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The Haskell Free Press

There may be Bigger Towns than HASKELL—But There Are None Better. . . .

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FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

Merry Christmas

STONEWALL CO. DEFEATS \$580,000 ROAD BOND ISSUE

Stonewall county voters defeated the proposed \$580,000 bond issue to improve the highways of the county, by an overwhelming majority last Saturday. The vote was 242 for the bonds to \$500 against. Aspermont boxes were the only ones in the county which favored the issuance of the bonds; there was 165 for to 113 against.

REV. FORRESTER ACCEPTS CALL TO COLEMAN CHURCH

Next Sunday will be the last Sunday that Rev. E. Robert Forrester will spend in Haskell. He has received a call to the First Christian Church of Coleman, Texas, and has accepted the call. He will begin his new ministry the first Sunday in January.

White Christmas Program Will Be Presented Again

The White Christmas program will be put on at the Baptist church Sunday night for the second time. The program last Monday evening was greatly enjoyed. The attendance was about two hundred and many thought the program should be given before a crowded house.

Haskell B. Y. P. U. Association Meet Held December 14

The Haskell B. Y. P. U. Association met with the Curry Chapel church Sunday, Dec. 14th. With the president, Bro. Dennis in charge we completed the organization.

MERRY XMAS FROM DEWITT CHORAL CLUB

In the steep climb to success a little "pull" often counts for more than considerable "push."

SEYMOUR DEPOT IS LOOTED BY THIEVES FRIDAY

Baylor county officers were searching Saturday for thieves who broke into the union depot at Seymour Friday night and made away with an undetermined amount of loot.

BANKS TO CLOSE AT ONE O'CLOCK CHRISTMAS EVE

Both Haskell banks will close their doors at 1 p. m. Wednesday (Christmas Eve) in order that employees of the institution may have time off for their Christmas shopping.

AUTO RACES TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

The automobile races scheduled to be held on Fair Park track Monday, were postponed on account of the heavy snow, and will be held Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 24th, according to the promoters of the event.

Low Bus Rates Are Announced

A drastic cut in the bus fares of the Southwest Coach, Inc., was announced last week by Gus Fowler of Wichita Falls, traffic manager.

GRAND JURORS SUMMONED FOR DISTRICT COURT

The following men have been summoned for Grand Jury service for the January term of District Court, which will convene in this city on Monday, January 5th.

Employees of W. T. Utilities Enjoy Stamford Party

The annual Christmas party for employees of district C and members of their families was held at Stamford, Saturday with an estimated attendance of 125 people.

Junior G. A. Girls Have Xmas Tree

The Junior G. A. Girls met in the home of Geraldine Fouts last Tuesday Eve. After the regular business the girls played several games.

INDIANS DEFEAT ALL STARS 6-0 IN CHARITY GAME

Playing before an enthusiastic crowd of fans, the Haskell Indians defeated the All Stars last Thursday with a score of 6 to 0.

FIRST SNOW OF SEASON FALLS OVER WEST TEXAS

Covering all of West Texas and parts of Oklahoma, the first snowfall of the season blanketed this section Saturday night, with the fall continuing until Sunday afternoon.

"The Marvelous Love of God" to be Sermon Subject

This is to be the subject for the preaching service Sunday morning at the Baptist church. At this season of the year we have been thinking of the greatest of all gifts; Christ, the priceless Gift of God.



A scientist declares that there are quantities of rubber in the human bodies. This might explain why we come into the world as "bouncing babies."

We want to remember that we belonged to a Choral Club when we went to high school, so the club has ordered plans.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a gun and some shells, some apples, oranges, candy and nuts. I have blue eyes and white hair.
John Larned.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old and I am in the second grade. I want for Xmas a dresser, a trunk and lots of fruit and candy. I will thank you so much if you will bring me these things.
Leatrice Wheeler.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl four years old. I don't go to school but I am nearly big enough. Please bring me a little sleepy doll, a doll buggy, table and fruit and nuts. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Don't forget mother and daddy.
Hilda Florence Graham.

Ratliff & Ratliff
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
Office in Pierson Building

Dr. B. F. Ammons
DENTIST
In Pierson Building
Over Perry Bros. Phone 24

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll, dresser, table and all kinds of fruit. I have been a nice girl, Santa, and don't forget mother and daddy.
Bruce Gardner.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you to tell you I want you to bring me this Xmas I want a little doll wash set, lots of candy, fruit and nuts. I am ten years old, have blue eyes and golden hair.
Frances Larned.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy six years old. Please Santa bring me a little red wagon when you come to Haskell, Christmas.
Coleman Jr. Pinkerton.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl six years old. I go to school. I want you to bring me a pair of skates, pair of boots, a toy sewing machine, a little piano and lots of fruit and nuts. Please don't forget Ruth and Frankie Dorris.
Marticia Bledsoe.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy four years old. I am looking for you to come to see me this Xmas. And please bring me a doll. Mama says you don't bring little boys dolls but daddy says she just don't know. I

want one that goes to sleep, also a little tractor engine and lots of fruit and nuts. I will try to be a real good boy.
Jimmie Douglas Roberts.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa:
Please don't forget me this year. I have tried to be a good girl. I am a little girl nearly three years old. Bring me a doll, doll buggy, some nuts and fruit and candy.
Billie Laverne Hunt.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
It is time for Xmas again. I am a little boy six years old and I go to school at the north ward. I want you to visit my home this year as I have one brother and two sisters. I want you to bring me a little toy air rifle, a little car and lots of fruit and candy. I will see you trades day in Haskell I hope. I know you will have some candy that day.
Julius Williams.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy two years old and I have tried to be a good boy. Mama and daddy said I haven't been, so if you will bring me some toys I will promise to be real good next year. I want a knife, French harp, a big ball, a little truck and lots of fruit and candy. Oh, yes Santa. I will be at grandpa Tidwell's house again this Xmas.
Clarence Burson.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
All I want is a pair of boots and skates, fire crackers, sky rockets and lots of fruit and nuts.
Maurine.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pair of house shoes, little dresser, a doll cedar chest and lots of fruit and nuts, and I have four little brothers please don't forget them.
Martha Fay Smith.

DR. J. W. McCRARY
Dentist
General Practice of Dentistry
Haskell, Texas

Sagerton, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old and go to school. I have been a good girl and I want you to bring me a baby doll and a breakfast table, a trunk, lots of candy, nuts and anything else you might have for me.
Mozelle Parsons.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
How are you today? I hope you are all right. I want you to bring me a doll, some jacks, a picture of Santa and some fruit, nuts and my little sister wants a doll too.
Mildred Eva Jones.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a doll, little ironing board, living room suite, dishes and a blackboard.
Virginia Sue Pate.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the first grade at school. I have been pretty good this year and I want you to bring me a little doll, a tea set, a pretty tam, some nuts and candy. Don't forget all my little school mates and my teacher.
Jewell Harrison.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come this year, I want an airgun, a tractor and Amos and Andy, an electric train and some fireworks.
Milton Wilfong.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a toy typewriter, a grey eversharp pencil, a pair of beads, and a lamp. I would like for you to bring me a book vanity. Don't forget the poor children.
Wynona Frances Post.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Jack Simmons. I am in the third grade. I am nine years old. I want you to bring me a wagon, some fireworks, some nuts, candy and fruit. Please don't forget my friends Kinzie Tucker, Louis Pierson and Wynona Frances Post.
Jack Simmons.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will see me this Xmas. I want a bicycle, airgun, basketball, drum, fireworks and lots of candy. I am eleven years old.
Floyd Hester.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come. I want a big doll, set of books, wrist watch, little wash set, cake pan, percolator and some fruit and nuts.
Dorothy Jean Kendall.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Mr. Santa:
Please bring me an airgun, a sand dipper, eversharp pencil, steel track, fireworks and boots. Don't forget the sick children.
Jim Bob Webb.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
It must be cold up there. How are your reindeers? And don't forget the poor children, that didn't have a nice Xmas last year. For Xmas I want a pair of twostrap skates, a fountain pen, a pencil to match, some fire crackers and candies. I hope you have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.
Cora Louise Pierson.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come. I want an airgun, a shirt, tie, a little car, a wagon, truck and some skates, lots of candy and nuts.
Billy Joe Lancaster.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, a wristwatch, lots of candy and fruit. I hope all the poor little children have a Merry Xmas.
Eva Ray Gay.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a fountain pen, watch and some theme paper, and if you have any fireworks left. I want you to bring me some. I would like some fruit and nuts. I hope all the little children have a Merry Xmas.
J. R. Johnson.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come. I would like to have you bring me a pair of trousers. Please bring my brother a pair of shoes, shirt and trousers. My sister wants a dress, shoes, beads and hat. My mother a hat and shoes. I want my baby brother to have a wagon and ball to play with.
Fred Barnett.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old. I want you to bring me a gun, some shells, and all sorts of nuts and candy.
Walter Lee Larned.

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THANKS

We cannot let the old year pass without a message of thanks to our patrons. We do not send the message as a matter of form, but because we sincerely appreciate our friends and want you to know that you have meant much to us during the past year.

We find pleasure in our business; it is one of our chief sources of enjoyment from day to day. And as we think of the NEW YEAR we get a lot of satisfaction in planning to serve our patrons in the most acceptable manner.

We are going to do our best to add to your happiness during 1931, not only with quality and service, but by the courteous, willing and cheerful reception we give you.

May the NEW YEAR be full of choice blessings for you and for those whose happiness and welfare depends upon you.

Courtney Hunt & Co.

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We greet you and thank you. Thanks to you ever so much for ever visit and for every purchase and for every favor shown us. Some people do more business than we do but none appreciate what they get any more than we do. May the New Year be for you just what you would have it be.

ROSE CONFECTIONERY
AND CAFE
NORTH SIDE OF SQUARE

As the Old Year Fades Away

We will cherish the memory of the pleasant dealings we have had with our patrons. And as the New Year dawns we will face the future with renewed determination and zeal to merit your favors. May it be for you and yours a year of great joy—a year of "good times," financially and otherwise.

Special Prices Until January 3rd. to Reduce Stock Before Inventory.

COW CHOW 100 Pounds . . . \$2.45
LAY CHOW (Laying Mash) 100 lbs. \$2.75
CORN Yellow, 100 lbs. \$2.00

Grainola, Mule Feed, 100	\$2.52	Emergency Farm Ration	\$1.70
Pig Chow, 100 lbs.	\$3.05	Bran, 100 pounds	\$1.40
Hen Chow, (Scratch) 100	\$2.50	Shorts, Grey, 100 lbs.	\$1.65
Winner Scratch, 100 lbs.	\$2.35	Shorts, White, 100 lbs.	\$1.90
Chicken Chowder, 100 lbs.	\$3.25	Maize, 100 lbs.	\$1.80
Bulky Las (Cow Feed) 100	\$2.15	Kaffir, 100 lbs.	\$1.65

Large Stock of Goods from which to fill your Requirements.

Porter, White & Trice

Heartiest Good Wishes of the Season

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Christmas is the season of the heart. It is that festival of the year in which we gratify our innate yearnings to do good things for those about us and add as much as we can to the happiness of the world.

In the busy care and striving of the humdrum affairs of everyday life we sometimes let too much selfishness develop in our character and crowd out the nobler impulses which spring up when we see a chance to do a good deed. But during the Christmas season it is our universal delight to throw off this mask of self-interest and revel in the natural joys of spreading smiles on every side.

We are always glad to enter into the spirit of the Christmas season. In fact, we are not willing that we should ever lay aside this wholesome attitude of benevolence. We haven't found it too hard to carry some of the Christmas spirit in our business and use it through out the year.

It is our pleasure at this time to wish you all the heart-gladdening joys of Christmas time. It will be our pleasure at any time and at all times to serve you in any way within our power.

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R. B. Spencer & Co.
Lumber

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Rule, Texas.
Dec. 15, 1930.
Dear Santa Claus:
We have been pretty good boys this year. So please bring me a gun and football and bring my little brother a gun and ball and some nuts and candy.
Your little friends,
Edwin Allen Lusk,
Billie Lewis Lusk.

Haskell, Texas.
Dec. 15, 1930.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl four years old. I have been a good little girl. I want you to bring me a big doll and sweater, table and chairs, some fruits, nuts and candies.
Bye, bye, your little friend,
Dorothy Thane.

Haskell, Texas.
Dec. 15, 1930.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven years old. I have been a good boy. I want you to bring me a coaster wagon with wire spokes and tires and some fruit, nuts and candy.
Albert Thane.
P. S. Don't forget other little boys and girls.

Haskell, Texas.
Dec. 17, 1930.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 3 1/2 years old. Have been a good boy so please bring me a football, telephone, gun, horn and some good things to eat and also some fireworks. Please don't forget to bring something for my little baby sister.
Your little boy
Thomas Ray Harrell.

Haskell, Texas.
Dec. 16, 1930.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you what we four kiddies want. I myself, Odell, 10 years old; Bueford, 7 years and my sisters Wanda Jeane and Geraldine. We boys want an airgun apiece and a football and baseball set and bring Wanda Jeane a doll and rocking chair and set of dishes and bring baby sister (Geraldine) some play things and a little rocker. Also bring lot of nuts, fruit, candy. Remember mother and daddy, also grandmother and grandpa.
With lots of love and good luck. The Barton Kiddies, (Odell, Bueford, Wanda Jeane and Geraldine).

Floydada, Texas.
Dec. 17, 1930.
Mr. Santa Claus,
Reindeer Street,
Dear Old Santa:
We are two little Floydada girls and we want you not to forget us. We are very anxious for you to come. For Xmas we want tricycles just alike and also a baby "Dolly Dimples."
We are very small, our cousin is writing for us. Don't forget our little friends at Floydada. I hope you won't forget those in Haskell.
Lots of love,
Betty Jo Bishop,
Billie Ruth Smith.

Haskell, Texas.
Dec. 15, 1930.
Dear Santa Claus:
I surely am anxious, it is the 15th and the 17th is my birthday. I will be 8 my next birthday. Christmas I want a daisy doll and a big blackboard for Christmas. I want a toy bed and kitchen articles, and to wish the poor people the same things for Christmas.
Your friend,
Frances Merle E.

Haskell, Texas.
December 16, 1930
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be so glad when you come to see me, B. F., Betty Maud, and Cowboy. I want a doll in a doll buggy. I want a gold ring and fountainpen. I want some fruit and some nuts too. I want a typewriter.
Santa Claus, Betty Maud told me that she wanted a doll and some dishes, too, she wants an iron and ironing board and table too.
Santa Claus, B. F. wants a train and a little car.
Your friend,
Ouida Joyce Cowley.
P. S. Hope you a Merry Christmas.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I want a trapeze, tinker toys, chart, blackboard, cooking dishes, laundry set, apron set and a doll.
Patsy Ruth Pate.
Haskell, Texas, Dec. 12, 1930
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy 12 years old. I want you to bring me a football. My name is,
Gus Pinkerton.
Weinert, Texas.
Dec. 13, 1930.

Haskell, Texas.
December 16, 1930
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll trunk and a pair of house shoes and don't forget the other little children. And oh yes, Santa, don't forget the nuts, candies and fruits. Hoping it will be pretty weather for you to bring your toys, I am.
Your little friend,
Daring Rich.

Haskell, Texas.
December 16, 1930
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a little rocker chair and a little doll. Please do,
Margaret Williams.

Haskell, Texas.
December 16, 1930
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come this year. I want a wrist watch. I want a brown and white suit and I want some fireworks. Santa Claus, I want a cowboy suit. I want a football bladder. I want a coaster wagon. Merry Christmas to you.
Jack and James Kennedy,
Eugene Rogers.

Haskell, Texas.
December 16, 1930
Dear Santa Claus:
I am glad it is nearly Christmas. I have been good this year. This Christmas I want a box of candy and a pretty doll and a good fountainpen. I think my little sister wants a doll and a play piano.
Your friend,
Frances Lucille Stephens.

Haskell, Texas.
December 16, 1930
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a green and white fountain pen and a pencil to match? Will you bring me a pair of skates with two straps on them?
Your friend,
Marie Ballard.

Haskell, Texas.
December 16, 1930
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come. I have been a good boy and I want some dominoes, some candy, some nuts and I want some fireworks.
Your friend,
Carl E. Roberts.

Haskell, Texas.
December 16, 1930
Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas is almost here again. Isn't it cold up at the North Pole. For Christmas I want a makebelieve wrist watch, a negro doll, a rubber stamping outfit. Please bring me some candy fruit and fireworks.
Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Mary Alma Guest.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl nine years old, I try to be good but some times my mother gets after me. We have a little money. Do bring me what you can. I'll try to be good. I am going to school. I am in the 4th grade.
From,
Jessie Kate Nickelson
Weinert, Texas.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy three years old. I want you to bring me a drum, a gun, bugle, and lots of candy and nuts.
Your friend
Billie Earl Tanner
Weinert, Texas

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy two years old. I want you to bring me a toy truck, car, and a french harp, I want a lot of candy and nuts.
Your friend
Renie Mayfield
Weinert, Texas

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl four years old. I want you to bring me a doll with sleepy eyes, a little stove, a little dresser, and lots of candy, fruits and nuts.
I am as ever
Winnie Paye Bledsoe
Weinert, Texas

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
How are you today? I am just fine. I hope you will give me what I want, I want a doll, doll bed, gar-my ters, pear beads, some clothes for my doll, and some dishes.
Juanita Lackey.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am seven years old and go to school. I have been a good boy and I want you to bring me a little truck, a football and some nuts, and candy.
Gilbert Wheeler.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you a few lines to let you know what I want for Xmas. I am a little girl nine years old and I am in the third grade. Santa I want a doll buggy, a sleepy doll a suitcase for my dolls clothes and fruit and nuts. Don't forget my little friends.
Juanita Graham.
Haskell, Texas.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl four years old. I want you to bring me a pretty doll when you come to town the 22nd. My name is,
Marrylee Pinkerton.

In All Sincerity.....

We Extend our Best Wishes to all of you for a very—

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY PROSPEROUS 1931

May this Christmas and the coming year be the best you ever spent.

BETTIS CHEVROLET CO.
Haskell, Texas. Phone 1

5 1/2 Per Cent Federal Land Bank Loans
The Federal Land Bank of Houston has reduced its lending rate to 5 1/2% with 24 1/2 years time with liberal options for paying at any date. Other lending concerns have raised their rates. This 5 1/2% rate is now full 1/2% below any rate offered in this section. Why Pay More?
Rule National Farm Loan Assn.
W. E. McCAULEY, Secretary-Treasurer

MONEY TO LOAN
On Farms by the John Hancock Life Insurance Co., at 6 1/2% per cent, annual interest; only one note and one deed of trust; no commission notes; no stock to buy; no inspection or attorney fees. Best loan ever offered the Farmer. Come and see me.
R. D. BELL, Haskell, Texas

FARM LOANS
5 1 per 2 cent
V. W. MEADORS
Haskell, Texas

To Our Friends
To our many friends and casual patrons whose business has meant so much to us during the past year, we desire now to express our heartfelt appreciation of your favors and to wish for you the finest blessings of the Christmas season. May your New Year be both happy and prosperous.
TEXAS SERVICE STATION
W. E. JOHNSTON, Proprietor
Haskell, Texas. Phone 351

We Greet You WITH AN OLD TIME WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS
Merry Christmas Happy New Year
Everybody is happy at Christmas time. We have had a share of the burdens and responsibilities of the year and have tried to meet them worthily and in a way that would redound to the benefit of our community.
We have had a share of the better things of the year and for this we are truly grateful, more particularly to our many friends and patrons whose good will has been our most prized possession.
We trust that it will be our pleasure to serve you in the New Year to our mutual profit.
McNeill & Smith Hardware Company
HASKELL. PHONE 148

GREENINGS GREETINGS GREENINGS

May the Cheer of this Happy Yuletide be sufficient to last you throughout all the days of the NEW YEAR.

Accept our thanks for your patronage of 1930. We want to serve you during 1931.

MENEFEE ABSTRACT & TITLE COMPANY

Emory Menefee, Owner

Haskell, Texas Phone 81
Haskell National Bank Bldg.

IN APPRECIATION

OF THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN US

1930

We realize that we cannot repay with words those friends who have been so loyal to us during the past year with their patronage and support, but we can thank you and give you the assurance that in the future we will be found WORKING each day that we may give tangible evidence of our appreciation.

May the holidays bring you a full measure of wholesome happiness and may the New Year open the way for better and happier days than you have ever known before.

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MAYS DRY GOODS CO.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want to write and tell you what I want you to bring me. I want you to bring me a wagon. So bye, bye, from,
Earnest Paul Schwartz.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little wagon and some little cars for Christmas.
Bradford Smallwood.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Give me a coaster wagon and a football for Christmas.
Yours truly,
Earl Smallwood.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please give me a doll for Christmas and a doll carriage and a story book.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl who wants a doll very bad. And I like candy and apples.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a big doll and a trunk for my dolls clothes and lots of candy, nuts and fruit. I am eight years old and in the second grade.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a doll like the picture I am sending you.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pair of skates and an airgun and some candy, fruit and nuts. I will thank you very much.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I live in the little white house in front of the Fox Hotel. Please bring me a fire truck, a snow plane, pair of mittens, a bugle and fruits nuts and candy.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a little doll that I can make clothes for, and a book sack, then some candy and nuts. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy eight years old. I want a fire truck, a ball and a little wagon, some candy, nuts and some fruit. I am a pretty good boy. I help carry in wood at night.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy and help mama wash and wash the dishes for her. So please bring me a pair of gloves, some skates, and a little dump truck that don't cost too much, and anything else you want to bring me. But please don't forget to bring some candy, nuts and fruit.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eleven years old. I am in the third grade. I want a doll, a pinck box and a box of handkerchiefs, some candy, nuts and fruit. I am a pretty good girl. I wash the dishes for mama and help carry in the wood. Your little friend,

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old. I am writing to tell you what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a pretty doll and a doll bed. Also fill my stocking with oranges and apples and candy and nuts. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a pretty good boy this year and have studied my lessons at school. So please bring me a pair of gloves, some skates and a little dump truck that don't cost too much and anything else you want to bring me. Please don't forget my candy, nuts and fruit. I will have my stockings hanging up for them.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy three years old. I have been a good boy this year and I want you to bring me a knife, watch and chain, army truck and little blackboard. And Santa don't forget my little cousin, Truett Lee Kuenstler and bring him lots of

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a little car big enough for me and my baby brother to ride in and bring me an airplane and some nuts and candy and fruit and bring baby Kineth a little wagon. I've been awful good.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a new doll wig and some new doll clothes and an electric stove.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old and I want you to please bring me a coaster wagon and a ball. Also leave me some fruit, candy and nuts.

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Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a pretty good boy this year and have studied my lessons at school. So please bring me a pair of gloves, some skates and a little dump truck that don't cost too much and anything else you want to bring me. Please don't forget my candy, nuts and fruit. I will have my stockings hanging up for them.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy three years old. I have been a good boy this year and I want you to bring me a knife, watch and chain, army truck and little blackboard. And Santa don't forget my little cousin, Truett Lee Kuenstler and bring him lots of

pretty toys too. Santa please bring me some candy, apples, oranges and all kinds of nuts. Thanking you for all the nice things that you will bring. I am your little friend.
Charles Doyle Middlebrook.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 10 years old. I want you to bring me a doll, some oranges, apples and some candy.
Minnie Lee White.

See PARAMOUNT ON PARADE at the Texas Theatre, either Wednesday or Thursday night of next week.

MAN CAN'T SLEEP, GETS NERVOUS, HATES PEOPLE

"I could not sleep and got so nervous I hated everybody. Since taking Vinol. I can sleep 10 hours and feel full of pep all day."—Julius Bender.

For 30 years doctors have prescribed Vinol because it contains important mineral elements of iron, calcium and cod liver peptone. The very FIRST bottle brings sound sleep and a BIG appetite. Nervous, wornout people are surprised how QUICK Vinol gives new life and pep! Tastes delicious. Martin's Drug Store.

MAY THE GLOW OF AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS MAKE BRIGHTER THE DAYS TO COME

We wish to express, in a measure, our appreciation for the many favors bestowed upon us during the past year.

McCOLLUM & COUCH

Haskell, Texas Phone 38

A SIMPLE WISH

IN JUST A SIMPLE WAY—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR DAY

IN ALL SINCERITY WE THANK YOU

Perry Brothers Inc.

5c-10c-25c STORE



Prompted, not only by the spirit of the season, but out of a sense of deep gratitude, we send this message of cheer and good wishes to our friends everywhere. We hope it will find you happy in your present surroundings and with a future bright with good promises which will materialize to your complete satisfaction.

With you we welcome this happy season when hearts are gladdened and we may have some part in lightening the burdens of one another with kind words and thoughtful acts. It is good that we have this season when friends and fellowship and good-will are manifest at every hand.

Certainly the year has not been all that you could wish for, nor all that we could wish for. But even so we can each have much to be thankful for. Among other things, we are thankful for the loyalty of the friends who have made this business what it is. We are thankful for the old friends who have been with us through the years and for the new ones whose friendship we have claimed this year and the opportunity the future holds for making new friends.

We thank each of you sincerely—not only for your patronage, but for your good-will as well and for every consideration shown us. May Christmas be rich in happiness and the New Year bountiful in prosperity for you and yours.

The Haskell Free Press

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Weinert, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old. I want a set of knives, forks and spoons. Will you please bring me a tablecloth and some napkins and bring some fruit and candy. And be sure and remember all little children.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will come out my way and leave me lots of nice things. The things I want you to bring me are an argun, football and bicycle with 20 inch wheels. I want you to bring me nuts and candy. Some

Jewell Ruth Overman.
Weinert, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I have it paid for at Eiland Drug Store at Weinert, don't forget it. And some B. B.'s, nuts, candy and

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will come out my way and leave me lots of nice things. The things I want you to bring me are an argun, football and bicycle with 20 inch wheels. I want you to bring me nuts and candy. Some

times I was bad and the rest of the time I was good. I will try to be better from now on.
Woodrow Johnson.
Miss Ruth and Galen Robertson are home to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robertson.
W. E. Sprowls and mother, Mrs. R. H. Sprowls, have moved to Lubbock county, where they will make their future home.

Along the Way

The freshman pharmacy student in a letter to the home folks says that he's doing fine in everything but the salad course.

A noted physician says that the loss of memory is becoming more prevalent. We've noticed that in our courts.

Stockholders Meeting
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the HASKELL NATIONAL BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Haskell, State of Texas, at 3 o'clock p. m. on the second Tuesday in Jan. A. D. 1934, the same being the 15th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.
A. C. Pierson, Cashier.

Stockholders Meeting
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the WEINERT STATE BANK of Weinert, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Weinert, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the second Wed. in Jan. A. D. 1934, the same being the 14th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.
Alvy R. Couch, Cashier.

Stockholders Meeting
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the FARMERS STATE BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Haskell, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the second Tuesday in Jan. A. D. 1934, the same being the 15th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.
J. B. Post, Cashier.

It is Easy to Make a Christmas Wreath
Inexpensive Christmas wreaths may be made of cuttings from pine trees, barberry and bayberry with pine cones wired on. At any florist's a wire circle can be bought with bunches of thin wires, making it the easiest of tasks to build up a wreath that is unusual in its beauty.



A Belated Christmas

By Blanche Tanner Miller.
CHRISTMAS should be a happy time for every one, but in Ruth Kay's home there was little cheer. Every one seemed to be receiving gifts, she thought, as she sorted the mail in the town, suburban post office. She had received a goodly number of letters, even now, the day before Christmas. But although there were many beautiful gifts in the unwrapped ones, the one gift for which she had looked for three years, a letter or just a card, had never come.

Three years ago she had been certain that nobody Christmas Ned Traverser would ask her to marry him. But Christmas had come and gone and he had not spoken. Then she heard that he had gone to South America. Just yesterday she heard that he was again in a neighboring city living at his old club. She had been grateful for the work as postmistress that had been given her, for the last few years would have indeed been lonely. But how she wished that she might go



with the letters which she had just given to the man for the night air mail, and fly into new scenes and experiences.
Feeling around in the storage box to be sure that she had left nothing, her hand struck a loose letter. Then she felt something like a letter. "Praying" it, she took it up to see the name, and to her astonishment she saw that it was addressed to her.
"I am writing the South American in two weeks and shall expect an answer before I leave. No answer will mean 'no' to me." Then she saw it was post-marked three years before.
Rushing to the telephone she called the club in the neighboring city and heard the dear, familiar voice. It might be a belated Christmas letter by several years, but both Ruth and Ned agreed the next day that it was "Better late than never."
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An association of hotel owners will take drastic measures to protect guests from robbery by transient crooks. Obviously, that right is to be reserved for the owners themselves.

Everything comes to the fellow who waits, including a bawling out from the traffic cop.

They say that money talks, but about all ours has ever learned to say is "bye bye."

Awake Half the Night Waking and in Rain

"Nurse after night I could not sleep," writes Mrs. Mary J. Roberts, 117 West Franklin St., Raleigh, N. C. "I would be awake half the night. I was dizzy and weak, collapsed frequently with pains in my side and small part of my back."
"When I was a girl, my mother gave me Cardui, and it did me so much good. I thought I would try it again. I took five bottles, and I feel like a new person."
"I think it is fine. I would advise every woman who is weak to try Cardui, for it has certainly put me on my feet."
"I feel like a new person."
"I would advise every woman who is weak to try Cardui, for it has certainly put me on my feet."
"I feel like a new person."



JOY OF AN EDITOR
Getting out this newspaper is no picnic. If we print jokes people say we are silly. If we don't they say we are too serious. If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them our selves. If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff. If we stick close to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting up news. If we do get out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius. And if we do print them, the paper is filled with junk. If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up we are too critical. If we don't we are asleep. Now like as not some guy will say, We swiped this from some other paper—We did.

No, Gladys, Atlee Pomrene is not a new kind of citrus fruit. What they now call "personality" was once known by the more elegant term of "gall."
Gonzales: Seven-mile strip on Highway No. 81 in Gonzales County will be improved.

Milano: Business houses, which were destroyed by recent fire, now being rebuilt.
McCarney: New store, fourth owned by Kraus Dry Goods Co., opens at this place.
Snyder: Scurry County schools given total of \$14,756 State aid.

MAY WE SERVE YOU BETTER?

This is our constant aim and ambition . . . to each year and each day in the year serve our customers better and more intelligently.

During 1934 we shall strive harder than ever before to achieve this aim.

HASKELL BAKERY

Home of HARCROW'S MILK-DANDY BREAD
Telephone 32

Cordial Greetings

May Fond Recollections and Pleasant Associations be with You.

Nothing would please us better than to be with all our friends today, but this is not possible. In the absence of this personal contact we use this method to convey to each of you our greetings and good wishes.

PEARSEY & STEPHENS GROCERY

Phone 28 Haskell, Texas

LOOKING BACK OVER THE OLD YEAR

We recount with pleasure the dealings we have had with patrons who have honored us with their patronage. As we do so we are reminded that we are due much to these friends.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude and our desire now is to do our best in words to express our appreciation. Yet we know that we cannot effectively do so. We have tried, from time to time, to show our appreciation by a full measure of service and value—with courtesy and these little added touches which go to make for satisfaction.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR

We are planning and working as never before. We want to make 1934 our banner year—not just for our own sake, but we want it to be a banner year for those whom we serve.

AND FOR THE OLD AND THE NEW—We thank you for favors of the past and wish for you during the New Year the enjoyment of health, wealth and happiness.

DUNCAN GIN COMPANY

W. A. DUNCAN, Mgr.

THE BIRTHDAY OF GOOD WILL

Christmas has come generally to be recognized as the official birthday of good will. Everyone, however kind, tries to be just a little kinder and more thoughtful during the Christmas season. More friendly greetings are spoken, more good wishes made.

In accordance with the spirit of the time and ever mindful of the debt of gratitude we owe our large number of friends and patrons, we make this among other means of telling you and the world at large that we appreciate your business and good will, wish for you a most joyful Christmas and invite a share of your favor during the new year.

HASKELL MILL & GRAIN CO.

JUST A CORDIAL FRIENDLY GREETING

We cannot close the year satisfactorily to ourselves without an expression of gratitude to you who have made our business possible.

In a spirit of thankfulness we extend greetings and our very best wishes for the holidays.

In the hope that we may be privileged to serve all our old friends and many new ones, as well, during 1931. We are making plans for even better service than we have given in the past.

PAYNE DRUG CO.

Haskell, Texas. Phone 216

WE CANNOT LET CHRISTMAS PASS WITHOUT A MES- SAGE TO OUR FRIENDS

Christmas affords us the welcome opportunity to broadcast to all our friends, wherever they may be, our good wishes and to say again that we appreciate your patronage.

May the season be a most joyous one to you and yours.

With pleasant anticipation we look to the year ahead and assure you in advance of painstaking efforts to meet your requirements.

JONES & SON

PHONE 108

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Rule, Texas.
Dec. 9, 1930.
Dear Santa:
I am in the first grade. Please bring me something nice for Christmas. I would like a policeman cap and candy and fruit. I think I've been good.
Your friend,
G. C. Irvin, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl ten years old. Please bring me a doll and some skates.
Virginia Williams.
Haskell, Texas
Dec. 6, 1930.

Dear Old Santa:
I have been a very nice boy and hope you remember me Christmas. Santa, I would like very much to have a high chair, rattle and little plate and cup.
Love to you.
Charles Wayburn Oates.
Haskell, Texas.
December 5th, 1930.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, one with real black hair. I want some candy, nuts, apples, oranges and sparklers. My big sister wants a blond doll with light hair. I want to see you when you come to Haskell, December 22nd. With lots of love, and if you were here I would tell you more. I am your little friend,
Bunis Faye Ratliff.
Haskell, Texas.
December 15, 1930.

Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come this year. I hope you will see me this Christmas. I hope you will bring me a trunk, I want you to bring me a box of candy. I hope you will bring me nuts and candy and apples, oranges and fireworks, and some candles. Merry Christmas.
Paul Rousseau.
Haskell, Texas
December 15, 1930.

Dear Santa:
I am 9 years old, I can hardly wait until Christmas. I want some games and some books for Christmas. I want some candy too.
Your friend,
Jack Wallace Watson.
Haskell, Texas.
Dec. 15, 1930.

Dear Santa Claus:
I can hardly wait for you to come. I do not want much. I want a pair of beads and a ring. I want every one to have a Merry Christmas.
And I want you to have a Merry Christmas, too.
Your friend,
Neva Mae Gay.
Haskell, Texas,
December 15, 1930.

Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come. I want a football and a toolset and a coaster wagon.
Your friend,
Clyde Davis.
Haskell, Texas.
December 15, 1930.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will come Christmas night. I have been a good girl. I want a toy typewriter. I want some house shoes, some books and games. I want a purse too, I want a box of stationery. I want some candy and nuts and some sparklers. I don't want much this Christmas because Santa Claus is not rich this year. And the poor children have to have something.
Your friend,
Gladys Catherine Pace.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dear Old Santa:
I am a little girl, five years old, and mother, daddy and my brothers, say I've been a nice girl. So Santa, I want you to be sure and come by my house. Won't you please leave me a doll, buggy, bracelet, ring, and fruits, nuts and candy. Don't forget my brothers, mother, daddy and grandparents. Thank you Santa Claus and a Merry Xmas to you.
Annie Bess Gilliam.

Dear Old Santa Claus:
I am only a baby, fifteen months old, but I'm large enough to know now, and I do want you to come and fill my stockings and put a few articles on my little tree.
Mother says I may have a teddy bear, teddy bear suit and a high chair. So try and leave me them. I've been a nice baby.
Jean Berry.
Haskell, Texas.
December 16, 1930.

Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come to see me this Christmas. I wish you would bring me a football and an airgun. I wish you would bring me a pair of skates. Be sure and bring me a bundle of fireworks. Bring me a watch. I want a bike for Christmas and I have been a good boy all year.
Yours truly,
William Ward Blair.
Be sure and don't let your reindeer run away.

Haskell, Texas.
December 15, 1930.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a set of dishes. I want some books and a ring. I want a doll table with some chairs. I want a boy of candy. I want every one to have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Mary Jo Free.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE—Large, grey, enameled jacket, circulating coal stove, cost \$110.00. Good as new, will sell for \$20.00. C. V. Payne. 3tc.

FOR SALE—One span of horse mules, weighing about 1050 pounds each, six years old, priced to sell, a-1 condition. See Fred Shaw, 22 miles south east of Haskell. 3tp.

FOR RENT—Nice, modern house. Jno. A. Couch, at Spencer Lumber Company. 3tc.

PLUMBING—Gas Fitting, Standard Plumbing Supplies, Phone 108. Jones & Son, Haskell, Texas. 6tc.

FOR RENT—3-Room House, one block north of square. See F. L. Daugherty. 3tc.

MONEY TO LOAN—On Farms, Stock Farms and Ranches, reasonable rates and liberal prepayment privileges. See A. D. English, office room 9, Sherrill Building. 4tp.

SACRIFICE PRICES—On new and used one and two row implements: planters, cultivators, disk harrows, sulkeys etc. Buie Crawford Impl. Co., Stamford, Texas. 3tc.

AUCTION SALE
I will sell the K. M. Salmon stock of merchandise consisting of shoes, ready to wear, notions etc. located in the town of Sagerton on Monday, December 29th, at 10:30 a. m.
J. H. Parsons, Assignee.

WANTED—Reliable man to succeed Mr. A. L. Crowley as Rawleigh Dealer in Haskell County, Surety Contract required. Everything furnished except car. A splendid opportunity to step into a permanent and profitable business. Good profits for hustlers. Address the W. T. Rawleigh Company, District M517, Memphis, Tenn. 3tc.

FOR SALE—Purebred Plymouth Rock Cockerels, \$2.00 each. Mrs. W. W. Johnson, Haskell, Texas, Box 921. 3tc.

FOR SALE—Good used Piano, \$25.00 or will trade for anything of value. C. P. Woodson, Phone 1. 3tc.

FOR SALE—Used Phonograph, a good selection to choose from priced from \$4.00 to \$25.00 or will trade for anything of value. C. P. Woodson, Phone 1. 3tc.

FOR SALE—Used Battery Radios, complete, from \$15.00 to \$40.00. When new cost from \$100 to \$200.00. Or will trade for anything of value. C. P. Woodson, Phone 1. 2tc.

FOR RENT—Unfurnished Modern Home with five rooms, bath, hot water, basement, and garage, also shed. Across street from Jack Baldwin home. Phone 175. 4tc.

NOTICE FOR BIDS ON TRACTOR

The Commissioners' Court of Haskell County, Texas, will on the second Monday in January, 1931, the same being the 12th day of said month, receive bids for the purchase by said County for the use of Commissioner's Precinct No. 2, of one crawler type Tractor, of approximately 75 horse power. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the County Judge for an amount equal to five per centum of the total amount of such bid. The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Commissioners' Court.
Joe A. Jones, County Judge, Haskell County, Texas. 4tc

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Haskell.
Notice is hereby Given That by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Haskell County on the 1st day of December, 1930, by Lois Earnest, Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, for the sum of Four Hundred and Two and 60-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Mrs. Courtney Hunt and Courtney Hunt in a certain cause in said Court, No. 4110 and styled Mrs. Courtney Hunt et vir vs. J. O. Chitwood et al. placed in my hands for service, I, W. T. Sarrels as Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, did on the 6th day of December 1930, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Haskell County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 186 acres of land out of a survey patented to K. M. Thompson and Jno. K. Donovan, assignees of E. J. Parker, Patent No. 161, Volume 36, being part of subdivision No. 2 of said survey and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said subdivision No. 2, a point 950 varas; South of the original North west corner of the Parker Survey; Thence East 1167 varas; Thence South 810 varas; Thence West 401 varas; Thence South 140 varas; Thence West 736 varas to South-west corner of said subdivision No. 2; Thence North 950 varas to the place of beginning, containing 186 acres of land, and being the same land described in deeds of trust records in volume 22, page 480 and volume 34, page 377 of the deed of Texas, to which records reference is made, (the said plaintiff in said numbered cause having obtained judgment against said defendants for the sum of \$402.50 and costs of suit and a foreclosure of plaintiff's deed of trust lien on said property) and levied upon as the property of J. O. Chitwood and Mamie Chitwood and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1931, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Haskell County, in the town of Haskell, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. O. Chitwood and Mamie Chitwood.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Haskell Free Press, a newspaper published in Haskell County. Witness my hand, this 6th day of December, 1930.
W. T. Sarrels, Sheriff
Haskell, County, Texas.

A Holiday Message

ALL OF US JOIN IN WISHING FOR YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR RICH IN BLESSINGS.

May 1931 be Your Best Year, and all things good come your way.

Collier's Grocery

Haskell, Texas. Phone 198

Season's Greetings



At this time, when all the world relaxes from the excitement and tension of everyday business life—when on every hand one sees practical demonstration of the true Christmas Spirit of "Good Will Toward Men"—it is fitting that this company should bring to its many friends and customers the sincere Christmas Greetings of more than one thousand loyal employees.

Throughout the year, 120 prosperous cities, towns and communities in West Texas, "The Land of Opportunity," are served efficiently with dependable electric service from the three major generating stations of the West Texas Utilities Company.

Hundreds of farmers, ranchers and small communities are served over the same high tension transmission lines, which, 2,500 miles in length, interlace this great West Texas Empire.

To this progressive citizenry—by whom and for whom the growth of West Texas and the West Texas Utilities Company has taken place—this company extends cordial Season's Greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

West Texas Utilities Company

TA CLAUS LETTERS

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want for Xmas a green dress with the green dress window, a trunk for my shoes and a pair of rubber slippers. Don't forget Billy.
Jane Stanton.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Last Xmas you were very nice to me. For Xmas this year I want a house keeping set, a blackboard, some doll slippers and a doll buggy. Don't forget the candy.
Eula Fae Glass.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Mother says I have been a good boy and please bring me a red and blue steam shovel, a little ship, a saxophone and a pair of bed room slippers, lots of fireworks, nuts and candy. Santa please remember my little sister with something. A little rubber doll will be enough for her.
Love,
Jeff Lewis, Jr.
P. S. I live in the same house where I lived last Christmas.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little doll, set of dishes, wristwatch, beads, and a little stove. Don't forget the poor children.
Christine Lowe.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come this year. I wish you would bring me a football. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.
Burl Darnell.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old and I like to go to school. I help mother all I can. She says I have been a real good little girl. I want a sleepy doll, dresser, machine, telephone, piano, big red ball, balloon, wagon, candy, fruits and nuts. Remember mother, daddy and brother.
Lovingly,
Aleatha Marie Liles.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy just 4 years old. Will you please bring me a little green wagon, a knife with a chain on it and some candy, nuts and fruit.
Your little friend,
Robert Curry.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I can hardly wait until you come. I want a wagon, a football bladder, and a pencil box. You are my friend Santa Claus.
Cullen C. Heath.

Texas Theatre

"Home Of Perfect Sound"

Program for Week, Dec. 29—Jan. 3

Monday and Tuesday
"BUDDY" ROGERS in
"SAFETY IN NUMBERS"

Wed. Night and Thurs. Night
All the Famous Paramount Stars in
"PARAMOUNT ON PARADE"

Midnight Matinee Wed. Night and Thurs. Afternoon Matinee.
That Rip Roaring Comedy Drama
"THOSE THREE FRENCH GIRLS"

Friday and Saturday
JOAN CRAWFORD in
"BLUSHING BRIDES"

Good Short Subjects Every Program.

We wish for our Many Friends a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, two years old. Please bring me a doll, doll bed and lots of nuts and candy.
Mildred Viola Johnson.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a little doll, some doll slippers, fireworks, and lots of fruit and nuts. A Merry Christmas to you.
Mackie Lee Tidwell.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old, but I go to school. I have been a real good little boy all year. I want a toy goat, a real car, water gun, wagon, a negro boy doll and lots of oranges, apples, candy and nuts. Do not forget mother and daddy and sister.
Lovingly,
John Dair Zahn.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little tool-chest, lots of fruits and nuts and candy too. I would like a story book about Peter Rabbit. I have been a real good boy and help mother lots.
Edwin McElroy.

Rochester, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a pretty good boy. Will you bring me a tractor, bring my little sister a doll. Please bring my baby brother a teddy bear. We will be waiting for you.
Your little friend,
Alton Hester.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy nine years old. I am in the third grade. I want you to bring me a big stick of candy, some fruit and nuts, fireworks, a bow and arrow, scooter, knife and football. My little brother, three years old, wants a soap doll, road grader and candy.
Your Little Friend.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come. I want you to bring me an airgun, a football and lots of firecrackers.
J. D. Tidwell.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 7 years old. I want you to bring me a wagon, some oranges, and candy. I have a little sister 4 months old. Don't forget her.
Frank White.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll with blond curls and some clothes for her.
Eva Jo Ratliff.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa;
I want you to bring me a doll wash set, an embroidery set, and lots of fruit and nuts. I have brown eyes and golden hair.
Captola Larned.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old. I want a big doll, a baby buggy and a tricycle and lots of good things to eat.
Evelyn Johnson.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa;
We are two little boys 5 years and 3 years old. We try to be good boys, but some times our mother gets us good, so I guess we are not good all the time. Santa we would like for you to bring us lots of toys, but we don't have much money. So bring us what you can and lots of candy, apples, oranges and nuts.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
D. C. and Wayne Nicholson.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you get here. I wish you would bring me a pair of skates and fireworks.
Clinton Thomas Aaron.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa;
I am a little boy 8 years old. I have worked all fall. I would like to have a wagon and train and some candy.
Sherman Childress.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 5 years old. I want you to bring me a wagon and some oranges and candy. And don't forget daddy.
Alven White.

FOR SALE; \$68.00
Philco Baby Grand
7-Tube Screen Grid
Electric Set
Terms and Service—Will trade for anything of value.
C. P. WOODSON
PHONE 1

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be so glad when Christmas comes. The things I want for Christmas are some boots, raincoat and gloves. Another thing is a great big mother doll, and some doll dishes, and some doll chairs, too. I sure will be glad to see you. I want my big mother doll to have big blue eyes and light curly hair.
Lovingly your little friend,
Hazel Louise Fogle.

DR. R. L. CARVER
Chiropractic Masseuse
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Greetings

The curtains are being drawn on the Old Year, but the scenes enacted during 1930 will remain with us. We shall not soon forget the pleasant dealings we have had with the great number of people who are patrons and friends. We are grateful for each of you and for whatever part you have played in making our business satisfactory in the past. Already we are making plans for the New Year and expect to make it the best in the history of our business.

Facing the New Year we have no way of knowing what it holds for each of us, but we are glad of this opportunity to wish for you a full measure of happiness as the result of health and prosperity each day of the year.

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Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little girls, 8 and 10 years old. We have been very good girls. We want you to bring a doll named "Tickle Toes," a doll buggy, a little ironing board, an iron, some candy, oranges and nuts.
Wilma and Fayette Kuenstler.

Among Our Assets

We are Proud to claim the good-will of our many friends, as by far,

The Greatest

We are wishing for all our friends and customers and the people generally of our community a rich outpouring of the blessings of the Yuletide season. May you have the blessing of health, prosperity, love, contentment and may your lines during the New Year fall in pleasant places.

J. W. GHOLSON

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a pair of skates and a comb, brush and mirror set for Christmas.
Ouida E. Smallwood.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you a letter to let you know what I want for Xmas. I want a drum and football. I want a drum that looks like a real drum and a football you can blow up with air hose. I would like to have some other things but times are so hard I guess I can do without.
Zeldon Thomason.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old. I have been a good girl and have pulled cotton all this fall. I want a doll and a doll buggy and some candy.
Ollie Childress.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bylo baby doll and a pair of skates. I will be glad to get anything you can bring me. I want lots of nuts, fruit and candy.
Mary Beth Menefee.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried real hard to be a good boy so you would be sure and come to see me this Christmas. I want a great big tricycle and lots of candy and fruit and nuts.
Claude Menefee, Jr.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll with real hair, a set of dishes, a memory book, a pair of silk blummers and some candy, nuts and fruit.
Mary Louise Curry.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll buggy and a bylo baby doll and some fruit, nuts and candy. I wish to be a better little girl from now on.
Mamye Jean Menefee

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come. I want you to bring me an airgun, a football and lots of firecrackers.
J. D. Tidwell.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I can hardly wait until you come. I want a doll, a string of pearls, a wristwatch, a book, a ball, some candy, apples and oranges. Merry Christmas from your friend
Flossie Hester.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy all year. I want an erector set, plenty of nuts and candy. I hope you will come early. I want some fireworks. Your friend,
Jack Robertson.

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And to Wish You

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Patronize the TEXAS THEATRE and the HASKELL THEATRE—shows that are owned and operated by local people—people who live here now and have lived here for years, people who help you and are interested in your welfare, people who help build the town and county, people who pay taxes here and help build and keep your schools and roads.

Spend your money with those people who live here and are located here permanently—during good times and during times of adversity—we are interested in you, the town and community in a broader, deeper, closer, more binding way than just your money.

Think about the above when you want to see a show. We give you good clean shows (our talking equipment cannot be beat) at all times.

Why patronize shows that "fall" in here during the fall and winter when there is a little money in the country, but vanish during the lean summer months? They take your money out of the country. They pretend to be generous and charitable, but are they?

We, the Haskell Amusement Company, ask you to really think about the above, they are facts. We live here and share both success and hardships with you.

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we are,

Yours for entertainment,

THE HASKELL AMUSEMENT CO.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I will be glad when you come this year. I know you are poor so I will not ask for very much. I want a doll buggy, a wristwatch that will run and a big doll that will sit alone and some candy and nuts a pair of skates and I forgot to tell you to bring me some fruit and a new dress and may all the children have a Merry Christmas. Mary Jo Morrison.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a tool chest and a No. 4 erector set. Your friend,
Paul W. Roberts.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come this year. I know you won't have much. I want a comb and a wrist-watch but not a real one. I want a feather fan too. I hope other children get toys, too. I would be happy if the poor children would get some. I want a stocking full of candy, a French harp, jumping rope, and school pencil. Merry Christmas to all. Rosellen Morrison.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come. I want a bicycle, an airgun, wagon and lots of nuts and firecrackers. Velton Dewett Moore.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to let you know what I want. I want a No. 4 erector set. Your friend,
Wallace Parish.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will be glad when you come this year. I want a football, some nuts, candy and fireworks. A Merry Christmas from your friend,
Clifton Jackson.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
How are you and your reindeers? I have been good and studied hard at school. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a little car and a story book and memory book. I wish you would bring my sister, father and mother something. I want you to bring us some candy and nuts and negro toes. Don't forget the poor children that didn't have a Christmas last year. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am going to send you a big hug and kiss. Your friend,
Kinzie Tucker.

Rochester, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy and hope you will not forget me Christmas. Please bring a gun, some shells for it, candy, chewing gum, nuts and fruit. I can hardly wait for you to come Santa. Love to you,
Jack Slater.
P. S. Please don't forget to visit my little friends.

Rule, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl. I am two and a half years old. Please bring me a baby doll that cries, a little broom, and a set of dishes. I would like to have a tricycle, but I won't ask for one this time, for there are lots of little boys and girls that might not get anything. But remember Santa, if you have an extra tricycle, I would like to have one. I want some nuts, apples and oranges, too. Your little friend,
Nadine Norman.

Rule, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a joy ball and some candy and fruit. I think I have been a good boy. Santa don't forget mother and daddy. Your friend,
Aitor Irvin.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl and I want you to bring me a doll and doll bed, apples, nuts, oranges and candy. I have a little sister, her name is Mary Juanita and I want you to bring her a doll also and fruits and nuts. Yours truly,
Opal and Inez Scoggin.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 6 months old and I have been a good little boy and will not ask for much. I want a high chair, a teddy bear, and a little rocking horse. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Much love to you,
Billy Gene Tidwell.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Old Santa:
As it getting near Christmas time I am writing you a letter to let you know my wishes. I want a doll and table chair for my doll, and candy and lots of good nuts and fruit. I am three years old and have a twin sister, her name is Luvicia. Luvada Williams.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to call around Xmas with me a doll and a breakfast nut for my doll and some dishes. You may also drop a few nuts, fruit and candy. Luvicia Williams.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am nine years old and in the second grade. I study hard. Bring me what you think I ought to have. But be sure and bring some candy, nuts, and fruit. Edman Williams.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
We are four little children living seven miles west of Haskell and are quite sure you remember us. We would like for you to bring us all some fruit, nuts and candy. Joyce wants a doll, book and tea set. Joan wants a doll, tea set and a little bloomer dress for her doll. Esther wants a book, a pair of beads, and ring. J. W. Wants a baseball, toothbrush and book. We want you to bring all the rest of our little friends something and please don't forget our little niece, Mary Fay Fowler and nephew, Jerry Conrad Carrigan. Love from,
Joyce, Joan, J. W. and Esther Fowler.

Sagerton, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old; please bring me a little broom, a tea set, an airplane kite, and a dolly. Please don't forget little sister. Bring her a rattle and a little rubber doll. And please bring me some candy and fruit. Your little friend,
Ora Faye Crow.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a school boy this year, six years old. Please bring me a little riddle, a little kite airplane, some fireworks and some caps for my little pistol. Please don't forget the other little girls and boys. For I wish them a Merry Christmas too. Your little friend,
Elton Crow.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a few things this year. I want a doll, set of dishes, little broom and a ball. That will be all. Truda Pearl Lackey.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll bed, a little buggy, a little broom, and a set of dishes, and candy and all kinds of nuts and fruit. Obin Andrea.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an airgun, ball, nuts, candy, apples, oranges and popcorn. Santa remember the other boys and girls. Carl Marion.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little sewing machine, a little dog and candy, apples, oranges, nuts and bananas. Love to Santa,
Pauline Zahn.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl and I go to school. I want a sleepy doll, with a pink sweater and cap, a machine, a balloon, a piano and a red ball and candy, nuts and fruit. My little sister wants a rag doll. Love,
Melba Faye Mitchell.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a bicycle, apples, oranges, bananas, candy and nuts. J. W. Scarborough.

Weinert, Texas.
Dear Santa:
I thought I would write you a letter to give you a list of what I would like to have for Christmas. I want candy, nuts, and all kinds of fruit. And I want an airplane, a gun, a little car that will run, and lots of fireworks. A. J. Dye.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am going to write and tell you what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a doll buggy. So bye, bye, from,
Billy Louise Schwartz.

Haskell, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and little lamp and dishes and some candy and nuts. Don't forget the other little girls and boys. Galda Mae Gibbs.

After all we shouldnt blame Congress. The Constitution says it must meet every December.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our Wish For You

We desire to extend to our customers and friends our sincere wishes for a Christmas every moment of which will be a jewel of delight and for a New Year that will be continually opening to you a storehouse of new and pleasant experiences.

We greet you—We thank you for your many favors bestowed upon us during 1930!

Pippen & Bradley
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Tonkawa Hotel Bldg. Phone 45

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We Have A Right To Wish You A Merry Christmas

—Because we have been right here on the job trying to do everything we could to add to your well being and satisfaction throughout the year.

—We have found your patronage something to be thankful for and one of the elements which have combined to make a happier Christmas for us, and we trust that the gladsome holiday season will find opportunity to bring to your home its richest blessings.

—And we desire to remember that during the days of festivity or upon any other occasion when our services can be of benefit to you, we are anxious to please you in every way.

Jones Cox & Co.

ON THE THRESHOLD OF ANOTHER YEAR

The members of W. W. Fields & Son rejoice in the steadfast friendships that have enriched the years of their service to this community.

For the ever widening host of men and women whose patronage and esteem have become so marked a factor in their careers, the members of this firm express the trust that the New Year will bring to you in full measure an uplifting spirit of peace and joy.

May your hearts be freed from the pangs of care and blessed with an abiding sense of fresh and buoyant fortitude; may training and application of past have fitted you for a more fruitful service in the future, through which the cherished ambitions of life shall be attained; and withal may the advancing years be rich in gifts of wisdom, health and plenty and mellowed by the soft luster that glows in the consciousness of duty alone.

W. W. FIELDS & SON

SEE THOSE THREE FRENCH GIRLS—at the Texas Theatre at Mid-Night Matinee, next Wednesday night or at the afternoon Matinee New Years day.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between W. H. Pearsey and R. D. C. Stephens of Haskell, County of Haskell and State of Texas, under the firm name of Pearsey & Stephens was dissolved by mutual consent on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1930. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to the said W. H. Pearsey and all demands upon said partnership are to be presented to him for payment, which he has assumed to pay off and discharge. On and after this date the said R. D. C. Stephens will have no further connection with the said business conducted under the name of Pearsey & Stephens.

Witness our hands this 18th day of December, A. D. 1930.
W. H. Pearsey,
R. D. C. Stephens. 4tc.

Notice of Assignment

The State of Texas, County of Haskell.
To the Creditors of K. M. Salmon doing business as The Ideal Store, you are hereby notified that K. M. Salmon doing business as The Ideal Store, of the County of Haskell, on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1930, executed a deed of assignment, conveying to the undersigned all of his property for the benefit of such creditors as will consent to accept their proportional share of his estate and discharge him from their respective claims, and that the undersigned accepted said trust, and has duly qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to said assignment must, within four months after the publication of this notice make known to the assignee their consent in writing, and within six months from the date of this notice file their claims, as prescribed by law, with the undersigned, who resides at Sagerton, Texas, which is also his postoffice address.

Witness my hand this 10th day of December A. D. 1930.
J. H. Parsons, Assignee.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Haskell.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Haskell County on the 1st day of December, 1930, by the

clerk of said court for the sum of Forty-Six Hundred Eighty and \$4-100 Dollars and \$468.00 attorney's fees and cost of suit, under a judgment, in favor of R. L. Howard in a certain cause in said Court, No. 4074 and styled R. L. Howard vs. Marvin Jones, Leoner Jones, J. E. Grisson, placed in my hands for service, I, W. T. Sarrels as Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of December 1930, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Haskell County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: all that certain tract of land in Haskell County, Texas known as:

FIRST TRACT: Block or subdivision No. 84 of the Isidro Ramos League and Labor Survey No. 109, Cert. 606, Abst. No. 351, as shown by plat of the subdivision of said survey recorded in Vol. 20, page 22 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, said block being a part of the land patented to the heirs of John R. Cusningham by patent No. 165, Vol. 18, and containing 100 acres of land.

SECOND TRACT: Being 35 acres off the west side of Block 81 of the Isidro Ramos League and Labor Survey above mentioned, and described as follows: Begins at the southwest corner of subdivision No. 81 and southeast corner of Block 84; Thence North 2521 1/2 ft to northwest corner block 81; Thence east 616 ft. to northwest corner of 104 acres sold to R. C. Montgomery; Thence south 2521 1/2 ft. to southeast corner Montgomery tract; Thence west 616 feet to place of beginning, containing 35 acres of land, both tracts containing 135 acres of land, less 2 acres described in deed recorded in Vol. 63, p. 447 deed records Haskell County, Texas to which reference is here made, and levied upon as the property of Marvin Jones, Leoner Jones and that on the first Tuesday in Jan. 1931 the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Haskell County, in the town of Haskell, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Marvin Jones and wife Leoner Jones.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Haskell Free Press, a newspaper published in Haskell County.
Witness my hand, this 10th day of December 1930.

W. T. Sarrels, Sheriff,
Haskell County, Texas.
By Hettie Williams, Deputy. 3tc.

THE PLEASURE IS OURS

As it has been our good pleasure to serve in a business way a great many people of our community during the past year it is now our satisfaction to express to you our thanks for all favors shown and to wish you an abundance of Christmas joys and New Years happiness.

We Shall Strive Harder than ever to Serve You Better During the New Year.

—Our Pledge for 1931

F. L. Daugherty

"The Insurance Man"

Office Phone 335

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OUR GRATITUDE

As we look back over the year now drawing to a close we realize that it could have been better, but we know also that it could have been worse. The year brought us much to be thankful for, chief among which was the continued loyalty of many friends and the addition of many new ones. To all who have accorded us patronage, be it large or small, we extend our sincere thanks.

LOOKING TO THE NEW YEAR WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES IT OFFERS AND WE PLEDGE OUR PATRONS THAT WE ARE GOING TO WORK HARD, GIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE AND DO SO AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST. AND IN THIS CONNECTION WE WANT TO EXTEND TO EACH OF YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HEALTH HAPPINESS, AND PROSPERITY.

J. F. KENNEDY

OFFICE PHONE 104 *Agent for* THE TEXAS COMPANY
Haskell,

RES. PHONE 346
Texas

IT'S NOT ENOUGH —

FOR US TO EXTEND YOU THE USUAL GREETINGS OF THE SEASON, AND ARE WISHING YOU—

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THAN A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MORE

THAN A HAPPY NEW YEAR — IN FACT EVERYTHING THAT YOU WOULD WISH FOR YOURSELF!

HASKELL MOTOR CO.

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OUR NEW YEAR'S WISH FOR YOU—

Is that each day will be one of peace, prosperity and plenty.

Our hope for the New Year, from our own standpoint is that we may be privileged to continue to serve you.

Whether your patronage has been large or small, we want you to know that it has been appreciated.

And not only do we appreciate your patronage but also any kind words you have spoken in our behalf or patrons you have sent us.

R. J. REYNOLDS

Haskell, Texas. Phone 301

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A Christmas Spirit by Clara Agee

DAVE HOLDEN chose his homestead high up the foothill valley not only for the shelter of surrounding hills and proximity to groves of spruce and lodge-pole pine. He had another reason for retreating so far from civilization. That reason was Sylvia Palmer.

Dave and Sylvia had been pals together down the plains where both were born. They had attended the same school, the same picnics, dances, country concerts. Many a starry night, with Sylvia at his side, Dave had driven the prairie trails, none too eager to reach their destination. And Sylvia, too, seemed quite content to dally on the way.

It was true there never had been any formal engagement between them. It hardly seemed necessary. They had "gone together" so long that some time, Dave supposed, when he was in a position to offer her a home, he would tell her so, and Sylvia would say: "All right, Dave. Whenever you are ready." Then she would turn her tempting mouth to him, and he would kiss her tenderly and a little differently, now that she was so soon to be his bride.

But Dave had not counted on a woman's will—and what comes of it. At eighteen Sylvia, having secured her teacher's certificate, applied for and was accepted by a town school some distance from her home. She was all enthusiasm and excitement over her plunge into the great, self-supporting world.

Dave may have shared her excitement, but not her enthusiasm. He told her so.

"Why, Dave Holden, I'm surprised at you!" Sylvia retorted. "I thought you would be glad to see me get a chance."

"Of course, I want you to have your chance," he explained, "but I'm figuring on fixing a chance for you, too. Dad is paying me a man's wages now. In another year or two I'll be all set to take up land of my own, and then—"

She waited for him to put something definite into words, but a certain shyness held him back. Anyway, she knew what he meant. She gave him a disengaged hand a girlish squeeze.

"That will be fine," she said. "You will make a good farmer, Dave."

"Maybe," he admitted. "And maybe by that time you'll have taken up with one of those town sheiks, and I won't care then whether I go farming or not."

"Don't you worry over that. I'm not planning on taking up with any town sheik—not with a big boy like Dave Holden running around loose."

But Dave worried, just the same, and by the second term he knew he had occasion for it. Sylvia's talk had turned from crops and country picnics and all things of the land to sport and tennis and particularly one Jack Fulton whose name was often on her lips. Dave had a feeling of being taken at a disadvantage. Instead of wooing Sylvia for himself he bluntly charged her with having transferred her affections to Fulton.

"I ain't blaming you," he said, sarcastically. "No doubt he is a



"He's pretty strong, Dave," Sylvia teased. "Better be careful."

Very fine fellow. But if I meet him some day perhaps we'll see which is the best man."

"He's pretty strong, Dave," Sylvia teased. "Better be careful."

Whereupon Dave lost his temper altogether. "Maybe I should be careful, and maybe you should be careful, too. What I'm saying is, either you give him up, or I'm through!"

That was too much for the spirited Sylvia. Whether or not she cared for Jack Fulton, she wasn't going to take orders about it from Dave. Dave never had actually asked her to marry him, although she had given him opportunity enough.

"All right, you're through!" she said, and whisked herself out of his presence.

Dave had not expected that result, but he had gone too far to retreat. He had thought that Sylvia would bow to his ultimatum. Her curt rejection hurt his pride

more than anything he had thought possible. He felt that he had suddenly lost all faith in human nature, and that life among his old associates would be intolerable. So he drew his wages, gathered up his equipment, and trekked into the foothill country to the very farthest homestead on the map.

He found a place by a mountain stream, cut down spruce logs, and built himself a cabin. When winter set in he began cutting posts and rails for fencing on his farm. To keep from thinking he worked feverishly, early and late. But thoughts would come, in spite of all he could do to stop them. Particularly as the Christmas season drew near his mind would turn to the old farm down on the plains. What ample preparations would be going on in his mother's kitchen! What stacks of food! What happy chatter, sobered a bit perhaps because of the boy who had left home in a huff and never had written back! And Sylvia! Sylvia would be home now for the Christmas vacation. Perhaps this Fulton fellow would be visiting with her.

Dave turned with a shrug and shoved more wood into his rusty



"I am Jack Fulton. Perhaps You Have Heard of Me?"

stove. After all, he told himself, he was not so badly off. He had a cabin and plenty of fuel. He had a dog, and a gun, a team of horses, half a dozen yearling calves. . . .

He was taking comfort in such thoughts when suddenly his dog sprang up, barking. Dave was on his feet in an instant, his gun in his hand. Perhaps a deer or a bear had wandered into his little clearing.

At that moment came a knock, something which never before had happened on his cabin door. For an instant Dave hesitated, then swung the door open. The light fell on the figure of a young man.

"Are you Dave Holden?" the stranger inquired.

"Yes. Come in."

The stranger entered. Dave made him comfortable and gave him supper, waiting to hear his mission.

When they were seated on either side of the hot stove the stranger began. "I am Jack Fulton," he said. "Perhaps you have heard of me."

Dave's veins seemed to freeze. "What brings you here?" he demanded. "Can't you leave me alone?"

Fulton kept his temper. "No, not under the circumstances. Let me tell you—I will be brief. I am the principal of the school where Miss Palmer teaches. All through the term I have seen she was worried. At last I asked her why. Naturally she was diffident at first, but finally told me. She is wearing her heart out for you."

Dave faced him. "Is this true, and why do you tell me? I thought—"

"Because I am to be married to a little girl of my own at Easter, and I think I know how both of you feel. So I got your location from the homestead officials, and took my Christmas vacation to look you up. I hope you are not annoyed by my interest?"

Dave seized his hand. "And I thought all the time—"

"Never mind what you thought! I've walked from the nearest rancher's. If you have a team that can travel you can make the railway station by morning, and eat your Christmas turkey at Sylvia Palmer's. I'll stay and look after your cattle. It will be a real holiday for me."

But Dave had both his hands in his. "My friend! I don't know what I can say—"

"Say it to Sylvia! I'll give you six days to get back. And bring her with you, or I'll charge you for my time!"

"I'll bring her with me—or you can keep the farm," said Dave, who was already slinking into his heavy overcoat.

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Boys' Christmas Feasting Christmas Calculations — That the Christmas eating capacity of the average boy is equal to all that he eats without permission, and then some more.

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And we promise you here and now that we are going to do all within our power to add to your happiness and satisfaction during the coming year.

FOUTS & MITCHELL

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

In extending to you our wishes for a joyful Christmas season we do not forget to thank you for the patronage and other marks of good will you have bestowed on us during the twelve months now coming to a close.

We appreciate the confidence of the public and make it our aim always to merit the trust reposed in us. We take pleasure in serving the needs of the community, and invite your patronage on a promise that courtesy and service shall be our constant offering to you.

While you are enjoying the prosperity of the New Year let us be of assistance to each other.

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