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By T. E. Jordan

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## \$210.00 in Prizes For Maize Contest

Twelve Are Awarded Prizes for Best Showing in Howard County—More Maize on 5-acre Contest

The Wednesday Luncheon club this week entertained the winners in the "Howard County More Maize on Five Acres" contest, sponsored by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce. The \$210 in prizes will prove a most welcome Christmas gift to the twelve winners in this contest. Only one adult is among the winners; the balance, ten boys and one girl range in age from 12 to 19 years.

Fred Keating presiding as chairman, complimented the winners and emphasized the importance of better farming and pointed out that it was an excellent sign to note so many young folks taking part in a contest of this character.

C. T. Watson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, played the role of Santa Claus in the distribution of the \$210 in prizes.

In a brief talk he told that the prosperity of our county, our state and our nation was dependent on agriculture and it was to the interest of every Chamber of Commerce to cooperate with those engaged in farming and help them make farming a paying business. It has been found that druggists secure 41 per cent of their business from the farming population; the dry goods establishments over 58 per cent of their business to this source; grocery stores 64 per cent; lumber dealers 60 per cent; hardware dealers 62 per cent; garages 29 per cent.

Mr. Watson stated that the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce was always interested in encouraging better farming. This organization desires to have every farmer use pure seed in planting, and raise only pure bred livestock and poultry.

This organization wants to see the boys and girls of our county have as good educational advantages as those in town and is ever ready and willing to do everything possible to better rural schools.

Mr. Watson said it was a source of pleasure to deliver to the winners this \$210 and he hoped an even larger list of prizes might be arranged for next year.

One of the winners, Cecil Miller had the honor of winning a prize for the best ten heads of maize at our county fair last September.

Following is a list of those awarded prizes:

First prize, \$50, Buren Edwards, of Center Point.

Second, \$35 to Ralph Hammack, Moore.

Third, \$30 to Clarence Campbell, Vealmoor.

Fourth, \$25 to Cecil Miller, of R-Bar.

Fifth, \$20 to Densil Hanks of Vealmoor.

Sixth, \$15 to W. D. Waldwell of Vealmoor.

Seventh, \$10 to J. Jones, Knott.

Eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth, of \$5 each, were awarded to the following: Earl Hollis, Center Point; R. B. Davidson, Center Point; A. F. Roberts, Jr., Luther; Dewey Hanks, Vealmoor; Miss Elizabeth Pace, Vealmoor.

## Passenger Trains Crash Head-on

Two Crack Passenger Trains of the T. & P. in Collision in Railway Yards at Big Spring; 13 Hurt

Thirteen persons were injured, one dangerously, when two Texas & Pacific passenger trains met head-on in the west end of the Big Spring railway yards, early Monday morning.

The trains were No. 16, eastbound, the "Texan," and No. 5, westbound. Train No. 5 had unloaded its passengers and was pulling into the west end of the yards to take the side track for eastbound No. 16. The incoming eastbound train rounded a curve, travelling at 25 to 40 miles an hour, crashing into No. 5 before the latter could clear the track.

The curve is just west of and obscured by the T. & P. shops, near which Train No. 5 was to take siding.

The place of collision was about three-fourths mile west of the T. & P. depot, but the crash was clearly heard downtown, and a great crowd ran to the scene.

Both trains were badly damaged. Engineers A. L. Leach of No. 16 and Charley Rührup of No. 5, and the two firemen escaping miraculously. Two mail cars on No. 16 were demolished, the rear mail car being thrown from its trucks and telescoping the car immediately in front.

Engine 411, pulling train No. 5 being the lighter engine suffered the greatest damage. In addition to the front end being smashed, the rear end of the boiler was partly pushed onto the trucks of the tender and the tank of the tender was crushed into the front end of the Pullman car. The main driving wheels were raised several feet from the ground. Engine 708 attached to train No. 16 did not appear to be badly damaged except in the front end.

A passing track was arranged within a couple of hours and the wreckage removed from the main line during the afternoon.

Among the injured is Roger Alles, president of the El Paso Construction Company, manufacturer of Warrenite bitulithic for street pavement. He was removed to a private hospital with a broken collarbone. Mr. Alles was a passenger on the eastbound train, while his brother "Eddie" Alles of Fort Worth, had disembarked from the westbound train, the two having come here to submit bids on Big Spring's \$40,000 paving contract to be awarded this week.

Jack Howell also with the El Paso Construction Company, had a narrow escape. He was in a Pullman of the eastbound train, standing before the mirror door in the dressing room while he shaved. The impact sent him through the door, shattering the glass. His clothing was cut but he was not hurt.

Others injured are: Mrs. Oscar Mann, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. L. E. Stafford, Natchitoches, La.; Mrs. S. W. Jones, Long Beach, Cal.; Oliver McGary, Los Angeles; Mrs. D. W. Folk, Nashville, Tenn.; and Mrs. I. L. Dillard, passengers; L. C. Hutchinson, Pullman porter, Fort Worth; and three dining car cooks.

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## J. A. STEPHENS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Many hearts were saddened at the death of James Albert Stephens 75 years, 1 month, 28 days, one of Howard County's pioneer and most highly esteemed citizens, who passed away at his home in this city at ten o'clock Sunday morning, Dec. 18. Mr. Stephens has been in ill health the past few years, but had been confined to his bed only a short time before death.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church in this city Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. D. H. Hoard, pastor, and the remains were laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery. A large concourse of friends accompanied the remains to their final earthly resting place.

Mr. Stephens was a kindly Christian gentleman, and one whom everyone loved. He was friendly and every man, woman and child was greeted with a smile, and a cordial greeting when meeting him daily. His was a warm heart, and he believed the extended hand to his fellow man was the spirit of good fellowship. Mr. Stephens was never too busy to listen to the troubles of the other man, and if it was in his power to help him he was glad to give of his time and money to do so. He lived a consistent Christian life, practicing the teachings of the Golden Rule, and he was ready to meet the Master when his summons came.

Mr. Stephens was a good neighbor and friend, a loyal and substantial citizen and he will be missed in our community. For several years he served as Justice of the Peace in Howard County and he made many friends while in office because of his fair treatment to all.

Deceased is survived by his devoted wife, two sons and a daughter, Fred Stephens of this city, W. H. Stephens of Palestine, and Miss Fannie Stephens of this city, all of whom were here to attend the funeral services.

Thorrowing relatives are extended heartfelt sympathy in their sad hour.

## \$110,000.00 Paving Bid Accepted

The Bid of Carl Pleasant Construction Co. Accepted. Work is to Start Soon After First of Year

Bidding for the paving of forty blocks in Big Spring was quite lively with twelve firms competing for this work.

The bid of Carl Pleasant Construction Co. of Amarillo was accepted and this firm was given ten days in which to enter into a contract with the City for the laying of approximately 40,000 square yards of paving.

Work is to start shortly after January first, and is to be completed within four months. A price of \$2.22 per square yard was made for a seven inch vibrolithic or compacted concrete pavement. The same type of paving cost Amarillo \$3.15 per square yard. The price secured by Big Spring is the lowest price ever made in Texas. The vibrolithic type of paving is pronounced the highest type of paving which can be secured and according to U. S. government tests it is 35 per cent more efficient than the normal concrete paving.

The Compacted Portland Cement Concrete has a two inch granite surfacing pounded into same to give the streets long wearing and low maintenance costs.

This granite stone is driven and wedged into the plastic concrete by the action of a high speed vibrating mechanical units.

Main, Scurry and Runnels streets are to be paved and the wishes of the property owners are to be completed with. The present paving program will cost \$110,000; leaving \$50,000 available for subsequent lotment.

MONDAY WILL BE OBSERVED AS A HOLIDAY IN CITY

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MRS. HOMER ROBINSON**

Mrs. Beulah Hagler Robinson wife of Homer Robinson, died Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of her father, A. J. Hagler, with whom she and her family lived.

Funeral services were conducted at the Church of Christ on Wednesday, December 14, at 4 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. J. D. Harvey, assisted by Rev. J. D. Bowen of Big Spring. Rev. Bowen read the beautiful 31st chapter of Proverbs, beginning with the tenth verse, and Bro. Harvey spoke of Mrs. Robinson's loving care and thought of her husband, children and aged father; how through her seven years of sickness her first thought was not of herself but of them. Then he spoke of her as a Christian. For more than twenty-two years she had been a Christian and he gave the beautiful scriptural promises to them that believe and obey. In a very beautiful way he contrasted death and life—the going out of life and the everlasting awakening into life.

From the church the body was carried to the cemetery and laid to rest under a mound of beautiful flowers, beside a little son who had died in infancy several years ago.

Mrs. Beulah Hagler Robinson was a little more than 37 years of age. She had been married about fourteen years. Besides her husband, she leaves a son, James Marlon, 13 and a daughter, Beulah Frances, aged 5.

She was the youngest of the seven Hagler children, and since the death of her mother in 1910, had cared for her aged father, until she lost her health, then her mother in law, Mrs. Mary Robinson, cared for all of them. Her untiring love and devotion to her daughter, son and the children her unceasing labors for the one who was such a sufferer was a beautiful and touching example of mother love.

Besides her aged father, Mrs. Robinson is survived by the following sisters: Mrs. Lonnie Smith of San Angelo; Mrs. Joe Johnson of Colorado. Charlie Hagler of Stanton; Burl of Anson, Gene of Amarillo and Billie of Colorado.

The many friends of the Robinson and Hagler families join the Record in expression of love and sympathy in their bereavement.—Colorado Record.

**TURKEYS, FOR SALE—I HAVE SOME NICE FAT TURKEYS FOR SALE. PHONE OR SEE T. W. ASHLEY, NIGHT PHONE, 478 W. DAY PHONE, 407.**

The Dead Sea, in the southeast border of Palestine, which covers, according to tradition, the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah, is the lowest spot on the earth's surface, lying 1,300 feet below sea level.

A statue of Queen Elizabeth, bearing the date 1586, is said to be the oldest public statue in London. It was originally set up on Ludgate Hill but since 1760 it has stood outside St Dunstan's Church.

Good farming land for sale on crop payment plan. See T. S. Curvedo. 712

**BURR EXTRACTOR AT FAIRVIEW GIN**

The Fairview Gin in charge of J. W. Ford, gin expert, has just installed a new Burr extractor which with the fine cleaners already in use is able to make a fine sample out of the roughest cotton. Best equipment, every courtesy. We appreciate our friends. Fairview Gin. 1-81

For colds, grip and flu take



Relieves the congestion, prevents complications, and hastens recovery.

**Fox Stripling Land Company**

ROOM 1  
West Texas National Bank Building

**"BROADWAY OF AMERICA" GAINING RECOGNITION**

"The Broadway of America" is gaining recognition as the only all-weather highway route across the continent, according to C. W. Taylor, secretary of the Broadway of America, who with Mrs. Taylor was a visitor in Big Spring last Thursday, and who were guests at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday evening. Mr. Taylor, who is a mining and oil operator, and the instigator and designator of the new route from Broadway of New York to the Broadway of San Diego, Calif., made a short talk at the banquet Thursday evening. He is making a tour of the road now and will attend a meeting of the association at Memphis, Tenn., in April.

In addition to being shorter than other cross country roads, the "Broadway of America" will offer the lowest grades for crossing the mountain ranges and is the only road crossing the United States from east to west being given national attention.

Mr. Taylor stated that 93 per cent of the highway is paved and that is a greater amount of hard surfacing that is found on any other road of like nature. Every community along the route of "The Broadway of America" is taking a wide interest in the undertaking and they are filling in the unpaved gaps, and providing accommodations for the people who will be attracted along this road. The amount of traffic now going over this road is enormous Mr. Taylor said. He gave an example: During the month of November, C. F. Troolen, who operates a tourist camp at Van Horn turned away 708 cars. During the first ten days of December he turned away 194 cars. One of the most important things that we

can do to attract tourist trade is to provide accommodations at convenient places along the road, according to Mr. Taylor.

It is the plan of the association to build ten small modern hotels in Texas along the route with every convenience and these places will be called "Broadway Taverns."

The beautiful scenery along the route and the all weather roads are the big attractions of "The Broadway of America."

**DISRESPECT FOR LAW**

If some one will tell us why a motorist with but one headlight burning can drive past the cop on the corner without attracting his attention, or why another motorist with headlights actually blinding in their glare at a distance of two blocks fails to attract the attention of the cop on the corner, we will tell you why the public no longer has any respect for laws.

Every cop knows that the law prohibits driving a motor car with only one headlight burning, and likewise that the same law prohibits headlights which focus their glare at a greater distance than 200 feet. By the same token every policeman knows, or at least should know, that every person violating these provisions is in fact a potential murderer. In the face of this, single-light and glaring light drivers pass up and down the streets every night in the week without even a word of warning from the men paid by the public to enforce the laws and who have sworn to do so.

It isn't necessary to arrest and prosecute the unintentional or even the careless offender. An order from the officer to observe the law will suffice in such cases. Need of a second warning indicates wilful disregard and deserves punishment. —Luverne (Minn.) Herald.

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is synonymous with quality in footwear, and we are showing them in the newest styles and colors—as well as the staple lasts.

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May we suggest that you do your shopping as early as possible.



**BUILDING ROOM FEATURES  
BIG SPRING'S ACTIVITIES**

By H. S. Hunter  
Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 16—  
Two vivid impressions on entering Big Spring:  
There must have been 100 houses built recently, and more building which is correct. Numerous buildings for business purposes also.  
There is a circus in town. They say it is only the usual Saturday afternoon crowd packed on the sidewalks until one hardly gets through, and filling the streets with lines of cars. On Saturday farmers and their families come in town from miles around, and people are more in evidence than usual also, and what with the considerable crowd of transients, the downtown district is distinctly full of folks.  
Monday also sees plenty of activity. Big Spring is not a oneday town.  
Big Spring is enjoying steady growth and good business. The town deserves it after a string of hard years. Some of them were lean indeed.  
"Don't I know it?" comments one business man with the lines of struggle in his face. "I've been here 25 years and I know what I went through some of those years of crop failure, no rain and dried up ranges before oil development and better prices and crop prices came to our rescue."  
With this barely sketched background, leaving out the harrowing details, read the story of Big Spring as it now presents itself.  
Building permits to Dec. 1 were \$4,445, according to figures obtained from the office of city manager W. N. Montan, who also is city engineer.  
These figures do not tell the story adequately, for the seven story Crawford Hotel, just completed, is said to cost \$300,000, including the furnishings.  
C. C. Douglass is now building the Douglas hotel, a two-story brick structure of which the first story will be occupied by the lobby, coffee shop and business establishments.  
A contract is about to be let for a \$100,000 theater building to be built by J. Y. Robb of the R. & R. theaters, of which there already are two here. The new theater will be of 1400 seating capacity.  
Plans are under consideration for a \$100,000 office building to be financed by local capital. The chamber of commerce of which S. R. Weaver is president and G. T. Watson, secretary is working up this project.  
Other development projects are:  
Consumers' Gas Co. is extending its distribution system.  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. has a \$200,000 building and improvement program.  
Southern Ice and Utilities Co. plans erecting a retail station and making other improvements.  
Texas Electric Service Co. is to complete its sub station at an estimated cost of \$200,000.  
A \$60,000 hospital is in prospect.  
Planters Oil Mill Co. is to install a feed mill on property near the planters gin.  
Albert Sikke, a recent arrival from Goldwaite, is to install a chicken hatchery with 10,000 eggs capacity.  
Bill another construction project is a viaduct to cross the Texas and Pacific tracks at Gregg street, which also is a state and national highway crossing. Trains block traffic there but we of El Paso know so we use going into it further by explaining.  
The viaduct is to cost \$100,000 such about that sort of thing there and is to be paid for the city, county and railroad company. The public's portion will be provided by a bond issue. Plans are being drawn by the Texas and Pacific engineering department.  
As stated in the beginning, 100 or more houses have been built this year, with good architectural lines. Houses of that sort lend charm to the town. Three residential additions have been opened and placed on the market. New water mains totaling 40,000 feet have been laid.  
There are 115 producing oil wells in this county. Big Spring people call it the greatest shallow pool yet found. Production is on the Chalk, Clay and Settles ranches. There are three sands, one at 2250 feet, one between 1400 and 1800 and the third at 2500 to 2900.  
The present out put is about 4500 barrels a day. Magnolia Petroleum Co.'s Dora Roberts No. 1 Section 134, Block 25, recently gaged 2985 barrels daily.  
This Magnolia well is a new development. Mrs. Dora Roberts has 44 sections from which she has been pumping at figures said to range as high as \$1,000 an acre. Mrs. Roberts also is an important stockholder in the West Texas National

Bank here.  
Magnolia Petroleum Company has bought 160 acres from A. L. Bell for tank farm purposes. Six 55,000 barrel tanks have been erected and others are planned up to 50.  
Magnolia also is building a pumping plant and gathering station one-fourth mile east of Ottschalk to receive the oil from Dora Roberts No. 1 and the producing wells in the Chalk field. One 10,000 barrel tank and one of 2500 barrel capacity have been erected. Electrically operated pumps and boosters will be used to gather the oil and send it along to the tank farm near New Iatan.  
Half a dozen test wells are being sunk on acreage about the Dora Roberts No. 1.  
Marland Oil Company has put down a deep test in the Clay field struck a true oil sand at 2550 feet. So opened the way for deep wells throughout this entire shallow-well region. Oil men say there will be work here for years.  
In addition to the developed production, tests are being put down in various parts of the county. Peer Oil Co. is drilling on the C. D. Read ranch, in the eastern part of the county, underreaming between 2830 and 3135 feet to cut off water of which there is 2000 feet in the well. California's B. & J. Fisher No. 1 is below 3200 feet, six miles south of here.  
Marland Oil Co. is drilling on the A. Richardson property four miles east and is down between 1100 and 1200 feet. The same company has started a test on the C. D. Read ranch six miles north of Coahoma.  
California Co. 1 starting its Foster No. 4 well, two locations west of Foster No. 3, which is producing 175 barrels on the pump.  
Marland' Connelly No. 1, four mile south, is a real deep test, down

to 2800 feet. Casing work is in progress.  
Dixie Oil Co. has a shallow producer in the Clay field which it will deepen to 2550 feet where the Marland Oil Co. hit the better paying sand.  
Marland also is drilling a test in the Green Valley community 18 miles northeast of here. It is down below 1400 feet.  
Texas and Pacific has shops here which give the town a payroll of \$1,000,000 and add just that much to its stability. A. E. Pistole is superintendent of this division in which oil and oil field materials have developed a great freight traffic, requiring an unusually large number of crows.  
A gallus youngster from the oil fields went into a Big Spring barber shop the other day and ordered "the works." He got it. Thus cleaned and refreshed, he blithely informed the barber he was broke.  
With equal blitheness, the barber plastered a theft charge on him and made it stick in court.  
There is a \$120,000 paving project on hand for the hard surfacing of residential streets. The contract is to be awarded Dec. 29. The city is to pay one fourth and property owners the remainder.  
Howard county has upward of 160,000 acres in cultivation with a strong leaning toward diversified farming.  
At the time this was written, 16,000 bales of cotton had been ginned in the county, about 12,000 in Big Spring.  
T. F. Nabors, one of the master farmers selected by the Progressive Farmer, has 320 acres on which this year he raised cotton, feed crops, watermelons, sweet potatoes and  
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**JIM CHARLTON A GOOD  
ROADS BOOSTER**  
Members of the California Company say the success of the bond issue for good roads in Mitchell county is due to the argument in favor of good roads made by James Charlton, popular employee of the California Company. When Jim, who was representing his company, at a Lions or some big public meeting, was called upon he responded in his deep bass voice, and to such effect that he carried the meeting by storm.  
You can picture him roaring forth: "Gentlemen: I want it distinctly un-

derstood that I am in favor of good roads; and I have good reason to be. Why, when I first landed in your county, I was such a man as this—pointing to a friend, 6 foot and then some high and weighing around 250 pounds—but after driving over the bumpy roads of Mitchell County for the past three years you can see what has happened. Jim weighs about 110 pounds—and if I am condemned to drive over these same roads another three years, I can see some rock hound roaming these parts and finding a small greasy spot say, "Well, here's all that's left of poor

old Jimmy Charlton, who was a martyr to the worst roads any civilized people ever tolerated. This famous speech was spread from mouth to mouth and when election day came every citizen in Mitchell county voted for an improved highway system, and they are now building five roads.  
Friends in Howard County are going to send for Jim to make some good roads talks here when we have a bond issue for building more improved highways in our county.  
Herald Want Ads Get Results



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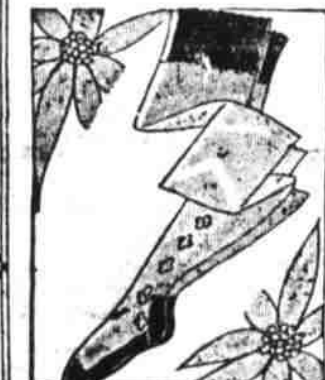
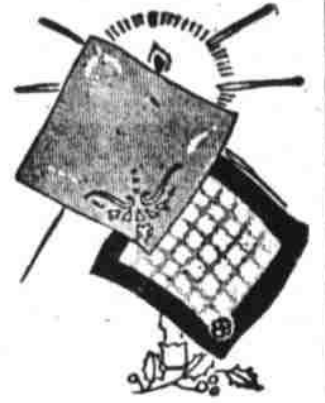
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at reduced prices for quick disposal. These will be wonderful for Christmas gifts, or for the lady who wants to purchase one to freshen up her wardrobe for the social activities of the Christmas holidays.

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- Breakfast China
- Percolators
- Cutlery

We offer many other articles too numerous to mention, so if you don't see what you want listed here, come in and ask for it.

1882 **J. & W. Fisher** 1927

The Store That Quality Built



**ANNUAL BANQUET**

**A BIG SUCCESS**

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could see the need of an office building in Big Spring, and that it would mean great things for our town if one was secured right away. Many new oil companies would be attracted to this city to make their headquarters if we had the accommodations to offer them, since Big Spring is logically located in the West Texas oil fields. Mr. Coombes complimented Big Spring on securing the beautiful new Crawford Hotel and said that it was a structure that everyone should be proud of. It is an asset to the city of Big Spring and so would an office building be, according to the Judge.

"Now is the time for Big Spring to decide whether or not she will be the city of West Texas. Next year will be too late and last year wasn't the logical time for this to be decided—the time is NOW," Judge Coombes said. If the citizens kill time and wait for someone else to take things in hand and see that Big Spring takes on renewed growth and that new buildings, homes and accommodations are secured for the newcomers, Big Spring will be fooled, and will not be that city. While our citizenship is dreaming and procrastinating, the wide awake citizens in our neighboring towns will be up and doing things for the good of their town and community to attract newcomers, and the growth that could have been Big Spring's will go to some other place. They will take the bacon right out of your mouths and eat it, so the saying goes.

"Big Spring has many opportunities to offer," according to Judge Coombes. "Rich agricultural lands, oil lands, good soil, water and the finest people on earth." He stated that the advertising plan in the Chamber of Commerce budget for 1928 was a good one, and they will let the other part of the world know about Big Spring and Howard County, and the opportunities that await them here. The results will be that many will be attracted to our section and will inhabit the rich farm lands in all sections of Howard County.

Every word uttered by Judge Coombes carried a message home, and his talk was indeed appreciated. His sparkling wit kept the listeners entertained and everyone pres-

ent declared him a speaker with outstanding ability.

**Mr. Kelley Talks**

Edwin A. Kelley, manager of the Southern Ice and Utilities Company, was on the program to give a talk on "A Widening Horizon." Because of the lateness of the hour Mr. Kelley made only a few remarks on this subject, emphasizing the need of making \$20,000 the budget for 1928, so that the Chamber of Commerce could complete some of the projects in view. They plan an agricultural advertising campaign proclaiming the agricultural opportunities of Howard County to other states in the United States. Besides this supervised publicity program many other worthwhile projects will arise and more funds will be needed to carry on the work. Mr. Kelley's talk was of interest and to the point and had strength in showing the people the need of a greater budget for C. of C. operations in 1928.

C. W. Taylor, of El Paso, spoke in behalf of the "Broadway of America" association and reminded Big Spring that she was on this route, the all weather highway and urged her to provide accommodations for the tourists and offer them every courtesy while in the city. "The tourist trade is one of the best incomes in any community," according to Mr. Taylor.

W. G. Snyder of Dallas, vice president of the Southern Ice & Utilities Co., gave a short talk in which he paid tribute to Mr. Kelley, their local manager and also complimented Big Spring.

Other distinguished visitors at the banquet table were: Jack Eldridge of Odessa, secretary of the C. of C. of that city; Paul T. Vickers, secretary of the Midland C. of C.; John G. Whittaker, Mr. McClintock of Midland; Brown F. Lee of Houston, with the Federal Land Bank; and Mrs. C. W. Taylor of El Paso.

**A Practical Joke**

A solemn moment came, just at the time that Secretary Watson was giving his report that attracted the attention of his listeners. A woman in dire circumstances asked admittance into the banquet room. She told a hard luck story, stating that she was a widow with six small children and wanted the Big Spring people to give her help. She was trying to go to her mother and asked she might take up a collection

to help pay their expenses. Her hard luck story softened the hearts of the guests and immediately each one dug down into his or her pocket-book and gave generously to this poor widow. After a hatful of money had been received the "beggar" removed her make up and remarked "My, that was easy." She was recognized to be a local woman in better circumstances perhaps than many of the ones who donated. The point she tried to bring out was that many beggars and fakers who come to our city get money just as easy as she did on this occasion and they deserve help no more than did she. It was suggested that a committee be appointed by the President of the Chamber of Commerce to handle such cases and let each one be investigated before help is given.

The collection taken up was turned over to C. W. Cunningham, chairman of the United Charities.

Teams have been appointed to solicit membership into the Chamber of Commerce, and the drive will be launched during the first part of January. The annual gathering held just before the annual drive helps to work up a feeling of good fellowship and creates a desire among the citizens to want to work together for the good of the town. It is hoped that every loyal citizen will become an active member in this civic organization and work with the others for a bigger and better Big Spring during 1928.

**PAYS \$75 PER ACRE FOR LAND**

A. L. Cathey of Spur this week purchased of Mrs. M. L. Rio, 6 1-4 acres of land just west of the city for a price of \$75 per acre.

C. H. Gordon was awarded a building permit for the construction of a stucco residence 20x34 feet on lot 3, block 69; estimated cost \$2775. W. B. Ayers is the contractor.

**BARROW FURNITURE CO. BUYS PROPERTY IN CITY**

The Barrow Furniture Company this week purchased of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Read a lot on Runnels street, just south of the S. A. Hathcock building.

We are informed that this company plans to erect a brick business building and open a furniture store sometime this coming spring.

**BRICK BUILDINGS ON BANKHEAD HIGHWAY**

W. W. Inkman is planning on having a brick business building at the corner of East Third and Johnson street. The residence on the lot was sold to W. R. Dawes and is to be moved to Fourth and Lancaster streets.

R. H. Waldo who owns the property just east of the Inkman lot is asking for bids on the construction of a one story brick store building.

**A DOUBLE ACCIDENT**

George Daughtry driver of the delivery truck for the Home Bakery was in an automobile accident last Friday morning but escaped without serious injury. George had made a delivery to Stanton and enroute home the truck turned over about five miles out of Stanton. He escaped without injury but his clothes became saturated with gasoline. George started a fire by the side of the road to get warm and his clothes became ignited. He received minor burns about the feet and legs before the flames were extinguished. He is reported to be getting along OK now.

**BILL BOOSTER SAYS:**

"BY THE LIBRARY HABIT—MAKE A PRACTISE OF STEPPING INTO THE GOOD OL' PUBLIC LIBRARY OFTEN AND TAKING HOME A GOOD BOOK—BOOKS ENRICH OUR LIVES BY TAKING US FROM THE DAILY GRIND INTO A LAND OF CULTURE, ROMANCE AND ADVENTURE—READ MORE BOOKS"



**A NORTH AND SOUTH RAILROAD IN 1928**

A resolution to secure a north and south railroad during 1928 should be adopted by all counties along the route proposed from Corpus Christi to San Angelo. Let one determined effort be made to build such a line and you will see several of the big systems become interested.

**HOUSES AND ROOMS ARE IN DEMAND**

The demand for rent houses, apartments and rooms, continues to grow. Seems like the more new homes we build in our city, the more the population increases.

**AUCTION SALE OF LAND**

Sheriff Frank House and his practically all day Tuesday. Nearly 350 lots will be sold in the courthouse steps at Big Spring and 140 in Coahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Castle of Abilene will be here to spend Christmas holidays with relatives and friends here and at Kaufman.

We want your chickens, butter and eggs. The House—and why not also buy food here. The White House.

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WISH FOR EACH OF YOU AND YOURS A MERRY XMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

**L. S. PATTERSON**



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



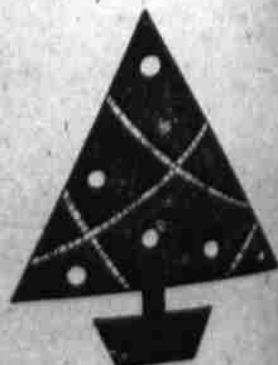
is the sincere wish of the ACORN STORE. ☐ You have favored us with a goodly portion of your patronage: you have indeed made us feel welcome in this town and community, and on this, the first Christmas here, we feel that we are—and we are—one of you. ☐ May the Christmas bring you joy and happiness and the beginning of the New Year keep or start you on the road to Prosperity:

To-day shoppers will find many gifts at our store for Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Sweetheart, or Friend. ☐ Merchandise is still arriving for the holidays, and in the wide variety we carry it will be easy for you to select your gifts. ☐ The prices are very reasonable

Last Saturday, December 17th, by actual count, **6460 People** entered the doors of our store. Of course we were unable to give such a crowd the attention we would like, but the majority of those seeking attention of the salespeople, were served. We are proud of this record and believe it substantiates our belief—

**Most People Shop in Big Spring at**

**The ACORN STORE**  
ALWAYS  
DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE





**THE HAD FOUND THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS**

OVER Judea's hills the Star shone resplendent. The ancients believed that stars were windows through which God disclosed a glimpse of the shining glory of heaven. They regarded the stars as messengers and when the stars could not be seen it was a token of impending disaster. On the first Christmas Eve a comet appeared. Kepler, the noted astronomer, calculated that conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn took place. The conjunction attracted the attention of three men who followed it. Tradition tells us they were three kings and one of the cathedrals of Europe has found their skulls, each crowned with a jeweled crown. An ancient tradition says they were three kings, representing the three great continents of the earth. They came from the East, perhaps from far-away India. They brought costly presents with them. The first held in his hand a basket of gold; the second, frankincense, and the third, myrrh. Some legends have seen in this three-fold gift a beautiful symbolism; the myrrh being offered to a mortal, the gold to a king, and the frankincense to God. Tradition tells us of a Roman prince who, while feasting in his palace on Christmas Eve, heard a rap at the window. Looking toward it he saw a beautiful face of a little child. He then heard a voice which, like a soft whisper, said, "The Christ Child is hungry." Angered at the interruption, the prince commanded his soldiers to drive the child away and immediately the food upon his table turned to sand. Again he heard the voice, "The Christ Child is cold." The prince drove the child away once more. At the same time the fire upon the hearth turned to darkness and the cold of winter dispelled the warmth of the palace. The selfish heart of the prince melted. He commanded his soldiers to search for the child. Presently they brought the child, together with other hungry children, to the palace. Henceforth his table was their table. His palace their home. The prince had found the joy of Christmas but giving it to others. The hunger of the race is three-fold—of food, truth, and God. These hungers are satisfied not by hanging gifts upon our own Christmas tree, but by sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves the blessings of life.—Leonard A. Barrett.

**THE GIRL, THE BANK, AND HER CHRISTMAS**

YES, man, overdrawn. Well, I believe the check was one hundred and twenty. You will make it? Yes, right away, if you please." The receiver was replaced on the desk by Mr. Reid, vice president of the Valor County Trust and Savings Bank. The clerk in the cage alongside of the vice president's office, although apparently busy attending a customer's wants, had overheard the conversation. When the account had been entered, he turned to Mr. Reid. "That girl you just talked with—she who makes weekly visits here to get money? She wears a bluish ensemble which matches the blue in your eyes exactly, and—"

"Yes, Frank. My, but you are observing and may I add, that your memory does not fail you. It seems, whether she tells me, she wrote this check a month or so ago and thought it had been cashed, so now has withdrawn her account. She hasn't been enough to cover the check, and she doesn't want to part with the amount she has, for she tells me that she will spoil her plans for Christmas presents. So there you are."

Frank said no more but fell to figuring with pencil and paper. A few moments later, "Mr. Reid, I'll cover that check."

Christmas Eve Frank sat in his study reading his paper when the telephone rang.

"Sweet? This is Miss Johnson. She has taken me all this time to extract a statement from Mr. Reid as to how he so kindly indorsed my check. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my Christmas check good."

Frank gasped, gulped—

"Now, don't you think it would be better for you to take dinner with me tomorrow? It will be rather lonely to eat Christmas dinner in a restaurant."

Frank's head reeled. "Yes, thank you, most certainly. Merry Christmas and a most tomorrow."—Eleanor E.

**Oldest Feast Period**

As a time of feasting the Christmas feast is one of the oldest in the calendar. The ancient sun worshippers probably started it with their celebration and rejoicing over the return of the sun, signifying the beginning of the end of winter.—Capper's Week.

**Parthen Fathers' Christmas**

The first Christmas celebrated in America was when the Parthen fathers spent their first house at Plymouth. They spent more than a month in waiting about in search of a place to settle.—Farm and Ranch.

**OIL LEASE AND ROYALTY**

A. D. Neal sold to W. C. Ray a 1-128 interest in the royalty in the SW 1-4 of section 1 SE quarter of section 12 and the east one fourth of section 12, block 32, tsp. 18.

A. D. Neal sold to B. C. Mann a 1-128 interest in the royalty of the southwest quarter of section 1. SW quarter of section 12 and east one half of section 12, block 32, tsp. 18.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Dean leased to G. T. Hall all section 37, block 33, tsp. 3 north.

The sale of an undivided one eighth working interest in and to the oil and other minerals in or under the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 124, block 29, W. & N. W. survey containing 40 acres, formerly owned by Fred Chaney, by the Trustee in bankruptcy R. W. Haynie to R. E. Sweeney was confirmed by D. M. Oldham, referee in bankruptcy, Dec. 9, 1927.

D. E./Sweeney assigned to Leo S. Henry an undivided one half of a one eighth mineral interest in and to oil, gas, etc., in and under the southeast quarter of the NW quarter section 124, block 29.

G. B. Hill assigned to Gilbert Johnson a lease on the southwest quarter of section 13, block 33, tsp. 1N.

Gilbert Johnson assigned to the Phillips Petroleum Co. a lease on the southwest quarter of section 13 block 33 tsp. 1N.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Goodman leased to the Phillips Petroleum Co. the southwest quarter of section 17 block 33 tsp. 1N.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas leased to the Phillips Petroleum Co. the southeast quarter of section 13 block 33, tsp. 1N.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Curtis leased to Phillips Petroleum Co. southeast quarter section 19, blk. 33, tsp. 1N.

Geo. L. Miller assigned to Gilbert Johnson lease on southwest quarter of section 19, blk. 33, tsp. 1N.

Gilbert Johnson assigned to the Phillips Petroleum Co. lease on southwest quarter section 19, blk. 33, tsp. 1N.

W. R. King leased to Phillips Petroleum Co. northeast quarter of section 12, blk. 33, tsp. 1N.

G. T. Hall leased to the Phillips Petroleum Co. northwest quarter of section 11, block 33, tsp. 1N.

John O'Neill assigned to Lincoln Tank Co. lease on south half of east half of northwest quarter of section 32, block 31, tsp. 1N.

John O'Neill assigned to Lincoln Tank Co. lease on the north half of the west half of northwest quarter section 31, block 31, tp. 1N.

A. L. Harrison sold an undivided 1-64 interest in and to the royalty interest in the east 80 acres out of southeast quarter of section 156, block 29.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Oliver leased to G. T. Hall 102.7 acres out of section 10 and 128 acres out of section 15, block 32, tsp. 2N.

Joseph P. Hayden of Kansas City sold to Lauride Jergenson a 1-112 royalty interest in and to section 32, block 27 H. & T. C. survey.

C. D. Read leased to the Marland Oil Co. the south half of section 2, the south half of section 1, the west half of section 12, in block 31, tsp. 1N.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Massie leased to the Union Oil Co. the south 80 acres of the southeast quarter of section 25, block 33, tsp. 1N.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Marchbanks leased to the Union Oil Co. the north one half of southeast one fourth of section 25, block 33, tsp. 1N.

W. B. Currie assigned to Union Oil Co. lease on the north one half of section 24, block 33, tsp. 1N|

The Mann-Freel Co. assigned to Marland Oil Co. lease on north half and the southwest quarter section 36, block 34, asp. 3N.

Frank G. Jones assigned to the Marland Oil Co. the E 610 acres of the S 590 acres of section 46, the west 485 acres of the S 565 acres of section 47, block 31, tsp. 1N; the north 1-2, the SW quarter and the north one half and SE quarter of section 1; all of sections 5, 4, 9, and 11, and W 1-2 sections 12, 14 and 15, block 31, tsp. 1S.

The Taylor Link Co. assigned to H. H. Lee lease on southeast quarter of section 27, block 33, tsp. 1S.

A. D. Neal assigned to Frank Cannon a 1-64 mineral lease in and to the east one half section 12, in block 32, tsp. 1S.

R. P. Price sold to the Coyle-Concord Co. an undivided one-eighth interest in and to all oil and gas in and under the west one half of the southwest quarter of section 61, block 29, W. & N. W. survey.

Earl Morrison and W. J. Thompson sold to the Coyle-Concord Oil Co. an undivided one eighth royalty

interest in and to all of section 62, block 29, W. & N. W. Ry. survey.

H. M. Barnes assigned to J. W. Lanning seven acres out of the southeast quarter of section 35, block 32, tsp. 1S.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Glass leased to A. D. Neal the southeast quarter of section 44, block 32, tsp. 3N.

G. T. Hall assigned to T. N. Sloan and W. P. Menzies an undivided 1-16 interest in and to oil, gas and other minerals in the southwest quarter of section 8, block 31, 1S.

G. T. Hall sold to A. D. Neal a 1-16 royalty interest in and to all of the south one half of section 9 in block 33, tsp. 1S.

G. T. Hall sold to A. D. Neal a 1-64 royalty interest in and to the east one half of section 17, block 27, H. & T. C. Ry. survey.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Fox sold to M. H. Bennett an undivided one fourth interest in and to all oil, gas in and under the southeast quarter of section 3, block 32, 1S.

Alphonse Klah, David Rumsey, and Harold J. Abrams leased to the Union Oil Co. the south half of section 29, tsp. 1S.

Mrs. Bonnie Crawford leased to the Union Oil Co. south 80 acres of southeast quarter of section 25, block 33, tsp. 1N.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Benson leased to C. R. Cox who in turn assigned to John O'Neill the said lease on the northeast quarter and east one half of the northwest fourth of the northwest quarter of section 39, block 32, tsp. 1N.

Knott, Texas, Dec. 19, 1927

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big doll, a table, some dishes, fruit, candy and nuts, and a story book.

Myrtle Smith.

J. W. Wheeler of Columbus, O., is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 18, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a dolly and a ring. Nellie Gray.

W. F. Cushing left Wednesday morning for Alpine to get his daughter Miss Constance who is attending Sul Ross State Teachers College who will come to Big Spring to spend the holidays with home-folks. They will return to this city Thursday night.

Miss Read Thomas arrived Wednesday night from Midland to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hurt.

Candles in bulk from 20c to 30c pound. The White House.

Mrs. R. A. Eubanks returned Monday from Rochester, Minnesota, where she had been to accompany her sister who is quite ill, to Mayo Bros. for an examination. Enroute home Mrs. Eubanks visited in Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, Mo., and Little Rock, Ark.

W. M. Sheppard received a painful injury to his leg last week when the scaffold on which he was working fell with him. In the fall Mr. Sheppard hit a tub which was under the scaffold. Because of the swelling Mr. Sheppard's leg has not been set. His friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

Misses Dorothy and Louise Jordan arrived Wednesday night from Denton, where they have been attending C. I. A., to spend the holidays in this city with home-folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Lamar and baby spent the past week end in Midland visiting relatives and friends. They attended the Douglass-Preston wedding on Dec. 17.

Nuts, fruits and candies. The White House.

A line of good stick candy, pound 20c, box 75c. The White House.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 18, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a dolly and a ring. Your little friend, Marie Gray.

Order your turkey today—live or dressed. The White House.

Mrs. Jap Bradley of Austin will arrive Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Pegues.

THE good will of our patrons and friends is one of our most valuable assets. The spirit of the season brings to us renewed appreciation of our associates and the value of new friends. May your Christmas be happy and success attend your New Year, is the cordial wish of

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**BUILDING BOOM FEATURES**  
**BIG SPRING ACTIVITIES**  
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other vegetables, fruit, poultry and hogs. He also has some cows, and has something to sell every time he comes to town.

J. N. McGinnis had 60 acres in feed crops and 35 in cotton. From one or the other or both he was almost sure to make a success this year. He also has 200 White Leghorn chickens.

Lester Fisher, with 1200 acres in cotton, suffered hail damage. It hit his fields and those of his neighbor, Dewey Martin. They came right back and planted a feed crop with good results.

The unusually prolonged fall was of great value to Howard county farmers for the non-arrival of frost until long after it ordinarily comes allowed them to get the utmost from their cotton.

C. B. Edwards did the almost unheard of thing of planting cotton on July 4. He recently exhibited a stalk on which every boll was open, and was said to have made half a bale to an acre.

Farmers are in better financial condition than in many years. Business in town is in the same condition and combined deposits of the three banks, First National, State National, and West Texas National exceed \$2,000,000.

Much of the county still is range land. Cattle shipments from here have been brisk, this being the shipping point not only for livestock of the immediate vicinity but also for those originating from Garden City, and from the northern part of Sterling county.

Motor tourist traffic is large. This is a cross-roads, the intersection of the Bankhead highway, east and west, and of the state highway, No. 9 from Amarillo to San Antonio. That road by the way, does not end with the two cities named but runs north into Oklahoma and south to the gulf. It is the Glacier to Gulf highway. There is a movement to pave it, or complete the paving of it for the entire 890 miles between Amarillo and San Antonio. There already are several paved stretches on it. County bond issue will finance it, with state and federal aid.

Howard county has 53 miles of highway paving, 10 on No. 9 and 43 on the Bankhead.

Postal receipts show 30 per cent increase over last year, according to postmaster J. W. Ward.

Big Spring Herald, of which T. E. Jordan is publisher, is a strong weekly newspaper. In its issue of Dec. 2 it had 24 pages. Every issue is a large one, as a matter of fact, owing to heavy advertising patronage.

**YATES POOL WILL NOT DEMORALIZE OIL INDUSTRY**

Eastern oil men are considerably encouraged over the outlook for W. Texas oil conditions as a result of the new Pecos plan worked out in conference at Fort Worth Monday.

The agreement is interpreted as postponing for at least six months the industrial chaos which would have taken place in the Yates pool in Pecos had it been decided to abandon the co-operative effort to handle the pipe line congestion and overproduction in the field.

With "every man for himself" some of the producers would have their oil run, while others would be forced to take an equal amount of oil out the ground and store it in steel tanks where it would be locked up for months and perhaps years. As it is, with each producer securing an equitable amount of the pipe line transportation available, the surplus oil stays in the ground until there is a market available for it, and becomes an asset instead of a heavy liability.

The pipe line situation is regarded as the key to the future of the pool. It has already been indicated that the Yates pool will give up its oil at a record rate. On the other hand, there is only so much oil in the ground and it becomes a question whether this content will be allowed to come up in a few months, or will be held back over a period of years.

The building of sufficient pipe lines to move the amount of oil estimated to underlie the pool at a rate of 500,000 barrels per day would require a prohibitive outlay in building pipe lines for the prospective time that the production would last on the basis of present known estimates. The transportation charges in the latter case would hardly return the price of the pipe lines.

Consequently some conservative oil men are of the opinion that the pipe line outlet of the pool will never go over 200,000 barrels per day. It is not believed that it will go greatly above 100,000 barrels during the life of the present agreement, if it

amounts to that much.

For instance, the line now being projected by Transcontinental's allied interests could hardly be moving oil from the pool before the latter part of 1928, and possibly oil would not reach the market from this source for some months more. Fort Worth Record.

**THE OLD HEN COMING TO THE FRONT**

"With more than a billion dollars per year to the credit of the business she creates, the old hen of America now stands third in the branches of livestock industry," so says Dr. John R. Mohler, of the United States Department of Agriculture.

She accounts for about 16 per cent of the total value of all livestock and its products for the year 1926, and only the dairy industry with 40 per cent and the swine industry with 22 per cent rank higher.

The Doctor reminded his hearers, in his address to the convention of veterinarians, that the poultry industry and their diseases were important because the American hen is responsible for more than one third of the world's supply of poultry and eggs. The American hen, collectively, lays at the rate of 760 eggs a second, or 2,000,000,000 dozen a year.

**TURKEYS FOR SALE—I HAVE SOME NICE FAT TURKEYS FOR SALE. PHONE OR SEE T. W. ASHLEY. NIGHT PHONE, 478 W. DAY PHONE 407.**

**BORDEN WILDCAT**

Reiter-Poster Oil Company, Dixon Creek Oil Company and McIlroy Oil Company have started a joint wildcat test on a 10,000-acre block secured from the E. L. Smith Oil company in North Central Borden County, according to report.

It will be a 3,500-foot test near the north line of Section 11, block 31, Township 5 North T. & P. Ry. Company survey.

Other blocks in the general area are held by Armada, Marland, Humble and Roxana.

Sir William Richmond, famous English artist, had a favorite cat which loved him so much that she attended him even while he was having his bath, and when he got out she would crouch down to lick his great toe adoringly. When Richmond was commissioned to design mosaics for the choir roof of St. Paul's Cathedral, he showed his appreciation of his pet's devotion by using her as a model for the lioness in his panel of Adam between a lion and lioness.

A dime spent for claims recently netted Raymond Curtis of New Bedford, Massachusetts, \$174.90. One of the shellfish contained what Curtis thought was a black shoe button, but the jeweler to whom he took it thought differently, declaring it to be a rare and beautiful specimen of black pearl worth \$175.

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## ERVE NUTS AFTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

FROM the days of our venerable forefathers it has been the custom to close our holiday dinners with nuts. Not only do they balance the more cloying sweetness of plum pudding and hard sauce and after-dinner bon bons, but they represent in themselves the observance of the pleasantest of old customs.

Many of us have seen on the shelves of confectioners and high-class grocery stores jars and boxes and cans of salted nuts, plump, brown and inviting. We have inquired the price, or even dared to ask timidly for a very small quantity. They were delicious, it's true, but prohibitive in price for the ordinary family.

Happily nuts can be salted and spiced at home, and those best adapted for this use—peanuts and almonds—are not fabulously expensive, bought in quantity and in condition for home treatment.

In purchasing nuts, however, whether shelled or in their shells, insist on being allowed to make sure that they are free from insects and imperfections. Ascertain as well as you can whether they are really fresh. Otherwise your labor will be in vain. If pecans are a favorite in the family, it is best to buy your supply already shelled, for they are difficult to remove. Peanuts bought for home use should be raw. To blanch your holiday nuts, place them in a pan and pour boiling water over them, allowing them to remain in it for two minutes. Then the water is drained away and cold water is run over them until they are cool. The skins should then slip off readily. When they are removed the nuts should be dried with a towel. Occasionally nuts, such as almonds and pistachio nuts, part with their skins rather unwillingly. They will have to take a hot bath of three to five minutes' duration before their coats will come off.

Our "home-made" nuts may be browned on top of the stove, in the oven or in deep frying fat, as is most convenient. Experience, however, has proved that the latter method is by far the most uniformly satisfactory. Good vegetable fat or olive oil is necessary for browning. It must be put in a deep kettle and brought to a heat of 350 degrees. To insure success, a deep fat thermometer should be used. The nuts, thoroughly dry by now, are placed evenly in a layer in the bottom of a frying basket and immersed in the hot fat to fry for two minutes. When a delicate brown they must be removed immediately and placed on a sheet of brown paper or toweling to drain. They should be sprinkled with plenty of table salt and spread out to grow dry and crisp before serving.

If you prefer even browning to the above method, place your blanched nuts in a shallow pan containing fat, put in a 350-degree oven and roast the nuts until delicately brown, stirring them often. For browning on top of the stove a tablespoonful of fat oil is allowed to each cup of nuts. They are distributed evenly over the surface of the pan and fried with constant stirring until they are the right color.

When your nuts are browned you may make a mixture of three-fourths of a teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves and allspice to each cupful of nuts and sprinkle the spicy mixture freely over them.—Frank H. Sweet.

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### Christmas Trust

DURING the Christmas rush in one of America's many towns, not much attention was paid to names on envelopes and packages, but only to addresses, and all those not found at the addresses marked were returned by the carriers to the post office with a "not at this address" written across the top. They were sorting these out at the main post office when they noticed the name of one which had a "not at this address" across the top. It was addressed to Santa Claus, and the street number was one before which a Santa Claus had stood during the last holiday season.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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### Shake!



"I don't like the Christmas gifts I get."  
"And I don't get the Christmas gifts I like."

### The Yuletide

Christmas, the season for the renewal of old friendships, for the forgetting of differences, for the expression of good will and kindness, is here.

## OIL DEVELOPMENT

### NOW GOING GOOD

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The California Co. have not given out any information as to their plans but most folks are of the opinion that they expect to make a thorough test for deep pay in connection with this well.

#### At the Richardson No. 1

Boiler trouble has been responsible for several delays on the work of drilling the Marland Co.'s test on the A. Richardson ranch, six miles southeast of Big Spring.

This test is now drilling below 1875, with a dry hole. If things hold as they should, no more water should be encountered in this test until a depth of 2700 feet has been reached, but you can't be certain of anything in West Texas.

#### At the Conollee No. 1

Underreaming is still in progress on the Marland Co.'s deep test, four miles south of Big Spring.

Eight inch casing is being lowered past the 4000 foot depth to shut off the sulphur water which rises to within one hundred feet of the top of the hole.

We are all hoping the Marland Company hits a real oil pool before drilling is suspended on this test.

#### New Tests in Clay Field

The location for the Vitex Oil Company's No. 1 Clay was corrected to 1560 feet from the south line and 240 feet from the east line of section 126, block 29, W. & N. W. Ry. Co. survey. Vitex owns the north half of the southeast quarter of section 126, Reeves & Apperson owning the south half of the southeast quarter.

Godley Oil & Gas Company made a location for its No. 2 Hooks, 1520 feet from the north line and 200 feet from the west line of section 140, block 29, W. & N. W. Ry. Co. survey. This originally was the location for Godley No. 1 Hooks.

A location made by Weekley Oil Corporation for its No. 1 Dora Roberts, 2490 feet from the south and east lines of section 156, block 29, W. & N. W. Ry. Co. survey, was announced to be in Howard instead of Glasscock County.

The corrected location for Godley No. 1 Hooks was given as 2440 feet from the north line and 300 feet from the west line of section 140, block 29, W. & N. W. Ry. Co. survey.

#### Designation of Well Changed

The designation of Texon-Marland No. 1-B Settles was changed to No. 2-A Settles. It is 330 feet from the north and east lines of section 158, block 29, W. & N. W. Ry. Co. survey.

#### Lockhart Et Al Test No. 2

Lockhart and others made a location for their No. 2 Dora Roberts 2440 feet from the north line and 200 feet from the east line of section 157, block 29, W. & N. W. Ry. Co. survey.

E. A. Fathoree returned last week from California where he spent eighteen days visiting the orange and lemon orchard country getting a line up on conditions. He reports they are going to make fine fruit crops in California. He has promised to give an account of his trip, and observations, in an early issue of the Herald.

#### At the Cox-O'Neil Test

Drilling near the 1200 foot mark is now in progress on the Cox-O'Neil test, six miles east of Big Spring.

This test is on the W. J. Flowers farm, section 42, block 31, tsp. 1N. Oil men seem to be of the opinion that this well has a good chance to come in a producer.

#### Merrick and Bristow to Drill In

Merrick and Bristow have drilled to a depth of 1600 feet in their offset to the F. H. E. Oil Co.'s big gas well on section 137 and have moved in a Star rig to drill in. They should encounter oil or gas at about 1870 feet.

#### Texon Settles No. 1

The work of making a deep test out of the Texon Oil Co.'s Settles No. 1 on the W. R. Settles ranch, 14 miles southeast of Big Spring is progressing steadily. They are now drilling below the 2000 foot depth. The Texon now has two deep tests in the Settles field.

Rumors of Oil at Cal. Fisher No. 1 Persistent rumors are going the rounds that an oil sand has been encountered in the California Co.'s test on the Bernard and Joe Fisher ranch, 6 miles south of Big Spring.

Underreaming to set 6 5-8 inch casing between 3800 and 3900 feet has been in progress at last reports from the well.

Owners of the land say they have not been advised of any oil showing.

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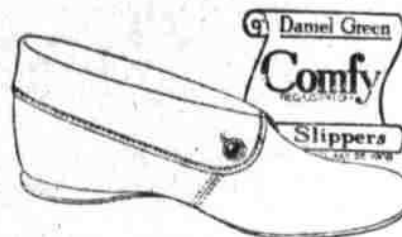
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### WARRANTY DEEDS FILED

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Coburn sold to John P. Bryan all of blocks 21 and 22 in Silver Heel sub-division, totalling 20 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Tucker sold to H. S. Meskimen lots No. 11 in block 2, and lot 3 in block 7, in Earle addition to Big Spring.

F. F. Gary old to Robert J. Michael lot 11, block 2 in J. T. Price addition.

H. Hinman purchased of the C. A. Merrick estate lot 9, block 11 in the city of Big Spring.

B. O. Barnhill and others sold to W. F. Fahrenkamp the south half of the south half of section 45, block 34, tsp. 1S.

A. J. Godwin sold to J. K. Scott and J. M. Jones Jr. lot 10, block 1, Cole and Strayhorn addition.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stanger sold to A. E. and W. A. Jackson lots 1 and 8 in block 3 in town of Vealmoor.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brooks sold to Sam Fisherman lots 2 and 3 in block 19, Boydston addition.

H. C. Holmes leased from Alphonse Kloh, David Runsey and Harold J. Abraham 64 acres out of section 43, tsp. 1N, block 32, for grazing purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. O'Daniel sold to Oscar O'Daniel the northeast 1-4 section 29, block 30, tsp. 1S.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coffman sold to A. L. Armstrong lots 1 and 2 in block 17 in the Saunders' addition in the town of Coahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Marchbanks sold to Cecil Leatherwood, the N 1-2 of the NE 1-4 of section 25, block 33, tsp. 1N.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Settles sold to J. F. Milloway lots 5 and 6 block 3, College Heights addition.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Bly sold to the National Realty and Building Co. of El Paso, Texas, lots 1 and 2 in block 52 in Big Spring.

### CALIFORNIA BOUND STAGE TURNS OVER

A big passenger stage of the Ward Bonded Stage Co. of Dallas, enroute to California overtook 15 miles west of Big Spring about 3 o'clock last Sunday afternoon.

There were seven passengers in the bus, two being painfully injured. The passengers were brought to Big Spring and those who desired to continue their journey by rail were furnished tickets.

The most seriously injured, Mrs. B. F. Bates of Dallas who was enroute to Los Angeles, is reported to be getting along nicely.

The driver of the wrecked bus was arrested charged with carrying local passengers without a permit and upon trial was adjudged guilty and fined \$10 and costs, amounting in all to \$33. Two local passengers were being carried on the stage.

Calvin B. Brown, manager of organization service of the United States Chamber of Commerce at Washington, D. C., enroute to California as a business visitor in Big Spring this week. He expects to return to Big Spring January 5, for a meeting with the directors of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Thompson are the proud parents of an eight pound baby girl, born Sunday morning, Dec. 18. This is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and they are indeed proud of the Angel girl the stork left them.

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### CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTICE

Brother J. D. Boren, minister, will conduct services both Sunday morning and evening on Christmas day. All of the members and friends are invited to attend.

Miss Mildred Creath who has been attending Randolph College at Cisco, arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Creath, other relatives and friends.

Christmas plays, songs, readings, etc., were given in all of the different schools Wednesday afternoon. The schools closed for the holidays Wednesday and will take up again on January 2, 1928.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big coaster and two little cars, and bring me some candy, apples, oranges and nuts; some fire crackers and a little tractor too. Marcus Smith, Knott, Texas.

J. D. Boren, Mrs. T. M. Collins, Mrs. James Campbell and Mrs. Della Agnell went to Colorado last Tuesday to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Homer Robinson, a former resident of this city.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH The Christmas tree for the Sunday school will be held Friday evening at 7:15 o'clock. A Christmas program will also be given. Everyone is invited to be present.

A short service will follow Sunday school on Christmas morning. All of the members are urged to be present.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock a musical program "There Shall Come a Star" will be given. Christmas Carols will also be sung. The public is cordially invited.

### WEST TEXAS SNOW COVER

Well it can snow in West Texas. From Del Rio to Lubbock and Pecos to Abilene a blanket of snow covered the best section of this week.

Snow began falling early Tuesday morning and continued practically all day and far into the night. A fall of three inches was reported in the Big Spring section, with heavier fall to the west of it.

This territory was in need of moisture, and this snow is generally proved of great benefit in every way. It has been ages since we had snow to equal this, and especially one to cover such an immense territory.

As the Herald goes to press Wednesday lowering clouds are in evidence and it may be that we will enjoy a real spell of snow before the clouds move off.

### BOUGHT SERVICE STATION

C. J. Shultz, formerly owner of the Pastime Club has bought North Side Service Station. Shultz will be glad to see his friends and also new acquaintances.

Rueben Williams arrived Tuesday morning from Austin where he has been attending State University to spend the holidays in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams.

Dear Santa Claus: I want to bring me a big doll with curls, and a desk, a bank and a room set. I want a stove and dishes and some books too. I have a little sister whose name is Sue and she wants a doll that can talk, a dresser, and a piano. I want some pyramids blocks. I want some dishes. Your friend, Bob Hays.



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Big Spring, Texas, Friday, December 23, 1927

By T. E. Jordan

## Women on Club Honor Roll

Executive Committee of the City Federation Met With Club House Last Friday Night

The executive committee of the City Federation met with the Club House last Friday night. Reports showed that the women have almost reached, and some felt that if more than one hundred want to be "Ten Dollar women" before the first of January that the number on the honor roll should be increased to take in all who so desire.

It is most gratifying to women to see their names on the honor roll and their desire to be on the first one hundred. It is noted that these names forming the honor roll will be printed in the first issue of the Federation.

The former Big Spring club members now residing elsewhere have returned, and their gifts are a source of great delight and encouragement. The four splendid captains have secured their teams. Captain considers hers the best. She is making many and unique gifts for raising the \$250.00 allotment each team. Some one reported that one captain inquired if it was permissible for her team to raise \$300.00. Watch their efforts and a helping hand.

Plans and prices were discussed. The names of the women which are harmonious will be placed in hands of an architect to put in form at once. This plan will be submitted to the Federation when they meet on the first Tuesday in January to be passed upon. When approved it will be submitted to committees for bids, and it seems quite likely that work on the Big Spring Howard County Women's Club will very soon begin. The committee would say to the women of the county that they will most gladly receive donations from them, and hope to have a number of them among the "Ten Dollar women."

The women interested in this movement believe that no club can be permanent in the community unless it reaches out and does its best in social and cultural service unless it is properly housed in its own home. Many clubs date the raising of their largest accommodations for their cities from the raising of the club home.

The club house will serve as a community center. Lectures, music, art exhibits may be secured for people and be held there. Arrangements for the young people, banquets, social functions, institutes, home demonstrations, all these things and many more that will bring our women more frequent and closer contact with each other. When they know each other better, still more bigger things may be done for the community. When the City Federation becomes the Howard County Federation and the women of the entire county work together something you will see things done.

The library will of course be housed in the club house, and naturally it will grow and prosper as you know.

The City Federation and other organizations will hold their meetings there. Rooms may be rented for various and many purposes, and the rent will be taken care of its upkeep.

The club house is the thing in Big Spring right now. Everybody is talking it. Everybody wants a part in it. While you watch Big Spring, according to the slogan of the Chamber of Commerce, just the women's club house. It will be a sight for sore eyes before long and its building will be a dream and a prophecy of better things to come.

## WATER WELL ON WILKINSON RANCH

A deep water well is being drilled on the Wilkinson ranch in the western part of Howard County, and the drillers finding the task a difficult one. The last is now about 600 feet deep, and it is believed another 100 feet will have to be drilled before water is secured.

## SANTA CLAUS IS AT THE ACORN STORE

Santa Claus arrived at the Acorn store Saturday morning and such a treat as he gave the children has never been given before. His original intention was to come to Big Spring by air, but when he arrived in Colorado the wind had reached such a velocity that he was forced to abandon his plane and come on to this city by automobile.

A throng awaited him at the store and the crowd was well behaved and patient. When Santa Claus walked in the front door and he was a real Santa with white whiskers, red nose, fat stomach, boots with snow and a big bag of candy. The younger generation was thrilled at the sight of Santa and all of them rushed around him and besieged him with a thousand questions about their Christmas presents.

The bag of candy was supposed to be distributed to the kids, but upon learning what the sack contained the rush was increased and Santa was forced to give up the sack, candy and all. He passed out into the streets and the rush was so great that he made his escape and did not return until two o'clock. In the afternoon the same crowd was there to greet him. He has been in Toyland at the Acorn store all this week and will welcome the children there until Christmas eve. Then he will visit the homes and leave them gifts that will make their hearts on Christmas morning.

## ACORN STORE REPORTS 6460 PEOPLE SATURDAY

Saturday must have been a busy day in Big Spring as the Acorn store reported that by actual count 6460 people came into their store on that day. A special attraction was the coming of Santa Claus. Two high school students were employed to make the count one stationed at each door and for each twenty people that entered the door a check was made. At the end of the day it was surprising to note that 6460 people had visited the store, possibly a local record.

## BUSINESS SPACES IN DEMAND

When the nine business spaces in the new Douglass Hotel block are completed, and the three in the Lester Fisher building it is going to be moving day in Big Spring. But this making room for twelve places of business is not going to make it necessary to hang up any "To Let" signs on any buildings in Big Spring.

In fact there is a waiting list which is constantly growing and no building need be vacant long as long as those in the waiting list are eager to pay good stiff rent for most any kind of a location in Big Spring.

Several large size business buildings are now being sought by responsible firms willing to make a ten year lease at a rental that will pay the property owner a good return on his investment.

## LIST YOUR APARTMENTS AT THE C. OF C. OFFICE

If you have an apartment to rent, you are urged to list it at the Chamber of Commerce office. As soon as yours is vacant notify them so they can get you a renter. The demand just now for apartments is great and it is a problem to house the many new people that are coming into Big Spring. The benefits from listings will be mutual. Phone No. 512.

## HOWARD COUNTY BUYS TRACTOR AND GRADER

On Monday of this week one caterpillar 60 tractor and one Adams twelve foot grader were bought by the Commissioners and County Judge of Howard County. This new equipment will be used to keep the roads in this county in first class shape at all times. The tractor bought is the same as the Best 60. Howard County owns one old tractor that has been kept busy on the road and is still assigned to road duty. John Ory, driver of this tractor, will begin work on the Glascock County road the latter part of this week, seeing that it is put in first class condition.

When the new equipment arrives it will be put into action at once, possibly on the roads north of Big Spring.

R. L. Price left Monday night for a business trip to Dallas.

## "His Christmas Gift"



Membership in the Chamber of Commerce is a virile expression of the sentiment of good will. Not only is this sentiment expressed at Christmas time, but Chamber members through their offerings of time and money express this sentiment of good will to the community the entire year through.

## ENTIRE COUNTRY SHOCKED BY BRUTAL MURDER

Nothing has stirred our nation as did the announcement of the brutal murder of 12 year old, Marian Parker at Los Angeles, Calif. The fiend who kidnapped and murdered the child and then delivered the mutilated corpse to her father for \$1500 must be captured. A fund of more than \$100,000 has been raised to aid in the capture of the brute guilty of this revolting crime.

All citizens are hoping and praying that the murderer and his accomplices be apprehended.

## SEND 25 POUND BOX OF CANDY TO BUCKNER'S ORPHAN HOME

Many little hearts at the Buckner Orphan home at Dallas will be made happy on Christmas morning made so by generous donations of friends all over the state.

On Tuesday of this week the Union Sunday school of Panther Draw sent a 25 pound box of home made candy to these little children. Each member of this Sunday school donates 25 cents per month to be sent to the orphan home.

## TOURIST HOTEL WOULD PAY

A real tourist hotel—with auto garage and storage on the first floor and rooms which can be rented at a reasonable price, on the second floor—would prove a good investment in our city.

With the great number of tourists traversing the highways thru this section, a hotel as outlined above would prove a popular place for tourists.

One property owner is seriously considering the erection of such a hotel here. He owns one in another city which has proved a mighty good investment.

## 250,000 GALLONS GAS SOLD EACH MONTH

About thirty or more cars of gasoline are needed to supply the automobiles in the Big Spring territory each month.

A quarter million gallons of gasoline are sold at the filling stations in Howard County each month.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES 1923 GAS TAX MUST BE PAID

Notice was given last Wednesday by Assistant Attorney General Tilley to filling stations over the state that they must pay a tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline handled in 1923 under Texas' first gasoline tax law, which was subsequently repealed by the legislature when the second gasoline tax act was passed. Tilley served notice that suits may be brought if the tax is not paid.

The first gasoline act, although now inoperative, was held constitutional by the supreme court and according to Tilley, the court ruled by inference that not only wholesalers but retailers and all others who handled gasoline at that time were liable for payment of the tax.

Miss Mabel Gamble is the guest of friends in this city this week.

## LIGHTS ALONG FIRST STREET

We have been informed that street lights have been authorized for Front street. In order that we may eliminate any buck passing we are going to keep reminding who ever is holding up this needed improvement that these lights are not shining.

If we can't have electric lights we might be satisfied with gas lights.

## TOOL SUPERINTENDENT FOR MARLAND OIL CO.

Frank Wagner and family arrived last week from Panhandle to make their home in Big Spring. Mr. Wagner is to be tool superintendent for the Marland Oil Company in the oil fields in the Big Spring area.

## CONCRETE DRIVE IN FILLING STATION INSTALLED AT NASH

An improvement at the Big Spring filling station on West Bankhead Highway is a concrete drive that has been completed also two gas pumps have been installed by the Texas and Pacific Oil and Coal Co.

## WESTERN TEXAS IN PROSPEROUS SHAPE DENVER MAN FINDS

Denver, Colo.—H. F. Hines, general manager of Hines & Co., Denver broker, returned last week from a trip through Western Texas with reports that that section was in the best condition in years.

"There is no boom in West Texas," said Hines. "Conditions are the result of a healthy growth. Of course oil is doing big things for the territory, but if there was not a drop of oil West Texas would be in very prosperous condition. High prices are being received for cattle, sheep and cotton and I have never seen the district looking better."

Hines rode on a bus from Amarillo to San Angelo and had an opportunity to talk to many persons in the territory.

"It is West Texas' biggest year," he said. "Prosperity is everywhere."

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Rector Frank H. Stedman. The Children's Christmas Festival will be held Saturday, Christmas Eve, at 7:30 p. m.

At 11:30 p. m. there will be midnight celebration of the Holy Communion. All are welcome at this service.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kimberlin of San Angelo were here to attend the formal opening of The Men's Store, Inc. last Friday evening.

J. M. McKenzie of San Simon, Ariz. is here to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

J. P. Ferguson of Wink will be home to spend Christmas with his family in this city.

W. L. Lee of Wink will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ferguson and family during the holidays.

## NATIONALLY KNOWN MAN WILL BE HERE JANUARY 5

Colvin D. Brown, nationally known as a manager and organizer of Chambers of Commerce, Washington, D. C., will be a guest in Big Spring on January 5. Plans for entertainment for this distinguished visitor and arrangements for a meeting with him and the business men of the town are being made.

He will have something good to tell the business men of Big Spring and it will be to their advantage to meet with him on this date. Definite plans will be announced in a later issue.

## G. L. WILKE TO OPEN SHOP IN NEW DOUGLASS HOTEL

Geo. L. Wilke will open one of the finest jewelry stores and optical offices in West Texas about the middle of January. The store will be located in the new Douglass Hotel now under erection, and will be an attractive and up to date establishment. The fixtures alone for the new store will cost \$3000.

Each department will be under the head of a department manager. Theron Hicks will be in charge of the repair department, which assures expert service. Mr. Wilke expects to make this the best equipped repairing shop west of Fort Worth. Miss Franz Gordon will be in charge of the sales department, which means that every customer in this department will be greeted with a friendly smile and will receive the most courteous service.

In this department there will be on display \$10,000 worth of stock, including everything that is new and up to date in watches, diamonds, jewelry, silverware, etc.

Mr. Wilke has the reputation of selling exceptionally reasonable and of fair dealing. The optical department which will be the last word in efficiency and fine equipment will be under the personal supervision of Mr. Wilke.

## BIG BUSINESS ON T. & P.

The heavy traffic on the Texas & Pacific railway has caused many firemen to be promoted to the right hand side of the cab where they now preside as engineers.

Many brakemen have been promoted to the post of conductors also. The big business now on this division is putting the employees to a severe test as few of them are ever permitted to get more than their allotted eight hours rest before they are called for duty.

If business keeps increasing—and all indications are that it will—it will be necessary to employ quite a number of extra engineers, firemen and trainmen.

The California fruit movement to the east usually starts shortly after January first; and the Texas and Pacific handles a big portion of this business during the winter as well as during the summer season.

## PLANTING TREES AND FLOWERS

Property owners along the two national highways in the city of Big Spring should take the lead in planting trees along these important highways. Folks traversing these roads will form a good or bad impression from the appearance of the homes along the route and a better impression of Big Spring would be formed if these roads were lined with beautiful shade trees.

Then along next spring some particular variety of flower which thrives in this section should be planted all along the routes thru our city. Of course other varieties of flowers should be planted—but one outstanding variety would attract the most attention. You will always remember the roses of Portland; the oleanders of Galveston; the hydranges of San Diego.

## BOYD GROCERY AN ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS

Boyd's grocery on the Bankhead highway, west of town is an attractive new store that has been completed and is now in operation. A new stucco building was erected to house this concern and it is an attractive and modern building in every respect.

A complete line of staple and fancy groceries have been placed in stock and the new store is already enjoying a good patronage. Not only will this be a convenient neighborhood grocery, but many tourists along the highway will be served here.

## Sell Big Spring to Big Spring People

Why Not Conduct a Good Will Tour Through Our City: Say On New Year's Day For This Purpose

Most any city builder will tell you the most important asset in promoting the growth of a city is to first sell the city to the home folks. There is no doubt that Big Spring is due for a wonderful growth during 1928, and the years to follow if we can just get off to a good start. If our citizenship is to work as a unit during the coming year there is nothing that can stop the forward march of Big Spring and the Big Spring country.

We might start the New Year off with a good will tour thru our city on New Year's Day. This is a holiday and we could plan a big open house on the courthouse lawn, if the weather permits and conduct a "Round the World" trip of our city.

If every auto owner would consent to carry folks on a tour about the city many citizens would be given a big surprise at the growth which is taking place.

A route could be mapped out and a regular schedule arranged so that all those in our city who have little opportunity to go about be given a chance to see just how the home town is spreading out.

A trip over the scenic drive should be included. And at a later date we would suggest a trip out thru the oil fields.

We have hundreds of citizens who do not realize how rapidly the old town is moving forward—they have not had an opportunity to get around and see what improvements are underway. These people would become greater boosters for our city if they could be made to realize their aid and cooperation is needed if Big Spring is to continue to forge ahead.

We noticed a news item recently where two active citizens had resided in a Texas city for fifty-two years and had never met or known each other until that day. We do not want anything like that to take place in Big Spring. We want our folks to meet and mingle, know each other better and work shoulder to shoulder for community progress and prosperity.

A "Good Will Tour" thru our city on New Year's Day will be worth considering. What do you think about it?

## VOGUE BEAUTY SHOPPE INSTALS WATER SOFTENER

A Worth water softener is now in use in the Vogue Beauty Shoppe, located in the upstairs of the West Texas National Bank Building. This equipment was received and installed this week and the customers are already passing out words of praise since giving it a trial. All of the water used in shampooing passes through this softening machine which makes the hair soft, and is good for the scalp. It is said that water passing through this softener is 100 per cent softer than rain water.

Another new feature of beauty culture being done at this shop is the Contouration treatments, which are external treatments to remove fat, wrinkles and lines.

## DONATED TO THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FUND

Ten dollars has been received this week by the chairman of the Cemetery association fund, and the money was gratefully received.

C. H. Bussey and G. W. Davis each donated \$5.

We want to urge those who have not yet done their part to contribute. At this season the time of gift giving is most opportune to set aside a little for the upkeep of the cemetery where loved ones are buried. If we would all take a part in the upkeep it would be so easy to keep the good work going, but with a straggling few giving it their support it is an effort to pay the sexton's salary and funds are often insufficient to meet the other expenses.

Can't you give the association a gift of money? It is needed and goes to a worthy cause.

Robert Lee Pike who has been attending A. & M. College at College Station arrived Saturday to spend the holidays in this city with relatives and friends.



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Big Spring, Friday, Dec. 23, 1927.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:** Any erroneous reflection up the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm, or corporation, which may appear in the columns of this paper, will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to attention of the editor.

If the big interests, instead of piling up billions of dollars of profit would loosen up and help the farmer secure more for his products and pay the worker higher wages a continuation of prosperity would be possible, but unless money is made more plentiful among the buying public the profit of the big fellow will soon begin to dwindle.

Nothing is truer than the statement that times are just what we make them. If all talk and think hard times it naturally follows we are going to cause hard times to abide with us. Some folks just naturally enjoy looking on the gloomy side. It is impossible for them to picture the silver lining of a cloud.

Some of citizens are afraid Big Spring is not going to be in the race to become the big city of West Texas because the wealthy men of our community are "so tight." Don't worry; new men and new money will steam roller the old conservatives when things begin to break big in this territory. Some of us have been here too long to recognize an opportunity if it was handed to us on a silver platter. Not so with investors who have made fortunes in other fast growing cities; they can make money on every investment they make and are not afraid to make them.

An interesting excursion is being planned. Business men and citizens in general whose systems seem to be overcharged with complaints and grochous are to be invited to take a trip to other portions of Texas. If they find other portions of our state in any better condition than they are right here at home their trip will cost them nothing.

One of our progressive citizens argues that it is practically impossible for a sane person to make a bad investment, if he purchase property anywhere in the Spring today. A glance at the deed record is convincing proof that many of our people are playing safe by securing property while it is to be had at a reasonable price.

If you want to get more out of life forget self for a little while and devote a little more time to making life more pleasant for others. When it comes to thinking only of me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four no more... it's time to go jump in a creek.

Placing street signs and having houses numbered are tasks which should be looked after in 1928.

**FAVORS ESTABLISHING WAREHOUSE FOR COTTON**

T. W. Carlton of Young County is in Big Spring this week visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Carlton is a reader of the Big Spring Herald and stated that he was glad to see that we had put forth the idea that a storage house for cotton should be secured for the farmers of Howard County. Mr. Carlton agrees with us. He is interested in seeing this warehouse provided for the storage of cotton so that when prices are low the farmer will not have to put his crop on the market, but store it until the price is justifiable.

Mr. Carlton is a veteran of the Civil War.

**RINGER CASE RESULTS IN HUNG JURY**

The B. C. Ringer trial at San Angelo resulted in a hung jury last Monday. After being out seven hours the jury reported a deadlock and Judge Sutton dismissed it.

Ringer is charged with being implicated in the death of Manuel Vasquez, a Mexican, in Howard County. Ringer's defense was self-defense, alleging that the Mexican was advancing on him with a knife.

It is reported that the jury stood nine for conviction and two for acquittal. One juror was excused on account of illness, and counsel for State and defense agreed to try the case with eleven jurors. Sterling City News-Record.

It Pays to Read Herald Want Ads

# QUESTION BOX

ON HEALTH SUBJECTS Edited by  
STATE DEPARTMENT of  
HEALTH  
J. C. Anderson, M.D. State H O

THIS column will be given to discussion of matters pertaining to public health. Any questions regarding public health administration, prevention of diseases, child care, sanitation, etc., will be answered in succeeding issues of this paper. Questions in regard to cure of diseases will not be answered, as the scope of this Department includes only disease prevention. Address Question Box, State Department of Health, Austin.

1. Is there a definite method such as a blood test by which the parentage of a child can be determined? (L. W., New Elm.)

2. Is it true that physical defects will cause a child to be dull in his studies, and that it is for this reason that many children are repeaters in school? (J. E. S., Rosenberg.)

3. I notice that there is a good deal of agitation now about having dairy cattle tuberculin-tested. Is there any danger of people acquiring tuberculosis from the use of milk from cows having this disease? (C. N. B., Henderson.)

4. How many State Sanitoriums are there for tuberculosis patients in Texas, and where are they located? (C. N. B., Henderson.)

5. What are the causes of headache? (R. K. N., LaGrange.)

**ANSWERS**

1. The only thing made possible by a blood test for determining parentage is to determine that a given man is not the father of a given child, if the blood test shows the man and child to be of different blood groups. However, if the man and child are of the same blood group, this does not prove that the man is father of the child, as many, many people are of the same blood group.

2. Physical defects of children are no doubt the principal reason why so many fail to make their grades in school each year. Children are handicapped in their studies when they have any of the defects so common to young people, such as adenoids, defective vision, bad tonsils, ear trouble, etc. Every child should be taken to a physician before he enters school to determine if he is physically fit.

3. It is estimated that approximately 8 per cent of people who die from tuberculosis each year, are

afflicted with the bovine form of the disease. In early infancy and childhood, the glands of the neck and the bone are frequently affected by milk from tuberculous cattle.

The state department of health has for the last 3 years been waging an intensive milk sanitation campaign, which among other things provides for tuberculin-tested milk cows, not only in dairy herds, but for individual homes.

4. The state has only one sanitorium for tuberculosis patients, and this is located at Sanitorium, Texas, some 18 miles from San Angelo.

5. Anyone suffering from headache persisting over any length of time, should go to their family physician to determine the cause, as the causes of headache are numerous and often obscure. The important thing is that it is a warning that something is wrong, which it is necessary to remedy as early as possible.

Misses Johnnie and Faye Franklin arrived Friday night from Abilene where they have been attending Draughon's Business College to spend the holidays in this city with their mother, Mrs. J. E. Franklin.

Miss Rene Cotter who is attending the Bethel School at Ballinger arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with homefolks and friends in the Elbow community.

Miss Addie Cotter who is teaching school near Lamesa will arrive Friday to spend the holidays with homefolks in the Elbow community.

Ward Gibson who underwent an operation for appendicitis Friday night is reported to be getting along nicely.

**THE SUN GOES DOWN**

Two newspapers in the Panhandle going by the name of "The Sun" have gone defunct the past week and discontinued publication. The Amarillo Sun, an afternoon daily, quit last Saturday. The paper was owned by Denver capitalists. The Channing Sun has been absorbed by the Hartley County News, owned by the Dalhart Publishing Co. The Sun was being printed in the office of the Canyon News, Canyon, and was a "blue sky" proposition with a list of subscribers. Thus the Panhandle of Texas is two newspapers short of the usual run, which is for the good of the communities in which they were published. Miami Chief.

Lots of times a few sore-headed business men (?) are the direct reason for the establishment of two papers in a one-paper town. They get ruffled at the old, well established paper that has spent thousands of dollars for equipment to give a good paper to the community, and is paying hundreds of dollars local taxes to support local enterprises. They then induce some guy who has nothing but his "brown hands" to come in and start another paper with perhaps almost the same circulation with double expense for the merchants in the way of advertising with no better results, and these sore-heads think they have cut a big swath. The new fellow has his paper printed way off somewhere, therefore giving no new employment locally, pays no taxes, because he has nothing to tax, and is nothing short of a bunch of fungus. In other words some folks stand ready to cut off their noses to spite their faces. Brownfield Herald.

Business men all over the country are coming to realize that one good newspaper in a community is much better than two or more not so good, and, too, they are coming to realize that one newspaper that has a good circulation can cover the field for them better than two newspapers with duplicate subscription lists. In other words, it is becoming known that one newspaper can properly serve most any community, and if more than one newspaper is in existence in that community it will mean a drain upon the business interests to support them, with no especial increase in service of value to the community, hence, the idea of consolidating the newspapers over the country is growing. Newspapers are like banks, they are primarily operated for a service to the community, and

too many of them become a burden instead of an asset to the community. If too many banks are located in a community and none of them can make money they become a burden and the community is worse off than if they were less in number and stronger in finances. The same principle applies to newspapers. Many places where two newspapers can scarcely make enough to get by on, one paper could be supported very well, and the single institution could therefore give the community more than the two with the division of funds. Colorado Record.

Mrs. Carl Cox and Moses Sanderson, sister and brother of Mrs. Tom Good who spent last week in this city visiting have returned to their home in Crane.

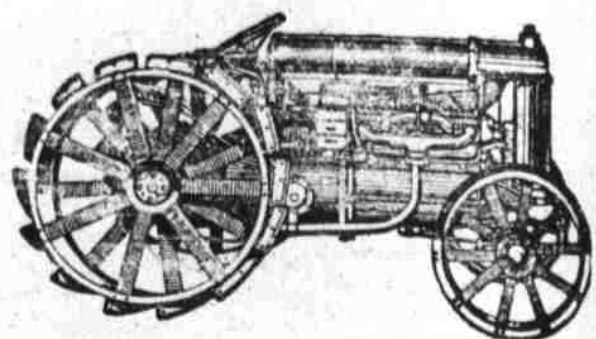
**DIRECT JUNIOR CLASS AT C. I. A.**

Misses Jeanette Pickle and Elsie Jordan of Big Spring, students at the College of the Arts, were co-directors of the "Stockings," a comedy by Mason, presented by the class at C. I. A., Dec. 15.

Mrs. J. Z. Jennings and El Paso arrived Monday night visit with her sister Mrs. M. Mr. and Mrs. Wentz and Mrs. Jennings and baby will spend Friday for Uvalde where the father of Mesdames Wen Jennings.

Rev. D. H. Heard returned Friday from a business trip to Las.

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- SILK UNDERWEAR**—Dainty underthings of crepe de chine, satin, rayon, tailored or with lovely lace trimmings.
- LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS**—Nothing is more useful or appropriate as a gift. One can never have too many.
- SILK NEGLIGES**—Colorful and the latest styles in vogue. Boudoir slippers to correspond and harmonize.

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# News From Other WT Fields

**Drilling and Other Counties**  
 Sloan well, W. D. 1 has resumed operations. A shut-down of many wells are drilling around making good headway. A deep test of this area there has never been before, being near the center of the county, and will cause interest over the results between the producers along the east bank of the river and the Winkler oil field.

**Hunter location in** County is about ready to start. Alex C. Stevers No. 1 located several miles north of Bell well, on the west side of the Pecos river.

**Exploration well near the** Pecos, about ten miles north ahead below 1200 feet looking to set a string of casing to this depth. A run into a great deal of this location, which is on the east of Sand Lake, and having to get a complete shut-down they could drill ahead more easily. This test will be as fast as possible following its long delay after the Rock well in Culberson which had started a shallow well temporarily shut down location, and are about to be on the Seay No. 1 to hold their lease on that acreage, according to reports well will also be drilled as possible, and is the started by this company, area which lies on both the Reeves-Culberson County Oil & Refining Co.'s Sloan well in the edge of mountains is now drilling test, and failed in their to get a shut off of water. This test will be drilled for a real exploration, looking for certain depths around 2000 feet.

**Big Producers in Winkler County**  
 Winkler County field activity was featured this week by the addition of two 5000 barrel gushers, the Republic Oil Co.'s well on the edge of the field, and Landreth Co.'s well in the center, both being good for over 5000 barrels daily.

Activity is still limited to the drilling of new wells only when forced to do so, for offsets. Real development has never been started by any of the many major companies interested in this large field. When really opened it is said that this field will prove to be one of the largest in extent of acreage as well as production. —Pecos Enterprise.

**Loving County Test**  
 The Delaware Oil Company recently announced their first location in Loving County, made in section 79, block 1, W. & N. W. Ry. survey. This site is about a mile east of the old Toyah-Bell well which had a real show of oil from the Delaware several years ago, and was forced to discontinue when bad luck struck the outfit. It is further reported that the operators are planning to start work as soon as possible, and drill a deep test at this location to test this territory. —Pecos Enterprise.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County, Greeting:  
 You are hereby commanded to summon J. M. Keen by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32nd Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Big Spring, Texas, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 16th day of November A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1153, wherein Effie Keen is Plaintiff, and J. M. Keen is Defendant and said petition alleging that on or about October 29th, 1916, Effie Keen, plaintiff, was duly and legally married to defendant in the county of Hill, State of Texas, and continued to live with J.

M. Keen, as his wife until about the 14th day of October, A. D. 1924. Plaintiff has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas for a period of twelve months, and has resided in the said County of Howard, where this suit is filed, a period of six months, next preceding the filing thereof.

At all times while married to defendant, plaintiff has conducted herself with propriety, doing her duty as a wife, has at all times treated defendant with kindness and forbearance.

Plaintiff would further show to the court that within about three years after said marriage, defendant commenced a course of harsh and cruel treatment towards plaintiff, often cursing and abusing her and threatening to leave her and would often accuse her of being too intimate with other men, calling her vile names, which greatly humiliated plaintiff, causing her much mental suffering and humiliation; that defendant would often slap and abuse plaintiff and ordering her to leave home, saying that he did not want to live with her and that he wanted her to leave and at the same time continued to accuse her of being untrue to him and of being too intimate with other men.

Plaintiff further alleges that this cruel treatment continued until about October 14th, 1924, at which time she was forced to leave defendant. Since which time defendant has not supported plaintiff nor her children.

Plaintiff would further show the court that there was born two children: a girl by the name of Juanita Florine, being seven years of age and one boy by the name of Frank Pearce, being four years of age and plaintiff asks that said children be awarded to her and that she have the care and custody of them; that defendant is not a proper person to rear said children.

Premises considered, plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to answer this petition, and upon final hearing she be awarded the care and custody of the children and that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing be dissolved and for such other and further relief, both in law and in equity, as she may show herself entitled to.

Herein fall not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. I. Prichard, Clerk of the District Court of Howard County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring this 19th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. I. Prichard, Clerk.  
 District Court, Howard County.

Mrs. J. H. Allison of El Paso was a business visitor in Big Spring the early part of this week.

**OIL GAS NOT HALITOUS**  
**IS COUNCIL'S VERDICT**  
 Tired and bored from listening to the big stink raised by a number of citizens who claimed sewer was fast imperilling the health of all Pecos, the City Dads immediately found the source of this odoriferous gas which was said to resemble north Fort Worth, and a fishing town on the coast, and make their caustic reply.

Guess what it is, wise one. It is good old gas from the oil fields, by gum.

It was noticed that when this supposed sewer gas was evident to the more sensitive nostrils, a wind was blowing from a northeasterly direction. Putting their heads together, and breathing honorably as they tested the malodorous atmosphere, they exclaimed in unison, "Ah, it is real gas from the Winkler oil fields."

Again a mystery was unraveled and the city can sleep peacefully on realizing that instead of the air being a detriment, it is really a valuable aid. Can be used in helping sales, telling the prospect to sniff, and realize that the oil fields are indisputably close at hand. —Pecos Enterprise.

Big Spring had a similar experience and some of our citizens were so wrought up they demanded the junking of our present sewer system and building a new one. We finally persuaded them it was oil field halitosis.

**SURE: WE ARE PROUD**  
**OF THE CRAWFORD**  
 "The Big Spring Herald" confesses to a pardonable pride in that city's new Crawford hotel, opened recently. It has a right to be proud, to be sure. A fine hotel in this modern time when everybody is travelling about the country is as necessary to a progressive city as railways and highways. —West Texas Today.

**HELEN TUCKER OF THIS CITY**  
**WRITES DOG STORY**  
 Following is a story written by Miss Helen Tucker of Big Spring, directed to the Dog Editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, telling him about her good friend, a dog.

Helen's dog is an adept at driving cows, while the one Edward wrote about showed sense enough to know where to go for help when injured. Helen wrote the Dog Editor as follows:

"We have a dog crossed between an Airdale and a Shepherd. For a while we didn't think she would be any good. My brother always took the cow to the pasture and Reto followed him every day. Now the dog stays with the cow all day. When they go after the cow, the dog brings her down to the gate, and when the cow turns the wrong way, Reto bites her on the nose. Then the cow comes on. The color of our dog is brown and black. Her hair is curly. She is a good old dog."

**TASTING AN OIL FIELD**  
 "The Coahoma Citizen," one of the newer weeklies of West Texas, asserts that Coahoma is so near the oil field that "we can taste it." That's getting pretty close, but the Coahoma paper proves its case and puts up a valiant argument why Coahoma should make a first rate town if all the business men will get together and pull. This much is certain—New York City would be a village today if the business men had not pulled together. —West Texas Today.

George Neill who is attending school at Austin will arrive Saturday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Neill and other relatives in this city.

Bill Potter was here from Odessa on Monday, visiting friends.

**SPIRIT OF THE WEST**  
 There is a spirit in the West that imbues its wide area of prosperous farms, ranches, and cities, with an intangible something that makes for progressiveness, prosperity, and contentment.

None less than the governor of the Lone Star State made recent comment on this and paid tribute to that indomitable air. —West Texas Today.

Mrs. J. I. McDowell left Wednesday evening for Houston to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends. Mrs. McDowell will visit at other points in South Texas after the holidays and will be absent from this city about six weeks.

Miss Alice Dawes and Willie Dawes arrived Wednesday morning from Canyon, where they have been attending the West Texas State Teachers College, to spend the holidays in this city with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dawes.

Burl Lee Settle who is attending school in Austin will arrive home Saturday morning to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Settle.

Roger Gallemore who is receiving treatment for injuries to his shoulder and arm, received in an automobile accident on Thanksgiving day, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Miss Ena Mae Cook who is attending Simmons University at Abilene arrived home Wednesday night to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with homefolks.

Miss Mamie Leach who is attending Simmons University at Abilene arrived home Monday to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with homefolks.

**Lands Leased to Owen Sloan Oil Company**  
 W. Connally of Atlanta, Ga. here first of this week on connection with the estate mother, Mrs. Mary V. of which he is executor, that the Owen-Sloan Oil had leased the lands of estate south of town purpose of drilling for oil and that he hoped to see employment work done in soon. The estate owns and part of sections 93 block 25, T. & P. lands, about ten miles south of

understood for some a drilling block in that being made up but the has been so quiet that has not been encouraging hoped that the closing was accomplished by and that work will start wildcat well in that Colorado Record.

to Help World Well the black lime over the lands, the World Oil Co. well, failed to gete any Thursday following the the 70 quart charge, hole cleared itself out. back to 4237 feet, the of nitro were lowered in shell, and set off Thursday from 4223 to 4185 feet three attempts to set off failed Wednesday, so to use a bigger starter successful yesterday Water and mud belched the hole for several moving the detonation, and reigned in the location, stirring, not even a the gas pressure was evident. —Pecos Enterprise.

**Oil Summary**  
 Summary of all oil operations of West Texas, including Edwards Plateau and Pecos region, shows an of 145 locations and rigs week as against the number for the previous of 207 drilling wells with 192, or an increase of 145 wells against 132, or an increase of 16 complete number as the week against 485, or an increase of 16 complete

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H. H. Hester of Fort Worth is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

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**"HOME BREW" ANALYZED  
BY STATE LABORATORY**

"The laboratory of the state health department is ready at all times to make an analysis of 'home brew' and other contraband liquors when such 'evidence' is sent it by county and district officials, and there is no need of any bootlegger escaping prosecution because of lack of laboratory analyses of 'evidence,'" declared Dr. J. C. Anderson, state health officer, in an interview given the press Thursday.

"The state laboratory has been making chemical analyses of liquors as a part of its routine work for a number of years, this service being entirely free," Dr. Anderson stated, "and all that is necessary to have the work done is for the proper authorities to make the request and for the specimens to be sent us properly prepared and preserved. There is no foundation for the reports that it is necessary to turn bootleggers loose in this state because it is impossible to get an analysis made of the 'evidence'."

It's going to be disastrous for the silk worms if the ladies ever find out it is fashionable to go bare-legged. But think of the billion dollar silk stocking bill dad will save. As Odd McIntyre says: "Silk hosiery will then be as useless as a post office pen."

**LAND FOR SALE.**—Good farming land for sale. Easy payments. See T. S. Currie. 3-11

Each of the four King Georges preceding George V. present King of England, died on the same day of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Nicholas of Fort Worth were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ashley Sunday and Monday of this week.

Why is our Repair Department growing by "leaps and bounds." There's a reason. A better job for less money.

**WILKE'S**  
Jewelers and Opticians

Mrs. Kirby Miller and children, Jack and Mildred, plan to leave Saturday night to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother in Fort Worth.

**Personal Mention**

Mrs. Mildred Jones returned Sunday night from a visit with relatives and friends in Dallas, Fort Worth, Stamford, Rule and Colorado.

Mrs. Bob Debenport of Marshall will arrive Friday night enroute to O'Donnell to join her husband. She will visit with H. R. Debenport and family while in this city.

Preston Sanders who has been attending A. & M. College at College Station arrived Monday night to spend the holidays in this city with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Oxsheer and daughter, Dorothy, left Wednesday morning for San Antonio to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

A. G. Hall arrived Sunday from Culver, Ind., where he has been attending Culver Military academy, to spend the holidays in this city with his mother, Mrs. Sam Hall, and other relatives and friends.

**MICKIE SAYS—**

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE AND I SAY IT YET—IF YOU WANT TO BE THE FAIR HAired BOY ROUND THIS OFFICE, BRING IN YOUR COPY FOR THE PAPER EARLY. LAST MINUTE COPY BREEDS NAUGHTY WORDS—SO PLEASE BRING 'EM IN EARLY (PLEASE)



M. D. Stoner is here from Laredo to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Stoner and friends.

Mrs. A. M. Evans left Wednesday night for Dallas to spend the holidays with her son and daughter. Miss Ada Lingo who is attending C. I. A. at Denton will join her grandmother in Dallas and they will spend Christmas together there.

Miss Andree Walker returned Monday morning from a visit with her sister Mrs. H. A. Glover at Dallas.

Miss Ollie Harding returned Sunday night from Dallas where she has been visiting.

**BIDS WANTED**

Bids are wanted for the construction of a one story brick store building at 303 East Third street. Plans and specifications to be received at the Economy Auto Supply Company, 305 East Third street, Big Spring, Texas. R. H. Waldo, owner. 1431

Glass Glenn of Haskell was visiting relatives and friends in this city this week.

Mrs. W. C. Barnett, Mrs. J. W. Allen and daughter, Mary, returned the latter part of last week from Fort Worth where they had been to visit Miss Elsie Jeanette Barnett, who is attending T. W. C.

Mrs. H. A. Glover and family of Dallas will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Tod Crain and Mrs. Angelo will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. and family.

Mrs. G. L. Wilke and Mrs. Alice spent the past week end visiting friends in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ingham announce the arrival of a baby girl at their home Wednesday 14.

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**"SEVENTH HEAVEN"**

It costs 75 cent to see "Seventh Heaven" at the Monroe, Chicago, and it worth about one hundred times that amount. What I mean is that one spends about 100 times as much each time one sees a picture so good as "Seventh Heaven" as trying to say that I have spent 75 dollars on mediocre pictures since I saw a picture as good as "Seventh Heaven," and I expect to spend about that much more before I see another, no matter how carefully I may select my theaters and no matter how economically I may arrange my budget. This figure comes out, using a mean average of 50 cents for the admission unit, about 150 pictures. Yes, I think I see about 149 pictures between "Seventh Heaven" and the next. That makes "Seventh Heaven" a pretty good picture, which is what I'm trying to insinuate.

Now what I should like to know is why I didn't know that "Seventh Heaven" is as good as it is. Frankly, I strayed into the Monroe because another theater was jammed to the doors, and because I'd heard an offside rumor that the picture was "very unusual." (Unusual, hell, it's great.) Anyway, least others miss the treat for the same reason, I hereby pledge myself to write one of my original (and very rare) poems for every individual in this industry who convinces me that he honestly does not believe "Seventh Heaven" to be one of the best pictures on the screen in America at this writing. (Of course I reserve the right to select my poetic subject, and to make it personal if I wish.)

This "Seventh Heaven" is something like the picture each of us dreams (or has dreamed) that we would make if we had the time, the opportunity and the good luck to actually create that which lingers in the backwash of the most sluggish imagination. Directorially, it is the last word. Historically, it is an example for actors and actresses to regard with studious when and predatory intent. Literally (by this I mean as concerns the story of the thing), it is a plain narrative with a whole of a kick. And if you care to regard it, additionally, according to its various other constituent aspects, it's at least as good in any of those as in these.

Janet Gaynor, whom I haven't seen nearly so regularly as I mean to, is two or three notches beyond perfect in the feminine lead. Charles Farrell is about the same distance beyond the same excellent condition in the male sector of the spotlight. And if the total population of the cast can be multiplied by one, that number of other perfect performances will represent the net result and an accurate statement of fact.

But why should I, with lumbering typewriter, attempt to describe a picture which doesn't admit of description. For once, I miss the newspaper writer's prerogative of telling you, simply, "Go see it." Lacking this prerogative, I borrow it for this occasion and urge each one of you—whoever and whatever you may be—to go take a look at the picture and see if I'm crazy. If I am, don't disturb me, for I'm very happy.

Big Spring, Texas.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old—and I will tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a bicycle, doll, games to play, house slippers, and some nuts, candy and fruit. Be sure and remember all little girls and boys everywhere. With love, Pauline King.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 19, 1927  
Dear Santa Claus: I am just a little boy but won't you please bring me a rook horse? I do not care whether I get anything else or not. Remember all of the other children. Your little friend, Jess Slaughter, Jr.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 19, 1927  
Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a bye-to baby doll, a little bed, and my little brother and I would like to have a Chautauqua blackboard and desk together. Please remember all of the other little children and especially the orphans and cripples. Your little friend, Janice Slaughter.

Ed Gray attended a meeting of Oakland and Pontiac automobile dealers at Abilene Monday, reporting an interesting, instructive and well attended meeting. He states the Pontiac line is going to prove a wonderful surprise, the new cars are to be available near the first of January.

**CORRECTION**

In giving the list of young ladies who attended the football banquet last Thursday evening the name of Miss Anna Mae Homan was omitted, and instead the name Miss Anna Mae Freeman was printed. We are glad to correct this error, and to state that the oversight of Miss Homan's name was unintentional.

**STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!**

At the wonderful programs that are being given at the Church of God each Sunday afternoon. The subject for last Sunday afternoon was "Talents."  
"Using Our Talents in Song Service"—Johnnie Spears.  
"Doing Our Master's Will"—Anna Beth Dixon.  
"Using Our Talents for the Glory of God"—Ida Belle Smith.  
Come and bring some one with you each Sunday at 7 p. m. You are especially invited to attend the Christmas program next Sunday at the regular hour.  
Reported.

It's a cinch that Big Spring is going forward. But it is up to the citizenship to say how far and how fast this forward movement will register. If we want the old home town to take the lead we must make a united effort to aid this growth. We need to advertise our resources far and wide.

**CARD OF THANKS**

For the many expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings at the death of our loved one we wish to extend our sincere thanks to our kind friends in Big Spring. Your thoughtfulness will ever be remembered and appreciated.  
Homer Robinson and family.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

O. J. Carpenter and Miss Alien Morris, December 16.  
Leonard Smith and Miss Susie Thomas, Dec. 17.  
Floyd White and Vaughnea Williams, Dec. 17.  
W. F. Rodgers and Thelma Jones, Dec. 20.

Lewis Rix arrived home Tuesday from Lubbock where he has been attending the Texas Tech, to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rix and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Griffin and son of Midland were here to attend the opening of The Men's Store, Inc., last Friday evening.

Miss Mattie Merrick who is attending college at Abilene arrived Wednesday night to spend the holidays in this city with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Barnett are here from Eldorado to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Birdsong of Plainview arrived Monday night for a visit in this city with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Eberley.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Davis and daughter, Angie Lee, of San Antonio and Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Lloyd and daughter of Plainview will be here to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Rueben and Curtis Choate who have been attending Wesley College at Greenville arrived home Monday night to spend the holidays in this city with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Choate, other relatives and friends.

**It Pays to Read Herald Want Ads.**

**BILL BOOSTER SAYS:**

THE WAY TO MAKE OUR TOWN HARD UP IS TO SPEND OUR MONEY IN SOME OTHER TOWN—MAYBE GAIN A FEW CENTS NOW AND THEN, BUT LOSE DOLLARS IN THE END—AND THOSE DOLLARS HAVE ONE-WAY TICKETS—THEY'LL NEVER BE BACK!



**SEVERAL HUNDRED ATTEND OPENING OF MEN'S STORE, INC.**

The formal opening of The Men's Store, Inc., was held last Friday evening between the hours of seven and nine o'clock and several hundred people called at this time to become acquainted with the personnel and to take an inspection tour through the store. R. M. Burman is local manager.

The store in keeping with the holiday spirit was festively decorated with Christmas trees, covered with snow, bells and wreaths and pretty colored lights gave the interior a warm and cozy atmosphere. The show windows were attractively arranged with suggestions for the Christmas shopper and in one was a Christmas tree adorned, just as if Santa had already made his visit.

The callers registered and each one was given an opportunity to take part in a guessing contest. Mrs. James Davis was successful among the women and she received a lovely pair of chiffon hose.

Albert Allen won it for the men, and he received a fine shirt.

Favors of pink carnations were given to each lady that called and the men callers were treated to cigars. Music was furnished throughout the evening through the courtesy of W. R. Purser and Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kimberlin of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Griffin and son of Midland were here to attend the formal opening on Friday evening. Mr. Kimberlin is general manager of The Men's Store, Inc., and Mrs. Griffin is manager of the Midland store. Mr. Kimberlin stated that he was indeed pleased to have a location in Big Spring as he believed that this city was in for a period of growth and development and would grow in size as well as in population. "The outlook is very bright," Mr. Kimberlin said.

Everyone who has visited The Men's Store, Inc., is praising the high grade merchandise for men kept in stock. Only quality ready to wear for men will be sold here and the shopper can depend on receiving only the best.

The modern fixtures and attractive arrangement of the stock in the store make this new establishment in the Elliott building an attractive place to shop. We welcome it into the business enterprises of Big Spring.

**SEE!**

The Eighth Wonder of World between Gooch's grocery and the Queen motion picture theater on Main street. The delicious "Meat Rolls" and "Hot Dogs" cooked by this electrical device automatically; is cooked greaseless, thus it aids and abets digestion.

This new wonderful cooker is considered by experts the eighth wonder of the world. Try a delicious juicy hamburger, roll or Coney island Red hot, cooked on this new wonder device. Will open in a day or so between and between Gooch's Cash Grocery and the Queen Theater, on Main street. The place will be known as

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One six room house, 805 Main, lot 100x150 feet; also six room house, 806 Runnels St., lot 75x150 feet. Price \$5500 (either one). Both will be on paved streets. Terms. T. E. Satterwhite, 806 Runnels Street, or phone 480. 14-21.

George Amos who underwent an operation last week is reported to be getting along nicely.

**Merry Christmas To All**



We take this opportunity to extend a Xmas Greeting to all Xmas shoppers we have already served, and to those whom we shall serve in the remaining TWO DAYS before Xmas.

We are prepared to take care of your last-minute needs, and offer these suggestions to complete your shopping list:

- Jewelry
- Diamonds
- Silverware
- Clocks
- Novelties
- Toiletries
- Watches
- Ivory
- Cut Glass
- Leather Goods
- Pottery
- Toys

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## CHRISTMAS IN THE APARTMENT HOUSE

JEANETTE KIRBY hurriedly finished dressing and proceeded to slip on the bathrobe door and inform her husband, Edwin Kirby, that if he didn't hurry, they'd be late for the Christmas party. Edwin didn't want to go, she knew, but she had insisted, so he acquiesced.

On the other side of the wall, or rather in the other half of the house, dear little Mrs. Whitley paced the floor gowned in a quaint old dress of other days, and a modest little bonnet topped her silver locks. The Union church had promised to call for her by motor to carry her to their annual holiday party and she was very happy as a result.

Thus it was, when the clock sounded out the hour of eight, tears flooded the eyes of both women—one because she had been forgotten and the other because her spouse wouldn't hurry. Both women had opened the front doors of their apartments and had stepped out upon the porch. A beautiful snow had begun to cover the ground and Jeanette knew Edwin hated tramping through a snowstorm, while she, herself, loved it. Mrs. Whitley concluded that the young folks of Union church had decided she shouldn't venture out in a snowstorm. Neither woman noticed the other until a low sob escaped the lips of the elder one.

It was but a few moments until the two women had sobbed out their own selfish griefs and had decided to have a Christmas party all their own. Edwin Kirby joined most heartily in their plans and made numerous trips to the basement for canned fruit and potatoes, and to the attic where he found the folded patent Christmas tree, some candles, some red bells and roping, and a huge sack of dry popcorn.

What a party! The Kirbys forgot their differences in making dear Mrs. Whitley happy and, in turn, Mrs. Whitley loved the company of young folks. "Never since pa died, have I had such a wonderful Christmas party," declared Mrs. Whitley, when she bade the happy child-like couple good morning at her door a number of hours afterward.

"Some good must come out of every misunderstanding," thought both women as they closed their eyes in sleep at the end of such a happy Christmas eve.—L. B. Lyons.

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## WHAT TO MAKE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

WHAT shall I make for Christmas? has puzzled so many children whose means are limited, that a few suggestions should be welcome.

First on the list comes mother, who doubtless would appreciate a needlebook, cut from flannel or any other soft woolen material, with the edges neatly hemmed. The cover may be of colored silk, or the whole may be cut in the outline of a cat, flower or other object.

A boy may prefer to grow a plant in a neighbor's hothouse. Particularly at the Christmas season, when the general aspect is rather gloomy, a flower or fern will find a welcome. The ideal gift for a sick person, a plant is quite as appropriate for one in good health.

Waste baskets are far from a usual gift, and they are always acceptable. Unless one is already skilled in basketry, it would be unwise to attempt weaving one, but heavy cardboard covered with scraps of wall paper may be used. This basket should be square, with a cardboard bottom pasted in. The wide ribbon may be run through slits near the top and tied in a bow at one corner. Sealing wax will also lend distinction, and this form of decoration may be used on wicker baskets as well.

A dainty lingerie perfume which any woman or girl would prize can be made by saving the petals of red roses. These are dried and sprinkled with salt, and should be stirred every morning for about ten days. For two quarts of petals, mix separately quarter ounce each of ground mace, cloves and allspice, half ounce ground cinnamon, two ounces powderedorris root and quarter pound dried lavender flowers. Any other flowers that retain their fragrance after drying may be added. This mixture (or any other recipe for pot-pourri) is added to the rose petals.

A cupful or more of these dried petals are then tied in a bag of silk or mesh and finished with an artificial flower or any other dainty top. If preferred, smaller ones may be made, containing about half a cupful each. These should be presented in groups of three.—Helen Galsford.

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## The Christmas Tree

According to a German legend, all trees blossomed on Christmas Eve. To make fact agree with legend, small cherry twigs were properly cultivated at home so as to bloom about Christmas time.

## Pere Noel in France

Children in France look for the coming of Pere Noel with the same pleasure and impatience as ours do for the coming of Santa Claus.—Furness Beach.

## TO USE IN LIEU OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

PERHAPS you may want to vary the time-honored custom of having a Christmas tree. If so, here are some substitutes that may appeal to you because of their novelty or practicality:

A Christmas umbrella lends itself well to living room decoration and requires less work in preparation and clearing away than a tree. Get a large, colored umbrella, the kind in use for advertising purposes, or utilize any old umbrella that may be on hand. Put a heavy string through a hole bored in the top just below the ferrule by means of which to suspend the open umbrella from the ceiling. The frame may be decorated in any desired manner. A good effect is obtained by covering the inner and outer surface with green crepe paper and relieving the severity with tinsel festooning. A green paper-covered umbrella decorated with "icicles" and snow like that used on Christmas trees also makes a strong appeal. Strings of popcorn, festooning of any kind, bright-colored paper chains, ornaments, in fact, anything that is used to decorate the Christmas tree may be pressed into service on the Christmas umbrella.

Fasten pin hooks, such as are used to hang draperies, to the under side of the umbrella for holding the Christmas gifts. The heavier articles should be hung along the ribs to insure safety, but light gifts can be distributed all over the surface.

A Christmas cornucopia is an interesting and unique solution of the problem of gift distribution. Make a large cornucopia out of cardboard and cover it with green or gilt paper. Hang this from the ceiling so that the large end is considerably lower than the small one.

Before hanging the cornucopia, place in it the various gifts well wrapped so as to prevent breakage. Fasten a cover firmly over the open end and decorate it to correspond with the cornucopia. It is well to have the large end so arranged in hanging that when the covering is removed the gifts will land of the table.

A Christmas chariot gives little folks a fine chance to help in the distribution of gifts. By using a few laths, some stiff wire and an old baby cart, the framework of the Christmas chariot may be easily fashioned. This can be decorated with crepe paper, tulle or the like. The little fairy queen, airily dressed, should be seated in the chariot drawn by several of the other children appropriately gowned. The gift packages which the fairy queen distributes should be tied in white paper with tinsel cord or delicately colored ribbons to harmonize with the occasion.

A Christmas cross is easily constructed and quite effective as a substitute for the time-honored tree. The cross may be made of two rough boards securely fastened to a base and the entire surface covered with laurel, evergreen branches, or green paper festooning. If small electric lights are available a pretty effect can be obtained by outlining the cross with colored bulbs. Gifts may be hung on the cross by means of screw eyes or small hooks.

While not inappropriate for the home, nevertheless, the Christmas cross seems especially well adapted for use in the church where an interesting program may center around it.—Alice Crowell Hoffman.

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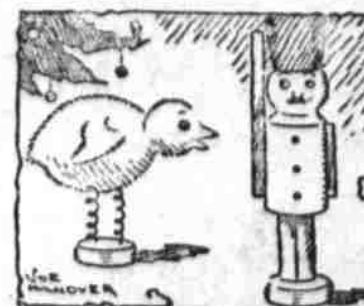
## The Christmas Bells

THE bells of Christmas exercise a mystic spell. They awaken rhythm and music not sensed at other times. The best within us awakens with the first joyous pealing of these bells, and we are glad! Everyone is glad on Christmas.

Frivolling and feasting bespeak only the joy of the occasion. The bountiful platter, the full cup, and the hearty greeting indicate but faintly the warmth of friendliness and good-will which lies so deep within us. Let the bells continue to ring "A Merry Christmas!"—W. D. Pennypacker.

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## Well Satisfied



Wooden Soldier—Don't you wish you were a real chick?  
Toy Chick—Not on your life—I'd be too apt to get fried!

## Feast in Honor of Christ

The very first evidence of a feast having been held in honor of the birth of Christ was in Egypt, about the year 300.

## MUST APPLY FOR SOLDIER BONUS BEFORE JANUARY 1

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The coming New Year's day is the last date on which veterans of the World War may legally apply for their adjusted service certificates, or soldiers' bonus as it is commonly called, and there is every indication that on that date the rights of a large number of veterans will automatically lapse. No deep concern is felt about this, however, even by the veterans' organization, because those who have failed, during the past three and one-half years, to apply for the bonus are chiefly men of a short period of service, whose payments or certificates would be so small that they probably did not bother about making application.

The others who have not applied

are a small group who do not want or do not need the adjusted compensation, and such others as have simply neglected the matter. The latter have yet a few days to get in touch with a veterans' bureau office, get an application blank, fill out and speed it to Washington. Army and navy recruiting officers also have blanks.

Judge and Mrs. J. B. Littler are spending the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth with relatives and friends.

Private Jack Martin of Fort Sam Houston will arrive home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother Mrs. Joe Simmons and his sister Mrs. Ford Pierce.

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## ASKS \$100,000,000 FOR FEDERAL BUILDINGS

Washington. — The Reed bill authorizing an additional \$100,000,000 for public building construction thruout the country was reported favorably to the house today by the public building committee.

This bill carries merely a flat authorization and does not specify any project.

The postmaster general and secretary of the treasury, under new procedure, would submit a list of projects after congress votes authorization. The list then would require congress approval.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Huggins left Thursday morning for Waxahachie where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

## COLORADO PLANNING ICE AND LIGHT PLANT

Colorado, Texas, Dec. 17.—Colorado citizens started a movement for a municipal ice and light plant when fifty three business men met at the City Hall Friday night and enthusiastically endorsed the proposal to vote bonds for the plant.

A committee composed of C. M. Adams, C. H. Earnest and Dr. G. A. Root was named to circulate a petition asking for an election on the project at an early date. The Texas Electric Service Company now owns a thirty-ton ice plant here and maintains offices, with power high lines from Big Spring and Sweetwater.

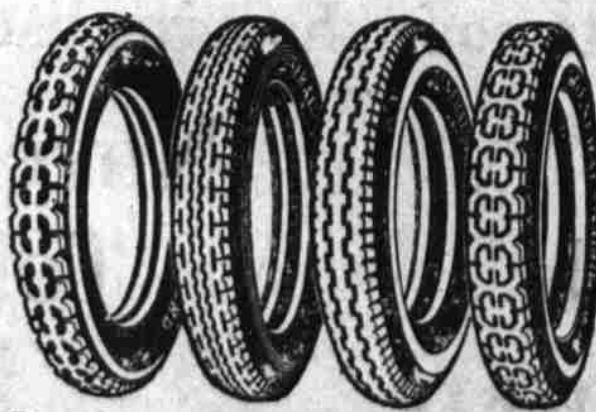
Miss Mary Holmes of Corsicana will be the guest of Miss Gertrude MacIntyre during the holidays.

Now, more than ever, you can afford the pleasure of riding on Generals. Never before have car owners taken advantage of such an opportunity in such volume.

Tire prices are so low now that no one need delay a day to buy topmost quality. It has become an easy investment for everyone.

Even in the largest balloons your selection of Generals today in preference to any other brand won't tax you as much as an evening's entertainment at the theatre.

Hundreds this spring have already seen the economy of this idea and they are carrying our sales this year thousands ahead of last year's great record when General announced the policy of never tampering with quality. We want hundreds more to get acquainted with General's quality while this most favorable low price opportunity continues.



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OPEN A CHARGE ACCOUNT

If you have an account in the leading stores, we offer you the same convenience. Just tell us to "charge it."



#### PRECEDENT

The National Association of Manufacturers has protested against Uncle Sam's entrance into the field of manufacture or power development as unfair to private industry, which is compelled to pay taxes and insurance and the like.

For some time now the government has been competing with the private industry of the country through its practice of printing special request addresses on stamped envelopes. And these printers must pay insurance, rent and all the other expenses to which any form of private industry is subjected.

This practice of printing envelopes is dinky business and bad business for Uncle Sam. The National Editorial Association and other organizations are waging war on it. Bills will be introduced in both branches of Congress to abolish the practice.

Congressmen who will be called on the bills are urged to remember President Coolidge's statement that government should get out of all kinds of business and stay out.

This includes, of course, the printing business. If the bills fail, a new four year contract between the government and the envelope manufacturers probably will be entered into, and the practice will be continued.

Winning the fight means giving industrial America a precedent for action on similar evils in other countries.

Winning means an understanding, that paternalism will be postponed awhile.

#### COMMUNITY

**ADVERTISING PAY?** Figures show that in four years Oregon, has spent \$542,000 on advertising and bringing settlers to Oregon. Some of the revenue: 3000 settlers located on 100,000 acres; 35 cooperative marketing units organized, without a cent; an estimated \$70,000,000 brought to the state by tourists; friendly relations between city and country, all over the state.

Etta Middleton has gone to Phoenix, Ariz., to spend the Christmas holidays there with her son.

#### CHILDREN AGAIN

Christmas is for the children; it is a children's holiday. But we all can become children again, if only for this season, and without any harm, either.

The blind faith with which the child awaits Santa Claus is needed a great deal more in a world grown callous and skeptical, in a world become too "smart," too cynical, too matter of fact. And unless we catch, somehow, some of that sweet faith, the day shall pass for us without meaning and without joy.

Christmas brings happiness to those in whose hearts the beautiful image of Santa Claus is a living and real creature. It cannot bring pleasure to the people who "do not believe." It can bring no peace on earth to those who have turned away from their old acceptance of the Christmas symbol of love and good cheer and the spirit of giving.

Santa Claus brings, most of all, the spirit of giving and if that were all he brought, he has carried a precious burden. The gift is a mark of love, of the kind of love that breaks right out of a full heart to the whole world, the kind of love that wishes all men well, unmediated love.

Over all he world, from the shop windows, on the streets, in the homes, the time is at hand for the birth of that great love.

Christmas is the great proof that we must have love in our lives. That is the real Christmas gift—the love that makes us children again. —Abilene Reporter.

#### A VARIETY

A census taker called at a farmhouse and a woman answered the door.

"How many in your family?" asked the ticket taker.

"Five," answered the woman, peevishly. "Me, the old man, one kid, a cow and a cat."

"And thee politics of your family?" inquired the enumerator.

"Mixed," came the short reply.

"I'm a republican, the old man's a democrat, the kid's wet, the cow's dry, and the cat's a populist." —Tioga Herald.

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#### BIG SPRING DOG IS A SELF-STARTER

"Ponto Jr.," a big English bull dog owned by Mark Cummins of Camp Coleman, Big Spring, is no different from an old auto on a frosty morning. The half frozen car just won't go. But Ponto is always ready to be harnessed up and take the younger members of the Cummins family out for a romp and a ride. He doesn't have to be coaxed or cussed at, like an auto.

"Come on, Ponto; let's go for a ride," is all Mark has to say. With a bark and a wag of his all, Mr. Bull Pup cavorts around until shafts of the wagon are placed over him, and then in the most docile manner imaginable he waits until he has been harnessed, and the kiddies have hopped into their sulky and wagon. Then, with a bark, Ponto starts off, the ride is on, and everybody is happy, including the pup.

In his prospect to the letter written the Dog Editor, Mary says: "Ponto will also throw a cow, or hold the largest hog there is."

The major portion of Mark's letter runs as follows: "I have been reading your dog stories in the paper and have liked them very much. I have always owned a dog, and most of them have been trained. I train them myself.

"I am sending some pictures of the dog I now own. He is an English bull dog. I purchased him at Ralls when he was but one month old. What he now knows at the age of 4, was taught him after school and on Saturdays.

"He can sit up, barks when asked to speak, makes a good buggy horse, retrieves ducks from the coldest water, finds birds when the hunter is unable, walks on his hind legs, will roll over, dig a hole whenever commanded, will stand watch over anything and, last but not least, he makes the best companion for the children I ever saw."

—Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Rev. Shirley C. Guthrie of Coahoma who was former pastor of the Midland Presbyterian Church, is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Navasota.

#### \$23,000,000 BOND ISSUE

Dallas citizens by a large majority adopted fifteen civic improvements calling for the expenditure of \$23,000,000 within the next nine years.

The public improvements to share in the bond issue are: The schools, parks, street widening, sanitary sewers, paving storm sewers, fire departments, incinerators, library, art institute, auditorium, hospitals, water works, airport.

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#### A DIAMOND Is as Good as Money in the Bank

You can think of a diamond as so much cash—in a different form. A guaranteed diamond is always worth what you paid for it and generally more, because diamond values are constantly rising. It's as safe as a Liberty Bond—or as money in the bank.

If you've thought of buying a diamond, come in and see what we have to offer—in guaranteed diamonds direct from the cutters, at very advantageous prices.

We are direct representatives of **KIMBERLEY** Diamond Cutting Works, N. Y. "Diamonds guaranteed by the cutters"

Geo. L. Wilke

JEWELER & OPTICIAN  
Big Spring, Texas

A. P. Prendergast, superintendent of motive power, for the Texas & Pacific Ry., with headquarters at Dallas, was in Big Spring last Saturday on a tour of inspection.

**BAVARIAN CHINA 95-PIECE SETS**  
Genuine Hutschenreuther Bavarian China, finest embossing and finish; white china suitable either for painting or table use; the original and best, 95-piece Dinnerware sets, \$50.00

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PIANO TECHNICIAN



Place Your Orders With

W. R. Daves, Phone 318

or

Rix Furniture Co., Phone 260

A. W. Daughtry left Sunday morning for Rankin where he will spend the holidays with his son, Herbert Daughtry, and friends.

"You Cannot be Optimistic With Misty Optics"  
Scientific Optical Service—the aid to good vision and eye comfort at **WILKE'S, Opticians.**  
Glasses from \$1.00 to \$2.50 and all work guaranteed.

El Paso's Newest and Finest  
**HUSSMANN**  
"On the Plaza"  
EL PASO, TEXAS  
300 Rooms—300 Baths—All Outside—\$2.50 per night

#### THE TONSOR

Where you get satisfaction; bobbing a specialty; six barbers who know how; pleasant place to trade.

Located in heart of Big Spring—basement State National Bank Building.

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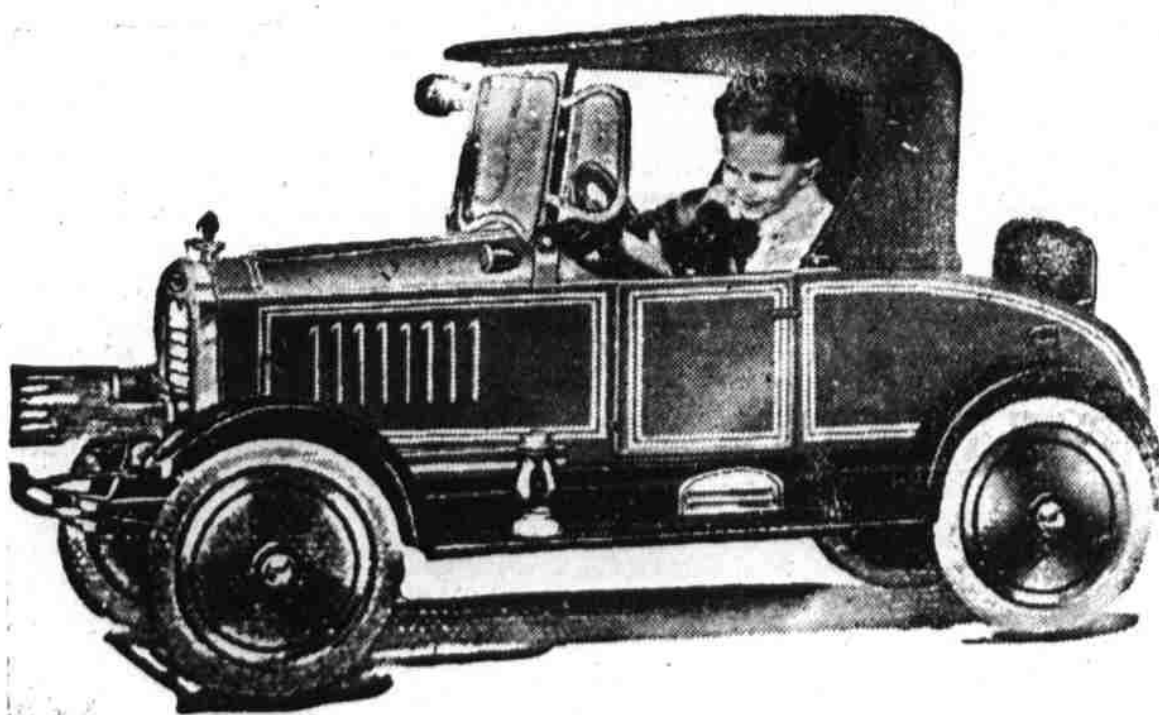
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Res. Phone 583

## A WONDERFUL Christmas Present!



for some boy or girl in this territory. Call at Biles Drug Store — see the beautiful car—and learn how you may become the possessor of same.

This wonderful car for the little fellows, is easy to control, has no complicated mechanism, and is simple to start and stop. It will make five miles an hour.

The juvenile motor car is electrically equipped with a specially designed motor that is sure to give satisfactory service. Two road lamps and a tail light equip the car and it has a wet storage battery that furnishes the current. Since every home has a radio battery recharging outfit it will be a simple matter to keep the battery up.

The little red automobile is now on display at our store and is attracting the attention of both young and old! It's a wonder—come and look it over.

**J. D. BILES**

Phone 87

DRUGGIST

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## Christmas Goosd

For the Baby—The Child—The Grown-Up

OLD SANTA HAS HIS MAIN DISPLAY OF  
**TOYS AND PRESENTS**  
AT OUR STORE

IN THE USEFUL GIFTS WE HAVE

The many modern household helps—the needed, the ornamental and the something the household has intended to buy "sometime." Make her happy by having Santa put it on the Christmas tree for her.

Our Great Christmas Display Is Now Ready!

Come and see—what you want is here—for all members of your family and your friends!

**Big Spring Hardware Co.**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AT THE POOR FARM**

MRS. BRIGGS sat at the window looking out at the snow. Mrs. Fenn sat at the opposite window. "Mrs. Fenn," said Mrs. Briggs, "you always have a turkey for Christmas?" Mrs. Fenn sighed. "Yes, we always had a big one, an' Pa used to say no body on earth could roast a turkey better or make better stuff'n than I could. We always had a tree, too." "So did we," said Mrs. Briggs, "till Emmy died, then we got clear out of the notion. Christmas ain't no fun without a chick or a child to fix fur."

The door opened and in came Mrs. Murphy. "Girts," she said, "there's the sweetest little boy in the hospital. He's an orphan; he broke his leg an' they bring him here last night. An' when I was clean in there just now he sez to me, 'Will Santa Claus come to the poor farm tonight?' I sez: 'Sure Mike.'"

"What a pity," sighed Mrs. Fenn. "Shame on yourself," cried Mrs. Murphy. "We got to make Christmas fur him."

"I got a red petticoat—it's too full," said Mrs. Briggs. "I could make him some mittens."

"Grand," said Mrs. Murphy. "Who wouldn't be pleased with red mittens! Now you be thinkin' an' I'll come back."

In about twenty minutes she returned bearing some cedar boughs. "I thought we'd tie them together an' have a tree. Old Mr. Gates is goin' to town an' he's gonna buy four candles at the tin-cint store."

"Then he can get a bag of marbles and a horn," cried Mrs. Fenn; "I got twenty cents."

"Grand," said Mrs. Murphy. "An' here is four ears of popcorn the gardener jest give me. Miss Fenn, you pop 'em an' we'll string it fur the tree."

The next night Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Fenn were sitting at their accustomed windows.

"He even liked the mittens," said Mrs. Briggs.

"Jest as well as he did the horn and marbles," replied Mrs. Fenn generously.

"Wasn't it ilgant to have of Mr. Hogan with his white whiskers for Santa Claus?"

"An' when you rung the dinner bell an' said 'Whon, you reindeers, I could have died a-laffin'!"

"An' wasn't the tree pretty?"

"An' wasn't he sweet when he said Merry Christmas!"—Jane Roth, (© 1937, Western Newspaper Union.)

**BETTER-LATE-THAN-NEVER XMAS GIFT**

EVERY other teacher in Grant school received some sort of a Christmas remembrance from their kiddies but me," was the mournful message that drifted through the transom of the Mattocks home to the ears of Dorothy Littleton and Grace Carter. "I've tried so hard to please them and I love everyone of them, but I guess I'm just a dismal failure."

True enough, the girls of the grammar room of the Grant school thought to break Miss Mattocks, their teacher, of being strict with them, they would see that she received no Christmas present. They had gotten it into their fair heads that Miss Mattocks was their enemy, but now—Dorothy and Grace had discovered that Miss Mattocks was only human and that—well, it couldn't be possible—she loved them.

About ten o'clock, the Mattocks sisters were startled by the peal of their doorbell. Most every student of the grammar room of Grant school was there on the little porch. "We thought we would do something different this year," they chimed when she opened the door. They had brought along a gay tree, all decorated and a whole shower of nice presents. Perhaps these were last-minute presents, but Miss Mattocks didn't know that, and since the children were sorry for the way they had misjudged her and she was so happy, what did it matter?—L. B. Lyons, (© 1937, Western Newspaper Union.)

**Two Weeks of Christmas**

In bygone times in "merrie" England, Christmas used to last two weeks, until Twelfth night. Now one day suffices unless we include the customary 30-day shopping drive.—Capper's Weekly.

**Christmas in Bohemia**

The children in Bohemia are taught to listen on Christmas Eve for a chariot, drawn by two beautiful white horses bearing the Christ child and the gifts He will distribute among them.—Farm and Ranch.

**Christmas in Italy**

The children of Italy are taken to the churches and cathedrals where they receive their gifts from the Bambino which means the infant Christ.—Farm and Ranch.

**"Wassail"**

"Wassail"—"your health"—was the Anglo-Saxon drinking pledge, taken with the wassail bowl, containing a concoction called "lamb's wool," made

**CHRISTMAS GIFT**

THE practical gift of pleasure was planned for a son and daughter for their aged parents, who claimed that the joy it carried through the year was a climax to all previous Christmas love tokens. When the package, on which was written "Dear Father and Mother, with greetings and our love," was opened, there were revealed twelve parcels of various sizes, shapes and colors.

In the December envelope, which was decorated with seals, Santa Claus pictures, holly, etc., was a five-year subscription to the home newspaper, with snapshots of the grandchildren, scenes in the son's and daughter's home, friends, etc.

The January package had a small January calendar on it which held a receipt for a year's subscription to a fashion magazine.

February's box contained a valentine with an original verse which explained a surprise that would arrive early in the month. The surprise proved to be two current magazines, one on Hunting, Trapping, Winter Sports and a Woman's Household and Handwork Magazine.

Comic pictures of March capers decorated the March parcel, which promised, by a receipt inside, a Home and Gardening publication.

April was in the form of a joke, with a note on which was written in large letters, "When? What? Why?—April Fool." Through the month a popular weekly Farm and Home Journal arrived each week.

A May basket held coins with lines to the effect that the father and mother could purchase whatever they most desired.

For June was a letter, fittingly decorated, in which were congratulations—the wedding anniversary of the parents occurred in this month. There was also forthcoming an "Outing" publication.

As July and August were the months in which the birthday anniversaries of the parents occurred, these packages were wrapped together. In a paper boat, on which was pasted a flag, was wrapped a check to cover a trip to the homes of the son and daughter with instructions to purchase a popular Recreation Magazine, as well as highway guides and maps, for the father had a hobby of studying road guides and maps.

When the September magazine arrived it contained a number of greeting postal cards which the parents could send to their friends.

October's envelope was an order for a religious publication.

November's was a copy of a magazine reviewing the interesting topics of the past twelve months, as a fitting climax to the year's reading material which had given such satisfaction.

The son and daughter had arranged with a book stand to deliver the magazines. What a joy they must have experienced in planning this gift, which was indeed a Christmas climax that lasted throughout the year!—Gertrude Walton, (© 1937, Western Newspaper Union.)

**At Christmas Time**

AT CHRISTMAS TIME Bethlehem is the famous capitol of all the earth. Then, the star of Bethlehem outranks all the flaming constellations. Then angels and archangels crowd the sky and fill the night with chants and praise. Then the shepherds come to seek for Mary's child. Wise men come, with gold for a new-born king—with frankincense for the high-priest of all the ages and with myrrh for the sacrificial lamb. At Christmas time the manger is a sacred shrine and the swaddled babe is king of all the earth.—Christmas the greatest day of all the year.—William L. Gaston, (© 1937, by Western Newspaper Union.)

**Ain't It So!**



"What are men's fashions coming to next?" "Lord knows! What do you think of a guy that wears red knickers?" "Well, who in the world does that?" "Santa Claus."

**Several Santas**

There are several Santas, including Kris Kringle and St. Nick or Nicholas. The original St. Nick was a bishop, who is said to have lived to take part in the historic Council of Nice. This is disputed by historians, but he certainly lived prior to the reign of Justinian, in whose time several churches in Constantinople were dedicated to St. Nicholas.—Capper's Weekly.

**CLARENCE SAUNDERS**  
SOLE OWNER OF MY NAME

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday**

**Oranges** New crop Calif. **LARGE** 47c  
**MEDIUM SIZE** 37c  
**Navels, per doz. SMALL** 28c

**Apples Extra Fancy, all sizes, per box...\$3.75**

**Cranberries, per qt..25c** **Post Toasties, large - 13c**

**Fancy Pitted Dates. 23c** **Irish Potatoes, lb. . 2 1/2c**

**Lettuce, per head . 12c** **No. 2 Standard Tomatoes per can 9c**

**Bananas per lb . . 11c** **No. 1 Standard Tomatoes Per can 7c**

**Cocoanuts, each - 10c** **No. 2 Spinach Per can 17c**

**Celery, per bunch - 18c** **No. 3 Spinach Per a n 19c**

**MAXWELL HOUSE Coffee** 1 pound 47c  
3 pounds \$1.40

**FOLGER'S Golden Gate Coffee** 1 pound 56c  
2 pounds \$1.10  
5 pounds 2.69

**English Walnuts Per lb. 30c**

**Cigarettes, All Kinds, per pkg. 15c, 2 for 25c**

**CLARENCE SAUNDERS**  
SOLE OWNER OF MY NAME

**Personal Mention**

W. F. Cushing and family spent Saturday in Sterling, where they visited relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. B. Robb and children, Mabel and H. B. Jr., are in the city to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Hatch, other relatives and friends.

Herbert Whitney arrived Saturday from College Station where he has been attending A. & M. College to spend the holidays in this city with his mother, Mrs. H. G. Whitney, other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salmon and daughter and son, Theyva and Max of Amarillo are the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gordon and family.

Frankie Segell, student in Wesley College at Greenville arrived Saturday to spend the holidays in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Segell.

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Tyree Hardy arrived Saturday morning from College Station where he has been attending A. & M. college to spend the holidays in this city with his mother, Mrs. Luis Hardy, other relatives and friends.

W. F. Cook will leave Saturday for Abilene to spend the holidays there with his family. Mr. Cook will spend the remainder of the winter in Abilene, and plans to return to Big Spring in the spring.

Wilbur Matthews of San Antonio is here to spend the Christmas days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopkins Saturday morning for Wichita to spend the holidays there with relatives and friends.

Ike Knaus who is a student Wesley college at Greenville ed Saturday to spend the holidays in this city with homefolks.

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**Big Spring Public Service Company**  
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Big Spring, Texas, Friday, December 23, 1927

By T. E. Jordan

## Wishing One and All A Merry Christmas!



### L. S. McDOWELL ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

The gay Christmas colors of green and red in many variations were artistically combined with autumn leaves in the decorations, favors, and menu at a delightful social affair last Friday afternoon when L. S. McDowell was hostess to a party in her beautiful home on Broadway street. Bridge was the dominant feature of the afternoon and nine players contested in the exciting games. Mrs. J. B. ...

... a recent bride was named as guest of this pleasurable party by Mrs. McDowell. The guests were seated around beautiful tables which were set for a luncheon service. Nut cups expressing the Christmas motif in designs of Christmas bells, and ribbon marked place, each one filled with nuts and candles. An appetizing and appetizing plate lunch which the chosen colors were especially expressed was served in the dining room. The menu consisted of grapefruit cocktail, pressed chicken, jellied tomato sauce, stuffed olives, sweet pickles, wafers, asparagus and celery salad, fruit and coffee.

... appointments for the bridge party were placed on the tables, and the refreshments and by the hostess the guests were seated to their places at the tables. At the conclusion of the party when scores were compared the score honor went to Mrs. J. R. ... who was beautifully favored. Mrs. Herb Lees received a beautiful vase for winning high in the contest. Mrs. Whisenant was presented with the guest prize.

### CHRISTMAS THEME USED AT EASTERN STAR BANQUET

A beautiful Christmas theme was used in the decorations at the Eastern Star banquet held in the hall Tuesday evening. The Christmas colors, red and green were elaborately used in the decorating of the hall as well as in the Christmas bells, wreaths and Yuletide symbols. A beautiful decorated Christmas tree with lights stood at one end of the hall and at the other was a tree of the Babe in the Manger, which shone a bright silver. The lighting effects and decorations provided a very lovely setting in which the banquet tables were arranged.

... red tapers, lighted, were placed at regular intervals on the tables with smaller ones at vantage points to add to the effectiveness and cast a soft glow over the banquet scene. T. Brooks acted as toastmaster and a delightful Christmas program was enjoyed during the evening. As the guests entered, Roy Green sang softly "Silent Night, Holy Night." Musical numbers by Miss Nancy Dawes and O. Williamson were given and also talks by J. W. Ward and Mrs. ...

... Charles Eberley, worthy ... and a corp of able assistants planned the delightful entertainment for the membership and it was thoroughly enjoyed. As a ... of the esteem and love in ... Mrs. Eberley is held her office ... Eastern Star ring following the ... menu served in courses consisting of fruit cocktail, baker turkey dressing, gravy, creamed peas in timbales, stuffed pickles, olives, cranberry perfection salad, ice cream ... Santa Claus and fruit ...

### FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET OF FIRST BAPTIST CHOR

Reflecting the seasonal atmosphere of the Yuletide in the decorations and appointments for the banquet held in the basement of the First Baptist Church last Friday evening, the members of the choir, said to be one of the best choirs in West Texas, were delightfully entertained at seven o'clock. A delicious menu was prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Douglass, assisted by other members of the church. The four courses consisted of: shrimp cocktail, celery, olives, pickles, baked turkey, giblet gravy, raising stuffing, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, candied sweet potatoes, asparagus tips, heart of lettuce salad with thousand island dressing, waldorf supreme, fruit jelly with whipped cream, fruit cake and demitasse.

This was called the First Annual Banquet of the First Baptist Choir, and such an affair will become an annual occasion henceforth.

Members of the choir and guests on this occasion were: Miss Lillian Hancock, directress; James F. Willson, pianist; D. H. Heard, pastor; Sopranos, Mrs. Travis Reed, Maurine Weatherby, Louise Davies, Mrs. Fred Hopkins, Mrs. Roy Green, Mrs. T. R. Gathright, Mrs. Roy Lay, Clara Segrist, Mrs. J. A. Burleson, Fannie Stephens, Mrs. Morgan Martin, Mrs. H. McNew, and Mrs. J. Tom Mercer; Altos: Mrs. George Gentry, Mrs. R. C. Hatch, Ruby Bell, Loula Cardwell and Mary Higgs; Tenors: Roy Cornelison, Fred Phillips, Nat Shick, C. T. Hollobaugh, C. C. Morgan; Bass: George McNew, Roy Lay, Buell Cardwell, and Mr. Sibly.

### I-DEAL BRIDGE CLUB GUESTS OF MRS. STEPHENS

The members of the I-Ideal Bridge club were most delightfully entertained in the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stephens on South Scurry street last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Stephens hostess to four tables of players. The pretty furnishings of the home provided a lovely setting wherein the tables were arranged for the bridge play. In the series of interesting card games high score honor among the club members was won by Mrs. C. D. Baxley and Mrs. Homer McNew made visitor's high score. At the tea hour unusually delicious refreshments in two courses were served in a dainty manner.

### MRS. VICTOR MARTIN HOSTESS TO ENTRE NOUS

Mrs. Victor Martin was hostess to members of the Entre Nous Bridge club last Wednesday afternoon having as guests three tables of players. In a pretty setting the tables were arranged for the play and dainty appointments marked each table for the play.

Mrs. H. G. Whitney was successful in making club high score in the afternoon games and Mrs. Julian Eckhaus made visitor's high score.

### A PLEASANT AFTERMATH OF THE PLAY

A pleasant aftermath of the play were the delicious refreshments served at the tea hour.

### CHRISTMAS DANCES AT MILLER'S SKATING RINK

The Brimberry-Hunt Golden Gate Orchestra will furnish the music for the two Christmas dances to be given at the Miller skating rink this week end. The first one will be held Friday night, Dec. 23 between the hours of 9 and 12. The second dance will be held on Saturday night, Dec. 24.

A cordial invitation is extended everyone to come and have a good time.

## Baby Killed---Parents Injured in Car Accident

MR. AND MRS. TOMMY MORRIS SERIOUSLY INJURED, EIGHTEEN MONTHS OLD BABY KILLED WHEN CARS COLLIDE ON BANKHEAD HIGHWAY, TWO MILES EAST OF LORAIN, WEDNESDAY SHORTLY AFTER NOON.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Morris were seriously injured; their eighteen month old baby killed, and Roy L. Harris, all of Big Spring, was also painfully injured in an automobile accident that happened two miles east of Loraine, about two o'clock this afternoon (Wednesday). We have not learned the particulars of the accident as we go to press but according to reports, two cars slid together on the highway and both were badly damaged. Mr. and Mrs. Morris, their baby, and Mr. Harris were in a Chevrolet roadster. They collided with a Ford coupe, the occupants of which escaped without injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris and Mr. Harris left Big Spring this morning (Wednesday) at 10:30 o'clock for Gainesville, Texas, where they were to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. The accident occurred at two o'clock.

Mrs. Morris is the daughter of Mrs. E. H. Gaylor, 403 East Third street and Mr. Harris is her son. The ambulance from the Eberley Undertaking Company was rushed to the scene to bring the injured ones to Big Spring.

### "THE PRINCE OF PEACE" CHRISTMAS CANTATA GIVEN

"The Prince of Peace" a Christmas cantata was very beautifully given at the First Baptist Church last Sunday evening beginning at seven o'clock. This cantata took the place of the regular Sunday evening service and was well attended. Miss Lillian Hancock, director of the Baptist choir, was in charge of the cantata and many beautiful voices were heard in group and solo parts. Praise in music at the Christmas season is appropriate and the theme of the cantata was in keeping with the coming of "The Prince of Peace." Every note to the final chorus in the "Hallelujah" was very lovely.

At the offertory "The Holy City" was played by Miss Evelyn Jackson, violinist and James F. Willson, pianist. Announcements were made by Rev. D. H. Heard, pastor.

The personnel of the cantata was as follows: Mrs. Travis Reed, Mrs. Homer McNew, Maurine Weatherby, Mrs. Roy Green, Louise Davies, Ruby Bell, Mary Higgs, Mrs. Herbert Keaton, Roy Lay, Buell Cardwell, Roy Cornelison, George Gentry, Mrs. George Gentry, H. G. Keaton, G. H. McNew, Nat Shick, and Miss Hancock.

The church was decorated with ferns, pot plants and cut flowers, for this occasion.

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MET WITH MRS. BAXLEY

The Women's Missionary Society of First Christian Church met in the beautiful new home of Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Baxley on South Scurry street and a good crowd was in attendance. The weather was exceptionally cold but the bright cheery coals in the pretty fireplace added to the coziness and comfort of the living room.

A very interesting program was enjoyed and splendid papers were given by Mrs. Clay Reed and Mrs. Claude Wingo. Mrs. J. R. Creath led the devotional and also read a poem.

Following the program a social hour was held and dainty refreshments were served.

We were pleased to have several visitors present. Mrs. Verbena Rogers has been added to our membership and we are glad to welcome her.

### YE MODERN FABLE

"Isn't there some fable about the ass disguising himself with a lion skin?" "Yes, but now the colleges do the trick with a sheepskin." Ex.

### MISS VAUGHNEA WILLIAMS AND FLOYD WHITE WED

In the presence of relatives and friends of the contracting parties, Rev. Robert Brown of Ackerly, Texas, performed the ceremony which united in marriage Miss Vaughnea Williams and Floyd White at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams on the Gultar ranch. The bride wore a lovely dress of blush rose crepe with harmonizing accessories.

Immediately following the ceremony the happy couple left for a honeymoon trip to Mount Vernon and other points. They will return to Big Spring after the New Year, and will be at home at the White ranch north of this city.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams and has many friends who wish her every success and happiness.

The groom is an energetic young man held in high esteem by all who know him and success is sure to be his through life.

Their many friends extend to them sincerest wishes and congratulations.

Those attending the wedding were: Mrs. W. R. Williams of Ackerly, Mr. and Mrs. Causby, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bates, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Broughton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newton and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Forrest and son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams and sons, Mrs. G. W. Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Newton and family, Mrs. R. B. Andrews, Misses Pauline Brown, Zelma Anderson, Alta Newton, Opal White, Viola Hammack, Irene Jackson, Jessie Lacy, Elsie Lee Andrews, W. J. Rogers, Ralph Hammack, Mac Newton, George Lacy, Dewey Covington, Lester Newton, Arthur Caughey, Elmer White, Howard Newton and Gabra Hammack.

### DOUGLASS-PRESTON WEDDING

At a beautiful home wedding Saturday, Dec. 17, at high noon Miss Tommie Preston of this city became the bride of Louie E. Douglass, formerly of Lufkin.

The ceremony which was attended by only the immediate family of the bride and a few intimate friends took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Preston, with the Rev. George F. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, officiating. The impressive ring ceremony was used.

The bride was beautifully gowned in a rust crepe creation, with hat and accessories to harmonize. She carried an arm bouquet of lovely crimson rose buds.

A delectable buffet luncheon was served following the ceremony.

The bride, who was reared in Midland, is a young lady of charming personality and has a wide circle of friends who extend congratulations. She attended Texas Tech this year until her marriage, and is popular in school and social circles.

Mr. Douglass who is of splendid character and business ability has been in this city about a year, having come here from Lufkin. He is district representative of the Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company and will have headquarters at Odessa.

After a honeymoon trip to Lufkin and Galveston Mr. and Mrs. Douglass will be at home to their many friends at Odessa.

Midland Daily Telegram The bride is well known in this city where she has visited on many occasions and has made many friends. Congratulations and best wishes are extended from friends in this city.

### ROYAL NEIGHBORS WILL MEET THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The members of the Royal Neighbors Blue Mountain Camp No. 7277 will meet in regular session in the I. O. O. F. hall Thursday afternoon, Dec. 22. All of the members are urged to be present. Visiting members will be welcome.

The last regular meeting was well attended.

## Abundant Supply of Gas in Our Oil Fields

Plenty for Big Spring and a Surplus to be Used as Inducement to Other Industries to Locate Here

It is now estimated that the gas developed in the gas wells and casing head plants in Howard County's oil fields is from 15 to 30 times the amount required for the city of Big Spring and its present population. It is thought that there is an abundant supply of gas for present requirements, and also a surplus to be used as an inducement to other industries to come to Big Spring, where they can secure cheap fuel for power purposes, and can also secure an advantageous location.

On November 12, 1927, the City Commission of Big Spring granted a natural gas franchise to F. A. Hornaday of San Antonio, Texas, which franchise gave Mr. Hornaday ten days in which to accept and file with the City Clerk a surety bond in the sum of \$5,000.00 assuring them that he would construct the system in accordance with the requirements of the franchise and would begin actual construction on the same within 40 days from date of granting.

Within five days from the granting of the franchise, Mr. Hornaday had filed with the City Clerk the \$5,000 bond and his acceptance of the terms and conditions of the franchise and his representatives had arrived in Big Spring and began the survey for both the distributing system and the pipe line from the Howard County gas field to the city limits.

We understand Mr. Hornaday is constructing the distributing system for the Big Spring Public Service Company, the name of the corporation that will own the city distributing system; and the pipe line from the gas field to the city for the Consumers Natural Gas & Power Company, the corporation that will own the pipe line.

All of the material and equipment for both pipe line and distributing system have been purchased and pipe is now beginning to arrive in Big Spring. The Tibeby Construction Co. of Oklahoma City were awarded the contract for the construction of both the pipe line and distributing system and their equipment including trucks, ditching machine, air compressor for rock drills, etc., are either on the ground or in transit.

While the franchise required Mr. Hornaday to have the distributing system completed and gas turned on by March 15, 1928, it is understood that his contract with the Construction company requires the pipe line and distributing system be actually built and ready for gas service by Feb. 15, 1928.

In this connection it is well for the citizens of Big Spring to bear in mind that their commission secured for them as good or better terms and conditions than any natural gas franchise in the state of Texas. In view of the low rate to be charged for natural gas and the necessarily high rate for fuel now paid by the citizens of Big Spring, it is anticipated that practically every residence, store, hotel, laundry, gin, and other industry of Big Spring will use natural gas for not only domestic but heating and power purposes. Big Spring in addition to already being one of the well paved, clean, prosperous cities of Texas will be smokeless and sootless and enable its population to in that way add cleanliness to the city.

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Every community — no matter how good a community it may be — needs educating as to the newspaper's value to that community.

"Eat every day—1 pint to 1 quart of milk; 1 raw fruit (such as apple, orange, etc.); 1 raw vegetable (slaw, lettuce, celery, etc.); 2 cooked vegetables."

Vanity Cases.....Cunningham & Phillips.



**WHAT'S DOING  
IN  
WEST TEXAS**  
By  
West Texas Chamber Commerce

**Canadian.**—A new 240 horsepower unit has been purchased by this city to be installed about January 1.

**Stinnett.**—Building underway in Stinnett for the new year includes a \$75,000 school building and a \$300,000 courthouse.

**Turkey.**—The first carload of flour from Plainview to a point on the new line of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railroad company went from the Harvest Queen Mills at Plainview to J. Calvin Young, groceryman of Turkey. Turkey and Quitaque are the first cities on the new line to receive train service.

**Sagerton.**—A ne whouse of worship together with a neat parsonage has been completed here. Visitors from Albany, Abilene and Lorraine came here on the occasion of their dedication.

**Alpine.**—Alpine has been placed before the Texas Women's Press Association as 1929 convention city. Mrs. W. B. Hamilton of this city is treasurer of the organization.

**Crowell.**—Work is being rushed to completion on Crowell's new school building which is expected to be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

**Groom.**—J. E. Biggs, field representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will leave here the latter part of Christmas week for Stamford, where he will attend the annual New Year's staff meeting of the regional organization.

**Dumas.**—Dumas and Moore county are going to be put on the map. The Dumas Chamber of Commerce recently organized and is at work on a program that will promote real agricultural diversification and that will prepare the city for all development activities.

**Baird.**—A home market for cream and dairy products has been established here with opening of a local creamery by Ed Ivey. A 20x30 foot modern building houses the place of business.

**Carlsbad, N. M.**—The regular irrigation season in this sector has been closed for some time, and wa-

ter deliveries from the storage reservoir have been discontinued.

**Chillicothe.**—C. S. Holland, formerly of this city, is now editing the Muleshoe Journal, opened for the past two and half years by R. B. Boyle, now of Plainview.

**San Angelo.**—This city will be host to representatives of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Oil and Gas Bureau January 25. All interested in development of West Texas oil and gas industries are invited to be present.

**Stmford.**—The season's greetings are extended to all West Texas by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce West Texas Today just off the press.

**Pecos.**—Hotel Pecos has been leased and is to be opened to the public as soon as it is complete and furnished. The building has twenty rooms, with hot and cold running water and circulating heat.

**IMPROVE AND BOOST  
BANKHEAD HIGHWAY**

Bankhead highway is paved all the way from Big Spring, the eastern limit generally considered of El Paso's trade territory, and Barstow. The distance is 127 miles, a splendid stretch of hard surface highway.

The paving is to be extended westward seven miles from Barstow to Pecos immediately, which will increase the continuous pavement to 134 miles.

There are paved stretches west of Sierra Blanca and one between Sierra Blanca and Van Horn.

With a part of the proceeds of the proposed bond issue, paving is to be completed in Hudspeth county which will mean there will be continuous hard surfaced highway from El Paso to Sierra Blanca, 87 miles. We shall then have 224 miles of paving between El Paso and Big Spring counting that which is between Sierra Blanca and Van Horn.

There will remain only about 100 miles to pave between Pecos and the eastern end of the pavement west of Van Horn.

It should then be to the interest of all counties between Big Spring and El Paso to provide by bond issues and with the assistance of the state and federal government, for filling in this gap.

Not only would this give us the longest mileage of continuously paved national highway in the southwest and prove a potent attraction for tourist traffic, but also it would

be a lasting convenience to every community along the way in visiting each other and El Paso. It would encourage more El Pasoans to visit the Bankhead highway towns to the east of us. It would be of great commercial and social benefit and a standing advertisement of the progressiveness of the southwest.—El Paso Herald.

**TURKEYS FOR SALE—I HAVE SOME NICE FAT TURKEYS FOR SALE. PHONE OR SEE T. W. ASHLEY. NIGHT PHONE, 478 W. DAY PHONE 407.**

Credit for introducing the idea of daylight-saving time should go to Benjamin Franklin, who, while minister to France in 1784, wrote an article explaining how, by changing their clocks, the people of Paris could save millions of dollars a year in candles.

Cricket was introduced into England from France in the Middle Ages. The name of the game is derived from the French *cricquet*, a stick used in the game of bowls.

The Paris Opera house is the largest theatre in the world, covering a ground area of three acres.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED.** That you summon, by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Howard if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in a newspaper published in the nearest County to said Howard County, for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, C. J. Crouse, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Howard, at the Court House thereof, in Big Spring, Texas, on the first Monday in February being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a Petition filed in said Court, on the 6th day of December A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said Court, No. 1161, wherein Dovie Crouse, plaintiff, and C. J. Crouse, defendant.

The nature of plaintiffs' demand being as follows, to-wit:

That on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1922, plaintiff was married to defendant in Howard County, Texas; that there was born from said marriage two children, a boy, named Thomas Joshua, age four years and a girl, named Margaret, age three years.

That on the first day of Decem-

ber A. D. 1924, defendant without cause or provocation, abandoned plaintiff and since said time has not in any degree supported plaintiff or her said children.

Plaintiff alleges that she has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State for more than twelve months and has been an actual resident of Howard County for more than six months next preceding the filing of this petition and that the residence of defendant is to plaintiff unknown.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to answer this petition and upon final hearing she be awarded the care and custody of the children and that the bonds of matrimony existing be dissolved and for such other and further relief, both in law and in equity, as she may show herself entitled to and for costs of suit.

**HEREIN FAIL NOT.** And have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas, this, the 6th day of December, A. D., 1927.

J. I. Prichard, Clerk District Court Howard County, Texas.—12-4t.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The Commissioner's Court of Ho-

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ward County, Texas, will receive bids at Big Spring, Texas, on December 19th, 1927, for the purchase of one or more Ton Ton Track Type road tractors, and one or more Twelve-

foot road graders.  
H. R. Debenport, County Howard County, Texas, At Big Spring, Texas, Nov. 16th, 1927.

To Our  
**Friends---**

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Deep is the breath of prayer,  
Glad is the heart of friendship  
And LOVE is everywhere.



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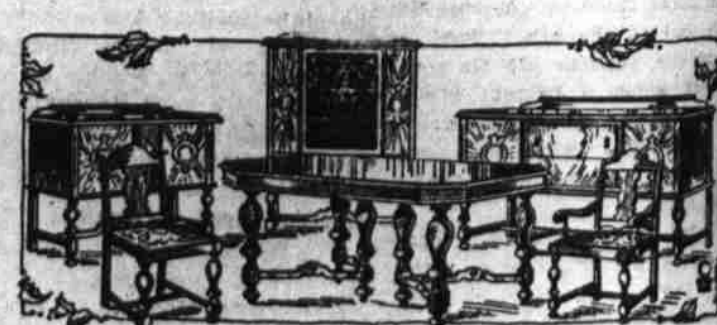
**SATURDAY IS THE LAST DAY**

We have received two carloads of new furniture this week that we are going to offer you at sale prices---wonderful values, direct from the northern factories, at prices that are surprisingly low! Hundreds have already taken advantage of our furniture bargains at this big sale--and we invite everyone to come in and make selections that will mean great savings for you.



A beautiful bed room suite and a dining room suite **WILL be GIVEN AWAY** At Our Store **Saturday, December 24th**

Call at our store and see the beautiful Articles to be GIVEN Away. Be sure to attend this sale and share in the bargains we are offering you.



- Living Room Suites, mahogany frame, jacquard cover, 3 pieces . . . \$74.95 to \$189.95
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- Bed Room Suites, 4 to 8 pieces . . . \$89.95 to \$189.95
- Ardley Axminster and Wilton Velvet Rugs . . . \$33.95 to \$79.85
- Congoleum Rugs, 9x12 . . . \$9.85 to \$11.95

- Linoleum Rugs, 9x12 . . . \$16.95
- Dressers—oak, walnut, ivory . . . \$16.95 to \$48.65
- Stoves! Stoves . . . \$1.95 to \$69.85
- Congoleum . . . 65c to 85c yard
- Linoleum . . . \$1.05 yard
- Rockers—oak and wicker . . . \$3.65 to \$14.95
- Beds—Simons and American . \$6.95-\$24.85

- Springs . . . \$2.95 to \$14.95
- Mattresses—Haynes and Sealy's . . . \$6.95 to \$39.85
- End Tables . . . \$4.95 up
- Davenport tables . . . \$14.95 to \$29.85
- Library Tables . . . \$9.95 to \$24.65
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- Dining Chairs . . . 95c to \$6.85

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**NEVER STOP TO THINK**  
 H. W. Waite, Shawnee, Okla., friendly, business manager of the New York Sun, says: "The truth in advertising and accounts in the past decade in both newspapers and magazines advertising respond to advertising because they believe in it and accept the advertiser's statement. Responsible advertisers know misrepresentation is the quickest road to failure and a worthless business is to prosper, and if it is no sane advertiser will jeopardize his trade and reputation with a mendacious statement and by a misleading statement in advertising pays because it is one of the most vindicating in the world. Truth is its own reward and it is readily accepted and believed. The world's foremost have pondered deeply over it. But no one need be a philosopher to detect falsehood in advertising. Newspapers and magazines in their columns with utmost knowing that misrepresentation is them quite as much as the advertiser. Advertising has done more to reveal its virtues and advance than possibly any other fact. There is more truth today in advertising than there has been in the first newspaper advertisement appeared in London some 232 ago."

**WARE OF POISON BOOZE**  
 For your own sake, then for the sake of your family, do not trifling bootleg booze this holiday season. The common run of bootleggers are a short of murderers. They sell you alcohol which they contain a deadly poison just for the sake of making a few dollars. Its a pity such cures are not to exist but you can tell the numerous from the daily list appearing in the newspapers the deaths due to poison il-

far from the bootlegger is a scrupulous business man who extracts, hair tonics and other products containing alcohol or de- alcohol, to men and boys, the full knowledge that said and boys are using the extracts other dose for beverage purposes a pity the law cannot reach and send these guilty law break- where they justly belong. Don't doubt but that there are in our country who will sell you a poison to drink if they make a few dollars profit, and the law.

"Good Fellow Spirit" seems rather a scarce article in Big for some unknown reason.

**CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES**  
 and parasites in the intestines when undermine health and so their vitality that they are un- the diseases so fatal to life. The course is to give a few Cream Vermifuge. It destroys the worms without the slight- to the health or activity of the Price 30c. Sold by CUNNINGHAM & PHILIPS.

**SILVERWARE**  
 the most wonderful line ever in Big Spring, and so very rea- priced at..... WILKE'S

**PLEASE CANCEL MY MEMBERSHIP**  
 "Please cancel my membership in the Chamber of Commerce, as I do not have the opportunity to take advantage of it," said a note on a statement of dues returned by a member.  
 "Do you cancel life insurance because you do not die?  
 "Do you cancel your fire insurance because you do not have a fire? Do you cancel your school taxes because you have no children? Does your membership in the Chamber of Commerce mean that you expect to get dollar for dollar return right this year on your dues? Do you expect the Chamber of Commerce organiza- tion to be continually doing some- thing tangible for you or your line of business, and you are going to get out because you cannot see that this is being done?  
 "If so, you not only want to get out of the Chamber of Commerce, but out of the City. Go and live in some Desert Island. Members must not expect that they can buy new hats with Chamber of Commerce di- vidents. The dividends are not that kind.  
 "If a man is living here, whether he is in business, following a profes- sion or is retired, he is receiving benefits from the Chamber of Com- merce and he is indebted to it. The Chamber of Commerce is not a build- ing, a club, a political party or a branch of government. It represents the people of the city who are not satisfied, who are determined that this City shall improve and progress every day in the year. Progress comes not because a city wants it, but because there are men who are willing to work and give for it."—Exchange.  
 Our folks are willing to "dig up" if you go around and solicit them to donate for various propositions but how much better it would be if these donations could be voluntarily made when worthy appeals have been presented and think of the time and trouble it would save.  
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**MARLAND OIL OF. MANAGERS RESIGN**  
 At a meeting of the board of di- rectors of the Marland Oil company of Texas, held at Fort Worth Thurs- day, the resignation of Vice Presi- dents M. H. Goode of Fort Worth, and Alexander Deussen of Houston, were accepted. Deussen's plans for the future are unknown, except that he plans a six-months rest.  
 Goode expects to engage in the oil business as an independent operator and will probably establish offices in the W. T. Waggoner building in the next few days and maintain a branch office at some centrally locat- ed point in West Texas.  
 Goode has been in charge of the land department of the local Mar- land Company for the past two years prior to that time he was vice pres- ident in charge of the land depart- ment of the Marland Oil Company of California with offices in San Francisco.  
 Goode has been associated with the Marland interests in various ca- pacities for approximately 12 years the major portion of this time hav- ing been spent at company headquar- ters at Ponca City, Okla.  
 During the past two years Goode's work has kept him close to develop- ments in all West Texas centers. Bel-ieving that conditions in the oil busi- ness are due for improvement on the next turn, he expresses himself as feeling that the present affords a favorable time to lay foundations for activity upon the change in condi- tions.—Fort Worth Star Telegram.  
**You Can Depend on It**  
 A checking account at the bank simplifies the paying of the family bills.  
 With most folks praise gets more and better results than does blame. A smile is one thing that is almost as blessed to give as to receive. The way to teach children to ac- cept responsibilities is to give them responsibilities to accept.—Ex.  
 "Old Propaganda" is the most overworked article these days. Every organization has special men em- ployed to deliver the "bull" and many individuals seem to relish a little free advertising.

**WHY IOWA SOIL DOES NOT WASH**  
 Said a recent visitor to the office of Farm and Ranch "I traveled through the western section of Iowa this summer. The highway wound around among the hills bordering the Missouri River. I never saw a more rolling country. Every hill was in cultivation, yet I never saw a ditch or a washed-out place in any of these fields nor did I see a single terrace." Then he asked:  
 "Why do we either have to ter- race in Texas or have our best soil washed into nearby streams and wa- terways? Why do we have to terrace fields that are almost level?  
 The answer is found in the dif- ference in system of cropping and cultivation. The Iowa farmer long ago learned that good crops depend upon the storage of moisture for re- serve use and upon the fertility of the soil. Therefore, Iowa farmers make it a regular practice to rotate their crops to apply manure to their fields, and to plow into the soil clo- vers and other legumes. In brief, the Iowa farmer keeps his soil full of organic matter, and when the rains come the soil acts as a sponge and soaks it up instead of permitting it to race down the hillside, cutting the field into ditches and destroy- ing its usefulness.  
 Of course some soils wash easier than others, but there is no soil but what will be benefited by crop rotation and the plowing in of organ-

ic matter. Through the practice of single-crop methods and failure to follow these principles of good farm- ing, landowners in Texas and other Southern States are now spend- ing millions of dollars in the aggre- gate in the building of terraces to prevent soil washing, and in commer- cial fertilizer as temporary stimu- lant to crops.—Farm and Ranch.  
 About seventy five boys and girls were benefitted through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce this year, by the Better Feed on Five Acre Contest. True, only twelve shared in the \$210 cash prizes, but every contestant taking part learned that

it pays to raise more feed on fewer acres, and it costs no more to raise pure feed than it does to raise a scrub variety.  
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### GOOD RULES FOR EATING

"Had you ever realized," Dr. Seale Harris, one of the South's most prominent physicians and former editor of the Southern Medical Journal, asked us the other day, "had you ever realized that the average Negro slave before the Civil War was better nourished than the average Southern banker today?"

"Well, it's a fact. I saw a millionaire order his lunch the other day. Besides his meat there was only white flour bread, white potatoes and coffee—no green or raw vegetables, no milk, none of the vitamins that one gets in whole wheat bread or bran. The Negro slave, on the other hand, had whole grain cornmeal, milk, plenty of cabbage, turnip salad and the 'pot liquor' being rich in vitamins. White flour, white meal, white potatoes, white sugar—they are devitalized foods, yet too many people are trying to live on them. Everybody ought to eat each day from one pint to one quart of milk, one raw fruit, one raw vegetable, and two cooked green vegetables. If Southern farm folks would just follow that

simple program their years would not only be vastly prolonged but the health and happiness of each year. Fortunately, their home demonstration agents are doing much to educate whole counties about these matters.

"Another thing I have found in my contact with country men and country women is this: There is too much persistent fatigue—poison from unduly long hours of work. Farm folks need an eight hour day as much as other people. Many of them ought to be encouraged to work strenuously eight hours a day and then take more rest and recreation instead of working feebly fifteen hours a day as many of them do."—The Progressive Farmer.

**EVERY WOMAN INHERITS A WILD DESIRE FOR SOME OF OUR WONDERFUL IMPORTED PERFUMERY..... CUNNINGHAM & PHILIPS.**

### FEEDS FOR DAIRY COWS

It is often stated that the cow is valuable beyond other livestock, because she can handle profitably more roughage, such as grass and other unmarketable forage. It is true that the cow can handle, because of the nature of her digestive apparatus, more grass, silage, or other roughage than can the horse or pig, but from this it must not be concluded that high-grade roughage is not better and more economical for the dairy cow. She needs succulent or juicy feed. In the South this is best supplied by green grass and silage—grass in season and silage when there is not sufficient good, green feed. It is also true that the cow can handle more coarse, low-grade dry roughage than can the horse or hog, but let no best or even economical for the one fool himself into the mistake that low-grade dry roughages are dairy cow. If she must get dry roughage, and some is always desirable, and the most economical dry roughage will always be found to be the best obtainable, which, of course, is good legume hay. — The Progressive Farmer.

Flash lights and supplies for them..... Cunningham & Phillips.

## Last Call

FOR

Christmas candies, apples, oranges, dressed turkeys and material for your holiday cooking. Of course we recommend this place.

Because of the loyalty of our friends, and because we have the best people on earth to do business with we are closing the most prosperous year since we have been in Big Spring, and we would be ungrateful if we did not wish you a

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### A Very Merry Christmas!

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Send the Herald to some friend  
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## Christmas Present

### MRS. SARAH JANE BOGGS

Mrs. Sarah Jane Boggs, 62 years, wife of C. E. Boggs, was claimed by death at seven o'clock Monday morning December 19. The body was prepared for shipment by the Eberley Undertaking Co., and was sent to Texarkana Monday night.

Deceased was loved and esteemed by all who knew her and many hearts are saddened at her going. She is survived by her devoted husband and several children.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow.

### CARD OF THANKS

For the many deeds of kindness and words of sympathy we are grateful to our friends and neighbors who came to us in our hour of sorrow. May God richly bless you all in our wish.

C. E. Boggs and children.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our many friends who were so very kind to us during our recent bereavement. We want to thank each and everyone for every act of kindness and the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings be with you in our sincere wish.

Ed C. Tucker, Emma Tucker, Chas. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tucker and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tucker and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tucker and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sikes and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Simmons and family, Mrs. D. A. Windham.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness and for the words of sympathy at the death of our precious babe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Irby.



**FINAL APPEAL TO BUY SEALS**

The health seal sale which opened in this city Thanksgiving day will officially close on Christmas Day. This is a final appeal to all those who have not yet bought health seals to aid in the fight against tuberculosis to do so the last few days of the sale. This money is used to promote health work in the state and could not go for a more worthy cause.

Mrs. Chas. K. Bivings, local chairman is very well satisfied with the response given by the town, but believes that there are still some who have not yet bought seals and would like to do so. This is your last opportunity. Even though you have already bought, if you can help some more, do so. It is thought that Howard County's quota will be reached in the last few closing days. Will you help?

**Beauty in Thankfulness**

Americans have much for which they ought to be, and are thankful, much that is fine in achievement and promise, and persons who miss the lesson of these things miss much of the meaning and beauty of life in America.

Dolls... Balcony... Cunningham and Phillips.

**Conspiracy and Compromise**

By H. IRVING KING

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MRS. RANDOLPH TORRYMAN and Miss Torryman sailed on the Gigantic yesterday for a three-months' tour of rural England. That was what the papers said. As a matter of fact, neither Mrs. Torryman nor her daughter, Marcia, had sailed anywhere. Mrs. Torryman had had her social secretary give out that item of "society news" so that she might get a little well-earned rest. She was out as young as she used to be and the last social season had been a little too much for her. She wanted to get somewhere where she could dine at six and read herself to sleep at nine.

In order to do this she absolutely had to do the vanishing act. For she was a very great lady in the social world; one of those who, if they speak to you three times at a dinner party, establish your social future beyond all doubt. More than all Mrs. Torryman was anxious to remove Marcia from the sphere of influence of Capt. Griswold Ives, an army officer, well enough in his way but without money. She had other plans. So she took a small house in the rather remote small town of Glendale and whisked Marcia away there.

Glendale had its own society which never thought of connecting the rather dowdily dressed widow who had taken the "Stevenson place" with the great society leader they had read about in the papers.

For the first three weeks nobody called. Then Mrs. Ralph Sillinger, whose husband ran the town's "department store," was seized with a fit of curiosity and dropped in on the newcomers. She was very condescending and patronizing and decided to ask the newcomers to tea.

She did, and then the trouble began. Mrs. Torryman declined the invitation on account of "ill health," but Marcia accepted. All the women who attended Mrs. Sillinger's tea were delighted to get a new arrival "in their midst" to patronize and took full advantage of the opportunity.

All very well. But Mrs. Sillinger had a son, a young man of twenty-six or seven, heir apparent of the department store and the greatest "catch" in Glendale. And Robert, the son, dropped in on his mother's tea party and saw Marcia. Robert was an overseas man; Marcia saw his Legion button and took to him at once. They managed to get into a corner together and had a brief but earnest conversation. He asked permission to call and it was granted.

The news of the "infatuation" of Robert Sillinger for the stranger-girl went straight as an arrow to the ears of Cora Sanford; and the young man found an indignant and angry girl waiting for him when he called on her the following night. When Cora had finished what she had to say, Robert said, "Now just let me talk a minute." His talk went back to the fighting fields of France; to a front line trench and two comrades in arms waiting for the zero hour to go over the top; and confiding messages to each other to be delivered in case one of them "went west" and the other survived.

When he had finished Cora said, "Oh Bobbie—how foolish I was to doubt you. Can I help?" "Perhaps," replied Robert, "but for a while you and I had better pretend to be rather on the outs."

Robert went to call on Marcia—and he kept on calling. Mrs. Torryman was indifferent at first; then puzzled, and then indignant. That her daughter should seriously consider marrying Robert Sillinger was unthinkable. What did it mean?

At last Mrs. Torryman said tearfully, "I almost wish I had let you marry Griswold Ives."

"Well, you wouldn't," said Marcia. "and now you see!"

Mrs. Torryman was really crying now.

"Oh, please don't, mother," said Marcia soothingly. "I'll tell you what I'll do. We'll compromise. I will dismiss Robert Sillinger this very night if you will cease to oppose my marriage with Captain Ives."

"I suppose I must submit—you an grateful child!" returned Mrs. Torryman.

You see Griswold Ives and Robert Sillinger had been "buddies" over in France, and after the war Ives had gone into the regular service and become a captain. Robert had been told all about Marcia—been told in dug outs and trenches; had seen her picture, which Griswold always carried with him. And Griswold had written to Marcia all about his "bud dy," Robert. So, when they met at Mrs. Sillinger's tea, and Marcia told Robert how matters stood, they just naturally hatched up their little conspiracy.

Mrs. Torryman returned with her daughter to town hurriedly; and Robert and Cora were married soon after. Marcia disposed of Mrs. Torryman cheerfully resigned the sceptre of society to younger hands; and Captain Ives' uncle dying and leaving her a fortune, not only became reconciled to her daughter's marriage, but became persuaded that she had brought credit about herself.

The colors that an individual wears and dislikes are usually determined by chance associations in his childhood.

**MICKIE SAYS—**

WELL, I'M SORRY IF FOLKS ARE GOING OVER TO BIGTOWN TO BUY THINGS THEY COULD BUY OF YOU, MR. MERCHANT, BUT IS IT THEIR BUSINESS TO KNOW YOU HAVE THESE THINGS IN YOUR STORE, OR YOURS TO SEE THAT THEY KNOW? IF I WERE RUNNING A SHOP I'D NEVER GIVE 'EM A CHANCE TO FORGET ME



**Let Us Give Thanks—**

That America is not engaged in any war this year.

For the bacteria that keep us well.

For every friend we have who can be trusted out of our sight.

That our enemies who knock us do not know all the truth.

For the electric waves which lift our burdens without protest.

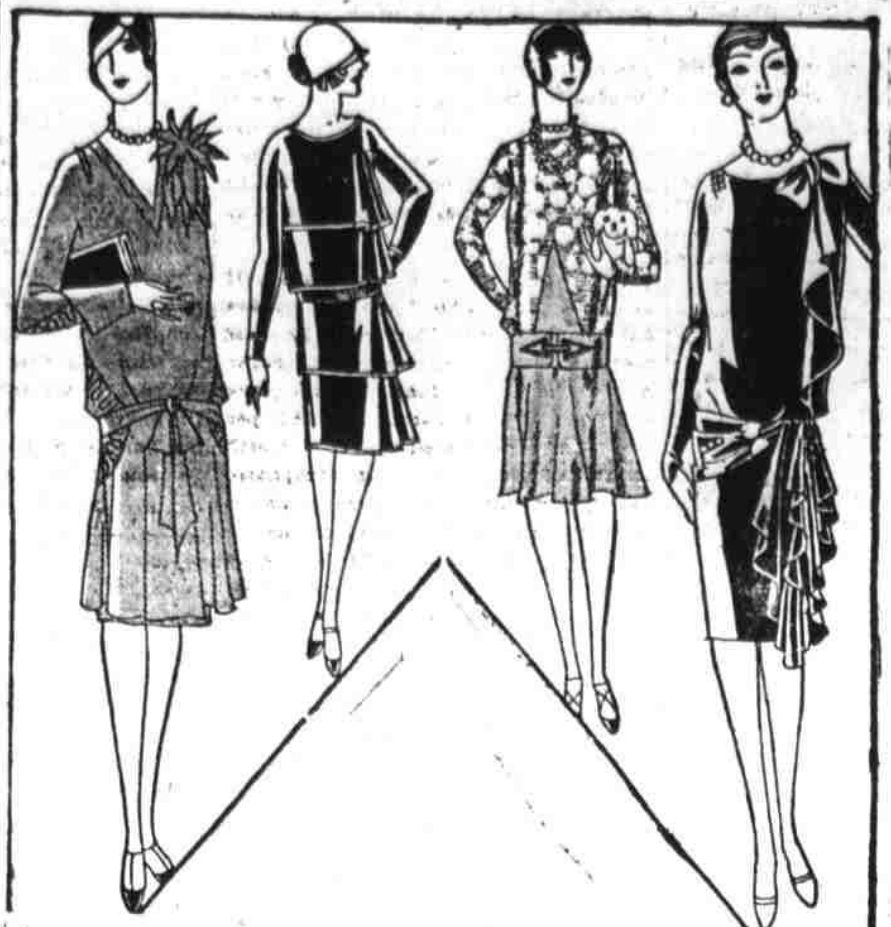
That God knows more about us than the people who judge us without pity.—Detroit Free Press.

The Christmas Eve mass in Spain is known as the "Mass of the Cock" and in churches where there is an organ with an adequate number of stops cocks are imitated and made to crow by the organ at the first stroke of midnight. In some churches even the lowing of cattle is imitated, and other sounds of a stable reminiscent of the humble abode where Christ was born.

**You Cannot Be Optimistic With Misty Optics**

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A good dollar gift for the lady is a box of imported toilet powder... Cunningham & Phillips.



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A bewildering array of 50 New Models in time for Christmas gift giving ... at a price considerably lower than they were designed to sell for. This is the finest collection of New Fashions in Big Spring from \$19.95 and upward. We suggest that you come immediately and inspect this wonderful offering.

Spanish Shawls for the Holiday Social Function priced at only \$12.95

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Gold and Silver Lace Hats are being featured for the holidays. An unusual purchase enables us to sell these \$12.50 values for only

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Best trees in fifty two years. Bearing peach, plum, apple, apricot, fig, nectarine, jujube, persimmon, grape, blackberries, hauptberries, dewberries, pecans. We pay cash and call you the best for your location. Shades, evergreens, climate-proof shrubs, roses, etc. We make modern landscape plans. Ask for free catalogue. MRS. J. AUSTIN NURSERY, WYOMING, TEXAS. 10-12 times.

FOR SALE—160 acres, very fine improved land, 1 1/2 miles west of Achery. No down payment, if purchaser can improve. Cotton pay- ment paid. No interest the first year. Write C. W. Logsdon, owner, Victoria Street, Abilene, Texas. 13-2tpd.

FOR SALE—All kinds of kindling for sale cheap. Call at Big Spring Planning Mill on East Second 48-1f

FOR SALE—Good farming land for sale on long time easy pay- ment. See T. S. Currie. 25-1f

FOR SALE—Lot No. 6, Block 39 and Barryhorn Addition. Also No. 3 Block 2, Bowser Addition. Write Mrs. W. Bogan Dunn, 1636 Kurland Place, Fort Worth, Texas. 13-4f.

FOR SALE—Business lots, corner and adjoining; well located. Write Vinson Ervin, Big Spring, Texas.

FOR SALE—10 room house, half block from highway, four blocks from business section. Vinson Ervin, Big Spring, Texas.

FOR SALE—4 room house, bath, living porch, electric range included, near school. Price \$2500. Write Vinson Ervin, Big Spring, Texas.

FOR SALE—Late 1927 model Chevrolet coach for sale or trade. Price 723-W. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Exclusive Ladies' clothing in one of the fastest growing cities in Texas. Ill health cause selling. Box 131, Odessa, Tex- as. 11

FOR SALE—Part or all of sec- tion 46, block 33, township 18; range 1068, T. & P. Ry. survey, sit- uated in Howard County. Half of land reserved, or will sell half of land without the land. See R. R. Ervin, Big Spring, Texas.

FOR SALE—Cheap, one Florence automatic oil stove; dining table and six chairs. Phone 493. 1pd

FOR SALE—Good cotton farm land would make a fine poul- try raising place; close to town. Six acres west on Bankhead highway. Rent in advance. Write Mrs. Allison, 2721 Wyoming St., Big Spring, Texas. 14-3f

**FOR RENT**

OFFICES FOR RENT—Will ar- range offices to suit tenants in build- ings formerly used by Eik's Ldgo. Write T. S. Currie. 13-2f.

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WANTED TO RENT—Three or four room modern apartment fur- nished, or a furnished house. Phone 28, or write "ABC" care Hereald.

**WANTED**

TO RENT—Two room house with garage, close in. J. D. Cunningham, Phone 335 or 94. 13tf.

WANTED—Men and women to sell Panzer's shoes. Phone 513 W. or write Mrs. J. T. Parrish, General Delivery, Big Spring, Texas. 13-4f.

LAUNDRY WANTED—Bring us your laundry. 7c and 8c per pound, or 35c per dozen. Satisfaction guar- anteed. We call for and deliver. Phone 377. 11-4tpd.

POSITION—Experienced steno- grapher and bookkeeper wants pos- ition. Prefers bookkeeping. Phone 349-J. 1p

WANTED—Laundry work. Silk and wool garments and blankets given special care. We call for and deliver your work. Phone 814- J, or call at 101 Deming St. 1f

WANTED—Family of 12 want to rent a farm on the shares. Write Box 804, Big Spring, Texas. 1tpd.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Nice Home in Abilene to Trade For Big Spring Property

Nice five room bath, English style bungalow, hardwood floors through- out, all built in features, well con- structed and arranged, has back nicely fenced in, well terraced lawn trees. This property is located in choicest residential section of Abilene, on paved street, and within 5 blocks of McMurry College and close to High School. Will trade for Big Spring property worth the money. Write full particulars about your property to J. B. Collins, Room 1, Radford Bldg. Abilene, Texas.—13-4f.

FOR TRADE—Four room house with sleeping porch in Abilene for trade for vacant lots in Big Spring. Apply at Cicero-Smith Lumber Co. W. J. May. 13-2tpd.

FOR LEASE—Eighty acres; good fence; good dwelling, plenty of wa- ter. Lot and barn for fifteen cows. Chicken barn for two hundred chick- ens. See J. D. Cunningham. 12-1f.

If you have apartments to rent, list them at the Chamber of Com- merce office. There is a great de- mand for them just now. Phone 512.

See the "Eighth Wonder of the World." A new electrical cooker that cooks hamburger rolls and Coney Island red hot greaseless. Located in front of Gooch Cash Grocery, next to the Queen motion picture house.

MARCELLING—Marcel 50c, retrace 35c; Phone 812-J for ap- pointment or call at 110 W. Howard St. Mrs. C. R. Andrews. 1tpd

PECANS for Christmas—Mail order pecans to any address. Select paper shell and jumbos. Ten pounds minimum prepaid. Big Spring section 36c. Write B. R. Russell, San Saba, Texas. 1pd

**LOST AND FOUND**

FOUND—Man's watch near the courthouse. Prove same and owner can secure property by paying for this notice. A. McPhail, Garden City Texas. 12-4tpd.

LOST—On Scurry street Monday morning, a bag of laundry. Finder please phone 814-J or bring to 101 Deming street and receive reward.

LOST—A tire rack off a Ford with Goodyear tire on it; also car number, license number and tail light (538-957). Finder please re- turn to B. M. Newton, Ideal Barber Shop, or at my place north of town. 1tpd



**BETTER FARMING  
MUST BE ENCOURAGED**

**Cotton Planted on the Same Land  
Year After Year Will Ruin the  
Best Land in the World**

If there is one plan which should be encouraged in Howard County it is that of crop rotation. Planting the one crop in the same plot of ground year after year is nothing short of mining the land and in the course of years it will become non-productive.

Cotton is especially hard on land and Howard County farmers who plant cotton year after year in the same old field are courting disaster.

If you doubt this statement make a trip to the black land belt of Texas and see what has transpired where cotton has been planted in the same fields year after year. The lighter soils of West Texas cannot stand up under this bad practice nearly as long as has the deep, black land. Read the following account of a trip the County Agent of Shackelford recently made to East Texas, which we clip from the Albany News:

During a recent trip to East Texas in company with R. R. Pool and Jesse English and in search of Jersey cattle, the County Agent saw the results of a one crop system as he had never seen them before. Also, the great place that the hen, the sow and the cow hold in Texas agriculture and the influence they have on the wealth and happiness of the farmer. During this trip the party traveled through various types of country, soil and kinds of agriculture. One locality stands out in my mind as a living example of a horrible condition brought about by a one crop system of farming and by neglecting every other crop and all kinds of livestock.

This locality is located in the heart of the black belt. The soil is black as coal and 20 feet deep. No reason why it should not produce on a par with any country on earth. Yet this very community is poverty stricken, bankrupt, broke, and all in all in the hardest shape of any place I've ever seen. The houses are run down, the barns have gone to rack, the fences are all gone, lots of the people have moved away, the fields are not in cultivation, what people are there seem to stay because they can't get away. Talk about Near East Relief. These people are near us to the East and they sure need relief.

The town that is the center of this farming locality, at one time was a busy, peppy, growing town. Now the buildings are run down the streets are not kept up, the bank went broke, half of the merchants have gone broke and the other half look and act like they are well on the road to bankruptcy. Everybody has a face a mile long and would not smile for fear of breaking their features. Special notice was taken of the autos we saw on the streets. They were all old and run down. The latest model we saw in town at all was an old 1925 model Ford coupe. We saw no good teams in the country. They were all broken down, rat-tailed old mules.

Go by many houses along the road and they would not have a single

chicken on the place, not a hog, and in many, many places not even a milk cow. The fences were all torn down, no pastures, no place to keep livestock. They raise no feed, yet it is a fine corn country. They have no barns or grain bins, just a wire corral and haul out meal and hulls from town to feed their work animals.

This locality, so a merchant told us, used to make 9,000 to 15,000 bales of cotton. This year he said they would barely make 2,000 bales. A few years ago land in this place sold for \$50 per acre to \$100 per acre with the majority of it worth about \$50 per acre. Loan companies own practically the entire country. One crop system of farming has allowed ditches to come into the fields. Many tracts of land have been taken by gullies because it was not terraced.

While traveling through this land of wasted resources, occasionally, like an oasis in a desert, you could see a well improved, well kept up farmstead. The house was nice, painted, and well kept up. There was a good little barn, graneries, cow sheds, barn lots chicken houses, and all in all looked like some one lived there and were doing well in the world.

What Made the Difference?  
A second look showed a big bunch of hens, four to six Jersey cows, two to twelve hogs, and right there is the difference in this thrifty farmer and the bankrupt farmer. The thrifty farmer grows some feed for his hens, horses, pigs and cows; he can rotate his crops and as a result his land produces better; he has plenty of eggs, meat, milk and butter to use at home and some to sell. His income is steady, he's getting by—he's making a little money.

The County Agent took special notice and wherever he could see a big flock of hens, several milk cows, some hogs and some feed, he could always see a well kept farm along in good shape. On the other hand, none of the badly run down that showed its owner was getting places had these features about the place.

**LIKE BEGETS LIKE**  
Somebody sold a four pound hen the other day for \$500, or \$125 per pound. The hen had produced 335 eggs in a year, and was considered cheap at the price.

Like begets like. That hen isn't worth \$500 as a mere layer of eggs. She is however, worth many times that sum as the mother of a long line of laying hens whose average output should not vary greatly from her own. That's where her worth comes in.

Because like begets like, in spite of all this talk about "variableness" and other evolutionary catchwords, poultrymen and farmers and breeders of fine stock will pay \$500 for a hen, a king's ransom for a horse, or tramp forty miles for a superior bushel of corn.

It is a pity the human family couldn't be as sensible about themselves as they are about hens and cows and hogs.—Ablene Reporter.

Pink cheeks from drinking milk will not rub off.

**IS IN FAVOR OF MORE  
STRINGENT DIVORCE LAWS**

Age is no credit nor discredit to persons or institutions. Value is inherent. And no individual or person is of real merit in the absence of intrinsic merit. I am deeply impressed by the decline of one of the oldest institutions in the world and feel that a real reason for the decline should be found. If we accept the Scriptures as the word of God we are face to face with the fact that marriage is the first institution ordained by Almighty God. It was His finishing touch of creation, according to the Mosaic account found in Genesis II, 18-25.

Here we find the oldest of all institutions and its purpose the bringing into existence a race capable of thinking after God and making His purpose in creation perfect. In a word, to ascertain by search and effort the purpose of creation and fulfill that purpose. In the divine wisdom it was best that man should be the husband of one wife and that the woman be the wife of one husband, that the race might be free from diseases caused by excesses and that the home might care for every offspring. Of the wisdom and benevolence of this plan I need not say a word. But it happens in the course of time that the divine order is disregarded so much that thoughtful persons who really love their kind are becoming concerned.

And it is well they may be. The home is the corner stone of civilization. In its preservation and purity is the supreme interest of the race. It matters not as to name or position, he who rails against God's oldest sacred institution is an enemy of the public welfare and deserves an airing that will give the public a warning. I am a Methodist preacher and am glad my church will disrobe me of my clerical cloth if I presume to solemnize the holy rites of matrimony between a man and woman either of whom has a living mate from whom they are divorced for other cause than adultery. And I am going to say a church whose standard falls below this is no representative of Jesus Christ. Marriage is too sacred to taken in hand or enterprised with unadvisedly, but must be entered into solemnly, devoutly and in the fear of God. Marriage made common is sin

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against society, the race and God. Marring in a public place where the sacred institution is made a public spectacle is little short of sacrilege. Marriage with a ceremony proper for a clown in a negro minstrel is an affront to God and an insult to decent society.

Yet here is one of the prime causes of divorce. Unadvisedly undertaking and hilariously consummating matrimony is a curse crying for remedy to good, decent people and up to Almighty God, whose sacred institution is being desecrated. If the States of this Union would follow South Carolina and refuse divorce except for the one cause—adultery—the institution of marriage would be delivered from the slums and placed where its Divine Author ordained, the most sacred and important and happy relationship possible to humanity. —D. A. Fuller in Dallas News.

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**PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS**

The height of fashion refers to altitude not pulchritude.—The Rutland Daily Herald.

Many life time animosities are started by the pest who boasts that all her Christmas tasks are completed.—The Indianapolis Star.

One thing that doesn't improve with age is a detour.—The Detroit Free Press.

So long as the evolutionists insist that man is getting better the fundamentalists can continue to dare them to prove it.—The Arkansas Democrat.

They've adjourned the disarmament conference until late in February. It takes them only a couple of days to discover they can't do anything.—The Waterloo Tribune.

From now on if you see a Ford car on a distant hill you will be unable to know whether it is or isn't.—The Toronto Daily Star.

It is reported by our incurable statistician that a lot of little boys who didn't believe in Santa Claus a

month ago are now his best bowlers. They are our future diplomats.—The Hamilton Spectator.

About the highest compliment ever heard passed upon the Ford model is that it hasn't killed anybody yet.—The Columbus Dispatch.

Children should be taught to go straight ahead, for tooting out wrongs the ankles and the arches because it throws the weight of the body unevenly on the arch of the foot.

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Other Real Estate	6,924.70
Redemption Fund	2,500.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	4,500.00
<b>CASH</b>	<b>351,155.14</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,247,980.58</b>

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Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	130,880.71
Circulation	49,400.00
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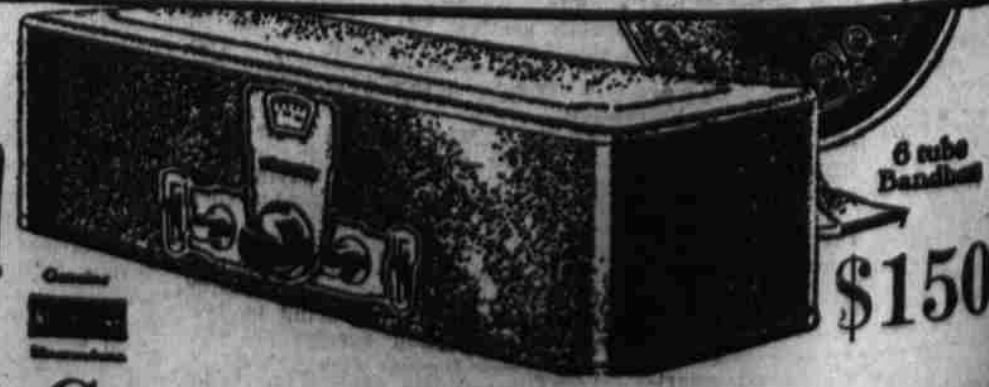
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**TEARS AND GERMS**  
Corsicana Sun: While it may still  
be true that weeping will not save  
us when considered from the moral  
standpoint, tears are great life sav-  
ers in the physical sense, according  
to a London doctor, who claims to  
have discovered the tear has mar-  
velous power as a germ slayer. Wo-  
manish tears, so long derided by  
men, have been vindicated and along  
with them the intuitive power of  
women. For women always know it  
was the proper thing to cry on cer-  
tain occasions, although they were  
unable to give a reason for their  
tears.

Yes, yes, but what sort of germs  
are slain by woman's tears? Are  
they eye germs, cheek germs, nose  
germs or chin germs? A good, round  
lively tear negotiates the whole  
countenance from lower lash to peak  
of chin. If it happens to be a double  
chin, both chins are negotiated. Mis-  
ty tears, unshed tears, tears in the  
voice rather than in observance, pre-  
sumptively are less lethal in germ  
destruction. But they carry a power-  
ful kick, in a manner of speaking,  
regardless of their lack of lachry-  
mosity. Tears, in the psychological  
sense, are temperamental. They are  
an overflowing of sentiments reser-  
voir. The more sentiment, the more  
tears. The less, the less. Creatures  
without sentiment are incapable of  
weeping. Vide the earth worm, the  
hoppergrass, the ibex and the hippo-  
grif, all of which are life forms  
through which man passed in his up-  
ward and onward career—if evolu-  
tion's true. The crocodile is said to  
weep, and crocodile tears are a syn-  
onym for hypocrisy. The crocodile  
does not actually weep in the senti-  
mental sense, however, for the very  
good reason that he has no sentiment.  
His tears are only exudations, physi-  
ological but not psychological.  
Where we wonder did the human  
creature acquire the sentiment that  
in part distinguishes him from his  
lowbrow ancestors? Where there is  
sentiment there is soul, but not nec-  
essarily germs. Our lowbrow ances-  
tors had germ but not souls. Sentiment  
must have endowed man some-  
where between the orbeoreal and the  
anthropoid links, but where, we ask  
where? Evolutionists who can't ex-  
plain are ill-equipped for their faith  
—S. P. in Dallas News.

**A NEEDED CHANGE**  
**IN TRIAL LAW**  
Hartford Courant: Telling the As-  
sociation of Grand Jurors of New  
York County of the waste of \$300,-  
000 so far this year in the presenta-  
tion of petty cases to the grand jury  
in which the guilt of the defendant  
was so plain that no action by that  
body was really necessary. District  
Attorney Banton says that he will  
apply to the Legislature for a change  
in the law to permit the trial of such  
cases on information furnished by the  
District Attorney. Mr. Banton asked  
for such legislation at the last ses-  
sion, but was unsuccessful. He  
should get what he wants the next  
time. Simplifying judicial procedure  
is something worth while and it is  
needed all over the country.  
"Out of the 3,882 cases disposed of  
this year in the Court of General  
Sessions," says Mr. Banton, "at  
least 2,100 of them could have been  
tried on information filed by the  
District Attorney. In those cases the  
evidence of guilt was so plain that  
it was not only a waste of man power  
of the grand jury, but it was a  
waste of time and expense, to say  
nothing of the inconvenience of wit-  
nesses, to present such cases to the  
grand jury."

Freeing the grand jury of the sim-  
ple cases unworthy of its considera-  
tion would, District Attorney Banton  
says, give it more time to devote to  
intricate cases and to use its statu-  
tory right to hear the defendant." One  
does not have to be a resident of  
New York or fully understand its  
trial procedure to see merit in Mr.  
Banton's plan.

**HOW TO KEEP CHRISTMAS**  
Christmas is really Children's  
Day. We give too much to the grown  
ups and expend too little effort in  
making the little folks happy. It is  
really their day, and it is a splen-  
did opportunity not only to make  
them happy but to help them to  
make others happy, and to show  
them what Christmas really means;  
that is the right spirit, the love spir-  
it, the helpful unselfish and sympa-  
thetic spirit.

No matter what your nationality,  
creed or color, this is the way to cele-  
brate Christmas:  
"All who would joy win  
Must share it—Happiness was  
born a twin."—Exchange.

**TURKEYS FOR SALE—I HAVE**  
**SOME NICE FAT TURKEYS FOR**  
**SALE. PHONE OR SEE T. W. ASH-**  
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**TIME TO QUIT**  
He is a wise man who knows when  
to leave a burning building. There is  
a point where courage becomes brava-  
do, and heroism foolishness. Plenti-  
tude of good men have lost their lives  
through not knowing when to quit.  
Many more have lost their souls as  
well as their bodies by not being  
able to see the danger signal or heed  
a timely warning. "A wise man fear-  
eth and departeth from evil but the  
fool rageth and is confident." Don't  
wait for the roof to fall in on you.  
If you are, on the road to ruin, phys-  
ical, commercial or moral, get out  
from under while the going is good.  
The trouble is we think ourselves  
so smart that we will escape while  
others get caught. People race with  
death and gamble with hell for a  
handful of wind. "The fool rageth  
and is confident." Give yourself a  
fair chance.

**PARROTT KNOWLEDGE**  
Real knowledge is not just picked  
up. Like other precious things know-  
ledge has to be sought after and  
gathered with pains. The curse of  
this age is superficiality. Men get a  
smattering of things and run about  
crowing like a hantam cock on a  
fence. People satisfy themselves to-  
day with "reviews of reviews," "lit-  
erary digests," and parrot talks gen-  
erally, and are as tickled as a baby  
with a rubber ring that they are able  
to chatter about books, people or ev-  
ents. In economical, political, busi-  
ness, social, religious matters this  
superficiality has spread to an extent  
that one wonders where the custom  
of letting out our thinking to gossip  
and editors is going to land us. "Ap-  
ply thine heart to knowledge." Get a  
grip on what you read. Know what  
you profess to know.—The Battery  
Man.

**Real Men**  
The true gentleman is the man  
whose conduct proceeds from good  
will and an acute sense of propriety,  
and whose self control is equal to  
all emergencies; who does not make  
the poor man conscious of his pov-  
erty, the obscure man of his obscur-  
ity, or any man of his inferiority or  
deformity; who is himself humbled  
if necessity compel him to humble an-  
other; who does not flatter wealth,  
cringe before power, or boast of his  
own possessions or achievements who  
speaks with frankness, but always  
with sincerity and sympathy and  
whose deed follow his word; who  
thinks of the rights and feelings of  
others rather than of his own; who  
appears well in any company and  
who is at home when he seems  
abroad—a man with whom honor is  
sacred.—Forbes Magazine.

**MAYFIELD URGES**  
**CROP PRICE PROBE**  
Washington, Dec. 14.—An investi-  
gation of the issuance of the cot-  
ton prices forecast by the Depart-  
ment of Agriculture last September  
was proposed today by Senator May-  
field, Democrat, Texas.  
The resolution of Senator May-  
field proposed the Senate Agricul-  
ture Committee make an inquiry also  
into the activities of the New York,  
Chicago and New Orleans cotton ex-  
changes in connection with the re-  
port of the department.  
Investigation of the accuracy of  
the department report, which fore-  
cast downward trend in cotton prices  
and of the source of information of  
which the report was based, also was  
asked.

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**CHANGES MADE IN**  
**MARLAND OFFICES**  
San Angelo, Dec. 15.—Changes in  
the personnel of the Marland Oil Co.  
have been announced in San Angelo.  
The first to be made known was  
the resignation of W. H. Winn, who  
has been in charge of the San Angelo  
office of the company for the last  
two years. His resignation is effec-  
tive January 1, and he then will be-  
come an independent operator with  
headquarters in San Angelo.  
Other changes in the force include  
the resignations of D. C. Smith, land  
man, who was transferred from San  
Angelo to Fort Worth during the  
summer, and J. Hoyt Lewis, scout,  
who has been covering the Fort  
Stockton area. Their resignations  
will become effective Jan. 1. The  
Fort Stockton area will be taken up  
by Jim Foster, who has been a scout  
at Big Spring, and G. C. Phillips of  
San Angelo will be put in charge  
of the Big Spring region.


Basil I of Waco had a wax nose,  
his own having been severed by a  
sword. Unaware of this, the Ger-  
man ambassador and his suite were  
once terrified at seeing Basil's nose  
drop off during a court ceremonial.

That science which has to do with  
the measurement of the earth's sur-  
face is known as geodesy—a word  
of Greek derivation meaning "to di-  
vide the earth."

**BALDWIN PIANOS**  
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lerika give your stomach and bowels  
a REAL cleansing and see how much  
better you will feel. It will surprise  
you! J. D. Biles, Druggist, and Cun-  
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*Florence Reed*

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**GREAT FILM "7th HEAVEN" TO HAVE LOCAL SHOWING**

The management of the R and R Lyric theater have secured the picture of "7th Heaven" for Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27. This is Fox films epic picture version of the play by Austin Strong. This picture has been creating a sensation and playing to capacity houses all over the country and is considered one of the finest productions of the year. Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell are featured at the head of an all-star cast which includes Gladys Brockwell, Albert Gran, David Butler, George Stone, Emile Chautard, Marie Mosquini, Ben Bard and Brandon Hurst.

Herald Want Ads Get Results

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Carter and children left Wednesday night for Wichita Falls to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. Carter will go through the clinic while in that city.

Funeral services for William Carl Irby age two months and two days were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial in Mt. Olive cemetery.

**SPENDING MONEY FROM FLOWERS**

The flower garden can very often be made a source of income as well as a beauty spot. Many people in towns and cities buy home grown flowers when they can find them. To bring a satisfactory price, blooms of high quality and beauty must be produced.

Of course, one must find a market. It is not advisable to grow large quantities before a market is found. Better start in a small way and gradually work up a demand, rather than start in a big way and look for a market afterwards. A little classified advertisement in the local paper, personal calls in the nearby towns or cities, and other methods of finding out who wants to buy may be adopted.

In the larger towns and cities where one is maintained, one can usually sell them at a farmers' retail market. Such a market is maintained in Memphis, Tenn., and many hundreds of dollars worth of flowers are sold each year by the women from the nearby farms and suburbs.—The Progressive Farmer.

We hope that every child will be made happy on Christmas morning and that Santa Claus will be good to everyone. We would be glad to assist Santa Claus in seeing that the poor and needy are provided with fuel, clothing, and food if we but knew which way to turn. We had a notice in the paper asking that everyone who knew of a family in destitute circumstances to please send their names in, but to date we have not been notified of anyone. Several have made donations and more have offered to help when called upon. We hope that this means that the times are good in Howard County and that everyone has plenty.

**XMAS CANDY...CUNNINGHAM & PHILIPS.**

**JOHN M. HENRY DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED SAT.**

John Mark Henry, 30 years, 9 months, 5 days, died in this city at 12:30 o'clock Saturday night from injuries received in an automobile accident, six miles east of Big Spring, on the Bankhead highway, about six o'clock Saturday evening. Mr. Henry, in company with another man, was enroute to his home in Ranger from Midland, Texas. His companion escaped uninjured.

The accident took place at the corner of the J. S. McCright place east of town. As they turned they hit the soft dirt which caused them to turn over. The car, a Buick coupe, made three complete turns. Mr. Henry was rushed to Big Spring for treatment, but his injuries proved fatal.

The body was prepared for shipment by the Eberley Undertaking Co. and sent to Ranger for burial Monday. Deceased is survived by his wife, four children, mother, one brother and two sisters.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We are grateful to our neighbors and friends for the many loving deeds of kindness and words of sympathy extended to us at the death of our dear husband and father. Your thoughtfulness in our hour of sorrow helped to lighten our burden and we will ever remember your kindnesses. Especially do we thank you for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. J. A. Stephens.  
Miss Fannie Stephens.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stephens.  
W. A. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eberley left Sunday night for a visit with relatives in Birmingham, Ala.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM**

Subject: Hymns of the Incarnation.  
Song.  
Song.  
Song.  
Leader—Adele Thomas.  
Scripture reading—Luke 2:13-

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