany it was believed that Michael Hayden had created the melody. Actually, "Silent Night" came to be the preeminent Christmas carol of the Christian world quite by accident. Filed



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QUINTUPLETS BORN IN TEXAS

Records revealed recently that about 50 years ago quintuplets were born to a Mrs. Couch who resided on a farm near Bonham. The children, all boys, died a few hours after birth.

OLD FIDDLERS CONTEST IS HELD

C. W. Haggerton, of Bonita, won first prize, \$2.50, in an old-time fiddlers contest held in Nocona. Second prize of \$1.50 went to J. B. LaMascus and third, \$1.00 to Roy Smith, both of Nocona.

NEW TOWN NAMED "SAND"

Texas' newest town, Sand, Dawson county, has just been granted a postoffice and Ebbie Lee is to be postmaster. The new postoffice will be established in a filling station, on Highway 15, near the west line of the county.

PANTS SNATCHER GETS 500 YEARS

A negro widely known in Hill, Ellis, McLennan and Bell counties as a "pants snatcher," was sentenced to terms in the State penitentiary totaling 500 years. The negro would steal his victims' pants after rifling the pockets of anything of value.

ANOTHER GIFT TO MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR COLLEGE

A gift of \$46,302.59 was made to Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton, President J. C. Hardy has announced. This brings the total amount from Hardin's estate donated to the college to nearly \$500,000. This last bequest is from the personal estate of Mrs. Mary C. Hardin.

TWO LOADS OF CORN DONATED TO ORPHANGE

Members of the Church of Christ at Bertram, Burnet county, shipped two carloads of ear corn to the Bowles Orphanage Home at Greenville. The corn was donated by members of the church and hauled to Georgetown where it was loaded in the car. The corn will be used to fatten hogs at the orphanage.

SIAM RESIDENT SUBSCRIBES TO WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

From Bangkok, Siam, came a request from Henri Brandi that his name be added to the subscription list of a West Texas newspaper (the Ochiltree County Herald). Brandi writes he is financially interested in wildcat oil development in that county and wishes to keep in touch with the general news of the state.

KEEP TAB ON CHILDREN

A district grand jury sitting at Littlefield, Lamb county, returned a report addressed to Judge R. C. Joiner, urging that parents should always know the whereabouts of their children. The jurymen agreed that parents who do not know the whereabouts of their children are neglecting a parental duty. The report was signed by J. T. Bellomy, chairman.

OLD AUTO PARADES STREETS

Residents of Odessa rubbed their eyes when they looked out and saw a model 1900 automobile moving along the streets under its own power. The machine, a Holzman, was driven under its own power from Ohio to San Diego. The driver, J. H. Ozum, says he gets 22 miles to a gallon of gas and averages 15 miles an hour on the highways. It is a 9-gear shift machine.

ETHIOPIAN ACE IS NATIVE OF SEGUIN

John C. Robinson, negro aviator fighting with the forces of the Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, is a native of Guadalupe county and his parents still live on a farm near Seguin. He attended school at Seguin, but later there and enrolled at Tuscopee Institute. After studying aviation at Buffalo, N. Y., Robinson offered his services to Ethiopia as an aviator. He is 34 years old.

BLACKSMITH, AGE 80, STILL ACTIVE

Edwin Bates Sweeney, age 80, is still active as a blacksmith in Hillsboro. He came to Hill county in 1868 after coming to Texas in 1861. Mr. Sweeney works at 7 o'clock each morning, regardless of weather conditions. Born in Clinton, Mo., he is one of fourteen children, and has lived in the McKenzie section to Hillsboro for the past 42 years.

MANUSCRIPT OF SAN JACINTO BATTLE FOUND

A document of great historical interest, probably the only one in existence, of the San Jacinto battle was found in the office of the Dallas News. Scholars and its long ago gave up hope of finding the original report, which is supposed to have been made out by General Houston after the battle in which he won her independence from Mexico. The yellow and faded paper, dating for three quarters of a century, is a word for word with the authenticated printed text of Houston's re-

U. OF T. ENROLLMENT SETS NEW RECORD

The fall enrollment of University of Texas, at Austin, is 7,675, largest on record. A total of 5,211 men and 2,464 women are on the records in the institution. Largest percentage of gain was shown in the College of Pharmacy.

STONEWALL COUNTY PAYS OLD JURY WARRANT

While H. Meyers, of Peacock, was searching through papers in his home he found an old \$2 jury warrant on Stonewall county for jury service performed July 3, 1905. Meyers, after receiving the warrant, placed it among his papers in a desk at his home and forgot about it. Stonewall county officials voted to pay the warrant.

WORLD'S LARGEST WATCH, HE CLAIMS

T. L. Miller, of San Angelo, is displaying what he claims is the world's largest watch. The timepiece weighs 125 pounds, including case. Its balance wheel is 11 1/4 inches in diameter. Miller made the watch at a machine shop in Seattle, Washington, while on vacation. It required 120 hours to complete the machine work.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN TEXAS ON DECLINE

Commercial failures and liabilities of bankrupt firms in Texas declined sharply last month in comparison with the same month a year ago, figures from the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research show. Total liabilities during the month were \$155,000, a decline of 74 per cent from the same month in 1934. Average liability per failure was \$11,923, down 42 per cent from 1934.

CLAIMS TO BE 125 YEARS OLD

A woman supposed to be the oldest in the world, Mrs. Cirilde Ydrego, age 125, is living in the Mexican section of Refugio. She came to this town from Monterrey, Mexico, about 60 years ago. Her husband, 27 years her junior, was killed at the age of 94 in an automobile accident. Her first husband, she says, was killed while fighting with Santa Anna against the Texans in 1836. The old woman is deaf. She has a small hall for her husband, whom she doesn't believe is dead.

QUILT 90 YEARS OLD

Mrs. E. E. Bolton, of Houston, while on a recent visit to the Sharp community, near Cameron, displayed a quilt made more than 90 years ago. It was of floral design with rainbow colors predominating. The quilt was owned by the Bolton family during the Civil War and was buried with other family valuables when Union soldiers made their raids on the family homestead. It has been exhibited at many county fairs and Mrs. Bolton received an invitation to show it in Chicago recently, but she declined.

WINS HONORS AT MONTERREY

At the Monterrey, Mexico, Agricultural and Livestock Exposition, held October 26-29th, first honors were won by M. Bernades Volpe, of Laredo, with his grand champion Polled-Hereford bull, Sir Perfection 20th, a two-year-old. Volpe carried off other prizes with his superb herd of Polled-Herefords. Monterrey plans a bigger and better show in 1936.

VALLEY MILLS BOY PAYS CONSCIENCE DEBT

The manager of a Valley Mills store was surprised when a boy, age 16, handed him a dollar. The manager of the store asked why he should receive the money. The boy told him that two years ago he entered the merchant's store, took a flashlight and another article, never intending to pay for them. The boy confessed that, after attending church services, his conscience hurt him and he decided to reimburse the merchant.

PRESENCE OF MIND SAVES BOY FROM RATTLER'S BITE

Chester Davidson, age 12, grandson of Mrs. T. M. Porter of the Willow community, Harris county, probably saved his life by presence of mind. While picking cotton a large rattlesnake bit him. He called his uncle, John Nelson of Walnut Springs, to come and kill the reptile. The boy calmly proceeded to bind his arm tightly and to slash the place in his hand where the snake struck so the wound could bleed freely. While the arm became swollen, the attending physician said young Davidson probably saved his life by prompt first aid treatment.

COLORED MAN HAS BEEN PREACHING 55 YEARS

A. B. Lennox, colored, age 70, has been pastor of the Hopewell Baptist Church, five miles east of Clarksville, for the last 51 years; also was moderator of the Zion Baptist Association for 25 years and a minister of the gospel 55 years. He has preached in churches in New York and San Francisco while on vacations.

CIRCUS DIVING DOG POISONED

Pat, a little rat terrier that gladdened thousands of Gainesville residents with clever tricks, is dead, victim of a poisoner. Last summer the dog, just a puppy, was acquired by Verne Brewer and within two months was star performer with the Gainesville Community Circus. Pat would mount a thirty-foot ladder, rung by rung, stand at attention on a tiny pedestal near the top of a high tent and then dive into a net spread below. A marble slab inscribed, "In Memory of Pat, World's Greatest Diving Dog," was erected over his grave.

MARRIAGE FEES FOLLOW DEPRESSION CURVES

That fees paid for marrying couples fluctuate just as do other service charges was the statement of Justice of the Peace J. P. Siler, of Plainview. Siler, who has tied more than 1,000 marital knots during the past 50 years as a justice and a minister, keeps a record of his marriages. These records show that in the middle 20's grooms paid Siler from \$2 to \$3 for marrying services; in 1927 payments dropped to \$1; in 1929 payments averaged \$3 with many grooms paying \$5 and sometimes \$10. Since 1930 an occasional 50-cent piece has been the justice's lot. Only three couples have failed to pay anything.

LLANO COUNTY'S LAST CIVIL WAR VETERAN

E. H. Alexander, the last surviving Civil War veteran in Llano county, celebrated his 90th birth anniversary with many friends helping him to celebrate. In addition to being in the Confederate army, he was for many years elected to various county official positions.

PARIS RESIDENT, AGE 104, DIES

Paris' oldest resident, Miss Clara Lee, died at the home of a niece, Mrs. Nell King. Born at Lafayette, Ind., when there were only 23 miles of railroad in the United States, Miss Lee had witnessed the metamorphosis of the last century in transportation. She moved to Paris, then a village, 62 years ago.

OWNS AZTEC BATTLE AX

A battle ax, supposed to have been made by the Aztecs, is owned by O. D. Wyatt, principle of one of Fort Worth's high schools. The weapon, dug from the bottoms of Trinity river about 16 years ago, was presented to Wyatt by a friend. The instrument is made from the root of some plant supposedly a native plant of Mexico. It is about 30 inches long and weighs six pounds.

GIFT CALVES WIN HONORS FOR FAMILY ON RELIEF

Two years ago friends gave Frank Brown, his wife and six children, then on relief, two calves and a cart. They trained the calves to draw the cart; also used them as beasts of burden in raising two crops. Now the family is self-supporting and with the grown calves drawing the cart, took second prize with their float at the East Texas Yamboree at Gilmer. The Yamboree was a festival honoring the lowly sweet potato.

FREAK CALF BORN AT DELEON

A calf without eyeballs or any opening in its skull for eyes was born to a full-blooded Jersey cow belonging to Rev. H. D. Holdridge of Humphry Addition, DeLeon. The cow is a splendid animal, giving an average of four gallons of milk and two pounds of butter daily. She was bred to a fine Jersey male. The calf's disfigurement, it is assumed, was due to the cow lacking certain vital food elements during gestation.

PILOT CREDITED WITH SAVING CHILD'S LIFE

Buck Taylor, Tyler pilot, flew to Amarillo for serum which it is believed saved the life of 4-year-old Barbara Ann Bryant, who was at the point of death from a blood serum infection. During the flight Buck had to battle a storm and severe head winds.

REMOVE NEEDLE MANY YEARS IN ARM

J. O. Crites, of Leveland, feeling a severe pain in his left arm, summoned a doctor who cut deep into the fleshy part of the arm and found a needle that had caused the pain. Dry goods men who examined the needle said that particular type of needle had not been made for many years. The instrument was embedded in a grisly growth that prevented it from injuring the muscles of the arm. Mr. Crites could not recall when the needle entered his arm.

ODESSA HONORS OLDEST SETTLER

R. N. Henderson, Odessa's oldest settler, was honored by the town on his 79th birthday. "Uncle Dick, as he is affectionately called, is a native Texan. His father came to Texas in 1845. Henderson came to Odessa in the summer of 1886, a few months after the first town lot sale there. He has been an active rancher for years, and helped much in the early building of the town.

BIGGER AND FASTER PASSENGER AIRPLANES

A fleet of the largest airplanes yet put into service from Texas points East and West has been announced by Leonard Nelson, passenger agent of the American Air Lines, with headquarters in Fort Worth.

These new super all-metal planes are now being built and tested out at the Santa Monica, Cal., plant of the Douglas Aircraft Company. Each plane provides seats for 24 persons in daytime and 16 berths at night, similar to the standard rail sleeper berths. Weight of each plane is 24,000 pounds, with a wing spread of 95 feet, propelled by two engines weighing 2,000 pounds and capable of developing a top speed of 215 miles per hour at 7,000 feet. Meals will be cooked and served on the planes to passengers.

3,336 GET JOBS IN

Jobs for 3,336 Texans were created by the Works Progress Administration in San Antonio. An amount of \$801,696 in Federal funds was basis for the order. Jobs were given to persons now on the relief list.

\$1,500 REWARD COMB

A reward of \$1,500 was offered to Dave Rousdale, veteran newspaper messenger, who killed robbers and frustrated a robbery 23 years ago. The government failed to provide the money until recently.

FINDS WATCH IN SAUSAGE

Mrs. A. G. Tribble, of Goff, opened a can of sausage and found a woman's 15-jewel watch. Evidently it had fallen into the can from a factory worker's pocket. A local jeweler said the timepiece corroded that he would be unable to pair it.

STOLEN BEEF GIVEN TO

Meat from a bull stolen from Kelly of Handley, Tarrant county, given to needy families. The meat, already been slaughtered and stored when located by officials. Kelly suggested the meat be given to charity and it was turned to the Union Gospel Mission at Worth.

KIND ENOUGH TO LEAVE

Imagine the chagrin of a man from Sudan, who owned a house in Amarillo. While he was away he decided to look over the building and found the lot empty. The sheriff and police officers upon to help locate the man. After diligent search it was found a nice, new foundation at the doctor is now trying to locate the house.

BOY BREAKS NECK

Victor Richard, 16, of Houston, tained a broken neck when he tained a limb while swinging the trees in imitation of Tarzan. He landed in fiction. Victor fell to the ground, landing on his neck. The sheriff and police officers said the youth had a good cover.

SHELTERBELT PROGRAM

Tree planting in the Federal shelter belt program is scheduled to start in December in four Texas counties, Collingsworth, Hart, Wilbarger, according to J. R. Winters, in charge of the program with headquarters at Wichita Falls.

Mr. Nelson says the plantings will be in rows around or in fields. They will do the most good if trees are planted every few feet, 100 feet from the Canadian border.

TEXAS RAW MATERIALS FOR 1934

Among the important raw materials which Texas sent abroad last year were sulphur, of which the State exports 78.3 per cent of the nation's output, or 390,807 tons of the 499,174 tons.

Texas cotton exports represent 356 tons out of 1,370,515.

Texas ores, metals and minerals represent 56.3 per cent of the total, or 130,393, against 232,000.

Texas petroleum and products represent 39.9 per cent of the nation's output, or 5,196,868, as against 13,022,000.

Texas rice exports are 15.2 per cent of the nation's, or 6,910 tons, against 42,705.

Origin of the Most Beautiful Christmas Carols

Night, Holy Night


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Tyrolese song" before the Frederick Wilhelm IV, whose reign resulted in an edict that "Night" be given first place in religious Christmas programs. Investigation to determine its origin started.

Eighty years later "Silent Night" was given first place in religious programs the world over.

As Eve bells, organs and voices will peal out the death knell throughout America. In the silent night peasant folk of the village will gather in the brightly lighted little church for traditional midnight celebration of them will have journeyed across the fields and roads to the white. As the chimes in the distance nounce the hour of midnight, high music gallery at the church building and from the low will come the strain:

Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round your Virgin Mother
And her first-born, so tender and pure,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.



YULE SONG

Ring, ye bells, over hill and hollow—
Blow ye winds, and drive ye snow,
Joy comes as swiftly as the swallow—
Hey, for the holly and mistletoe!

Now the dawns are clear and crisper,
Warmth is in the back-log's glow,
Sweet lips carol and fond lips whisper—
Hey, for the holly and mistletoe!

Yuletide greetings soon will follow
Kindly thoughts begin to flow,
Ring, ye bells, over hill and hollow—
Hey, for the holly and mistletoe!

THREE KILLED BY MEXICAN WAR BOMB

An old bomb, souvenir of Mexican revolutionary days, exploded in the yard of Jose Perez at Eagle Pass, killing him, his wife and daughter. Twenty-one years ago, Perez found the bomb on a hillside and placed it in his yard.

GOLDEN WEDDING COUPLE ARE SAME AGE

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lyon, who live a mile east of Leonard, jointly celebrated their 72nd birthdays just one day before their golden wedding anniversary. Children, grandchildren and friends honored the couple with a dinner. They are parents of 13 children, six living, and they have five grandchildren.

GREEN'S CREEK CHURCH OBSERVES 57th ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Green's Creek Methodist Church, near Dublin, had an all day home-coming celebration, marking the 57th year since the founding of the congregation, in 1876. It is one of the oldest religious organizations in that section of the State. Services in pioneer days were held in a log cabin. The present building was erected in 1882. Five traveling and nine local preachers have been sent from the old church.

6-YEAR-OLD QUADRUPLETS START TO SCHOOL

The Perricone quadruplets, of Beaumont, managed to make school this fall. For a while it looked hopeless. The children are six years old and their names are Anthony, Carl, Donald and Bernard. Bernard decided for some reason that he wouldn't attend school. The mother intended to keep the four out of school for a year unless Bernard changed his mind and wanted to go. At the last minute he gave in and now the four are full-fledged students.

Some Suggestions for the Yuletide Party

HIS is the season to "deck the halls with boughs of holly," and everyone in the family is no doubt bustling around with wreaths, poinsettias, gay Christmas wrappings and candles under both arms.

Here are some new ideas about decorating the house and presenting the gifts on Christmas Day.

If you are having a Christmas tree it is a nice plan to have the room decorations in keeping with it. Pine or cedar or oak boughs filling the fireplace, and tiny sprays tied with red ribbon twined around the chandelier or sidelights, will decorate the room beautifully. In place of red ribbon, imitation poinsettias are attractive.

Shiny Tin Molds

Two shiny tin pudding molds filled with sprays of evergreen will twinkle effectively on the mantel-piece or a library table. To give the effect of a Christmas tree, hide shiny red balls in among the sprays.

Of course, the final red and green note in this color scheme could be holly wreaths (or imitation ones) at each window, tied with lovely red bows. In place of these, one handsome wreath outside the front door is Christmas.

A pretty red and white scheme can be worked out using the poinsettias and leaves or boughs dipped in starch and sprinkled with artificial snow. From the chandelier hang Christmas tree ornaments of red and silver at different levels. Cover the mantel, window sills or radiator covers with a layer of cotton brightened with the snow. Santa and his pack should stand on the mantel surrounded by silvery reindeer which can be purchased inexpensively. In each window on the snow foundation put a fat red candle in a silver candlestick.

Santa Claus Chimney

A Santa Claus inside a chimney makes a nice table centerpiece. Cover a good-sized box (about a foot square) with red brick paper and around the top put a three-inch band of cotton. Put a Santa Claus inside it with a pack full of favors for the guests. Miniature chimneys made in the same way will serve as nut cups, and toy Santas may hold the place cards.

For a lovely blue and silver table use a white cellophane tablecloth in one of the new patterns now available. A flat

mirror in the center may have a circlet of blue Christmas tree beads around it and three reindeer in the center. Cluster bright blue tree ornaments with silver paper leaves around the foot of silver candlesticks which hold dark blue candles. Paint a dark blue margin around the edge of plain white cards and tie a little silver bell to each one to make unusual place cards.

Lacking a mirror plateau for the center, use a crystal or silver bowl piled with the blue and silver tree ornaments.

Hiding Gifts

Gifts hidden throughout the house will provide the basis for a jolly Christmas treasure hunt. Hide clues under davenport and behind pictures and in other out of the way places. Give each person a clue to start with, such as, "Look in the grand piano." In the piano he finds a clue reading, "Look in the ice box," etc. If you like, instead of laying a separate trail for each person, all clues may lead eventually to a pillow case labeled Santa Claus' pack, holding the gifts.

Guessing gifts is another amusing way to distribute gifts. Give each person a slip of paper on which is written his or her name and some simple very general description of a gift, such as "What a lovely fragrance" for a bottle of perfume, or "It is red and goes like the wind" for a toy sled. When each person has guessed correctly what his gift is he may have it.

Hunting With Candles

Place as many candles or tiny holly wreaths on the mantel as there are guests. Tie each one with a bow of different colored ribbon, and attach a name. Guests and members of the family are instructed to take their candle or wreath and hunt for packages hidden in the house. Whenever they find a package tied with the same colored ribbon as that on their favor, they may have it.

Distributing gifts at the table may be made an entertaining and prolonged festival. Instead of giving all the presents at the same time, give each person one when he enters the dining room, and present the others at the conclusion of various courses. It will be fun to request each recipient for a speech before he opens his gift, in which he should try to tell how he will use it.



Camels don't get your Wind



DICK SHELTON—Champion Cowboy

'PHONE OPERATOR—Betty Griffin

CAMELS COSTLIER TOBACCOS

THE AUTHOR OF "A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS"

He lies buried in a Long Island, New York, graveyard, dead these many years yet more alive than when 112 years ago, his pen scratched the immortal poem that begins:

"Twas the Night before Christmas when all through the house Not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

Even the PWA has found a place in its budget of millions to remember Clement Clark Moore, the poet-author-lexicographer-educator of more than a century ago whose "A Visit from St. Nicholas" remains to this day the classic of Christmas.

In the cemetery where he sleeps, the PWA set out to build a monument to his memory—something in stone to equal in strength and beauty the poet's lines.

But money gave out and the monument remained unfinished where government—never much for poetry, anyway—has failed, youth—which is poetry—carried on. Four hundred dollars was the sum needed to complete the memorial.

The students of the Newton high school, of New York, took care of that. They got it, dime by dime, by scripping on their lunch money and by getting contributions from sympathetic adults who themselves, perhaps, once saw that their "stockings were hung by the chimney with care."

Down in Chelsea, that part of New York where the soil seemed most fertile for poets and authors, there is already a marker of a sort to designate the place where Clement Moore—the son of Columbia University's first president—lived when he wrote the poem. It is the cornerstone of one of the world's largest apartment houses which now stand where the Moore home once was.

AUTO DEATH RATES, 1934, FOR INDIVIDUAL STATES

Auto death rates and the per cent of increase over 1933 for individual States follows:

State	Automobile Death Rate 1934	Per Cent of Increase in 1934 Over 1933
Nevada	73.40	8.35
Wisconsin	45.25	29.24
Arizona	44.85	59.21
California	42.62	15.72
Dist. of Columbia	38.63	24.69
Florida	38.34	29.84
Washington	37.96	34.08
Montana	36.82	72.13
Indiana	34.62	16.40
Utah	34.23	31.35
Idaho	33.45	27.93
Delaware	33.47	—3.95
New Mexico	33.40	42.12
Oregon	31.21	53.21
Colorado	31.06	9.67
Ohio	30.99	15.29
Pennsylvania	30.59	25.89
Maryland	29.20	13.22
Illinois	29.05	17.04
Connecticut	28.05	2.07
New Jersey	28.05	2.45
Michigan	27.40	17.25
Vermont	26.86	38.52
South Carolina	26.85	27.26
North Carolina	26.69	19.36
Texas	26.00	18.61
Missouri	25.96	32.24
Kansas	25.24	—4.7
Tennessee	25.11	23.87
Maine	24.99	4.48
Pennsylvania	24.92	10.95
Minnesota	23.98	18.53
Kentucky	23.71	24.59
Oklahoma	23.59	19.62
West Virginia	23.29	8.17
Wisconsin	22.86	22.86
Massachusetts	22.74	9.11
New York	22.32	8.49
New Hampshire	22.12	—23.14
Iowa	21.36	5.19
Louisiana	21.25	24.03
Nebraska	21.00	5.39
Mississippi	19.43	41.02
Arkansas	18.65	24.74
Alabama	18.27	9.15
North Dakota	17.15	16.68
South Dakota	16.87	2.99
Rhode Island	14.69	4.73

Don't Forget the Babb's Switch Disaster

SHOULD you attend any kind of Christmas celebration give a thought to what occurred at Babb's Switch, near Hobart, Oklahoma, on Christmas Eve, eleven years ago. It was one of the worst Christmas tragedies in history.

A little pine frame school house was the Christmas community meeting place for the folks in the Babb's Switch community. It was filled this Christmas Eve with men, women and children. Santa Claus, red-faced and with a long white beard, was presiding. A beautiful Christmas tree, bowed with a heavy load of gifts, stood in a corner. Gifts were being passed out to the children by Santy and everyone was merry, unmindful of any catastrophe.

Fire suddenly broke out in the crowded school house, the huge Christmas tree was burning. Either a lighted candle on the tree had ignited a bit of cotton, or the glowing coal stove had set off the blaze. Fire spread all over the room in a twinkling. Iron bars were securely fastened over each window, and a single door opened inside not outside. During a wild scramble to escape the fiery flames a mass of humanity packed against the single door, blocking it so it could not be opened. Deafening screams rose above the roar of flames. Men, women and children were trapped inside.

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Fire Chiefs Offer Suggestions

When the dead were counted, thirty-six persons had lost their lives in the Babb's Switch fire holocaust.

A similar tragedy can occur again—in a church, a school building, or your own home. Be very careful with fire. Texas doesn't want a Babb's Switch tragedy to mar this Christmastime. Every home, or public building, should have fire extinguishers. Here are some other suggestions, offered by fire chiefs, to avoid accidental fires:

Instruct children carefully in use of toys, especially electrical toys, and watch them until certain they fully understand the use of these playthings. Avoid toys requiring alcohol or kerosene. Children cannot be expected to always handle such things safely.

Filmy motion picture machines should be shunned, as children might borrow or buy films and attempt to use them. All films are made of nitrocellulose, an inflammable material, emitting deadly fumes when ignited. Only film machines that bear the stamp of the Underwriters' Laboratories should be used.

A Warning to Smokers

Rooms decorated for the holidays should not be used as rooms in which to smoke tobacco. Thoughtful smokers will retire to another room when they wish to smoke.

Avoid lighted candles for decorative effects. They are especially hazardous on Christmas trees, or window sills, where curtains may blow against them.

Trees should be set up securely and at some distance from heating and lighting fixtures. A new type of stand, which holds the tree trunk in water, is better; it keeps trees greener. Otherwise the heat of the house dries out the tree and makes it a real

fire menace. A good precaution is to remove Christmas trees from the house a few days after Christmas. By all means, don't let Santa Claus himself be a fire hazard. Often his costume or whiskers would burn furiously if ignited accidentally. Costumes and cotton beads can be made safer by spraying them with a solution of water-glass, obtainable at drug stores.

Precautions against fire risk at Christmas can be easily observed without marring the joyousness of this great day. Better be safe than sorry; better not to turn a joyful occasion into a dire tragedy by carelessness or thoughtlessness.

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Texas Farm Reports

Drenching rains throughout the plains country of Northwest Texas in December has made prospects bright for a good wheat crop.

Deer this year have been plentiful in the Davis Mountains, say hunters. One party of seven hunters from Mineral Wells killed five blacktail deer the first day's hunting.

Proper methods of dressing a fowl were explained at a meeting of the Newberry Home demonstration club, in Palo Pinto county, by Miss Annie Mae Donoghue, agent, who said two necessary steps were bleeding to remove blood and picking to remove feathers.

Eighteen head of hogs are being fed out this fall by W. W. Griffith, young farmer of the Truby, Jones county, community. Feed, grown at home, is given the porkers and Griffith hopes to reap a neat profit from his work.

Accurate records kept throughout the year show that the flock of 140 white leghorn hens belonging to D. H. Allmon, of Castro county, made a net profit of \$2 per hen for the year, according to E. W. Thomas, county agricultural agent.

Thirty-nine pounds of butter were sold by Mrs. J. A. Jenkins of the Medicine Mound home demonstration club in the first thirteen days of November. Mrs. Jenkins milks four cows. The cows are fed cottonseed meal and bran with ground bundle feed for a filler.

Use of cotton allowed farmers for home consumption can be arranged for better living at home, a demonstrator told a meeting of farmers at Meridian, Bosque county. The speaker suggested that...

The Panola County Farm Demonstration Council, composed of 15 farmers representing every section of the county, has met and adopted a program for winter farm terracing. Those assigned to supervise work in the precincts are: C. B. Marshall, No. 1; Johnnie Sharp, No. 2; Leon Parker, No. 3 and Ferrin Baldwin, No. 4.

Many parts of Texas is a natural grape-growing region, according to an article appearing in the Celeste, Hunt County Courier. There are not nearly enough grapes grown in the State to supply the demand, the survey points out. Texas always has been a good market for grapes grown in California and elsewhere.

Purchasers of ready-shelled pecans have been advised by the State Department of foods and drugs that pecans shelled by hand may spread disease. The evil, the bureau points out, is that many shellers purchase nuts that have been prepared in private homes. There is no supervision of the sanitary conditions under which this work is done. All of the large shellers are amply supervised.

Fifty-four farm homes in Hill county have been underpinned the past season. This work resulted from efforts of members of the Home Demonstration Council. Miss Maude S. Lackey, county agent, says the underpinning of homes lessens fire hazard, makes floors warmer in winter and cooler in summer, and reduces fuel consumption from 15 to 20 per cent. Home owners who took part in the campaign used mostly material that was handy and found the expense small compared to results.

A trench silo on the farm of R. O. Allison, near Canyon, in Randall county, has been filled with feed at a total cost of \$2 a ton, he claims; this included 40 cents a ton for the cost of operating the food chopper. Last winter Allison paid \$17 a ton for poor quality roughage to feed his cows. This year he will have a better grade feed and will save at least \$15 a ton.

Sudan growers of several Panhandle counties met and formed the Sudan Seed Growers Seed Association to secure a fair price for their product, according to T. E. Lovelace of Farwell, secretary. The association will attempt to secure 5 cents a pound for seed.

J. W. Burrow of Sager-ton used a tractor to cultivate 160 acres of land which he planted in grain and had to hire only \$9 worth of labor besides his own. He will feed a large amount of his crop to chickens, milk cows and hogs which, he hopes, will realize him a nice profit.

Twenty-one charter members formed the Future Farmers of America Chapter at Gordon, Palo Pinto county. Officers are Ernest Ray Keown, president; David Boles, vice president; David Spear, secretary; Alfred Boggus, treasurer; Johnnie Smith, historian, and James Stallings, reporter.

Seventy-nine pints of tomatoes have been canned and placed in the pantry-shelf by Mrs. W. D. Wiseman of Acme Home Demonstration club. She had more ripe tomatoes than she could use, all from a plot 30 by 20 feet. In addition she supplied her friends and neighbors with ripe tomatoes.

Among the seven fat hogs that J. W. Benson of the Sunnyside community, Jones county, is preparing for slaughter is one that will weigh 600 pounds. Benson, who plans his farming over a period of years, killed four fat porkers last year and expects to have a full smokehouse of cured meat this year. He has farmed 29 years.

It took \$2.03 worth of labor for Eleanor McClaugh of Jim Wells county, 11 year-old 4-H club girl, to produce 3000 pounds of tomatoes from 100 plants. She transplanted the plants from a hotbed to a garden and valued the fruit at \$12. Besides her tomatoes, she planted 1,350 feet of row space from which she gathered 3000 pounds of vegetables, valued at \$15.

Two outstanding pecan groves are at Grandview. Capt. A. J. Ingle has 600 trees, mainly of the Burkett variety. Four hundred of them bore a good yield this year. W. M. Youngblood is the proud owner of 270 papershell trees, the majority Burketts. One hundred and fifty of the trees, ranging in age from three to seven years, bore well this fall. Both orchards are kept free of weeds and are cultivated.

Colin Walton of Dimmitt is claiming this record for his 68 ewes. Two hundred and six offspring have been marketed the past year. From the present crop of lambs he sold 104 at the Fort Worth market and two at home for the top price of \$9.25. Last March 100 of them divided into lots of 50 took first and second prizes at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show and later were sold at high prices.

That three crops can successfully be grown in one year has been demonstrated by J. T. Scott, of the Hayden community, near Wills Point, according to V. O. Teddlie, county agent. Scott had three-fourths of an acre planted to Irish potatoes from which he harvested 100 bushels; they brought him \$76. He planted the ground in corn and in 58 days had roasting ears, the surplus of which he sold for \$10. The stalks he ground into roughage. Scott then planted the ground in Irish potatoes, turnip greens and beans, most of which he will use at home.

W. R. Baxter was elected president of the San Saba Pecan Growers Association. Other officers are: W. J. Millican, Bend, vice president, and E. G. Risien, San Saba, secretary-treasurer.

Many of the weekly reports issued by Texas ginners show the grade and staple of cotton samples longer this season than last season.

W. R. Payne, of San Saba, sold 100 head of choice calves to C. E. Shelbyville, of Illinois, at a price of \$31.75 per head. Walker plans to finish these calves on his farm for the Chicago market.

Turkey nickels flooded the cash registers of Brownwood and Brown county merchants during the last two weeks of November. Five plants paid turkey pickers 5 cents for each bird picked.

The Bailey Home Demonstration Club studied shrubs at a recent meeting at their club house, Mrs. E. C. Leslie presiding. Each member brought a shrub that was planted on the grounds, following a program.

Terracing of 75 acres of land last fall meant a 15 per cent increase in corn yield this fall, or a gain of five bushels per acre, to Alonzo B. Dentler of Victoria county, he reports to J. L. Moore, county agricultural agent. The terracing was done with the county grader at a cost of \$1.00 per acre.

Approximately 19,000 Texas farmers are putting down their profits and loss on record books, according to a recent survey conducted by the extension service under the direction of S. A. McMillan, extension economist in farm management. Of the 19,000 record bookkeepers in Texas, 10,000 are using AAA record books issued through the county agricultural agents.

Comanche county will produce a peanut crop that will return farmers approximately \$500,000 this year, according to a survey made by the county agent and others. This crop will yield farmers nearly as much money as the cotton crop. This county is considered one of the State's largest producers of peanuts.

The third annual Valley Poultry show was held in Muleshoe with a record-breaking number of entries. Loyd Quesenberry is president of the Valley Poultry Improvement and Marketing Association, under whose guidance the show was held. In addition to regular classes, special divisions for 4-H club boys were held. Albert H. Isaacs was secretary.

Commercial hatcheries in Texas reported 28 per cent more chicks hatched in October than a year ago while unfilled orders on November 1 were 30 per cent greater than on November 1, 1934, reports the Bureau of Agriculture economics. Storage supplies of broilers on November 1 this year were 50 per cent smaller than a year ago and 40 per cent below average.

A pantry built according to blue prints from the A. & M. College extension service is being exhibited by Mrs. Pyror Clark, new president of the Revier-Union Bluff home demonstration club, in Hill county. The entire pantry is labeled and the foods each have a compartment so there will be no confusion as to where each article is stored. Eight hundred and twenty-three containers have been placed in the pantry already. Having all cans on convenient shelves saves back-bending, Mrs. Clark said.

About 2,000 acres of onions are expected to be set out around Laredo, indicating a crop of 1,500 to 1,800 carloads next April.

Ten silos of the trench variety have been constructed in Parmer county since A. R. Bateman and E. R. Eudaly gave a demonstration on the proper methods of construction.

Wheat contracts in Texas next year will increase at least 50 per cent, according to H. Boehle, of Austin, a member of the State Wheat Committee.

The first terraces of Gillespie county were constructed in 1916. Since that time, due to heavy rains this year, many terraces were repaired that had been in use since first laid out.

Farmers near Wolfe City are reaping a nice profit from their sales of cream. Producers have been getting 25 cents a pound at the local creameries. It is believed the higher price will result in more farmers saving their cream and sending it to market.

It is possible to make comfortable, light weight covers for the home from home-grown wool if the product is scoured properly, and carefully carded, says J. D. Robertson, member of the Hagerman Home Demonstration Club of Grayson county.

In Randall county 22,253 quarts of food have been added to shelves of the 120 home demonstration club members during the past canning season. Value of the food products is estimated at \$4,730.40. In addition, dried foods, cheese and lard to the extent of \$2,072.79 has been stored away.

A certificate showing that Brazos county is free of tuberculosis in cattle has been issued. During the check-up, thousands of dairy and beef animals were examined, but only one, an aged cow, was found to be infected. She was shot.

Nineteen clubs will be visited by the home demonstration agent of Dawson county to select the winner in a contest to find which woman has prepared the most food for winter. A large food cabinet will be presented the winner. Commissioners court of the county are to give \$8 to second prize winners and \$5 to third prize winners.

This year's pecan crop is the largest on record for Texas. Government estimates being 44,000,000 pounds, compared with 13,000,000 last year and five-year average of 22,000,000 pounds. Many growers are storing the nuts in warehouses and securing loans against them.

A total of 329 herds (8,844 cattle) were inspected or dipped in a Robertson county tick eradication campaign. Workers are holding 77 herds of 875 cattle for further systematic treatment. The Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas will continue this work in the county until the fever tick has been eradicated.

By burning out stumps and clear out tangled underbrush, Judge A. L. Bevil of Hardin county, has increased the carrying capacity of a 20 acre piney woods pasture nearly 100 per cent, reports W. P. Barrett, county agent. The pasture is seeded with white dutch and persian clover and lespedeza. Five years ago the pasture was covered with scrub pine and undergrowth, but now half of it can be mowed and is cut regularly to keep down the weeds.

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A CHRISTMAS GREETING

"MERRY CHRISTMAS," DEAR FRIENDS:
For twelve years I have extended greetings to the readers of the Boys' and Girls' Page at the holiday season. They have been years filled with hearts-throbs of joyousness and sadness. The many wonderful persons who have contributed to the work to which this page is dedicated are very dear to me. Month after month, year after year, on this page has been printed stories of love, sacrifice, service and devotion.

You will remember the story of "Little Nell," in England, who was so happy to have just "one tree outside her window." Because all of her life she had lain on a bed of pain and suffering, to look out only at walls blackened with smoke and grime. Then came the move to another home that gave her a glimpse of a living tree, even though it lasted but a little while. How full of pathos this story.

Then there was the story of a little girl about 10 years of age in body, but with the mind of a three-year-old child. It was the heart-gripping appeal of a mother who wanted some little ray of sunshine sent into her child's life.

You will also recall our own sweet Aunt Emma Rothermel, who has gone to her reward? How, on a bed of affliction, suffering for many years, she sent out much cheer and helped to place afflicted children where they would receive proper treatment? Her mission on earth was that of a ministering angel.

Then there was little R. C. Shaw, who made such a brave fight for the use of his legs. His dear mother, patient and hopeful, sent much cheer our way.

As I sit today, reviewing all the human interest stories with which I have been connected, I count the last twelve years among the happiest and most useful of my life.

I want to again thank the thousands of people who have permitted me a glimpse of their lives. I want to especially thank those who have contributed so much time and energy to making the Sunshine for Shut-Ins Club successful. May great joy and happiness be yours.

As the old year of 1935 comes to a close, let us look backward and be thankful for many blessings. Then let us look forward with a firm resolve to do bigger and better work in 1936.

That the blessings of the Christ Child, and a peace that passeth all understanding, be yours now and forever, is my sincere Christmas and New Year wish.

Affectionately,
(Signed) AUNT MARY.

NAMBIE'S CHRISTMAS BABY

The lovely days of Indian summer were giving away to the biting chill of frost and ice. The gentle breezes were being pushed further south by the harsh winds of winter.

All summer long Nambie had toiled in the cotton field. First, she had helped Joedy plow the mellow, brown soil. Then, after the fuzzy little cotton seed were tucked into their warm beds, she watched for the first tender green shoots.

"Come a runnin', Joedy," she called gaily one day, as she rushed in from the fields. "Come and see de fust green babies."

"Law, child, don't get 'cited ober dat," drawled her tall, brawny husband.

But Nambie was excited. Here was she, fresh from the North, knowing only the story of cotton as told by her aged darky mother. Now she had seen the miracle of cotton growing right in her back yard.

Nambie had been born and raised in the great city of New York. Living in Harlem with other colored folks, she had heard stories of the great white fleecy fields in the South. Her "mammy" never had been happy among the coldly practical "white folks" of the North. She hungered for "Massa and Missy" and the easy-going ways of "quality white folks," as she termed the gentle Southern people.

As mammy lay dying in her one narrow apartment room at Harlem, she said to Nambie: "Chile, take my little savings and go south wid it. Go to Uncle Henry and grow up and marry one of yo' own folks down souf. Dat's whar us niggers am most happy. Promise yo' ole mammy yo' will, dear chile—promise me."

Nambie kept the promise by coming South to live with Uncle Henry and his ten half-naked "chilluns." When she was 16, big, slow, steady-going Joedy had won her heart in marriage and she had gone to live with him as a share-cropper on Boss Hardin's place. They had moved in on New Year's Day. Nambie didn't know there was such happiness in the world as she found in cooking and caring for Joedy's tumbled-down house. She sang and bubbled with joy from morning until night. Joedy worked hard and had little to say, but he adored Nambie, and in his simple way tried to show her his love.

"Here, sugar, is a bunch 'o posies I done bring you all," he would say, quietly, as he handed Nambie a bright bunch of wild flowers.

"Mammy shore was right when she tole me to come and be wid my own folks. Why, honey, dis mus be nex dore to hebbin'." Nambie would say, her eyes shining brightly and affectionately.

Down the long rows of green stalks Nambie had trudged with Joedy after the spring planting. When the first cotton squares appeared the sight of them thrilled and delighted her.

"Wouldn't it be fun to hab our own real baby for a Christmas gift, Joedy?" Nambie said slyly.

"Sho' would, honey. Jes our own little Joedy" her husband drawled.

"No, no, Joedy! I'd love to hab a leetle girl Judy fust. She'd help in raisin' de odder chillens," Nambie said, seriously.

So went on the planning and anticipated joy, in the hope there would be a little Joedy or a little Judy by Christmas-time.

"I knows how Mary, de mudder ob Jesus, felt," confided Nambie one day to Aunt Lula.

"I knows when de angels tole her 'bout de baby Jesus she was glad jes like I is glad."

"Sho' nuf' honey? I'se glad, too, fo' yo' all. Yo' can 'pend on me. I'll be de fust ter care for de leetle one," Aunt Lula confided.

All at once it seemed to Nambie that the lovely cotton blooms were gone, soon followed by the bolls and the white lint. How enchanting was all this to a colored girl born and raised on the bleak sidewalks of New York with an inborn craving for the soil and the sunshine.

"Listen, Nambie, yo' all doan need ter pic cotton. I'se strong and I'll hav it pic in a hurry," counseled Joedy one day when Nambie looked very tired. "Yo' know Aunt Lula done say yo' oughter res mo. Come now, please, do dis fo' me."

"But, Joedy, yo know I'se jest fine—not tired. Boy, I loves to ter pic cotton. Sides, we sho' needs de money. I seed de darlin'est leetle things at the store I sho' want to get for our baby, Judy," ventured Nambie.

"Or leetle Joedy," teasingly replied her husband. Nambie crawled up and down the rows each day, nobly doing her part of the work.

Fall came and cold winds swept the cotton rows. Boss Hardin was pleased; Joedy had made a fine crop. He gave Joedy a fat pig for Thanksgiving. What a feast it was of spare ribs,

backbone and sausage, with Uncle Henry and all the chilluns participating. Nambie worked too hard and next day took a chill and had to go to bed. Old Doc Brown, who had most of the "darkey practice," told her she would have to stay in bed a long time. Joedy was deeply worried—what if—But he didn't dare to think of that.

As the fall days grew colder and shorter and the skies grayer, Nambie seemed to grow weaker and paler.

"Don't take her, please, deah Lord, I needs her," pleaded Joedy, in his simple, humble manner.

Thanksgiving gave away to Christmas and still Nambie lay on her bed a worn looking little thing.

Christmas Eve Joedy brought Aunt Lula to his house.

"I jest' can't stand it, Ant Lula. All she do is lay dar an' looks at de ceiling, wid eyes so sad, and neber a smile or laugh like de ole Nambie. What is I to do?"

"Now, Joe, yo' jes leave it all ter me," said Aunt Lula, comfortingly. "I'se sure eberyting gwine be all right. Yo' bettah go and fetch Mister Doc Brown."

Midnight—one—two o'clock—and Joedy still walked alone under the stars, unheeding of the cold winds. He was pleading with God to save Nambie.

"Cum in, Joedy," called Aunt Lula softly, a little after three o'clock. The sad, crestfallen look of Aunt Lula frightened Joe.

"Tell me—tell me Ant Lula—is it Nambie?" cried Joedy, his voice trembling.

"No, not Nambie—she's in de asking fer yo', boy. I'se—I hates to tell yer—she's broke down and cried as though her heart would break."

"Tell me, Ant Lula—please do tell me," begged Joedy, grief-stricken, and his whole frame shaking.

"It's Judy—de baby—she's dead. Lived jest a leetle while—den flew away to de angels in heaben! Oh, Joedy I'se so sorry, so sorry," exclaimed Aunt Lula, as she clutched Joedy's trembling hands.

Nambie was lying with a faint smile about her mouth, as Joedy bent to kiss her, tears streaming down his face.

"Taking Nambie in his arms, he said to her: "Don't yo' min honey—I still hab you. De gud Lawd be praised! Bless de Lawd!"

"What yo' talking 'bout mindin', don't yo' know whut day dis is?" spoke up Nambie?

"It's Christmas mawnin' shore 'nuf, ain't it?" Joedy exclaimed jubilantly.

"Sho', it's Christmas. Don't yo' see I sent a Christmas gift to de Lawd—a little flower for his garden. My mammy whut died she am walking dere, Joedy. She'll know dat flower when she sees it."

Nambie's eyes brightened. Her old listlessness disappeared, for she had caught the inspiration of a newer and a brighter day.

SUNSHINE FOR SHUT-INS NEWS

There are many wonderful letters this month I wish I might print. However, it is our custom to devote this page to a Christmas story in the December issue.

It is our sincere wish that each reader of this page will have a very Merry Christmas and a most Prosperous and Happy New Year.

As you know, the Magazine Section of this paper is devoted to bringing you worthwhile, and at the same time, interesting stories and features. Make it a habit to follow the many instructive articles prepared especially for you. Feel free to call upon us for any help we may be able to give you.

Best wishes again from Aunt Mary and the Sunshine Club members.

We are hoping to have a bigger and better club next year. Watch for the January issue; it has a few surprises for you. Merry Christmas to all.

Sunshine for Shut-In List

Here are the members of our club which are shut-in from our great out-of-doors. As explained last month, I shall not assign numbers this month, although I am asking each club member to send a penny post card with an appropriate greeting to each Shut-In member. There are thirty-eight listed here. Should you buy the penny post cards for sale at any postoffice, just paste a pretty picture or write a pretty poem on each card, and then sign your name and address. The total cost will be 38 cents. No gift could possibly bring a greater degree of happiness.

DO THIS TODAY—DON'T WAIT—LEST YOU FORGET.

Miss Mamie Silver, Clichfield Rural Sta., Marion, N. C. Age 50.

Mrs. Chas. Lebradt, Jr., Rt. 5, Box 41AB.

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Mr. W. S. Pannell, 303 Pine Bluff St., Paris, Texas. Cripple. Age 80.

Mrs. Albert P. Zeigler, 17 W. 4th St., Lansdale, Penna. Age 65. In bed.

Miss Beulah Lamb, Hazel, Ky. Age 41. In a chair.

Devan James, Bronte, Texas. Age 11. In a chair.

Miss Beirt Thompson, Roysse City, Texas. Age 67. In bed.

Mollie Parker, Carthage, Texas. Age 67. Helpless.

Mrs. S. D. Spears, Carthage, Texas.

Mrs. M. C. Dancen, Fairy, Tex. Mrs. A. C. Bertand, Purlmea, Texas. Age 46. In bed.

Lillian Vedder, Spokane, Wash. In bed.

Mr. John Carter, East Springfield, Ohio. In bed.

Mr. James R. Beard, Red Springs, Texas. In bed.

Mr. T. B. Bensen, Gonzales, Texas. In bed.

Nell Ball, 45 Spooner St., New York. In bed 26 years. Age 34.

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R. C. Shaw, Lebanon, Okla. In braces.

Mrs. Belle Palm, Rt. 1, Shawnee, Okla. Age 75. In bed.

Mrs. Columbus Stevens, Buffalo, Texas. In bed.

Mrs. Hannah Collins, 1101 6th Ave., Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. H. D. King, Raleigh Hotel, Waco, Texas. Age 77. In bed.

Mrs. Callie Crestinger, Grassy Creek, North Carolina.

Miss Stella Hartman, Cassopolis, Mich. Age 37. Helpless. In chair.

Mrs. Martha Borchering, Highmore, South Dakota. Age 58. In chair.

Miss Martha Gene Griswold, 108 E. 6th St., St. Paul, Minn. Age 26.

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CHRISTMAS STILL OLD-FASHIONED

Quaint old prints and startling new times, new customs and new toys prompt the inquiry: What has become of the old-fashioned Christmas? A little research reveals that the old-fashioned Christmas is holding its own very well, thank you, in this most changeful world. Dynasties fall, industrial orders totter, style Christmas survives.

The child, the home hearth, the tree, the light at the window, wreaths, the out-hung lathstrings—these old symbols of the season are as true and sound as ever they were.

Uncle Sam is now the biggest landlord in the world, with nearly a million "distressed" home owners on his rent list, and with nearly 5,000 of them behind in their payments of interest and principle totaling \$75,000,000.

THE DUTCH BROUGHT CHRISTMAS TO AMERICA

Until the Dutch first settled in New York, Santa Claus was unheard of in America. He paid his first American visit in the seventeenth century, while seeking the Dutch immigrants to New Amsterdam (now New York).

He is really the good St. Nicholas who was Bishop of Myra, in Lycia, an ancient country on the southern coast of Asia Minor. His name is

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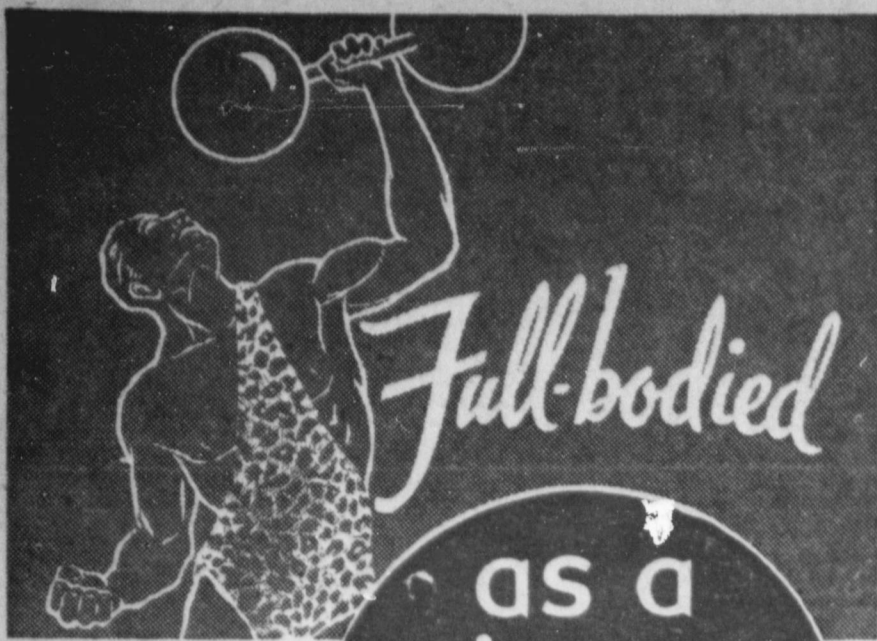
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CHRIST AND THE RICH YOUNG RULER

The reply of Jesus to the rich young ruler, who asked what he might do to inherit eternal life, is typical of the manner in which Christ looked upon the rich and ruling classes of His time:

"And behold, one came and said to Him, 'Good Master, what shall I do that I may have eternal life?'"

"And Jesus said: 'Thou shalt do no murder; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not bear false witness. Honor thy father and thy mother, and love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

"The young man saith unto Him, 'all these things have I kept from my youth up; what lack I yet?'"

"Jesus said unto him, 'if thou wilt be perfect go and sell what thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; then come and follow me.'"

"But when the young man

heard that saying he went away sorrowful for he had great possessions."—Matthew 19, 16-22.

GOVERNMENT SPENDS \$2,000,000,000 IN 14 WEEKS

Government expenditures for a little over three months of the current fiscal year of 1935 passed the two billion mark October 7, breaking all previous records in the country's peacetime history, the Treasury has disclosed.

A total of \$2,009,461,366 was spent between July 1, the opening of the fiscal year, and October 7, the Treasury's report shows. Against these expenditures the government collected \$1,073,668,960 in taxes and other revenues, leaving a \$935,792,406 deficit to be financed with borrowed money.

The first whole Bible printed in English, known as the "Cloverdale Bible," was finished in October, 1535.

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Woman's Page

By MRS. MARGARET STUTE

HOME PROBLEMS

Something Different for Christmas

While there is no substitute for old-fashioned Christmas cheerfulness, yet it is the clever woman who can introduce something different throughout the holidays.

The atmosphere of the home is one of the most important points in creating that "something different." The housewife who can sincerely make everyone within her portals feel a WELCOME on the doormat has conquered half the battle. One of the greatest compliments a guest can bestow is to say, "I always feel so much at home here."

A house does not have to be elaborately or expensively dressed in order to attract the people we most desire as friends. I have in mind right now a little family who live in a very plain house, but laughter and a hearty welcome make it a palace for all fortunate enough to enter and be called, FRIENDS.

With the advent of the holiday season it is but natural to make our homes as lovely as possible. There is something about the gayness of the season that harmonizes with adorning ourselves and our homes tastefully and becomingly.

At various times this year I have jotted down some Christmas thoughts. Knowing the thrill of achieving something different, I will pass the thoughts on to you. Try them, perhaps they will suggest even more original and better thoughts of your own.

Wreaths have long been one of the most favored Christmas decorations. One ingenious housewife gave me a tip that I think most excellent. She takes ordinary wire-clothes hangers and bends and shapes them to fit her needs. Upon these wire frames she builds wreaths of many different designs. Some she will shape round and cover with bright autumn leaves, both natural and artificial, sewing them in place as she goes on. Frequently she wraps the wire with a dark green cloth and then sews into this, adding bows and odd bits of tinsel. One year she made several heart-shaped butterflies here and there for decorative finish. The butterflies were caught in the fall and carefully preserved. Lovely wreaths can even be had by covering the frame with artificial flowers that are so easy to make. Then, too, mistletoe and many evergreens are charming if a bit of color is added. One woman snips bits of evergreen from the front shrubs that are never missed, adding white berries with a red ribbon for a finish. Hooks on the wire at the top she conceals with a decoration, the hooks being handy when hanging the wreaths in place.

I am reminded at this time of a little family where there are two youngsters, a girl 16 and a boy 18 years of age. For the past three years the depression has reduced the family income to bare necessities. All their lives the

children of this family have been accustomed to more than their share of worldly goods. All at once this was changed. It was so hard for the parents to adjust themselves to this changed condition that, instead of explaining their reduced circumstances to the children, they became cross and impatient. I was never in a more unhappy home.

Shortly before Christmas last year the parents realized the mistake they had made, took the children into their confidence and told them the truth about the matter. As a result a change for the better came over the entire family. When the youngsters realized the family's financial straits, they left off pouting and nagging and went to work to do something about it.

First, the boy got a job after school that netted him a rather nice income for the time he put in. True, he had to work until ten o'clock each night and all day Saturdays, but when he felt it was for the good of the family he never complained.

The daughter took more interest in her home. Her nimble fingers and quick brain created many interesting things, so that the home took on an improved aspect.

Both, boy and girl, saved every penny they could, and when Christmas arrived they had laid away enough to buy a few extra trimmings for the Christmas dinner that made the dinner look like a real feast.

However, the most fun they had was around the Christmas tree. The tree, just a tiny affair set on the table, was the most beautiful in the world to them. Christmas Eve the children made mother and dad go to bed, real early, just like they (the children) had done so many years previously.

There was such a joyful spirit about the children's scheme that it soon filled the house with love and cheer. After the "little children," as the boy and girl called their parents, were safely in bed they proceeded to decorate the tree. Late into the night mother and dad heard the children laughing and playing with the things they had bought to bring happiness to their parents.

Next morning mother and dad were taken before the Christmas tree, just as mother and dad had taken the two children for so many years. The packages first unwrapped contained, for the most part, funny little messages that tended to lift the parents above daily cares and worries. Then followed useful gifts for each parent—something they really needed.

During Christmas day I called on this family, to find it one of the happiest families I have ever seen.

Surely, they had found "that something different," that Christmas Cheerfulness, without which there can be no real Christmas joy and happiness.



THE STAR OF HOPE

May It Guide You This Christmas



Sometime ago a very dear friend, Jerrene Inches, of Pearl, Texas, sent me a beautiful thought I would like to pass on to the readers of this page. It is so appropriate at this time and so full of meaning. Here it is, with Jerrene's permission:

"Like the three wisemen of old, we, too, have a star to follow. It is the Star of Hope."

"The three wisemen followed their star until it led them to the Christ Child, and exceeding great joy was their reward. Hope our guide and inspiration."

"The same joy and reward can be ours if we follow our Star of Hope to the end."

"There may be long journeys, desert sands, heat, drought and disappointments—the going hard—but never should we lose sight of OUR star. Follow it wherever it may lead. Look upward away from earthly cares, doubts, disillusiones to your Star of Hope that will so brightly illumine your pathway."

So, at this Christmas-time, let Christ be first in our thoughts and the Star of Hope our guide and inspiration.

CHRISTMAS GOODIES

about one inch apart on well greased baking sheet. Put a half peanut on top of each cookie. Bake 10 to 15 minutes in moderate oven (350 degree Fahrenheit).

Fruity Surprises

- 1 cup chopped dates.
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- ¼ cup cut orange peel
- ¼ cup cut lemon peel
- ¼ cup candied pineapple
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 eggs beaten light
- ½ cup flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons melted butter or shortening.

Add sugar and salt to eggs and beat until foamy. Add butter. Stir in fruit, last flour and baking powder sifted together. Spread the dough ½ inch thick in well greased shallow baking pan and bake in a slow oven (275 degree Fahrenheit) 30 to 40 minutes. When cool cut in squares and roll each in powdered sugar. They are delightful but not too rich for between meal snacks.

100 Cookie Delights

- ¼ cup shortening
- 2 cups sugar
- ¼ cup peanut butter
- 1 cup chopped peanuts
- 3 eggs beaten
- ¼ teaspoon soda
- 3 cups flour.

Cream peanut butter, sugar and shortening together until creamy. Then add the beaten eggs. Sift flour and soda together, mix with peanuts, then add, mixing thoroughly. Take bits of dough, roll between the hands then press flat with knife or spatula. Put

Turkey Dressing

Here is an unusual dressing for the glorified Christmas turkey. However, we suggest that you use it frequently as it is most delicious.

- 1½ quarts crumbled cornbread
- 1 large onion chopped
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups chopped nut meats
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup chopped apple
- ½ teaspoon sage (if you like it)
- 2 hard boiled eggs, chopped

Enough juice from boiled jiblets to moisten.

Make a 9x13-inch panful of rather dry cornbread the day before you intend to make dressing. Fry the onion in the butter and add to cornbread. Then all the chopped nuts, the seasoning, and the chopped eggs. Add enough juice in which jiblets have been boiled to make mixture moist but not mushy.

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The people of this country make nearly 25,000,000,000 telephone calls a year.



HOME, BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE

Is the American home slipping, as Professor Whoozis fears? It seems firm enough at Christmas. Some of the young people and a few of the oldsters rush away for entertainment to the country club, the roadhouse and other new-fangled institutions. But most of us are amply entertained in that older institution, the home, be it ever so humble. Within its four walls the Christmas virtues of goodwill, generosity and simple-heartedness make the day the happiest social occasion of the year.



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RELIABILITY, A VALUABLE ASSET

A story has been told of a man who stood on a busy street corner, offering gold coins for sale at a tiny fraction of their true worth, without finding a single buyer.

At first this story would seem to point to the stupidity of the passers-by, who, having been offered a great bargain, were not smart enough to accept it. But the real point of the story is quite different.

The real point is that, unless a man has created confidence in himself and what he has to offer, he cannot expect others to believe in him, even though at times he may act in good faith.

No one bought the gold coins at the cheap price offered by the man in the story because no one trusted him. He was unknown to the people who passed him by. Yet, had someone of good reputation vouched for him, the story would have ended quite differently.

A reputation for truth-telling, for dependability, for honorable dealing, is a priceless thing. It cannot be bought. It cannot be inherited. But it can be won. Yes, and it can be kept for a lifetime, if one is willing to be mindful of his every act, be it great or small, to do it according to the invariable standards which build character.

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EUROPEAN CAROL

The shops of those of America laden in the St. Nicholas Eves, for the presents on Christmas apparently a custom. Another throughout Europe a session of carols many days before particularly in the districts, groups of men, sometimes disguised, wanted to house sing songs. In retrospect get hot soup, perhaps a few

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Office To Close January 1, 1936

District 13-B Relief Office of Coke, Fisher, Kent, Nolan, Scurry and Sterling counties, will be closed January 1, 1936, according to Roy F. Formway, District Administrator, in a formal order issued Tuesday.

Unemployables, approximately 400 in the seven counties, will receive directly from the office at Austin only for subsequent commodities.

The relief organization, with Miss M. Henderson, at present District Case Supervisor, as District Administrator will be set up, to be in District No. 19. Three additional counties will be added to the district.

Now in District 13-B, making a total of 10 counties in the new set up. The additional counties are to be Abilene, Jones and Taylor.

The new organization will not be in operation until more than three months have passed, possibly closing in April. There will be a few case workers in each of these ten counties in the direction of Miss Henderson.

A result of orders to close the office, merchants holding disbursement orders are instructed to have these orders in the hands of the District Relief Office not later than January 8th.

The District Relief Office position will not pay these disbursements after January 13, but merchants failing to turn them in will have to await payment from state headquarters, which will mean delay.

Disbursement orders will be valid after the close of the District Relief Office, but payment will be delayed because of the necessary wait in the state office.

All unemployables will be retained on the rolls in the counties over the state. Several hundred employables will be lopped off entirely from the rolls. These will have to be absorbed by industry, or else each political sub-division will have to take out a program to take care of them.

Canning equipment under the old set-up will be left in each of the counties to be used in any program of political sub-divisions set fit to inaugurate.

That these several hundred persons who will be cut off the relief rolls without any form of aid, must be blamed on the Works Progress Administration, the Administrator said.

Many of them not accessible to WPA projects now under way. These persons cut off will have to work out their own problems, since no program has been announced either by the national or state administrators to take care of them.

In closing the District Relief Office here, thirty employees within the organization will be left without jobs. Each county unit will release a number of office workers.

Miss Henderson will retain headquarters in Sweetwater.

Unemployables are reminded that their aid, after the closing of local agencies, will come directly from the state office, the checks to be mailed out twice each month.

No disbursing orders will be issued after December 31, to those now on direct relief.

Cotton Report

According to the census report of the U. S. Department of Commerce, there were 4,802 bales of cotton ginned in Kent County from the 1935 crop, prior to December 1, 1935 as compared with 1,239 bales ginned prior to December 1, 1934. Not quite four times as much, and still we have only about a half crop.

Mrs. I. J. Peek has been on the sick list all this week, unable to get out. Mrs. Peek is nearing her 80th birthday and is in no condition to stand a hard spell of sickness.

W. J. Garrett was painfully injured Tuesday night enroute from Abilene to Jayton when he took a shower too soon and ran his car off into a ditch. The accident happened between Rotan and the Kent county line. He will be in bed for a few days.

School Dismisses For Christmas

This local schools will dismiss Friday for one week of holidays and will resume work Monday, December 30. The teachers will spend their holidays as follows: Miss Murphy at her home in Plainview, Miss Mable Waddell with parents at Abilene, Miss Rutherford with her mother at Greenville, Miss Zeman with home folks in Abilene, the Lowreys at Jayton and Plainview, Mrs. Lowrey's mother and sister will spend the Yuletide with Mrs. Lowrey in Jayton. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams will be in Stephenville, Mr. Marvin Williams will be with home folks in Jayton, Mrs. Check Jay will be at home in Jayton and Girard, Miss Creighton will be with her mother in Abilene, Miss Yarbrough will spend the holidays in Carbon, Mr. Coons and wife will be in Abilene and Denton, Miss Patton will be in Jayton and will visit in old Mexico.

Basketball Tour

We are arranging a tour for the basketball teams that will be both interesting as well as educational.

Games are being matched with Sonora, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass for the latter part of January, the dates are being arranged at a time when there will be a bull fight at Va-Acuna Old Mexico so that all the players may see the ancient sport with all the glamour and modern technique. The finances for this trip are being paid by the towns where we play. Beds for players are provided also.

This tour would have been impossible to arrange had it not been for the reputation gained by our teams for both sportsmanship and skilled playing our boys and girls have done in the past two seasons.

If any of the parents of the players wish to accompany the team you will be welcome but arrangements should be all worked out before January 15th as places to stay and a full schedule will be worked out in advance of our departure.

To Survey Mineral Resources of Texas

Mineral resources of Texas will be surveyed under terms of a project which has received the approval of the Texas State Planning Board, the Works Progress Administration and the University of Texas. This undertaking will be conducted under the direction of the University Bureau of Economic Geology, with funds, in the sum of \$375,190, provided by the WPA. Final approval of the proposal has just been accorded by the University Board of Regents.

Under this program, 92 geologists, not on relief rolls, will be employed to head the investigating parties. For each geologist that is employed, there must be nine persons taken from the relief rolls to aid in the field work. It is intended to place responsibility for the local organization on the geologists themselves, according to Dr. E. R. Sellards, director of the University Bureau of Economic Geology. So far as possible, local geologists will be employed to head research parties, so that they will bring to the project considerable knowledge of the geology of the several counties they are to survey and at the same time will bring familiarity with local unemployment and relief conditions.

The project had its origin with the Texas State Planning Board, which last August submitted to H. P. Drought, State works progress administrator, the plan to make a study of mineral resources under the direction of the University Board of Economic Geology.

This plan was approved by the works progress administrator on September 6, and by President Roosevelt, November 8. Under the plan as approved, allotment is made for the survey by counties, ranging from \$1,161, to \$3,555 per county, the total being \$375,190.

Late Renewals

Ray Williams, Girard.
C. L. Hagar, Jayton, Rt. 2.
G. Coury, Rotan.
John York, Jayton, Rt. 3.

WOOD FOR SALE. Lots of good wood for sale at \$5.00 for big truck load—See or phone H. E. Duncan.

"Behold, I Bring You Tidings..."

So spoke the Angel of the Lord to the shepherds on a hill in Judea. "Tidings" means "news" and the news which they heard that winter night two thousand years ago was the news of the greatest event in the history of mankind.

"Behold, I Bring You Tidings..."

Each week throughout the year, your Home Town Newspaper brings you the tidings of this community—the news of your relatives, your neighbors and your friends.

It brings you all the news—the news of community activity and achievement, the news of the everyday life of the men and women and children who make up this community.

It brings you clean news, constructive news, hopeful news, wholesome news—the kind of news that makes this newspaper a welcome visitor in your homes.

"Behold, I Bring You Tidings..."

And now as this year draws to a close, your Home Town Newspaper brings you that greatest of all news—the news which the shepherds heard that Christmas eve so long ago, the news that "peace on earth, good will to men" now reigns in the hearts of the people of this community.

Such are the "tidings of great joy" which it is our privilege to bring to you. THE PUBLISHERS

Bridge Club Enjoys Holiday Parties

During the past two weeks there has been much pre-holiday entertaining.

On Tuesday, December 5, Meses. W. M. McLauri and Lawrence Mayer entertained in the home of Mrs. McLauri with a luncheon-bridge, one of the loveliest parties of the season.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif, with tinsel, wreaths, and evergreens. On a brightly lighted Christmas tree by the open fireplace was a gift for each guest. The gifts were attached to tally cards. The gifts were dainty little Japanese vases.

After a delectable buffet luncheon was served games of contract bridge were enjoyed by the following:

Mmes. Brown, Branch, Bilberry, Contella, Jay, Kelley, Mason, B. M. Robinson, Sandell, Tom Jones, Hembree, and Wade, and Miss Mary Robinson, all of Jayton and Mrs. Allen Cairns, Cathey, and Samson of Clairmont.

High score was won by Mrs. Dick Samson while low score went to Mrs. Jack Contella.

On Thursday afternoon, December 12, Meses. H. H. Bilberry, Jr., and Eldon Wade gave a party for the bridge club in the home of Mrs. Bilberry. The holiday motif was carried out in the decorations, the tallies, and the plate favors.

Games of Contract were enjoyed by Meses. Branch, Lairson, Kelley, Mason, McLauri, North, B. M. Robinson, Sandell, Tom Jones, Woodrum, and Miss Mary Robinson of Jayton and Meses. Cathey, Samson, Cairns, and Allen of Clairmont.

High score went to Mrs. Mike Lairson, low score to Mrs. Mack Woodrum, and the traveling prize to Mrs. M. S. Sandell.

County Agent's Notes

Practically all of the 1935 parity checks were received in the County Agent's Office Monday, December 16, 1935. The total value of these checks amounted to approximately \$15,000.00. If you have not received your parity check and should you have a tenant on this farm who is not known on the contract please bring him when you call for the check. We have strict orders not to let anyone have a check in the Agent's office unless their name is shown on the face of the check.

Mrs. Lizzie Brown, mother of G. H. Brown after a pleasant visit with G. H. and wife, and a short visit with her daughter in Wichita Falls, Texas, left for her home in Iowa Hill, California, Wednesday. Mr. Brown accompanied her as far as Sweetwater. Mrs. Brown had been on a visit to her old home in Georgia, before coming here.

Jo Robinson, Richard Jay and Joe Gilbert came in Wednesday from Abilene, where they are attending college, to spend the Christmas Holidays with home folks.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of The First State Bank of Jayton, Texas, will be held at the bank on the 2nd Tuesday in January, 1936, the same being the 14th day of said month at 2:00 O'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the coming year and attending to such other business as may come before the meeting.

The First State Bank.
By W. H. McKinzie, cashier 3tp

Mr. S. F. Ross, Rt. 1, Spur Texas, was in Jayton Wednesday attending to business and while here visited the Chronicle office and subscribed for the Chronicle and the Star Telegram. We wish for him and family a most happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Quilt Show Great Success

Tuesday afternoon the Jayton Culture Club entertained with a quilt show and silver tea benefit for the Jayton Public Library. The party was given at the home of Mrs. W. J. Hembree. The reception rooms were tastefully decorated with Christmas wreaths, tinsel and evergreens. A beautifully trimmed Christmas Tree stood in one corner of the living-room by the fireplace.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Tom Jones and W. J. Hembree. Mrs. B. M. Robinson conducted the guests through the rooms where the quilts were on display. The dining table, where Mrs. McLauri presided over the punch bowl, was covered with an exquisite lace, drawn work table cloth. Delicious punch and cookies were served throughout the afternoon.

Entertainment was provided by the high school girls quartet, composed of Meses Doris Mae Sewalt, Peggy Lou Fowler, Mildred Self, and Mozelle Gallagher, accompanied at the piano by Miss Barney Faye Sewalt. Among the numbers they sang were "Trees," "Red Sails in the Sunset," "Holy Night," and "In the Garden of Tomorrow." Mrs. Grover Little also sang "Just A-Wearyin' For you," and Miss Barney Faye Sewalt played several piano solos. Miss Mildred Self gave a number of amusing readings.

Many beautiful quilts and bedspreads were entered in the show. Prizes were awarded by vote of the guests, as follows:

Prettiest Bedspread — Mrs. Paul Lane.

Best quilting — Mrs. J. H. Deaver.

Oldest Quilt (90 years old) — Mrs. Tom Parker.

Rolling First-Aid Stations On Trucks

Houston, Dec. 19.—Rolling first-aid stations on carrier trucks is the plan of H. B. Cole of Houston, local safety chairman of the Motor Transportation Association.

"We are operating up and down the highways under a privilege the public has granted us," Cole said, "and every once and a while we come on the scene of an accident in which a passenger car has gone into a ditch or two have hit and somebody is hurt or badly scared. So we have decided to turn our own trucks into rolling first aid stations for the benefit of the public generally."

For several years Cole's line, the Union Truck Depot, has had no accident "so no such precautions are necessary for us." From his Houston terminal several other carriers operate.

"What all of us have done at the depot is to equip our trucks with a fire extinguisher and first-aid kit," explained Cole. "We are having a doctor instruct our drivers on how to use the kit to give temporary relief to anyone who has been injured."

"The outfit contains compresses and bandages, antiseptics, scissors, tourniquet, adhesive and smelling salts. Rolled into a waterproof cylinder, the whole thing is about the size of a fire extinguisher, which is one of quart capacity."

Commenting that the whole outfit costs less than twelve dollars, Cole continued: "We think it is the finest investment we have ever made. If we come upon one woman who has been scared and calm her down with a dose of smelling salts, and as a result she feels better toward us and all truck operators, we will have been amply repaid. If we could save one life it would be worth much more than the cost of similarly equipping every truck in Texas."

Driver training in highway courtesy and safe driving practices is another part of the campaign, Mr. Cole explained. Over 100 trucks in Houston have been equipped with this "hospital" kit.

Letters to Santa Claus

Jayton, Texas
Dec. 17, 1935

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl three years old. Please bring me a tricycle, doll and a set of dishes.

Don't forget some candy, apples and oranges.

Your little friend,
Jo Nell Ashby.

Old Age Pension Information

Austin, Dec. 19.—"Many provisions of the Texas Old Age Assistance Law were taken directly from laws previously existing in other states or from the Social Security Act, which President Roosevelt sponsored." State Auditor Orville S. Carpenter, appointed pension chief, said this week.

"Major provisions are the following:

1. A qualified applicant must 65 years of age and a citizen of the United States.

2. He must have lived in Texas five out of the last nine years, and have lived in the State continuously one year preceding application.

3. He must not at time of receiving aid be an inmate of a public or private institution.

4. He must not have made a voluntary transfer or assignment of property to qualify for aid.

5. He must not a habitual criminal or habitual drunkard.

6. He or she is not eligible if he or she has a husband or wife able to furnish him or her adequate support.

"The property restriction," Mr. Carpenter continued, "as well as that of cash or security ownership, must be clearly understood."

"A qualified old-age pension applicant —

"Does not own property, real, personal, or mixed, the fair value of which taking into consideration assessed valuations for State and county tax purposes less all incumbrances and liens, exceeds, if the applicant is single, \$5,000, or if married, \$7,500.

"Does not have or own cash or marketable securities, the fair value of which exceeds \$500 if the applicant is single, or if married, \$1,000," Mr. Carpenter stated.

"An important restriction concerns incomes of qualified applicants. Incomes of applicants must not exceed, from any and all sources, \$360 yearly, if single; and the combined incomes of both spouses, from any and all sources, must not exceed \$750 yearly, if applicant is

School Getting Out Year Book

The Senior Class is getting out an Annual the first ever for Jayton High School. The annual will consist of over fifty pages with all the school activities listed. Each class will have their group pictures as well as the buildings. Faculty and ball teams, School board etc. The officers for the Annual consist of the following:

Faculty advisor G. A. Lowrey.
Business Manager — Doris Mae Sewalt.

Associate Manager Jo Dell Cade.
Faculty Advisor — Miss Mabel Waddell.

Faculty Advisor — W. L. Coons.
Editor-in-Chief — Owen Cox.
Associate Editor — Mildred Self.
Sport Editor — Bill Walker.
Associate Sport Editor — L. H. Mathews.

Class Editor — Peggy Lou Sewalt.
Club Editor — Barney Faye Sewalt.

with gold lettering a

These annuals are neatly bound. The name Black Kat which is in gold lettering is across the front of each annual. The price of the book will be \$1.00. Those desiring or see any member of the Business Staff and pay the sum and get receipt for same and your annual will be held for you. The last date for purchasing an annual is January the 15th. No one can get one after that date, at any price.

The merchants are advertising splendidly, which makes the success of the annual assured from a standpoint of finances and the senior class and all officials appreciate this splendid cooperation of the home town merchants. This is not the only time merchants displayed their loyalty to the support of the school and we highly appreciate this fine spirit.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: One work team. — Ed Brown.

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A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

A Christmas present that will be appreciated fifty-two weeks in the year—The Jayton Chronicle—Remember your out of town relatives and friends with a gift of this kind and you will never regret it. For one dollar and fifty cents you can send the Chronicle from now until January 1, 1937 to anyone you may wish—it is the best and cheapest gift you can buy and those away from home, in the far away states will

be glad to receive its weekly coming. Drop in at the Chronicle office today—see the editor and lets get them the Christmas issue as a beginner. — The Chronicle.

Your renewal to the Chronicle will be doubly appreciated at this time and will be considered as a special Christmas expression of good will to the editor.

HIT AND RUN DRIVER YOU DID ALL THESE THINGS

Whoever you are, wherever you are, I hope this will reach you so that when you try to sleep at night the picture will be before your eyes
YOU KILLED GEORGE YAMPOLSKY!

His left ear was almost off and blood trickled through it for twenty one hours; his skull was fractured, a compound fracture the doctors called it, and the brain was shattered against broken bones; his right eye

was pushed back into his head, and his forehead, which was so straight and bold and smooth and full of character, was just a hole. His left eye was only bruised—not badly, but just enough to take away all chance of sight if he had lived. Traces were left of his once powerful, masterful jaw, but his mouth was no longer his for teeth were now gone and lips and gums bruised and discolored.

The most merciful Almighty God did not return him to consciousness after you struck him, so only his family and friends knew that his right leg was so badly broken that doctors decided amputation was useless; there was nothing left to be saved.

From the time you struck him, Sunday, about 5.30 p. m., on Irvington avenue, until the time he passed away at 2:30 p. m. Monday, his breath came through his mouth in short, fitful gasps, each one with a message "This is the last," and all the time he was bleeding, with no way to stop the flow of blood.

You did all this, Hit-Run driver, but that is not all!

You robbed a 5-year old boy of his father, a devoted father. May the call of this little boy, "Daddy, daddy come back, daddy," may that call ring in your ears.

You robbed a 17-year old daughter of a loving, understanding, indulgent father. May her stifled groans and teeth-clenched moans sound in your head when you try to chew your food.

You robbed a sick mother of her helpmate, her companion for twenty three years, of her strength and stay. You turned her hair from black to grey overnight. May her grief-stricken face appear before every time you see a glass.

Hit-run driver, you did all these things; you turned the festive Holidays into days of mourning and sorrows.

Hit-run driver, keep your freedom. We do not want you in man-made jails. But may the memory of your deed never leave you through your living days.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

A Christmas program will be given at the Baptist Church Sunday, December 22 at 10:45. Everyone is invited.

PROGRAM
Santa Parade — Cradle Roll Tots.

- Welcome Speech—Bobby Little.
- Happy Day — Junior Graves.
- 23rd. Psalm — Joe Steve Earnest.
- A Joke On Santa Claus—Lonny Jeff Meek.
- The Christmas Candle — Francis Little.
- Glad Tidings — Don Jones.
- It is Coming — Peggy Robinson.
- Christmas Morn — Jimmie Corder.
- Where's Santa — Betty Joe Jones.
- The Christmas Tree — Betty Sue Shultz.
- Song by Junior Girls.
- Christ Birthday — Betty Sue Fowler.
- Always Christmas — Martha Jean Browning.
- The Christmas Star — Alma Jo Holley.
- Proof of Santa — Tom Lane Jones.
- My Christmas Shopping — Buddy Gallagher.
- Christmas Reading — Junior Corder.
- Song my Intermediate Class.
- Christmas Quotations — Dorthy Lou Jones.
- Musical Reading — Mildred Self.
- Special Music — Patterson Trio.
- Santa Claus Story — Supt. Jimmie Johnston.
- Christmas Carols — Led by Mrs. Little.
- Story of Christ Child — Rev. Fred McPherson.

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Christmas Greetings

We know no truer word—no song—no poem that expresses our sentiment better than a simple

Merry Christmas
and God Bless You!

City Tailor Shop



Yes, Santa Claus is here. He joins with us in wishing you, a Merry, Merry Christmas.

He joins in urging you to spend your Christmas funds wisely and above all things remember the home folks first.

The true Christmas Spirit is not found in the glittering tinsel of the Christmas tree, but in the true expression of good will and friendship the season brings. May we add to the many you will receive, our own greetings and hope that peace, prosperity and happiness will be yours.

Let us call your attention to our stocks of quality merchandise, something for every member of the family and emense stocks of apples, oranges, nuts, candies, and what you will need to fill the Christmas stockings to overflowing.

Be sure and be here Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. when around \$1000 worth of Christmas presents will be given away on the public square in Jayton. It will pay you to pay your notes, accounts and spend your cash with us before that hour.



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A Merry Christmas!

A wish to you, our customers! May the Holiday Season bring you a wealth of joy and good fellowship. May the New Year bring you Health, Happiness and Prosperity in full measure.

For ourselves, we also have a wish: That we may continue to serve you faithfully and well, making life easier by this service and rendering it in a more personal manner than ever before.

Progress is our watchword, so we hope this year may bring new developments in Electric Service which will further seek to simplify labor, save time, and do both at the lowest possible cost to you.

We cordially extend Season's Greetings to all, and add the hope for a better acquaintance and the privilege of rendering to you a more liberal service, which our past experiences and achievements make possible.

West Texas Utilities Company

December 16, 1935

SALESMEN WANTED: Man wanted for Rawleigh Route of 800 families. Write today. Rawleigh Dept. PXX - 389 - SA, Memphis Tenn.

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DON'T SCRATCH! Get Paracide Ointment, the guaranteed itch remedy. Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itch, eczema, itching Piles or skin irritations or money refunded. Large jar 50c at Huls Drug.

JERDEN—FERRELL

On Friday, December 13, Miss Ruth Ell Jerden and Mr. L. B. Ferrell of near Jayton, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Esq. Billingsley officiating. May the couple live long and happily.

County Agent's Notes

The officers of the various community associations will meet at the county agent's office in Jayton, Monday, December 23 at 2 p. m. for the purpose of setting up a county organization and making plans for the work that is to be accomplished during the year. This is a very important meeting and all of the officers are urged to be present.

The County Agent spent December 12th and 13th in Floydada attending a meat training school. Thirteen hogs were killed and dressed and nine of them were cut up and packed away to cure. Those of you who are interested in having the county agent give a demonstration in killing and preparing hogs for the cure are advised to see your local community association officers and request that they schedule a demonstration.

A conference of the Home Demonstration and County Agents for three districts was held at Lubbock, Dec.

16th through the 18th. Many phases of the Extension work were discussed at the conference. Tentative plans were made for the work to be done during the coming year. The Home Demonstration and County Agents from Kent County were present at the conference.

Let me deliver both the Abilene Morning News and The Abilene Evening Reporter to your home—two papers a day—for only 18c per week—Med Wade.

Clairemont News

Mrs. Wesley Baxter who has been in the Spur Sanitarium is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. Pink Stewart, Mrs. Iva McCombs and daughter Fearn were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. A. B. Wade and daughters, June and Joy did some Christmas shopping in Spur Saturday.

Dallas Osman spent the week end with Katherine Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin spent the week end in Abilene visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hodges and also doing some Christmas shopping.

Muriel Floyd spent last week visiting her mother, Mrs. Quintie Floyd, of Big Springs, Texas.

Mr. Marnev Cumbie was in Sweetwater and Abilene last week on business.

R. I. Howell and family spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting relatives at Millersview.

Mr. Robert Gilbert was shopping in Sweetwater last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayfield and daughter Merle were Christmas shopping in Stamford, Saturday, also visiting relatives.

Lost Lake Club News

The Lost Lake H. D. Club met Friday, December 13, at the home of Mrs. J. A. Parks. Four members were present three of which gave demonstrations on how to make inexpensive Christmas gifts.

The meeting for December 27, was called off because of the holidays, and the next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. Barton, Friday, January 10.

All interested in this work are invited to attend.

Where The Money Goes

Figures recently released from the office of the State Comptroller show how the money collected from taxpayers of Texas is spent; they show also the cost of maintaining the State Government has increased something like two hundred per cent since 1923. In the year of 1923 operating expense for the State totaled \$42,000,000, while in 1934, the last year for which figures are available, the amount of money spent to carry on government in Texas had jumped to \$115,000,000. This represents a substantial increase over the previous peak of \$105,000,000 spent in 1930.

The increase in the cost of carrying on the State's business as shown in the 1922 expenditures and those for 1934 is not of course due only to the increase in population, though that would naturally bring about a slight increase. The fact is that Texas, like all other States, is doing much more than it did ten of twelve years ago. Whether the added service is worth what it costs is a point that the taxpayers should decide for themselves, but it is at least interesting to break down the taxpayers dollar and see where it goes.

Well, highway construction and maintenance and increased support of the public school system accounted for a good part in the increase. Texas spent only a little more than \$8,000,000 on its highway system in 1923, and in 1934 new construction and maintenance cost around \$36,000,000, and increase or more than three hundred per cent. And the sum spent for public schools almost doubled between 1923 and 1934, being \$18,500,000 in the former year and \$36,000,000 in the latter. Thus we see that the amounts spent last year for highways and schools make up sixty one percent of the total amount disbursed by the State. The cost to Texas of higher education rose from \$4,500,000 in 1923 to \$6,500,000 in 1934, and expenditures for eleemosynary and correctional institutions advanced from less than \$4,000,000 to about \$7,000,000.

Considering everything for which Texas spent money for in 1934, we find the percentage of disbursements running something like this: 30.9 per cent for highways, 30.5 per cent for schools, 9.03 per cent for relief, 5.3 per cent for eleemosynary institutions, 5.5 per cent for higher education, 2.5 for Confederate pensions, 1.79 per cent for the judiciary, and the remainder for miscellaneous purposes.

Wishing You Christmas Happiness

Business is not always business. In dealing with you it has been a pleasure. We hope this pleasure has been mutual, and extend our hearty greetings for every happiness.

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Why not give him a Christmas present he will appreciate.

We have a good line of tonics, oils and razors. Reasonable prices.

Come in and look over our line. Also get your Christmas haircut.

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Vernie Humphries, Owner

Shoes shined and dyed.—Jiggs Holley

Wishing You Health And Happiness

Now listen, old friends,
It is Christmas today,
And it doesn't matter
What other folks say—
To us it is jolly
And merry and gay,
Because folks like you
Have made it that way!

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The Jayton Chronicle Agent for Kent Co.

Lairson's Market

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POT ROAST per lb	16c
SHOULDER ROAST, per lb.	14c
PRIME RIB per lb.	14c
STEAK (Seven cuts) per lb.	17 1-2

We also have a fresh supply of boiled ham, cured ham, sliced bacon, cheese and lunch meats.

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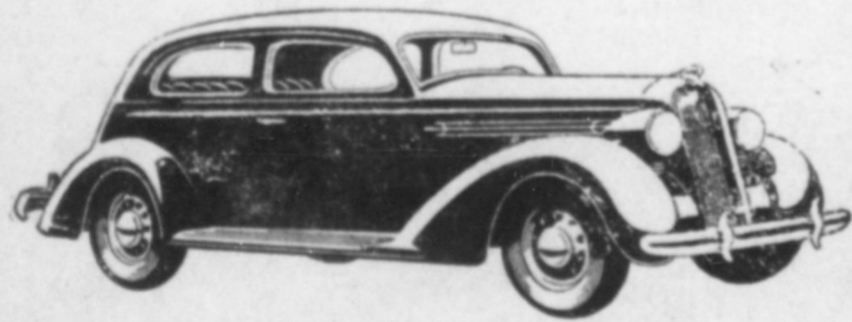
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Plymouth is going to be given away in Jayton, on the square at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve.

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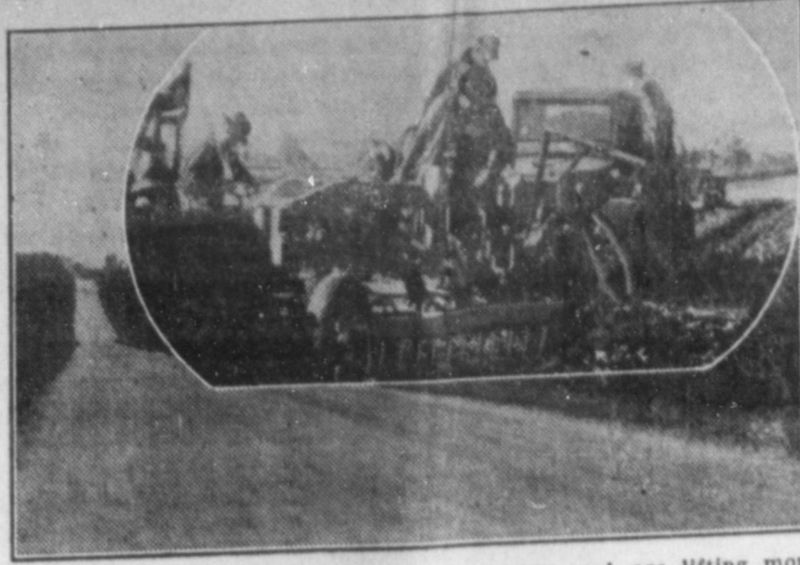
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Of better barber work, the kind that you will appreciate, the kind that brings you back without an invitation.—

PALACE BARBER SHOP
Ivey F. Murdoch, Owner

ANOTHER BIG STEP OUT OF THE MUD



Highway engineers of Jackson County, Missouri, are lifting more farmers out of the mud with a new process of low-cost road construction. Asphaltic oil is injected several inches below the surface by a specially designed sub-oiling machine. The oil penetrates evenly to the surface, making a smooth, mudless and dustless road and a firm, stable base, five or six inches thick on which a riding surface or pavement can be laid. The photograph shows the finished road with a light bituminous surface. The inset shows the sub-oiling machine in operation.

NEW ROAD BUILDING PROCESS PROMISES TO LIFT AMERICAN FARMER OUT OF MUD

New Highway Development Seen as Solution of Mud Menace. Waterproof, Mudless and Dustless Road Built For Less Than Cost of Graveling

KANSAS CITY, MO.—An upside-down process of road construction in which asphaltic oil is injected or "planted" several inches under the ground and allowed to penetrate or "grow" to the surface has been developed by highway engineers of Jackson County, Missouri, with the cooperation of the state highway department.

The process has attracted the attention of engineers from the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and from state and county highway departments who see in it possibilities of removing the mud menace from America's roads. Farmers and motorists see hope of finally being taken out of the mud, in view of the tremendous road-building funds available through federal agencies for extensive use of the process.

"Initially successful experiments," states F. V. Reagel, materials engineer of the Missouri Highway Department, "give promise of transforming a clay road quagmire into a smooth, firm and stable base. Preliminary results indicate the possibility, under certain traffic conditions, of eliminating, or greatly reducing the use of expensive types of road materials."

The usual method of filling roads merely by spreading oil on the surface has been reversed. In the new process, asphaltic oil, carefully suited to the soil by laboratory experiment, is spread several inches below the surface by a machine

which operates in the manner of a corn or wheat planter. The oil penetrates smoothly and evenly to the surface, leaving an oil impregnated layer of earth of a predetermined thickness.

After a short period of curing, the road is compacted by rollers and by traffic, leaving a firm and waterproof mixture of asphaltic oil and earth—mudless in rain or snow, dustless in the driest summer heat—a durable all-year road, capable of withstanding heavy traffic shocks.

Ordinarily, the road will be further improved by the addition of a bituminous surface or pavement except on roads carrying the lightest traffic.

The preliminary development reveals that smooth, mudless and dustless roads can be constructed with the new process for an original investment much lower than the cost of graveling. Maintenance costs will be far lower than for gravel. The cost will be still further reduced, engineers point out, when the process is used over an extensive network of roads.

The process has other advantages in that it lengthens the working season, as weather conditions offer a minimum of interference. Some of the test sections were constructed in the late fall when other road construction was halted. It is unnecessary to add gravel or crushed stone to the road base—a fact which further reduces the cost.

GET A PERMANENT TODAY!

Ladies! Look at your hair! Every one else does! Let us help you to look your best Your men folks will appreciate you trying to look nicer. Our Prices are right.

Mrs. Ivey F. Murdoch

Our Christmas Message:

FRIENDS: It has been mighty good to know you and do business with you. We have enjoyed serving you and hope you have enjoyed being served by us. It is our sincere wish that this Christmas will be one of genuine happiness and that our business relations will continue to grow as the days come and go.

We shall do our best to make the last days before Christmas pleasant shopping days for you. We are stocked so as to supply most of your Christmas and holiday Grocery demands with all the things needed to lavishly fill the Christmas stocking.

Be here Christmas Eve for those Christmas Turkeys, and may this Christmas be the Happiest one you have ever known.

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BUCK JONES in

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Charles 'Buddy' Rogers and a cast to list. Featuring 6 big song hits of comedy. Pathe news and feature special picture.

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JOE E. BROWN in

"BRIGHT LIGHTS"

Another musical concerning Joe E. Brown rise from burlesque to a Broadway musical. Ann Dvorak, Patricia Ellis, William H. Cagney. Added News and big comedy.

NOTE: A special morning Matinee day, December 24, at 12 O'clock time for drawing.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

We have selected for our Christmas

"BONNIE SCOTLAND"

Stan LAUREL, and Oliver HARDY keep you laughing for one solid hour.

ADDED: Our Gang Comedy—

"SHRIMP FOR A DAY"

Also big cartoon comedy. Matinee day, Wednesday 2:00. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

NOTICE: Next Friday December 24, Amateur Contest. Cash prizes. Let us hear your name at Box Office. On the Screen "The Air."

Thanking all for their patronage and wishing all a Merry Christmas.

Lyles & Estate

"The Christmas Store"

Christmas Mixed Candies — Beautiful colors and Designs. 2 lbs.

Christmas Chocolate Candy, good 1 lb.

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Fire Works of all kinds. The lowest prices. We will save you money.

Toys, Novelties, Dolls, Toilet Sets and Hundreds and hundreds of things specially brought for the Christmas Trade — at very low prices.

With all our hearts, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Health and Prosperity for the New Year.



Merry Xmas To You

Don't forget—this is the best place in town to buy your Christmas presents. The little things that go a long ways to make Christmas a Merry Christmas are here and the price is so low you will learn how little it will take to re-joyce your friends and loved ones and make them happy as you wish for them a Merry Christmas.

Marker Variety

Our Sincere Good Wishes



Valuable assets cannot all be shown in figures. Among our most valued assets are the good will and friendship of our patrons. The spirit of the season brings to renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends. May your Christmas be very happy is our wish.

Tri-County Lumber Co.

Only 4 Days

Only four days and then Christmas. Have you purchased your Christmas presents? Don't come direct to this store and make yourself happy by getting quality presents for your loved ones and friends. We will not disappoint you either in the purchase or the price you pay. For the best of Christmas Candies and the most useful Christmas gifts we urge you to come to this store.

35 Merry Christmas 1935

Let a warm true handclasp our thoughts this holiday season reach out to you in wishing you all the joyousness of the Christmas season.

Wells Drug Co. THE REXALL STORE

Texas Tech College News

Candidates for Rhodes scholarships from the Texas Technological college, James Toothaker, Lubbock, and Jack Fox, Childress, will meet the Texas committee on selection of Rhodes scholars at a breakfast for all candidates from the state in Houston December 12. At this time, two men will be named to represent Texas before the district selection committee, which will choose four Rhodes scholars from the 12 candidates of the six states in the district.

Last year, a Tech graduate, Canon Clements, Lubbock, was awarded a scholarship and is now studying at Oxford.

Invitation to attend the breakfast meeting was extended by Professor R. Trantham of Baylor University, secretary of the Texas Committee.

Toothaker, who was graduated last June with the highest scholastic average ever made by a Tech student in four years, is an instructor in the department of economics and business administration. Fox, a sophomore pre-med student, has an all-A record and last year made the highest score on the Thurstone psychological test ever made by a Tech freshman.

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 11.—Two shots heard on the Texas Technological college campus Tuesday afternoon, which threw the town into a furore and sent four reporters on a local paper to hospitals, physicians police and sheriff for details of the "murder", proved to be part of a buildup for a pre-law mock trial, held twice a year as practice for pre-law students.

Rumors of a "campus murder" spread over the town 15 minutes after Jack Bradley, Junior from Amherst, had "shot" Voyle Vaughn, senior from Lubbock, in "a quarrel over Julia Moore, Brownwood. Riddled by blank cartridges, Vaughn fell to the ground, as the screaming crowd ran into the administration building. The "victim" was taken away in an automobile "to receive medical aid."

Students who saw the shooting did not suspect a hoax.

"A Tale of Men Who Knew No Fear", the story of Sibley's campaign into New Mexico in 1862, has been written by Gertrude Harris, San Antonio, who took a B. A. degree in English at Texas Technological College in May, 1930.

The book contains the history of the oneman act put on by Texas in its role as a Confederate state, and was written partly as a plan for building monuments to honor the Texans buried at Valverde and Grieta Pass, New Mexico. One third of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be put into a monument fund by the author.

D. O. Wiley, director of the Texas Tech band will be guest director of the 100-piece selected band which will play at the Wes-

Texas band clinic December 13 and 14 in Fort Worth. The rehearsal will be held Thursday night. Directors of other South Plains bands will attend the clinic.

Christmas holidays at Texas Tech college will begin December 20 at 5 o'clock and end January 2, at 8 a. m., President Bradford Knapp has announced.

With a preliminary WPA allotment of \$10,000 for beautification of the Texas Technological college campus, work will begin December 16, President Bradford Knapp announced recently. This amount is part of \$58,060 granted the college this fall for campus improvement.

The work to be done includes paving, digging of irrigation ditches, grubbing the pasture on the college farm, landscaping, and general beautification.

A WARNING FROM DR. BROWN

Austin, Dec. 19.—Christmas, the season of joy and happiness, will soon be with us and D. John W. Brown, State Health Officer, urges everyone to do their utmost to prevent accidents in order that the season of merriment be not changed to one of sorrow or suffering.

This season of the year brings with it an increase in the motor vehicle traffic. Thousands of persons, enjoying a vacation, are on the highways at this time. Like public health and a great many other things, traffic safety depends upon effective partnership. Whether you are at the wheel or on the highway or street, your safety and that of the other fellow, depends upon both of you.

The speed mania and reckless driving, and all that they imply, in the lack of self control, disregard for laws and for the rights and lives of others, are responsible for a large part of the tragic deaths and unnecessary suffering. In the face of the

hazards involved, absent-mindedness on the part of the driver or pedestrian, also becomes a vice, with notorious record for destructive consequences. Motor transportation has become an inbred part of our daily lives. To reduce the hazards for ourselves and for others the least we can do is to admit our obligation as partners in the safety traffic business, and to accept our responsibilities as drivers and as pedestrians.

One would not wish all persons to be in a state of constant dread to the extent that every act be con-

sidered a source of possible accident, but we can be sensible and intelligent and since we are creatures of habit we can teach ourselves and our young people to recognize certain situations which represent hazards and to act in such a way as to prevent them.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: One good work team. — Ed Brown.

J. E. McKenzie, Jr., has our thanks for his renewal to the Star-Telegram and Chronicle this week.

Christmas 1935

Although the universe is filled with millions of stars, none can vie in fame with the star that guided the Three Wise Men of the East through the night to the tiny Babe in the manger in Bethlehem.

And just as it brought to the world a message of good will and peace, we want this greeting to carry to you and all our friends our appreciation of the happiness your friendship has brought to us, and with it our wishes that this Christmas may bring to you all the joy health and happiness that you could desire.

The First State Bank

Jayton, Texas

Notice Cotton Growers

Our Gins will be CLOSED next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Christmas day and the two days following. We will be on the job again Saturday. Get your cotton in not later than Tuesday. Please keep this in mind as the gins will be air tight on the days mentioned.

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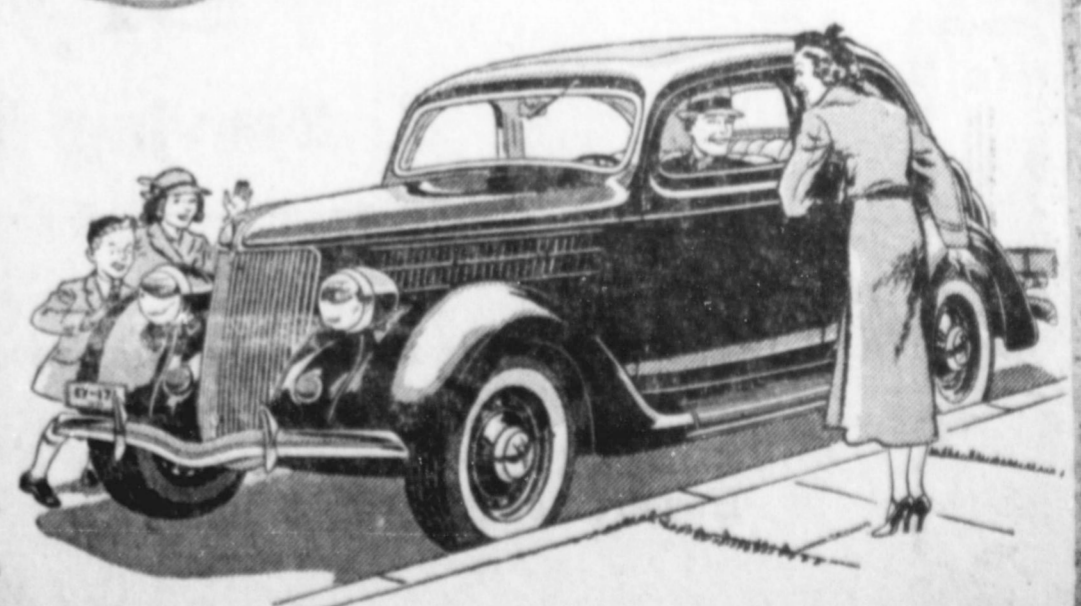
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