

EBT ADJUSTMENT BENEFITS FARMERS OF HASKELL COUNTY

CHURCHES OBSERVE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PROGRAMS

Presbyterians Plan Tree On Xmas Eve; Others Hold Sunday Programs

Plans for appropriate observance of the Christmas season have been given or are being arranged by the various Haskell Churches.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little boys 3 and 5 years old. We are pretty good boys as you know Santa, a real boy can't be very good.

Debt Reduction of \$9,752 Is Obtained in Total of Forty-Three Cases

Summary of activities in Haskell county of the Farm Debt Adjustment section of the Resettlement Administration was given at a meeting in the office of Supervisor R. E. Skipworth last Friday.

Not a lending agency, work of the FDA consists of aiding farmers and landowners in adjustment of property and delinquent tax indebtedness.

40th Wedding Anniversary In M. O. Field Home

Sunday, December 20, 1936 was a joyous day for Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Fields at their country home three miles southeast of Haskell.

In all about 65 persons partook of the sumptuous dinner served in cafeteria style. One of the largest turkeys grown in Haskell County was served in connection with one of the largest hams we have ever seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fields came to this county eighteen years ago and like all others who have exercised due diligence and good business judgment they have prospered.

The following children were present with their families: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ray and son of O'Brien, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Menard Field of South Plains, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray of Haskell, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pierson of Tuscola, Texas; Mrs. Ida Mae Pearsey and two sons of Olton, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Olan Bogard and baby of Rule; Mr. and Mrs. Bevy Norman of Rule; Mr. and Mrs. James Adkins and two daughters of Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Viney of Haskell; George Field Jr., of Haskell.

Number Haskell Students at Home For Xmas Holidays

Among the College students who are at home or will arrive this week to spend the holidays are: North Texas State Teachers College, Denton: Misses Lois and Geraldine Fouts, Helen Ballard, Elizabeth Stewart, Blanche Davis, Vida Lee Nichols, Lowell Thomason.

Texas State College for Women (CIA), Denton: Misses Gayle Roberts, Ava Grindstaff, and Pauline Kittley of Rule.

Texas Tech, Lubbock: Misses Geraldine Norris, Sue Hood, Kathleen Crawford and Tom Clifton, Bill Reeves and George Fouts and Harvey Simmons.

TANGIBLE RESULTS VISIBLE IN SOIL PROJECT HERE

Twenty-Two Miles Terrace Lines Run, With Five Miles Built

With over four thousand acres of land under agreement for terracing and contour ridging in the Soil Conservation Service project now under way in the Miller Creek watershed, figures compiled in the office of J. M. Bird, engineer in charge, reveal that 22 miles of terrace lines have been run to date, and five miles of terraces have been completed since work was started early this month.

Contour ridges have been completed or constructed to date on 120 acres of permanent pasture lands, with work under way in this phase of soil conservation on several hundred additional acres of pasture.

Under supervision of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with farmers and landowners, the Haskell county project is one of several which have been established throughout the state. A complete soil and water conservation program is embodied, consisting of terracing, strip cropping, contour cultivation, crop rotations, contour ridging and contour grazing. Work is done on request of farmers who agree to construct the terraces laid out by the surveying parties.

Farmers and landowners who are cooperating in the Miller Creek project include R. C. Couch, G. A. Turnbow, A. C. Robertson, Laton Robertson, R. J. Reynolds, Bill Holt, Mrs. Sarah Holt, F. J. Josselet, G. A. Turnbow, Jr., and Robert McDrinnon.

In addition to Mr. Bird, in charge of the local office, and his crew of engineers and surveyors, seventy WPA workers were employed on the project last week. Farmers are utilizing both teams and tractors in constructing the terraces, and this week a part of the county road machinery has been used in order to speed up the work.

Criminal Cases In County Court Are Continued

All criminal cases in County Court, which had been set for trial Monday of this week, were postponed until the next term of court, and Petit Jurors summoned for that term were also continued.

A number of cases, both criminal and civil actions, were cleared from the docket during the December court term, officials stated.

MRS. LEE PIERSON DIES IN CALIFORNIA

News was received here this morning by John A. Couch of the death of Mrs. Lee Pierson in San Diego, California on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierson were married 14 months ago. They visited in Haskell about a year ago. Mr. Pierson, who has extensive property interest here, moved to California a number of years ago.

Home Demonstration clubs turning in the most subscriptions up to Wednesday morning appear in the following order: First, Center Point; second, Mattson; third, Midway; fourth, Hutto; fifth, O'Brien; followed by Josselet, New Mid, Blue Bonnet, Rose, Foster and New Cook.

Thirtieth anniversary of the use in Haskell and this immediate vicinity of commercial electricity, which marked an epochal forward step in the city's progress—passed unnoticed except by a few pioneer residents who recalled that in December, 1906, the first electric lights were "turned on" in Haskell.

Questioning of old-time residents and search of newspaper files revealed that the generating plant of the Haskell Light, Ice and Water Company, installed during the Fall of 1906, was in readiness for operation by mid-December and the first current was turned into service lines to the business and residence section on December 15, 1906.

Pioneer Head



F. G. ALEXANDER First Power Company President

Haskell resident and civic leader for over half a century, F. G. Alexander headed the Haskell Ice, Light & Water Company, pioneer West Texas electric power concern which first began serving consumers in this city December 15, 1906.

Company President



PRICE CAMPBELL President W. T. U. Co.

Officials and employees of the West Texas Utilities Company in Abilene this week took stock of the thirtieth anniversary of electric service in Haskell, which was among the first towns in West Texas to be interconnected in a network of transmission lines which serve 160 towns and communities in the area.

OVER \$250 PAID TO COUNTY H. D. CLUBS

Average of \$62.50 Weekly Is Earned by Workers During Four Weeks

A total of over \$250.00, representing an average of more than \$62.50 weekly has been distributed by the Haskell Free Press during the past four weeks to members of Haskell county Home Demonstration Clubs for their work in the newspaper's campaign for new and renewal subscriptions in Haskell's trade territory.

Club members are well pleased with the reception given their efforts, and the sum already earned will go far in promoting the good work being done in the county by Home Demonstration Clubs, and will enable them to further other undertakings which have been impossible in the past due lack of finances. Additional commissions which will be paid before the close of the campaign will add many more dollars to their treasury.

One feature of the campaign that is very pleasing to the management of the Free Press is the fact that approximately one-third of the subscriptions already secured by club members have been new subscribers, people who have not been interested in a Haskell newspaper because they did their trading in Knox City, Rochester, O'Brien, Rule and other nearby towns.

New Tailor With Local Shop

Ed Wickliffe of Chillicothe has accepted a position with Gene Hunter of this city, assuming his duties on Monday of this week.

Mr. Wickliffe is an experienced tailor, having been engaged in the business for a number of years.

Jno. E. Robison New Owner Gratex Service Station

In a deal closed Friday of last week, John E. Robison became the owner of the Gratex Service Station in this city, purchasing the business from G. O. Cozart of Graham.

The new owner has been connected with the station for the past two years, the last seven months at manager.

Under the new management, the same type of service will be maintained, and Gratex products will likewise be handled, in addition to a full line of automobile tires, tubes, batteries and accessories. The Gratex line includes high grade gasoline and motor oils, and fuels, greases and oils for all makes of tractors. The station will also handle Phillips "66" high test gasoline, and will maintain a delivery service for rural patrons.

Gene Frierson and Owen Fouts, who have also been with the Gratex Company for some time, will also be identified with the station under the new ownership.

Officers Elected Local Commandery On Monday Night

The following officers were elected by Haskell Commandery No. 49, Knights Templar, at their regular meeting Monday night: S. N. Reed, Commander; Sam T. Clouts, Generalissimo; T. J. Arbuckle, Captain General; W. E. Sherrill, Recorder; W. H. Cox, Treasurer; Ernest Griffith, Prelate; D. P. Ratliff, Senior Warden; R. C. Couch, Junior Warden; E. Q. Warren, Standard Bearer; O. E. Patterson, Sword-bearer; Joe A. Jones, Warden; T. W. Flenniken, Sentinel.

Mother and Babe At Home Mrs. Gene Smith and infant daughter were returned to their home here Sunday in an ambulance from the Kinney Funeral Home. The little Miss arrived on Wednesday of last week.

JANUARY TERM OF DISTRICT COURT TO CONVENE SOON

Grand Jury To Be Impaneled January 4. Light Docket In Prospect

The January term of 39th District Court will convene in this city Monday, January 4th, for a six-week session, with one of the lightest dockets for a number of years in prospect.

Very few criminal cases on the court calendar form the September term, a check of the docket reveals. Civil cases including divorce actions pending trial, are likewise fewer than in several years. Only ten new civil cases have been filed in the office of District Clerk Roy Ratliff since the Fall term of court.

Grand Jurors for the term will be impaneled at 10 a. m., January 4th to begin their investigation of law violations occurring during recent months, which will include considerable petty thievery which has been reported to officers.

Two new officials will be greeted with the opening of the District Court term—when County Attorney Ben Charlie Chapman assumes duties of District Attorney and Walter Murchison, now City Attorney, advances to the post of County Attorney.

Summons for Grand Jury Service

The following list of persons have been summoned for Grand Jury service during the January term of District Court, which will begin Monday, January 4th. J. M. Glass, Haskell. A. S. Logan, O'Brien. L. W. Jones, Rule. J. E. Mansell, Rochester. C. C. Cunningham, Goree. T. C. Coleman, Stamford. J. M. Crawford, Haskell. R. J. Paxton, Haskell. R. H. Parsons, Rochester. R. L. Fouts, Haskell. R. C. Ganaway, Haskell. A. W. McBeath, Rule. S. N. Reed, O'Brien. J. A. Clark, Sagerton. M. J. Lane, Haskell. M. D. Ellis, Rule.

Warning Issued Against Riding Bikes at Night

Constable J. H. Ivey has issued a warning to Haskell youths regarding the riding of bicycles at night without lights, which is a finable offense.

Main purpose of the warning, the officer added, was to avoid a serious accident or possible fatal injury to some youth. Several accidents have been narrowly averted during the past week, especially at street intersections around the square and on main highways in the residence section.

Two Are Fined After Quantity Wine Is Seized

Minimum fine of \$5.00 and costs was assessed by County Judge Chas. M. Conner Wednesday morning against Fred W. Whiteley and P. D. Mote of Newcastle, who were charged with possession of untaxed wine. Both men entered pleas of guilty.

First Allotment Acreage Checks Received Here

First allotment of checks for Haskell county farmers who completed with the government's agricultural conservation program during 1936, was received by County Agent B. W. Chesser the first of the week.

Twenty-two checks were received, totaling \$4,064, an average of approximately \$185 each, although several were considerably under this figure.

Notices are mailed to individual farmers as soon as checks arrive. Mr. Chesser stated, obtaining the necessity of farmers calling the office unless they have been notified payment is awaiting.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR DISTRIBUTION CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Christmas Cheer Is Provided For Over Eighty Needy Families In City

Through the united cooperation of Haskell churches and civic groups, plus the untiring efforts of individual workers and donations from Haskell business firms, one of the most comprehensive Christmas Charity programs ever undertaken here will be successfully carried out on Christmas Eve.

Donations of food, clothing and toys which have been gathered during the past two weeks, will be distributed to needy families Thursday afternoon by members of the Fire Department assisted by Boy Scouts.

All of the merchandise to be distributed was assembled in the Barnes building east of the post-office this week, and several volunteer workers have been engaged for the past two days in making up packages for distribution.

A check of the list of names which have been turned in to the committee in charge Wednesday revealed that between 80 and 85 baskets would be distributed to Haskell families. A careful survey of the needs of various families will enable workers to appropriately arrange contents of each basket, especially with reference to toys and clothing for children in each family.

Workers who have been actively in charge of the program expressed their appreciation for the liberal response, which has been accorded by business firms and individuals.

Last Rites Held Thursday for Mrs. J. T. Nicholson

Mrs. J. T. Nicholson, mother of Mrs. B. M. Whiteker, died in the ranch home of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Walcott, of Scranton at four o'clock A. M. Wednesday, November 16th. Mrs. Nicholson had spent most of her time at Scranton since the death of her husband, Rev. J. T. Nicholson, which occurred four years ago the past May 22nd.

This couple with a baby daughter, moved to Texas in 1875 locating in Burnet County, later moving to Mason County, where a more permanent home was established. The early days of Bro. Nicholson's ministry were spent in doing Mission work and pastoring churches in Mason, Llano, Cherokee and San Saba counties.

The family moved to Haskell county in 1901 and resided in this and Knox county until 1909. Bro. Nicholson was pastor of the Haskell Baptist church for four years. During all these years of pioneering, "Mother Nicholson" as she was known to her friends was a faithful and true helpmate, ever supporting and encouraging with her great faith. She loved helping the needy and strengthening the sick with words and ministrations. Although an invalid for many years the passing of this good mother came as a surprise to her loved ones. Quietly she slipped away with no signs of suffering.

In this family were eleven children, three of them having preceded the mother in death. The eight living children were present at the last, as follows: Mrs. J. O. Summers, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. J. E. Nicholson, Balingier, Texas; Mrs. B. M. Whiteker, Haskell; A. A. Nicholson, Whit, Texas; Miss Mary Nicholson and Mrs. E. R. Walcott, Stanton; G. E. Nicholson, Winters; and Jno. D. Nicholson, Brady.

Thirty one grandchildren and twenty one great grandchildren also survive. Truly this mother had wrought nobly and with Paul we say, "She has fought a good fight, she has kept the faith," and we have no doubt she is wearing a crown of righteousness.

A short service was held in the Eberlee Funeral Home, Big Springs, on Wednesday afternoon. Then the body was brought to the Barrow Funeral Home in Hamlin. Services were held in Hamlin on Thursday afternoon with Rev. I. N. Alvis, Rev. Hancor of Winters and Rev. J. Henry Littleton, pastor, in charge.

Friends attending from Haskell were: Bro. Alvis, Judge and Mrs. C. M. Conner, Mrs. M. B. Watson, Mrs. W. A. Kimbrough, Mrs. K. D. Simmons, and Michael Watson.

Home From Hospital J. A. Frazier, who has been undergoing treatment in the Stamford Sanitarium for several weeks, was returned to his home Friday night in an ambulance from the Kinney Funeral Home.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY

Alderman Theis Tenders Resignation; Pay Hike Is Given City Marshal

Last regular meeting of the City Council for the current year was held in the City Hall Monday night, with all city officials present except Alderman Jno. V. Davis, who was absent because of illness.

Alderman Anton Theis tendered his resignation as a Council member, but action on the resignation was deferred until the first meeting of the governing body in January. Mr. Theis, prominent Haskell merchant, is moving his dry goods store to Menard, Texas, early in January.

Salary of an additional night-watchman who has been employed since September 1st will be discontinued January 1st, according to action of the Council Monday night. An increase in salary of \$15 per month beginning the first of the year, was voted for City Marshal Sebo Britton.

A balance of \$190.47 due Moray & Morey, resident engineers on the recent waterworks improvement for this city, was approved for payment by the Council.

City Secretary Coburn reported the receipt of \$361.81, final PWA grant allowed the city on the water system improvements.

Approval was given for the installation of large electric light the new water tower, this to be done by Water Superintendent Rogers Gilstrap in the near future.

The Haskell Free Press wishes every friend and reader A Merry Christmas and both a prosperous and a Happy New Year

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

WEINERT LETTERS—

Dear Santa: I am 6 years old and in the first grade. I want an airgun, nuts, candy and fruits. Remember my brothers and sisters. Love.—Charles Wilton Oman.

Dear Santa: I am 7 years old and in the first grade. I want a cowboy suit, air gun, nuts, fruits and candy. Thank you lots.—Dan McMillian.

Dear Santa: I am 7 years old and in the first grade. I want doll clothes for my last year's doll, a doll, if it doesn't cost too much. Please bring me

some nuts and candy. Remember mother and auntie. Lot of love.—Janie Merchant.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a airplane, a cowboy suit, a wagon, a paint book, clothes, nuts, fruits and some candy. Love.—Keith Anderson.

Dear Santa: How are you? I want you to bring me a gun and wagon. I want a cowboy suit and truck. I want some fruits, nuts and some candy. With love.—Kenneth.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a doll

that I can make clothes for, a pop-eye paint book, some water colors and some clothes for my big doll and some fruits, nuts and candy. With love.—Joanna Honea.

Dear Santa: How are you? I hope you are all right. I want an air gun, and a wagon, nuts, fruits, candy. Some white handkerchiefs for my teacher. Love.—Billie Oman.

Dear Santa: I want a truck and a train. I want a ball and a toy gun. I want a wagon. Love.—Jimmie Anderson.

Dear Santa: How are you? I want a doll. Bring my teacher some white handkerchiefs. I want some candy, please. Love.—Orene Tidmore.

Dear Santa: I want a blackboard, a doll and nuts, fruits, candy. Santa, I have good lessons. I want a set of dishes too. I want to get my teacher a nice present too. Good bye Santa, for this time. Love.—Audrey Honea.

Dear Santa: I want a black board, and a doll and candy, and some white handkerchiefs and doll dishes and wagon. I want a pretty train. I want a pretty dress and fruits and some white handkerchiefs for my teacher. Love.—Alice Urban.

Dear Santa: I want a doll, bring my teacher some pretty white handkerchiefs. Bring me a set of dishes and a black board. I want some nuts, fruits, candy. Bring mother a nice present. Love.—Dessie Mae Carroll.

Dear Santa: Please send me a wagon, gun with holster, and a moving picture machine and 3 rolls of films. Bring me some fruits, nuts and candy. Don't forget to bring me some fireworks. Your friend.—Junior Walker.

Dear Santa: We are two little girls and are expecting you to come to see us Christmas. We have tried pretty hard to be good little girls. We want you to bring us a big doll apiece and a doll buggy. Also fruits, candy and nuts. Please don't forget our baby brother and also the other little boys and girls. Your little friends.—Mildred and Norma Jean Pryor.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy three years old. I want a tricycle, a guitar, some nuts, fruit and candy. Thank you.—Earl Livengood Jr.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 2 1-2 years old. I am the only child, so I want you to bring me a tractor that will run and a train that will run, a wagon, apples, oranges, candy and all kinds of nuts. I will be looking for you. From—Garland Glenn Kreger.

Dear Santa: We are a little boy and girl, age 6 and 7 years. We want you to bring us a big baby doll with lots of clothes, a big train that will run, some other toys and a new dress and sweater suit. Also some fruits and nuts. Don't forget all other little boys and girls. Your little friends.—Claudia and Roy Gene Fraley.

ROCHESTER LETTERS—

Dear Santa: I hope you will come to my house Christmas. Please bring me a doll. Please bring me a buggy. Please bring me a set of dishes. Please bring me a sack of candy. Your truly—Beulah Fay Wade.

Dear Santa: We'd like a buggy and some doll clothes. Lola Mae wants a doll that wets its pants and some clothes for it. I want a .22 rifle and some shells for it. We all want some candy, fruit and some nuts. We hope to see you Christmas eve. Yours truly—Udell Blair.

Dear Santa: I hope you come to my house. Please don't forget my doll. Please bring me a doll bed, a doll buggy, a trunk, a sack of candy and a sack of oranges, and lots of fruit too. Yours truly—Jessie Jean Adams.

Dear Santa: I hope you will come to see me Christmas. I want a BB gun and a wagon. Yours truly—Olen Sego.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a BB gun, shells. Please bring me candy. Please bring me a cap gun and scabbard. Please bring me a big trunk. Yours truly—Jalea Glover.

Dear Santa: I hope you will come to my house Christmas for I have been a good little girl. Please bring me

Many a Friend Recommends BLACK-DRAUGHT

People who have taken Black-Draught naturally are enthusiastic about it because of the refreshing relief it has brought them. No wonder they urge others to try it! . . . Mrs. Joe O. Roberts, of Portersville, Ala., writes: "A friend recommended Black-Draught to me a long time ago, and it has proved its worth to me. Black-Draught is good for constipation. I find that taking Black-Draught prevents the bilious headaches which I used to have." A purely vegetable medicine for relief of CONSTIPATION, BILIOUSNESS

Season's Greetings



J. H. Kinney

a rubber doll, little trunk, blackboard and set of dishes and lots of candies, fruits and nuts. With love.—Vernice Lee Best.

Dear Santa: I hope you will come to my house Christmas. Please bring me a doll bed, set of dishes, doll, doll swing, nuts, peanuts, oranges. Yours truly.—Jo Nell Allen.

Dear Santa: I hope you will come to my house Christmas. Please bring me a wagon. Please bring me a BB gun. Please bring me a cack of candy. Yours truly.—Clarence Neil Hitt.

Dear Santa: I hope you will come to my house Christmas. Please bring me a great big doll. Please bring me a set of dishes. Please bring me a sack of candy. Yours truly—Wanda Oates.

Dear Santa: I hope you will come to my

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Haskell: WHEREAS, By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the 99th District Court of Lubbock County, Texas, on a judgement rendered in said Court on the 29th day of October A. D. 1936, in favor of Eula H. Elkins and against Florrie E. Woodson, No. 6882 on the Docket of said Court, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I did, on the 9th day of December A. D. 1936 at 10 o'clock A. M., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, and belonging to Florrie E. Woodson, a feme sole, W. E. Woodson, J. M. Woodson, Jr., C. P. Woodson, Mrs. Kate Trice, and husband, Bert Trice, Mrs. Luella Squyres and husband, H. F. Squyres, and Ruth Woodson, a minor, to-wit: Subdivisions Nos. 21 and 36 of the Jas. Scott survey No. 118, in Haskell County, Texas as the same appear upon a map or plat of said survey, recorded in Vol. 2, at page 215 of the Surveyor's Records of Haskell County, Texas, to which record reference is here made, and on the 5th day of January A. D. 1937, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the Court House door of Haskell County, Texas, in the town of Haskell, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Florrie E. Woodson, W. E. Woodson, J. M. Woodson, Jr., C. P. Woodson, Mrs. Kate Trice, and husband, Bert Trice, Mrs. Luella Squyres and husband, H. F. Squyres and Ruth Woodson, a minor in and to said property. Witness my hand, this 9th day of December A. D. 1936. GILES KEMP, Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas.

house Christmas. Please bring me a doll, and a broom, purse and candy and nuts, and lots of fruit. —Mildred Fay Beasley.

Dear Santa: I have been a pretty good girl this year. I want a doll and two Shirley Temple dresses for Christmas. I also, want fruits, nuts, and candy. Your little friend—Ruby Dorris Pennington. P. S.: I am seven years old. Please don't forget my little sister and little twin brothers.

Dear Santa: Did you know I had moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma? I am eleven years of age and in the sixth grade. For Christmas I want a pair of roller skates and a wrist watch and nuts, candy and fruit. Remember 1006 Republic N. W., Ardmore, Oklahoma. — Your friends.—Mary Jo Cox.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 8 years of age. I am in the fourth grade. I live in Ardmore, Oklahoma. For Christmas I want two guns, a scabbard, a boy suit and a football. Also a lot of good things to eat. Your little friend—A. L. Cox Jr.

Dear Santa: How are you? I am fine today. What I want for Christmas is a little manicure set, scrapbook and a helmet and big wagon, gloves and also nuts and candy. I am a little girl 9 years old. I go to school at McConnell school. I have a good time at school. I am in the third grade. Your friend—Jewell Dean Thomas.

Dear Santa: How are you? I am eight years old. I want a few things. I want an air gun and a ring. I don't want much because I know you want to take something to all of the other children for Christmas. I must close. Your friend—Dan Bunley. P. S.: I go to school at McConnell.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 9 years old. I want a little doll for Christmas this year and a little rubber ball. Bring my mother a set of glasses

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 11 years of age. I am in the fifth grade. I like to go to school. For Christmas I want

the 5 baby dolls and a ball. With love—Laverne Boring.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a cow boy suit, some fireworks and nuts and candy. Your little friend—Lyndal Vandell.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy two years old and want you to bring me a little wagon, some fruit and candy. Don't roget my little aunt and also my little cousins Billy Ashby and Franky Jewel Boring.—Little G. A. Boring.

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As another joyous holiday season reaches its climax, we are mindful of the generous good will and patronage that you have showered upon us—for which we are deeply grateful. May the beauty and joy of life be yours, may your troubles and hardships be forgotten. These are the sincere wishes of this firm for all our patrons and friends.

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Merchandise
at right prices!
HASKELL TEXAS



WE THANK YOU!

We cannot let this happy holiday season pass without sending a message of appreciation to those who have made our business what it is. Whether your purchases have been large or small, whether you have been to see us often or only occasionally, we want you to know we appreciate you.

May this Christmas bring you much happiness and may the New Year be good to you and to those whose happiness depends upon you.

KUENSTLER'S GROCERY

"Haskell's Newest Food Store"

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Our dealings with you throughout the past year have been quite satisfactory, and your good will and patronage are highly appreciated. On our part we have tried as hard as we could to make our services so helpful and welcome that you would come to regard them as part of the necessary comforts of life. We desire it to be even more so in the future. And now we wish you

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We send this message of appreciation to all our many friends and patrons and sincerely trust that we have so served and satisfied you that we may have your business during the coming year. If we have pleased you, tell others; if we have not, tell us.

J. W. GHOLSON, GROCERY



The joy of Christmas is in the air . . . and this bank joins with your friends in extending to you and yours the joyous greetings of the season. May these happy days of Yuletide echo throughout the coming year and bring a new and richer fullness to your life and a finer realization of your hopes and ambitions.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

Additional information and contact details for the bank.



Its folks like YOU whose patronage and friendship has made our Christmas a happy event. May we extend our thanks and our greetings.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



May Christmas Joy With Pleasures New—Make 1937 A Happy Year For You

The joyous Christmas season with its hallowed memories and golden hours of other years is here again—may it be for you and for those near and dear to you a day of real joy and good cheer and may each day of 1937 greet you with increasing happiness.

As we see the curtains of 1936 drawing we look back over the past twelve months and it makes us feel grateful for so many loyal friends and as we look toward the dawn of 1937 we resolve in our hearts to try a little harder to please you—to give you better values, if possible, and in every way work harder for your continued favors.

SPENCER LUMBER CO.

Letters To Santa Claus

HASKELL LETTERS—

Dear Santa Claus:
We are three little children that go to Sunday School, almost every Sunday, and try to be good. We are going to tell you what we want for Xmas, and I hope you won't think we want too much.
I, Mildred Grace, want a doll a phone and little black board. Anita Louise also wants a doll, a phone and a little black board, and please bring Tommye a doll too, so he won't take ours. He's a boy, so bring him a gun and a ball too. Please Santa bring us all some fruits, nuts and candies. Thank you very much Santa. With much love—Mildred Grace, Anita Louise and Tommye Robinson.

Dear Old Santa:
I would like so much if you could bring me a little wagon, a Shirley Temple doll or any doll with curls will do. I need a new set of dishes as all of mine are broken, a popeye coloring book, some house shoes. Santa could you bring me a new dress and hat and two little Christmas houses. I would like a little table and chairs that fold up. I would like some nuts and fruits, and if I get all of this I will think I am a very lucky little girl. And oh, Santa, I need a new little broom. Santa, please don't forget all the other little girls and boys. Your little friend.—Doris Ann Taylor.

WEINERT LETTERS—

I am a little girl two years old. I am the only child and I want you to bring me a doll, a big red ball a set of dishes and nuts, candy, apples, oranges, and I will be looking for you. Also remember mother and daddy.—Marjorie Louise Thompson.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 6 years old. I want you to bring me a little circus truck, a big ball, a top, lots of candy, fruits and nuts. Your little friend.—Kenneth Bledsoe.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pump air-rifle, a watch, and some nuts and candy. Your friend—Boyd Yandell.

Knox City, Texas
Dear Santa of Toyland:
Have been wondering if you are coming by to see me this year? I am not sure that I have been too nice but I am asking that if you do come please leave me the following: a big dollie with a buggy, black board, crayon, some real China dishes and any other thing that you think some other little girl would not want. You will find my stocking on the Christmas tree ready for the filling of fruits and nuts.
Hoping you remember all other little children. With lots of love—Dorothy Elaine Alvis, Knox City, Texas.
P. S.: Remember Santa I have moved, but go to see my grandpa anyway.

Lueders, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 5 years old today. Please bring me a doll, a set of dishes and a basket to put my doll clothes in, and don't forget my little sister Allie Mae. She is 4 months old. Please bring her a doll and a rattler. Bring us lots of fruits, nuts and candy. Your little friend—Priscilla Lee Keel.

RULE LETTERS—

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven years old. I go to Midway school. I am in the second grade. I want you to bring me a air gun, two boxes of BB shells and a caterpillar tractor, candy, fruit, and nuts. Don't forget the other children. Lovingly yours—Henry Hansford Harris.
P. S.: And don't forget to bring my dog "Nig" some candy.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 3 years old. Please bring me a car, train, a set of blocks and lots of fruit, nuts and candies. And Santa remember my little sister. Love—Bobbie Dean Glover.

Dearest Santa:
I am a little girl four years old. I am a good little girl so please bring me a doll buggy for my big doll. Also, dear Santa, I want a black board. I am learning to write. I want some nuts and fruits too. Please don't forget mother and daddy. Oh yes Santa dear, if I am not at home I will be over at grandma's. I'll hang my stocking right by the stove. Lots of love.—Felva Jo Wright.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 4 years old. Please bring me a doll, doll bed and lots of fruits, nuts and candies. I have tried to be a good little girl. Love.—Imogene Glover.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will come to my house Christmas. Please bring me some toys. I want a doll buggy, doll bed, purse, swing, sack of candy, ball, jacks, oranges, apples, peanuts, wagon, set of dishes. Yours truly.—Cleta Joan Harrell.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you get my letter and I want a wagon and a sack of candy. Yours truly.—John Hamilton.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will come to my

Season's Greetings



Geo. I. Kinney

house Christmas. Please bring me a doll buggy and a trunk and a purse, a sack of candy and some oranges. Yours truly—Ophelia Wade.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will come to my house Christmas. Please bring me a set of dishes, doll buggy, sack of candy, peanuts, nuts, oranges, apples, pecans. Yours truly—Estalene Carrall.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will come to my house Christmas. Please bring me a set of dishes, doll buggy, sack of candy, peanuts, nuts, oranges, apples, pecans. Yours truly—Frances Beckham.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl and please bring me a sleepy doll and fruit and candy, nuts and other things if you can. Bring the other little girls and boys some good things to eat too. I am 7 years old. I have been a good girl, so good-bye Santa. Your little friend—Maxine Culberth.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a BB gun, oranges, apples, bananas, candy, nuts and a box of BB's. With love—Billie Pool.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon, truck, BB gun, apples, oranges and candy. Your truly.—John Emmitt Craig.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will come to my house. Please bring me a ball and jacks, a doll, some nuts, an apple, and a sack of candy. Yours truly.—Velda May Josey.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am eight years old. Please bring me a Shirley Temple doll, and some doll clothes, and also a typewriter. Please bring me fruit and nuts. Your little friends.—Nadine Norman.

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 2 o'clock p. m., on the second Tuesday in January A. D. 1937, the same being the 12th 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
4tc

FARM TO RENT if trade can be made at once. J. E. Walling, Sr.
1tp

19,287 Bales of Cotton Ginned In County To Dec. 1

The report of W. P. Trice, special agent for the department of commerce shows that there were 19,287 bales of cotton ginned in Haskell county from the crop of 1936 prior to December 1, as compared with 32,654 bales ginned to the same date last year from the 1935 crop.

Practically all of this year's cotton has been gathered, ginners state, and reliable estimates place the county's yield this year at around 20,500 bales.

FOR SALE—Maize, plow tools and small 2-wheel trailer. R. W. Bischoffhausen, at South Side Barber Shop. 2tp

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the FARMERS AND MERCHANTS 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 January A. D. 1937, the same being the 12th 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.
Joe L. Cooper, Cashier
4tc

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Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve any form of Itch, Eczema, ringworm or other itching skin irritation within 48 hours or money promptly refunded. Large 2 oz. Jar 50c at Oates Drug Store. 26t

Sore Bleeding Gums
Only one bottle Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is needed to convince anyone. No matter how bad your case, get a bottle, use as directed, and if you are not satisfied, druggists will return your money. Oates Drug Store.



At this joyous season of Good Cheer when business cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we sincerely wish you an old-fashioned

Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year

abounding with Success, Good Luck and Happiness.

BERT WELSH



May the joys of Christmastide be many, and may the New Year bring you health, happiness and prosperity, is our sincere wish to our many friends and patrons.

We know of no more fitting time to express our appreciation for the patronage the people of Haskell and Haskell county have given us during the past year. To us it is the best evidence that they appreciated the dependable kind of merchandise we sell and the values we give week in and week out.

WE THANK YOU

Dick's Grocery and Market DICK FRIERSON EAST SIDE

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY INCORPORATED

4 BIG DAYS

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

A 'SMASHING' CLEARAWAY

EVERY ITEM IN

CHRISTMAS "Left Overs"

IN EVERY DEPARTMENT ALL OVER THE STORE

We can't tell yet what we'll have to offer... But you can expect big Bargains... We've gone through the stock and have taken out all odds and ends and broken lines... Merchandise that's slightly soiled and mused... Things that we don't want to inventory... In fact we won't invoice them if low prices will sell them... Every item out on tables... Plainly marked...

Odds and Ends Broken Lines Odd Lots

Come to our store Monday, Tuesday... Wednesday and Thursday... See these marvelous values... You know you're going to find lots of odds and ends and broken lines after such a tremendous Christmas business we have just had...

LOOK FOR THE Price Cards

Merry Christmas



It has always been our greatest pleasure to preserve the spirit and good will of the holiday season . . . and to each of our friends, old and new, we say
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
TEXAS CAFE

READ THE FREE PRESS WANT ADS EVERY WEEK



We would like to meet you face to face and tell you in a friendly sort of way that we appreciate you not only as a patron but as friend and to tell you that we wish you a full measure of the comforts that come from health and prosperity in the New Year and that it will be our joy to contribute to your happiness if we are afforded an opportunity.

Kell Implement Co.

Bill Richey J. H. Strain

A Merry Christmas to All



To our friends and customers throughout Haskell County we extend our sincere thanks for the business given us during the past year and wish each and everyone a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May this be the happiest holiday season you have ever enjoyed and may the year of 1937 bring you prosperity in abundance is the wish of this firm.

LAST CHANCE XMAS BARGAIN

2 LB. BOX CANDY

Milk and Dark Chocolates . . . Eleven Flavors . . . and soft centers, only—

59 CENTS

(Limit 3 to Customer)

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Society Season's Greetings

Fidelis Class of the Baptist Church Entertained

Mrs. A. C. Pierson assisted by Mesdames Bon Adkins, Anton, Theis and Miss Mary Grindstaff were hostesses for a breakfast last Sunday morning entertaining members of the Fidelis Class of the Baptist Church in the home of Mrs. Pierson. The rooms were very attractive with Christmas decorations and cut flowers with a lighted tree in the living room where the guests were seated for a program after the breakfast. Mrs. Bill Richey gave the devotional followed by a prayer by Mrs. H. R. Jones, Mrs. C. V. Payne rendered a vocal number and Miss Nettie McCollum told a Christmas story. Mrs. W. P. Trice, class president assisted by Mrs. Barton Welsh, Mrs. Bill McKinnon, Mrs. Elmore Smith and Mrs. R. L. Lemmon presented the gifts from the tree to class members and their teacher, Mrs. R. J. Reynolds and assistant teacher, Mrs. R. H. Jones. Twenty-five members were present.

Mrs. Sam A. Roberts Was Hostess For Luncheon Club Thursday

Mrs. Sam A. Roberts was hostess for members of the luncheon club with their husbands as guests for a turkey dinner last Thursday evening. Each member furnished a dish, a regular custom of the club. The entertaining rooms were very attractive with Christmas decorations, and autumn flowers where four tables were arranged for the dinner.

After dinner games of "84" were enjoyed by Mesdames and Messrs. R. C. Couch, F. L. Daugherty, O. E. Patterson, T. J. Arbuckle, R. J. Paxton, W. M. Reid, Mrs. H. S. Wilson, Mr. Jno. A. Couch and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Contract Bridge Club

Members of the Contract Bridge Club were entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Marvin Branch. Christmas decorations were used in the entertaining rooms where three tables were laid for bridge. At the end of the games Mrs. Ralph Duncan received high score prize and Mrs. Hollis Atkinson held high for members. Mrs. Branch served a refreshment plate to Mesdames, Virgil Reynolds, Bert Welsh, B. C. Chapman, Barton Welsh, Jack Mickle, W. G. Forgy, Hollis Atkinson, Ralph Duncan, Hill Oates, Miss Mary Emma Whiteaker and Miss Mary Couch.



Prevue Thurs. Dec. 24 11 p. m.

Saturday Dec. 26

Stuart Erwin

In

"All American Chump"

Prevue Saturday Night 11 p. m.

Sun.-Mon., Dec. 26, 27, 28

Irene Dunn

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"Theodora Goes Wild"

News—Colored Cartoon

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Jack Haley—Betty Furness

In

"Mister Cinderella"

Wednesday

Bargain

10c Day 10c

John Wayne

In

"The Sea Spoilers"

Thursday Only

Ralph Bellamy

In

"The Man Who Lived Twice"

BIG NEW YEAR'S FUN SHOW

Thursday, Midnight Dec. 31

Confetti—Noisemakers—

Souvenirs

Gene Raymond—Ann Sothern

In

"The Smartest Girl In Town"

RITA

HASKELL

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 25-26

Charles Starrett

In

"Stampede"

A red-blooded action thriller.

Also "Phantom Rider"

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Toonerville Picnic



Mrs. J. H. Kinney

Weinert Students Attend Reception at John Tarleton

Over four hundred guests were invited to call Wednesday afternoon when the A. W. S. Council of John Tarleton Agricultural College entertained with a reception at the Tarleton recreation hall at Stephenville, in honor of new girls on the Tarleton campus.

Among them were Miss Pauline Duff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Duff, and Miss Mary Frost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Frost of Weinert. Miss Duff and Miss Frost are juniors in the department of social science at John Tarleton College.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Theis Honor Guests at Party

Mrs. R. L. Burton entertained a few friends last Monday night honoring Mr. and Mrs. Anton Theis who are leaving to make their home in Menard soon. A Christmas motif was used in decorations throughout the rooms where four tables were arranged for games of "84". At the conclusion of the games the hostess served a delightful refreshment plate to Mesdames and Messrs. Anton Theis, A. C. Pierson, W. P. Trice, S. P. Kuentler, Roger Gilstrap, J. E. Walling Jr., Bill Richey, Charlie Conner, Mrs. Geo. Herrin and Mr. Burton.

Marion-Jones

Sunday, December 20th, Miss Cordie Mae Jones and Mr. Heavry Marion were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jones of Weinert. Mr. Marion is a former resident of Sanger, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Marion will be at home west of Weinert.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Jenkins and daughter Greydell and son Marshall spent the past week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lemmon and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Arbuckle returning home Sunday. Marshall remained for a longer visit.

Gift Shower

Mrs. C. P. Woodson entertained at her home Tuesday afternoon with an announcement gift shower for Mrs. Harry Bradley (nee Miss Artie Jones) whose marriage on June 27, 1936, was revealed in novel place cards. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Townsend, Baptist minister of Olney, at his home in that city.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mrs. M. E. Jones, and was born and reared in this city. For the past few years she has been employed in the office of the Haskell Telephone Company. The groom, also a native of Haskell, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bradley, and is now engaged in the tailoring business in Marfa, Texas.

The hostess used an attractive arrangement of Yuletide decorations in the entertaining rooms, where Mrs. Luther Cummings, sister of the groom, presided over the hand-painted Bride's Book, a gift from Mrs. Woodson.

Misses Lena Belle Kemp and Louise Warren assisted in serving a salad plate to those present.

Over sixty guests called during the afternoon.

New Mid Club Has Christmas Program Wednesday

The New Mid club met in the home of Mrs. E. A. Hutchens on Wednesday, December 16 for their Christmas program. All members had part in the program.

A scripture reading (Matthew 2nd Chapter—Mrs. E. A. Hutchens).

Prayer—Mrs. S. W. Hutchens. "Silent Night, Holy Night"—All. The Eve of Christmas—Mrs. Edd Hester.

The Dream of God—Mrs. Roy Hester.

The First Christmas Night—Mrs. A. A. Gauntt.

The Bells of Bethlehem—Mrs. Geo. Ballard.

Let Us Go Even Unto Bethlehem—Mrs. Roy Hester.

Gifts—Mrs. Ira Grinstead.

It Does Not Take Great Gifts—Mrs. Lewis Hester.

The What Christmas—Mrs. T. M. Hutchens.

After the program we were taken into a darkened room to explore a white cave. Candles were lighted and on entering the cave we found Christmas presents for everyone.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Geo. Ballard on Wednesday January 6 at 2:00 o'clock.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during our bereavement in the loss of our dear baby. If trouble ever comes your way we pray that you will receive just the same kind treatment we did. We especially thank Dr. Taylor and Mr. Kinney for their kindness.

M. H. Sorenson and family.

Miss Wysonda Bieber of Rochester spent the week-end here with her father Jno. L. Bieber and grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Bieber.



Right now we desire nothing more than to have our friends and customers know that we are thinking of them and wishing them a JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON. We want you to know that we appreciate you and that we send this message, not as a matter of form or custom but because we Mean Every Word Of It.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

REID'S DRUG STORE

carried to the Stamford Sanatorium last Friday in a Jones, Cox & Company ambulance. He is reported to be going nicely.

Mrs. Earl Kennedy and little daughter Helen Marie, returned home Sunday from the Stamford Sanatorium. The trip was made in a Jones, Cox ambulance.

R. W. Clanton and Sterling Edwards made a business trip to Fort Worth the first of the week.

Cut Flowers



Send her fresh, fragrant flowers. . . The perfect tribute to her charm and loveliness. They carry an added feeling of thoughtfulness and remembrance and cost less than most ordinary Christmas gifts. Make her Christmas more complete with a bouquet of Flowers.

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In sincere appreciation of the very cordial relations existing between us during 1936, we wish to extend to you our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

WE THANK YOU

for not only the patronage, but for the friendly interest you have shown in this business. We will strive hard during 1937 to merit a continuation of your favors.

HASSEN BROS. CO.

(THE POST OFFICE IS NEXT DOOR TO US)



Merry Christmas, Friends!

The warmth of old friendships is once again renewed in the greeting we're happy to send . . . Merry Christmas! May happiness and good cheer be yours on every day of the new year to come, and for many years thereafter.

Dennis P. Ratliff
DISTRICT JUDGE

Walter Murchison
COUNTY ATTORNEY-ELECT

Roy Ratliff
DISTRICT CLERK

Giles Kemp
SHERIFF

Charlie Conner
COUNTY JUDGE

Mike B. Watson
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Jason W. Smith
COUNTY CLERK

Ab Hutchens
COMMISSIONER, PREC. 1

Peggy Taylor
HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Tom Mapes
COMMISSIONER, PREC. 2

B. W. Chesser
COUNTY AGENT

P. G. Kendrick
COMMISSIONER, PREC. 3

B. C. Chapman
COUNTY ATTORNEY

R. H. (Bill) Rife
COMMISSIONER-ELECT, PREC. 4



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Mattson Home Demonstration Club

A Christmas program was the main feature of entertainment at the meeting of the Mattson Home Demonstration club held in the Home Economics room Thursday 2:30 P. M.

Chairman Mrs. Elmer C. Mattson, made a talk on "How To Make Some One Happy At Christmas Time."

The club sang "Holy Night". Mrs. J. O. Merchant gave two readings.

Mrs. J. P. Matthews gave a reading. Mrs. J. L. Wright and Mrs. D. F. Nicholson sang a song. An old fashioned game was

played. Mrs. J. L. Wright and Grandmother Weaver won the prizes.

The club is really proud of Grandmother Weaver, being the oldest one in the club, but she won the \$2.50 for selling subscriptions for the Haskell Free Press.

Santa Claus came in and gave each one present a gift of the tree. Fruits and candy were passed to the following: Mesdames Elmer C. Watson, Stratton, G. V. Stratton, Clyde Mayfield, Gladys Merchant, Maye Bledsoe, Edith Hinkle, Lura Mayfield, Fannie Weaver, S. A. Crume, L. E. Newton, A. G. Mitchell, Bud Derr, L. D. Holcomb, J. M. Hinkle, Chas. King, Pat Weaver, T. W. Free, Jim Stan-

ford, Floyd McGuire, Vern Derr, C. M. Overman, D. F. Nicholson, J. L. Wright, Sylvia Maxwell, J. O. Merchant, Grandmother Weaver, J. P. Matthews, Otis Matthews, E. L. Freeland, Elbert Mapes. New members were Mrs. John McGuire and Mrs. Ellis Miles.

Our meeting days are the second and fourth Thursdays. Every lady is invited to come and join us. Visitors are always welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harris Are Given Surprise Birthday Dinner

On Sunday December 20th, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harris of the Sayles community were given a surprise birthday dinner.

Mrs. Harris formerly Miss Dora Peyton was born in Hempstead County, Arkansas in 1863.

Mrs. Harris was born in Jefferson County, Arkansas in 1860.

The family came to Haskell County in 1905 and have made their home here ever since. They have 5 boys living four of whom were present. Ten grandchildren and three great grand children all of whom were present.

Many nice presents were received by the couple.

Those attending were: Messrs. and Mesdames: J. B. Harris, Shelby Harris, Hansford Harris, Joe Chapman, W. E. Johnson, W. E. Bland, Bob Melton, Alvis Bird, Bill Pennington.

Mesdames, A. M. Bird, Lee Matthews, Freddie Wood, H. E. Melton.

Messrs. Shelby Johnson, Erban Harris, Ober Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Thurman Bird, Jack Harris, Raymond Melton.

Misses Dorothy Duncan, Jo Marie Chapman, Anna Rose Chapman and Christine Harris and the following children: Frankie Ann Harris of Borger, Henry Harris, Dale Harris, Wayne Harris, Roy Harris, Ernestine and Gerald Dean Bird, Flora Jean Bird, and Freddie Sue Melton and the honorees.

Messrs. Shelby Johnson, Erban Harris, Ober Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Thurman Bird, Jack Harris, Raymond Melton.

Misses Dorothy Duncan, Jo Marie Chapman, Anna Rose Chapman and Christine Harris and the following children: Frankie Ann Harris of Borger, Henry Harris, Dale Harris, Wayne Harris, Roy Harris, Ernestine and Gerald Dean Bird, Flora Jean Bird, and Freddie Sue Melton and the honorees.

Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Alvis of this city were honored with an "old-fashioned pounding" last Sunday, given by the pastor and members of the Pinkerton Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis wish to express their appreciation to their friends for the many nice presents they received.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Charlie Chapman and Mrs. Sam T. Chapman and Miss Mary Ben Chapman left today for Monahans, where they will visit during the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smith and children.

Ruth Bible Class Holds Christmas Tree And Social

The Christmas tree and social of the Ruth Bible Class was held in the home of Mrs. J. A. Gilstrap December 17 at 2:30.

Program opened by singing "Joy to the World". Christmas means salvation to mankind and the greatest gift we can give to the savior is our lives to serve him, stated Mrs. Frank Curry in her talk as she led the Devotional. Her scripture reading was from Luke 2 on the Birth of Christ.

After singing "Silent Night", Mrs. Gilstrap followed with prayer.

Mrs. Hope Haynes gave a Christmas reading "At Christmas Times What I'd Like To Be."

The Love Apron patches were removed and the Christmas stockings turned in. A neat little sum of money was raised in this way to send a bit of cheer for Christmas in the homes of the needy and the ones we love.

Mrs. Haynes with the assistance of others distributed the gifts from the tree.

Refreshments of pink and green sandwiches, candy and coffee were served the following:

Mesdames: Welch, W. C. Humphrey, Earl Ammons, Talmage Oliphant, Jno. McMullin, Mary Fore, Raymond Lusk, Tom Goodwin, Frank Curry, Ruth Jones, Walter Rogers, Jack Johnson, Hallie Chapman, Jack Ratliff, J. S. Cullum, Jno. E. Robinson, Jesse Josselet, Chas. E. Smith, Joe Fraley, Raymond Stuart, Art Howard, Hope Haynes, J. A. Gilstrap, Anna Neil, Oscar Miller.

Messrs. Shelby Johnson, Erban Harris, Ober Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Thurman Bird, Jack Harris, Raymond Melton.

Misses Dorothy Duncan, Jo Marie Chapman, Anna Rose Chapman and Christine Harris and the following children: Frankie Ann Harris of Borger, Henry Harris, Dale Harris, Wayne Harris, Roy Harris, Ernestine and Gerald Dean Bird, Flora Jean Bird, and Freddie Sue Melton and the honorees.

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Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Alvis of this city were honored with an "old-fashioned pounding" last Sunday, given by the pastor and members of the Pinkerton Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis wish to express their appreciation to their friends for the many nice presents they received.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Charlie Chapman and Mrs. Sam T. Chapman and Miss Mary Ben Chapman left today for Monahans, where they will visit during the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smith and children.

Mr. Ernest Peiser spent Sunday

in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Druessedow of Roberts.

Mr. Felix Klose and Willie Piesser spent Sunday with Lloyd Key of Throckmorton.

Miss Mathilda Moeller of Roberts spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Stiewert and children.

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80 acres good wheat. Can get \$6,000 Feed Loan. Would take \$3,600 cash to buy it. This is the best buy in Knox County. Forced sale to settle Estate. Geo. Isbell, Munday, Texas. 2tc

FOR SALE—2 mares, 2 horses, 4 milch cows, one two row P. & O. planter, 2 row Oliver Cultivator,

one single row J. I. Case planter, J. Patton, first house south of stock pens, Haskell. 2tp

FOR SALE—Registered Jersey male, also jersey cows with young calves. N. I. McCollum. 1tc

FOR SALE—4 work and brood mares. Priced reasonable. See J. Sr.

FOR SALE—458 acres land 7 miles southeast of Haskell. 200 in cultivation, 258 in grass. Price \$14 per acre. Write or phone W. D. Aycock, owner, 1613 18th St., Lubbock, Texas. 4tc

FOR SALE—50 acres, well improved, located 1 1-2 miles northeast of Rule. Mrs. W. M. Hinton, Rochester. 2tp

FOR SALE—Well improved fore-closed farms on the plains. Small cash payment, good terms. Write or call. P. L. Payne, Littlefield, Texas. 2tp

FOR SALE: Pigs at \$3.00 each. Located 5 1-2 miles east of Rochester. Paul Russell, Rochester, Texas. 2tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE: A used Case Tractor for \$700.00. Five miles west of Haskell on Middle Rule road.—Mrs. D. J. Burson. 1p

FARM FOR SALE 240 acres, 200 in cultivation, 40 acres good grass land, nice 5-room house with bath, has gas. Located one mile of Gilliland. Can't get possession until January 6th. Has



For the year 1937 we are including more than good wishes for your happiness and prosperity. We hope to be able to present you more substantial, more concrete gifts.

Through our service, and an increased effort to be more friendly, more courteous, more attentive we expect to make you enjoy your relations with this firm more. And through an honest effort to give you greater values we will hope to make our gift more than mere well-wishing.

May we also thank you for the many courtesies you have shown us during the past year, and express a word of appreciation for your friendliness and generous patronage.

JONES, COX & COMPANY



THE OLD YEAR HAD ITS GOOD AND BAD POINTS

Like every year, 1936 had its good points and its bad ones. To some it taught valuable lessons from which they will profit in the future.

Here in our place of business we feel that it has given us valuable experience that will enable us to better serve our patrons during 1937.

It has also taught us that LOYAL FRIENDS mean much to us.

We wish you much happiness, good health and prosperity for 1937 and sincerely hope that we will see you often.

Hunt's
A HOME OWNED STORE



WITH HEARTY APPRECIATION

FOR YOUR 1936 PATRONAGE

And our earnest wish that Health Happiness, and Prosperity will attend you throughout

1937

And the other years to come.

DUNCAN GIN CO.



Greetings and Appreciation To Our Patrons

We hope that all the people who entrusted patronage to this bank, large or small as it may have been, will read this message. As the curtain draws on the old year and we see the dawn of the new we pause for a moment and look back and as we do we see so many things for which to be thankful that we feel inspired to broadcast this message to as loyal a people as ever favored a bank with their patronage.

To each of you we tender our sincere thanks and express the hope that the New Year will unfold to you greater measures of prosperity, contentment and true happiness than you have ever known before.



May the joy that comes at this Yuletide be sufficient to last on through the days of the New Year which will bring to a full realization the things for which you have striven. Out of the fullness of grateful hearts we add our thanks to this Yuletide message.

HASKELL NATIONAL BANK



You'll Think We're Giving You A Christmas Present

When You Price These Good

USED CARS

1936 FORD V8 TUDOR—Looks like new run-like new. New rubber.

1932 CHEVROLET 4 door Sedan, Motor New Pistons and Rings
1933 CHEVROLET TUDOR—In first class condition. Money Back Guarantee

1933 FORD V8 TUDOR. A steal in this car

Here is a good one. 1936 FORD V8 TUDOR \$495 with trunk New rubber. This car must sell for Only been driven 15,000 Miles

Various other types to select from.

See These Cars On Used Car Lot Across Street From Post Office.

HASKELL MOTOR CO.

Sales Service

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice at Haskell, Texas, under the act of March 3, 1879.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Free Press take this occasion to wish its readers and friends, and all the people of this section, a Christmas season of great joy and expresses the hope that the people of Haskell County will share their happiness with each other.

The Christmas season gives all of us an opportunity to translate subconscious good wishes into concrete expressions of regard and esteem. It serves the purpose of a pause in the mad rush of daily existence, during which we have, at least, one day for reflection and activity in the work of making life's burdens less heavy to others.

The Christmas season of 1936 finds us in better circumstances, all things considered, than the past years. Most of us are able to do something to bring the spirit of Christmas into other hearts about us. We should not fail to express ourselves by trying to increase the happiness of unfortunates everywhere.

Never forget that the joy of Christmas finds itself in the promise of peace and good will and that no individual can really have the Christmas spirit unless there is present within the person some of the peace and good will so necessary to make this world a better place for human beings.

THE ONE BIG CHURCH IDEA

An idea that seems to have played in the minds of religious leaders for centuries revolves around the reunion of all the Christian churches into one, great, big church.

It is, apparently, taken for granted that if we can get all Christians into one church we will really have Christianity.

We presume to doubt it. The only universal church that will ever do this world, or any other, any good is the church that grows in the hearts of men and women. Forms, ceremonies and organizations are insignificant unless they develop Christianity in the character and lives of people.

A LEADER SHOWS THE WAY

A leader of men whether he be an elected governor or a ruler by divine right, can do no greater thing for them than to live them out of themselves and show them an ideal which they can attain and, by attaining, make a better world. It is for that reason that President Roosevelt's Latin American visit is of vast importance to everyone in the new world. For he is showing us such an ideal—the ideal of peace, of international friendship and co-operation—and is persuading us that we actually can translate it to reality. It may be too soon to start of treaties will come out of the

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CURRENT COMMENT

FARMERS YEAR (Graham Leader)

Now with the near approach of Santa Claus time and the looming of another year on the horizon, what will we expect for the farmers of this country.

It looks like the best prospects for a big year for agriculture we have had in a generation.

There has been an upward trend of prices in many commodities. More dividends and bonus checks have been issued in recent weeks than in ten years. Factories are steaming up for bigger quotas of manufactured products, employment is increasing.

Furthermore war clouds over Europe and Asia thicken daily. If war comes it means the farmer will be the best situated of anybody. Grow more foods should be a slogan.

Let's make our plans for as great variety of crops, as possible with the kind of soil and farming conditions at hand. The greater the variety of products on the farm the greater the chances are for big returns.

Therefore farmers should approach the Christmas season with joy, not only for the better year just closing but for the better year in prospect, just ahead.

VIEWES AND REVIEWS

A. A. Berle, Jr., New York official: "War in Europe is not a remote possibility but an extremely dangerous threat."

Emil Ludwiz, German writer: "The explosion will be touched off by Japan, which will become engaged in a war with Russia."

George H. Earle, Governor of Pennsylvania: "The Constitution must be elastic enough to allow for an economic revolution."

Emma Goldman, American anarchist in Spain: "I know that Americans do not understand anarchism. They think anarchy means bomb-throwing."

Gifford Pinchot, former Governor of Pennsylvania: "The people of the United States have long known that concentrated wealth is Public Enemy No. 1."

Roger Babson, statistician: "Whether you like the New Deal fashions or not, you better play ball or retire from business."

Martin Johnson, explorer, home from Borneo: "We saw tree-climbing fish and flying snakes that flatten out their bodies and dive from trees."

SNAP SHOTS

There is plenty of room at the top, but the congestion enroute is terrific.

Maybe the best punishment for a bigamist would be to make him live with all his wives.

Only a celebrity can crack a stale joke and get away with it.

A man is never down until he's down in the mouth.

And speaking of insurance—not enough goods to cover the insurance has caused many a fire.

If we thought it were true that money talks we'd be tempted to get ours an amplifier.

One of the main uses of a government is to have something to blame everything on.

Remember the time when a passing airplane would bring out the whole town's population?

The ways of the speed transgressor is hard—on the pedestrian.

Haskell County History

As Revealed by the Files of the Free Press 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

Twenty Years Ago—1916

Haskell ginners believe they have ginned more cotton this season than any other town in this part of West Texas. To date they have ginned 6,979 bales, and will reach the 7,000 mark in a few more days. Total ginned by each gin: F. T. Sanders 3,229, Farmers Gin Company 2,756, W. T. Newsum 1,000 (estimated). The Newsum Gin was destroyed by fire several weeks ago is the reason they appear so far behind.

At the Baptist parsonage last Thursday a very pretty wedding was solemnized by Mr. V. C. Bailey and Miss Minnie McNeely. They will make their home north of town.

Miss Cora Weinert and C. J. Jones were united in marriage Thursday, December 4th at 4 o'clock p. m. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Weinert, Rev. J. O. Little officiating.

Bruce W. Bryant and J. E. Bernard of Haskell, Mr. Hill of Rule, and S. B. Street of Graham returned Wednesday from Matador, where they have been on a hunting trip. They report plenty of birds in that section and a good time while on the trip.

Real estate has been changing hands at a lively rate during the past few weeks in this section. Among the largest deals that have been made were the Cogdell ranch of 1,500 acres to R. G. Loving for \$17,500 per acre. Mr. Loving lives at Gainesville. J. O. Chitwood purchased the Wm. Myers ranch of two sections at \$25 per acre, or approximately \$31,000. Several other smaller deals were made, bringing the total amount of land to change hands up to the value of about \$80,000.

Gene Tonn and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Tonn's grandmother at Munday Saturday.

The Haskell I. O. O. F. Lodge elected officers at their regular meetings last week, as follows: H. F. Horner, Noble Grand; A. Tonn, Vice Grand; H. R. Jones, secretary; W. E. Sherrill, Treasurer; R. D. C. Stephens, representative to the Grand Lodge.

Thirty Years Ago—1906

The cornerstone of the new building of Haskell Lodge No. 682, A. F. & A. M., was laid at 2 o'clock P. M. Saturday December 22.

The Free Press has learned that Mr. F. N. Chapman has arranged, in connection with other parties, to put in a steam laundry at Haskell. We are informed that they expect to have the laundry in operation in about a month.

The Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools are each preparing to have Christmas trees at their respective churches on Christmas eve. The Baptist, however, have a new scheme and instead of a tree will have an immense ladder, appropriately decorated and hung with Santa Claus' offerings to the little folks.

The Haskell Concert Band announce that they will give an open air concert on the courthouse square on Christmas Day, beginning at 2 o'clock.

The Haskell I. O. O. F. Lodge let the contract this week to Mr. J. N. McFatter for the erection of their building on the north side of the square. The building is to be 30x100 feet, two stories high with a basement 30x30 feet. It is to be constructed of native brick. The second story will be used by the Odd Fellows as a lodge room and the lower and basement spaces will be rented for stores.

It was a new thing in the history of Haskell when at 6 o'clock last Saturday evening the switch was turned in the power house of the Haskell Electric Light, Ice &

Water Company and scores of electric lights flashed out, lighting many residence and the business houses around the square with a brilliance they had never known before, and giving them, as viewed through the plate glass show windows, quite a city-like appearance. The plant is now giving regular service.

Forty Years Ago—1896 If Dame Rumor is correct in her prophecies, about half of Haskell's young people will enter into matrimonial partnerships before the old year bids us a final adieu. Mr. Agnew has completed the removal of the W. E. Johnson residence, which was purchased by Judge McConnell, onto the Judge's lots and the carpenters are putting it in trim for occupancy by the judge. The removal of so large a building for so great a distance without injury to it was quite a feat.

County Treasurer Milhollon has moved up to the Nick Hudson residence to be more conveniently situated in his business.

Rev. M. L. Moody was called to Stonewall county this week to perform a marriage ceremony.

Judge Hammer and family left on Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hammer's parents in Austin and the Judge's at Galveston.

Mr. S. P. Miller has moved to Seymour. Having taken an interest with his brother in a livery stable at that place, and also in the mail line to Throckmorton as well as Haskell, the move became necessary to his convenience.

SHERIFF'S SALE—REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1936, out of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, 17th Judicial District, in Cause No. 13502-A, wherein The Alliance Trust Company, Limited (Without Banking Privileges) is plaintiff and R. E. Weaver and wife, Addie (or Adeline) Weaver, Arias Weaver, Farmers State Bank, Jones Cox & Company, Courtney Hunt & Company, C. A. Tucker, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, The Haskell National Bank, and Gulf Oil Company are defendants, I did on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1936, levy upon the following described land as the property of the above named defendants, situated in Haskell County, Texas, to-wit:

Being 400 acres of land out of the E. D. Payne Survey No. 70, Abst. No. 340, Cert. No. 2457-2558, and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said E. D. Payne Survey, for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence East along the North line of said Payne Survey 668.66 vrs. to the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence South 844 vrs. to an "L" corner of this tract;

Thence East 869.66 vrs. to another corner of this tract and being also the Northwest corner of a 33 3/4 acre tract sold to O. E. Chapman;

Thence South 1103 vrs. to the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence West 1538 1/2 vrs. to the Southwest corner of this tract in the original West line of the E. D. Payne Survey;

Thence North along the West line of said Payne Survey, 1947 vrs. to the place of beginning and containing 400 acres of land.

And I will on the 5th day

in the forenoon and in the afternoon, offer the said land for sale at public venue for cash, at and in front of the Court House Door of Haskell County, Texas, in the said City of Haskell.

GILES KEMP, Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Haskell.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain execution issue out of the Honorable County Court of Haskell County, on the 11th day of December 1936, by Jason W. Smith Clerk of said Court for the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Nine and 88-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgement, in favor of James Shaw, Banking Commissioner of Texas in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1988 and styled James Shaw, Banking Commissioner of Texas vs. W. A. Moore and Mrs. G. W. Moore, jointly and severally placed in my hands for service, I, Giles Kemp as Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, did on the 16th day of December 1936, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Haskell County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All the undivided right, title and interest of W. A. Moore and Mrs. G. W. Moore jointly and severally in and to 200 acres of land out of the Geo. W. Lang Survey, No. 37, Abst. No. 306, being Subd. No. 11 of said Survey, and being the same land described in a deed from John C. Walter et ux, Pauline Walker to G. W. Moore, dated December 31, 1906, recorded in Vol. 36, page 347, Deed records of Haskell County, Texas. Levied upon as to whatever undivided interest said W. A. Moore and Mrs. G. W. Moore may have in and to said land above described, jointly and severally.

And levied upon as the property of W. A. Moore and Mrs. G. W. Moore and that on the first Tuesday in February 1936, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door, of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said levy and said execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. A. Moore and Mrs. G. W. Moore as their interest may appear.

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, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 16th day of December 1936.

GILES KEMP, Sheriff Haskell County, Texas. By Hettie Williams Deputy. 3tc

SORE THROAT—TONSILLITIS! Instantly relieved by Anesthesia-Mop, the wonderful new sore-throat remedy. A real mop that relieves pain and checks infection. Prompt relief guaranteed or money refunded by Payne Drug Co.

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We hope the pleasure we have had in serving you has been mutual, and take this opportunity to thank you and to extend our hearty greetings for your happiness.

Tonkawa Coffee Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Day



WE GREET YOU— WE THANK YOU

In these happy days of the Yuletide season our greatest pleasure is found in turning from the cares of every-day business life to send out this message of good wishes, good cheer and appreciation to our friends and patrons.

For 1937 we wish you peace of mind, health of body and wealth of purse and that each day you may have the opportunity of service which will give enjoyment in its performance and happiness in the results. May your friends be more numerous and your opportunities greater than you have ever known before.

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.

D. H. PERSONS, Mgr.

Better Cars! — Better Prices! — Better Terms! Phone 5642 F. W. COUCH 1340 North Res. 4179 Abilene, Texas First St. Largest Used Car Dealer in the West Trade - Terms. Quick Auto Loans - Open Evening & Sundays



At this joyous holiday season we turn in gratitude to you, our friends and patrons. We heartily thank you for the goodwill you have shown us.

Our friendships are our greatest asset; and the spirit of the holidays, with its time-honored customs, provides opportunity for us to greet you.

We extend our most cordial greetings and best wishes for your health, prosperity and happiness and for those whose happiness depends upon you.

POST CHEVROLET CO.



If we had the ordering of your Christmas it certainly would be the happiest you ever enjoyed.

If we had the power to secure for you a heaping measure of health and prosperity during 1937—that is what the New Year would bring you.

GENE HUNTER (MODERN CLEANERS)



We hope the Christmas Season has brought you new kinds of pleasures... pleasures you have not even hoped for. We hope your happiness will be complete and that your friends and loved ones too, will enjoy this season to the fullest extent.

For the New Year, we wish you a full measure of the three great blessings:

Health, Happiness and Prosperity

JONES & SON



We trust that every material thing you wish this Christmas to bring will be yours and in addition the blessings of Health, Happiness and Success.

BARTON WELSH
MAGNOLIA STATION

READ THE FREE PRESS WANT ADS EVERY WEEK



Christmas would scarcely be complete without expressing our deep appreciation for your patronage and wish you and yours the most of Christmas Joy, and a happy New Year.

DRIVE CLEANERS
S. A. NORRIS

CHRISTMAS
1936
happiness to all..



We Say "Thank You" and Wish You a Merry, Merry Christmas

Your friendship, your cooperation and your patronage have made this a merrier Christmas Season for us, and it gives us pleasure this holiday season to send our best wishes and fondest hopes for your Christmas. We appreciate the loyal patronage you have given us and we have tried to give you the best service of which we were capable. As 1937, a New Year, crosses the old of time we want to assure you we will go into the next twelve months with the determination of serving you to the best of our ability—and to continue furnishing you with the highest quality of merchandise.

McNeill & Smith
Hardware Company

Electric Service—

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completed between Haskell and Rule, and later to Munday, Knox City and Goree.
In 1922 the Haskell property was purchased by the West Texas Utilities Company, and the company's transmission lines were extended to this city during that year, among the first of the 160 communities now interconnected by central generating plants that assure cheap and constant service.
The idea of high tension transmission lines, bringing an abundance of electric power at rates the average resident could afford had its origin in Chicago a quarter of a century ago. A similar policy was inaugurated in West Texas about 1920 when George W. Fry, first president of the present West Texas Utilities Company who died in 1930, began the construction period which ended the era of small, isolated and inefficient power plants. Mr. Fry was succeeded by Price Campbell, present president.

The success of the "dream" is now told in a series of rate reductions that has reduced the average rate from 14 cents a kilowatt hour in 1922 to approximately 5 cents in 1936. The strides made by the electrical industry during the 30-year period is even more impressive when it is recalled that Haskell residents in 1906 paid 20 cents a kilowatt hour. An average of 850 kilowatt hours is used annually now which, at 1906 rates, would have cost \$170 if used 30 years ago.

The company which early this month observed its Silver Anniversary, now plans an extensive education program to show the economy of greater electric usage whereby incentive rate schedules make the service one of the cheapest commodities in the average home. 3 Bracketed discounts have been designed to make practical the use of refrigerator, electric water heater, air conditioning systems and the minor appliances that have taken their place in the majority of modern homes.

Local Manager Here 16 Years
H. C. King, present manager of the Haskell office, has been identified with the company in Haskell for the past 16 years, having first been employed as a linesman soon after his discharge from the Army in 1920. Other employees in the local office are Mrs. Bessie Mae Sellers, bookkeeper, and J. D. Westbrook, linesman.

40th Year—

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Mrs. A. Field of Coleman, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. George Field of Coleman, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. McElroy of Crosbyton, Texas; Miss Bonnie Brite, Eddie McElroy, Carl Johnson, Maudine Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brite and others.
After dinner the crowd engaged in singing the good old songs of the past with music on the piano, guitar, mandolin and harp. Many photos were made of those present and late in the evening the crowd dispersed filled with pleasure and turkey.

Preaching at Roberts Sunday

There will be church at Roberts Sunday December 27th. Bro. Mason of Abilene will preach. Every one is invited to Roberts Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Church at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hudson and children of Fort Worth are spending the holidays with Mrs. Hudson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cameron and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sherrill and children of Dallas were in Haskell the first of the week, the guests of Mr. Sherrill's father, W. E. Sherrill and other relatives and friends.

Potted Plants



Your greeting this year will live for months to come if you send a potted plant from Conner's. We have a complete assortment of old favorites... and a grand collection of different plants. Well deliver on Christmas Day.

Potted Plants priced from 50c up to \$3.00

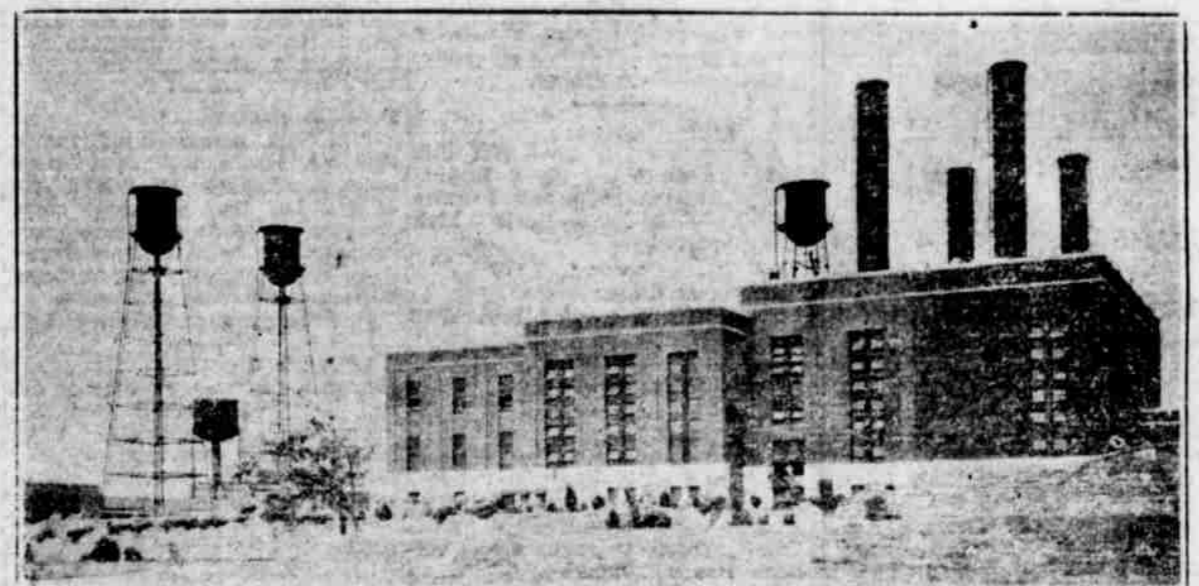
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**Electricity was 'a new thing' in 1906
It's an OLD STORY in 1936**

But the marvels performed by Electric Service are ever NEW!



Modern Power Plant Used By West Texas Utilities Company

The West Texas Utilities Company joins Haskell in recalling the thirty years since the switch was turned to light residences and business houses "with a brilliance they had never known before."

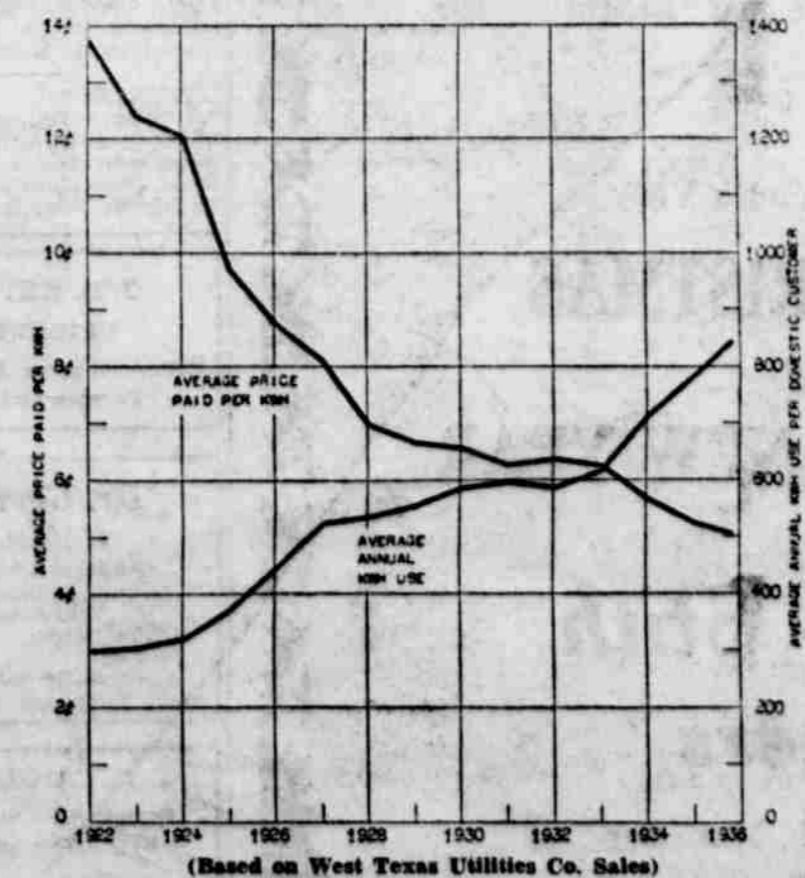
The archives of the Haskell Free Press tell the story. Wrote the editor in the issue of Dec 22, 1906:

"It was a new thing in the history of Haskell when at 6 o'clock last Saturday evening the switch was turned in the power house of the Haskell Electric Light, Ice and Water Company and scores of electric lights flashed on, lighting many residences and the business houses around the square with a brilliance they had never known before, and giving them, as viewed through the plate glass windows, quite a city-like appearance."

While interesting, more important is the story of how transmission lines spanned the country to bring cheaper electricity than had been believed possible back in 1906. An isolated plant which through the years proved its inefficiency by frequent interruptions in service irregular voltage, was the source of that first "brilliance". Its cost was exorbitant in comparison to present electric service rates. The Free Press files reveal that cost:

"Resolution was adopted fixing price at which 16 candlepower electric lights be furnished. . . . One light \$1 a month, 2 lights \$1.85 per month, 3 lights \$2.50 per month. Any number of lights in addition to three, 50 cents per month. Any person subscribing six lights or more may have meter at their expense and in such case the price will be 10 cents per 1,000 watts (one kilowatt hour), the expense of wiring and equipping the buildings for the use of the lights in all cases to be borne by the owner of the building."

Average Rates Tumble As Consumption Soars
Chart Shows Kilowatt Hour Rate in 1922 Was 14c; Drops to 5.2 in 1936 as Usage Increases to 821 KWH Annually



Average Twenty Cents a Kilowatt Hour in 1906— Average Five Cents a Kilowatt Hour in 1936! The West Texas Utilities Company has been serving Haskell with electric power since 1922. At that time the net average rate was 14 cents a kilowatt hour. In 1936, due to greater usage on lower incentive rate steps the net average rate is approximately 5 cents per kilowatt hour.

Nearly three times the service at the same cost!

Electric light in 1906 was a luxury. If Haskell residents had used the same amount of electric service then they use now, it would have cost them each on the average \$170 annually.

Cheap and Dependable Electric Service in 1936 Is Indeed a Reason for Rejoicing.

West Texas Utilities Company



**LET'S ALL
SMILE AND
BE HAPPY!**

For Christmas is the season for good cheer and good will—for peace and for kindness.

We are happy because:

- We live in a good town.
- We deal with good people.
- 1936 was good to us.
- We look forward to 1937 with pleasure.

We trust that you have had a good year and that a better one is near at hand.

That's just the way we feel about it. Thank you.

**EVES-BURTON
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son's Greetings

To Our Friends and Customers

We have found that friendship in business counts for much and we are grateful for yours.

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AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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Ernest Griffith, Manager
Weinert, Texas

**LETTERS TO
SANTA CLAUS**

HASKELL LETTERS—

Dear Santa Claus:
I, Edna Lee, am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a baby doll, a pencil box, a lunch basket, a broom, and some little woolly house shoes.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and a box of jacks and a ball. With love—Ova Lee Brown.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been very good this winter. Santa Claus, I want some firecrackers, called Baby Giants, and a bicycle. I want a pair of boxing gloves and a box of candy. With love—Kent Stoker.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a bicycle and a French harp and a wrist watch. With love—Doris Mae Humphrey.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy. Will you bring me a shetland pony and a pair of spurs? With love—Clyde Lynn Gordon.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a wrist watch, and chaps and saddle and please tell daddy where he can get me a horse real cheap and some spurs too. With love—Hartsell Johnson.

Dear Santa Claus:
Bring me a .22 target. With love—R. L. Cox Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. Please bring these things. I want a brown-eyed Shirley Temple, big size, doll and a Micky Mouse kodak. With love—Charleen Ann McGregor.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little car, ball, top, nuts, candy, apples and oranges and some fireworks. I am a little boy 7 years old. May name is—Herbert H. Rueffer.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 9 years old. I

have tried to be a good boy this year. Will you please bring me a wrist watch, a pair of gloves and a book satchel. Please be good to grandmother and grandpa. With love—Wallace Pugh.

Dear Old Santa:
I want a barn with lots of animals in it, and I want a "bow and arrow" set, too. I need some new socks and please leave me some nuts and candy. Don't forget my twin sister, Ernestine and our baby sister Jean. Bye, Bye, with love—Gerald Dean Bird.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a bicycle, a big doll, a box of jacks, a wrist watch and a pink silk dress. With love—Beatrice Pitman.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a ball and bat and a G-m set and if you can, get a foot ball and some nuts and fireworks and Christmas candy. With love—Bradford Smallwood.

Dear Mr. Santa:
Will you please bring me a sleepy doll with curls? And I need some new gloves for school and a new hat too. I want some oranges and nuts and please remember my twin brother, Sonny Boy, and my baby sister Jean. With love—Ernestine Bird.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old and have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a football, tractor, flashlight, and some gloves and house shoes. I would love to have plenty of fruits and nuts and fireworks. I have a baby sister so don't forget her. Your little friend.—Calvin Kenneth Davis.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl six years old and go to school at Sayles. I like school fine. Santa please bring me a big doll, a set of dishes and some embroidery work. I have a little brother two years old. He wants a little red bike, a gun and a little red truck. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. We are your friends.—Mary Fay and James Larry Fowler.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. Please bring me a little table and chairs, set of dishes, doll, broom, and a little purse. Santa, if you have an extra dump truck, please leave it for me. I'm a little girl, but I'd sure like a dump truck. And don't forget fruits, nuts and candy. Please don't forget the poor little orphan children. Your friend.—Billie Joyce Andress

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy four years old. I have been a good little boy this year. Please send me a little wagon and a little truck. I want a ball. Be sure and send me lots of fruits and candies and nuts. Happy Christmas to you. With love—Richard Ray Barton.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl twelve years old. I have been good to my mother this year. Please send me a wrist watch, whatever you wish to bring and lots of fruits, candies and nuts. Merry Christmas to you. With love—Olalee Barton.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl nine years old. Please send me a play piano and some fruits, nuts and candies. I have two little brothers and two little sisters. Please don't forget them. And I want a Mickey Mouse wrist watch. I am expecting a merry Christmas at home. Happy Christmas to you. With love to you.—Lawana Smith.

Dear Mr. Santa:
I want a doll and some good things to eat! I want you to bring me a dolly that I can bathe and dress. Please don't forget our little friends Patsy and Sue Pruitte.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a very good little girl this year and please bring me a mopping set, a telephone, a little iron and ironing board and a set of dishes also. Please bring me fruit, nuts and lots of candy and don't forget the other little boys and girls. With love—Frieda Pearl Lacleey.

Dear Old Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old and have been a real nice little girl. I don't want a doll for I got one for my birthday. But I do want a lot of doll clothes, doll trunk, mittens, a little car, nuts, candy and fruits. Don't forget mother and daddy. Love to Santa.—Mildred Earlene Ammons.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a baby doll with sleepy eyes and eye lashes. Also some candy, fruits and nuts. Your little friend.—Doris Ruth Holmesly.

P. S.: Please don't forget the other little children.

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Dear Santa:
My home is in San Angelo, but I'm going to spend Christmas here with my grandparents. I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me a big truck, some A B C blocks, some tinker toys and a football. And don't forget the fruit, nuts and candy. Remember every little boy and every little girl all over the land. Bring to

They live in town Santa. Santa, I am five years old. With love.—Jean Bird.

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all of them a Merry Christmas and a real Happy New Year. And Santa please bring my granddad, Mr. Bradley, a new Philco Jr. radio. Love and best wishes.—Kent Cummings.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. I have been good to grandmother while she has been sick so please bring me a baseball, glove and bat. Also some fruits and candy. Your friend—N. A. Pugh.

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

**W. W. FIELDS
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GROCERY**

*Dear Santa:
Thanks for the pretty doll you brought me last Christmas. She needs a new dress and if it is not asking too much she really should have a buggy. The fresh air would be good for her if I could take her out riding during nice weather.
Daddy says we'll have a happier Christmas this year because I am well. Remember how sick I was last year with that bad cold? We have not had one at our house this winter. Mother says it is because we have heated the entire house like they do at Aunt Mary's.
Please Santa, don't bring Junior another rubber gun. He has one that is broken. When it was new he made me play cops and robbers and I was always getting shot.
Sally*



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