

# The Baird Star

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"Over 1700 Producing Wells  
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## DRIVER OF THE HIGHWAY COURTESY CAR VISITS BAIRD

W. T. Watson and the courtesy car of the Broadway of America spent several hours in Baird last Saturday visiting the Chamber of Commerce The Baird Star and Judge B. L. Russell, a director-at-large of the Association.

Mr. Watson and the courtesy car are enroute to McMinnville, Tennessee from San Diego, California.

Purpose of Watson's trip over the 90 per cent paved, high-gear, transcontinental route, is to visit chambers of commerce, individuals serving the touring public and to talk with motorists on the Broadway, he explained. He carries an additional supply of gasoline, oil and water and a first aid kit and renders assistance to motorists along the highway wherever possible.

Watson has contacted every chamber of commerce between San Diego and Baird and with one exception, has found them 100 per cent in accord with the Broadway of America association, he said. Many of the organizations include the association in their budgets, he pointed out.

"The clientele of the association is the business men along the route," said Watson. "If it is a constructive program it should be supported 100 per cent. If not, it should not be supported at all."

"Many motor clubs in the north and east are already routing transcontinental traffic over the Broadway, and as soon as the new maps which are now being prepared, are completed an even greater increase in traffic over the route may be expected. Every time a motorist comes in and spends a dollar here it's new money to Baird—its just like a blood transfusion. Every dime the business man spends to stimulate travel on the road comes back to him many times," said Watson.

As soon as the Broadway map is completed, within about four week's 75,000 copies will be distributed through branches of the American Automobile association, and chamber of commerce along the highway will receive maps for distribution, while the courtesy car will distribute them to smaller towns and outlying points.

Association headquarters are in El Paso and F. O. Mackey is president. W. D. Conway of Ranger, is first vice-president. Texas directors are: J. H. Greene, of Colorado and M. M. Heard of Naples. B. L. Russell of Baird and J. P. Lightfoot of Fort Worth and two of 13 directors at large.

## Mrs. T. R. Blakley Died Thursday Morning

Mrs. Lizzie Blakley, wife of T. R. Blakley, of Aspermont, died at the Griggs hospital Thursday morning at 12:30 following a surgical operation Wednesday morning.

The remains were prepared for burial at the W. O. Wylie undertaking establishment and at 10 o'clock yesterday morning was carried out to the home. Mr. Blakley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. Blakley at Belle Plaine. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church at Belle Plaine at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Royce Gilliland, assisted by Rev. Joe R. Mayes and burial made in the Belle Plaine cemetery.

Mrs. Blakley was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sim McCoy, pioneer residents of this county. She is survived by her husband and four children two daughters and two sons: Ruth 19; Billie, 16; Vernon, 9; and Maudelle, 5, also her aged mother, Mrs. Sim McCoy, one sister, Mrs. Jessie Gibbs and three brothers, Tom McCoy, Noville McCoy and Hugh McCoy.

Mrs. Blakley was in her 47th year having been born June 25, 1885.

## Reed Boys To Visit Old Mexico

Clayton Reed, who is a drafter with the State Highway Department at Abilene, will leave Wednesday for San Antonio, where he will meet his brother, Feldon Reed. They will go into Mexico sight seeing. After returning home to spend a few days with home folks Feldon will return to Charlotte Texas near San Antonio where he is Football Coach and English teacher in High School.

## Examinations For Postmaster At Plains To Be Held At Baird

To fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in Cross Plains, the United States Civil Service Commission has announced, at the request of the Postmaster General and in accordance with an order of the President, an open competitive examination.

To be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the delivery of the postoffice for which examination is held, must have so resided at least two years next preceding the date for close of receipt of applications, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. Both men and women are admitted.

Under the terms of the Executive order, the Civil Service Commission will certify to the Postmaster General the names of the highest three qualified eligibles, if as many as three are qualified, and the Postmaster General will select one for nomination by the President. Confirmation by the Senate is the final action.

Applicants will be required to assemble in an examination room for scholastic tests, and will also be rated on their education and business training an experience. The Civil Service Commission will make inquiry among representative local business and professional men and women concerning the experience, ability, and character of each applicant, and will assign ratings upon the evidence secured and upon the work done in the examination room.

Nothing will be permitted to appear in the evidence upon which ratings are assigned which might even suggest the political affiliation of any candidate.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained at the post office for which the examination is held, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Miss John Gilliland, Secretary of the Civil Service Commission at Baird will hold this examination at Baird at a date to be set by the Civil Service Commission which will be sometime about January 16th.

C. W. Barr has been postmaster at Cross Plains for the past several years, and his commission expired on December 19th and he will continue to serve as postmaster until his successor is appointed. We understand Mr. Barr is an applicant for re-appointment.

From the Cross Plains Review we learn that there are already eighteen applicants for the position, ten men and eight ladies.

The Cross Plains postmaster's salary is \$2,200.00 a year.

## Mrs. R. M. Warren's Mother Dies

Mrs. Morris' mother, Mrs. R. M. Warren died at the home of a daughter at Weatherford, Tuesday night, following a long illness. Her condition being serious for the past two months, during which time Mrs. Warren has been almost continuously at her mother's bedside.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday afternoon.

R. M. Warren and his mother, Mrs. Mary Warren, M. and Mrs. Reta Dallas and J. D. Dallas, went down to attend the funeral, returning home Wednesday night accompanied by Mrs. Warren.

## Oplin Scouts Register

Scouts registered with the new troop at Oplin, or which F. P. Porter is Scout Master, and Ralph Morse, Ray Armor and Clyde Floyd, committeemen, are: Donald Floyd, Leland Straley, Joe Warren Jr., Gerald Reid, Harold Steakley, Adiel Turner, Tommie Wagner, Frank Edward Johnson.

## College Boys And Girls Home For Holidays

Misses Dorothy Boydston, Donna McGowen and Verna Mae Edwards, Harold Haley and Ralph Short, students in Simmons University were the first students to come home for the holidays.

Miss Elizabeth Reed from the State Teachers Norman at Canyon is at home for the holidays with her father J. R. Reed.

Misses Christine and Helen Settle and Dorothy Scott from Texas Tech, arrived home the first of the week.

Olaf Hollingshead and J. Rupert Jackson Jr., from the University of Texas arrived here Tuesday.

Misses Ruth and Marjorie Boren, from the State University and Miss Elizabeth Boren, teacher of English in Lockhart High School are at home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boren.

Reaves Hickman from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, and Misses Maggie Harp and Viola Boatwright from the Texas Teachers College, Denton, are also home for the holidays.

Carrol McGowen and Weldon Varner, students in Baylor College at Dallas, are at home for the holidays.

Miss Mary Marshall a student in Abilene Christian College, Abilene, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Callie Marshall.

## Mrs. M. J. Doyle Died At Clyde

Mrs. M. J. Doyle, 80 years of age, died at her home in Clyde at 6 o'clock Monday morning following a short illness.

Funeral services were held at the home at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. V. W. Tatum and interment made in the Clyde cemetery.

Mrs. Doyle is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Laura Smith of Ranger, who formerly lived here and a grand-daughter, Mrs. M. A. Cline of Baird.

## Schools Close For Christmas Holidays

The Baird Public School closed Wednesday afternoon for the holidays to resume their school work again Monday Jan. 4th and students and teachers whose residences are elsewhere have gone to their homes for the holidays.

Supt. Boren says that the school has done unusually well for the three months past, that the attendance has been far above the average, there having been very little sickness among the students.

A. L. Johnson, county supt., says that the rural schools have done splendid work. That the health of the students has been unusually good and the interest in the school work has been all that one could wish for. Mr. Johnson attributes the good health of pupils to the general health campaign carried on in the county the past several months.

Some of the rural schools will resume work on Monday, Dec. 28th while others will not until Jan. 4th.

## Rocque Champion Visits Baird

Mr. O. E. Barnhart, 1930 World Champion Rocque player, in company with Mr. C. A. Huff of Sinton Park, Chicago, stopped for a short time and demonstrated to the boys some fancy tricks in Rocque. You should have seen the boys eyes bug out when this gentleman stepped out on the ground and begun shooting like the most expert rifleman would shoot his rifle, and his arch running was just as good. He won 8 out of 12 matched games this year. Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Huff are on their way to California to enter the National Championship Tournament which will be played there soon.

They promised to stop over on their return trip and give the fans some real sport and tricks in Rocque.

## SPECIAL TERM DISTRICT COURT THIS WEEK

### Baird Lions Commend Baird And Cross Plains Football Teams

The following resolution was passed by the Baird Lions Club at its regular meeting held Thursday, Dec. 17th, 1931:

Be it resolved by the Baird Lions Club that suitable notification of thanks be given the Football players of Baird and Cross Plains and all those connected with the charity game played here recently. The young men are to be congratulated for their efforts on doing this magnificent work for charity. We understand that many needy children attending school are now wearing new shoes and clothes which was sorely needed and which was purchased from the proceeds of the game. A return game is to be played at Cross Plains and the proceeds of the game is to be used for charity. The Lions Club endorses this type of work and we want to express our thanks for the efforts of the Baird and Cross Plains players.

The Baird Lions Club

### EXPRESSION AND MUSIC RECITAL

The recital of the students of Mrs. Robert Walker and Mrs. Robert Latimer, were presented in expression and musical numbers Tuesday night. This was one of the best and largest recitals Baird has ever had and was enjoyed very much by some two hundred or more people.

District Court has been in special session this week with Judge M. S. Long presiding.

The case of Melton Thompson charged with theft, was heard Monday and the case given to the jury late in the afternoon and after being out all Monday night and until late in the afternoon Tuesday when they asked to be discharged as they could not reach an agreement.

Ben Melton, of Coleman, indicted on a similar charge was tried Tuesday and given a 3 year penitentiary sentence. The case will be appealed. Mr. Melton was represented by Judge J. K. Baker, of Coleman. J. R. Black District Attorney, conducted the prosecution in the cases.

The cases of Troy Christian, Dee Sattarwhite, Lennie Burnes, W. G. Carringer, Max Jaffe, and Don Jennings, who were also indicted on a similar charge will be heard at the next term of district court.

All of these cases grew out of the asserted theft of casing from the site of the Johnson well some miles east of Oplin last summer.

Joe Allgood, charged with burglary pleaded guilty last Friday and was given two years in the penitentiary, the sentence to run concurrent with other sentences.

There were a large number of witnesses here in the Thompson and Melton cases.

### Boy Scout Winter Camp At Tonkawa To Open

The Winter Camp at Camp Tonkawa is in readiness to open Dec. 27 and continue until noon Jan. 2.

The Winter Camp Tonkawa program is just off the press—printed on Green touched with Red.

The program calls for six days at a price of \$5.00 for each boy, adult supervision, barbecue, Courts of Honor, Jamboree, Tracking, Hikes, Totem Pole Making, Knife Instructions, Patrol Leaders Training School, etc.

The Camp mess hall will be heated and tents provided for all scouts.

Executive Shumway will serve as Camp Director and will be assisted by a selected Camp Staff.

Considerable interest is being aroused among the Scouts of the Chisholm Trail Council in this the first winter camp ever conducted by the Council.

Leaders, pointing out that the "year-round camping program" is being put into practice in this section in order that the scout "may learn how to camp comfortably in winter just as he does in summer" have arranged the program to that end.

Special features include a patrol leaders training school to be directed by Executive Ed Shumway; instruction in knife projects, totem pole carving and similar work by B. G. Reeves of Abilene; on day jamboree butchering and barbecue in which the scouts will assist; golf instruction by Jack Nance, professional instructor at the Abilene Country Club, and trials for leatherwork, woodcarving, tracking, woodwork and other merit badges.

Mr. Reeves, artist in carving, has asked that each boy bring a knife and axe to camp.

The beef is to be furnished by Ray Young and W. P. Stange.

The camp site is in good condition leaders announce, and tents will be furnished and the mess hall heated, it was stated.

Boys have been asked to register as soon as possible. No mascots or cubs will be permitted to attend camp only scouts in excellent physical condition, and each must present a physician's certificate before being admitted.

The camp will continue through January 2. The fee will be \$5.00.

The Simmons Cowboy band is to give a concert during the session. Boys will put on special stunt nights, and one court of honor is to be held.

Programs, printed in red and green are already in the scout office.

## Greetings for Christmas and the New Year

*May Christmas, with its hallowed memories and golden hours of other years be for you and yours a time of joy and sweet association, and may the New Year carry over the best things of the old year and out of its abundance add new successes, anticipations and realizations, until it is richer, brighter, better, than all the years that have gone before.*

*We are not unmindful of the fact that we owe much to the people who have patronized our business during the past year. And while we have endeavored from day to day to show this appreciation, we gladly embrace this opportunity to thank you again and assure you that we will continue to strive hard to merit your confidence and patronage.*

## THE BAIRD STAR

ELIZA GILLILAND

HAYNIE GILLILAND



**Texas and Texans**  
by WILL H. MAYES  
Austin, Texas  
"All Texans for All Texas"

**Keeping The Blues Away**

Two thoughts can not occupy the same mind at the same time. When your mind is busily engaged with pleasant things, it has no room for the unpleasant. If you are busy doing good, your mind will keep busy with good thoughts, but only so long as you refuse to let the bad crowd out the good. Therefore, it pays to keep both body and mind busy all the while in some worthy service even though seemingly little is being accomplished. Most of us are inclined to measure everything by the financial returns and to feel that a thing is worth while only in proportion to the cash it brings in. That is why we become so "depressed" in times like these when we realize so little money for our efforts. Our minds are so centered on the money that we fail to see or think about anything except in money terms and we get blue.

We need a new viewpoint. After all the real measure of success of any life is in the good that life is to the world and not in its accumulation of wealth. Get this thought firmly fixed start about doing the things that make you happy, and fill your mind so completely with happy thoughts that there will be no room for anything else. There never was a better time for doing good, for rendering constructive happiness-bringing service than right now.

**Christmas Is Near**

This country needs to revise its ideas about Christmas. It should be observed more as a time of reverence and helpfulness and not as an occasion for merry-making. If it is observed as it should be our hearts will be merry enough without artificial stimulation. We don't need to be sad-faced either, or so pious that it hurts us or others.

Naturally, the season makes or should make us more generous, but gifts measured in terms of their values instead of in terms of love are worth little to either those who receive or give. The largest givers are not usually the most generous givers—the largest gifts are not always the most appreciated. The Christmas spirit should be characterized more by love than by money. If there could be enough love in the world there would be more than enough money for all and all suffering and charity would end. We may not be able to bring the world to this thought, but we can at least start with ourselves: It was the Christ thought, and Christmas time is a good time to accept it as our thought.

**Honesty In Schools**

Schools that wink at dishonest methods teach dishonesty and are a menace to government. The teachers' convention at Amarillo recently took official recognition of a condition that most people have been hearing about a long while and that the schools must have known about long ago. It denounced in strong terms the practice of hiring football players. Of course no school, at least yet if openly pays players, but they are paid for work entirely out of proportion to the services they render, and everybody knows that the reason they are hired is that they are wanted as ball players and not as students. It is said that even church schools are guilty of this evasive practice. Perhaps legislative action may be necessary to stop it, but it should be stopped even if the guilty schools have to be closed.

**Working Full Time**

The cotton mill in South Dallas is reported to be working 300 employees on full time, night and day, and is hoping to continue this all winter. Another Dallas Textile mill is employing 430 people five and one-half days each week. These are signs that the people are gradually increasing their purchases and turning their money into sources of industry and trade. There has been entirely too much hoarding and too little spending even on the part of people whose earnings have not decreased. An idle dollar is a worthless dollar.

**Tourist Travel**

Foreign tourist travel has decreased 20 per cent this year. There has been a decided drop too in the amounts spent by those who have traveled. Travelers have been inclined to see points of interest closer home and in doing so have found more to interest them in this country than they had thought could be seen. They have also found fewer discomforts and, for the most part, better hotel accommodations. American and especially Texas tourist camps have improved wonderfully in the past few years. It is time now for those who expect tourist business next season to begin their plans for caring for the business. There has been some complaint of high prices

**DO YOU KNOW WHY -- When A Man Joins A Lodge The Photographer Works Overtime?**



In some parts of Texas prices out of proportion to the service rendered. It is to the interest of the entire State that tourists be treated fairly. Any extortion, wherever practiced, hurts tourist travel throughout the entire State.

**Texas Industries**

There is fine opportunity in Texas for the development of industries from small beginnings. The small towns afford as fine fields for this as the cities. In fact, a close study of the industrial development of the State will reveal that most of the large industries have started in a small way in small cities and towns. Progressive Texans, Inc., through its president, John W. Carpenter, calls attention to the fact that there are 114 Texas industries that the census bureau did not give their totals, which are below \$20,000 annually each.

A serious drawback to development of Texas industries has been the dishonest exploitation of small industrial investors by promoters. Texas Industries Inc., can do the State a real service by exposing and stopping the parasitic methods that have been so repeatedly and successfully used in Texas.

**Washington Bicentennial**

The proposed Washington Bicentennial celebration in 1832, in which all Texas is asked to co-operate, is something unique in celebrations. While public interest will naturally center in Washington D. C. where the movement started, it is not intended to have any great central exposition there, but every State, every city, every community in the country is being asked to join in holding local patriotic events to commemorate the life of George Washington and renew a national and local pride in "grateful recognition of the character and the service of America's noblest citizen." The commission suggests public gatherings, pageants, plays, parades, music and art festivals, tableaux and the like, and is glad to assist with plans and directions appropriate to each locality. It will be an opportunity for every place to render its quota of patriotic observance.

**State Schools Building**

The University of Texas has completed plans for new buildings to cost about \$3,625,000 within the next year, and A. & M. College has a building program of \$1,250,000. These look like big figures, but Texas is doing things in a big way these days.

**Creating Local Business**

A Cameron candy company has installed pecan cracking machinery and is employing about 25 workers who assist in manufacturing and distributing pecan candies in surrounding territory. Incidentally, the business is creating a better local pecan market. An Austin baker is buying pecans, employing local people to crack them and is using them extensively as possible in his bakery products. If candy makers and bakers generally would do this, the Texas pecan business would develop rapidly. Why not?

**Salt Deposits**

Texas has an abundance of salt, but it is a bit hard to buy Texas salt from Texas merchants. The business has

not been pushed as it might have been so sales of Texas salt have lagged. A Houston company now plans development of a huge salt deposit in Harris county and will have the backing of a strong marketing organization.

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**CLUBBING RATE**

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The Baird Star and Abilene Morning News—one year for \$4.00.  
The Baird Star and Fort Worth Star-Telegram—one year for \$5.95.

**CLYDE COMMUNITY NEWS**

Mr. D. K. Uzzell local hotel man was operated upon Tuesday. He was reported to be doing fine. He is at the Baptist Sanitarium in Abilene. His son, Wasson and family of Paris are here. Also a daughter, Mrs. Johnny Jarnigan and son of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus L. Perkins of Jal N. M. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Perkins, last week. Cleo Short, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Short is seriously ill with typhoid.

Miss Lois Appleton of Abilene visited her parents, over the week-end. Mrs. Floyd Owens and Erma DeSpain spent the week-end in Abilene. J. W. Baulch has returned from Jal, N. M.

Lewis Hollis and J. W. Baulch attended the Abilene Lubbock football game at Lubbock Saturday. Mr. Ed Connell, prominent farmer, living about 10 miles south of Clyde, died Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock. He was stricken Sunday morning with a ruptured blood vessel in the head.

A Winters farmer made a profit of nearly nine hundred dollars from a flock of four hundred turkeys.

**Two Times That**

When you have thought of all the good things which come to you this Christmas—double them and that will be our wish for you in this Merry Christmas greeting.

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**Football Reminiscence**

The first football game played in the old Rose bowl at Pasadena, Calif., was on January 1, 1902, between Michigan and Stanford. The score was 49 to 0 in favor of Michigan. The first game in the present Rose bowl was played on New Year's day, 1922.

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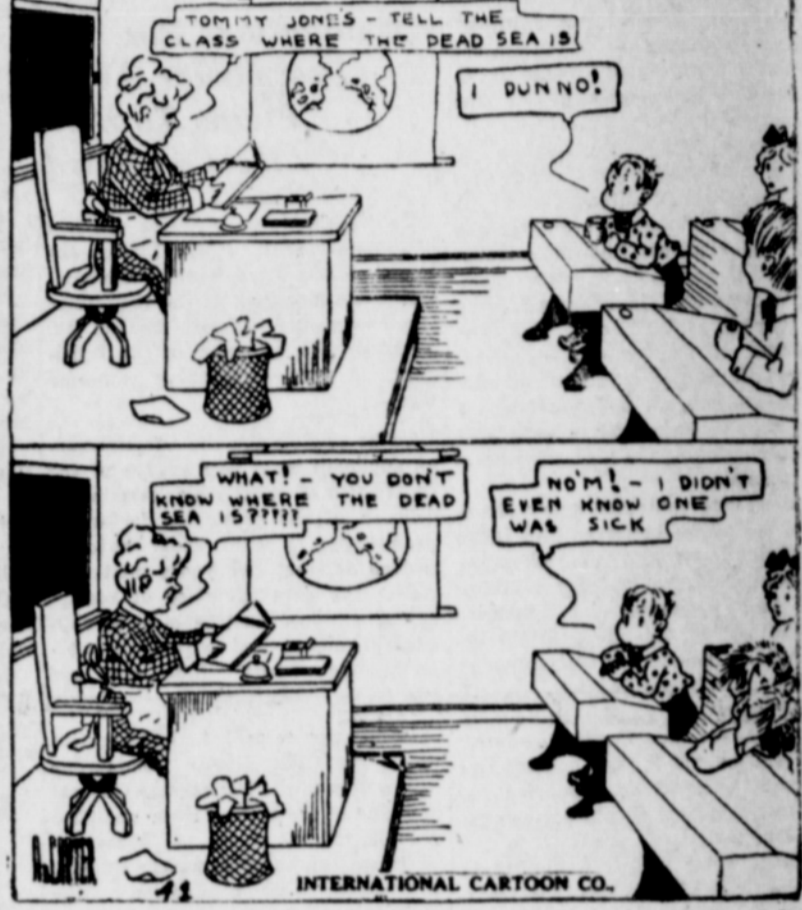
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Evidence that the present session of Congress is going to be one of the hardest-working bodies ever selected was furnished on the opening roll-call divulged the fact that only four Senators were absentees out of the ninety six entitled to sit, and the only two Representatives were missing out of the 434 provided for.

Leaders of both parties will be called upon to exert their utmost endeavors to keep their members in Washington during every vote and to placate their insurgents and independent members. The Lower House has a Democratic majority of two over all opposition and has taken over all the chairmanships of the various committees. Any hope the Republicans had that splits would develop in the selection of men for these important posts vanished when the Democrats held a six-hour caucus, named the various chairmen and broke up without leaving a single disgruntled party member.

The Republicans proved equally united in the face of defeat and the Snell-Tilson battle for the Speakership, which had been announced in advance as a struggle that would go to the death, ended in Representative Tilson congratulating his opponent and promising his full allegiance. Observers here predict that the two leading parties will function strictly along party lines on all matters of importance.

Never before in the history of Congress have there been so many bills offered for consideration as at the present session. Nearly three thousand bills are now in the hands of the public printer. They are to cover everything from absolute free trade to higher protection; and from free coinage of silver to a firmer stand on gold as a medium of exchange.

Many of them are aimed at curing the present depression. They provide for vast public improvements at enormous expense; reciprocal trade agreements with Russia and other countries; and various plans for relieving European nations from the crushing weight of their war debts. The appropriations called for in these different bills, if they were all passed would increase the national debt beyond the power of the nation to pay in centuries.

However, everybody here realizes that only a few of these bills will ever be reported out of committee and get before either House. Many of them are obviously "trading material" while others are of the plainly marked "vote-catching" type. When the new Democratic committee chairmen get down to business, a lot of bills will be summarily disposed of and the grist hammered down to a size that can be handled.

Among the bills that are certain of appearance are measures to provide for increased taxation; changes in the Federal Reserve Bank Act; and revision of the present income and inheritance tax provisions. Politically, the change of the complexion of the Lower House from Republican to Democrat is expected to benefit instead of harm President Hoover. Whatever the Democrats do will be

used by Mr. Hoover's campaigners as a boost for their candidate in the coming election and, conversely, what ever that party fails to do will be equally valuable to the Hoover spellbinders as campaign material.

Meanwhile the President can be expected to bow to the will of the Democrats in the Lower House on all matters that are not of the gravest importance, allowing himself to be guided by the feeling that half a loaf is better than no bread, observers say. Perhaps the hottest fight will occur over the bills to impose more taxes. The general feeling here is that the wealthy are to have their taxes boosted, even the so-called interests being said to agree that this is the most logical action. The ordinary taxpayer is not to escape scot-free, however, as new sales taxes, especially on luxuries and near-luxuries, will be proposed it is said. Changes in the inheritance laws appear certain and are expected to prove agreeable to both parties.

Whatever happens during the present session of Congress will have to be discounted by the voters, politicians of both great parties assert. Every speech will be delivered with an eye to influencing votes in the coming Presidential election and with the purpose of building up good campaign material. The President is firmly committed

to the task of restoring a measure of prosperity to the entire country in the next few months and he is sure to sign any measures that will benefit the ordinary man, whether proposed by his own party or by the Democrats relying on the good sense of the common voter to distinguish between his own value and that of his opponent.

**BLEEDING SORE GUMS**  
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**POSTED**  
All lands owned or operated by me are posted and no fishing, hunting, camping or trespassing in any way will be allowed, and any one found trespassing will be prosecuted. All previous permits are hereby revoked. C. B. Snyder 24-1f

The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News and the Baird Star for \$1.50 per year. You save \$1.00 on this club offer. The Baird Star

Eight large conventions will be held in Mineral Wells during 1932.

**LANHAM NOTES**  
Mrs. Miller

The R. E. Clemmers are sporting a new car. Clyde Eager, wife and daughter, Fayette, visited relatives in Clyde this week-end.

F. L. Johnson of Eastland was visiting home-folks Saturday and Sunday.

Lanham was well represented in Abilene to welcome Santa Claus Saturday, Dec. 12th.

Weather was unfavorable for the regular meeting of the P. T. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCormick and family of Albany visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eager, Sunday.

The school closes Dec. 18th with a short program and Christmas tree for a week's vacation, beginning school again, Monday, Dec. 28th.

We have the following pupils on the Honor Roll for the 2nd month, closing Dec. 5th. Oleta Clemmer, 8th grade; Effie Rae Johnson, 7th grade; Billie Joe Johnson, 4th grade; John L. Estus, Jr., 3rd grade.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

A grain sorghum seed analyst is being sought by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

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PROBAK BLADE

The Star is offering unusual clubbing rates with The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News, Abilene Morning News and The Star-Telegram.

Young County taxpayers had paid three times as many taxes into the county on December first as last year at the same time.

Bargain Days are now here and The Baird Star is reduced to \$1.00 per year in Callahan county and \$1.50 out side county. Will also allow reduced rate on past due subscriptions.

Hardeman county production loan borrowers have repaid approximately half of their loans to date.

The total railroad mileage in the United States in 250,000 miles. That of navigable streams is only 18,000 miles.

Alfalfa is being grown successfully in Hall County on sub-irrigated land.

Experiments indicate that should the transparent cellophane wrapper stick firmly to the bar of candy you can eat it with the sweets without fear of injurious results.

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### Christmas Lore

Christmas being one of the most widely celebrated of all holidays, it is only natural that many odd customs and superstitions should have been identified with its observance in various lands and at different times.

The date Dec. 25, approximates that of certain ancient festivals such as the Roman Saturnalia, the Scandinavian Yule, the winter festival of the heathen Britons, and later the Roman festival of the sun-god Mithra.

One of the oldest superstitions, once prevalent throughout Europe was that animals were endowed with the power of speech on Christmas. Another was that persons born on that day were destined to enjoy good luck throughout life.

It was an old custom to wash and bleed horses the day after Christmas in the belief that this would preserve them from harm during the ensuing year. According to a Polish superstition what one did on Christmas would govern his actions for the following year.

There was an ancient belief that each kind of evergreen used for decorative purposes was capable of conferring special blessings upon those who passed under the verdant boughs. To pass under holly betokened good fortune, bay signified victory, while laurel imparted beauty and poetical skill.

The mythical Santa Claus has been known by many names, including those of Kriss Kringle, St. Nicholas, Knecht Ruprecht, Robin Goodfellow, and others. In Germany one known as Krampus, an ugly hunchbacked dwarf, was supposed to carry off naughty children.

In Christian lands Christmas is celebrated in commemoration of the birth of Christ, and among the masses is supposed to mark the actual anniversary of that event. But scholars and educated people generally understand that Dec. 25 is merely a date arbitrarily set for this observance, and that the actual day, or even the year of Christ's birth is not known with certainty.

### Honey Exchanged For Christmas Seals

A gallon of honey for a dollar's worth of Christmas seals was the unique exchange made in the office of the Texas Tuberculosis Association at Austin when a bee keeper from Hays county came in to pay for tuberculosis seals that had been sent him by mail.

"I have no money" he explained to H. A. Wroe, treasurer of the association, "but I get a dollar a gallon for my honey, and I'll be mighty glad to give you a bucket of that. You can keep it and put a dollar in the Christmas Seal fund, or you can send the honey direct to the tuberculosis hospital. All I want is to be sure that some poor devil worse off than I am gets the benefit of what little help I can give."

Employees of the Texas Tuberculosis Association made up the dollar for the Christmas Seals, and the gallon of honey was sent to the State Tuberculosis Sanitorium at Carlsbad with holiday greetings from "The Keeper of the Bees."

**Think On These Things**  
\* WHOLESOME MEDITATION \*  
(Selected by Bro. Andrews)

**WHERE MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS REQUIRED**  
"And that servant which knew his Lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, SHALL BE BEATEN WITH MANY STRIPES.  
But he that knew not, and did com-

mit things worthy of stripes, SHALL BE BEATEN WITH FEW STRIPES. For unto whomsoever MUCH IS GIVEN, of him SHALL BE MUCH REQUIRED: and to whom MEN HAVE COMMITTED MUCH, OF HIM THEY WILL ASK THE MORE."  
Luke 12:47-48.

"Therefore, TO HIM THAT KNOWETH TO DO GOOD, AND DOETH IT NOT, TO HIM IT IS SIN."  
No. 73 James 4:17.

### Honor Roll Bairst Public School

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Freshman  
Sarah Nelle Cooke, Ida Louise Fetterley, Bobbie Griggs, Verda Morrison, Pearce Flores, Kenneth George.  
Sophomores  
John V. Boatwright, Howard Martin, Tom Warren, Bonnie Black, Francis Haley, Shelba Jones, Helen V. Mayfield, Anna Smith.

**Juniors**  
Clarence Pretz, Grace Evans, Mary Jo Hart, Beatrice Hickman, Ruby Stiles.  
**Seniors**  
Weldon Bryant, Harley Lee Sikes, J. B. Stringer, Mary Blackburn, Van Boatwright, Elsie Marie Hudson, Wanda Kennedy, Pauline Putnam, Wilda Smitm, Lios Mary Singleton.  
**Post-Graduates**  
Eva Robinson, Julia Cooke, Lucille Jones, Elizabeth Uzzell.  
**GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
**First Grade**  
Wallace Bennett, Billie G. Hatchett, Harold Monroe, Eugene McDonald, Earnest Smith, H. A. Stanberry Jr., Wanda Barrett, Pauline Hanson, Margie Ingram, Maxine Stringfellow, Eddie Russell.  
**High First**  
Vel Livingston.  
**Second Grade**  
Kitty Ruth Brown, Betty Ann Bounds, Alene Chatham, Pauline Coats, Ruth Dyer, Chessie Franklin, Doris Ground, Errolene Haley, Charitye Gilliland, Elaine Fern Jones, Willie Martha Miller, Betty McCoy, Myrtilla Steele, Ellen Gee Tankersley, Katie Lou Walker, Billy Allen, John Preston Work, James Walls, Bill Yarbrough, Roy Wiley.  
**High Second**  
Lavaughn Johnson, Ellena Jones, Felipe Vallego.  
**Third Grade**  
Eloise Berry, Lilah Lee Browning, Marian Dyers, Ruth Ford, Gladys Hanson, LaDair Nowlin, Vivian Nunnally, Elbertine Whalen, Katherin Jones, Louise Carter, John Charles Coates, Jimmie Collins, Eugene Lee Finley, Frank Frazier, Endihu Grindner, Aubrey Grounds, Lewis Hill, Bobby Owens, Joe Percy, Jack Ray, Sterling Reynolds, Jimmy Shaw, Hoyt Smith, Ben Louis Russell.  
**Fourth Grade**  
Russell Chatham, Billy Hollingshead, Wendall Jones, Troy Robinson, Herbert Warren, Clyde Wallace Yarbrough, Jo Ruth Arvin, Inez Franklin, Helen

Fulton, Deloras Rylee Rylee, Jeraine Smedley, Marion Olivea Vestal, Morea Walls, Vivian Grace West, Lawrence Wheeler.  
**Fifth Grade**  
Buckie Coats, Maurice Coley, Carlisle Hensley, Selwyn Settle, Robert Smith, Clifton Stringfellow, Loyce Bell, Madge Bennett, Loraine Brown, Doris Ford, Mary Lillian Harville, John Faye Hays, Mildred Hearn, Wyoma King, Frances Lunceford, Norma Morrison, Katie Mae Nichols, Ellen Nunnally, Mildred Thompson, Muriel Young, Frances Haworth.  
**Sixth Grade**  
Ford Allen, Sam Driskill, Norman George, Anna Myrl Bell, Mona Beas Bradford, Ruth Hardwick, Frankie McLendon, Frances Mayfield, Buryl Owens, Bernice Robinson, Lyndall Stringfellow, Blanche Varner, Anita Weldon.  
**Seventh Grade**  
Catherine James, Carlyne Hearne, Katherine McCoy, Anita Stiles, Maxine Williams, Edith Lewis, Clifton Hill, D. D. West.

different countries have contributed flax, cotton fiber, mica, platinum, gold and rubber.  
Nearly everything we touch emphasizes the neighborhood toil.  
But there is something even deeper than a sense of co-operation, and that is a sense of responsibilities to our partners in toil.

### Obituary

EDD M. CONNELL

Edd M. Connell was born Aug. 9, 1895 in Missouri. He came to Texas while a small boy and lived at Wylie where he was married to Miss Ada Offutt in 1899. They have 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls, all are living but two of the girls. There are 8 grand children. He was one of 11 children and 4 sisters and 3 brothers are living.

When about 34 years old, Brother Connell was converted and joined the Baptist Church at Eula, later moved his membership to the Denton valley church where he has served as an honored Deacon for the past sixteen years.

Sunday morning Dec. 13, while milking he was stricken with paralysis and on the following Tuesday evening at 9:30 his spirit went on to the Savior and the following day was buried at Clyde. All of the children but one boy were present with the father at his going and this son, Aubrey with his family live in Calif., the brothers and sisters were at the funeral.

In the home going of Brother Connell we have suffered a very serious loss. He was a good citizen, church member, friend, brother, father, and husband, whatever was right he tried to do, and when you needed someone to do something in the church he was ready to try, if you needed a friend, you could always depend on him for he surely would befriend you. His devotion to his family proves his worth

there.  
We will greatly miss this good man and we can ill afford to lose such splendid fellows but we humbly bow to the will of god and submit it all to him and earnestly pray for the Lord's rich grace to sustain his loved ones and give us someone to take the place of this our dearly beloved brother.  
Humbly and sincerely,  
Joe R. Mayes

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Cross Plains  
Dear Santa Claus:  
We are three little children, I. J. N. want a little thrasher and a banjo. Feldon wants a little tool box and some tools, and Eva wants a big doll and some candy and a little stove.

Very truly yours  
J. N. Eldon and Eva Bowen  
P. S.—The above letter will be a little late in reaching Santa Claus but we hope that he will be able to give these little children what they ask for. We wish them also their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Editor, The Bairst Star.

### Cotton Report

There has been 10,135 bales of cotton ginned in Callahan county from the 1931 crop prior to December 1st, 1931 as compared with 3,490 bales for the same period last year.

A layer of broken stone or gravel three of four inches in thickness placed under a concrete floor will prevent dampness and moisture from coming through the floor.

# SIGAL THEATRE

FRI. and SAT. DEC. 25-26

**"The Cisco Kid"**  
with WARNER BAXTER and EDMUND LOWE, CONCHITA MONTENEGRO and NORA LANE. The Cisco Kid is in town—run for the entertainment of your lives. He stole a hundred hearts and then lost his own.



Hard-boiled with bandits, but soft-hearted with the ladies, Edmund Lowe succumbs to the allurements of Conchita Montenegro in "The Cisco Kid," Fox picture. 1PD

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Dec. 27-28-29

**"Silence"**  
with CLIVE BROOK and PEGGY SHONNON. Condemned because he would not talk! What is the secret of this man's heart that he guards with his life? See "Silence" and see how far a man will go for love!

WED. and THUR. DEC. 30-31

**"Transatlantic"**  
with EDMUND LOWE and LOIS MORAN. A fortune at his fingertips but the girl he loved at his side. Easy money—or that little thing called respect?

Big Midnight Show Starting At 11:30 P. M. DEC. 31st. Don't Miss It!

FRI. and SAT. JAN. 1-2

BUCK JONES in **"Border Law"**

## Holiday Greetings



"Merry Christmas . . .  
Happy New Year . . .

Throughout each of our homes, each of our neighborhoods, each of our towns, these glad wishes are making old hearts young—young hearts happy. And it is a time to be happy, too. . . . A time when our spiritual, mental and physical beings are uplifted . . . when there's a song in our hearts, a twinkle in our eyes, and a hearty grip in our hand for our fellow-men.



On this Day of Days, we extend to our many friends—throughout the 125 cities and towns, and in the hundreds of smaller communities,



farm and ranch homes served by this company—a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

# West Texas Utilities Company

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie James will leave the last of the week for Okla.

John Windham, of Oplin, was in Baird, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Powell of Cross Plains, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. E. M. Smith underwent an operation at the Baptist Hospital in Abilene, Tuesday.

Monroe Watts of Lubbock, is spending the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Syc Clifford.

Mesdames Syc Clifford, John Dossier, Ella Tate and Jewell Wylie, were Abilene visitors, Saturday.

Misses Louise Gardner and Willie Garlett are the guests of Mrs. John Dossier, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker visited in the home of Rev. R. A. Walker and family, at Merkel, Sunday evening.

Miss Lillie Morrison left yesterday for Longview to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Neal McDowell.

Mrs. Tedwell and little daughter, of Temple, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Tedwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Brian.

Mrs. A. Smith Gill, of Ft. Worth, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price McFarlane.

Misses Mary May Tyson and Robbie Windham of Oplin are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stephenson this week.

Mrs. Martha Gilliland left Wednesday for Kerrville where she will spend the holidays with her daughter, Miss Alice Gilliland.

**Dr. S. P. RUMPH**  
PHYSICIAN  
and  
SURGEON  
Res. 143 PHONES Office 143

Miss Maggie Harp who is a student in the North Texas State Normal at Denton, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. B. H. Bennett left Tuesday for El Paso to spend Christmas with her daughter.

Miss Edith Collier has gone to Dallas to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. J. B. Harmon of Ft. Worth, spent several days here the past week looking after her real estate interests here.

Miss Tassie Jackson of Abilene was the guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McWhorter, one day the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker in Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watts in McKinney.

Mrs. Louis Hall and son, Rowland left Tuesday for Longview to spend Christmas with Mr. Hall, who is with the Texas & Pacific Ry Co., at that place.

Arvin Melton who is with the State Highway Department in the Plains country, is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melton.

Mrs. Noak Cook and little daughter Joyce Jean, of San Angelo, are here for the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mitchell and family.

A. M. Coleman, teacher and athletic coach in the Baird High School last year, was in Baird Monday greeting old friends. Mr. Coleman is now teacher and athletic coach in the Junior High School at San Angelo.

Mrs. C. M. Mills left Wednesday for Atlanta Ga., to spend Christmas with her son, Rob. Cochran. Rob is with an insurance company with headquarters in Springfield Mass., but for the past several weeks has been on special duty for his firm in the southern states.

Miss Elizabeth Reed is at home from Canyon Teachers College. This is her second year. She is well pleased with her work this term having won fourth place in Home Economics and high

grades in English and other studies. She will return to school after Christmas.

Claude Flores left yesterday for Ft. Worth where he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reanaud during the holidays.

Miss Ruth Akers, who has been visiting her brother, W. H. Akers, and family at Denton, the past week, was expected home last night.

J. C. Brashear of Atwell, is a new subscriber to The Star, taking advantage of our splendid clubbing rate with the Abilene Morning News, getting his home county paper and West Texas leading daily one year for only \$4.00. Mr. and Mrs. Brashear were in Baird Wednesday.

Dr. T. J. Griswold, pastor of the mas with his wife and daughter, Mrs. Methodist church will spend Christmas and family at Cisco. Dr. Griswold informs us that Mrs. Griswold is slowly recovering from a recent operation and hopes to soon be able to come home. She has been with her daughter for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Boatwright and daughters, Misses Viola and Cleora left Tuesday for Mission to spend the holidays with Mr. Boatwright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Boatwright. Miss Viola, who is attending the North Texas Teachers College at Denton, came home Saturday and Cleora, who is teacher in the Graham Public Schools, met them at Cisco Tuesday afternoon and they went south via Coleman.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN CO.**

I take this means of extending to you, my sincerest best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year during 1932.

As your Commissioner for Prec't No. 1, I am endeavoring to assist as many of the needy as possible, at the same time, putting forth my best effort to conduct the County's business on an economical basis, and want to enlist your aid in behalf of our undertaking during the coming months. Again wishing for you the best, I am

Sincerely yours,  
J. W. HAMMONS

Young fish in state hatcheries have to take baths with acetic acid for soap to clean off fungus growths.

## UNION SCHOOL NEWS

The pretty weather is greatly appreciated in our school, as the roads were almost impassable and the buses could not make their routes.

Each room has a well organized library and reading tables. The students are taking a great interest in using the books. Some \$60.00 worth of new books and magazines have been ordered for the rooms and they are coming in each day. A contest was carried on between rooms to secure as many books and old magazines as possible. Miss Holmes and Miss Ledgers rooms were runners-up, but Miss Ledger's room won in the end and will have a half holiday.

The students and teachers have launched a beautifying campaign, each day the rooms are graded on cleanliness, orderliness, and neatness. At the end a circulating prize is given Miss Holmes' primary room won the first month and was given a pretty magazine rack.

Both Senior boys and girls played basketball with Cottonwood Friday eve. They put up a hard fight but lost. The Junior boys will play Putnam Friday evening. Come.

School will turn out Friday for the holidays. All rooms will have a Christmas tree. A program will be given in the auditorium at 2 o'clock. P. T. A. will meet Thursday night for the last time this year. If you are a member, you are expected to be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Tatum gave a party to the High School boys and girls Friday night.

A Bible school will be conducted by J. Bennett Flowers and Minter Uzzell, Dec 26th to 23rd at 7 P. M. each evening.

The above letter was received too late for last weeks issue.

**MISS MCGOWEN'S RECITAL**

Due to continued bad weather, Miss Glenn McGowen has postponed her piano recital until after the holiday. Date will be announced later.

SEE DR. BENNINGER at Holmes Drug Store for the best buy of a Diamond. Less than 50c on the dollar. 4-1t

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all our friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown us in the illness and death of our beloved son and brother, John Appleton. The memory of your kindness to us in our hour of sorrow will linger with us always.

Mrs. D. R. Appleton  
Will Appleton  
J. H. Appleton  
Mrs. Lonie Loper  
Mrs. Allie Young

The above card of thanks was sent

in for publication some three weeks ago but was unentionally left out. —Editora.

**EXPRESSION and CLASSIC DANCE**

**Mrs. Robert Walker**  
Phone 34

Classes will re-open Jan. 4th.

## CHRISTMAS BRINGS HAPPINESS TO THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD

AND IT IS OUR WISH THAT TO YOU MAY COME A DOUBLE PORTION OF JOY DURING THIS GREAT AND GOOD SEASON

Often we wish that we could gather all our friends together and talk to them out of our very heart of the appreciation we feel for their loyalty to us since we have been in business. But since we cannot do this we take pleasure in sending this message of thanks and good wishes in the hope that it will reach each of you.

**McELROY DRY GOODS CO.**  
Baird, Texas



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

We extend to all our friends and patrons our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Our stores are completely stocked to help you make your holiday feasting a success.

## CIGARETTES

The Popular Brands Carton \$1.59  
Xmas Wrapped tax inc. \$1.59

PRINCE ALBERT TOBACCO 1 lb tin, Xmas pkg. 98c	MINCE MEAT pkg. 10c
CRANBERRY SAUCE can 19c	Chocolate Cream Candy lb 15c
Holly Christmas Candy 2 lb 25c	PUMPKIN 2 No. 2 1/2 cans 25c

## DEL MONTE ASPARAGUS

Picnic can 15c

RAJAH SALAD DRESSING 8 oz jar 10c	RAISINS pkg 5c
GRANDMOTHER'S BREAD 16 oz loaf 5c	FRUIT PUDDING each 25c

## IONA PEACHES

SLICED OR HALVES Large Can 15c

PINEAPPLE No. 2 1/2 can 15c	ECONOMY OATS 3 1/2 lb 12c
CRACKERS 2 lb box 21c	8 O'CLOCK COFFEE lb 19c
MATCHES 6 boxes 15c	MARSHMALLOWS 1 box 23c

## IONA CORN

3 No. 2 cans 23c

## FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

BANANAS large fruit lb 5c	CRANBERRIES lb 15c
POTATOES 10 lb 16c	Emperior Grapes 3 lb 25c
LETTUCE head 5c	APPLES 2 doz 25c

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO.

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## Merry Christmas

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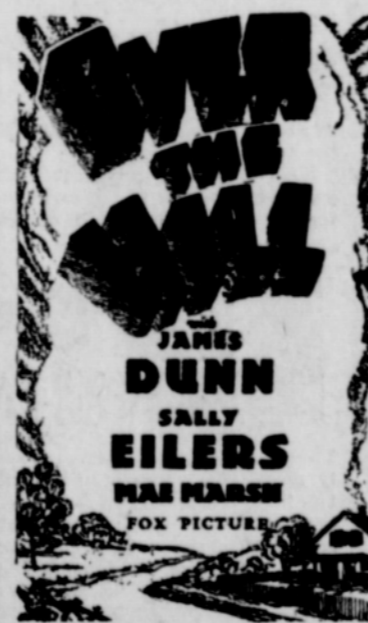
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CISCO, TEXAS

### CHRISTMAS DAY



Sun.-Mon.- Dec. 27-28

"HER MAJESTY LOVE"  
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MARILYN MILLER

THIS COUPON GOOD FOR ONE ADMISSION

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"HER MAJESTY LOVE"  
Sunday or Monday, Dec. 27-28

FAMILY NIGHT, Tuesday night  
Family of six  
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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
BARGAIN DAYS  
ADULTS  
ADMITTED  
ON ONE TICKET



### The Christmas Message

By ELIZABETH CLARKE HARDY  
In Wisconsin Agriculturist

OH, CHRISTMAS BELLS that sweetly chime,  
And Christmas lights that gleam and glow—  
Oh, silent stars that softly shine  
Across the world of frost and snow,  
Ye fill the world with joy and light,  
What message do you bring tonight?

Oh, Christmas trees with twinkling lights,  
And shining branches bending low  
With gifts that gladden all our hearts,  
And thoughts of loving kindness show,  
Ye bear the fruits of pure delight,  
What message do you bring tonight?

Oh, radiant spirit of the day,  
Thy message thrills the whole world o'er,  
It fills the world with hope and joy  
From zone to zone, from shore to shore,  
'Tis meant for every human heart,  
And none need stand alone, apart.

The peace, good will and Christmas cheer,  
The shining lights, the magic tree,  
The joy that thrills the Christian heart  
For all the world is full and free,  
The Christmas message from above  
To all the world is love, is love.

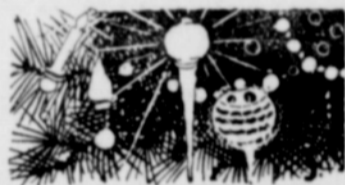


By Martha Banning Thomas

PERHAPS it's a healthy trait that most human beings like and are drawn to bright and glittering objects. At Christmas time this craving is satisfied in a hundred ways.

When we are children we look with awe upon the shimmer of tinsel on Christmas trees. The wings of the angel on the top-most peak seem like the wings of those heralds above Bethlehem who announced the coming of the Christ-child. Our eyes shine half blinded by the glory of legend and expectation.

When we are older we become (as we think) more sophisticated. Tinsel



on a larger scale. Bright lights, beautiful decorations, dazzling entertainment. The same child-like needs transposed into a more worldly manifestation. But we can't quite forget the stars or the moon. They attract us with a strange delight.

And when we are quite old and wise we know and admit that we must rely on something which shines beyond us, a bit out of reach. We remember the breathless moments of childhood and the blazing Christmas tree. We knew wonder in those days and found it precious.

We think of later years somewhat obscured by false values. Something more than tinsel; something less than simple pleasures—glitter, certainly, but little of that quality which yields the magic of happiness.

So perhaps we forget the middle years and go back to the earlier ones, feeding on the first joys of childhood.



The long festoons swinging gracefully among the green branches of the tree! The glimmer of make-believe icicles, the powder of make-believe snow, the cheerful flames of candles and the laughter of people we loved.

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### Have You Seen SANTA?



Christmas eve was the horriest she'd ever spent.

She tried to remember if she had ever heard Eric speak of Lena before. "A wretched name," she said aloud, "and probably a perfect nit-wit of a girl. One of his odious relatives."

She waited and waited. Christmas eve was going to be spoiled. She could tell that. Why hadn't they gone to New York like everyone else? Then this Lena pest would never have roped in Eric.

At 6:30 the telephone jingled. Sally flew to answer it. "Sally, darling, I'm a bit delayed. Just called up to tell you not to worry. Traffic heavy

"Oh yes," said Sally in a cool polite voice.

"I'm bringing Lena home, dear. I know you'll like her. Expect us about quarter past seven."

Sally was in a rage. How dare he spoil their cherished Christmas by bringing home a stranger? How cruel . . . how thoughtless!

At quarter past seven she heard the car rush into the drive before the door. Her heart hardened. She went to the kitchen and looked into a closet.

The front door banged. "Hey, Sally! Hey! Where are you? Come here and meet Lena!"

She heard footsteps in the dining room. The swinging door pushed open. Then before she could catch her breath, Eric had her by the hand. He literally dragged her into the dining room, through the living room to the front door. "Got to meet Lena right away," he laughed. He thrust her out of the door on to the tiny porch. "Lena!" shouted Eric, "God bless 'er—there she stands!"

Sally blinked. Tears of rage dried in her eyes. "Lena!" she murmured in a foolish little voice, "Eric . . . what have you done?"

A small, smart car stood by the steps. Light from the house flowed along its polished sides. It panted gently with a quiet engine.

"Meet the wife, Lena," said Eric and made an elaborate gesture of introduction.

"Whose?" demanded Sally.

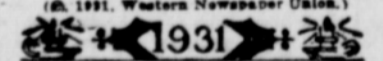
"Yours, woman! Christmas present! Delayed in delivery! Had to go in to get her. Thought I'd give you a whirl. Like the looks of the dear girl?"

"Oh, Eric . . . she's superb. You wonderful boy!"

The trees dripped. The fog closed in. The country road became soggy than ever . . . but Sally declared it was perfect Christmas weather.

"I feel I really ought to offer her a piece of turkey," said Eric at dinner, "with a little gasoline gravy!"

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### A Letter to Santa



## "Lena"

The Christmas Present  
By Martha Banning Thomas

IT WASN'T in the least like Christmas. Sally stood at the window and surveyed the dripping trees, the soggy road. A gray fog lay upon the hills; the sky was the color of gun metal.

"I wouldn't care about any old weather," thought Sally dimly, "if Eric were here. Of course I understand that he had to go to town to meet his cousin Lena. He couldn't decently do anything else, but this is our first Christmas together . . . and it's sort of lonesome out here in the country."

Sally was twenty-three. She and Eric had been married a little less than a year. For months they had speculated on the best way to spend Christmas together. At first they had decided to go to New York, only 40 miles away, have dinner, go to the theater and then some exciting night club. But gradually they discovered that they were not as interested in celebrating the holiday in this manner: Sally and Eric had been to plenty of dinners, plenty of dances and plenty of night clubs. They were a bit fed up. After considerable argument and trying to find out what the other really wanted, they came to the grand conclusion that they would get a thrill out of Christmas at home in their little house in the country.



"No party," said Eric.

"No guests," chimed in Sally.

"Nothing . . . but Christmas and us!" They had shaken hands solemnly on this.

They had talked over the dinner, which Sally was to prepare herself (the maid having begged to be let off to go to her family for the day). They had decided on the kind of Christmas tree they wanted; Eric had gone out two days ago and chopped it down. They had trimmed it with the glitter of make-believe icicles and silver-blue lights. They had shopped furiously, buying quantities of jokes and silly presents. These two young things, very much in love and full of zest and ideas, swept away the more obvious entertainments in one gesture. They were as excited as children.

Then at 1:00 o'clock of the afternoon the day before Christmas, while Eric was ducking to himself over some ridiculous gift he was wrapping up for Sally, the telephone rang.

Eric talked very hurriedly into the transmitter. And in a low tone, Sally could hardly hear what he said. When he hung up the receiver he announced that he must leave for town at once. "But why?" asked Sally.

"Well," he hesitated, "you see I've got to meet Lena. She's just come."

"Lena! Who in the world is she?" Sally's voice became a bit edgy.

"Oh, er . . . a sort of cousin. Terribly sorry, old girl. I'll tear over in the bus-buggy and be back in no time."

So, he had gone. And the trees dripped. And the sky grew dark. And Sally cried a little and decided this

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Sincerely,  
Eliza Gilliland  
Editor, Baird Star

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ROY D. WILLIAMS

## TWO LITTLE WORDS

"Merry Christmas."—Those two words have behind them all our good wishes for your future happiness—mixed with gratitude for your loyal support of us in the past

SAM GILLILAND  
Baird, Texas

## ARMLOADS OF WISHES

An armload of wishes are now on their way. We've sent them to greet you sincerely today. May gifts of the season, true happiness give. And fortune attend you as long as you live.

ASHBY WHITE  
Baird, Texas

## CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Wreaths hang at every window,  
Candles twinkle in the night.  
May your home resound with laughter,  
And your Yuletide days be bright.

## WHEELER'S

## CLIMBING LIFE'S LADDER

Christmas reminds us of another milestone in life; and it also reminds us of those who have made the "climb" thus far pleasant and profitable

May we, in these brief words, convey to you our sincerest thanks for your patronage and friendship.

Your confidence in us is our greatest asset—and we shall always strive to prove ourselves worthy of it.

### GREETINGS

I wish each and every-one a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Robert Walker  
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### In Appreciation

The holiday season again affords us an opportunity to extend Greetings to our friends and patrons—and wish them all—happiness in the days ahead.

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**INDUSTRY SEES HOPEFUL SIGNS, BANKERS TOLD**

**Leading Automobile Unit Expects to Employ More Men This Winter Than Last**

**MOTOR SUPPLY IN HANDS OF PUBLIC FALLING OFF**

**Twelve Million Years Less Transportation in Nation's Car Inventory Than Considered Normal, Manufacturer Tells Financiers**

**ESTIMATING** that transportation in the form of automobiles now in the hands of the American public is twelve million "car-years" below normal, and that this deficit will eventually have to be made up, Richard H. Grant, vice president of the General Motors Corporation, recently told the American Bankers Association convention that employment in his company may be greater this winter than last year.

"Employment during the winter months is a very important thing," Mr. Grant said. "So far as our corporation is concerned, in November, December, January and February we will be employing at least as many and probably more men than we did this past year."

In order to gauge the outlook for next year's market his corporation, he said, attempts to set up sales indices based on intensive scientific studies in addition to observation and common sense.

"We are in the habit of looking upon an automobile not merely as an automobile but as transportation," he said. "We figure each automobile produced as six years of transportation. Then by following up records of production yearly, we get a graph which indicates what ought to be a normal inventory of transportation in the hands of the American people, and whether there are more or less miles than might be expected. According to our figures, there are about twelve million years less transportation in this inventory at the present time than has been considered normal since 1925.

**The Outlook for Business**

"Consequently, if we retain the same purchasing power in this country, it is quite evident that on the first upturn of business there will be a rush to replace that inventory. In developing this graph, it has come out very strongly that every third year is a big automobile year. The biggest automobile year was 1929 when 4,100,000 cars were produced for American consumption. This year the industry will produce somewhere between 1,800,000 and 1,900,000 cars. As 1932 is three years after 1929, if economic conditions were normal we could be sure we would do a tremendous business, because the third year is the time when the bulk of the replacing takes place."

He added that there are factors at work that make it uncertain how big the year will be, instancing that "money is being hoarded from lack of confidence and this takes away some purchasing power that we would otherwise have, while family budgets are being cut on account of changes in income conditions, which again means that purchasing power for the automobile, like a good many other things, will be knocked down." As a result, he said, it was necessary to measure what statistically would be a big year against a practical consideration of the curtailment of expenditures which is going on and determine how big the year will be under these circumstances.

"From a long haul standpoint, regardless of how many automobiles are sold in 1932, we are storing up a big business for the future," Mr. Grant said. "There will be fewer automobiles sold in 1931 than will go to the scrap heap. With 12,000,000 car-years out of the inventory, nine percent more gasoline was used up to August 1, 1931, than was used in 1930. With fewer automobiles, the people must have been running them faster and longer to consume the additional gasoline. This means that we have some 22,000,000 people working hard to make a fine business for our industry when there is an economic recovery.

**No False Optimism**

"I am not attempting to create any false optimism—I am not speaking without a statistical background. Using the best sense we can, we have drawn conclusions from the figures we have, and I am willing to make the statement that as far as the conduct of our business for the first half of 1932 is concerned, we shall set the indices somewhat higher than the actualities of 1931. We are willing to set our advertising budgets and our selling expense on that kind of indices. With economic conditions as they are, and since the obsolescence is so great and we have sunk so low in this year's sales, we figure that the first half of 1932 must necessarily be better than was the first half of 1931."

**Bankers Help**

Seven banks of Kennebec County, Maine, cooperated with the county grange, farm bureau, and local creamery, in financing the publication of a booklet, entitled, "The Agricultural Situation in Kennebec County." It presents in a concise manner the farm resources and practices of the county, with suggestions for improvement.

**AMERICA'S WORLD RESPONSIBILITIES**

By H. J. HAAS

President American Bankers Association

**WE** are in a changing world, with many new financial problems for which we have no precedents, and many old problems which have so changed as to be unrecognizable.

American bankers have been called into world affairs to blaze new trails of "unknown finance." We may expect these calls to be more numerous in the future than they have in the past.

We are the world's financial leader and we must accept the responsibility which goes with it.

Let us look to the future with confidence. Every one has experienced a great sorrow some time, perhaps so great we felt we could never overcome it, but time is the great healer and eventually we have come out of it. As it is with individuals, so it is with nations. Our nation has had much sorrow in the 155 years of its existence. In that time we have passed through the major depressions of 1837-1857-1873 to 1879-1884-1893-1896-1907-1914-1921 and the present.

I venture to state that in each of these periods there were those who had doubts of the future just as we have them today, but what happened after each depression? Our country recovered, to be better and stronger than ever. Its people were introduced to modes of living they never dreamed of, until today, notwithstanding our depression, we live on the highest plane of any nation in the world. Should we not judge the future by past experience?

Surely our people are better prepared, financially and intellectually, to cope with even greater problems than they have been in the past, so why not look to the future confident that fundamental social and economic problems will be adjusted satisfactorily?

Confidence is not established by any one thing but by an accumulation of things. If we can get confidence started on its way, gathering a little here and there, it will accelerate its speed as it goes along. This is not the work of any one man to perform but is the cumulative effort of each and every one of us. What we are in the future is not the result of what we have done on any one day but the result of all that we have done for all time. The American Bankers Association is endeavoring to do its part. Individually our efforts may not count for much, but they are part of the whole plan and taken in the aggregate they amount to the sum total of all our efforts.

**PUBLIC INJURED BY BANK GOSSIP**

**National Association Declares Community Interests Demand Protection Against Idle Rumors**

**BOTH** in their advertising and in their direct contacts with customers and others, bankers should "consciously and persistently devote more time and thought to keeping people mindful of the fact that while the bank has many obligations toward its customers, equally is it true that the depositor also has certain obligations to the bank to enable it to properly maintain its position in the community," a recent statement of the American Bankers Association declares.

"A bank admittedly is a semi-public institution and there is a mutuality of obligation resting upon both the banker and his customers to maintain the effective functioning of that institution that is superior to the personal interests of either," it says.

Bankers might well consciously devote greater effort to building up the public viewpoint in their communities.

**GREETINGS**

I wish to express my appreciation to loyal customers and friends and to wish you a Merry Christmas and happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year.

**The Bonnett Box**  
Josephine Hamlett

use due to their public obligations and burden of public interest, the banks are entitled to protection against ill-informed or malicious gossip and rumors," the statement says.

**What Can Be Done**

Farmers should rid themselves of any false hope of outside aid from legislation. The only recourse left for the producer on a reduced price level is to produce his goods at reduced costs, and nearly every farmer can likely put into force a few economies in production. Farmers must produce as largely as possible the materials they use, and get away from cash purchases until prices come down proportionately on the things they buy. The cheapest way in the farming business is to raise your own feed and not let the other man get your dollars.

**NATION'S FINANCE STANDS TEST WELL**

**Economic Policy Commission of Bankers Association Points Out How 22,000 Banks Protect Public Interest**

**OVER** 22,000 banks all over the United States are "quietly and efficiently serving their communities, helping tide many business enterprises over their difficulties, helping many concerns to earn money, helping create the economic activities that mean payrolls and spending power in their zones of influence, and faithfully keeping guard over the working capital and savings funds of their depositors," the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association says in a recent survey, adding:

"It surely stands strikingly to the credit of the banking profession that, during a period of unparalleled international economic depression, this vast majority of bankers have so competently, so courageously and so successfully met their difficulties and obligations. The effects of the drought, the demoralization of agriculture, the stagnation of industry, the break-down of trade, the inability of so many heretofore desirable customers to meet their obligations to the banks, the impairment of public confidence by mob-scares and false rumors resulting in unprecedented runs on the abnormal

appreciation of quoted security values even in the most wisely conceived investment accounts, the utter collapse of real estate values—all these things have occurred on a nationwide and worldwide scale with unprecedented severity.

"The efforts of every one of them have assailed the banks with destructive forces because they are of the very essence of a bank's economic substance. Yet, as we have shown, the great bulk of our banking deposits has been protected without harm, and our banks in a vast majority have continued to serve, support and strengthen their customers and their communities with unflinching and unconquered devotion."

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**Safeguard**

When merit has been achieved, do not take it to yourself; for if you do not take it to yourself, it shall never be taken from you.—**Leo Tsa.**

**Wheat a Book Number**  
The average oil well in the United States produces about 3,000 barrels of oil a year, which is 600 times as much as a wheat yields in its lifetime.

**Grapefruit Culture**

Seedless grapefruits are grown and cultured in the same way that seeded grapefruits are. The difference is a characteristic of the plant, and not a matter of culture. They are propagated by budding.

**Best Wishes**

To the chorus of greetings, allow us to add our very best wishes for a right Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years to you and yours.

**Shaw Motor Co.**

**THE LONGEST NIGHT WILL PASS**

The sun, unseen, is shining somewhere all the time. It never fails to rise again for us, driving away our darkness and gloom and inspiring us with the hope of a new day.

How Natural that all northern people even before the advent of Christianity rejoiced at this season of the year and made merry because the longest night had passed and the sun of a new year was mounting skyward.

It is a token and a happy one. May the season find you enjoying a merry Christmas, and rejoicing in the promise of a new and prosperous year.

**HOLMES DRUG CO.**

**Christmas Greetings**

**FROM CALLAHAN COUNTY COURT HOUSE OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL**

*We thank you for the Confidence you have placed in us in the past, and extend to you and yours our sincere wishes for—*

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**



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## PUTNAM NEWS

by Sallie Ann

Mr. and Mrs. Tatom were Brown-wood visitors last Friday, Jessie Tatom, Shirley Cunningham and Elsie Kelley returned home with them for the holidays.

Miss Mary Guyton, who has been attending school in Pasadena Calif., returned home last Thursday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Mary Guyton.

Mr. Truett Little and Mr. Charlie Miller, students of Howard Payne College of Brownwood, are home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cribbs were visiting in Dallas over the week-end.

Miss Hazel Nordyke and Mr. Noel Nordyke, who are students of John Tarleton College at Tephenville, spent the week-end with their brother, Mr. Clarence Nordyke.

Miss Overton is visiting with her brother, Mr. Jesse Overton.

Miss Francis Cook, student of Abilene Christian College, returned home last Thursday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Overton were Abilene visitors, Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. Buchanan and daughter, Bertha Buchanan, were Abilene visitors last Friday.

Miss Estelle King and Mr. Weldon King were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskins over the week-end.

Mr. Russell Webb, who has been in the hospital at Brownwood for some time left the hospital Saturday for his home in Miles where he will spend the holidays. He expects to be back in school in Putnam shortly after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskins and family were guests at a 6 o'clock dinner given by Mrs. F. E. Clark in her home Monday in honor of Dr. Clark's birthday, last Monday.

Mr. J. J. Clark spent the week-end visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. P. Gaskins.

Mrs. John Benedict of Cisco, was a Putnam visitor, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Buchanan and son were Cisco visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Short and Miss Roma Yarbrough were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Whitaker visited in Pioneer last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Dunn are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Dunn's father, Mr. M. W. Whitlock.

Mrs. J. B. Anthony and Mrs. Fred Gilson were Cisco visitors, Monday.

Mrs. E. P. Whitaker and Mrs. Hamilton were Baird visitors, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Seastrunk and little daughter, Mary Frances, of Carbon visited Mrs. Seastrunk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, Saturday.

Miss Suber had charge of the discussions on "Authority and Discipline" in which Mr. Smith, Bailey and Jamison answered the questions.

The aim of the P. T. A. is the welfare of our children. The dues are small and the P. T. A. would like for all the parents to be members. The latter part of January we are going to have father's night, at which time we want to have a very large number of fathers present.

### WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Wednesday Club met in a Christmas meeting with Miss Collier December 16th. Roll Call was answered with Bible Quotations.

The following program was given: What is the Bible?—Mrs. Hill. The Song of our Syrian Guest—Mrs. Shaw

Reading

- (a) Christmas Morning
- (b) Calvary

The club adjourned till after the holidays. Mrs. Russell will entertain the club Dec. 30th.

### NIGHT HAWK CLUB

Miss Ella Tate was hostess to the Night Hawk Club on Thursday night of last week. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Watts, of Colorado, Miss Louise Gardner of Moran, and Miss Willie Garlett of Abilene.

The Christmas motif was carried out in house decorations and Miss Tate served salad, meat loaf, hot rolls, fruit cocktail and cake to the club member and guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dosser won high score in "42" and Mr. and Mrs. Watts high score in Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wiley will entertain the club on December 31st.

### Merry Christmas Time

Christmas programs with Christmas trees will be held at the various churches tonight (Thursday).

The Goodfellows will distribute baskets of groceries, fruits and other necessities to the needy this afternoon also toys which have been gathered up and made new by the Boy Scout Troop of Baird.

Some thirty-five families will receive baskets from the Goodfellows. Rev. Joe R. Mayes and Rev. Thos. McDonald had charge of the delivery of the baskets to the homes.

The city is beautifully decorated with sparkling lights and many beautifully decorated windows, all of which adds to the happy Christmas spirit, and we hope that everyone in our little city, without a single exception will be made happy at this joyous Christmas tide.

## GRIGGS HOSPITAL NEWS

Carry Rhodes, 10 years old son of Mrs. Rhodes, of Oplin, underwent a minor surgical operation Saturday. Gaines Short underwent a tonsilectomy Tuesday and was a patient for a day and night.

John Krycho, of Madison Wisconsin, who was severely injured in a motorcycle wreck east of the city a few days ago, is a patient. He is suffering from a fractured forearm, leg and knee joint.

J. N. Joyner underwent a minor surgical operation Sunday night. Mrs. Bob Blakley died at the hospital at 12:30 a. m. Thursday morning. She had undergone a surgical operation Wednesday morning.

W. O. Williams, of Oplin, underwent a minor surgical operation this week.

Mrs. Bob Jacobs, who underwent a major operation some two weeks ago, has returned to her home.

Miss Akers, nurse in charge at the hospital is visiting in Denton and Miss Baker is in charge during her absence.



## BAIRD CHURCHES

### Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
(Every Sunday)  
Preaching Services  
Morning Hour 11:00 A. M.  
Evening Hour 7:15 P. M.  
(Every 2nd and 4th Sundays)  
Christian Endeavor 2:30 P. M.  
(Junior Class)

Monday  
Ladies Aid Society 4:00 P. M.  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting 7:15 P. M.

### With Baird Baptist

Merry Christmas to all, and a joyous happy New Year. May prosperity, good health and many friends be the portion of each one, is my wish these glorious days.

Some facts and here they are:

1. Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem
2. He was the son of man and also the son of God.
3. He was a perfect man and a mighty God. Yes he was a man, he was a God.
4. He blest every life. He taught while he lived in the flesh. Every miracle he performed was to help someone.
5. He died, was buried and arose from the dead, ascended to heaven and is at the right hand of the Father making intercessions for us.
6. He is therefore able and will save every soul who will come to him.
7. He is coming back to earth again and will pass judgment upon all and those who are not safely sheltered by his blood will be cast into Hell with the Devil and his angels.

My friend, are you ready for his coming? Have you ever gone to Jesus and received his pardon?

We celebrate his birth these days; that's fine, but lets magnify and honor his death by committing ourselves to him and accept him as our Savior. Do it now!

Your friend,  
Joe R. Mayes

### Methodist Church

9:45—Sunday School, A. L. Johnson Supt.

11:00—Sermon Subject, "The Meaning of the name of Jesus."

6:15—All Leagues will convene.

7:00—Sermon, "The Greatest Example of Faith." This subject was announced for last Sabbath evening

but we were practically rained out. 7:30 Wednesday—Mid-week prayer service.

This may be the church of your choice—Judge Lewis, Announcer. All are cordially invited to our worships. The donations for the orphans home will be continued over the coming Sunday. Be sure to bring your donation.

T. J. Griswold, Pastor.

### Church of Christ

The Church of Christ is not having a tree this Christmas but we are sending fruit, nuts, and candy to some forty children whose parents are jobless. We do this for the needy regardless of church affiliation. You are invited to all our services.

Thos. McDonald

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Sincerely,  
Eliza Gilliland  
Editor, Baird Star

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There is a time to use the microscope

## WANT ADS

FOR SALE:—Cut Flowers for all occasions. Special attention given to orders for flowers for funerals. Call Mrs. R. A. Kelton, 212LSL. 47-48

WANTED:—Position as house keeper for elderly couple or small family. Write R. S. G., care The Baird Star, Baird Texas

## WE WELCOME CHRISTMAS

Because it brings us new and greater opportunities to express our appreciation of those gifts such as friendship and pleasant memories which serve to make life worth while.

### WE EXTEND OUR MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS

AND WISH YOU THE BEST OF HEALTH AND ABUNDANT WEALTH DURING THE NEW YEAR

MAYFIELD'S  
Baird, Texas

## AS THE NEW YEAR OPENS WIDE IT'S DOORS

WE REJOICE THAT MANY NEW FACES APPEAR IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF OUR FRIENDS

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Whatever this business is or may be is because of the friends we have made and held. Not through any patent method of winning friends but in the simple, old-fashioned way of giving honest values, weighed in the scales of justice, measured with the rule of fair-dealing, wrapped in the cover of satisfaction and held fast with the tie of kindness and consideration of the customers rights.

With full appreciation of every favor shown us during the short time we have been in business, we will enter the new year with enthusiasm and determination to hold all the friends we have and make some new ones.

May the joys you most desire be your's during the holidays and each hour of the New Year.

WE GREET YOU  
—and—  
WE THANK YOU

We send greetings because we want you, to have your full share of the seasons merriments.

And we thank you because you have helped us to round out a good year.

If our wishes for you came true this will be a very happy Christmas and during the days of the New Year your highest ideals will be realized.

W. D. BOYDSTUN  
Baird, Texas

## GILLILAND'S SHOPPE

JOHN GILLILAND

ELISKA GILLILAND

## SOCIAL NEWS

Please report all social news to the Star office. Thanks.

### PYTHIAN SISTERS

The Pythian Sisters met on Dec. 4th in regular meeting. The following officers were elected for 1932.

P. C.—Mary Kehrre; M. E. C.—Lodema Kehrre; E. S.—Bob Andrews; E. J.—Mrs. Bob Elliott; Manager—Jaunita Johnson; Guard—Susie Walker; Protector—Dollie Fulton; M. of T.—Hazel Johnson; M. of R. & C.—Lizzie Estes; Musician—Hazel Johnson. Jaunita Johnson was elected representative to Grande Lodge which meets in Abilene and Susie Walker was elected Alternate.

### PYTHIAN BOOSTER CLUB

The Pythian Booster Club met in the home of Mrs. E. C. Fulton, Wednesday, Dec. 9th. The meeting was called to order by the president. After the business meeting the social hour was spent in playing "42".

Delicious refreshments was served to the following: Mesdames R. L. Elliott, Lee Estes, Fred Estes, Mary Kehrre, Lodema Kehrre, B. F. Andrews, Hazel Johnson, Miss Susie Walker, Jaunita Johnson.

Guests were Mrs. Clarence West, Willie Barnhill and daughter, Miss Dorothy Barnhill, W. T. Hensley, Stevenson and daughter, Virginia, Helen Fulton, Goley Charlene Johnson Betty Jane Estes and Ann Lostess, Mrs. E. C. Fulton.

### PARENT-TEACHERS ASS'N

The P. T. A. met in regular meeting last Thursday, Dec. 10th, 1931. A large number were present and enjoyed the program as was presented. The room in each department having the largest number of mothers present have the honor of caring for the ever greens recently set out in the school yards; Those having the largest numbers were: Primary department, 2nd and 3rd grade; Intermediate department, 5th and 7th grade; High School 8th and 9th grade.

Miss Pressley gave a splendid reading and the grammar school choral club rendered several songs.