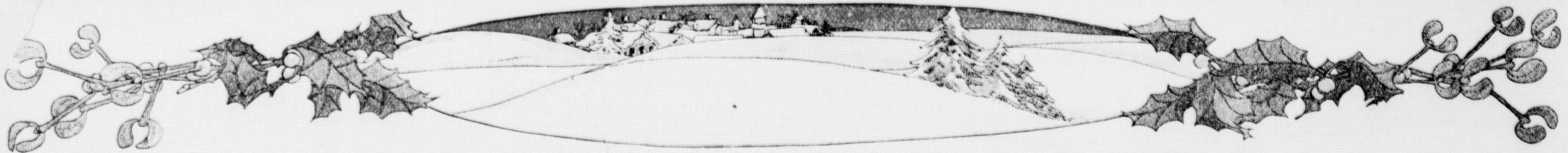


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**Santa Claus
in
the Movies**

By GENE MORGAN

YOUR information is in part correct," said Santa Claus, receiving the interviewer in the library of his ice palace. "It is true that I have received several flattering offers to star in moving picture productions. But it is not true that I have accepted any one of these propositions. I am still in doubt as to whether it would be the proper thing.

"I have my duty to the children of this world, and I must not impair my health or my power of service to them by the strenuous work demanded in the movies. No doubt I would prove a very popular star at the children's matinees. But I wonder if the children who see me in their dreams do not get a better and more flattering idea of me than they would in the picture.

"You see, my dear sir, the camera does not lie. I am sure it would not lie for me when it will not tell falsehoods about the appearance of kings and potentates. Every child in the world thinks of me as a very handsome old gentleman. Some of them may have an idea that I am inclined to be a little stout—but a good many others imagine I have as graceful a form as that of a young soldier. They think I curl my whiskers and have a beautiful wave in my long, silky locks.

"They are not aware that your uncle Santa is getting so fat that there isn't room in the sleigh for himself and the larger toys. Nor that my noble mane of hair isn't what it used to be. If people ever sent me presents—which, of course does not occur to them—I should like to murmur a little wish for a bottle of hair tonic.

"One moving picture firm wants to put me into a play. The plot is something like this: I am driving my reindeer over the treetops, when I am set upon by a band of aeroplane pirates. The pirates make me hold my hands and then divest me of my stock of toys. Just when the banditplane is about to fly away, leaving me in distress, the chief of the robbers makes a discovery.

"Amid the pack of toys he finds a rag doll. By the tag around its neck he sees that it has been addressed to his little daughter. My thoughtfulness in remembering his little girl, despite her father's profession, touches the bandit's heart. He weeps, and then to the astonishment of his pals, he orders them to lift me into the aeroplane.

"Now, Mr. Claus," he says, according to the subtitle, "we are going to deliver your toys for you all over the world tonight. Give us directions and we will fly wherever you command."

"So at my direction, the bandit's aeroplane starts delivering the toys, making much better time, let me tell you, than my poor reindeers who were left behind. Things are going along fine. Our aeroplane toy conveyance has covered Canada, the United States, Australia and South Africa, when suddenly, to our dismay, we find that we are being pursued.

"More pirates?" I ask in alarm.

"No, the aero-police!" shouts my pilot friend.

"The police had found my empty sleigh and motionless reindeer. They naturally concluded that I had been robbed and kidnaped. Now they are on the trail of my captors. The pirates are very much afraid that if arrested, they will be hanged at once. The police craft is gaining upon us. In order that the pirates may escape, they decide they must throw all of my toys overboard. The vicious crew demands that your old friend St. Nick be thrown overboard too, as I am pretty heavy, besides being the cause of all the trouble.

"The race continues through the sky.

"I want to raise the white flag as a token of surrender. I pledge myself to the captain of the pirate aeroplane that I will plead the cause of himself and his crew and secure their release from the police. I tell them that the police will do them no harm, after I have explained their kindness in carrying my toys all over the world.

"The police craft is now so close that escape seems impossible.

"Give me a white flag," I cry.

"There isn't a white flag on board—nothing but black flags," says the pirate. "Hurry up and do something. You have no time to lose. If you don't surrender they will shell us. And in that case, we will have to throw you overboard, St. Nick."

"My mind works quickly. I have no white flag. My handkerchief, like those of the pirate's is a red bandanna. What am I to do? Whiz! Another shell rips past our airship.

"Ah! I have it. It is the scheme that saves the day."

The interviewer at this point leaped to his feet and shouted in excitement:

"Well, what do you do to have your life?"

"I wave my white whiskers at 'em," replied Santa Claus, proudly. "It is the signal of truce. Our lives and our precious cargo of toys are spared. What do you think of that idea for a play? They want to name it, 'Santa Claus in High Life.' Do you think I would make a hit as the star? Well, I'm glad you think so."

CHINESE SHOE WORKBOX

Perhaps This May Provide Work for Some Small Child's Nimble Fingers.

The small girl who would like to make mother or elder sister a gift, but whose pocket money is limited, should try her hand at the little Chinese shoe workbox shown here. She will surely succeed if she can sew at all, and if she will be very careful about the cutting and sewing. The beauty of it is the piece bag will probably supply the materials for making, while 25 cents will buy the furnishings.

One must cut two pieces of cardboard, each seven inches long, then shape it into a sole and take off one-quarter inch from the toe of one piece. The larger piece is covered on one side with white muslin and the small-



Nice Present Any Girl Can Make. er with a bit of muslin is sewed all around the white covered sole and then to the smaller sole, silk upward. When this is sewed together you have a sole half an inch in thickness turning up at the toe as the Chinaman's shoe does. Fill this with cotton.

The one thing to remember is to take time in making this pretty box. It costs next to nothing, but it will not be a success if carelessly done.

The writer saw an exquisite model of this work case that is to be given to a bride. It is carried out in white satin embroidered in silk and silver thread in a wistaria design, the lining being of wistaria-colored silk to match.

This should be a hint to girls who have friends marrying during the holiday season. If embroidery is beyond the donor's skill, a tiny spray of orange blossom tied with silver cord might decorate the top, or the initial of the bride could be placed there.



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Christmas Greetings

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Take Another Step For School Appropriation

School Board Here Making Strong Effort to Get Additional Fund

If the Odell school fails to get her proportional part of the million dollar school appropriation, that was granted by the state this year for school purposes, it will not be because the local school board has been negligent in working for the school they represent.

Rev. Leslie Robeson, one of the members of the board says, the next step they will take in order to assure the school of a part of the appropriation, will be to put in modern heating improvements in each of the class rooms in the school building.

Each of the rooms will also be supplied with suitable maps and a few other things that is specified in the law governing the appropriation.

The members of the board here have been notified from Austin that an inspector who is traveling over the state visiting the different schools, that have made application, will be at Odell in the near future.

Subscribe for the Reporter

Buys His Business House

A. P. Morris, of the Odell Produce Company, is now the owner of the building where he is conducting his meat and produce business, having closed a deal this week, with W. O. Herring at Trinidad, Colorado, for the house and lot.

Mr. Morris informs us it is his intention later on, to do some repair work on the building in the way of repapering and canvassing. He says he has bought the property with the intention of making Odell his permanent home. The Reporter is indeed glad to know that's his purpose, as he is conducting a business that is worth much to the town and community.

Next Laymen Meeting at Oklaunion

Quite a number of laymen of different churches in the Baptist Association attended the Laymen Meeting here Sunday. The Tolbert, Vernon and Red River churches sending the largest delegation. Some interesting talks were made with reference to the church work and the meeting was a profitable one in every respect.

The Laymen will meet next Sunday evening with the Oklaunion church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sears were shoppers in Odell Tuesday.

Pens Pretty Picture of Yule-tide in The Old Days

C. G. Thompson Contributes to Xmas Number Interesting Article

Christmas, Merry Christmas. What a happy joyous time the very word suggests; what memories linger round the time the words recall!

We turn back the pages in our lives a few years, and almost see scenes of childhood days. The old fashioned double log house, its wide porch, its huge rooms and its broad hall. Surrounding this is the snow covered hills and valleys. And the trees whose ice covered branches stand glittering in the sun. Behind the house lies the icecovered pond, where skating is a favorite winter passtime.

Inside the house all is pleasant bustle and stir. Christmas is coming again. The pantry shelves are loaded with old fashioned apple and pumpkin pies, delicious doughnuts browned to a turn and old fashioned pound cakes that mother alone knew so well how to make. A large turkey dressed and ready for the oven besides other good things too numerous to mention are all there ready for the Xmas feast.

On one side of the large living room runs the broad fire place piled high with blazing log-fire which cast a general warmth and golden glow over home-made carpets and high posts bedsteads cedar chests, and other homely but comfortable furnishings. Before the fire are gathered a group of merry care free young people roasting chestnuts.

Perhaps, or engaged in some innocent games. Merry jest, happy laughter, and harmless pranks caused the happy hours to fly all to swiftly.

Christmas has come. What tender loving thoughts of home, friends, mother—the most sacred of earthly ties, it brings to mind.

But far away above and beyond that, what a beautiful event the Christmas tide commemorates. The innocent Babe in the manger—the Shepherds on the hills. The star in the east. While hosts of Heaven chant, "Glory to God in the high east, on earth peace and good will toward man."

Christmas has come. May emmites be buried and friendship be renewed. May little hearts be cheered by the real spirit of the glad Christmas times, and may no stocking go unfilled. Last but not least, may all the world soon be at peace in one common brotherhood. May there soon be in deed and in truth "Peace on earth and good will among men."

C. G. T.

Our friend, R. T. Macy a young farmer living between here and Chillicothe was a pleasant caller at this office one day this week and advanced his subscription for the paper.

R. T. Dooley was a business visitor at Altus, Oklahoma one day last week.

Yours For a Better Deal

Don't throw your money away for something foolish

Come in and buy your wife a nice Rug, Rocker, Duofold, Parlor Bed or something that will help the home. I wish each of you a

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and not only this one, but a hundred to come and I would like to be here to sell you your presents for each. Good luck to all. Don't forget Odell is our home.

W. W. MATTHEWS

Local Band Boys Hire an Experienced Instructor

Prof. Carl Simpkins Will Meet With Them 2 Evenings a Week

The Odell Band will win for themselves a reputation yet that will reach farther than the boundary of this County. When the Band was first organized here last winter, under the directorship of Rev. Leslie Robeson, each member of the group started out with a determination to take advantage of every opportunity to learn music. And up to this time the Reporter can truthfully say, they have been steady on the job and are already considered first class amateurs with the horns.

The latest step the band has taken in order to get further advanced in music, was to engage this week, the services of Prof. Carl Simpkins of Lawton, Oklahoma, as their director this winter.

Prof. Simpkins is an experienced band director having been five years with the Neff Theatre Company and comes to this place well recommended as a teacher. He will make his home here this winter and will meet two evenings each week with the local boys to instruct them.

ings each week with the local boys to instruct them.

It is their intention to give concerts at the school auditorium occasionally, in order to help defray their expenses and desire the cooperation of the town and surrounding country in this respect. This is noting more than right and the town should stand by them, as the Reporter has frequently said "a town without a band is a mighty lonesome place to live."

Fannin County Lady Dies

Mrs. Thedoshia Haywood Ivy, age 39 years and wife of B. L. Ivy, died out at the home of T. J. Lewis Friday and was buried at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Saturday. Rev. W. J. Darnall conducting the funeral services.

Mrs. Ivy with her husband and five small children, moved up to this county in the early fall from Fannin County and were assisting T. J. Lewis in gathering his cotton crop.

On Sunday night before she died on Friday, she took sick with pneumonia and despite medical assistance, she succumbed to the grim reaper death.

Six children were born to the union, five of whom survive their mother.

A brotherinlaw of deceased came from Fannin county to attend the burial.

J. P. Hamilton, J. G. Ayers and J. A. Jones R. N. Coffey
President Vice Presidents Cashier

Stockholders Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank of Odell, Texas, is hereby called for the first Tuesday in January 1916, same being the 4th day of the month.

Said meeting is called for the purpose of electing directors for the year 1916, and to attend to such other business as may properly come before them.

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Vice-President



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The Foard County News came to our office last week in the form of twenty four page Xmas editon. The News is a good paper and its editor is striving all the time to make it better.

Why not send the Reporter a year to some of your relatives or friends for a Christmas present. It will not only serve to keep them posted on the important events in the community, but every issue that goes into their home will remind them that you sent it.

Henry Ford now has only a few days left if he succeeds in bringing about peace among the fighting nations by Christmas. If he gets them out of the trenches by Christmas, as he said he would, he will have accomplished something that will give him a far better reputation than orinating the "Tin Henry".

The new wagon bridge across Pease River, just north of Vernon, was completed one day last week and opened up for traffic. Pease River now has two wagon bridges across her in Wilbarger County at the short distance of six miles apart. The money used in constructing these bridges was paid in by the tax paying people of this County — yet they had no voice in saying wheter or not they should be build. Judging from some statements that appeared in last week issues of the Vernon papers, there is considerable discontent among some citizens of the County, over the expenditures of erecting the last one. And a question among them as to whether the bridge was realy a necessity and a profitable investment for the County. The Reporter was not at all surprised to hear the "howl" go up, as we have frequently heard it said by some of as worthy citizens as Wilbarger boasts of in this part of her boundry, that, if the bridge question had been left to tax payers of the County, the last one would have never spanned Pease River. But it's too late for them to hollow now. The bridge is finished. The County owes the debt. And the taxpayers have got it to pay.

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Christmas Time

CHRISTMAS TIME! That man must be a misanthrope indeed, in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be; that each succeeding Christmas has found some cherished hope or happy prospect of the year before, dimmed or passed away; that the present only serves to remind them of reduced circumstances and straitened incomes—of the feast they once bestowed on hollow friends, and of the cold looks that meet them now in adversity and misfortune.

Never heed such dismal reminiscences. There are few men who have lived long enough in the world, who cannot call up such thoughts any day in the year. Then do not select the merriest of the three hundred and sixty-five for your doleful recollections, but draw your chair nearer the blazing fire—fill the glass and send round the song—and if your room be smaller than it was a dozen years ago, or if your glass be filled with reeking punch instead of sparkling wine, put a good face on the matter.

Look on the merry faces of your children (if you have any) as they sit round the fire. One little seat may be empty; one slight form that gladdened the father's heart, and roused the mother's pride to look upon, may not be there. Dwell not upon the past; think not that one short year ago, the fair child now resolving into dust, sat before you, with the bloom of health upon its cheek, and the gayety of infancy in its joyous eye. Reflect upon your present blessings—of which every man has many—not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. Fill your glass again, with a merry face and contented heart. Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry and your New Year a happy one.

—Charles Dickens

NOT A MISS.



As two little girls were hurrying to school, one of them saw a discarded Christmas tree in an ash barrel. "Lizzie," said she, "do you think Santa Claus is a myth?" "Certainly not," retorted her companion, glancing sharply at her. "Santa Claus is a mister. What makes you lisp so?"



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I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

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Merry Christmas

and an abundance of prosperity throughout the

NEW YEAR

YOURS FOR HARDWARE

B. D. SMITH

Christmas is almost here. Everyone is anticipating a merry time.

J. R. Grimes and family also Mrs. A. M. Lanham called on Z. M. Crutchfield Sunday afternoon.

Misses Fannie and Zelia Reynolds also Miss Grace Webb attended singing at Center Point Sunday afternoon.

J. F. Hutchingson and family spent Wednesday and Thursday with his daughter Mrs. J. R. Grimes, his son Shelby and family of California being with them.

Mr and Mrs Henry Mason of Odell also Arthur Crownover and an uncle spent Sunday and Sunday night with Jim Mankins and family.

Z. M. Crutchfield and daughter Miss Mary Ellen were in Vernon Saturday spending the night with his daughter Mrs. Homer Henry and family.

Shelby Hutchingson and wife and little son Jamie, of California, returned home Thursday after a week's visit with their sister Mrs. J. R. Grimes and family.

Perry Tooley spent Saturday night with Delbert Lanham both attending services at Jackson Springs Sunday and taking dinner with their brother and sister Mr. and Mrs. Fed Tooley.

R. A. Tally has returned from Collingsworth County where he bought a home two miles from Wellington his brother-in-law, Emmitt Chatman will farm the place this next year. Mr. Tally will farm here where he now lives.

The families of both Mr. Brock and Mr. Jeffcoat are all sick with lagrippe.

A. M. Lanham also Walter Riddle carried a nice bunch of turkeys to Vernon last week.

Mr and Mrs Homer Henry spent Sunday with Z. M. Crutchfield.

THE WISDOM OF WAITING.



"Your wife tells me you have given up smoking."
"That's only until Christmas; I don't like her brand."



Met Every Christmas.
Cromwell's long parliament made a point of meeting every Christmas day.



Country Correspondence

Local News From Various Neighborhoods Around Odell



Jackson Springs Items

(Too late for last week)

Wm. Frith made a business trip to Vernon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heamon Harkins were the guests of Irvie Ayers and wife Sunday.

Several of the youngsters of this community attended singing at Plain View Sunday afternoon.

J. W. Kirk and family were the guests of Ed Howe and wife Sunday.

J. M. Rozzell has just returned from a prospecting trip in New Mexico.

Miss Theresa Hazard spent last Saturday night at P. C. Spears enroute to the Red River community where she began her school Monday.

Fargo News

Bessie Simmons spent Sunday with Katie Graham.

C. T. Mason has purchased a new car.

J. B. Swanson and family visited Tom Swanson Sunday.

Born—to Mrs. and Mrs. G. T. Daniel Wednesday December 8th. an eleven pound girl.

W. D. Duke and family have moved to Vernon, where he expects to go in business.

Clifford Bradstreet has gone to Wheeler county on a prospecting trip.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Goodpasture is on the sick list.

J. B. Ross of Vernon is attending to business in this vicinity this week.

J. B. Bolton and J. E. Meek was called to Vernon Sunday to be at the bedside of the latter's father who is quite sick.

J. L. Hall and wife, Mrs. Maggie Hays and Mrs. J. F. Swanson visited at J. Meek's Sunday.

R. E. Harrell has returned from Dallas, where he went with his wife to a sanitarium at that place. He reports leaving her getting along nicely.

Maple Hill News

Miss Ada Johnson is no better at this writing.

Mrs. A. B. Hughes visited her sister Mrs. White Armstrong Saturday and Sunday.

Herrin McDugai and sister Miss Clara, visited Miss Dee Mathis Sunday evening.

Miss Ophelia Hutchins spent Friday with Miss Winnie May Morgan.

Marcus Dunson left last week for an extended visit with relatives and friends in East Texas.

W. A. Dye and son Luther of near Doans took dinner with S. Humphrys and family Sunday.

Mrs. H. N. McDougal and little daughter, Opal took dinner with Mrs. S. Humphrys and family Friday.

W. T. Flowers returned to his home last week from Wellington to attend his son Alton who was sick.

J. R. White and family and Perry White and family spent Sunday with Brooks Germany and family.

Misses Ethel Smith and Lola Humphrys and Manford Flowers were the guests of Miss Lillian Hughes Sunday evening.

Miss Euna Killingsworth entertained a large crowd of young folks with a singing Sunday night. All had a nice time.

Misses Maude and Myrtle Nally returned to their home at Trent Friday after an extended visit with friends in our, and neighboring communities.

Plainview Items

Mr. Horn who has been very sick is recovering.

Earl Scott and wife went to Chillicothe Monday.

John Tate and Percy Webb took supper with Delbert Lanham Sunday night.

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Spirit of Christmas.

The core of Christmas is the truth of unselfishness. This day of the new spirit that irradiates all the earth, is the day of lavish pouring out of self. "Somebody cares," is written large over every Christmas gift and Christmas plan. It is the day of taking thought for other persons. Christ in Christmas means unselfish love—the love of God for man, and of men for one another.

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Eat with us when you are hungry. We strive to please our customers and will appreciate your trade.

Grover Morris, Mgr.

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Of All Kinds

I have Christmas Goods that you will buy if you see them. I am going to sell them right.

Don't forget they will be on Display Saturday December 18th.

E. B. VASSEY

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ALL READY FOR HIS WORK





SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS

Is with us this season as usual. Where we ask you to inspect our line of Christmas presents and toys. Where we ask that you forget your troubles, trials and tribulations, and leave them at home and come and join us in making this the happiest days of your lives. Cheer up, "Laugh and the world will laugh with you, weep and you weep alone."

Large Assortment of Xmas Toys

We have the largest assortment of Christmas goods in Odell and we ask your inspection of same. We have everything in presents for old and young, from baby to grandpa. Something to comfort and cheer all. Come join the happy throng and drift down the smiling, happy lane of life together.



Men, Boys Suits

Remember we have as good a line of mens and boys Suits as you will find in Odell and there is no better Christmas present to be had than to give one of these ever useful presents to papa or the boys. Don't forget that the price is reduced to about cost on this line and there is a good saving for you on every purchase

We are extending these bargain days until Christmas day so that all will have a chance to inspect this sale and make purchases. Time is money; come early and avoid the rush. As we will be very busy in the last days, and we wish to serve you early so that we can give you better service and attention.

Remember we have the necessaries to complete your Christmas dinner, from our grocery stock. The price is right and the quality guaranteed.

Wishing you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR** and soliciting a continuance of your trade for the seasons to come we remain at your service.

Odell, Texas

C. E. FOSTER

"The Store That Pleases"

A Happy and Merry Christmas

We wish to express our appreciation of the nice and liberal patronage you have given us. We solicit a continuance of same, and assure you it will be appreciated. We hope the pleasant relations between us will continue to exist. We appreciate your friendship, and shall ever strive to please you by giving quality goods, prompt service and courteous treatment. We hope everybody will have a Happy and Merry Christmas. We can supply you with the nice and attractive Xmas goods that are kept in a grocery store. Come to see us. You are always welcome. Wishing you again a Merry and Joyous Christmas, we are,

Yours to serve,

J. R. HUIE

Odell, Texas.

"The House of Quality"

Locals and Personals

F. E. Shaw and wife were shopping in the city Monday.

A special line of La Vallieres at Belcher's Drug Store.

S. H. Crossley was here from Chillicothe one day this week on business.

C. W. Pollard, a prominent farmer of the Red River vicinity was in town Monday.

W. E. Cook, a well known farmer of near Doans, was noted here Monday.

Pete Belcher who is employed at a Hotel in Childress, visited homefolks here last week.

Dick Cannon, who has been in New Mexico the past three months, has returned home.

The Reporter acknowledges a visit of J. A. Ammons Saturday, while he was in town.

W. B. Beach returned the first of the week from a visit at Wichita Falls and Burkburnett.

A special line of La Vallieres just received at Belcher's Drug Store.

Frank Collier of Denton County was the guest of I. D. Crain and family here Sunday.

Mrs. W. P. Starr has returned from a week's visit with her sister at Fort Worth.

FOR SALE—a good piano, cheap for cash. See E. D. Godbey, Odell, Texas.

H. W. Turner, a prominent farmer of the Red River neighborhood, is carrying his arm in a sling as the result of an accident.

S. Humphrys, son and daughter, Miss Lola, were pleasant visitors at this office Monday while in town.

Mrs. J. P. Ligon of Montague County is visiting the families of W. G. Perry and J. C. Johnston in the Red River neighborhood.

Bob Barns a young farmer of near Fargo was a caller at the Reporter office today and advanced his subscription.

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W. M. Scott and R. G. Wynn made a business trip to Collingsworth County last week returning Saturday.

C. E. Sears returned Monday from a few days visit with his parents, W. C. Sears and wife at Crowell, his father being in very poor health.

W. T. Flowers of Wellington, visited his children in this country the last of the week returning home Monday, accompanied by his little grandson, Shelton Kendall.

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D. M. Towry and W. A. Webb made a business trip to Wheeler County this week.

Mrs. G. B. Newton and children will leave Saturday for Alvord to spend the holidays with relatives in that country.

Z. M. Wilson was a visitor at Chillicothe Wednesday making the trip in his car, he says without running into any wire fences or having the least sign of trouble whatever.

W. A. White and wife returned the first of the week from Childress County where they attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham.

Brounwick Stew

Christmas eve, 24th, from 11 till three. Hart Building.

Ladies Aid Society

Notice to Hunters

Notice is hereby given to all hunters to stay off my farm. Anyone caught violating this notice, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Joe Crownover sr.

Notice to Creditors

I am expecting to load a car to leave Odell about the 1st. of next month and still have accounts on books unpaid. I don't want to turn these accounts over to a collecting Attorney and ask you one and all to come in and settle by cash or note. I. D. Crain. adv.

Notice to Taxpayers

I will be at, Oklaunion Jan. 4th and 5th, 1916. Harrold, Jan. 6 and 7th. Odell, at the Bank of Odell, January, 11th. and 12th, 1916. For the purpose of collecting State and County taxes for the year 1915.

R. V. Parr, Tax Collector, Wilbarger County.

Community League Program

The following program of the Modern Community League will be carried out at the Odell school auditorium Friday night December the 17th.

Invocation—Rev. R. E. Burns.
Music—By Odell Band.
Paper—Read by J. R. Huie.
Few Things I Know—Dr O. E. Looney.
Music—By Band,
Use of Cement on Farm—Rev. R. E. Burns.
Cooperation—C. G. Thompson.
Music—By Band.

Missionary Society

The Methodist Missionary Society will not meet at the

church Saturday December 18th, at three o'clock, P. M.

Let every member please be present. Visitors have cordial invitation. We need your help and you need the help of the society.

We have an earnest appeal from our Conference, President and also from our District Secretary, that demands immediate attention.

*Come let us make the society what it should be

Mrs R. E. Burns

Notice! Meat Market

I have opened up a meat market in connection with my produce business. Will keep a supply of the best meat at all times. Your patronage solicited.

PHONE 46

Odell Produce Co.,
A. P. Morris, Mgr.

Large Crowd Attends Cake Baking Demonstration

A large crowd, consisting of men, women and children attended the cake baking demonstration at W. B. Beach & Bros' Hardware store Wednesday afternoon.

True to the advertisements in last week's issue of the Reporter the cake was baked, a board placed over it and a number of women ask to stand on it and crush the delicacy flat. As the advertisement said, like "Truth crushed to earth would rise again Well it did, after which it was served to the large delegation witnessing the demonstration.

Quite a number have visited the Beach hardware store this week, to inspect the Majestic Range, and the salesmen reports a number interested in buying.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Sunday, December 19 1915
Song
President in charge.
Prayer
Song
Report of membership committee
Secretary's Report
Leader in charge Aaron Tombs
Song.
Scripture Reading, Rom. 7:18 23
—By leader.
The Doctrine—Reading by Mrs. Wolfe.
The Conflict.
1. Rom. 6:6; Rom. 6:12-14—
Recited by two members.
2 Reading by Elsie Tombs.

Song.

The Outcome.

1. Jno 6:33—Recited by a member.

Reading by Mamie Hardin

The Method

1 Jno. 5:4 Recited by a member

2. Reading by Mr. Wolfe.

Song 122

Closing Prayer.

NOTICE!

If you owe us a note or account and it is due, please call and settle same in the next few days, as we wish to close up our past due business before Jan. 1st.

Odell Lbr. Co.

To Our Friends And Customers

We wish to thank you all for the past patronage extended us during the year and ask a continuance of same.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

WILSON DRUG CO.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Call at Odell's Variety Store and inspect the nice line of Christmas Goods before making your purchases. Something suitable for Holiday presents, for both the Old and the Young.

A special line of toys for the little ones

The Variety Store

Miss Annie Hardwick, Prop.

Christmas Store

We have playthings for the Young---Useful gifts for the Old

Only a personal inspection of our large assortment and better values can convince you of the advantages of making your Christmas purchases at this store.

Come and bring the children, they will be delighted and you will save money.

The Necessity Store

Two Doors South of Farmers State Bank
Vernon, Texas

YOU ARE INVITED

To attend the Christmas Opening at Belcher's Drug Store
Tuesday December 21st.

Here you will find a present for your father, mother, sister brother, sweetheart and all your friends.

Odell's Headquarters for Santa Claus this Season.



"Your Uncle Santa is Getting Fat."

Belcher's Drug Store

THE GIFTS FOR MOTHER

The gladdest hour of Christmas day,
The time the hearts are lightest
An' every care is chased away
An' all the smiles are brightest,
Is when the family, young an' old,
From dad to little brother,
With all the love that hearts can hold
Come bringing gifts to mother.

We keep her presents till the last
An' then when she sits rocking,
An' all the other gifts are passed,
We go an' get her stocking,
We gather round her easy chair,
First one an' then the other
Steps up an' says: "Well, I declare!
Here's something else for mother!"

An' with each present goes a kiss,
An' all is still an' quiet
When mother murmurs: "What is this?"
An' hastens to untie it.
Then everybody wildly cheers
An' shouts for perfect gladness,
An' mother's eyes are moist with tears,
But not the tears of sadness.

Oh, here's a scene that gold can't buy,
Or stage in imitation,
The smiling face, the glistening eye
Of love's own celebration,
And with each jolly Christmas day
We pray to know another
When we shall meet the self-same way
And bring our gifts to mother.
—Detroit Free Press.



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WHOLE WEEK'S CELEBRATION

Descendants of Old Spanish Settlers Observed Christmas With Dinners and Parties.

Among the descendants of the old Spanish settlers we find that they observe a week in the celebration of Christmas. This begins one week before Christmas. In the daytime they have dinners at each other's homes, and in the evenings they give a series of parties at the different houses. In the evening the young folk go to the home of one of their number and knock, and then all begin to sing. Those within the house ask, "Who is there?" and the answer is, "The Virgin Mary and St. Joseph seek lodging in your house." To carry out the Bible story they are at first refused admittance, and then the door is opened wide and they are all given a hearty welcome.

On Christmas eve the old and young all join together and have a big celebration. In a large hall they fix up one side to represent the manger, and here they very solemnly give a little play in which many take part, the characters being Mary and Joseph, the wise men, the shepherds and the angels. This play is very real to them, and they all play their parts with a reverent spirit.

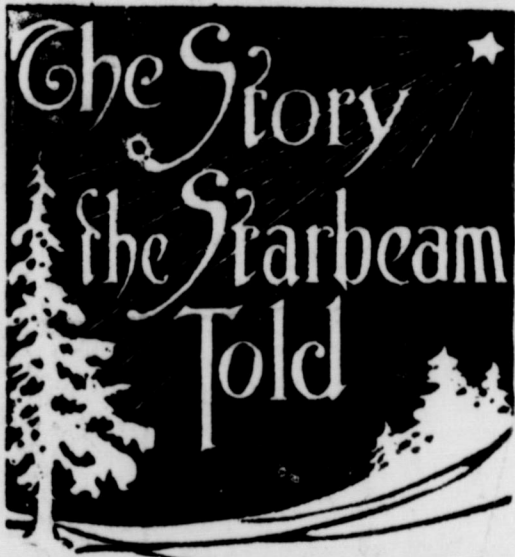
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Buy early and get the worry off of your mind. Special sale every week.

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ONE COLD winter night the snow was gently falling on the pine trees of the forest. These tall, stately trees stood very straight and still on this cold night. By and by the tallest and the oldest of them said:

"How happy I shall be when at last I am strong enough and tall enough to be cut down by the wood cutters. I hope when they do cut me down that I may be good enough that they will want me for some great ship, and then I shall have a chance to sail the seas."

"What do you know about ships and the seas?" asked a little pine tree who stood at the foot of the tall one.

The stately tree bent his branches a very little and looked down at the small tree, at his feet.

"I have heard many stories of the seas, and the ships that sail on them, and the birds sit in my branches and sing to me all the time of the beauties and wonders of the world. Then, too, the starbeams, who are much older than the birds, have some truly wonderful tales to tell of things that they have seen in their trips around the world. There is the Starbeam of the Brightest Star, just peeping over the hilltop. He can tell some truly wonderful tales."

The little pine tree trembled for very joy. This was his first winter in the forest, and these things were all new to him just as was the snow that was covering his roots, and making the forest warm with its white blanket.

"You please ask the Starbeam to tell me a story?" asked the little pine tree.

"I will ask him to tell us again the story of the Starbeam," said another of the pine trees. "The one he told us last year."

The Starbeam came over the hilltop, and the tallest pine tree, the oldest of them, told again the Story of the Starbeam.

"I tell this story best of all," said the little pine tree.

A long time ago, on a cold winter night, the oldest pine trees of the forest, a beautiful woman and her husband, Jo-

seph, went on a journey to a little city called Bethlehem. All the people in that country went to this same city, to pay their taxes, and when Mary and Joseph got there, they found so many people, that there was no room left for them at the inn. The only place where they could find shelter was in a stable, and here they went. That night a little babe was born, and its mother, Mary, laid him in a manger on some nice clean straw.

"Away off in the East the Brightest Star appeared. He had never been seen before, and some wise men who knew that this was the time for the babe to be born, saw the Brightest Star as they started out to find the babe. All their long journey the Brightest Star kept just in front of them to show them the way to go, and when they rested at night, the Brightest Star would rest too, and wait for them. At last they reached the city of Bethlehem, and found the little babe in the manger with his mother by his side.

"These wise men had brought some very costly gifts to this babe, and it is the birthday of this babe that is celebrated every Christmas, and it is in his memory that gifts are given to the poor."

"That is all of the story, and it is time for me to be going," and the Starbeam went gayly on, dancing over the tops of the trees.



The Russian St. Nicholas.

In Russia the children put their shoes filled with hay outside the door for the horses of St. Nicholas; and it is believed in most sections that St. Nicholas comes first on a preparatory visit ten days before Christmas to learn which children have been good. He leaves nuts and candy in the shoes of those who have been good but nothing for those who have been bad, who thus know that they may expect no presents on the real Christmas day.



The Bran Pie.

This is an English custom. The gifts are hidden in a large pan of bran. A string is tied to each package, and on the end of the string is the name of the one for whom the package is intended. When all have their strings they all pull. Then comes the fun of getting the bran off and opening the packages.

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A Christmas Prayer.

Give me the eyes to see my brother's need,
Grant me the vision that perceives
The needs of all
That I amid my Christmas joys, may
And take some touch of mitigation
there.

God point the way that I may quickly
find
His acre waiting for the glad rellie,
And open my eyes that I may not be blind
To tasks of love that ease the sting of
grief.

—John Kendrick Bangs.



Old Custom Still Prevails.

The Christmas feeding of the birds is still prevalent in many of the provinces of Norway and Sweden. Bunches of oats are placed on the roofs of houses, on trees and fences, to furnish them with their share of the Christmas bounty.

Christmas Greetings

We wish to thank our many customers for the liberal patronage extended us during the year and wish for you all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Scott & Starr

"The Gidders Who Strive To Please"

Odell,

Texas



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To Our Many Friends

And Customers:

While we are closing out our stock of Dry Goods at Odell you will have an opportunity to purchase many valuable presents for your Christmas gifts. Don't throw money away. Buy something of real value. Take a look through

Our Specials for Christmas.

Useful Presents Are Appreciated More.

Call and ask to see our Christmas Specials
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