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MARVIN JONES.

Permit Should Not Be Necessary To Build Roads

Congressman Marvin Jones in a speech in the House of Representatives recently urged that railroads be allowed to build without waiting for a permit.

"Before a solvent railway company can build a five mile extension," said Mr. Jones, "it must file application, have an expensive hearing, and wait for months and sometimes years, for a government bureau to grant a permit. And a man who sits at a desk in Washington, who perhaps never saw the section through which the proposed extension is to run, and who has nothing but second hand information, and with a thousand other duties to distract his attention, matches his judgment against the officials of the road who have made, in some instances, a life long study of the country served by their institution, and who are willing to back their judgment with their money. Only the virtue of absolute necessity can justify such tremendous power. In my judgment no such justification has been offered.

"About two years ago a number of roads and proposed roads filed application to build new lines and extensions in Texas. These involved more than one thousand miles of new construction.

"These applications have all been awaiting action by the Commission. In the meantime, the hauling of wheat, cotton and other products twenty, thirty and forty miles to the railroad, and the hauling of supplies and building materials have cost the country hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission has all that it should be called upon to do in passing upon applications for changes in the rate structure of the country, many of which applications are delayed for months before final action. Their action is thus delayed until other or longer extensions may be needed before the first ones are passed upon. In the meantime, in order to serve a theory of national transportation, practical agricultural and commercial life must twiddle its thumbs and sustain its losses, while deck men theorize as to a community's right to develop.

"No such control was had when James J. Hill built the Northern Pacific into the great northwest, nor were Harriman and other builders so handicapped when they constructed the great transcontinental lines. These builders had roads constructed before a Commission would have had time to send out an examiner. And what if a Commission had told them they could not build?

"The fact that certain roads have been built that should not have been constructed is wholly beside the question. All great businesses and business men make mistakes. That is the way progress is made. Factory buildings have been constructed where they should not be. There are brick buildings in the United States inhabited by bats. Does that justify a Washington Bureau to grant permits for building construction? Automobile companies have failed. Should the government require hearings and permits before the building of automobiles? Are we to abandon individuality and plunge headlong into socialism, because forsooth, some mistakes have been made?

"And with it all, might not the government make a few mistakes? "And if by any possible theory a government permit is to be required

Mrs. C. P. Poland Died December 17

After a serious illness of a few days, during which time she was paralyzed, Mrs. C. P. Poland died at the home of her son, H. D. Poland, here last Friday, Dec. 17. She had been feeble for several years and death soon followed the stroke.

Mrs. Poland was born in Georgia April 3, 1856, and was in her 71st year when she died.

When she was a child she went with the family to Alabama and after having grown to womanhood married W. H. Poland on October 3, 1872. To this union were born 11 children, 6 of whom survive.

The deceased and her husband moved from Alabama to Coleman County, Texas, in 1890, and resided in that county for several years, after which the husband died in 1900, and in the year 1919 Mrs. Poland moved to Foard County where she resided until her death, making her home with her son, H. D. Poland.

The deceased was converted in early childhood and joined the Baptist church of which she remained a consistent member until death.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Saturday afternoon, Rev. W. J. Mayhew having charge, after which interment took place in the Crowell cemetery.

The deceased is survived by two sons and four daughters, C. L. Poland, San Angelo; H. D. Poland, Crowell; Mrs. W. T. Hubbard, Richmond, Cal.; Mrs. Arthur Cotton, Plains, Texas; Mrs. Ella Goff, San Antonio; Mrs. Rosa Perkins, Bowie, Texas. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Goff. Other out of town relatives and friends present were Mrs. Poland's sister, Mrs. W. E. Barnett, Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Reed, Wichita Falls, niece, Mrs. W. S. Johnson, a niece of Electra, Miss Hampton Goff, a grandchild, of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. C. L. Poland of San Angelo, and Ed Banta of Chillicothe.

The deceased is survived by 19 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Crowell Breeders Win at Vernon Show

The report given in the Vernon Times of the winnings at the Wilbarger Poultry show last week at Vernon shows two Foard County breeders to have taken prominent places. These are J. T. Cates and R. H. Cooper.

On Rhode Island Reds Mr. Cooper won third hen, third old pen and fourth young pen. In the same breed Cates won second pullet, third hen, fifth pullet, fifth young pen.

On Buff Orpingtons J. T. Cates won first and second cock, first, second and third hen, first, second, third and fourth pullet, first old hen, first young pen, best solid color display, best pen, all competing.

On Black Minorcas E. J. Covey of Thalia won first cock, first, second and third hen, second and fourth cockerel, first, second and fifth pullet.

Celebrate Golden Anniversary Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cope celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at their home in Seymour last Sunday, all the children being present. Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Roberts of this place attended the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Cope were residents of Foard County for many years but moved to Seymour about ten years ago where they have made their home since.

for new construction, why not limit the Interstate Commerce Commission's authority to interstate railroads and leave construction wholly within a state to State Commissions. This would bring action nearer home, would be in keeping with the principle of state's rights, and would enable a decision to be had on new projects with reasonable promptness. "Freight rates have been much higher under the present regime than they were prior to the taking over of the railroads. There should be less and not more government control. There should be a material reduction of freight rates all along the line. The Commission should be handling that problem instead of supervising building construction in distant localities."

West Texas Will Furnish Power for Truscott Station

The West Texas Utilities Company has made a contract with the Gulf and Magnolia people to furnish electric power for the pumping station that is to go in at Truscott conveying oil through the big line to the coast country.

The West Texas Utilities Company will put in four 75-horse power motors, making 300 horse power, at Truscott and the oil companies will build twelve houses near the station for the accommodation of their employees.

This looks mighty good and means that something is going to be doing in this section of the country some of these days. It is the belief of a number of people who have had wide observation in matters pertaining to oil developments that a big field will be developed in the western part of Foard County in the next few years.

Year's Rainfall Increased 1 Inch

Since having published the amount of rain for the year up to Dec. 10th, we have had one more inch. Up to the tenth we reported 35 inches. We now have for the year 36 inches, bringing the year close up to the second best in the last 13.

Farmers say the outlook for wheat was never better. The crop has good roots but is not top heavy, which is favorable, and now the ground in soaked with moisture and nothing hinders the growth of the crop.

Two of the biggest crop years in the history of the county were those of 1919 and 1923. An annual rainfall of 39.49 inches preceded the crop of 1919 and a 37.97 inches preceded that of 1923. Now we have 36 inches and there is every reason to expect a repetition of a big wheat crop next year.

AS IT SHOULD BE

When Christmas is made the occasion for sending expensive gifts of all sorts and to all sorts of people simply to comply with the fashion of the day, the most beautiful of the festivals is made cheap and tawdry by gross misuse.

The value of the gift lies in the motive prompting it and the sincerity of feeling which it represents, as well as the expression, not only of regard, but also of respect for the recipient.

When people of moderate means make gifts that they can not afford—gifts that are entirely out of relation to their incomes and their usual way of living, there is no real joy either in the sending or in the acceptance of the remembrance.

The day which commemorates the birth of a little child in a manger ought to be marked by simplicity, sincerity and all absence of pretension.

MRS. F. G. HINDS DEAD

Mrs. F. G. Hinds died Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bell where she had made her home for the last several years. She was the grandmother of Mrs. Bell.

The deceased was born October 16, 1832, and died Dec. 20, 1926, and was therefore 94 years, 2 months and 4 days of age at the time of her death.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Thompson of Margaret and Rev. J. E. Billington. Interment took place in the Crowell cemetery.

MARRIED

The marriage of Mr. L. Kamstra to Mrs. H. G. Teague, both of this city, took place at the home of the bride Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. J. Mayhew performing the ceremony.

Both these people are well known in Crowell and their many friends extend to them their congratulations and heartiest wishes.

GINNERS' REPORT

	1926	1925
Cattle	25046	18733
Foard	15494	13941
Hardeman	27978	23053
Knox	32303	34129
Wilbarger	42944	40089

Crowell Boys and Girls at Home to Spend the Holidays

As early as Sunday the boys and girls who have been away in school began to arrive at home for the holidays. In naming them we have tried not to overlook any one, but if we have done so we shall be glad to have the correction. Following are those who are here:

Robert Long from John Tarleton; Clyde King, Draughton's at Abilene; Lee Black and Spear McCaskill, Draughton's, Wichita Falls; Katherine Clark, State University, Austin; Miss Frances Hill, Ward-Bellmont, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Loretta Kincaid, C. L. A., Denton; Theo Ferguson, Amarillo High School; Granville Lanier and Ralph Hunter, A. & M., College Station; Fred Kinsey, Martin Kamstra, Misses Mabelle, Myrtle and Emma Belle Hunter, Clarendon College; Merl Kincaid, State University, Austin; Lebert Swaim and Jesse Brown, pharmacy school at Galveston; Mildred Cogdell, Baylor University, Waco; Miss Thelma Ferguson, Canyon; Mrs. Susie Stephens, Canyon; Jack Roberts, S. M. U.; Miss Jewel Teague, Cordell, Okla.; Miss Florence Griffith, Simmons University; Miss Annie Long, T. C. U.; William Bell, McMurray; Miss Ola Carter, Simmons; Roy Sloan, State University; Misses Elizabeth O'Connell and Elsie Schindler, St. Mary's Academy, Wichita Falls.

Robbers of Odell Bank Escape Saturday

The three men who went into the bank at Odell Saturday about 1:30 p. m. and robbed the bank of about \$6,000 seem to have escaped entirely.

It was reported that officers tried to stop them by firing at them near Altus but failed.

The Vernon Record reports that \$300 of the stolen money had been recovered but that after having made a thorough search of the whole country officers had failed to find the robbers and that they claimed to have no clue.

The currency recovered was \$300 and was found Sunday a few miles northwest of Altus and had been identified as part of the loot taken from the Odell bank.

The loss at the bank is said to have been fully covered with insurance and the bank opened Monday morning for business as usual.

This was the third attempt at robbery of the bank at Odell, two of which have been successful, according to the Record. On the night of November 22, 1911, bandits blew the door of the vault, and escaped with of \$3,300. No one was ever convicted of the robbery. In August 1923, entrance was forced into the bank through a back window, and the combination knob was knocked off the safe, but the door was not opened.

Later dispatches are that three of the four robbers have been arrested and a large portion of the loot recovered. One was arrested in Nebraska and another in Iowa.

NORWOOD-MORRIS

Harry Norwood and Miss Dolores Morris were united in marriage at Electra last Saturday night. They went to Wichita Falls to visit over the week end.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Norwood of this city. He is with the Electra News. The young people will be at home in Electra.—Vernon Times.

APPOINTED ON PARK BOARD

H. E. Ferguson received notice this week that he had been appointed to fill a vacancy on the State Park Board until March 1st, 1927. Mr. Ferguson would make a good man for a full term appointment, and in all probability will be asked to remain after the first of March when regular appointment is made.

If one is not impelled by lofty motives to be a real man and abstain from the committing of crime, the difficulty one meets in doing that and getting away without being apprehended should be enough. But this hindrance should be strengthened by the certainty of the prescribed penalty in our courts.

Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary

The inconvenience of travel caused by recent rains was an obstacle too small to prevent the assembling of 127 guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Bell Wednesday evening at 7:30 in response to invitations sent out to attend the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

All arrangements had been perfected for the event and were carried out to the letter. Two hundred invitations were mailed out but a large number could not come on account of the bad roads, but scores of telegrams were received from these expressing their regrets that they could not attend.

The guests began to arrive at 7:30 and continued for more than half an hour.

B. W. Self stood at the door to welcome the guests, while Mrs. Lawrence Kinsey received the presents brought. They were then directed to an upstairs room where Mrs. H. L. Kinsey presided over the register.

When the guests were all assembled the wedding march played by Mrs. S. T. Crews was the signal of the approach of Mr. and Mrs. Bell to the altar, each dressed as when they were married twenty-five years ago. The ring ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Billington, pastor of the Baptist church at Cleveland, Okla. Messrs. B. W. Self and N. J. Roberts acted as ushers, while Mr. S. S. Bell acted the part of groomsmen and Mrs. B. W. Self as bridesmaid. The ring was borne by Master H. K. Edwards, Jr., and the flowers by Little Miss Bennie George Hargroves.

After the ceremony the guests were attracted by an abundant display of silver presents in an adjoining room where punch was served by Mrs. S. S. Bell and Mrs. H. Lawrence Kinsey.

An interesting feature of the occasion was the reading of a poem by Mrs. C. C. McLaughlin, dedicated by Mr. Duke Wallace, a brief review of the past quarter century with its fortunes and misfortunes as related to the couple just re-wedded and forecasts of the future.

Everyone who found it possible to attend enjoyed the occasion in the fullest measure but none could give true expression because of lack of language to most sincere wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Bell. It was doubtless the sentiment of every heart that twenty-five years hence might see a similar affair at their golden wedding anniversary.

WITH OUR READERS

The following names are those who have renewed for the News another year, or are new subscribers. Many of these have taken advantage of our clubbing rates with the dailies, others renewing for the News alone. The management of the News is very grateful for the loyal support of its readers and wishes each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year. The list follows:

C. R. Bryson, route 1; Mrs. D. S. Purcell, city; Mrs. W. R. Tuttle, city; Mrs. Allie Lawrence, Van Vleet, Texas; by Mrs. Tuttle; Mrs. P. E. Todd, city; J. B. Todd and J. F. Oliver, Wilson, Texas; by Mrs. Todd; H. R. Zeibig, route 2; H. E. Baker, Thalia; Miss Lottie Cole, Abilene, Texas; by G. L. Cole; G. L. Cole, city; Dave Sollis, route 2; Mrs. W. M. Randolph, Foard City; H. D. Poland, city; Sam Ivie, Denver, Colo.; H. M. Ferrin, Fairhope, Ala.; C. C. Lindsey, Thalia; Joe Draughton, route 1; Lee Bradford, Margaret; Jas. Ashford, city; M. F. Bowley, city; R. P. Womack, city; Fred Reithmeyer, route 2; L. G. Andrews, city; J. L. Glover, Thalia Star route; W. A. Jones, Foard City; Dwight Campbell, Thalia Star route; H. B. Pool, city; Joe B. Pool, Brice, Texas; C. A. Pool, Franklin, Neb.; W. E. Truesdell, Chino, Cal.; Miss Jewel Truesdell, Lawton, Okla.; by Mrs. J. B. R. Fox; Mrs. Lizzie Fox, Margaret; C. D. Hall, route 1; O. M. Grimm, Thalia; Mrs. T. S. Murphy, Dallas; H. L. Hlavaty, Thalia; F. M. Mills, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mrs. A. W. Crawford, Winterset, Iowa; Geo. F. Crawford, Kansas City, Mo.

The idea of having a commission in Washington tell West Texas whether or not it can build a railroad for its own use is ridiculous. So long as it is true this country will find its progress blocked. We endorse the position taken by Representative Marvin Jones and Senator Mayfield.

South Texas Hunters Return Last Friday

C. T. Schlagal, John Bell, George Johnson, Doug Moseley and Andy Wash returned Friday from a two-weeks hunting trip and fishing expedition into South Texas and Old Mexico.

They report fair success. They found plenty of fish in Texas waters but they had to go over into Mexico to get their deer. John killed one 7 point buck but none of the others were so lucky as John.

That country is a veritable wilderness, they say, and is the resort for Mexican bands. Fortunately they did not see any of those fellows but there was sometimes a sort of creepy feeling experienced and at one time when the boys got separated and one of them was observed at a distance by the guide, an American border resident, he gave the signal to beat it back across the border. But retreat was prevented by Mr. Schlagal who recognized the "Mexican" as one of their own company and finally convinced the guide that there was no danger.

It was a fine outing for the company and they enjoyed it very much.

Little Bobby Belsher Buried Here Sunday

The body of little Bobby Belsher, 6-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belsher of this city, was laid in its final resting place in the Crowell cemetery Sunday afternoon, funeral services having been held in the Methodist church at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. J. Mayhew. A large crowd attended the services in token of love and respect for the little fellow whose premature death is a source of regret and for the bereaved family to whom the sympathy of the community goes out.

A special vault had been prepared by Mr. Belsher and his two brothers, Homer and Steve, and his nephew, Earl Davenport, one of the most nearly perfect ones ever seen. It was walled with brick and had a concrete base, being water proof. After the body was placed in the vault it was ceiled with a heavy concrete top.

It was Mr. Belsher's idea and while some may have been inclined to criticize him for keeping the body from Monday until Sunday, this was necessary in order to carry out his idea, for it took time to complete the work, but if there were any thus disposed, when they saw the beautiful vault, there was no criticism. Then, too, in a large measure he was carrying out the wishes of little Bobby who had said that when he died he wanted to be placed in a concrete vault.

Out of town relatives at the funeral were: C. A. Bennett of Falls, father of Mrs. Belsher; Mrs. Mabel Moore, a sister, also of Falls; Charles and Weldon Bennett, brothers of Mrs. Belsher; Mrs. A. M. Belsher, mother of Mr. Belsher, of Lubbock; Homer Belsher, a brother and Earl Davenport, a nephew of Mr. Belsher, who make their home here; Steve Belsher, a brother, and his wife of Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. J. W. Adams, a sister of Mr. Belsher, of Sweetwater; M. M. Parker, an uncle, and two sons of Paducah; Hugh Criswell, an uncle, also of Paducah.

S. J. FERGUSON IMPROVING

The many friends of S. J. Ferguson are glad to know that he is able to get to town after a long spell of sickness. He came down Saturday for the first time since he has been confined to his room. He is well on the road to recovery and will be himself again within a few weeks.

GINNERS' REPORT

Up to Dec. 13, the ginnners' report shows Foard County to have 17,076 bales, as against 15,906 at the same date last year.

The demand for medicinal whiskey is said to be two million gallons a year. What we need is someone to drive the snakes out of America.

The person who doesn't believe in Christmas giving was never known to refuse a gift.

Congress will be in session only ten weeks, but think what can happen in that time!

ANTELOPE
(By Special Correspondent)

The Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools will give a Christmas program at the Methodist church Friday night, the 24th, beginning at 7 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited.

Cecil Coe of Wellington spent Tuesday night with T. F. Lambert and family.

T. A. French made a business trip to Crowell Tuesday.

Mrs. Sadie Greenway who has been visiting at Crowell for the past two weeks has returned home.

Mrs. Daisy Rutledge was a Vernon visitor Friday.

Mrs. G. Shultz entertained the kiddies Friday night by having Santa Claus come to see them. All were given a treat and report a good time.

J. P. Tye of Crowell papered the Methodist church Monday.

Edna and Isabelle Green spent Saturday night and Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Jeff Ivy, of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Green of Pars-

ley Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Green.

Loyd Roberts of Vernon spent Sunday with his uncle, A. E. Greenhouse, and family.

Louis Greenway spent Friday night with his parents and left Saturday for his home at Fairview, Oklahoma.

Mrs. K. Schoppa who has been ill is improving.

Misses Guss Russell and Florence Black spent the week end with Miss Black's parents at Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Covey were Vernon visitors Tuesday evening.

The Haney basketball boys came over to Antelope Friday and played ball. The scores were 8 to 10 in favor of Antelope.

Dr. Maine of Thalia was called to see Mrs. L. W. Greenway who is ill with bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dover left Sunday morning for their home in East Texas.

Mrs. Bill Barrett is very ill at this writing.

Rev. Frank McNair and wife of Lockett and Forest Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dale attended the singing at the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon.

Will Katcher of Kinchloe was a business visitor in this community Monday.

Mrs. Daisy Rutledge was shopping in Wichita Falls Friday.

Dr. Maine of Thalia was called Saturday to see Mrs. Herbert Thompson who is very ill with blood poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beazley of Parsley Hill attended the singing at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Shultz were Vernon visitors Wednesday.

Gus Zach of Lockett spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Louie Schoppa.

Pete Gamble of Thalia was transacting business in this community Friday.

Lois Lambert and Oscar Holland

GREETINGS

Our cordial greetings go out to you in the hope that the New Year will be bigger, brighter and more prosperous than any before.

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made a business trip to Oklaunion Thursday.

Bennie, Albert and Gus B. Zoch left Friday for Port Arthur where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. French moved to Rayland Monday to the J. C. Pace house.

Dora Nix and her grandfather, J. B. Nix, of Greenville, Texas, visited Hattie Nix Saturday.

Rev. Frank McNair preached at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Hattie Nix spent the week-end with homefolks at Kinchloe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Crisp of Thalia spent Sunday with his parents, A. W. Crisp and wife.

Deal Williams of Lubbock spent Wednesday night with E. M. Key and family.

Rev. O. Kelly preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning and Sunday night.

The Vernon visitors Saturday were, R. A. Rutledge, Bill Clark, Holmes Coonrod, Clifton Haynes, Edna and Isabelle Green, Ashbury Hughes, Lois Lambert, J. S. Kirkpatrick, Miss Ova Lee Greenway, Bryan French, Herbert Gregg, Fred Dennis, Miss Josie Martin, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lambert and daughter, Nelma, George Key, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young and son, Horace, Miss Anice Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coffman, Joe Jordan, Tom Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Owen McLarty, Henry Meadows, Grace, Bonnie and Buster Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cribbs and daughter, Linnie, Miss Zelma Russell, Otto Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crisp and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cribbs.

Misses Tommie French and Josie Davis who are attending school at Denton will come in Wednesday to spend Christmas with homefolks.

Herbert Gregg left Sunday night for Lenor City, Tenn., where he will work in a hosiery mill.

J. C. Davis was a Crowell visitor Thursday.

L. D. Mansel made a business trip to Vernon Saturday.

W. J. Ayers and R. O. Ross left Friday for the Plains near Turkey. Miss Emily Purcell of Crowell was a business visitor in this community

Thursday.

H. D. Lawson made a business trip to Henderson County last week.

Owen McLarty has been very ill. Lester and Luther Martin will come in Thursday from Edmond, Oklahoma, to spend Christmas with homefolks.

Jack Lawson and Marie Lambert who are attending school at Crowell spent the week end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Martin made a business trip to Vernon Saturday.

Hazel Key who hurt her left eye a few weeks ago, losing the sight, has recovered and can see as well as ever.

Earl and Marie Anderson and Deb Rogers spent Sunday with friends and relatives at Altus and Hobart, Okla.

Earl Anderson of Vernon spent

Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson.

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Holiday Greetings

We appreciate very much the splendid business you have given us during the year about to close. And now as we come to the Holiday Season again, we want to express our very hearty wishes for a most Merry Christmas and a New Year of unprecedented prosperity for you, one and all.

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Crowell Thalia

MARGARET

(By Special Correspondent)

J. W. Wesley left last Thursday for a few days visit with relatives in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore were shopping in Vernon Saturday.

The community program was well attended at the auditorium last Friday night. After enjoying a good program we had a social hour together, visiting the different rooms, after which the Home Economics girls served refreshments. We are proud of our school and the splendid work that is being done.

Brown Franklin and Fred Goodman were in Vernon last Wednesday.

Marshal Franklin visited in Margaret Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Tylor and Ed Dunn visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Chillicothe Saturday night and Sunday.

Alma Wesley who is attending school in Quanah came home Friday for the holidays.

Mrs. Leo Hlavaty of Thalia was in Maragret Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Owens gave a shower Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hysinger complimenting Mrs. Luther Denton who recently married.

Miss Frances Smith is ill with the mumps.

Emma Belle Hunter of Clarendon College and Edith Meryle Graham of West Texas Teachers College will spend the Holidays with homefolks.

Little Edwina Ross has been on the sick list but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Elston, Mr. and Mrs. Homer White, Prof. and Mrs. M. W. McConnell, Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Johnston, Mrs. Jimmie Hembree, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dunn Sunday.

There will be a union Christmas tree at the auditorium Friday night, December 24th.

BLACK

(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pierson and daughters, Treacia and Arvada, of Perryton, Texas, and Mrs. Will Wilson of Hollis, Okla., spent from Saturday until Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andress.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Free and Mr. Tom Free were in Vernon on business Saturday.

Mrs. W. W. Nichols has been on the sick list for some time.

Christmas 1926

To Our Friends and Customers:

There are days for sending merchandise and days for sending bills, But this one day of all the year we send you our good will.

Yes it is Christmas Time again and we want to take this opportunity of wishing you the Compliments of the Season, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We've appreciated the business sent our way during 1926. We have tried mighty hard to please you and we hope to number you as a friend and customer in the years to come.

So here is a hearty thank you for your good will in the past, and the best of wishes for your prosperity, health and happiness in 1927.

Sincerely yours,

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A fine rain fell in our community Monday.

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The prince of Wales continues to fall from his horse but never for any sweet young thing of marriageable age.

Frank, Otto Meadows; Mr. Vane, a solicitor—Elmer Rutherford.

Song—"Silent Night, Holy Night" by audience.

An English murderer was acquitted, and just how long may we expect mushy sentimentalists to harp on the subject?

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GREETINGS

The News wishes all its readers a Christmas of joy and a New Year of prosperity.

In wishing this it does not overlook the fact that happiness and prosperity are not to be attained without regard to the interests of others about us. Certainly it is true with reference to happiness, for we find happiness in greatest measure when we are trying to make others happy. Then, service is the word we should remember.

We are appreciative of the loyalty of our friends through the year about to close and we crave a continuation of that loyalty during the coming year that we may return to you our best possible service.

We are asking you to give us also a holiday season of a week, commencing with next week. We will try to make it profitable all the way around, and then start in again with the first of the year.

A WILD SHOT

Our contemporary, the Quanah Tribune-Chief, is like a little boy out hunting for his first time and shooting wildly at everything he sees. Our esteemed contemporary of course, is shooting at small game when it aims its popgun at the News, but sometimes it even fails to bring down the little game.

The Tribune-Chief tries to become sarcastic in the caption of an editorial when he refers to what the News said about the water project by heading said editorial with the words, "Will Water Crowell." Thusly it turns its scattering shot:

"Neighboring newspapers are strangely reticent about Lake Quanah, and what it will do for their respective towns. Rather refreshing therefore to read the following in the Foard County News."

If the dam is constructed across Pease river at what is said to be the most feasible point, two miles west of the bridge, it will create a lake right at Crowell's door, one of the largest in the country, and will furnish an inexhaustible supply of water for irrigation purposes, as well as for the use of a number of towns. It will be well above Crowell and can reach us by gravity force. It will be a huge undertaking, but is well within the range of possibility of the section of country it proposes to serve.

THALIA

(By Special Correspondent)

Rev. Payne of Vernon preached at the Baptist church here Sunday and Sunday night. Six hundred dollars was donated for a new church building and Rev. Payne was called by the members of the church as their pastor for half time, at the morning service.

Willie Johnson, Lora Causey, Coyt Thomas, Annie Wood, Lora Lee and Ruby French, Mrs. Maggie Gentry, J. N. Keese, Mrs. M. B. Patton and daughter, Miss Agnes, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller, Jessie Taylor and Mrs. Smith were Vernon visitors Friday.

The boys' basket ball team went to Harrold Saturday and played two games. They were victorious in the game with Fargo but were defeated by the Clara team.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gentry of Crowell visited in the J. K. French home here Friday night.

Rev. T. M. Johnston of Margaret was a business visitor here Thursday. He will preach at the Methodist church here Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Adkins were Vernon visitors Thursday of last week.

There will be a Christmas tree at the high school auditorium Friday night. Everyone is invited to come.

Ed McDaniel of Crowell visited in the W. F. Wood home here Thursday night.

A. Oliver and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thern, Mrs. J. R. Morris and Mrs. C. B. Morris were shopping in Vernon Friday of last week.

The following were visitors in the G. B. Neill home Sunday, Rev. Payne and wife of Vernon, G. A. Neill and family, Misses Mattye Reid, Annie Wood, and Agnes Patton, Mrs. Lora Causey and Coyt Thomas.

W. F. Wood, C. B. Morris, Mr. Jackson and G. W. Scales were business visitors in Crowell Friday.

There was prayer meeting at the Baptist church Saturday night. A good crowd attended.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. gave a musical program at the school auditorium Thursday night of last week for the purpose of raising funds for a new church building.

Mr. Stovall of Wichita Falls and daughter, Miss Louise, who is attending school at Electra, are visiting J. A. Stovall and family here this week.

E. G. Grimsley and family and Thorne Cates and family were Vernon visitors Saturday.

The Idle Hour Club met with Mrs. Fisher Thursday afternoon. All the members report a very pleasant afternoon.

W. B. Durham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Ferguson, C. B. Morris, Raymond Grimm, Alex Neill and Bilye Banister were Vernon visitors Monday.

Joe Johnson, Jack Wood and Coyt Thomas were business visitors in Wichita Falls Monday and Tuesday.

J. K. French and family, M. C. Adkins and T. H. Matthews were Crowell visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fisher and Miss Velma Haney visited Grandpa Adkins Sunday afternoon.

T. M. Haney and daughter, Miss Velma, Miss Ruby French and J. B. Gray were visitors in Wichita Falls Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Tom Johnson of Crowell and Misses Elizabeth and Axie Doty were shopping in Vernon Friday of last week.

We wish to correct a mistake made in the items last week in regard to the new grocery store which is being erected here. It belongs to J. L. Shultz who began his business in the store Tuesday. He plans to put in his groceries about the first of the year.

Cards of Thanks

It is useless for us to try to find words that would express our thanks and appreciation in this sad hour, to the many, many friends, neighbors and doctors who have been so willingly helpful and attentive in the illness and death of our darling little man, Bobby. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless and reward each and every one.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belsher, mother and father;

Little Malola Belsher, sister;
C. A. Bennett, grandfather;
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Belsher, grandfather and grandmother;
Mrs. Babel Moore, aunt;
Mrs. J. W. Adams, aunt;
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Belsher, uncle and aunt;

Homer Belsher, uncle;
Charles Weldon Bennett, uncle;
Earl Davenport, cousin;
Mrs. Etta Jonas, nurse.

In union there is strength only when you pull together.

It has been several years since some girls' eyebrows met.

The Merriest of Merry Christmases To You and Yours

And may we assist you in solving your problems for the coming year in order that it may be indeed a PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR YOU.

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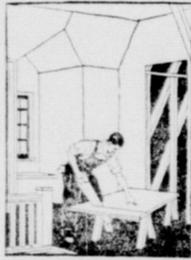
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Out across the singing wires that weave a web of pulsing power across the brown hills and tawny prairies of West Texas comes leaping tonight a radiance to light your fireside.

Would it be too much to hope that in the glow that illumines your hearth you may sense something of the warmth of friendship we, your "electric light folks," feel for the thousands of friends we have been privileged to serve during the year now closing?

Would it be too much to hope that those lights may carry something of the Christmas message of good will and good cheer we would like to send to you?

It has been a good year for most of us here in West Texas—a year crammed full of progress and achievement and jobs well done. Old friendships have ripened and grown sweeter and new friendships have come still further to multiply our riches. And before us stands a new year, beckoning with new opportunities, eager with the promise of new conquests to be made.

Well, it IS good to be a West Texan in West Texas when Christmas time rolls 'round! Somehow the lights D O shine just a little brighter; handclaps ARE a little stronger—

"GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE"

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HERE'S EVERY WISH THAT YOU MAY HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THAT 1927 WILL BRING YOU CONTINUED PROSPERITY

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Local and Personal

\$3.25 card tables \$2.90.—M. S. Henry & Co. Rev. J. T. Billington is here from Cleveland, Okla. Red and black smoking stands \$1.85.—M. S. Henry & Co. Lost—Friday p. m., small purse containing money. Reward. Phone 40. 26p It's as good as they say it is—Skidoo, the creamy cleanser.—Ferguson Bros. Mrs. Lee Shirley came up from Vernon Wednesday for a visit with relatives here. Grandma Sloan has been seriously ill at her home in West Crowell for a number of days. Bill Norman has accepted a position with the Cicero Smith Lumber Co. to fill the vacancy being caused by Roy Ricks being moved to Hedley.

Smoking stands \$1.85.—M. S. Henry & Co. Call us for Radio service.—Beverly Service Station. Fresh Jersey cow for sale.—C. B. Graham, Maraget, Texas. Bring your mattress work to Ketchersid Bros. Work guaranteed. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Myatt made a business trip to Seminole, Okla., last week. It's as good as they say it is—Skidoo, the creamy cleanser.—Ferguson Bros. No hard times for office help. Big demand. Write for Catalog C and Holiday rates.—Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas. 26p Miss Cassie Dockins and brother, Tom Dockins, and family of Knox City spent last Sunday in Crowell visiting relatives. Foard County News \$1.50 per year in advance. All subscribers in arrears will be required to pay up to the present time.

Smoking stands \$1.85.—M. S. Henry & Co. Give us your blow-out troubles. We fix them.—Ivie's Station. Fresh radio batteries all the time at Beverly Service Station. Dallas Morning News and Foard County News, one year for \$7.70. Get your Roy-O-Voc Radio batteries at Beverly Service Station. Do not miss the Christmas bargains in our window.—M. S. Henry & Co. Bring your raw furs in to Crowell and get an extra price.—J. K. McBeath. Bachelor stoves and drums.—Crews-Long Hdw. Co., Crowell and Thalia. Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Record and Foard County News, one year for \$8.25. Alton Bell left yesterday for Dallas where he will again take treatment at the Baylor Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Decker Magee will spend the Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sharp at Littlefield. More good office positions than we can fill. Write for Catalog C and Holiday rates.—Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas. 26p Frank Moore and family of Thrift, Texas, are here visiting Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. W. D. Stubblefield, and family, having come last Friday. W. B. Wheeler left Tuesday morning for Austin to bring his little son, J. B., and Markham Spencer home for Christmas. Both boys are students in the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

Mrs. Agnes E. McLaughlin returned from the Valley last Thursday after having spent two or three weeks there. She is well pleased with that country and with her purchase of real estate.

Miss Barbara Cryer and Mrs. Dorothy Odum left Wednesday night on the southbound train for their homes, the former at Goldthwait and the latter at Thurbur. Miss Cryer is a teacher in the Crowell public schools and Mrs. Odum has been in the millinery department of Self Dry Goods Company for the last two seasons but will not return next season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parker and their two sons, Ted and Robert, and Rob's sister, Miss Alice, of Tobe, Colo., spent Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ferguson. They went from here to Wichita Falls to spend the Holidays with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gentry. The Parkers were residents of this county for a number of years.

C. R. Crowell of Los Angeles, Cal., is here spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. N. A. Crowell and other relatives and friends. Mr. Crowell has been living in California for the past fourteen years and for the past several years has been in the employment of the Tide Water Oil Company as a salesman. He has been one of the leading salesmen of that company and has recently been promoted to sales supervisor his territory including all of Southern California. He will take up his new work after returning home from his visit in Crowell. He expects to be here until next Sunday.

Watch Missing

My \$75 white gold Elgin watch is missing and I will pay a liberal reward for its return.—Mrs. S. T. Crews.

If interested in a business career, write for Catalog C and Holiday rates.—Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas. 26p

Radio dialing gives a fine opportunity for showing off your new jewelry.

Free advice is never so expensive as when it pertains to bad investments.

A hard boiled father and husband can keep his family in a stew all the time.

What we don't know doesn't hurt, perhaps, but it keeps us awake all night sometimes.

Rouge changes the complexion of things.

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SANTA CLAUS ON THE AIR

Someone has suggested that inasmuch as Santa Claus has been "on the air" so much this year, the pleasant legend about the Old Man of the Northland may not be believed so readily by curious youngsters.

It does not seem possible that Santa Claus' voice coming in through the loud speaker would shatter the beautiful mind picture children have of good-natured Kris Kringle. They love him for what he does, and not what he says, and so long as he continues to perform in such liberal fashion on the night of December 24, there is no danger of the myth losing favor among them.

A little boy living in a town not far distant saw Santa Claus at a local store, shook hands with him and heard him speak.

"Why his voice sounds just like it did over the radio, daddy," remarked the youngster, speaking in a tone as if he were trying to convince himself it was true.

Thus does childish imagination work. In one evening's sitting, Santa Claus with as many different voices as there are stations dialed, can be called into being. The implicit faith that the little ones have in him is not shaken by such apparent incongruity.

Santa on the radio is not hard to believe, though his voice may vary. For these many years the youngsters of every Christian land have been believing that he did impossible things—not impossible to them—such as visiting every home everywhere in one night, talking with the slow reindeer and using the chimney for entrance.

So it is not strange that Santa should be everywhere in the air. Santa is like the Christmas spirit—he is everywhere because the childish mind knows he is—and that is enough.

Season's Greetings

At this glad season we like to feel that you are one of our best friends and that our success is but a reflection of yours. We wish you uall the joys of the Season and sincerely hope that the coming months will bring you a larger measure of prosperity and happiness.

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We Wish You and Yours a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Let Your Pastime for the Coming Year be "Rialto"

Christmas Program for Rayland

The Baptist and Methodist Sunday school classes will render their Christmas program on Christmas Eve night beginning at 7:00 p. m. The program is as follows:

Song—"Joy to the World," by audience.

Christmas greeting and welcome—Marie Abston.

We wish to all good will—Ora Davis.

A Christmas reunion—Evelyn Beazley.

Song—"The Angels Refrain."

Dialogue—Uncle Lijah's Christmas Offering, by Bernie McCain, Horace Young and Otto Meadows.

I'm going back to Grandma's.—Robert German.

What is merry Christmas?—Lena and Mary Coonrod.

Song—"The Christmas Baby" by a number of children.

A suggestion for Santa Claus—Marjorie Davis.

Song—"Star of the East," with Miss Ova Lee Greenway at piano and Mrs. Laura Crisp, violin.

The old story ever new—Hazel Key.

Song—"Wonderful Light."

What the Shepherds saw—Thelma Young.

A Hope—Rosa Lee Coonrod.

German song, "Adele"—Howard and Martin Schultz.

If I could knit—Rud Caldwell.

The New Born King by 14 girls.

Polly's discover—Eunice Campbell.

The stocking that hangs in the

middle—Nina Ruth Beazley.
Puzzling—Jim Abston.
Song—"The Star That Led."
Recitation—Howard and Martin

Shultz.
What have I learned—Katherine Pyster.
Play, "Christmas Eve." Characters

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A perfect invalid is one who never finds pleasure in telling his or her friends about it.

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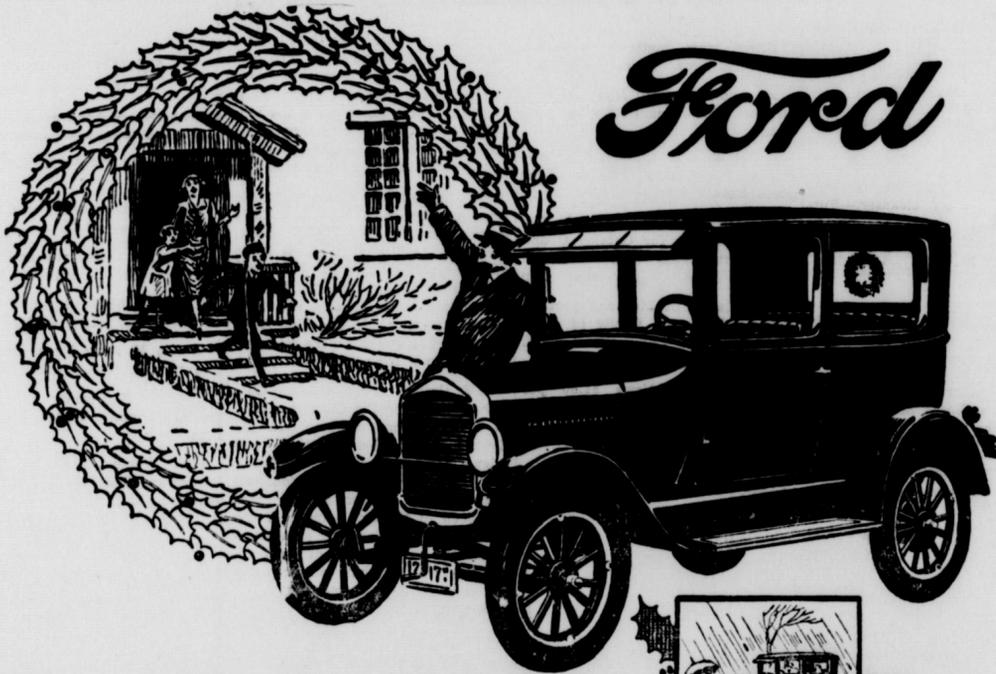
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The smoke nuisance will be real when the folks begin lighting their Christmas cigars.

If father hints strong enough, he may be in a fair way of receiving a new necktie for Christmas.

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See me individually for your contract work. I shall be glad to make estimates on any kind of carpenter work you want done.

H. D. POLAND

SCHOOL NOTICE

On account of there being so much cotton in the country to pick, we have put off the beginning of the compulsory attendance term as long as we can. The law requires at attendance of 5 months for all children between the ages of eight and fourteen. Our compulsory attendance term will begin Monday, Jan. 3, 1927. If your children are within the above ages and you live in the Crowell Independent School District, please see that they start to school Jan. 3, 1927.

Yours truly,
R. B. UNDERWOOD, Supt.

VIVIAN

(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. J. M. Sosebee of Anson came in Sunday to spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Reeves entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Those who were shopping in Crowell Saturday were, Mrs. J. B. Raspberry and family, S. J. Lewis and family, Nellie, Grace and Cecil Carroll, Jessie Torres and Bonnie Boren.

Wesley Haskew of Childress is here visiting a few days with his uncle, R. S. Haskew.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fish and baby were visitors in Crowell Saturday afternoon.

Bro. Allen, the Christian preacher of Crowell, preached here Sunday morning.

Mrs. W. H. Adams of Crowell is here spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Fish.

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Appreciating our pleasant business relations during the past, we wish you the compliments of the season and trust that the coming New Year will bring you the best you have ever known in Happiness and Prosperity.

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RAYLAND

(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith who have been here visiting their daughter, Mrs. Oscar Manard, returned to their home in the Rio Grande Valley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mills of Crowell visited Misses Florence and Opal Dewberry Sunday.

Mr. S. E. Eden and Miss Mary Crosby were united in marriage at the home of J. W. Crager Tuesday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lawhorn.

J. R. Coffman and Horace Young returned home from a visit to the Rio Grande Valley Tuesday.

T. J. Haynes made a business trip to Vernon Saturday.

Miss Marie Lambert who is attending school at Crowell spent the week end with homefolks.

The young people of this community met at the Methodist church Saturday night and practiced for the Christmas program.

Troy and Bitty McNabb were Vernon visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jordan left Sunday morning for the Rio Grande Valley where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Jordan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Davis spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis.

Mrs. Sadie Greenway of Hamlin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Greenway this week.

The singing at West Rayland school house Sunday night was well attended.

Misses Willie and Edwina McCane of West Rayland visited Misses Mary and Lena Coonrod Sunday.

Misses Edna and Isabelle Greenway spent the week with friends and relatives at Vernon.

Bob Gregg is taking Bill Jordan's place at the filling station while he is taking his vacation.

Misses Bernie McCane and Bertha Dunson of West Rayland visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Crisp were Vernon visitors Saturday.

Ashberry Hughes of Vernon spent Monday and Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crager.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dickerson of this community have moved to Vernon where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kimbell who have been helping H. D. Lawson gather his crop returned to their home at Clarksville last Wednesday.

There will be a Christmas program at the Methodist church Friday night

Auction Sale

Beginning at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 29th, I will sell at the old home place 1/2-mile east and 1/2-mile north of Crowell at public auction the following property:

2 mules, 6 years old	1 double disc P. & O. plow
2 mules, 4 years old	1 disc harrow
2 mules, smooth mouth	1 drag harrow
1 mule, 7 years old	2 cultivators
1 mule, 2 years old	2 sulky plows
1 mare and mule colt	2 wagons
1 mare, smooth mouth	1 go-devil
1 mare, years old	1 sulky rake
1 cows	1 P. & O. planter
1 calf	4 sets harness
2 binders	And other things too numerous to mention.
1 drill	

Terms of sale: All amounts under \$10, cash. Amounts over \$10, bankable notes or 5 per cent discount for cash.

J. D. JOHNSON, Owner.
DAVE SOLLIS, Auctioneer.

Dec. 24. Everyone invited.

The services were well attended Sunday morning at the Methodist church conducted by Rev. O. Kelley.

Mrs. T. F. Lambert and daughter, Ruby Lee, were Crowell visitors Sunday.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation of the services given during the illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. C. P. Poland. We appreciate this more than words can express.

Children and Relatives.

Santa Claus is talking over the radio. The wave length for a new pair of socks is between fifty Indian Heads and Two Bucks.

Try Fergeson's Pills for liver ills.

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Mrs. A. E. McLaughlin

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I have the best stock of Jewelry in Crowell, which consists of all kinds of jewelry, hand-painted glassware, toilet article, fountain pens, and other articles too numerous to mention in this space. Also a good assortment of leather goods.

I have watches from \$1.50 to \$50.00

Ladies watches from \$14 to \$35.00

We will give a special price on all hand-painted goods as I want to reduce my stock, and many other articles which I am closing out. Stickpins, broachpins and lavelieres which I will sell at a bargain as many other articles.

It would pay you to look over my stock as I have more and better goods than ever before. Quality is my motto. All goods guaranteed as represented.

L. Kamstra

Greetings of the Season

To Our faithful old friends, our
cherished new friends and to those
whose friendship we strive to deserve,
We tender hearty Christmas Greetings
and may your have a

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ORDER AND NOTICE OF ELECTION UPON THE QUESTION OF AUTHORIZING COUNTY ROAD BONDS AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Foard.

On this 2nd day of December, 1926, the Commissioners' Court of Foard County, Texas, was convened in special session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Court House at Crowell, Texas, with all the members of said court present, viz: Jesse Owens, County Judge; A. B. Wisdom, commissioner precinct No. 1; D. A. SOLLIS, commissioner precinct No. 2; E. M. CROSNOE, commissioner precinct No. 3; W. F. THOMPSON, commissioner precinct No. 4; Grace Norris, County Clerk; when there came to be considered the following petition of more than fifty of the property tax paying voters of said county, to-wit:

G. C. Phillips, C. H. Wood, G. B. Neill, H. L. Fisher, G. A. Shultz, C. C. Wisdom, Ben Stokes, J. H. Freudiger, Geo. Doty, W. R. Hudgens, G. C. Short, J. R. Solomon, J. A. Stovall, E. H. Capps, S. M. Thorn, A. C. Phillips, J. T. Gribble, J. W. Bell, J. H. Self, J. C. Cooper, Leo Spencer, J. C. Allen, Joe W. Beverly, L. A. Beverly, P. P. Cooper, J. H. Carter, John Meers, M. N. Kenner, T. S. Haney, Stanley Sanders, L. A. Andrews, Z. Bell, J. N. Johnson, T. F. Hughston, F. H. Crews, H. K.

Edwards, O. R. Boman, B. W. Self, Que R. Miller, B. F. Ringgold, Cecil Myatt, M. O'Connell, H. D. Poland, R. M. Fox, Alton Higginbotham, E. A. Fox, R. L. Pechacek, G. Thacker, R. J. Roberts, T. L. Hughton, Fred Rennels, A. T. Chaney, A. F. Wright, H. E. Ferguson, O. O. Hollingsworth, J. H. Minnick, B. D. Miller, R. A. Palm, Hines Clark, J. E. Bell, T. F. Hill, T. N. Bell, S. E. Norris, B. F. Ivie, C. R. Ferguson.

And it appearing affirmatively to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property tax paying voters of said county;

And it further appearing affirmatively to the court that the amount of bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said county;

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court of Foard County, Texas, that an election be held in and throughout said Foard County, Texas, on the 4th day of January, 1927, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order to determine whether or not the bonds of said Foard County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of \$300,000.00, bearing interest at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum and maturing at such time or times as may be deemed most expedient by the Commissioners' Court of said County, not later than thirty years from their date, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled

or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, in said County; and whether or not ad valorem taxes shall be levied annually on all taxable property of said County, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

In the event such bonds shall be authorized and issued then ad valorem taxes are to be levied annually on all taxable property within said County sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of S. B. No. 237, General Laws enacted by the 39th Legislature at its first called session in 1926.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County and who are resident property tax payers in this County shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue such bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the issuance of bonds and the levying of ad valorem taxes in payment thereof," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the issuance of bonds and the levying of ad valorem taxes in payment thereof."

The polling places and presiding officers of said election shall be respectively as follows:

At County Court House, clerk's office, in Crowell in voting precinct No. 1 with W. W. Griffith as presiding officer.

At County Court House, county judge's office, in Crowell in voting precinct No. 2 with J. H. Self as presiding officer.

At County Court House, tax assessor's office, in Crowell in voting precinct No. 3, with Hubert Roberts as presiding officer.

At County Court House, county court room, in Crowell, in voting precinct No. 4, with S. S. Bell as presiding officer.

At school house building in Margaret in voting precinct No. 5, with John L. Hunter as presiding officer.

At Thalia Garage building in Thalia, in voting precinct No. 6, with Walter Johnson as presiding officer.

At Thalia gin office in Thalia, in voting precinct No. 7, with W. S. Tarver as presiding officer.

At school house building in Foard City in voting precinct No. 8, with Frank Weatherall as presiding officer.

At Black school house building in Black community in voting precinct No. 9, with W. W. Nichols as presiding officer.

At Vivian school house building in Vivian community in voting precinct No. 10, with John Marr as presiding officer.

At O. O. F. building in Rayland in voting precinct No. 11, with T. F. Lambert as presiding officer.

At Good Creek school house building in Good Creek community in voting precinct No. 12 with Frank Gilliland as presiding officer.

The manner of holding such election and canvassing and making returns thereof shall be governed by the General Laws of this State when not in conflict with the provisions of

the hereinbefore mentioned Statute.

A copy of this order shall constitute proper notice of said election, and notice thereof shall be given by publication of such notice in a newspaper published in said county for three successive weeks, the first publication being three full weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto, for three weeks prior to said election notice shall be posted by the County Clerk at four public places in the county, one of which shall be at the courthouse door of said county.

The county clerk of this county is hereby directed to post such notices and to cause the same to be published as herein provided, and further orders are reserved until returns of said election shall have been made to this court.

JESSE OWENS,
County Judge.

A. B. WISDOM,
Commissioner Precinct No. 1.

D. A. SOLLIS,
Commissioner Precinct No. 2.

E. M. CROSNOE,
Commissioner Precinct No. 3.

W. F. THOMPSON,
Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Attest:
GRACE NORRIS,
County Clerk.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Foard.

I, the undersigned clerk of the County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Foard County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order passed by the Commissioners' Court of said Foard County, Texas, on the 2nd day of December, 1926, as the same appears of record in volume 4, at page 535 et seq., of the minutes of said court.

(Seal)
GRACE NORRIS,
Clerk of the County Court, and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Foard Co., Tex.

Notice

The annual stockholders meeting of the Crowell National Farm Loan Association will be held at Crowell on Tuesday, January 11, 1927, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the purpose of transacting any other business that may come before the association.

J. C. THOMPSON, Sec.-Treas.

Indiana boy sold champion steer at stock show for \$4,000, and this is no bum steer.

Santa Claus is modern, all right, with airplanes and radios, but he refuses to diet.

SEASON'S GOOD WISHES

I desire to express to my many patrons and friends my sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and to express the hope that our friendly relations with so many families of this community may continue during the New Year.

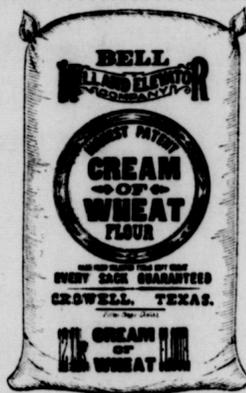
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Congress opened with no casualties, but started three investigations that may cause some.

A bachelor's tax is often proposed, and with women voting, it would doubtless carry.

To Our Friends

We wish to express our appreciation of the splendid patronage and co-operation given us since we established our business a few months ago. It has been beneficial to us all and each of us shares the responsibility and profits.

May we say that it is our aim with your assistance to make Crowell one of the best poultry markets in the country and with that thought in mind we are already making plans for a great 1927 and we crave your good will and co-operation to that end.

And now with full appreciation of the many courtesies extended us we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a most happy and prosperous New Year.

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