

DIVERSIFICATION WOULD SOLVE PROBLEMS OF 1926

Big State Garage Destroyed in Early Morning Blaze; Loss Partially Covered

In a blaze of undetermined origin occurring at 2:30 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, the Big State Garage was destroyed by fire. The fire department made quick work of reaching the scene after the alarm was sounded, but the blaze had gained such headway before discovery that there was little chance for the fighters to do more than check the extent of the damage.

The garage and equipment, including a stock of automobile accessories, were owned by Raymond Kendrick and his father, L. C. Kendrick. The building was the property of H. D. Talley. Sadler's auto paint shop was located in the building, and The Harley Sadler Nash Co. had some new Nash cars on display there.

The loss incurred on the building was partly covered by insurance, as was also the case with the garage equipment belonging to Kendrick & Son. Mr. Sadler had three new Nash touring cars and 1 new Nash roadster in the building, two of these cars being covered with insurance. He also had five second-hand cars in the building which were not insured, according to a statement made by one of the garage men. Kendrick had one second-hand car with no insurance. A car belonging to Bob Webb, of the Slaton Cotton Oil Mill, was stored in the building and was damaged by the fire.

The damage to the building was not so great but that with repairs it will be usable again, according to advices.

The garage operated by Kendrick & Son may be reopened after insurance adjustments are completed, we were advised by Raymond Kendrick. However, no definite announcement is ready to be made yet.

The Slatonite regrets this loss occurring to all the parties involved.

Watch Service At M. E. Church Tonight

A watch service at the Methodist church will be held tonight (Thurs.) from 10:30 to 12 o'clock. The program will consist of special music of various kinds, and short, snappy talks from several different speakers. It is expected that the program will be interesting, and everybody is invited to attend.

Santa Claus Failed To Make Appearance

In a recent issue of the Slatonite, it was announced that Santa Claus would make his appearance on the streets of Slaton on the afternoon of Christmas eve day. We stated that we had received a letter from him to that effect.

But, when Christmas eve day came around, Santa failed to show up, and consequently many children who had read that Santa would be here, were disappointed. We regret that Santa failed to keep his promised engagement. He promised us in his letter that he would be right here on the job. But, for some reason that we cannot explain Santa did not get here, and he was not yet advised us why.

We are sorry the children were disappointed, but you'd have to lay the blame on Santa, for we just thought sure he'd get here. Guess he had so many places to visit he couldn't get around to Slaton at the appointed time. If he writes us again at any time explaining why he failed to show up, we'll let you know what he says.

Local Postoffice Had Rush During Holiday Period, Says Postmaster

Final Warning To Test Car Headlights

This is Dec. 31st. Tomorrow, the 1st of January, is the date on which all automobile licenses should be renewed by paying the tax for 1926. Do not forget that before new license plates can be obtained, the auto vehicle must have had testing done on the headlights within the previous 30 day period, otherwise, you will be delayed in securing license until the test has been made by an authorized test station.

Prompt attention to this matter will save trouble.

Tax Collector Will Make Slaton Visits

In the last issue of the Slatonite, we reproduced a letter from tax collector, I. F. Holland, in which he made announcement that for the convenience of Slaton taxpayers, the collector's office would have representatives in Slaton on the following dates: Saturday, Jan. 2nd, Saturday, Jan. 9th, Saturday, Jan. 16th, and Saturday, Jan. 23rd. They will bring tax rolls and automobile numbers with them so all tax matters can be handled here instead of the taxpayer having to go to Lubbock. Remember the dates.

Suffered Accident During Christmas

During the Christmas holidays, Mrs. B. A. Hanna suffered a very painful accident when she was burned while dealing with fireworks. Her face was injured and her hair badly singed, and she feels fortunate that the accident was not more serious, although it was serious enough as it was.

It is thought that possibly no scar will be left when the wounds are thoroughly healed, but this is not definitely known.

We give satisfaction PLUS in your job printing. Slatonite.

One-Nine-Two-Six

YES, THIS IS ONE,
NINE, TWO, SIX.
OH THANK YOU—
SAME TO YOU
AND MANY OF EM



The Policy of Progress

With today's issue of the Slatonite, another year closes, and tomorrow another year will begin. The good year, 1925, will then be with yesterday's ten thousand years.

It is natural, and not merely a habit, for individuals at such a time to pause and look back a moment before turning resolutely to meet the events now marching to meet them from out the mysterious future. This impulse to pause and reflect is not confined exclusively to individuals, but is also the impulse of wide-awake and up-to-date business institutions.

The SLATONITE is in a very true sense an institution in this community. From away back in the year 1911, when Slaton was in her swaddling clothes, when the first buildings were under construction in the town, the Slatonite came and settled in the midst of things, taking an interested and active part in the many activities on the great Plains region. From that day to this the SLATONITE has been a part and parcel of the life of this community, and in turn the community life has been part and parcel of the life of this paper. At all times we have sought to make the interests of both mutual, the progress of the one the progress of the other, the joys and the rejoicings of the one the joys and the rejoicings of the other.

The SLATONITE had its origin in the desire and ambition to serve—to render public service. To that end it has fought unceasingly the battles of the people of Slaton and the Slaton country, making merry with those who are glad, and weeping with those who weep. During these fourteen years and more the columns and pages of this paper have truly and faithfully reflected the highest and noblest aspirations of our citizenship in their individual and collective efforts, struggles, hopes and yearnings. For fourteen years and more the SLATONITE has been in the truest sense the pulse of Slaton.

Our advertising columns have been open only to honest, legitimate business, and to other kinds our columns have been and are now closed. An ad-

vertisement in the Slatonite indicates that the management, to the extent of his information, believes in the good intentions and integrity of the advertiser, and while the paper could not undertake in any case to underwrite the advertiser's integrity, known dishonesty has been and will continue to be banned and rejected.

The SLATONITE'S editorial columns constitute the conscience of the institution, wherein we have stood unflinchingly, and sometimes at financial loss, for what we believed to be right, honest, impartial and truthful. Our news columns have been, to the best of our ability, fair, impartial and readable. THE SLATONITE has never been owned or controlled or dominated by any faction, selfish interest or organization; nor will it be under the present management. We have as our guiding star the welfare of the entire community, and that star we shall continue to follow.

And this policy has brought us a legion of friends, who know us, stand by us, and make possible our existence and the service we seek to render. Guided by the star of public service, determined upon a policy of honesty, fairness and impartiality, conscious of our limitations, but thrilled by the sacred warmth of friendship and public confidence, we face the New Year with high hopes and expectations.

Our aim shall be to add daily to our long list of satisfied citizens; to make the SLATONITE better and more readable; to make it more and more valuable as a messenger from those who have something to sell to those who need must buy.

In the spirit of community welfare; in the spirit of public service; in the spirit of mutual dependence, THE SLATONITE renews its fourteen-year-old greetings to the good people of the South Plains, and once again pledges its best efforts to the material and social success of our country, and to the vindication and triumph of the eternal principles of Truth, Honor and Justice.

R. W. COLLIER, JR.,
Editor.

Liberty Bell Will Peel Forth Tonight

Tonight, just at the stroke of 12, the wife of the mayor of Philadelphia will strike the Liberty Bell, heralding the advent of 1926. The gong will sound over radio, station WIP, 508.2 meters, broadcasting the peal from the old bell. Other broadcasting stations over the whole country will relay the sound from the bell.

Radio listeners will have a chance to hear the sound of the real Liberty Bell tonight. Tune in and get it. Then tell us about it and let us publish an account of it in the next issue of the Slatonite. Let's see how many people hear the Liberty Bell tonight.

And, remember that Philadelphia time is one hour ahead of our time here. Better try tuning in at 11 p. m.

convenience to Slaton residents in getting their mail, but the efficiency of the office would be increased, Mr. Bates said.

Stolen Car Located At Childress Tuesday

On Thursday, Dec. 24th, a young man applied at the Central Filling Station to hire a rent car. A new Ford roadster belonging to Mr. E. P. Nix was rented to him, but at the appointed time for his return with the car, he failed to make his appearance. This made the situation such as to leave no doubt that the car had been stolen by the young man.

Local officers were put to work on the case, and were advised by the sheriff at Childress, on Tuesday of this week, that the car was at that place, having been abandoned by the thief. No trace of the thief was found up to that time. He was said to be about eighteen years of age.

Land owners in Texas in 1924 received \$192,115,168 from oil companies in the form of rentals, bonuses, and royalties.

Farmers Would Find Greater Profit In Making Varied Program on Farms

The Slatonite Greet Readers As Usual

The Slatonite is out with the regular issue this week, and will not miss an issue unless something in the way of accident or unavoidable hindrance should "bob up" in the future. It has always been the policy of this paper to never miss an issue under any circumstances if it could be avoided, and the record has been adhered to pretty regularly in the almost fourteen years that this paper has been a favorite piece of reading matter for Slaton people.

We should have enjoyed a week of rest, to be sure, but we felt the urge of duty to our readers and our advertisers and resolved to "carry on" in their behalf. Hope you enjoy the new issue of the Slatonite, your favorite newspaper, this week.

Work Going On For New Church

Halting of preparations for the new building to be erected by the First Christian church was short lived, and work has now been resumed. The last touches are being applied to excavations this week.

Since the leaving of the pastor, Rev. L. Farris Powell, the work of continuing with the former plans will not be interfered with, it is said, and Rev. Jasper Bogue, pastor-evangelist of this district, will have the work in hand in such a way that progress can be made toward completion of a beautiful and modern house of worship.

Maxey Dairy to Move East of Slaton Soon

Mr. H. C. Maxey, owner and operator of the Maxey Dairy, has announced that he will remove his dairy establishment from its present location on the 1st of January, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will locate three miles east of town on the Carr ranch. He will reside there, and conduct his dairy business as usual, and while moving there will be no interruption of his dairy service to his many customers.

Mr. Maxey states that in the new location he will have better advantages than he has had in the past, which will increase his ability to give satisfactory service to the people of Slaton.

Commercial Club Meeting Jan. Fourth

Notice is here given to all members together with all citizens to meet at the Secretary Office of the Commercial Club for a round table talk-over past, present and future conditions. Every one that is interested in the future welfare progress and development of the community of Slaton is invited to be present at the Secretary's office Monday night, January 4th.

Amarillo C. of C. Issues Bulletin

We are in receipt of a bulletin at this office sent us by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce which deals with the facts about Amarillo. The booklet is a 20-page covered affair, very neatly and artistically organized, and contains a wealth of information as to why Amarillo is what she is and why she is going to be much more than what she is.

Population of that northern Panhandle city is quoted at 27,765, as contrasted against 15,494 in 1920. Building permits for 1925 are shown at \$3,500,000. Bank deposits are mentioned as amounting to \$12,000,000 in five banks. Paved streets are boasted of for a length of 21 miles.

Besides Slaton, Amarillo is perhaps the most progressive city above the Cap Rock. (Lookout Lubbock, that stab was accidental.)

Slatonite advertising pays. We have the circulation, and the readers READ the paper.

There is no doubt as to the truth of the statement that less cotton and diversification will bring better credits and more prosperity to the farmers of the South Plains—if they will practice it. It won't unless they adopt the plan.

The various commercial bodies in the various Plains towns roundabout have hammered on that point for some time, and it is to be hoped that results will show up in the year just ahead. Farmers who took the advice to diversify this year are the fortunate ones. It will always be so on the general average over a number of years.

Land owners should practice diversification themselves and not only permit, but encourage the same thing on the part of their tenants. Unless the owner will allow diversification the tenant is helpless.

Not long ago a land owner told this writer that he could not afford to permit his tenants to plant feed crops instead of cotton. He made this remark before the freeze. Perhaps he now realizes he would be much better off had he permitted and encouraged his tenants in the raising of feed. Everybody knows the farmer that raised a good feed crop this year is the man that can take care of himself. Cotton has proved unprofitable this season, that's why.

So, what are you going to do the coming year, Mr. Land Owner? What are you going to demand or permit or encourage on the part of your tenants? Oh, of course, 1926 may prove a banner cotton year from the standpoint of local production and obtainable prices. But, you do not know that such will be the case. It might be the same as was 1925. If you have only cotton this coming year, you will be in the same condition as you faced in 1925.

On the other hand, if cotton should prove a profitable crop in 1926, what would be the loss in having a bountiful supply of feed also? Why would you be worse off if you had made your living at home and raised only a part of the cotton you could have cultivated had you not diversified? If you had the cotton, you would be forced to buy the things you failed to raise. And, in the long run, your bank account would be the same anyway.

The only wise conclusion, then, is for the farmer to decide that he will not risk everything on one crop, but have several chances to make something by having several kinds of crops, to depend on. If cotton fails, there should be feed, and hogs, and chickens, and cows, and fruits, and vegetables canned for home use.

The South Plains country can diversify just as do the people east of us. And, as they have found that such a practice pays; so will we if we try the experiment.

Diversify in 1926.

Claude Miller Returns From Christmas Trip

Claude Miller, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, has returned from Dallas where he went to spend the holidays with relatives and friends there. He arrived back in Slaton Wednesday noon.

Reports from Mr. Miller are to the effect that he had a very enjoyable Christmas vacation.

We are glad to have Mr. Miller back with us to continue his very active work as Chamber of Commerce secretary.

Presbyterian Pastor To Arrive This Week

The new pastor of the Presbyterian church is expected to arrive this week with his family, and he will assume his duties with the church here on next Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Willbanks is the name of the new pastor, and he comes from Deport, Texas, to this work. We feel sure the entire town will be glad to extend a hearty welcome to this good family, and the Presbyterian people are to be congratulated on securing a pastor after having been pastorless since last summer when Rev. Owen moved to Albany.

A Merry 1925 CHRISTMAS

A Happy 1926 NEW YEAR

The wish we give for those who have been our friends and patrons and those whom we hope to call patrons in the future.

WE ARE NOW ABLE TO GIVE YOU FIRST CLASS SERVICE IN REPAIRING, UPHOLSTERING AND LAYING YOUR LINOLEUM.

From now up to and including January 1, we are giving S. & H. Green Stamps on all cash sales and payments on accounts. After January 1st, we will discontinue giving S. & H. Stamps.

We have some nice 1926 calendars for you.

Call and get yours.

Elrod's Furniture

Peace
Joy
Gladness

Be With You

Christmas

and

Prosperity
Health
Happiness

For

The New Year

We'll do our part to make 1926 satisfactory in so far as our service is concerned.

Pember Insurance Agency

WHERE YOUR BUSINESS IS APPRECIATED

Not at all a new wish,
Old and true, but still,
We've never found one better—
Nobody ever will.

A Merry Christmas

A Happy New Year

Ely Filling Station

GREETINGS

1925 —FOR— 1926
CHRISTMAS AND THE
NEW YEAR

To our new and old friends, accept our sincere thanks for your past favors.

Speck's Jewelry

TEXAS AVENUE

PERSONAL & LOCAL

Mrs. Harry G. Stokes has returned from Lubbock where she has been for several days in the care of one of the Lubbock sanitariums.

Miss Virginia Mintague is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Montague. She is a student in Burleson College at Groenville.

R. A. Kirby and family are moving this week to Nevada, Texas. They request that the Slatonite send the paper to them at that address. We hate to see these people leave Slaton.

Lon and Don Barton, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. Barton, are here from Chicago to spend the holidays. Both are employed in that city and have been there for some time.

Miss Augusta Jenkins, sister of Mrs. H. C. Burrus, visited the latter here Saturday and Sunday. Miss Jenkins is teaching at New Home, this being her third year there.

Homer Hutto, of Abilene, was here Saturday and Sunday as the guest of Miss Erma Mae Hardesty.

Miss Louise Lanham, student in Texas Woman's College at Ft. Worth, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. S. Lanham, through the holidays.

Miss Evelyn Hefner, who is attending North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, is here with relatives and friends during the holiday season.

Miss Frances Adams, student in Texas Woman's College at Ft. Worth, is here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Adams, for several days.

Chester Napps, who is attending West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon, is here to spend the holidays with his parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bull visited at the home of R. D. Travis in Post last Sunday.

Miss Kathleen Bailey, Spanish teacher in the high school here, will spend the Christmas season with her parents in Brownwood.

Miss Juanita Mawdsley, home economics instructor in the local high school, will visit in Kansas through the holiday period.

Mrs. Roy Starke of Lockney was the recent week-end guest of Mrs. J. A. Elliott, her old college chum.

T. A. Worley, Jr., is here visiting relatives and friends through the Christmas season. He is a student this year in West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bozell, Friday, Dec. 18th, a fine girl.

Mr. Hopkins, of Taylor, was a noon guest, Dec. 18th, of Miss Pauline Lokoy and Mrs. J. A. Elliott.

Misses Alyne Tucker, Maurice Hardesty, and Vinita Bowen, and Mr. Flake Young, all students in Simmons University this year are expected to arrive here this week to spend the holidays with their parents and friends.

Miss Stella Mae Lanham, attending Tech College at Lubbock, will spend the holiday period here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lanham.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Callaway will visit relatives in Dallas through the Christmas season.

Rev. F. G. Callaway left last Friday to visit with his two daughters and a brother in Dallas for the next two or three months.

Miss Pauline Lokoy is spending the holidays here with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Elliott, and her other relatives. Miss Lokoy is teaching in the Farwell high school.

H. H. Crain returned from a business trip to Sweetwater last week.

Mrs. Jack Lokey was shopping in Lubbock last Saturday.

Miss Maggie George will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. George, through the holidays. She is attending McMurry College at Abilene.

Mrs. A. Dennis will visit with relatives in Oklahoma during the Yuletide season.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Suite, of Nutrioso, Ariz., are expected to visit Mrs. Suite's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Watson, during the holiday period. They will drive through in their car and will also visit Mr. Suite's parents at Olney, while in the state.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brazell during the holidays will be: Mr. and Mrs. Theo Griffith, of Lockney, the parents of Mrs. Brazell; Mrs. Brazell's brother and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Flake Griffith of Ranger; and Mrs. Brazell's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hannon of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Harrison and children, and Mrs. A. B. Davidson reached Slaton this week. Mrs. Davidson to join her husband, Rev. A. B. Davidson, here, and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and children to spend the holidays with Mrs. Harrison's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Davidson. The Harrisons live at College Station, and Mrs. Davidson has been visiting them there until the completion of repairs on the Methodist parsonage here.

MAY EACH CHRISTMAS SCENE

Remind you of our good wishes for your Yuletide joy and may the bells of the New Year remind you of our Greetings and wishes for your Health and Happiness.

Model Grocery

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1925

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1926

—SANDWICHES —FOUNTAIN
—CANDIES SERVICE
—TOBACCOS

Make this your Christmas Headquarters.

Slaton Candy Kitchen

To One and To All

A Merry Christmas

A Happy New Year

The Men's Store

M. W. Uzzell

Milton Thomas

Good Landlords Usually Have Good Tenants

In my opinion, one of the principal causes of dissatisfaction between landlord and renter is that in many instances the landowner will not go to the expense of making such improvements on his land, as will insure the comfortable housing of those who rent from him.

Quite often it is the case that the houses are entirely too small to conveniently accommodate the family of the renter, and then again, the roofs will be full of holes and a general air of decay and discomfort will prevail. Often the barns are tumbledown affairs, without ample shed room or any place to suitably take care of sufficient stock feed.

I have always favored the policy of keeping a good renter as long as I could, telling him that the longer we worked together, the better we understood each other and the better each could assist the other.

We try to see to it that all our rent houses are well-roofed, kept in good repair and so constructed as to afford warmth and comfort in the winter.

We try to see to it that they have barns with plenty of shelter for their stock and farm machinery.

We have tried to impress on their

minds that it was not best to place their sole reliance on one crop, but that it was to their interest to be sure to try to raise an ample supply of such things as they and their families would have to eat. By doing that, we have probably not made as good an income out of our land as we might have, had we forced them to plant mostly cotton. (In the long run you will.—Editor.)

Of course, there are good renters and bad renters, as well as good landlords and bad landlords. We try to treat our renters like human beings and in most instances, we think we have benefited by so doing.

We have found out that, by taking an interest in those renting of us and showing them some favors, they will reciprocate the favors shown them and in the long run, we are both benefited.

It is a great mistake any renter makes, when he gets in the habit of moving every year. He can never get on familiar terms with his landlord, nor the landlord have that interest in him that he will have, if they are hooked up together for a term of years.—R. W. Harris in The Progressive Farmer.

The "Beauty" of America

The comparison drawn by the Salt Lake, Utah, Telegram in the following editorial, shows the fundamental difference between the United States as contrasted with any other country in the world. America is the home of freedom, initiative and independence. European countries represents a maximum of government ownership and control of industry, repression of individual initiative and special advantages for the favored few instead of for the masses.

Read what the Telegram says: It makes one love every square foot of rocky land, desert waste and fertile fields in Our Country where the richest and the poorest have equal opportunities; where class distinction means nothing and where the government exists for the people and not for the government.

"A transcontinental trip, no matter how often you take it, is a never old panorama of the greatness and unity of America. Just now the middle western part of it is scarcely a panorama of its beauty. Even a Kansas village has beauty in the spring and summer, or when covered with fleecy winter snow, but in the mid-season, of mud and haze and drizzle, it would take a poetic soul to see any beauty in it. Which is perhaps all the better. The best way to appreciate anything is to see it at its worst. So, let us compare the worst Kansas village, at its worst,

with the wonderfully beautiful French villages at their very best.

"In picturesque beauty, of course, there is nothing to compare. The French village has everything and the Kansas village nothing. It is flat, dreary, ugly and prosaic. But the Kansas village of a few hundred inhabitants covers as much space as a considerable French city. Its ugly houses have telephones and radios, and an automobile. Some of them have running water and modern plumbing, and the rest have space enough to make the lack of relatively safe and inoffensive. Everybody has a daily newspaper, and everybody can read it.

"The French village has a wonderful old stone church, in which its people have worshipped for 500 years, while the Kansas village has six starving and ugly wooden ones, commemorating mostly sectarian rivalries. But the Kansas village has a fine union high school, where its people and those of the country about can learn more than any but the most favored graduate in France.

"The Kansas villagers live more comfortably, in better health, and more prosperously; they and their children have better prospects, and they know more. They would be better off if they had beauty, too, but nature gives them some of that, part of the year. And the balance on the whole, is overwhelmingly their way."

ADVERTISING CUTS PRICES

Persons who have not given the subject of advertising serious thought may be inclined to believe that standard products could be sold cheaper if the manufacturers did not spend so much money in advertising them. The contrary is the truth.

Every concern which seeks a general market for its goods finds it necessary to set aside a certain sum each year for advertising, and this is charged as a part of the operating expenses, the same as rent, fuel or insurance. The aim of the advertising manager is to buy the largest possible circulation among persons who would be interested in his product.

Every manufacturer has certain fixed charges which must be paid out of the receipts from the business, and the larger the volume of business that can be created the less per article is charged for the payment of overhead costs. This volume of business is obtained only by creating a demand for the goods, and it is most quickly and cheaply done by direct appeal through the newspapers.

The same principle which obtains in the case of the general advertiser could be applied in the business of the smallest merchant. The quicker the turnover which a dealer is able to make the sooner his profit is obtained and the cash is put in the till for new purchases. Advertising of the practical kind will help to make quicker sales and more frequent profits. The result is that the retailer, with the aid of the general advertiser, is able to maintain standard prices and quality in the widely advertised articles.

An article is high priced only when the service it gives is small. That's why Slatonite advertising is economical, the service is large.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

"Getting along" successfully with one's neighbors, providing for one's family, helping to maintain churches and schools, and putting aside a little revenue for sickness or old age, mean that one is being successful in life. It isn't necessary to gain distinction; to do anything spectacular or heroic; but simply to perform from day to day one's own personal obligations to himself, his family, and society. It is necessary, however, that one should have in mind the goal of daily service and usefulness in order that one may attain the proper degree of success. "The ordinary man," as we so commonly hear the term used, or "the ordinary citizen,"—industrious, frugal, honest and sincere,—is really the best type of American citizenship, and is almost universally admired and appreciated within the limits of his acquaintance and his sphere of activity.

In moralizing with our boy or girls, and in an endeavor to stimulate their ambition, we frequently cite the life of men who have been successful, as we ordinarily use that term,—in business, in professional life, or in statesmanship. The only advantage which such a life has over the life of the ordinary farmer or the ordinary business man is that his activities have been made known to a wide circle of men and women, or to society and the public collectively. I have known many farmers whose reputation does not reach beyond their immediate community; hardworking, industrious men daily meeting their obligations of every kind, who typified to my mind the most successful and desirable class of citizenship to be found in this country.—H. H. Harrington, in The Progressive Farmer.

TRY SLATONITE WANT-ADS.

List of Grand Jurors And Petit Jurors

Following is a list of grand jurors and petit jurors summoned to serve during the January, 1926 term of District Court:

Grand jurors summoned to appear January 11th, 1926, to serve during the January term of court—

Sam C. Arnett, Lubbock; D. B. McInroe, Idalou; J. T. Richardson, Sr., Slaton; I. R. Barr, Lubbock; W. B. Copeland, Slide; H. W. Lasater, Idalou; Bob Crump, Shallowater; Joe Teague, Sr., Slaton; R. G. Rusk, Lubbock; E. C. Young, Lubbock; J. T. Pinkerton, Slaton; Jimmie Reed, Becton; Elmo Wall, Lubbock; J. C. Stewart, Slaton; J. C. Newton, Idalou and Charles Austin, Slaton.

Petit jury for 2nd week of January, 1926 term. Summoned to appear Monday, January 18, 1926.

J. H. Hankins, Lubbock; M. L. Bra-shear, Lubbock; Ward Crim, Lubbock; Jess Joplin, Slaton; W. E. Martin, Slaton; J. L. Isom, Lorenzo; Fred Fite, Shallowater; W. T. Wicker, Slaton, J. R. Killbrew, Lorenzo; T. H. Lawson, Lubbock; G. N. Wilson, Slaton; Pate Hardy, Shallowater; W. T. Hunt, Idalou; J. T. Overby, Slaton; E. H. Ward, Slaton; Berney Holt, Idalou; J. F. Perry, Lubbock; J. W. Price, Slaton; W. T. Pruitt, Idalou; Geo. H. Benson, Lubbock; E. F. Jarman, Slaton; J. W. Huff, Idalou; F. N. Payne, Lubbock; S. N. Gentry, Slaton; O. D. McInroe, Idalou; J. R. Lamb, Slaton; J. F. Good-night, Lubbock; W. C. Bryan, Lubbock; S. M. Darby, Lubbock; M. A. Pember, Slaton; R. Martin, Lubbock; J. J. Carrell, Lubbock; J. F. King, Slaton; H. H. Martin, Lubbock; G. T. Crawford, Lubbock; and Rama Griggs, Slaton.

List of Petit jurors for 3rd week of January, 1926 term. Summoned to appear January 25th, 1926.

C. S. Middleton, Lubbock; A. P. Gal-latin, Idalou; W. A. Luna, Slaton; Ashley Davis, Lubbock; W. W. Scott, Lubbock; T. W. Austin, Slaton; L. C. Montgomery, Lubbock; J. F. Courtney, Lubbock; O. E. Eubanks, Idalou; J. A. Medlock, Lubbock; H. N. Estes, Idalou; J. T. Meeks, Idalou; Ralph Bedford, Lubbock; J. W. Aucutt, Lubbock; S. H. Scott, Idalou; W. D. Barnes, Lubbock; F. A. Drewery, Slaton; V. S. Harrington, Idalou; Jno. Ely, Lubbock; Arthur Johnston, Idalou; R. D. Gentry, Slaton; T. B. Duggan, Lubbock; J. M. Sowder, Idalou; A. L. Brannon, Slaton; Joe DeShazo, Lubbock; J. H. Spence, Lubbock; O. Z. Bail, Slaton; C. A. Burrus, Lubbock; H. H. Ingram, Becton; G. M. Blanton, Slaton; C. H. Beaty, Lubbock; A. G. Falls, Idalou; S. E. Coleman, Slaton; J. S. Johnson, Lubbock; Paul Barrier, Lubbock; J. W. Buchanan, Lubbock.

Petit Jury for 4th week of January, 1926 term. Summoned for Monday, Feb. 1st, 1926.

W. M. Weaver, Lubbock; B. L. Boles, Lubbock; Neal Eubanks, Slaton; O. P. Hill, Idalou; S. C. Marrs, Slaton; E. L. Law, Lubbock; W. E. Burford, Lubbock; W. T. Driver, Slaton; Eugene Emery, Lubbock; E. Barton, Slaton; J. C. Royalty, Lubbock; H. O. Waters, Lubbock; Lonnie Williams, Lubbock; T. B. Walktr, Idalou; J. R. Watson, Lubbock; D. F. Alcorn, Slaton; S. W. Mahan, Idalou; L. H. Simpson, Lubbock; F. E. Calloway, Slaton; E. R. Vaughn, Lubbock; J. W. Brown, Idalou; L. O. Burford, Lubbock; Harry C. Burrus, Slaton; F. O. Miller, Lubbock; J. G. Dean, Lubbock; G. M. Ayres, Slaton; J. W. Wood, Idalou; S. H. Weaver, Lubbock; J. W. Hood, Slaton; L. P. Smallin, Idalou; J. C. Burns, Lubbock; F. N. Turner, Shallowater; G. W. Alexander, Slaton; H. W. Stanton, Lubbock; B. Sherrod, Lubbock and G. R. Leverett, Slaton.

Petit Jury for 5th week of January, 1926 term. Summoned for Monday, Feb. 8th, 1926.

Frank Bowles, Lubbock; Jno. Haynes, Lubbock; W. J. Anderson, Slaton; Clarence Symes, Lubbock; Joe Rogers, P. L. Sherrod, Lubbock; E. W. Reddell, Shallowater; R. H. McCurdy, Slaton; Idalou; J. F. Marrill, Slaton; Geo. W. Pickle, Lubbock; L. E. Hunt, Lubbock; J. H. Teague, Jr., Slaton; A. C. Hunt, Lubbock; Roscoe Parks, Idalou; H. A. Davidson, Lubbock; Paul Hufstetler, Idalou; T. D. Johnson, Slaton; M. R. Cope, Lubbock; T. B. Taylor, Idalou; J. P. Boyd, Slaton; A. M. Hensley, Lubbock; Alex Weaver, Idalou; W. G. renzo; D. N. Leaverton, Lubbock; R. J. Murray, Lubbock; J. W. Cannon, Lo-Murray, Lubbock; S. C. Wilson, Lubbock; Bailey Guess, Idalou; A. J. Payne, Slaton; E. B. Bible, Lubbock; J. F. Hazel, Idalou; Drew Hobdy, Slaton; Neal A. Douglass, Jr., Lubbock; J. T. Lee, Idalou; Paul Owens, Slaton; W. E. Inman, Lubbock.

Petit Jury for 6th week of January, 1926 term. Summoned for Monday, Feb. 15th, 1926.

E. T. Daniell, Idalou; W. O. Stevens, Lubbock; J. W. Henry, Slaton; W. B. Burford, Lubbock; W. B. Thorp, Lubbock; J. W. Baker, Slaton; W. T. Dowdy, Idalou; A. C. Hanna, Slaton; Lee Duggan, Lubbock; J. B. Mitchell, Idalou; Jno. T. Lokey, Slaton; Cyril Wheelock, Lubbock; S. W. Page, Lorenzo; Sam E. Staggs, Slaton; R. V.

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POOR LIGHTING CAUSES LOSS OF FOUR BILLION

The boll weevil, other insects, and rodents causes an annual loss to this country estimated at \$2,000,000,000. This, however, is only one-half of the industrial loss said to be due to poor lighting, comments the New Jersey Public Utility Information Committee.

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RADIO KEEPS BOYS BUSY

Rufus Rothrock, a boy of Benson Polytechnic school, Portland, Oregon, has made a radio that "works," no larger than a silver dollar. With it he gets all the local stations. He is now making an electric motor the size of a finger tip, as another step in his preparation for electrical engineering.

The radio has kept thousands of boys out of the police courts and the jails, by giving them something interesting to do. A few tools, a roll of wire and a handful of springs and screws, would change the course of many a boy this Christmas time. Almost every normal American boy is interested in mechanical contrivances and should be encouraged along these lines. Radio offers great incentive for their creative ideas.

Kimmel, Lubbock; E. F. Hutson, Idalou; G. M. Culler, Slaton; Fred C. Spikes, Lubbock; J. W. Wallace, Slaton; Paul Hardwick, Lubbock; G. M. Harlan, Slaton; L. W. Wilkie, Slaton; L. C. Boyd, Lubbock; J. O. Day, Becton; E. B. Green, Lubbock; L. E. Gill, Idalou; W. W. Royalty, Lubbock; Slick Lokey, Lubbock; Tol Caraway, Lubbock; S. O. Wall, Idalou; Harry Morris, Lubbock; D. M. Turner and Will E. Ballew, Lubbock.

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Now that Christmas has come and gone, it may be pertinent for each of us to propound the query: What did I do during the Yuletide to assist in bringing about Peace on Earth and Good Will toward Men?

And the spirit of Christmas also reminds us the the world's saddest, sweetest thoughts were born in the bitter travail of a soul.

Celebration of the birth of Christ causes us to reflect upon the religion He founded, and we observe that bigotry is not at all in that religion, but is to be found only in those who falsely claim to possess and to practice that religion.

Many people have deliberately thrown away their reputations, but few have been robbed of them.

He who possesses a proper sense of humor carries with him an efficient antidote for many of the pain and ills incident to human life.

It may be difficult to love one's enemy, but even then it is oftentimes easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend, since treason in friendship comes near being the unpardonable sin.

Those who think they know how to live will, if they live long enough, learn eventually that they do not know anything at all about it.

I have known people so poor, destitute and poverty stricken that all they had in the world was a large bank account.

From casual observations we have come to the conclusion that about the most difficult thing in the world is for a grouchy man to laugh.

The person to whom people are merely people, and nothing more, is in poor position to gain much from life.

It is well enough for one to be "on one's toes," but trouble generally starts when one gets on the other fellow's toes.

One thing can be said in favor of the motorist who makes a date with a locomotive at a railway crossing, and that is that he generally gets there on time.

It is alarming when we consider how many orphans there would be should the Devil die.

There are two kinds of rational beings in the world—those whom Temptation conquers, and those who conquer Temptation.

Did Father Adam really have within him the Spirit of disobedience before he committed the Act of disobedience?

One thing that has always puzzled us is why so many people who have only FEW cents will at Christmas time spend dollars like they had NO sense.

One distasteful thing about gold is that it too often imparts its own color to him who too tenaciously holds onto it.

Building costs have about reached the point where we would be obliged to become a nation of tree dwellers if we had any trees in which to dwell.

During the past year or so we have read so much about this fellow Mussolini that we are beginning seriously to wonder just who he is anyway.

Considering that the only qualification necessary for the promiscuous granting of pardons is an over abundance of bad judgment, the record of the governor of Texas contains nothing that should occasion surprise.

LAST 1925 ISSUE

This week marks the last issue of this paper for the year of 1925. It is published on the last day in the year. It so happened that the first issue we published in 1925 came on the first day of the year, so, we have greeted you with 53 issues during the year.

Those 53 issues were our efforts to give you a paper you would appreciate, and one that would materially aid in building a better Slaton. The Slatonite strives constantly to assist in building up Slaton and the surrounding country.

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We feel that our efforts have not been in vain, for our many friends, all of whom we treasure greatly, have assured us that we have presented a paper to the people that we may justly be proud of.

We realize that our work has not been perfect, and we do not hope for it to ever be so, but it is our aim and desire to improve our service and to more thoroughly serve and please our readers each issue.

Whatever mistakes we have made are regretted, although it is but human to err. We hope the same mistakes will not occur again, but that we may profit by past experiences.

We recognize that our readers and advertisers and loyal friends have made possible the measure of success we have attained through the past year. For your liberal support, your kindnesses and words of encouragement, we sincerely thank you.

But as we realize the imperfections of 1925, we trust that we may be of greater service in 1926. Each day, affords new opportunity to us all in the doing of good. The new year will offer to each of us 365 days of precious opportunities for doing our work well.

May we be your servant through the new year, and may we have your coveted support in doing worth while things for the best people and the best country on earth.

QUARTER CENTURY CLOSES

Today, Dec. 31st, 1925, marks the close of the first quarter of the twentieth century. Had you thought of it?

And, what changes in the past 25 years! Even the automobile was unknown.

And, what changes in the last 25 years ago. There were no airplanes. Radios were unthought of. Wireless telegraphy had not been discovered. A thousand things that are now commonplace were not even in the realm of known possibility in 1900.

When the 20th century opened, the world was at peace. Since then, the bloodiest and most cruel war of all the ages has come and gone—all except the effects of it. Prohibition, a thing thought impossible, has been enacted into law for several years. Women voted six years before the quarter century was over. We are again at peace with the world, for how long we do not know, but it is to be hoped that it will continue.

Never in the history of mankind has a quarter century of time witnessed the development of things of such tremendous moment. Perhaps it would be safe to say that no preceding period of a hundred years duration has marked such marvelous changes.

What will we see in the next quarter of a hundred years? No human mind could adequately or accurately foretell. There is no question but that when 1950 rolls around, the world will know of many, many things and consider them commonplace that we do not dream about today, nor even imagine that they can ever be.

When 1950 confronts us, many now living will be out of the realm of the living. Some of us who least expect to die within that period will not live another 25 years. And, if we did, another 25 would see us depart before 1975, and soon the year 2,000 would take the place of all the preceding years.

Endless speculation. At the very best, we all have a very little while to live. Just a span until the twentieth century will close. Others will come and go, taking our places, doing our tasks, living the same lives of anxiety, hope, expectancy, and toil that we have lived.

Prejudice with most men precludes the possibility of being even halfway fair with others.

Start saving for next Christmas' needs.

Santa Claus has a long vacation, but he is certainly rushed in the busy season.

One person thinks Christmas never will come around again. Another is relieved that Christmas is past. That's the difference between childhood and old age.

Some good resolutions are now in order. Most of us need to make a good many, provided we would keep them faithfully.

About the best resolution one could make is to just go ahead doing his very best and not worrying over mistakes, but seeking not to make any more of the same kind.

359 more shopping days before Christmas.

Perfected Steel

A French engineer claims that a steel, which he discovered, will not split or change its shape under any degree of heat.

Exchange Shots

ADVERTISING THOUGHTS

A business man said the other day that a cheap article he had for sale was as good as a well known and nationally advertised article, and that it was cheaper "because someone had to pay for those big ads." That is a false idea of advertising. If advertising added to cost of articles on the market, then Old Dutch Cleanser and Wrigleys, Palm Olive and Ivory Soap and other small articles which spend millions of dollars annually would cost ten times the present price. It is pure bunk when a merchant tries to sell an unknown article simply because it is unknown as being on a par with an advertised article. The manufacturer of a meritorious article is not afraid to tell of its merits to the world. Advertising will increase his production so that the cost may be steadily decreased and hence the retail price. Advertising will not make a bum article popular by any means. But to say that an advertised article must of necessity be high in price is pure rot and something that no sane man believes.—Randall County News.

Advertising brings quick turnover, which allows smaller margins of profit because there is an extra profit in the next turnover, etc. Quick turnovers and small margins of profit are more desirable than large profits and slow movement of goods. But, it is practically always true that when slow movements of goods occurs, the profit must be made small in order to turn the goods at all. Then, advertising is the only solution to the sales problem, just as two and two make four. Furthermore, it is worthy of mention that when business is dull, advertising is the most necessary.

Negro Killed by Train Here December 23rd.

About ten o'clock Wednesday morning, Dec. 23rd, an unknown and unidentified negro man was killed accidentally when he was struck by the incoming Lamesa train here, just at the outskirts of the local Santa Fe yards.

It was said the negro was walking along the track and at the warning whistle of the approaching train, he stepped directly in the path of the engine, and was ground to death. It is thought he attempted to avoid the train, thinking he was getting out of its path instead of directly in front of it. Before the whistle of the locomotive was sounded, he was not between the rails, but was walking between two closely adjacent tracks, and must have thought he was between the rails, therefore stepped sidewise when hearing the whistle of the train. It was impossible for the engineer to bring his train to a stop before the negro was struck.

Remains of the badly mangled body were picked up by the Foster Undertaking Co., and after failure of any local negroes to identify him, and since there were no marks of identification to be found on his body, he was buried the same afternoon.

The negro was said to have had four dollars on his person at the time of his death. He was judged to have been about 40 years old. An inquest was held over his body by the local Justice of the Peace, J. J. Ross.

Rev. L. F. Powell Goes To Portales

Rev. L. Farris Powell, for the past few months pastor of the First Christian Church here, will move to Portales, N. M., where he will serve as pastor there, and also do evangelistic work in that vicinity.

Rev. Powell recently conducted a revival meeting at Portales, and returned here for the holidays with his family. He states that as soon as possible, he will move his family to their new home.

The work with the Christian Church here will be handled temporarily by Rev. Jasper Bogue, pastor-evangelist in this district.

Rev. Powell and family have made hosts of friends here during their brief residence in Slaton, and it is with regret that we witness their going. We trust, however, that they will be pleased with their new work and new home.

Royal Arch Masons To Have Meeting

It is announced that the local chapter of Royal Arch Masons will hold a class of instruction at the Masonic hall on Friday night of this week. All local Royal Arch Masons are urged to take advantage of this opportunity by being present. Visiting brethren will be welcome.

Tell your merchant you saw his ad in the Slatonite—your favorite newspaper.

A CHURCH PROBLEM

Over at Electra a church has become divided because the minister did not like for his members to play bridge and dance. The amusement question is a much harder thing for the church to solve than whether man sprang from a monkey.—Higgins News.

Here's a good place to remark that it is a sad thing to note that many churches are choosing "the path of least resistance" in taking no notice of this problem confronting churches. Such churches lose their spirituality and their ability to win others. When the church makes no distinction between the plane of living, on which church members should stand and that upon which non-church members should stand, the church degenerates into an organization on a par with bodies that have no stricter requirements than that of joining.

If strict observance of high standards of moral conduct drive some from the church, they should not have been there in the first place. And, those who remain in spite of strict demands will wield an irresistible influence upon the world about them.

Finally, the whole question resolves itself into the problem of "what is the right point to begin drawing the line?" Each church must solve that question for itself. The solution may not be reached by positive action relative to the matter, but this is a question where negative action or failure to act at all becomes action that is markedly positive. No church can shift responsibility. The problem will be solved some way either by action or inaction.

SO THINK WE

We think that probably governor Ferguson has issued several pardons without having to be begged much.—Lubbock Morning Avalanche.

In other words, the opinion expressed is that "beg pardon" is almost unknown to Jim's wife.

THE PERNICIOUS FEE SYSTEM

One of the things the next Legislature can do that will make for good government and law enforcement without favor is to follow in the footsteps of the Arkansas Legislature and do away with the fee system for State and county officers. Arkansas is on a cash basis. Sheriffs, constables, deputies, and clerks are paid straight salaries, according to the size of the job, and all fees and fines go into the treasury of the county, State or city. There are no fee-grabbing officers in Arkansas and there should be none in Texas. Officers do their duty because they are hired by the people for that purpose.

The fee system is a relic of the past. It was devised to serve at a time when population was small and enforcement of the law, or keeping the records, did not take all of an officer's time. Today such conditions do not exist. Enforcement officers as well as those who keep the records and perform other service have enough to do to keep them busy, and they should receive salaries instead of fees. The fee system encourages grafting, petty and otherwise. It makes persecutors out of some officers. It is an incentive for officers to be more active in enforcing laws and in making arrests in cases where fees are largest, and encourages neglect of other duties. It adds materially to the cost of government, for fees and mileage are frequently charged in cases where officers travel no farther than across the hall to serve a paper. Arrests are frequently made for the purpose of dis-

viding fees with a justice of the peace. All sorts of petty graft have resulted from the fee system, and it is time that Texas reformed in this respect.—Farm and Ranch. Exactly correct. There is enough

graft in the land without continuing a system that encourages and invites it on the part of men who are in places of responsibility relative to enforcing laws of all kinds. Away with the fee system.

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What is YOUR status as a husband, a father, a citizen? What is YOUR outlook for the future?

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This store realizes that our customers are our friends, and that if it were not for our customers, we could not stay in business a single day. We know we owe a debt of gratitude to you for the business you have favored us with. Our hearts are warm toward one and all, and we want you to know we thank you.

During 1926, we hope you will permit us to continue serving you. We want new customers, also, and invite you to try our service.

This is the store of the friendly spirit—a place where your business is appreciated, and where you may rest assured you will be given fair and square treatment.

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LOCAL NEWS

Giron Bradley is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Bradley, through the holidays. He is a student in the University of Texas.

Miss Maurice Hardesty arrived last Friday for a visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Jno. P. Hardesty, and other relatives, during the holiday season. She is a student in Simmons University at Abilene.

Tess Bruner was a Lubbock visitor Christmas day.

Mr. J. D. Wester, English teacher in the high school, visited at Becton during Christmas.

Rev. Graves Darby and Prof. R. E. Key, both of Wilson, and Mr. Key's brother, were here Christmas eve day.

Floyd Dawson, of Wilson, was in town Wednesday, Dec. 23rd.

Flake Young arrived last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Young, until school work is resumed at Simmons University, Abilene. He is a student there.

Claude Stewart, proprietor of the Central Filling Station, visited with Ft. Worth relatives in Ft. Worth through Christmas, returning this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Driver and children, of Lamesa, visited here Christmas day with the former's mother, Mrs. N. J. Driver.

Garner Surginer, son of Mrs. W. R. Ivey, visited his mother here Sunday, Dec. 20th. He is a student in the University of Texas.

Johnny Abel, student in Tech College at Lubbock, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Able, and other relatives here. He came home the 23rd, and will return to school on Jan. 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rogers and two sons, Woodie and Eugene, are visiting in Albuquerque, N. M. this week.

Miss Eva Landers is visiting in Littlefield.

Harry McGee and family of Amherst visited Mrs. McGee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henry, during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Tomlinson visited the former's parents in Tulia from Christmas day until Sunday of last week. Mrs. Tomlinson, however, prolonged her visit by staying over in Tulia until nearer time for the schools to resume work here, at which time she will return home and assume her duties as teacher.

Walter Stallings, weigher at the compress, visited at his home in Temple, Texas, from Tuesday to Sunday of last week.

George Wilhelm, of Snyder, visited Roy McCurdy here from Thursday to Sunday of last week. Roy returned to Snyder with his guest for a visit there, and will be back Thursday of this week.

A. C. and Warren Dodson visited their parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Dodson, in Snyder from Wednesday night to Monday morning, being with them over Christmas.

Mrs. L. B. Wootton and little daughter, Minnie Will, went to visit the former's father at Gail, Texas, on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. They remained until Christmas day, when Mr. Wootton made a trip there and all three returned home late in the evening.

C. C. Hoffman, Jr., a student in State University, is here spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hoffman.

Rev. A. R. Meador and family, of Plainview, spent several days during Christmas with O. Z. Ball and family.

Miss Stella Mae Lenham has been here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lanham, during the holidays. She is a student at the Tech College, Lubbock. Her brother, W. S., a student in Montezuma College, Montezuma, N. M., did not visit here during this Christmas season.

Rev. L. Farris Powell, who has been in a meeting at Portales, N. M., was here with his family during the holidays. He advised a Slatonite reporter that he would soon move his family to that place, as he is to assume the duties of pastor of the Christian church there, and will also do evangelistic work.

Miss Maggie George, student of McMurray College at Abilene, is spend-

ing the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. George, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCelvey, of Vernon, sent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dabney, of Slaton, and Mr. McCelvey's parents at Southland.

H. H. Crain left this week for Sweetwater where he is contemplating accepting a position in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clark spent Christmas in Coleman, Texas, visiting relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McClintock and daughter, Lorene, spent Sunday with relatives in Post.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. George and family spent Christmas day with relatives in Lamesa.

Miss Doris Kemp of Hereford visited her sister, Mrs. L. R. Gregory, here during the holidays.

Albert Sone, of Plainview, is visiting his brother, Robert, and his uncle, C. L. Sone, here this week.

Rob McDonald, of Lisbon, La., visited his cousin, J. S. McDonald, and family here last week, accompanying them on their visit to Bovina.

Law Sone, son of Supt. and Mrs. C. L. Sone, is here from Desdemona on a visit.

Mrs. Lula Pierce, of Post, visited Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Whalen here Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. G. W. Bourland, who has been ill and confined to her bed at her home here for the past year, is reported to be improving. Her many friends and the friends of the family will be glad to learn of her bettered condition.

Miss Ollie Sone visited in Plainview the past week.

Supt. C. L. Sone made a business trip to Tulia, leaving the 24th and returning the 27th.

F. H. Lanham and family, and Mrs. J. S. Lanham and children, visited in O'Donnell Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cypert visited the former's parents in Merkel from Christmas day until Monday of this

week, when they returned here.

Lem Sone, of Tahoka, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sone, passed through Slaton last week as he was enroute to Colorado for a visit through the holidays. He will return about Jan. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bull and children, and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Matheny and baby are visiting relatives in Rochester, Texas. They will return Thursday night of this week. They are making the trip overland in their cars.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDonald, daughter, Eunice, son, Harry, and Mrs. Homer McDonald and baby visited relatives at Bovina, Texas during the Yuletide. The latter remained for a continued visit and her husband has now gone to Bovina to accompany her and their baby on the return home.

Mrs. W. T. Spratling and children are visiting relatives and friends in Ft. Worth.

Misses Lois and Evelyn Stallings visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stallings, here during the holidays.

J. B. Miller made a trip to Abilene, leaving a few days before Christmas and returning Christmas day. Also, he made a second trip to that city since Christmas, returning Tuesday

night of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Starr and little daughter, Mattie Lou, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hanna and family from Friday to Sunday of last week. Mr. Starr is Mrs. Hanna's brother. He is a rice farmer in the Eagle Lake country, and reported that the year had been a good one for rice farmers in that section.

Mrs. W. R. Ivey and son, Denny C., visited relatives in Floydada Christmas day.

Misses Anna May, Rose, Alice and Alyne Rosser are visiting friends in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Stales, of Edna, and Miss Janie Peavy, of Brownwood, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Feavy several days during Christmas. They returned to their homes Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Bud Poyner visited his mother, Mrs. Poyner, and sister, Mrs. Grady Whitehead, here Christmas day.

Floyd Waynick, of Abilene, is home on a visit with his parents here.

Garner Surginer, accompanied by Buddie Autry, visited Mrs. W. R. Ivey during the holidays. The two guests came here from Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Harrison and children, of College Station, Texas, who have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Davidson during the holidays, left Thursday morning for their home. Mrs. Harrison is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Davidson.

If it's printing—just call 20 we'll do the leg work.

G. L. Sledge made a business trip to Amarillo this week, leaving Monday and returning Tuesday.

NOTICE W. O. W's

An important business meeting will be held on Thursday night, Jan. 7th. All members urged to attend.
W. E. Kercheval, Clerk.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

6-Room house, three blocks from city hall, very conveniently arranged for rooming and boarding. Price \$2000.00—Trade for smaller house or vendors lien notes.

6-Room house, partially modern, on corner, within close proximity to high school. Price \$2350.00—Take one-half in trade and balance \$20.00 per month.

4-Room house, garage, excellent location. Price \$1750.00—One-half in trade and balance \$20.00 per month.

4-Room house, two lots, corner, garage and sheds. Price \$950.00—\$50.00 cash, balance \$20.00 per month.

3-Room house, good location, 75-ft. corner. Price \$1000.00—\$50.00 cash, balance \$20.00 per month.

2 good south front lots in block adjoining high school on the east. Price \$200.00 each—\$10.00 cash and \$10.00 per month.

One of the best improved farms in Lubbock County—225 acres, at \$55.00 per acre—take \$5,000.00 in notes or trade, balance 15 years. Have unimproved land at right prices and terms.

I have the Buy—Sell and Swap deal that might exactly suit you.

C. C. HOFFMAN

1st Floor Slaton State Bank Building.

As the Curtains Are Raised on 1926

May it bring to your vision happy views of rich promises, some of which may be filled each day. We appreciate your trade given us in 1925 and will feel fortunate if we can serve you in the New Year.

SLATON STEAM LAUNDRY

Phone 112

JOINT STOCK FARM LOANS

REFINANCE WITH US

Monthly City Loans

PEMBER & STAGGS

The Slatonite for Good Job Printing

Like an Old Friend

We linger to say good-bye to 1925 because you patrons of ours made it a good year.

Like a New Friend

We welcome 1926 because we hope to hold our old friends and make many new ones.

Accept Our Best Wishes for Peace, Plenty and Happiness During 1926

Worley Hdwe. Co.

The House of Satisfaction
Phone 121

New Year Greetings

To our many friends and customers for past favors and best wishes for all of you in 1926.

We are ready to serve your wants for Feed, Coal, Grinding Feed and Meal.

Slaton Feed Milling Co.

Phone 230



The Public Screen

IS THE NEWSPAPER. People everywhere turn to it for news and information on all important subjects. It's a background for a sharp, searching limelight that nothing can surpass for power in getting -- ATTENTION.

SHARE THAT LIMELIGHT, MR. MERCHANT, by "throwing" your advertising message upon the "screen" which the

SLATON SLATONITE

—affords you. For, in doing so, you'll be "talking" to an audience of hundreds of people—an audience that you could not possibly reach any other way.

As for making that advertising message sincere and appealing to the crowd of prospective buyers, leave that to us. We carry the well known Bonnet-Brown Sales Service of "smashing" illustrations and forcefully-written copy for your exclusive use. Ask about it by

Phoning 20

THEN START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

With The Churches

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
 Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the new pastor, Rev. J. W. Willbanks. He will arrive this week from Deport, Texas, and will make his home here to serve as pastor of this church.
 W. H. McKirahan, S. S. Supt.

Baptist Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
 Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. All B. Y. P. U. meetings at 6 p. m.
 Preaching at 7 p. m. by the pastor. Sunbeams at 3 p. m. Monday.
 Prayer meeting 7:30 Wednesday evening.

We give you a cordial invitation to worship with us at all our services. Let us make the first Sunday in the New Year a banner day. Start the New Year right by going to Sunday school and church.
 Jno. P. Hardesty, Pastor.

M. E. Church South

New Year's Sermons
 "A Forward Look," subject of sermon at 11 o'clock, night sermon subject, "How to Make a Success of Life's Plans for the New Year." Come and see, get a new vision, and start the New Year right. Begin the New Year by going to church twice next Sunday. Why not? It is for your own best, highest interest.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
 You are invited to all the services.
 A. B. Davidson, Pastor.

Church of Christ

Bible Study 9:45 a. m.
 Preaching 11 a. m.
 Preaching 7:00 p. m.
 We have a Men's Bible Class, and invite all that are not attending any class to study with us. We will allow you to be heard whether you exactly accord with our views or not. We are searching for truth. We are trying to foster love, peace, reverence, and devotion to God and the Bible. Come.
 T. L. Kimmel, Minister.

Kessel Opens New Extension at Rear of Firm's Store Here; Two Entrances Now

The fifty feet of additional store space that has been in progress of construction at the rear of Kessel's department store, is now open and in use, the entrance on eighth street having been thrown wide to the public just a few days ago. All work is not yet complete, but the finishing touches are rapidly being applied.

This extension of the Kessel building gives that store an added floor space of 2,000 square feet. The entire building is now 150 feet by 40 feet, a total floor space of 6,000 square feet on the main floor, besides the basement and the balconies. The extension just added approximated a cost of \$4,000.

When the stock and fixtures are all re-arranged the store will not only be much more attractive than ever before, but will give much more room for display of goods and for the convenience of customers. Long aisles all the way through the building will be roomy and flanked on either side by show cases and display counters filled with good merchandise. The arrangement will provide for ladies' ready-to-wear, hats, and ladies' and children's shoes on one side of the building, and men's wear on the opposite side. Men's shoes and the piece goods section will occupy the same arrangement as heretofore. The effect of the new stock arrangement plans will be that of departmentization. This insures better service to the customer, and less difficulty on the part of sales people.

The basement now provided under the new extension, is 50 feet by 40 feet. In it will be placed the furnace for heating, and also it will be used as a storage room. Goods that require cool storage for the most perfect preservation, such as rubber goods, will be kept in the basement. The interior of the basement will be nicely finished so as to present an attractive appearance to any and all customers who enter there to inspect merchandise.

Since the opening of the eighth street entrance to Kessel's, there is no longer the necessity for customers to go around to the original front entrance, but they are more conveniently admitted from the new entrance, if they approach from the west side. With two entrances, it will never be so difficult for large crowds to find their way in and out of the building. This makes it possible to care for more customers in the same period of time.

Kessel's has been in Slaton for the past five years and has done a regularly increasing business. Speaking

of the outlook for 1926, Mr. Kessel stated that he thought we would all be all right if we would talk good times and work at our jobs. He said his faith was so strong in Slaton that he had invested all he has right here.

The completion of interior arrangements in the building since the extension has been added, will be done by the 15th of January.

WILL SPEAK AT BANQUET

Secretary J. J. Ross of the Commercial Club has been invited to attend and address the people at the city of Crosbyton at their annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday night, Jan. 5th. He states that he will be present on that occasion.

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by City Drug Store, Jno. Dabney & Son, Props.

RING OUT THE OLD
1925
RING IN THE NEW
1926

And we thank you for your favors of the old and solicit your continued patronage in the new.

Happiness and Prosperity
 OUR WISH FOR YOU
CENTRAL FILLING STATION
 Phone 313

BAPTISTS HAD CHRISTMAS TREE AND PROGRAM THURS.

Last Thursday evening, the Baptist church was filled with people to witness the enjoyment of the Christmas program and tree celebration given by the Baptist Sunday school. A large tree had been provided and much delight was evident on the part of the children most especially. Those appearing on the program were:

J. W. Hood, Trannie Mae Russell, H. C. Burrus, Jr., Frances Henderson, a class of six Junior Sunday school girls, Wayne Catching, Mabeth Florence, H. C. Jones, Jr., several from Mesdames Driver's, Greer's and Foster's Sunday school classes in a group number, Mrs. Charles Echar, Reo Hood, Mary Katherine Burns, and Alva Sims Wilks.

GEORGE L. NESBITT

On Dec. 23rd, death came to Mr. Geo. L. Nesbitt, brother of J. W. Nesbitt. Deceased was 47 years, 4 months and 17 days of age. He left a wife and several children.

The body was laid to rest in Inglewood cemetery here, after services were conducted at St. Joseph's Catholic church by Rev. M. G. French. Burial took place on Dec. 24th.

Bridge Luncheon Enjoyed at Hurd Home

One of the most enjoyable social events of the mid-winter season was the bridge luncheon given at the rural home of Mrs. George Hurd.

The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. Among them was a growing poinsetta, reminding us of sunny California.

The dining table, banked with carnations and tasty food, was very ably presided over by Mrs. Peavy and Mrs. Bradford. After the afternoon's diversion of bridge, the following guests wished their charming hostess and each other a happy New Year: Mesdames McKirahan, McCurdy, DeLong, Ragsdale, Peavy, Staggs, Anton, Dick Ragsdale, Kirby Brown, J. H. Brewer, K. C. Scott, A. J. Payne, Hewes, Joe Rogers, Bradford and Caraway.

Pastime Has Strong Attraction Next Week

With all the wistful charm of a Barrie or a Tarkington; all the human quality of a Dickens, and all the laughter of a Mark Twain, Elizabeth Cooper built her popular best seller, "Drusilla with a Million."

And holding the spirit of that delightful story with the utmost fidelity Lois Zellner's adaptation of the famous novel, directed for Associated Arts by F. Harmon Weight, proves one of the most pleasing offerings of

the motion picture world in recent years.

The director who made such a reputation with George Arliss and who turned out "On the Stroke of Three" for F. O. B. has eclipsed himself in translating to the silver sheet this unusual story, crowded as it is with pathos, comedy and punch.

Mary Carr has never been so fortunate in a role; it seems as if the part of "Drusilla," the little old lady who works so hard for her board and keep in a charity home and who suddenly inherits great wealth, was written particularly with Mrs. Mary Carr in mind. Not even in "Over the Hill" has she had such an opportunity, and she makes the most of it. Kenneth Harlan and Priscilla Bonner handle the roles of the young lovers perfectly, and the rest of the cast, which includes C'aire Du Bray and William Humphrey, is excellent.

"Drusilla," delightful little, old soul,

tries to befriend everybody when she inherits her money; all the homeless babies in the world as well as her "girl" friends in the Old Ladies Home. The neighbors in the exclusive residential district to which her money automatically moves her object strenuously to Drusilla's turning the former Arnold estate into an orphanage, and finally succeed in dragging the frightened little figure into court to answer charges of being incompetent and a public nuisance. In a highly dramatic scene she defends her little charges and scores the cold, cruel "institutions" to which homeless babies are so often sent by the state. Her own experience is backed by that of Sally May, a young mother who in this powerful situation is reunited to the husband who has long been searching for her.

"Drusilla" will be at the Pastime Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 4th, 5th and 6th.

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**Happy
 New
 Year**

As we draw to the close of a busy year we feel we should pause to take the time to convey to our great numbers of patrons our good wishes for 1926.

May the year be happy and prosperous and may it bring you closer to your goal of success.

—The—
First State Bank

Sweep and Sleep

Until Feb. 1st, on account of short crops, we will continue our offer giving one good broom with each mattress sold or made over. No increase in prices. Our mattresses and brooms are guaranteed. Factory on Texas Avenue.

Gatewood Mattress & Broom Factory

Pastime Theatre

North of Postoffice

Three Big Days

Mon. Tues. & Wed.

JAN. 4th, 5th, & 6th.



**"Drusilla
 with a
 Million"**

Wholesome as the green countryside to the tenement child.

Sweet as buckwheat honey from the fields of flowering grain.

Fresh and pure, with the tang as of the salt breeze over the open sea at dawn.

Packed with Pathos, and punch.

Replete with Laughter, and Tears, and the great Good Humor of Humanity.

Vibrating with Life - and Drama!

featuring

Kenneth Harlan
 Mary Carr
 Priscilla Bonner

and a

Great Cast

A bigger and better picture than "Over the Hill" or "The Old Nest."

Don't Fail to See—

**DRUSILLA
 WITH A
 MILLION**

(Calls made during show hours for trainmen who are to go on duty.)

**A New Year -- and A New Page On
 Which To Inscribe Your --
 Resolutions!**

NOT THAT WE WANT TO DICTATE WHAT THOSE RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE --but we do hope that one of them will be the decision to let us SERVE you as faithfully and satisfactorily in the coming twelve months as we have throughout the year just closing.

THAT WE HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR PATRONAGE GOES WITHOUT SAYING --but what's still better, give us the opportunity of proving it by stopping here often for

Better Quality Goods! Prompt Service! Right Prices! THE NEW 50-FT. EXTENSION TO OUR BUILDING MAKES OUR STORE THE BEST EQUIPPED STORE IN SLATON. WE ARE THE LEADERS IN SLATON MERCHANDISING.

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 "The Store Where You Do Better"



**Local Boy Stars
In College Football**

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 21.—When football letters were awarded at Austin college recently, Edgar Savage was one of the seventeen to receive the regular varsity letter. Savage, who is the son of J. M. Savage of Slaton, last year played on the Fouchers, the Kangaroo's second team. This year was a sophomore, playing at center, he won his first letter.

The award of the letter carries with it the gift of a football sweater with a regulation "A". This gift is furnished by the athletic association of the college. The winning of the letter makes Savage eligible to the "A" association, a club open only to wearers of the letter.

**FORD TRAINS FOREIGN
BOYS IN MECHANICS**

The first group of foreign students to enter the Henry Ford Trade School following its approval by the Department of Labor as an immigrant school are twelve engineers from Czechoslovakia. These students were sent by their government to spend two years studying the Ford industries.

Passports carried by the newcomers entitle them to remain for a period of one year with the option of renewal. Most of the party, nine of which are university graduates, will exercise their option, it is understood, and remain in this country to complete their course.

In a communication to officials of the Ford Trade School, the Czechoslovak government stressed the importance of instructing the visiting engineers in the operation and maintenance of tractors, as well as automobiles. An intensive program intended to raise the efficiency of farming has been launched by that government in which tractors will play an important part. In some cases, tractors will be called upon to do the work formerly carried on by oxen, thereby advancing a full century of progress in a single bound, the newcomers say.

HERE'S THE SECRET

I am 68 years old. I feed and attend to all my stock, and make more on 22 acres than many farmers make on 75 or 100 acres. Shall I tell you the secret?—legumes, peas, vetch, velvet beans, etc., with all the manure I can make. From a field of three acres sowed last fall I mowed 18 large two-horse loads of oats, vetch and wheat combined. I sowed 1 1/2 bushels of oats, a bushel of wheat, and 10 pounds of vetch to the acre.

Keep what stock you can and remember cotton alone will never make you rich.

Try to be a free man. Do not depend on cotton. And you will live and laugh the longer. When the other man's forgotten.—A. L. Eubank, in The Progressive Farmer.

ENTERING NEWSPAPER FIELD

A young man asked us our opinion about entering the newspaper field. We answered this wise:

If he can listen with a smile to tiresome things he's heard oftentimes before; if he can refuse to do what three or four people ask him to do without making them mad; if he can write in a way to make people laugh when he feels like cussin' or in a way to make them weep when he feels like cracking his heels together and laughing out loud; if he can remain silent when he feels like he'll burst wide open if he doesn't talk; if he can argue without getting mad or making the other fellow mad—if he can refuse a woman's request for free publicity without making all the members of her set mad at the paper; if he can react to the loss of a good news story and catch a better one on the rebound; if he can explain a typographical error without using more than thirty minutes time; if he can concentrate and write intelligent copy while three different conversations are going on around him, several typewriters clicking away and the telephone ringing and the subdued hum of the presses in the next room drumming on his ears; if he can explain why Mrs. Jones' poem on "The Sylvan Depths of October Woods" did not appear in the paper without her husband stopping his advertising; if he can take a four-line story and spread it to a half column story or take a half column story and condense it to two paragraphs; if he can read proofs without overlooking an error and write headlines without murdering the King's English; if he has a nose for news, an itch for writing and an inclination to work 15 hours a day, then we'd advise him to get in the game. In fact if the young man can qualify under the above statement or requirements we've got a desk for him in this office.—from Mineral Wells Index, in Dawson County Journal.

The fellow that's punching the keyboard now right here in this office is the one that does the things set forth

**Cupid Has Inning
During Holidays**

That little fellow who is kept so busy the world over, and in all seasons, was busy in Slaton during the past several days of the holiday season. Following is a few of those upon whom his influences were such as to lead them into the matrimonial field. To those whose names are linked with the events named in the following paragraphs, Christmas will evermore have a reminder for them of a very definite nature.

We congratulate and extend good wishes to these couples:

SUMMERLIN-BURROWS

On last Saturday evening at eight o'clock, Mr. B. B. Summerlin of Humble, Texas, and Miss Willie E. Burrows, of Sutherland, were married at the home of the Baptist Pastor, the latter officiating. The couple will live at Humble, Texas.

THURMAN-RUST

Last Thursday evening, Dec. 24th, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Melvin S. Thurman, of Lubbock, and Miss Louise Rust, of this city, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Rev. Jno. P. Hardesty performing the ring ceremony in the presence of a few invited friends.

Mr. Thurman is well known to many Slaton people, he having spent most of last summer in Slaton while in charge of the Manire Studio. He is now a progressive young business man of Lubbock. The bride is the sister of Mr. William Rust, Santa Fe engineer here, and is popularly known and admired by a large host of friends.

This happy and popular young couple will make their home in Lubbock.

HALE-PRICE

On Thursday evening, Dec. 24th, at 9 o'clock, Mr. Clarence F. Hale and Miss Vernie Price were quietly married at the home of Rev. Jno. P. Hardesty, Baptist pastor, Rev. Hardesty officiating.

Mr. Hale is a resident of Slaton, and Miss Price was a resident of the Union community. They will make their home in Slaton.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

The Ladies Missionary Society of the First Christian Church will meet with Mrs. Jasper Bogue on Monday January 4th.

The following program will be rendered:

- Scripture reading.
- Prayer.
- Business period.
- "Financing a family of six hundred."—Mrs. Pogue.
- "A glimpse of China."—Mrs. Knox.
- "For a wide door stands open."—Mrs. Erwin.
- "Echoes from the jubilee."—Mrs. Powell.
- Prayer.
- Every member urged to be present and visitors cordially invited.

W. M. U. PROGRAM

The W. M. U. will observe the January week of prayer at the First Baptist Church January 4th and 5th, beginning at 2 o'clock, each day.

Monday, Jan. 4.—Short business session.

- Hymn—"Revive us again."
- Scripture reading—Mrs. Burrus.
- Two reports from China:
 - (1) Central and interior China—Mrs. Nance.
 - (2) North and south China—Mrs. Haggerman.
- Lord's prayer by all.
- Reading leaflet, "Headless of Harbin."—Mrs. Hardesty.
- Prayer that many family altars may be established.
- Sunbeam program.
- Leaflet, "Longer delays for Lagos."—Mrs. Cloyd.
- "African mission."—Mrs. Petty.
- Prayer for tithers. Close.
- Wednesday, Jan. 6.—Opening hymn, "Joy to the world."
- Scripture reading.—Mrs. Short.
- Talk on Japan Mission.—Mrs. Jarman.
- North Brazil Missions.—Mrs. Stottemire.
- Prayer that the debt may be raised and the missionary go on with their work.—Mrs. Leverett.
- "Meaning of the debt to minus."—Mrs. Lanham.
- "The work in Spain."—Mrs. Uzzell.
- Leaflet, "Needs in Nicaragua."—Mrs. Bowen.
- Distressing delays in Pelotas."—Mrs. Weaver.
- Watchwords.
- Closing hymn, "Jesus keep me near the Cross."

in the above article. And, the boss says he's good at it. Of course, this writer never boasts, although, perhaps, he shouldn't "brag" about it.

**Did You Ever
Stop to Think**

By E. R. Waite, Secretary, Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce.

THAT because men have power of thought is why so many cities have progressed so fast.

THAT thoughts properly directed possess the ability of action.

THAT actions brings results.

THAT all citizens should act, and act together to help business. Helping business is the one big way to help a city.

THAT building a city is such a big, square-deal business proposition that all citizens should be more than willing to work together.

THAT if they do, each one as well as the whole city, will be more prosperous.

THAT where citizens are rich with ability and energy and a willingness to work, nothing can hold them back.

THAT success is always achieved when all work and pull together.

Your city has bright prospects for the immediate future. You have hardly scratched the surface of the wonderful opportunities that exist.

**Gas Makes People
Nervous and Restless**

Gas pressure in the abdomen causes a restless, nervous feeling and prevents sleep. Adlerika removes gas in TEN minutes and brings out surprising amount of old waste matter you never thought was in your system. This excellent intestinal evacuant is wonderful for constipation or allied stomach trouble. Don't waste time with pills or tablets but get REAL Adlerika action!

CATCHING DRUG STORE (adv.)

The grape fruit crop of the lower Rio Grande Valley this season is expected to be about 1,000 car loads.

Slatonite advertisers are dependable merchants. That's why they advertise in the Slatonite.

STOP THAT ITCHING

Sufferers from skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores or Sores on Children may find relief from the use of a jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY or their money will be refunded. The first application relieves that terrible itching. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor.

CITY DRUG STORE

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Until Jan. 1st we will
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with each mattress sold or made over, one good broom. No increase in prices. Write us your order. Will call for and deliver.

Gatewood Mattress and Broom Co.

**Have Your Coal Bin
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**While the Supply is Plentiful
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**WE HAVE BOTH
NUT AND LUMP**

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SLATON, TEXAS

**Takes the Place
of "Drastic"
Calomel**

Never take another dose of the old style "raw" calomel. There is a newer and more improved kind known as Pepsinated Calomel. It does not tear through your system like a streak of lightning. People who are ill or suffering with biliousness, constipation, indigestion, and especially with backache, headache and torpid liver can secure immediate and complete relief with this new mild Calomel. Hereafter when you buy calomel, always demand the "pep-sinated" kind. It is better for you, for it is purer, milder and more beneficial to your entire system. In 25c and 50c packages. For sale by
CITY DRUG STORE

NR To-NIGHT
**Tomorrow
Alright**
A vegetable aperient, adds tone and vigor to the digestive and eliminative system. Improves the appetite, relieves Sick Headache and Biliousness, corrects Constipation.
Used for over 50 years
Chips off the Old Block
NR JUNIORS—Little Nrs
One-third the regular dose. Made of same ingredients, then candy coated. For children and adults.
SOLD BY YOUR DRUGGIST
CITY DRUG STORE

**Soon Felt
Improvement**

"The first time I took Cardui I was in an awful bad way," says Mrs. Ora Carille, R. F. D. 5, Troup, Texas. "I went fishing one day. A heavy storm came up and I got soaking wet in the rain. I was afflicted with awful smothering spells. I could not get my breath. My mother had some

**CARDUI
For Female Troubles**

in the house that she was taking, so she immediately began giving it to me. In a few days I got all right. "Last fall I got run-down in health. I was weak and puny and I began to suffer. I would get so I could hardly walk. Having taken Cardui before, I sent to the store for a bottle of it. Almost from the first dose I could feel an improvement. "Cardui has helped me a lot and I am glad to recommend it. I don't feel like the same woman I was last fall. My appetite is good now, and I'm sure it's Cardui that's made it pick up."
All Druggists' F-113



our Order

Gets prompt attention here, and the quality of our groceries is A-1.

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FIRE, TORNADO AND HAIL

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**added
Comfort**

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West Texas News Summary.

(A personal word of greeting from R. Q. Lee, Pres. West Texas Chamber of Commerce.)

Cisco, Texas.—We trust you have had a Merry Christmas and that you shall have a Happy New Year. For more than five years you have been producing our weekly story on "What's Doing in West Texas." This story is designed to tell pithily the progress of West Texas from week to week and what an astonishing story it really is!

You have heard much of California and a whole lot about the so-called Florida boom and yet, the bona fide, substantial, honest to God development of West Texas fundamentally is greater than the progress of either of the two states named. It has not been so spectacular, it has not been heralded by thousands of dollars of paid publicity, nor has it been fostered by a few railroad and steamship corporations. It has rather been the corporate and cumulative effort of thousands and hundreds of thousands of just ordinary human beings working systematically for the development of one of the fairest regions in the United States.

Every time an actual land settler has broken new ground in either Florida or California, four new settlers have done the same job in west Texas, and this shall continue for many years to come, for even the most thickly settled part of our west Texas counties are after all only thinly populated. Land prices in west Texas are based on crop values, cost of production and land fertility. In the boom state, land values are based on speculative promises and are bound to drop. West Texas is a safe bet.

Your organization, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce entered its eighth year on the 18th of December last and it has constantly stood as an exponent of substantial and fundamental progress in west Texas. It has consistently and determinedly fought against speculative conditions and boom prices, but everything that it has done would have been as nothing had it not always had the loyal and enthusiastic support of the press. Today west Texas is, man for man and woman for woman, one of the most prosperous regions in the world and it is so because of sound and substantial elemental conditions. 1926 is going to be the biggest year west Texas has ever known.

We thank you for the support you have given, and wishing you a prosperous 1926, we are
Respectfully, yours,
R. Q. LEE, President.

Midland.—Means of controlling shifting sandy farm land during wind storms has been evolved. Midland farmers have learned that by circling "white spots" with a plow during a storm that the sand can be prevented from traveling and many who have tried this plan during the past spring produced their cotton without handicap despite unusual periods of wind. The policy will be followed on a wholesale scale in the future.

Lubbock.—The first consignment of live stocks for Texas Tech has been received and quartered on the college farm here. Hampshire lambs and draft horses constituted the consignment. The college is proceeding carefully in selecting its stock of animals and plans to have one of the best stock farms in Texas when all deliveries are made.

Eastland.—A thrilling automobile race will be staged on the Bankhead Highway on New Year's Day. The race will be over a distance of 260 a part of the organization's campaign for diversified and intensive farming in west Texas.

Tahoka.—The famous Windham Ranch in the southeast part of Terry County has been sold. Jarrett Bros. of Lubbock purchased the vast body of land and announce they will subdivide it and sell it as farm land.

Stamford.—Plans for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce campaign to restore the hog industry in west Texas have been formulated and will be announced soon. Statistics reveal that the hog industry has almost vanished from west Texas and packers report that several hundred million dollars of Texas money goes out of the state for hogs and pork annually. It is planned to have every farmer in west Texas get into the hog business at least for his own use and the program will be miles of asphalt paved highway from Ft. Worth to Cisco and return to Ft. Worth. Handsome purses will be provided and drivers of national fame will compete. This is said to be the first cross-country race ever staged on a large scale in Texas. It is attracting

ing great interest in this section.

Cross Plains.—This city will have a new sanitarium soon. A stock company has been formed and the establishment will be in operation soon.

Brownwood.—A bond issue for \$900,000 for highway construction in Brown County was defeated by a small majority. Proponents were encouraged by the showing they made and declare they will continue the fight until Brown County takes its place among Texas paved counties.

Mineral Wells.—The Texas Water Conservation Association held its meeting here. Water conservation is a business and must be conducted by business methods, delegates were told. Noted irrigation men were present and much constructive work was accomplished. The proposed Brazos river project near here was discussed and proposed dam sites inspected.

Cisco.—R. Q. Lee, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce addressed the Grayson County Stock Raisers' Association at Sherman. A large number of business men and farmers gathered with the stockmen to hear Mr. Lee discuss his program of diversified and intensive farming which he is advocating for West Texas. Mr. Lee takes the stand that the organization is interested in all Texas and this is his second address made outside of West Texas.

CHEVROLET EXPANDS FIELD FOR 1926 AUTO SALES

In anticipation of another record-breaking year during 1926, the Chevrolet Motor company has greatly expanded its field organization to assure quick distribution of cars and parts to its thousands of dealers.

The expansion program just completed involved the opening of three new zone offices in key cities and the erection of specially designed sales and service buildings at four other zone points.

The new zone offices are located at New York City, Cleveland, O., and Omaha, Neb. The offices are in the heart of the automobile districts in their respective cities.

The new zone distribution buildings are at Des Moines, Ia., Minneapolis, Minn., Charlotte, N. C., and Jacksonville, Fla. All of the buildings have direct railroad freight service, facilitating the receiving of cars and parts and their re-shipment to dealers throughout the zones.

The drive-way stocks of cars are so arranged that they may be started enroute within a few minutes after a call is received from any dealer in the zone. The supplies of parts are compactly arranged in special stock rooms adjoining the packing and shipping departments. This arrangement insures equally quick action on request for parts.

Besides providing ample space for stocks of cars and parts, the new buildings contain zone offices, assembly rooms for meetings of the zone organizations, and Chevrolet service schools where dealers' shop experts are given special training with especially designed Chevrolet precision tools. There now are 20 of these schools, the number having been doubled during 1925.

CHRYSLER SHIPS TWO TRAINLOADS TO FLORIDA

A record shipment of motor cars for a specific locality was made by the Chrysler Corporation of Detroit recently when two solid trainloads, each containing more than 60 freight cars, filled with more than \$525,000 worth of Chrysler Sixes and Fours, left here for immediate delivery to waiting new owners in Florida.

The cars were loaded at both the Highland Park and Jefferson plants and were shipped to Toledo, Ohio, where they were reformed into two solid trainloads.

The influx of the advance guard of the southern tourists which have been arriving in Florida during the past month has added to the tremendous sales interest in Chrysler cars throughout that territory. These two trainloads are expected to be but the forerunners of more trainloads to come as a result of the enthusiasm already experienced for the Chrysler Six and Four.

BRYAN'S DEBUT IN CONGRESS

Describing the scene when Bryan made his debut in Congress, Mrs. Bryan, in "The Memoirs of William Jennings Bryan" (The John C. Winston Co., Philadelphia), says: "I was exceedingly anxious about this first speech in Congress and sat in the gallery of the Houses of Representatives with my hand clasping the arm of the

South Plains Farmers Will Meet at Lubbock

An agricultural short course will be held at Lubbock January 28 and 29, according to action taken at a called meeting of the directors of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce with a number of interested parties present at the meeting. The short course will be conducted by the extension division of the International Harvester Company who will send three experienced agricultural speakers, to make the address of the short course.

D. F. Eaton, county agent of Lubbock County was appointed as chairman of the committees which will have charge of making the necessary local arrangements for the holding of the meeting.

A program committee to be composed of local authorities on farming on the South Plains will be appointed by Eaton to make the program, selecting topics of most general interest and of most practical value to the South Plains. Besides, farming, the subjects will also take in horticulture, poultry raising, stock raising, dairy herds, and other subjects of interest to farmers and housewives.

The short course should be attended by all progressive farmers on the South Plains and Lubbock extends a cordial invitation to everyone in Slaton and surrounding country, to be present the two days and receive the benefit of the addresses.

Snyder and Lamesa have also signed with the International Harvester Company for short courses and they too, have invited the South Plains to attend the two day sessions.

In addition to the three qualified speakers, the International Harvester Company will send a moving picture machine with operator with slides and reels to illustrate facts the speakers will present to the audience.

These short courses are meeting the hearty approval of every town where they are being held. One was conducted at Lubbock about three years ago which proved a genuine success according to South Plains farmers who were present.

"It is every farmer's duty to come and learn for himself the many things these experts will discuss," D. F. Eaton, Lubbock County Agricultural Agent declared recently.

PROGRESS IN COTTON BREEDING

Texas boasts some highly developed strains of cotton suited especially well to our climatic and soil conditions. Less than a dozen varieties make up the great bulk of the Texas cotton crop. Soil and climatic requirements for production of quantity and quality in cotton have been so rigid that a great similarity, at least in outward appearance, exists in some of our leading varieties. That these differ from one another can be doubted by no one. Cotton breeders and cotton growers alike are interested in a close study of varieties, not alone from the standpoint of production, but also of quality and other characters. Bulletin 332, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station contains measurements of certain characters in several leading varieties of cotton, which measurements have been handled statistically with the view of determining the type and its range of variability, character by character. Such studies give us a definite and tangible picture of differences which may not be distinguishable in casual observation, but which are important nevertheless, as descriptive matter to give us a good picture of some of our leading cottons. This bulletin, if rightly studied and understood, is a valuable contribution to an exact knowledge of the leading varieties of a crop worth four hundred million dollars to Texas annually.

Bulletin No. 333 of the Texas Station reports the hereditary behavior of certain deficiencies in green coloring matter in seedling cotton. This is a Technical Bulletin for breeders and students, though it contains an interesting discussion of the amount of cross-fertilization found in the cotton under study during the season of 1924 and which was estimated at 2.46%.

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seat so tensely that my glove was split across the palm. That he affected his listeners was shown by a conversation which I heard in the gallery. Soon after Mr. Bryan began to speak a lady came in and said to an earlier arrival, "Who is speaking?" The first lady replied, "A young man from Nebraska who is said to consider himself a great orator." When his speech was nearing its close, a third lady entered and asked the first one the same question, "Who is speaking?" Her changed reply was, "Congressman Bryan of Nebraska, and he has been making a wonderful speech."



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Slaton Secretary Visits in Amarillo

Claude Miller, secretary of the Slaton Chamber of Commerce, was in Amarillo last night en route to Slaton after spending the Christmas holidays in Dallas. He has been secretary at Slaton since September, and has made an enviable record in his work with that body.

"Slaton is growing and the city has a bunch of progressive business men," said Mr. Miller. "Slaton entertains a friendly feeling toward Amarillo and I pledge to do all I can to keep up this spirit of friendship."—Amarillo Daily News.

Avalanche Editor Suffers Bad Accident

James L. Dow, owner and editor of the Morning Avalanche, sustained serious injury to his left hand and a burn on the right wrist when he attempted to kindle a fire in his fireplace at the family home at Q and 13th street early Sunday morning.

Mr. Dow, it seems, was confused about the fuel he used in kindling the fire for instead of its being kerosene oil, the container was filled with gasoline and an explosion resulted when he lighted the fire. The explosion saturated his clothing with the burning gasoline, and as he held the container in his left hand he fled into the yard in order to save the house from burning. Before members of the family, who rushed to his aid could extinguish the flames his left hand was painfully burned.

He was rushed to the West Texas Hospital where his hand and arm were dressed. Due to the fact that he was suffering terribly the left hand was dressed without Dr. Baugh ascertaining the depth of the burns, though he believes it will be necessary to graft skin onto the hand unless small islands of skin which can supply covering for the wound were left uninjured by the flames.

Treatment of the injuries was complicated by the fact that Mr. Dow was anaesthetized by the hypodermics that were used in allaying the pain, and he spent a miserable day yesterday, getting very little rest until late last night.

It will be several days before he will be able to return to his work at the office, is the opinion of Dr. Baugh.

The editor has been superintendent of the First Methodist church Sunday school here for nearly 20 years, and would have had charge of services Sunday morning but for the accident.

Numerous friends throughout the city made inquiry about his condition through the office yesterday and last night.—Lubbock Morning Avalanche.

The Slatonite regrets very much to learn of such a serious accident occurring to Mr. Dow. We extend our sincere wishes that our friend and neighbor, the Avalanche editor, will quickly recover with the smallest possible permanent injury.

Old-Fashioned Christmas Dinner Was Enjoyed at Beautiful Uzzell Home

Perhaps the brightest spot in the Christmas season for the M. W. Uzzell family was when Mrs. Uzzell, assisted by Mrs. Drew Hobdy, served an old-fashioned Christmas dinner to members of the family and their relatives, among them Mrs. Mary Hobdy, sister of Mr. Uzzell.

There were many features in the event making it particularly noteworthy. Besides the table decorations of hand-painted china and the silverware used by the mother of the Uzzell when she first went to housekeeping in the year 1865 was placed in use on this occasion. This tableware is of solid silver, and has been retained in possession of members of the family since Mother Uzzell's death. The silver is now more a hundred years old, having been brought to this country from England by Mr. Uzzell's great-grandmother.

Furthermore, the dinner was served on a large walnut table made by the father of Mr. Uzzell. Many years ago, the elder Uzzell took his slaves with him into Lake Creek bottoms in Grimes County, Texas, and there felled a large walnut tree which he carried to a sawmill and had the lumber sawed and the legs turned for the table. He then finished the table, and it served the family until the time of Mother Uzzell's death in the year 1918.

A cream and sugar set, given to Mother Uzzell by her son, M. W. Uzzell, bought with the first money he made after leaving the farm to work in a store in Navasota, Texas, was also used at this recent Christmas dinner occasion.

As a reminder of the scenes of their early childhood, when they played among the pine trees of the Grimes County country, Mrs. Hobdy and Mr. Uzzell had the privilege of looking on a pine tree occupying a central position on the table.

Some of these special features contributed much added joy to the dinner occasion, in that the days of yore when the family was still unseparated were again brought vividly to memory.

Those present at the Christmas dinner were: Mrs. Mary Hobdy, her son, Drew and his wife, her son John, and wife and son of Lockney, Texas, and Vernon and Truett Hobdy, two other sons of Mrs. Mary Hobdy. Also, Mr. S. F. Barclay, father of Mrs. Drew Hobdy, and the four members of the Uzzell family.

The Uzzell home was beautifully decorated with holiday colors, cut plants and cut flowers. Red and green candles glowed throughout the dinner hour.

It is hardly necessary to add that the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all attending guests.

Burns Announces For Tax Assessor's Place

After weighing from every angle the idea of offering for the place of Tax Assessor for Lubbock County, after putting aside all personal considerations I have at last, at the earnest solicitations of my friends decided to once more come before the voters as a candidate for the office.

It had been my intention to refuse to further consider the position. But, never since I have held the place has there been such insistent demand that I make the race. And as I have ever been in the hands of my friends I am again giving away to their wishes and wish to assure every voter in the county that their support an influence will be appreciated in the fullest measure.

During the time I have been your officer, or Tax Assessor, I know that I have given the very best that lay within my power and on this record I will either stand or fall. It is an open book to every man and woman in Lubbock County. There is nothing to conceal, nor has there ever been.

Therefore, I ask you, each of you to consider my claims and if it is your wish to again entrust this place to my care you may rest assured that it will be my pleasure to serve, and each and every one will always find a welcome awaiting them at my office.

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R. C. (ROLLIE) BURNS.

(adv.)
MRS. ANNA NIEMAN

On Dec. 24th, Mrs. Anna Nieman, wife of August Nieman, living 11 miles southwest of Slaton, died at her home. She was 72 years, 7 months and 14 days old at the time of her death.

Mrs. Nieman was a native of Germany. She leaves, besides her husband, several grown children to mourn her going.

The body was laid to rest in Inglewood cemetery here on Christmas day.

Students of Simmons University Hold Banquet at Lubbock; to be Done Yearly

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 29.—College yells, songs, and stories of school days at Simmons University, at Abilene were heard when students, ex-students, and alumni of that institution gathered from all parts of the South Plains last night to attend the first meeting here of the South Plains Club of Simmons University. Flake Young of Slaton, president of the club called the students to order after they had assembled around the table at a local cafe where they enjoyed a reunion banquet.

Douglas Carver, of Brownfield, senior at Simmons University made the principal address of the evening stating that the club was organized with the purpose in mind of holding a fellowship reunion each year on the South Plains when all of Simmons' students, former students, and alumni could meet and invite prospective students in order that the high school students of this section might learn of the advantages to be offered by Simmons University.

Harvey Austin, city secretary of Slaton, former student, made an address ending with a motion that the South Plains Club go on record as favoring the Simmons Cowboys as a favorite over the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets next Thanksgiving when the two schools meet in the annual football game.

Marion Hardesty of Abernathy, former student spoke during the banquet, stating that the club should grow on the South Plains each year until the attendance at the meetings should run

into the hundred figures. Other students and visitors who spoke during the banquet are: Arvie Bishop, Abilene, junior; Alline Tucker, Slaton; Larue Sawyer, Brownfield, Texas Tech student; Margaret Trigg, Lubbock, Lubbock high school student; Loryne Wood, Post, freshman, at Simmons; Faye Tucker, Slaton, sophomore; Maurice Hardesty, Slaton, freshman; Lucille Hardberger, Lubbock, junior; Homer Hardberger, Lubbock; Mauryne Weathersby, Brownfield; Terry Redford, Brownfield, sophomore; Miss Hoffman, Lubbock; and G. O. Reeves, publicity manager of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

The South Plains Club has been organized at Simmons University for some time but this meeting was the first meeting to be held away from the University. The club voted last night to make the banquet and meeting an annual affair.

"Drusilla With A Million" at Pastime

A charming little old lady who is suddenly raised from direct poverty as a charity inmate of a grim institution to the possession of a million dollar inheritance; a beautiful girl who has also felt the pinch of want; a rich young ne'er-do-well who finally "does well" after all; a scheming lawyer trying to do the old lady out of her money, and a score of babies the old lady befriends in her sudden rise to affluence, make the plot of "Drusilla with a Million" one of the most entertaining ever screened. But a rehearsal of the story is not necessary for almost everybody read the popular novel of Elizabeth Cooper's and those who have not, will be sure not to miss the picture presentation at the Pastime Theatre on Mon. Tues. and Wed. Jan. 4th, 5th, and 6th. Nothing has been lost in transposing the recent best seller to the silver sheet; and in fact under the skilful direction of F.

Harmon Weight, the work seems to have taken on a new significance and to be fresher and more delightful than ever. Mary Carr, Priscella Bonner, Kenneth Harlan, William Bonner, William Humphrey and Claire Du Bray head a fine cast; not forgetting the babies, who prove very gifted actors and actresses, if of somewhat tender years.

Busy Bee Cafe Ceased Operation

The Busy Bee Cafe, operated here for several years by Mr. Jimmy Sousares, has closed and discontinued business. Operation ceased on Dec. 24th.

Mr. Sousares announces that he will very likely open a similar business in some other town, though he has not yet made a definite selection of a location for his new business.

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