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### 25 TONS PINTO BEANS FROM HALF TON PLANTING

Following the worm invasion of the cotton crops, and hard on top that the disastrous hail which wiped out a vast area, and when it was apparent that the season was too far advanced to replant cotton, Wm. D. Cargill, secretary of the Brady Chamber of Commerce, sought to interest the farmers in the hail-torn sections, in the planting of pinto beans, which he had learned were grown with great success in New Mexico. The pinto bean is a 90-day crop, which gave time to make where cotton would not. Local wholesalers were prevailed upon to furnish beans for planting, but many farmers appeared of the opinion that McCulloch county was not adapted to the successful growing of the beans, while others feared invasion of pests and ultimate destruction of the bean crop.

In view of the foregoing, it is interesting to learn that the firm of Allen & McClure report their experiment with the beans as having been a great success, insofar as the successful maturing of the crop was concerned, although the unfavorable weather conditions may yet rob them of the crop. The Allen & McClure firm had Jess Shaver put in 102 acres of pinto beans on his place just under the mountain on the Broadmoor road, planting about 12 pounds to the acre. Of the 102 acres, about 20 were destroyed by cotton worms, before they let up, but the balance of the acreage produced in wonderful fashion, until now the yield is estimated at from 700 to 800 pounds to the acre, or between 50,000 and 60,000 pounds from the entire crop.

The beans grew in wonderful fashion, and under ordinary conditions would have matured in the 90 day period. However, the excessive rains kept the plants full of sap, preventing harvesting, and while in this condition the freeze caught them. It was at first thought this wet freeze had ruined the entire crop, but Mr. Shaver reports the beans drying out and apparently unhurt by the cold snap.

Pinto beans are selling around 50 per pound on the local market, so that, should this crop be saved, it will mean a return of approximately \$2,500 on an initial investment of \$60—which is pretty fair remuneration for the work involved.

### DUCK HUNTING IN TEXAS. ONE OF THE GREAT OUT-DOOR SPORTS, RECOUNTED

One of the greatest out-door sports is duck shooting. The Brady Standard Magazine Section, to be issued January 4th, will have the story of a duck hunt by four nimrods in Maverick county, Texas. The hunt lasted three days and the nimrods killed as many ducks each day as the law allowed.

The New Year would be a fine time to renew your subscription to The Brady Standard if you have forgotten so far to do so. By failing to renew you may miss some of the good stories like the one above.

The Brady Standard informs, instructs and entertains.

#### Zoological Gardens.

Mrs. Malaprop still survives. "Really," said the stylish woman to her friend, whose riches had come quickly and out-distanced her knowledge—"really, it is worth while going to the zoo, if only to see the wonderful display of rhododendrons."

"Yes," replied the friend, languidly toying with her ringed fingers. "I like to look at the big, clumsy beasts, too."

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### REV. W. L. WALL RESIGNS PASTORATE AT ROCHELLE ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH

Rev. W. L. Wall, pastor of the Methodist church at Rochelle, yesterday forwarded his resignation to Presiding Elder J. T. King at San Angelo, to take effect immediately. Rev. Wall states that his action was prompted by ill health, and was taken with the deepest of regret. He and Mrs. Wall have decided to move to Brady, occupying one of the Ramsay places, southeast of the local sanitarium, and he is in hopes that a period of complete rest and relaxation will again restore him to health and vigor.

Rev. Wall has been one of the most popular ministers in this county, and at the recent conference he was re-appointed to the Rochelle pastorate on full time. Recently he has experienced several attacks of illness, and after treatment, he would return to his labors in the hopes of having overcome the ailment, only to have recurring and more severe attacks. His physicians advise complete rest as the only hope of overcoming the physical breakdown brought on by overwork. His many Brady friends are pleased to have him and his good wife locate among us, and join with his Rochelle parishioners and legion of friends in hoping that he will soon enjoy complete restoration of health.

### STATE GINNINGS NEAR FOUR MILLION BALE MARK

According to government report, the cotton ginnings in Texas on December 1st lacked only 75,000 bales of reaching the 4,000,000 mark, and exceeded those of last year on December 1st by over 900,000. McCulloch county ginnings are also showing up better than anticipated, the total nearing 11,500 bales. The following is the comparative report on ginnings in 1923 and 1922 up to December 1st, in counties surrounding McCulloch and also the leading counties of the state. It will be noted that Ell's county leads the state with over 111,000 bales this year.

County	1923	1922
The State	3,923,442	3,019,771
Bell	70,006	39,892
Brown	15,549	14,867
Coleman	25,958	30,091
Comanche	13,725	7,999
Concho	8,413	6,311
Dallas	53,312	39,350
Eastland	11,997	6,765
Ellis	111,023	77,957
Erath	15,154	10,365
Falls	62,162	38,748
Fannin	65,265	52,833
Gillespie	9,691	8,452
Grayson	56,591	33,329
Hamilton	17,213	13,598
Hidalgo	51,298	31,519
Hunt	70,862	57,985
Johnson	47,982	35,256
Jones	49,996	43,186
Kaufman	69,026	50,107
Lamar	53,149	48,322
Lampasas	8,858	7,228
Limestone	48,759	40,956
Llano	1,741	2,479
McLennan	98,680	67,638
Mason	2,951	4,225
Milam	58,867	42,599
McCulloch	11,449	16,510
Navarro	86,770	68,966
Nueces	91,851	31,115
Runnels	43,709	39,150
San Saba	10,395	10,025
Tom Green	4,576	5,355
Williamson	108,305	77,931

#### LOCAL BRIEFS

Christmas will always be a happy occasion for Mr. and Mrs. T. Gray, the more especially because of a bright-eyed 10 1-4 pound girl, left with them by the Stork on Saturday, December 22nd. Mother and babe are still at the sanitarium, where congratulations and good wishes are being showered upon them.

Journals, Cash Books, Single and Double Entry Ledgers, Day Books, Record Books, Roll Books, Counter Books—we have them. The Brady

### Our New Year's Wish

"May your life be still more sunny  
Than it has been heretofore,  
May your coming joys be greater  
Than the greatest gone before,  
May you know more smiles and laughter,  
May your future have in store  
Bigger blessings than you dream of,  
And a whole lot more!"

THE BRADY STANDARD

### McCULLOCH COUNTY STILL HAS CHANCE TO GET CAPTURED GERMAN FIELD PIECE OR CANNON

McCulloch county still has a chance to obtain free of all charges a cannon or field piece captured from the Germans during the World War by American Expeditionary forces, according to a bill introduced by Congressman Thomas L. Blanton in the House of Representatives on December 10th. The following is the bill, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

"Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to donate to the county of McCulloch, in the State of Texas, one German cannon or field piece.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to donate and deliver to the county of McCulloch, in the State of Texas, one cannon or field piece captured by the American Expeditionary Forces or delivered to the United States by the terms of the armistice or treaty of peace.

### SAN SABA OIL WELL FLOWING 50 BARRELS DAILY

San Saba, Texas, Dec. 24.—A considerable flow of oil was struck by drillers of a water well on the W. H. Gibbons place, in the western portion of San Saba county a few days since at a depth of 1500 feet. Mr. Gibbons stated that the oil flow at the present depth is represented to him as approximately 50 barrels a day. However, no scientific measurement has been made and the real importance of the find has not been determined. The United States Geological survey indicates that this part of San Saba county probably has valuable reservoirs of oil at an unknown depth. This opinion is shared by expert oil men and geologists who have inspected this area.

#### CLOSING NOTICE

Our places of business will be closed all day January 1st, 1924.  
ALLEN & McCLURE,  
MOFFATT BROS. & JONES  
P. A. CAMPBELL,  
REAGAN & WOOD,  
CASH & CARRY GRO.  
PROCTOR & WILLIS,  
W. K. GAY.

#### Sale of Tires and Tubes.

For the next 18 days I will sell all tires and tubes at a big reduction. Now is the time to buy your tires and inner tubes. They must be sold.

### CITY TO IMPROVE TWO BLOCKS ADJOINING SQUARE

The city street force is engaged in grading up the block on Main street, just west of the public square and fronting the Hotel Brady property, preparatory to bringing this block up to grade, and incidentally providing a graveled road surface. Following the preliminary work this week, the filling in and graveling of the block will be undertaken next week, according to Alderman J. H. Ogden, who is supervising the street work. This will be followed by improving the block on Church street, running north from the northwest corner of the square, and which is along the east side of the Hotel Brady property.

Preparatory to this work, the Hotel Brady company has had concrete curbing and guttering placed the entire frontage of its property on both Main and Church streets, and F. R. Wulff is also preparing to have curbing and guttering placed on the east side of the Church street, along his block of property. The guttering alongside the Wulff garage will be raised to established grade. The dirt from the excavation for the Hotel Brady basement will be used to fill in the alley on either side of Church street.

This work of street improvement is most commendatory, and will not only eliminate two rough and muddy blocks, with almost impassable bog holes following heavy rains, but will materially add to the attractiveness of Brady's new hostelry.

#### NOTICE TO FARMERS.

We will make our last run of season Friday and Saturday, January 4th and 5th.

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#### RELIGIOUS CIRCLES

Catholic Church.

St. Patrick's Catholic church celebrated her first Christmas Midnight Mass Monday, the Rev. Jos. F. Dwan officiating, and delivering a very appropriate sermon. The church was very prettily decorated with ferns and flowers. The usual High Mass was sung.

On New Year's day Mass will be at 8:00 a. m. and 10:00 a. m., the Rev. Jos. F. Dwan officiating.

Blank Books of all kinds at The Standard Office.

### ROY VAUGHN HURT WHEN HORSE FALLS DURING WOLF HUNT

Roy Vaughn of Brownwood sustained a fractured leg Tuesday night when his horse fell with him while he and Tom Guthrie were wolf hunting on the Guthrie ranch about five miles from Trickham. The horse was killed in the fall. Vaughn was to be brought to Brownwood this afternoon for an X-ray examination to determine the extent of the fracture, which is apparently at the thigh and it is feared may prove quite serious. Surgical attention was summoned to the ranch from Santa Anna Tuesday night immediately following the accident.

Vaughn and Guthrie had just started wolf hunting Tuesday night when, about 9:30 o'clock, they spied a wolf. Starting in pursuit of the animal, Vaughn's horse, it is thought, stepped in a hole and falling on Vaughn in such way as to crush his leg. The horse's neck was probably broken in the fall.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Mr. Vaughn, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughn of Brady, is well-known to Brady and McCulloch county citizens, and all his friends will regret to learn of his accident, although they will be pleased to know that later reports state that he is resting well and hopes are entertained for his rapid recovery.

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### EDEN YOUNG MAN MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

It would seem that this Christmas season has been marked by an unusual number of fatalities, perhaps being more noticeable because several took place near Brady, or else the victims were related to Bradyites or were well-known here. One of the most tragic deaths was that of John Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner of the Brady Valley community near Eden, who was killed in an auto accident in the Live Oak section of Concho county. It seems that a pinion on the car wheel became crystallized, allowing the wheel to break, and catapulting the unfortunate driver through the windshield. When the body was found the next morning, it was pinned underneath the wrecked car, with a portion of the windshield through the heart.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of the many kindnesses and assistance of neighbors and friends during the illness and at the death of our dear husband and father. We also are deeply appreciative of the beautiful floral offerings and the words of comfort and consolation spoken in our deep bereavement. May God bless you all.

MRS. C. C. JOHANSON  
MR. and MRS. C. G. JOHANSON  
MR. and MRS. H. C. JOHANSON  
MR. and MRS. IKE RAINBOLT.

### A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Is my sincerest wish to all, together with appreciation for the splendid patronage accorded me during the year now closing. It will be a great pleasure to serve old friends and new often during the New Year, 1924. First showing New Spring Millinery Now Ready for Inspection.

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### FARM BUREAU

### and Poultry Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1924

Mr. M. E. Hays, Secretary of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, will be in Brady, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1924, and address the McCulloch County Farm Bureau, farmers and business men on the subject of cooperative marketing. Special attention will be given to the newly organized "Heart of Texas Poultry Producers Association." Every farmer in the county will find it to his interest to be present. Meeting called at 1:30 p. m. Sharp.

**H. J. HUFFMAN, Pres.**



# COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

## FIFE FINDINGS

**Roads Almost Impassable—Popular Couple Wed Sunday.**  
(Delayed from last week.)  
Fife, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923.

Editor Brady Standard:

On account of almost impassable roads there is not much stirring this week and hence not much news.

On account of the roads Rev. Ranbo of Brownwood failed to fill his regular appointment here last Sunday.

Thos. Mitchell braved the muddy roads Friday and made a trip to Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith are entertaining a brand new boy at their home. Born December 15th.

John Wright and Miss Effie Moran were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moran, Rev. H. A. Smith performing the ceremony.

Ed L. and Guy Walker were pleasant visitors here Sunday from Waldrip.

E. L. Baldrige returned Friday from Cameron where he has been at the bedside of his brother for the past three weeks and who died last Wednesday. E. B. says Mal county is in good shape now to what it was when he left it twenty-nine years ago, but he is glad to get back to old McCulloch even if it is muddy.

E. U. Wade and G. W. Clark were at Brady Saturday to close their land deal. Mr. Wade having sold his farm here to Mr. Clarke. Mr. Wade has not yet decided what he will do but he hopes he does not decide to leave the community.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Guyton and family visited relatives at Rochelle Sunday.

R. K. Finlay, Jr., has sold out his mercantile business here to R. L. Pearce. Mr. Pearce taking possession last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Finlay intend leaving by Christmas for Trinidad, Colorado, where they will make their future home. We are sorry to lose them from the community, but wish them success in their new home.

Nelson Ryan and Ed Butler of

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—A splendid communication, received this week from Salt Gap, is not used because writer failed to sign his or her real name. The Standard positively will not use anonymous articles. Sign your real name to all communications, not necessarily for publication, but to assure authenticity of the items.

Marion were here on business Sunday.

R. K. Finlay, Sr., is improving his farms here by erecting several new tenant houses and other improvements on them. B. P. Palmer is doing the carpenter work.

A. M. Long, Thomas Mitchell, C. M. Coonrad, James Finlay and E. U. Wade have improved their farms recently by the erection of needed buildings.

J. T. Smith was a visitor here from Cow Creek Monday. "Uncle Jimmy" is now a great grandfather but says it don't make him feel any older.

Work on the concrete bridge over Cow Creek on the Brady road has been at a standstill for several weeks on account of the condition of the roads. Mar on Rice of Brady was a business visitor here Monday.

The duck hunters have been enjoying themselves on the lakes near here lately. Carl Doyle claims the championship so far with a half dozen Mallards in one evening with Donald Finlay a close second with four Mallards and a pin tail. The ducks come in to these wet-weather lakes every evening by the thousands and if there was any crops in them they would make short work of them but as they are all in the hail district there is nothing to damage.

Elmer Bray and Ben Chaffin, of Waldrip were business visitors here Saturday.

Tom Bradley is in Llano county this week enjoying his annual deer hunt.

JAKE JR.

Pen Staffs, Pen Points. The Brady Standard.

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## WONDER WORDS

**Harking Back to Pioneer Days—Who Got the Blue Ribbon.**

Wonder, Or., Dec. 21st, 1923.  
Editor Brady Standard:

Please do not come to the conclusion that I am dead or that I have deserted the dear people for neither is the case.

I must acknowledge with gratitude the compliments I have received recently. Your County Superintendent sent me the first issue of The McCulloch County School Journal which is indeed a praiseworthy and laudable enterprise and highly commendable. And which I highly appreciated. I also received other papers and journals from that country treating upon local subjects of interest, among which was The Nut Journal containing a photograph of the world's largest pecan tree situated in San Saba county on the bank of the Colorado river. It contains the photo of my niece and nephew, Sheriff Edgar T. Neal and wife, standing under the giant monarch of the forest, together with three other notable individuals. And, last but not least, yesterday I received 10 1-2 pounds of San Saba pecans tagged J. W. McConnell & Sons. But as I am not acquainted with the firm of McConnell & Sons, I am yet at a loss to apprehend the donor. Tho as a certain party promised to send me "a few pecans" consequently I suspect.

In my last Standard is recorded the death of another pioneer, Mr. Strickland. Thus one by one we are passing away. While in Brady last winter I met my old friend Wellington McShan. He had changed so much I didn't know him. In early days he was our county and district clerk. And he is said to his credit, he was an able and efficient officer and received the complimentary distinction of being the second best clerk in the state in the matter of proficiency and neatness. I don't remember now who took the blue ribbon but he can tell you. I learned one thing last year that I never knew before and that is that he used to live in Bell county near Mountain Home (now Holland) where I lived in the early seventies. I want to say further of Wm. McShan, that while he was in the clerk's office he was never known to visit the saloon, and furthermore, he was always extremely courteous and obliging and did me many personal favors for which I shall ever feel grateful and entertain in my heart a kindly feeling for W. McShan, to whom I dedicate this article. Please give him a copy for me.

O. I. C. U. R. RIGHT.  
P. S. Look out Mr. Editor for those long delayed porcupine quills, for I sure am going to send them soon as I can fix them up.

O. I. C.  
Wishing all of my old time friends and acquaintances a very joyous Christmas and an exceedingly prosperous New Year.

**NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the trustees of the Fairview School District No. 3 will offer for sale the building known as the Dutton School Building, under the following conditions: Sealed bids to be accompanied with a check amounting to one-fourth of bid. Bids to be filed with the County Superintendent not later than 10:00 o'clock a. m. January 19th, 1924. Checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned. Trustees reserve the right to reject any bid.  
J. F. JONES,  
T. A. DIAL,  
J. L. BOYLES, Trustees.  
Brady, Texas.

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**Is The Statement of This Brady Woman.**  
Backache is often kidney ache: A common warning of serious kidney ills.  
"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine"—Don't delay—use Doan's Pills. Profit by the experience of Mrs. B. P. Brown, box 95, Brady.  
She says: "My kidneys were disordered and my back ached, especially when I was on my feet. Overexertion caused sharp pains to dart through me. Two boxes of Doan's Pills soon relieved me of the annoyance."  
OVER THREE YEARS LATER, Mrs. Brown said: "I haven't had any serious kidney complaint since using Doan's Pills."  
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## LOST CREEK ECHOES.

**Tells "What I Like and What I Don't Like About the Country."**

Voca, Texas, Dec. 15, 1923.  
Editor Brady Standard:

"What I Like About A Country Life."

You get the full benefit of the fresh air and sunshine which is not to be had in the large towns and cities.

Plenty of fresh air is physic for the physical body and gives health and strength.

Country life gives opportunities for lots of exercise, which develops mind and muscles.

I like country life because there is where the wealth of the world is produced; there is where the food and raw material is produced that feeds and clothes the people of the world.

Money is worthless if it will not buy you food and raiment to feed and clothe your bodies.

Put a million dollars in a man's pockets—if he can't buy these necessities of life, he will die.

I like country life because I like the animals that roam the woods, just like nature made them.

In the country you can have your horses—the best friend of man in the animal kingdom.

You can have the beautiful cattle around you to supply you with milk and butter and beef, not only for your own use, but to help feed others. You have your hogs and pigs about you to feed and care for and to watch them grow, and which will supply you with bacon and lard, of which the country-made is the best on earth.

You can have the lovely long-wool goat that supplies your self and others with delicious meats for food and mohair for clothing. You can have the sheep, the meekest of all animals which supplies meat for food and wool for clothing, to help feed and clothe the people.

You can have the hen, which furnishes your eggs and meat for food, and feathers to lay your head upon at night while you sleep and rest, and the goose and duck, which, like the hen, supply meat and feathers, etc. And the turkey, the national bird which supplies many people with their delicious meats and brings you in a considerable income.

It is a lovely sight to me to see the fruit in its ripening state, hanging on the trees and the grapes and berries hanging in their clusters and the waving fields of wheat, oats and corn—and even King Cotton is lovely to see, field after field of white open cotton.

## VOCA TRIMS KIMBLE CO. TEAM IN BASKET BALL BY SCORE OF 33-13 FRIDAY

Meeting at Mason last Friday, December 21st, in what was considered one of the biggest basket ball games of the season, the Voca "Wild Cats" played rings around the London "Badgers," and won the game by a score of 33 to 13, according to report of Superintendent J. B. Matlock of Voca. Mr. Matlock is enthusiastic over the showing made by the Voca team, and believes they can win from the best, as the boys are showing better team work all the time.

London defeated the second team 10 to 12.

On the Voca first team, Chester McLearn starred, making an individual score of 13 points. Reef Deans won fame as a basket ball shooter also, scoring 10 points. The Ledy boys went after the ball to get it—and they got it, while Willis Hardin was on the guard from start to finish.

The London boys have one of the strongest teams in Kimble county, and they are a good, jolly bunch to play with, according to Mr. Matlock, and just such a team as good sports can make.

This is not half that I could mention, if I were to try to tell why I love country life.

Reasons why I do not like country life are few.  
Country school are not as good as they should be; children do not get the literary training that they should have and that will be one hard knock on country life until it is remedied.

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## NEW COMIC FEATURE IN JANUARY MAGAZINE SECTION BY CREATOR—"KATZENJAMMER"

How did you like the Christmas issue of the Brady Standard? We worked hard to make it attractive and interesting.

The January Magazine Section is now being assembled and will have its usual quota of good features.

With this January issue we will start a new comic. The author of the comic is Oscar Hitt, who created "Katzenjammer Kids." Mr. Hitt is a comic artist of uncommon ability and stands pre-eminent in his profession. This is an exclusive feature in The Brady Standard.

If your Boots and Shoes leak and you have wet feet, try our Dri-Foot and Viscol. It waterproofs the leather. For Sale at EVERS Saddle, Harness and Shoe Shop.

## HAGGARD, PALE

**Texas Lady Suffered from Womanly Weakness, Pains and Aches; Says She Took Cardui and Got Well.**

Dayton, Texas.—Mrs. E. H. Weidel, of this city, writes that she has, for a long time, known of the value of Cardui from personal experience. "I don't know where I would be had it not been for Cardui, for it made a new woman out of me," says Mrs. Weidel.

"I was haggard, pale—worn to a frazzle all the time. My health was wretched. I had womanly weakness, painful . . . pains and aches.

"I heard of Cardui, and decided to use it. Cardui built me up. I grew well—like another woman—hence the praise I give it. Cardui is the best medicine I ever saw in my life."

Cardui, which this lady found so helpful, is a purely vegetable, medicinal tonic. For more than forty years, Cardui has been taken by thousands and thousands of women, everywhere, and praised by them for the beneficial results obtained from its use. If you are a woman, and suffer as many women do—  
Take Cardui!  
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## To Our Friends and Patrons

We are profoundly grateful for the friendship, good will and patronage you have so freely given us the past year, and we hope to continue to merit your confidence and valued favors during the New Year, and the years to come.

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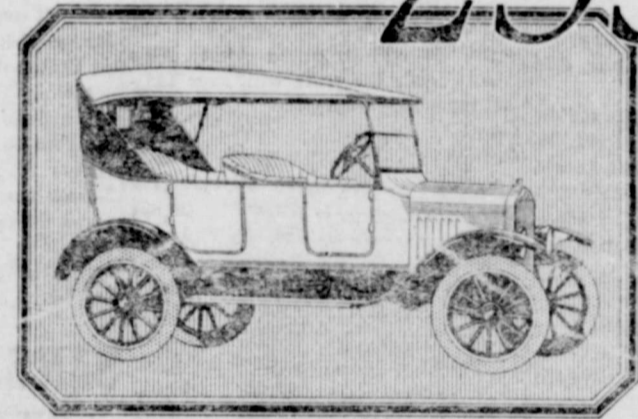
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A comparison extending over a long period of years will reveal the fact that the present price is actually the lowest at which the five-passenger open car has ever been sold. The Ford Touring Car stands today, as it always has, a most remarkable value in the motor car field.

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WHAT THE BLIND BOY SAW IN A VISION.

In a Christmas story entitled "Ask And It Shall Be Given," in the American Magazine, Tom, a blind boy, prays for sight and an angel from heaven grants him the greatest gift of all—the gift to see even into the hearts of men.

"But this is what Tom saw in his father's heart: a little bowed, wrinkled old man, bending almost double with the weight of an enormous number of bags upon his back.

"Then ghost-voices passed between Tom and the shriveled old man; and they bore this conversation which human ears could not hear: "Are you really my father?"

"Yes." "What makes you carry all those sacks?" "Because I want to." "What's in them?" "Sacrifices."

"What do you mean?" "Oh, responsibilities, duties, obligations." "Did you always carry them?" "No. First when the angels gave me your mother. Then when the angels gave me you."

"They are heavy, and they weigh you down. They make you old, and shriveled, and bent before your time. They make your work hundreds of times as hard. Yet you smile as you carry those sacks. Why?"

"Because they are sacrifices for the ones I love." "And with his wonderful smile the bowed man kept gazing longingly at Tom until Tom's eyes filled with tears and he turned away.

"Another strange picture he saw. He saw a young woman standing halfway up the slope of a steep hill. In each of her hands she had a heavy weight, but she would not drop these. About each ankle was strapped a heavy weight. On her back were all the sacks she could possibly bear.

"Then the ghost-voices passed between Tom and his mother. "Are you really my mother?" "Yes, dear." "What are those weights in your hands and on your ankles?"

"They are drudgeries." "Why don't you drop them?" "Because of you and your father." "Look at the millions of tiny sacks upon your back! What are they? Father didn't have nearly so many."

PROPER PLACING OF MIRROR

Matter to Which Housewife Should Give Careful Attention Before Making Final Decision.

A mirror in a dull gold frame is a very decorative and useful item in any furnishing scheme, but the position which it is to adorn must be carefully thought out.

A mirror along one side of the bath will protect the walls and impart an air of cleanliness to a stuffy bathroom—an apartment which in small flats so frequently suffers from lack of light and air.

At the head of a staircase a mirror is perhaps found of the greatest advantage, and when it hangs in such a position there should be nothing else near it, and the walls should be either plainly distempered or papered.

IN EARLY CALIFORNIA DAYS

Justice Administered in Somewhat Crude Fashion After the Conquest of Mexico.

A justice of the Supreme court, mounted on horseback and armed with a Winchester, was O. Henry's definition of a rurale, and, barring the horse and the Winchester, the same would apply to an alcalde of the old California days.

Lawyer Leander Quint of Sonora, for whom Alcide R. C. Barry entertained a violent dislike, had lost the first three fingers of his right hand. In argument he would gesticulate violently with this hand, extending the remaining thumb and little finger in a manner that annoyed Barry excessively.

"Judge, I never did stand any chance in your court!" "No, sir," replied Barry, "and you never shall. When a man comes into court and wriggles his fingers and rolls up his eyes as you do, he can't have any show here."

Egyptians were the oldest admirers of sport. From the pictures on temple walls and tombs one learns how they spent their days in work, religious rites or pleasure. Girls played ball, sitting on the backs of their girl friends. They also danced to the rhythm of songs, which were accompanied by hand clapping.

Fencing was done with a light wooden saber; a shieldlike piece of wood was fastened to the lower arm during the combat. Pictures of wrestling matches along the tomb walls of Beni Hassan would illustrate a modern textbook of wrestling.

Early Architecture.

Imhotep was the earliest architect to put up a building of stone masonry. He flourished just after 3000 B. C., and his name deserves far greater fame than those of the early kings or conquerors themselves.

The erection of Imhotep's terraced buildings was but a step toward the construction of a pyramid. A generation later, so rapid was the progress, the king's architects were building the great pyramid of Gizeh (2900 B. C.).

In many a household children seem entirely ignorant of the usefulness of reference books of all sorts. One housewife made a discovery not long ago, one which she passes on as a help to parents whose children are in school.

"After the son of the house had asked his father the meaning of four different words the father asked why he had bought an unabridged dictionary in ten volumes if he must still go on learning words."

"But, daddy," the boy protested, "those big books are packed on the shelf so tight that I can scarcely draw one out. It may be that in other homes reference books are packed on the shelves too tightly or too high up to be of much service."

CANNOT MASTER SHORTHAND

Men of Acknowledged Ability Have Failed in Efforts to Learn Even Simple Systems.

Lord Beaverbrook, speaking at the annual prize-giving of Pitman's school at the Royal Albert hall, says the London Morning Post, said that it was a curious fact that some men of great ability had failed in the attempt to learn shorthand.

He mentioned that Lord Carson was one example, and the present prime minister another. It was not a question of cleverness, or even of memory. Bonar Law possessed an extraordinary memory. When he first became leader of the conservative party, it was his habit on the occasion of any great set debate in the house of commons to dictate to his secretary the speech that he intended to make.

T. M. Healy, now the governor general of the Irish Free State, used to make use of shorthand in the debates.—New York Tribune.

MUCH LIKE HEN IN AMERICA

Guinea Pigs in Peru Are Kept to Serve as Provisions for the Unexpected Visitor.

Hiram Bingham, the new lieutenant governor of Connecticut, has just published a book, "Inca Land," in which he describes the famous Yale expedition into Peru, of which he was the director. Life as he lived in the Andes has a number of points of difference from that in the New England states. For instance, he says that in Peru the housewife keeps fat little guinea pigs running around her kitchen floor to fill in for any emergencies, much as the American will have a few tins of sardines and cans of preserves on hand.

Baby Had a Bark.

The porter on the Pittsburgh-Detroit sleeper may have heard a gentle yapping in berth No. 2 during the night but there was a \$5 bill in the pocket of his white coat and so the Pullman rule book might have been written in Sanskrit for all he cared.

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Two Claims to Distinction.

Florence is called the mother of oil and the mother of apple orchards in Colorado, and the West. The oil field was located in 1892, and the first well was drilled in 1894. James Frazer in 1894 hauled apple trees across the plains and planted them near Florence, and they are still standing.

Bible Outlay Increased.

The 1923 budget of the American Bible society for the translation, publication and distribution of Bibles will be \$1,160,000, an increase of \$100,000 over 1922, Frank H. Mann, general secretary, announced recently.

The amount voted will be used in furnishing the Scriptures in more than 150 languages and dialects in practically every country in the world.

WE Take this opportunity to thank all of you who favored us with your business the past year. We will appreciate your continued favors the coming New Year, and will endeavor to serve you even better than in the past.

We also solicit the business of all car owners who haven't traded with us during the past year.

We extend best wishes to everyone for a Prosperous New Year.

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Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

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LINENS FROM CHINA.

A new shipment of linens from China, delayed in arrival, is now here and ready for inspection at my home. Phone 267.

MRS. W. H. BALLOU.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the Commercial National Bank of Brady, Texas, will be held in the office of this bank building in Brady, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, being January 8th, 1924, at 8:30 a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may be legally brought before it.

W. D. CROTHERS, Cashier.

New Hotel Great Asset to Brady.

"Brady's new hotel is modern in its equipment and accommodations and is one of the greatest assets Brady has," says Judge J. O. Woodward who has been in Brady conducting district court. The hotel would do credit to a large city, said Judge Woodward, and the citizens of Brady who promoted it are to be congratulated upon their enterprise.

If men ever needed good Boots, right now is the time, and we have them in all sizes. EVERS & BRO., Brady.

Rubber Stamps made to order. The Brady Standard.

Railroads Completely Regulated

The Santa Fe says efficient transportation to meet growing needs of country is possible under existing Governmental regulation. Farmers and business men asked to exercise their influence in giving Transportation Act a fair trial.

- 1. A Government Commission determines freight and passenger rates. 2. A Government Commission determines what is a "fair return" on the value of property used for transportation purposes, but does not guarantee any return. 3. A Government Commission determines the above value of transportation property. 4. A Government Board determines wages and working conditions in case of dispute between railroad employer and employe. 5. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad may issue its stock and bonds. 6. A Government Commission has determined how all railroad accounts are to be kept. 7. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad line may be built or abandoned, leased, sold or merged with any other line. 8. Any and every form of discrimination is prohibited by law. 9. A Government Commission prescribes safety methods and appliances and makes constant inspection for any failure to observe its requirements. There are duties devolving upon the people to see that the railroads are given fair treatment by the Commission and Boards to whom has been delegated the task of exercising the overwhelming control described above, and that the provisions for such control are not lightly tampered with nor changed until some clear need for change appears. With such treatment assured the railroads can and will grow in capacity and efficiency to meet all the needs of our country, and health and vigor will be assured to our great national industries, such as farming, manufacturing, mining and commerce.

W. B. STOREY, President The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System



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BRADY, TEXAS, Dec. 28, 1923.

**HONEST INJUN.**

Be ye not deceived—this balmy Spring weather isn't a sign to take 'em off and put 'em away in moth balls.

**THIS FUNDAMENTAL ROW.**

When old William Shakespeare coined that oft-repeated phrase, "Much Ado About Nothing," he spoke a mouthful. So it is with this fundamentalist row, which is getting some religious circles all stirred up—and split up, incidentally. The matter could, perhaps, be commented upon in no better fashion than has Rev. John Power in the "Parson's Column," in last week's Brownwood Bulletin. The Parson says:

Is there anybody who is being troubled about the present contest about the virgin-birth of Christ? The Parson would ask him to be reassured. So far as the Parson knows there is but one real article of faith necessary to salvation: "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God." That is good sense and good Scripture; but it is incompatible with a great

number of foolish notions about Christ.

The Parson does not believe in heresy hunting. He rather inclines to the advice of the shrewd Gamaliel—to let these men alone and leave time to decide what is and what is not of God. Time will reveal. If it be not of God it shall come to naught; if it be of God we can do nothing against it.

At the same time the Parson does not see how a man can honorably remain as a minister in a communion whose doctrine he at his ordination solemnly swore to support when those doctrines no longer command his allegiance. With the Parson that simply amounts to a matter of intellectual honesty and personal honor.

Then there is nothing new in all this pother. The only thing that makes it of interest at all is just the fact that "heretics" are members of their respective communions.

**CARRY ON.**

Over in Brady last week the Mayhew Produce Company was destroyed by fire, and with it went up in smoke two carloads of dressed turkeys. Of course, this was a heavy loss to our neighbor town, but those people can congratulate themselves on having pulled off about the biggest turkey roast that was ever seen in this broad land.—Coleman Times.

We'll say it was! But we can't have a fire every time we want roast turkey, so in future we are going to try to individualize the turkey-roasting stunt. A turkey a month is the slogan of Brady and McCulloch county citizens, and in the words of Shakespeare, "damn'd be he who first hollers enough."

Some folks have claim to distinction which brings them little else than the scoffs and laughter of the world at large. Take for instance the death of William Chittick, which occurred in Chicago at the age of 76 years. His sole claim to distinction appears to have been that he sold the hay that fed the cow that upset the lamp that started the fire that destroyed most of Chicago in 1871. Instead of sympathy in his fatal illness, his claims made him the butt of puns on the part of newspaper paragraphers.

Tailings from the zinc and lead mines at Joplin, Missouri, will be converted into bituminized road material.

**HOW AMERICA IS GROWING: NO ROOM FOR PESSIMISM.**

Is America spending more than ever before on luxuries, on recreation, on amusements, on tobacco, on millinery, on clothes, on shoes, on candy, on flowers, on vacations, on travel, It is.

Is America incurring heavier debts than ever before for the construction of costly roads, the establishment of public parks and gardens, the building of fine homes? It is.

Is America putting more money than ever before into passenger automobiles, into radio apparatus, into musical instruments? It is.

Is America putting out more stocks and bonds—representing demands upon capital—than formerly? It is.

Is money owed banks by borrowers greater than in the past? It is.

What is the explanation of all this? The explanation is an explanation which explains a great many things which bother, worry, and alarm lots of people from time to time. The explanation is extremely simple:

America is growing.

To compare or contrast the America of today with the America of ten years ago or twenty years ago would be like contrasting a railway train with a stage coach.

The America of twenty years or ten years ago was not the America of today. The America of today is not the America of ten years ago or twenty years ago.

Most of the things pessimists and alarmists take fright at are simply manifestations of our progress and development as a nation.

We spend more, it is true. But it is equally true that we save more.

We use more luxuries—because we have today more people in position to afford luxuries.

Many business men and bankers who ought to reason more soundly, have fallen into the habit of comparing current facts and figures and conditions with the facts and figures and conditions prevailing at the peak of the boom caused by the inflation brought by the World War.

Eddies there always have been and always will be in our national prosperity. But the all-important undercurrent is forward and upward.

America is growing. Ponder these illustrations:

The value of our manufactures is

four times what it was in 1900. Four times as much was paid out in wages last year as was paid in 1900.

Workers—persons gainfully occupied—have increased more than 12,000,000 since 1900, and the total population has grown nearly 35,000,000.

Bank deposits have multiplied from \$7,000,000,000 to \$37,000,000,000. Saving bank deposits have increased 200 per cent, to fully \$7,000,000,000.

Bank clearings have gone, since 1900, from under \$85,000,000,000 to fully \$377,000,000,000.

Money in circulation has jumped up almost 200 per cent.

Fig iron output has doubled what it was when the century opened.

Petroleum output has more than doubled since 1914 and is nearly 10 times what it was in 1900.

Coal production has doubled in the last 20 years.

Our beet sugar production in the same period multiplied 13 times.

Exports of manufacture are fourfold what they were in 1900 and total exports threefold.

Imports of manufacturing material last year were five times the value of the 1900 imports, and total imports have jumped from below one billion to not far from \$4,000,000,000.

Our total national wealth is now estimated at \$300,000,000,000, in 1900 it was less than \$90,000,000,000. Our output of minerals has risen 300 per cent.

Our farms were valued at \$20,000,000,000 in 1900, contrasted with not far from \$80,000,000,000 twenty years later.

Farm products have soared in value from well under \$5,000,000,000 to over \$21,000,000,000.

Wages paid in manufacturing are over four times what they were in 1900.

Use of electric service has increased 2,000 per cent, and use of gas service 220 per cent in the last 20 years. The average production of our basic industries, including agriculture, was 23 per cent greater in the first seven months of this year than in the same months of 1919.

Our railroads carried more than twice as much freight last year as they did in the first year of the current century.

The number of passenger automobiles manufactured in 1899 was 3,700; last year the total exceeded 2,400,000, and this year the round figure will be 3,000,000.

We imported less than \$100,000,000 worth of raw silk in 1914, contrasted

with more than \$400,000,000 for the year ended June 30 last.

With only 6 per cent of the world's population the United States produces 24 per cent of the world's wheat, 75 per cent of the world's corn, 67 per cent of the world's cotton and 48 per cent of the world's coal and iron.

Twenty years ago the amount of life insurance in force in the United States was \$10,500,000,000; this year the forty leading insurance companies are estimating that at least \$7,750,000,000 telephones; we now have more than 14,000,000.

Our wheat production has increased 65 per cent and our corn production 50 per cent since 1900.

For each person in the United States twenty-five years ago only \$25 of money was in circulation; it is now over \$50.

Yes, America is growing. Keep that fundamental fact prominently in your mind whenever the pessimist overruns the land.—Forbes for November.

**A BAD GUESS.**

In the beginning of October the Department of Agriculture estimated the cotton crop of the season as 11,015,000 bales. In November, the Department admitted that its October estimate was excessive by 765,000 bales, and assigned as reason for the error that two million acres in cotton was abandoned because of labor shortage.

Readjustment of the methods used in estimating the cotton crop by the government is recommended in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the newly organized cotton bloc in congress. A committee of five was appointed to draw up and present legislation.

Representative Rankin, Democrat, Mississippi, who introduced the resolution, declared cotton growers had lost more this year through "misinformation upon the crop prepared by the government than from the boll weevil and other ravages."

He advocated that the estimates on crop and ginning be prepared by the same branch of the department. They are compiled separately now by the department of agriculture and census bureau.

Either this service of the Department of Agriculture should be more scientific or it should be abandoned.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Considerate automobilists might at least pad the bumpers with which they hit pedestrians.—Canton News.

**CEMETERY WORKINGS.**

There is something rather pitiful in the appeals made through the newspapers of neighboring towns for the assistance of the citizenship in the cleaning and tidying up of a local cemetery. Almost always these appeals fall upon deaf ears, for the average business man or citizen is too busy with his own affairs to give either time, thought or attention to the City of the Dead, even though he may have loved ones laid away there. Usually the work of cleaning the cemetery devolves, year after year, upon a faithful few, who perform a labor of love that brings little hope of reward upon this mundane sphere. Just why the average city or town will permit the last resting place of its beloved pioneer citizens or dear ones to grow up in weeds and accumulated trash is hard to understand, and even more difficult to believe. Yet, such is almost invariably the case. A visit to a growing and prosperous young city will find beautiful municipal buildings, attractive home surroundings, admirable paved streets and evidences of civic pride and enterprise upon all hands—yet the cemetery will be a disgraceful sight, with weeds and uncut grass all but hiding the tombstones, wilted flowers and dying shrubbery bedecking the mounds, and evidences of neglect upon all hands.

Somehow, we cannot refrain from taking pride in the manner in which the Brady cemetery is maintained. A

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1923

**GREETINGS**

1924

As we pause on the threshold of this New Year to take inventory of our stock of good, and balance our books, and ascertain what 1923 did for us in a material way; we gratefully look back over the 21 Happy New Years we have greeted our customers and friends in Brady territory; and after doing so, we wish to say at this time, that each New Year increases our desire to serve our trade better than ever before.

And we wish to extend to one and all, our earnest appreciation for your liberal patronage during all these years, and to extend our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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small tax has enabled the city to take full charge of our City of the Dead, and by employing a caretaker regularly, the local cemetery presents a well-cared appearance that should bring peace of mind to all who have loved ones resting there. Brady has set an example in caring for her cemetery, which many a town and growing city may well emulate.

**THIS NEWSPAPER BUSINESS.**

This has been a great year in the newspaper game, with surprises in store all around. Newspaper men who were supposed to be settled for life, have cut loose from their moorings and drifted to bigger ponds, while others have shown evidence of having struck an oil well, or else of having performed a J. Ambrose Hepwing stunt, in acquiring sudden wealth.

M. S. Sellers astonished the natives, both of McCulloch county and the state at large, by joining the exes a couple of months back, and hard and fast upon this surprise, came announcement that L. P. Loomis had traded his fine newspaper property, office building, home and furniture at Canadian for a newspaper in Wyoming, including the Wyoming man's business, home, furniture, office cat and towel, as State Press put it, in announcing the change in the Dallas News. Editor Loomis has been a prominent and active member of the Texas Press association, and just what terrible thing has happened to thus send him away in exile, can only be imagined.

Then there's Sam P. Harben, editor of the Richardson Echo; Secretary of the Texas Press association, banker, druggist, telephone exchange owner, cotton buyer, farmer and all-round citizen (this time quoting Editor John E. Cooke in the Rockdale Reporter, who is known to always tell all the truth or nothing at all) located in what some people would call a two-by-four town if they were not afraid of insulting Sam (still quoting John E.) is showing his business nerve by installing a new printing plant in Richardson that will be an eye-opener to the country-print craft. To start with Sam has contracted for the erection of a two-story brick house. In this house he will install \$20,000 worth of new printing machinery. All this has been brought about by the securing of a ten-year contract for the publication of the Texas Christian Advocate, the official journal for Texas Methodism. We used to think Sam's heart was the biggest portion of his anatomy, but now we believe it is his "nerve." The idea of a country print pulling big-time stuff like that! He must have been saving up his salary as Secretary for the last hundred years. (End of quotation, but not the end of the yarn.) It seems that Sam was not satisfied with all this glory solely for himself, so after getting his assistant-secretary, Sam Braswell, elected president of the Texas Press association, he persuaded Sam B. to join Sam H. in the new enterprise, and so successful was he in his representations that Sam B. has forsaken the News at Clarendon, and has joined Sam H. in his get-rich quicker scheme. That is what achieving honors in the Texas Press association will do for a fellow.

Then we come to Will H. Mayse, Jr., son of former Lieutenant-Governor Mayse, and originally a Brownwood boy, who has forsaken the mild and bully West to locate in Carthage, or some such East Texas seaport town, where, no doubt, he expects to accumulate moss, as one of the products for which that section is noted.

All this upheaval in the printing industry suggests that there is money in the business, and that new editors are scrambling into the editorial harness in order to get their share of the filthy lucre, or else scrambling to get out in order to keep what they have accumulated.

One minister in Coleman who has officiated at more marriages, perhaps, than any other person in the county, says he has looked up the records and finds that Judge Woodward is granting divorces faster than he (the minister) can unte them in wedlock.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

**PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.**

A spendthrift is a man who makes up with his girl two months before Christmas.—Jacksonville Journal.

Some animals hibernate during the winter, but turkeys come out of cold storage.—Detroit News.

But the "Homo Barbarensis" and the Neanderthal man are in no condition themselves to fight.—Omaha World-Herald.

Some of the newer ones look so wild and disheveled that we guess chrysanthemums bob their hair.—Grand Rapids Press.



**Sheppard-Low.**

Among the recent weddings, that of Miss Grace Sheppard to Mr. Samuel W. Low, which occurred at Houston on Thanksgiving Day, was learned with much interest by Brady friends of the high contracting parties. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sheppard of this city, and made her home here since early childhood. Her sweet and sincere manner have made her a favorite with all who know her. Early in the year she went to Chicago, where she made her home with her sister, but for the past two months she has been in Houston, where she has been employed with the W. C. Munn store. Mr. Low is a traveling salesman for a drug and paint company, and is well known in Brady, having made frequent visits here, and being highly regarded by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Low will make their home in Houston, and the best wishes of all their many friends are extended for the greatest of happiness and prosperity.

**Pearce-Holt.**

News has been received here of the marriage in Santa Anna on Tuesday of Miss Mildred Pearce and Mr. R. D. Holt, popular members of the Brady high school faculty. The marriage was a quiet home affair, the happy couple taking advantage of their holiday visit to their homes in Santa Anna to have the ceremony performed. Following a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Holt will return to Brady next Monday to resume their work in the local high school.

While Mr. and Mrs. Holt have both made their home in Santa Anna, the romance which culminated so happily had its inception only after their coming to Brady at the beginning of the school term as members of the local faculty. Mrs. Holt is instructor in history, while Mr. Holt has charge of mathematics. Both are popular with the pupils, faculty and patrons of the school, and both are highly regarded by all who know them, and their many friends will join in extending them welcome upon their return and in showering them with congratulations and good wishes.

**Wood-Schmidt.**

A marriage of interest to many Brady friends was celebrated in Mason, Texas, at 6:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, December 26th, when Mildred Zella Wood became the bride of Mr. Jesse Otto Schmidt, the ceremony being performed at the Christian church.

The bride is one of Mason's most popular and lovely young women, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood of Mason, and who numbers her friends by her acquaintances. She has frequently visited in Brady, endeavoring herself to all with whom she met. The groom is originally a Mason boy, but for the past several months has made his home in Brady, being a valued and trusted employe of the Trigg Drug Co. He is a splendid young man, of genial, wholehearted disposition, and his friendliness and uniform courtesy has won the admiration and respect of the Brady citizenship, and all will rejoice in his happy marriage to so charming a help-mate.

Following a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt will make their home in Brady, and are assured of a cordial welcome to local civic and social circles.

**Franks-Shropshire.**

Announcements have been received by friends in the city of the marriage of Miss Rebecca Franks to Mr. Gus Shropshire, the wedding having taken place yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Marlin, Texas, the home of the bride. Following a brief wedding tour, Mr. and Mrs. Shropshire will return to Brady to make their permanent home, and will be temporarily domiciled at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. H. Ballou.

News of the marriage has been received with pleasure by the many friends of the couple. Mrs. Shropshire is a daughter of Mrs. S. E. Newbold of Marlin and is a most lovable and talented young woman, and in her frequent visits to Brady has endeared herself to all by her charm of manner and cordial friendliness. Mr. Shropshire is the only son of Judge and Mrs. J. E. Shropshire, is a home boy, and is admired and held in highest esteem by everyone. Following completion of his studies in Brady high school, he attended State University. During the past year he has engaged in cotton buying in Brady.

He is member of the Brady Municipal band, and is active in the affairs of the younger citizens of Brady. Both he and bride are popular members of the young folks social sets and will receive a welcome home-coming from their many friends and admirers.

**Girdwood-Westbrook.**

Chester Clark, former Brady boy, but who has been in Los Angeles, California, for several months past, where he is employed in a large printing office, writes under date of December 17th to tell of the marriage of Dudley Westbrook, also a former Bradyite, and son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Westbrook of Brady. Dudley is also now located in Los Angeles. Concerning his marriage, Mr. Clark writes as follows:

"This is the first time since leaving Brady that I have had anything that I thought the Brady Standard might want to use in the paper."

"Dudley Westbrook was married Saturday, December 15th, to Miss Jean Girdwood of San Angelo, Texas. Miss Girdwood is the daughter of David Girdwood, wholesale grain dealer of San Angelo.

"The wedding ceremony was performed by a Presbyterian minister on North Broadway in Los Angeles. Miss Margaret Wilson of Los Angeles was bride's maid and, of course, I was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook are going to make their home here."

Continuing, Mr. Clark has the following to say of the Golden West:

"Believe me this is a wonderful country, especially for pretty weather. It is still like summer here. Don't like to leave here but think I will come home for Christmas."

"I saw a Brady Standard the other day while visiting Vernon Jordan and Lit Walker; sure did appreciate it. You don't know how to appreciate your old home paper until you get about 1800 miles from it."

**STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.**

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lohn State Bank of Lohn, Texas, will be held at its banking house, in Lohn, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, the same being the 8th day of January, 1924, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it. W. F. ROBERTS, JR., Cashier.

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**STATEMENT**

Of the Ownership, Management, etc., of The Brady Standard, published semi-weekly at Brady, Texas, for October 1, 1923, required by Act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

State of Texas, County of McCulloch, ss:

Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared H. F. Schwenker, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the owner of The Brady Standard, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by Act of August 24, 1912:

That the name and address of the publisher, editor, business manager and owner is H. F. Schwenker, Brady, Texas. Managing editor, none. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities, is: Mrs. Mary Schwenker, 1017 So. 13th St., Burlington, Iowa. H. F. SCHWENKER, Owner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of December, 1923. CORA SNIDER.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Ernest Tetens spent Christmas in Fort Worth as a guest of friends. Arthur Awalt is among the University students spending the holidays at home.

Miss Edna Fahrenthold arrived Saturday from Houston to spend Christmas with home folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Stovall of Sidney, Texas, spent Christmas here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tabor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harris of Broadmoor were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Gansel on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Argo arrived Sunday morning from Dallas to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Schwenker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Arnsperger and children spent yesterday in Menard as guests of his brother, the Rev. J. W. Arnsperger and wife.

Miss Leah Strickland, who is attending Baylor at Waco, is home for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lyle and son, Bill, Jr., of Lubbock, arrived Sunday for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Lyle, Sr.

Miss Dorothy Ogden, who is attending Howard Payne college at Brownwood, is home to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. B. Ogden.

Miss Eulalia Gavitt and Willie Gavitt are home for the holidays, the former from C. I. A. at Denton and the latter from State University at Austin.

Carl Sheppard of Sherman and Miss Ora Sheppard of Christoval are spending the holidays as guests of their mother, Mrs. W. H. Sheppard, and friends.

Vernon Jordan arrived the past week from Los Angeles to spend the Christmas holidays visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jordan, and relatives and friends.

W. H. Ballou, Jim Matthews, H. B. Ogden and Lee Jones formed a hunting party which left Wednesday for a several days' stay in the wild-wood fastnesses to the south of Brady.

Doc Garey, relief operator on the Southern Pacific, and whose headquarters are at Los Angeles, arrived the past week to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Garey, of Whiteland.

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We wish for you all a Happy New Year and one filled with a large measure of prosperity.

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In the coming year we are going to strive still harder to please; our stocks, as always, will be kept clean, fresh and up-to-date, and we trust to be favored with your continued patronage.

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THE EMPTY STOCKING

(By Joe Sappington) All you men and women whose head is sprinkled with gray, you upon whose brows are left the deep furrows of time, do you recall the far off Christmas days that seemed to you would never come? But they are coming faster, ever faster now and it makes you sign to think how swiftly time is passing.

The older we get the more we love those beautiful lines of the poet, "Backward, turn backward, oh time in your flight, make me a child again just for tonight." But with all the longing of the heart you can never again return to the days of happy childhood. The nearest return we can ever make to that blissful state is to make the children around us happy, shed sunshine into their lives and scatter joy and gladness along their pathway. One of the saddest things in this world is to see a little child with tear-stained cheeks on a Christmas morning after visiting an empty stocking. Oh the tragedy of it, a child weeping over the false promises of Santa Claus. He had loved the old fellow with all his childish heart and had waited so long for his coming. Just the night before Christmas he dreamed that Santa Claus came with his sled and reindeers and slipped into the house and filled his stockings as long as it would hold with the very things he had written him to bring. Would morning never come, would darkness never lift its somber shadows and let in the glorious dawn of day that he might go to that stocking and feast his eyes upon all the things that good old Santa Claus had brought him. He goes to sleep again and dreams that same sweet dream. He hears the tinkling of bells, Santa Claus has come at last and he can see his smiling jolly old face as he bends over his stockings with his heavy-burden of childish joys. He wakes with a start, it is now broad daylight. He leaps from his bed and runs as fast as his little bare feet will carry him to his little stocking. He stares in childish amazement. It is empty. Santa Claus, the good old Santa Claus whom he had loved as only a child can love, had played him false. Oh, those childish tears, those crystal jewels wrung from the weeping heart of a child.

All you men and women all you who cherish the memory of innocent childhood, you rusty old bachelors, you know not the heavenly bliss of parenthood, you who have never had your necks encircled by childish arms, shake off the shackles of old Scrooge, come go with me and look at the weeping child sitting by the side of that empty stocking. Then when you have brushed the tears from your eyes put your arms around him and tell him that Santa Claus still lives and he has sent you to bring his presents and fill his stockings to bursting. This little heart-broken boy lives in your own town, close to your own happy home and can hear the merry laugh and glad acclaims of Christmas joys coming from your own darling children.

Let's all get the Christmas spirit and vow within ourselves that no little child living near us next Christmas morn will be found weeping by the side of an empty stocking.

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Behind the Mask

By JANE OSBORN

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"Do you know anything about chemistry?"

"Dear me, no. I studied chemistry in college, but I barely passed. I didn't know a stenographer had to understand chemistry."

The question was asked by the head of the Office Workers' Employment agency and answered by Corinth West the day she applied for a job.

"Well, if you have had any chemistry at all you will do," said the employment expert. "Over at the Stoughton research laboratory they want a stenographer—wanted one that had had enough chemistry to know how to take down chemical formulas. A Miss Fisher was going. In fact they had taken her, but something happened and she's let us know she can't be there. So I'm anxious to send some one over there right away. You'd know how to take formulas—wouldn't you?"

"I guess I could manage."

"I hope so." Corinth West agreed and arrangement was made that she should report at once for work. Then as she was leaving the office the woman at the desk called:

"Just one thing. Your work is in the laboratory, you know. They're making experiments with some sort of gases or something and you'll have to wear a mask. Sometimes the doctors don't bother. They just wear goggles. But it would be a shame to darken a nice complexion like yours. They'll give you the mask when you get there."

Corinth West went to the laboratory, consulted the middle-aged woman who had charge of employment, told her she was the new stenographer to work in the chemical laboratory, and was forthwith assigned to a locker in the women's dressing room, given a mask and directed to one of the small laboratories on the top floor.

"You're to work with Doctor Pollard," she was told.

That was the setting—a small laboratory on the top floor of the Stoughton foundation, a pretty, young stenographer, with a mask that covered her from neck to the top of her fair hair, and a thirty-year-old doctor in goggles, very much interested in research work that would ultimately contribute to the relief of human suffering.

"I'm glad you wore the mask," explained the doctor when Corinth appeared. "You'll have to stick around, while I'm working, to take down notes and to read the formulae for me. You might get a pretty bad sunburn. I'm used to it and it doesn't matter so much. Funny, I thought your name was Fisher or something like that—"

"No, West—Corinth West," said the girl behind the mask. But she didn't explain that she was not the stenographer that had been interviewed previously for the position but a substitute chosen at the last minute.

"And you know something about chemistry. I'm glad of that," said the doctor and Corinth did not explain that of all subjects in her college course she had fared worst in chemistry.

Corinth had a desk at one end of the laboratory and there she might easily enough have removed her mask, but it was not easy to adjust the mask without some one to help and Corinth did not want to have to ask the doctor for help. While he was working at the other side of the laboratory he called to her frequently for help.

Then he would give her quick dictation, mostly formulae, which Corinth managed to take down with perfect accuracy but which really meant nothing to her. Then he would ask her to read formulae to him as he worked, and Corinth surprised herself by being able to decipher the chemical abbreviations quickly and fluently. That much she had remembered from her freshmen course in chemistry.

So they worked diligently, Corinth catching from the young doctor much of his enthusiasm, though as a matter of fact he seldom took the trouble to explain what the experiments were all about. He seemed to take it for granted that she understood. Almost never were there interruptions, for there was little call for anyone to visit the laboratory. A laboratory boy came and went when the doctor rang for him to do certain perfunctory work, but this was not very often.

So Corinth and the doctor became well acquainted—only Corinth felt that she was much better acquainted with him than he with her, for she knew the features of his face and he had never caught even a glimpse of hers. After the first day or so Corinth purposely tried never to appear unmasked.

She knew that she was pretty, because she had been assured of the fact so often and she was quite sure now that Doctor Pollard had no idea that she was. He treated her with the sort of impersonal camaraderie that she had never experienced before in her friendship with men.

She knew that this work of Doctor Pollard's in the laboratory was of only a temporary nature. As the days passed she began to wonder whether the next task he would undertake would require a mask. She dreaded the day when he would face her unmasked.

They would have to get acquainted all over again, she was sure. Perhaps he would not even remain at the foundation. He was a man whose devotion to science and humanity took him far afield in his studies. She was curious, yet she did not put her questions direct.

Then one day in the third week he surprised her. "Would you go to China with me, Miss West?"

Corinth gasped a little behind her mask and for a brief instant or so she thought that Doctor Pollard was proposing, for once one of her admirers in college days had asked her whether she would go to South America with him by way of proposing.

"To China—" repeated Corinth to gain time. How could he propose, she was asking herself, when he hadn't even seen her face?

"Why, yes," said the doctor, not in the least embarrassed. "You see, I've about made up my mind to spend a few months there. I can't make this investigation complete unless I do. It would be a great help if you'd go along. I can work almost twice as fast with you on the job with me."

"Who else would go?"

"No one," said the doctor, peering at the mask in surprise. "Why should anyone else go? I rather had this in mind when I asked them to give me a stenographer—an assistant like you. You see, it would be quite all right for us to go to China together—whereas, of course, it would be out of the question to take a girl of twenty."

"I suppose so," said Corinth, who was twenty-one, "and then it would be like going traveling with an old-maid aunt or something."

"Not quite like that," said Pollard, still without the least embarrassment. "But you know we never could have got so well acquainted; never could have got to be such good friends if you'd been a young girl. I'd have fallen in love with you or you would have been annoyed because I didn't. You know how it is. But with you—why, we work together just like two men. That's why I want you to go to China with me. It's quite a trip, and I could get some writing done if you were along to take notes."

"I wouldn't wear a mask," Corinth laughed, with considerable embarrassment. "Perhaps you wouldn't want me to go if you knew how I looked."

Doctor Pollard became curious for the first time to know how his assistant looked. He was wondering whether she had some unsightly scar or deformity that prompted her remark and that had made her so insistent on keeping on her mask.

"It won't make any difference to me," said Pollard gallantly. "Perhaps you are oversensitive."

Corinth West laughed, and on the impulse of the moment unfastened the straps that held the mask in place. Then she patted her hair a little and looked at Doctor Pollard in confusion.

"Miss West!" he gasped. "Why, I thought you were fifty. I asked for a woman past middle age who understood chemistry."

"I guess the other woman was. But she couldn't come, so they sent me," said Corinth. "I'm sorry."

"Sorry that you are young and beautiful?" asked Doctor Pollard, coming close to her to look intently into what he felt sure was the most beautiful face he had ever seen.

"Yes," said Corinth, not flinching under the close regard. "I mean it. I'm sorry because if I were fifty and plain you'd want me to go to China with you. Now you'll leave me—"

The young doctor put two strong hands on Corinth's slight shoulders. "I understand now. I've been in love with you all the time. I thought it was just friendship. It's come over me now. And you will go to China with me?"

Corinth nodded her head in a weak little affirmative. "You shall," said the doctor, "but you must go as my wife as well as my co-worker."

BRIEFLY TOLD.

A cross, said to be the highest in the world, is that on the spire of the new Chicago Temple. Towering 560 feet above the ground, the cross, 12 feet high and six feet wide, appears but a few inches in dimensions. Great flood lights will illuminate it by night, while the reflection of the sun upon the gold-leaf-covered arms will make it visible for miles in the daytime.

Automatic telephone exchanges are about to be adopted in London.

More than eighty per cent of the population of Brazil cannot read or write.

A luminous channel buoy which disappeared off the port of Buenos Aires, Argentina, two years ago, was picked up on the west coast of Australia. Currents carried it across the South Atlantic and Indian oceans, halfway around the world.

Animal interference with telephone service includes bears that mistake the humming of the wires for a swarm of honeybees; squirrels that chew holes in the lead cables; ants and beetles that eat metal, and spiders that throw their webs across open wires causing short circuits when dew gathers on the web.

The old short clay pipe is disappearing and cancer of the lip has greatly decreased in Great Britain, according to a famous surgeon.

NOTICE to Contractors—Sealed proposals addressed to Evans J. Adkins for the improvement of certain highways in McCulloch County will be received at the office of Evans J. Adkins, County Judge, at Brady, Texas, until 10 o'clock a. m. Jan. 15, 1924, and then publicly opened and read. Description of work to be done: 24.38 acres clearing; 25.18 100-foot stations light clearing; 24.38 acres grubbing; 25.18, 100-foot stations, light grubbing; 9,090.4 cu. yds. earth borrow; 12,056.9 cu. yds. solid rock excavation; 6,775.6 cu. yds. loose rock excavation; 7,197.3 cu. yds. earth roadway excavation; 200 cu yds. dry structural excavation; 14,184.1 cu. yds. overhaul excavation per 792 lin. ft. wooden guard fence, furnishing, placing, painting, etc., complete; 19,937 pounds steel bars (reinforcing) complete in place; 225.25 cu. yds. class A concrete; 12,306.4 cu. yds. gravel surfacing, hauled first 1-4 mile, including loading, unloading, spreading, etc.; 660 cu. yds. gravel surfacing hauled second 1-4 mile, 660 cu. yds. gravel surfacing hauled third 1-4 mile, 940.4 cu. yds. gravel surfacing hauled fourth 1-4 mile, 1,320 cu. yds. gravel surfacing hauled fifth 1-4 mile, 1,320 cu. yds. gravel surfacing hauled sixth 1-4 mile, 1,320.0 cu. yds. gravel surfacing hauled seventh 1-4 mile, 5,410.6 cu. yds. gravel surfacing hauled eighth 1-4 mile, 12,939.0 cu. yds. gravel surfacing hauled one additional 1-4 mile above and including the ninth 1-4 mile, 17.0 structural excav. "solid rock." Detailed plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination and information may be obtained at the office of E. A. Barrow, County Engineer, at Brady, Texas, and at the office of the State Highway Department, State Office Building, Austin, Texas. A certified or cashier's check for 5 per cent of the amount bid, made payable without recourse to the order of Evans J. Adkins, County Judge of McCulloch county, Texas, must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into contract and make bond in accordance with the requirements of the specifications. The right is reserved by the party of the first part to reject any and all proposals or to waive all technicalities. Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked "Bids for the construction of 4.7 miles of highway No. 9 in McCulloch County." All bids received will be retained by the department and will not be returned to the bidders.

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## EVENING THOUGHTS

The fuscate shadows of the evening fall. On the hills to the east, I still see the lingering rays of sunset. This is a beautiful world if we will but open our eyes and look for the beauty about us. Why are so many people inclined to do otherwise? This thought has often confounded me. Friends, open your eyes and see the vision.

Some say, "looking backward," is a sign of old age. Maybe it is; but if the one who is inclined to travel the old trails, and to again pass through the mystic chambers of the past, emerge in their calmer moments with hands full of flowers, is it not a sign of a life well spent?

Again, I have heard it said that old age demonstrates the precedence given to character. To a person inclined to lurk in the shadows, his memory of the past presents to him the evil things.

He comes forth from his imaginary journey with arms full of broken hopes and "dreams that never came true."

To the person who still in his old age, maintains his optimism, as he travel the old trails, from the haunts and scenes of his childhood, through youth, and middle life, he comes forth from his reverie with his hands full of roses and his heart full of love. Ah, may this be the kind of a ripe old age, to which we may attain.

I have just passed my fiftieth milestone. In analyzing my own life, I find that at times I am classed with the first instance given; at others with that of the second. I try to be long to the second—"to overcome evil with good." How much I succeed will be told by the amount of flowers placed upon my grave when I come to the end of the road.

The milestones are being passed a little too rapidly to suit me. I do not feel old. In fact I feel young. All my life I have been associated with childhood and youth. The smiles and prattle of childhood and youth keep my heart young. But as I pass on the way it appears that I love children more and more and people tell me that this is an instinct of old age. Perhaps it is, but if my increasing love will be of any help to these "flowers budding" let it be so.

I would not shut out the sunlight of joy in their young lives, by a cloud of gloom. We should never get too old to associate with children. God bless the little tomboy! Her running and romping is increasing the sparkle in her eyes and putting roses to her cheeks. Why scold her and try to make her sedate like Aunt Lucy?

We are about to pass out of the chamber of the old year. The door to the new one is about to open. In the words of Grimstead, "We cannot always have chambers of light and laughter, as we had in childhood and youth." Let us strive to see the brightness and to ignore the shadows as much as possible. May we pass through the mystic, and yet untouched chamber,—1924—with a reasonable share of smiles and laughter, and with a minimum of sorrow and tears!"

BABE BERT.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles, actually relieves itching Piles, and you can get satisfaction after the first application. Price 50¢.

### STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brady National Bank of Brady, Texas, will be held at its banking house in Brady, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, the same being the 8th day of January, 1924, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it.

E. L. OGDEN, Cashier.

Car Cushions, made to order, old ones repaired. E. R. CANTWELL.

### Why?

A citizen who maintained a pawnshop took out a fire insurance policy. The same day a blaze broke out that destroyed the building and its contents.

The insurance company tried in vain to find sufficient grounds to refuse payment, but had to content itself with the following letter appended to the check:

"Dear Sir: We note that your policy was issued at ten o'clock on Thursday morning and that the fire did not occur until three-thirty. Why this unseemly delay?"

Now is the time—buy cream separators. Our stock is complete, with the old reliable, De Laval. Let us show you. O. D. MANN & SONS.

### Dad Mayse Receives Appreciated Gift from Son, Pat.

About the happiest man in Brady around Christmas was "Dad" Mayse, and Dad had reason to be happy, for he had just received the most appreciated of Christmas gifts from his son, A. G., of McKinney.

A. G. or "Pat" as everybody in Brady knows him, is advertising manager for the McKinney Courier-Gazette, in which position he has made good for so many years that he has become a fixture not only with the paper, but with the city of McKinney and the county of Collin, and holds more responsible and honorary positions than any two men in that county.

But, as we started out to say, Pat never forgets his old dad and his old friends, and his gifts are always accompanied by wishes such as leave no doubt as to their sincerity. Here is the letter Pat wrote his dad, and which accompanied his Christmas remembrance:

"Dear Pappie:

"As a token of my good wishes and remembrance to you I enclose herewith my check for \$25.00.

"It is a small gift but I know you will not measure it by its size. I wish I were able to make it much more. Use it for whatever you desire and remember it was my Christmas remembrance to the dearest daddy in all the whole wide world.

"Often I have written to tell you how I appreciated you and how I love you for being such a dear Daddy and such a good, honest man, but somehow as the shadows of the evening gather in your life I want to tell you more often that I appreciate you.

"I hope you will be of good cheer today. Smile and enjoy yourself. Do not let anything worry you and if you ever need me let me know.

"I hope Christmas will be sweet to you and that 1924 will bring you much comfort, peace of mind, contentment and prosperity.

"Bertie and the babies join with me in this Christmas gift and in this message of love.

"Good luck, Good cheer, God bless you, my dear old Daddy."

If you have a pony double disc breaking plow that you want to dispose of see E. B. SCARBOROUGH, Brady, Texas.

### No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 50¢ per bottle.

How about a Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet for a New Year's gift?  
O. D. MANN & SONS.

Eels packed together in pipes of the city water system of New London, Connecticut, shut off the water in many parts of the city. Fire plugs were flushed and thousands of young eels flooded the ground.

## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to thank all of our good friends and customers who, by their patronage, have taken part in bringing this business year to a successful close. We wish to assure all of our most sincere appreciation and we wish everybody a

Prosperous New Year

**Mann-Ricks Auto Co.**

Phone 57

Brady, Texas

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**Commercial National Bank**

OF BRADY

Will Be Closed Tuesday  
**January 1st, 1924**

--In Observance of--  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Please Arrange To Do Your  
Banking on Monday.

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ADVERTISING RATE FOR CARDS:  
One Inch Card, one time a week, per month ..... \$1.00

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Auto Accessories  
United States and Pennsylvania  
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Will appreciate your drying and hauling business. Your freight and packages handled by careful and painstaking employees.

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LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine."  
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Try the new LAXATIVE for ordinary and chronic constipation, inactive liver. Thorough in its action; does not gripe; safe for babies, children and grown-ups. Sample upon request  
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BRADY TO MASON AND RETURN  
Dodge Bros. Business Cars used assuring comfortable riding and ample space for light hauling.  
One-Way Fare, \$1.50  
J. C. BECKHAM, Brady, Texas.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head  
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S Dispensary on box. 50¢.

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## WE WISH YOU

# A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Many thanks for the favors extended us during the year just closing; we hope our goods and service has met with your approval.

If you have not been a customer of ours, we invite you to consider us for the coming year. We feel that no one is in better position to serve you than we are.

Give Us a Trial for the Coming Year--We Will Strive to Please

**Broad Mercantile Company**

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## Farmers and Ranchmen

I will insure any or all of your farm or ranch property against loss or damage from Fire, Lightning, Wind or Hail in one of the strongest Companies in America, at greatly reduced rates.

I can also arrange the payment of the Premium to suit you by using your note at 6 per cent. It is good business to be fully insured.

Come in and let's talk it over.

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WHAT GUESS WHAT  
DOLLY DIMPLE DOLLY DIMPLE  
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She represents the highest quality in Pure Soft Wheat Short Patent Flour. The Dolls made from Dolly Dimple sacks will please the little folks, as well as the delicious biscuits and cakes made from

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**NR TO-NIGHT Tomorrow Alright**  
NR a mild, vegetable laxative to relieve Constipation and Biliousness and keep the digestive and eliminative functions normal.  
Used for over 50 years  
Chips off the Old Block  
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One-third the regular dose. Made of same ingredients, then candy coated.  
For children and adults.  
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### Card of Appreciation

No one could be more appreciative of the favors extended us during the past year than we are, and we wish to express sincere thanks to one and all of our friends and patrons, and to wish each and every one a

**Happy and Prosperous New Year**

We hope to have the pleasure of again serving you during the New Year, 1924, and will appreciate a visit and a trial of our service from new friends, as well as old.

**FINLAY DRUG CO.**

A. M. Finlay, Mgr.  
"The Home of Pure Drugs"

## TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

I appreciate more than words can find to express the loyal patronage my friends have given me this year; friends who have made it possible for my business to grow.

If I have served you in a satisfactory manner I am glad of the opportunity of having done so and want to be of greater service the coming year and ask you to call on me at any time to serve you.

Wishing you one and all a happy and prosperous New Year and a continuation of your patronage.

Yours for service,

**C. E. STRICKLAND**

Gulf Refining Co. Agent, Brady, Texas

### PERSONAL MENTION

T. C. Yantis came down from Abilene for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Matthews, and son, Norton, are holiday visitors in Brady.

Miss Katherine Ballou is spending the holidays at home from C. I. A. at Denton.

Bill Vaughn is home for the holidays from Southern Methodist University at Dallas.

Mrs. Marion Callan is here from Menard as a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tindle.

Mrs. S. E. Parker and children visited here from Abilene as guests of her mother, Mrs. DeBaun.

Miss Johnnie Thompson of Dallas is here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Thompson.

Lewis McCoy is here from Texas A. & M. to spend the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Jordan.

Oscar Thompson is down from the C. T. White ranch in Concho county, to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Verna Ledbetter is here from Fort Worth as a holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ledbetter.

Miss Kathryn Buckner is home from State University for a visit with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Buckner.

Edward Willoughby is here from the ranch near Eldorado to join Mrs. Willoughby, in a holiday visit with Brady relatives.

Miss Christine Evers, who is attending State University at Austin, is a holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Evers.

Blaine Sammons, who is ranching out in the Sonora country, visited his father, W. W. Sammons, and friends here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Galbraith and baby returned Wednesday from a visit with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Galbraith, at Eldorado, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Estill are here from Grapevine for a holiday visit with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Willoughby, and relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Robbins and children of Mason were visitors in Brady yesterday while en route to Milburn for a visit with Mrs. Robbins' relatives.

University students home for the holidays from Austin include Stewart Harkrider, Leslie Townsend, Arthur Awalt, Glenn Ricks, Gerald Adkins and Willie Gavit.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Branch of Abilene are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Si Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Willis and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Willis during the holidays.

Miss Willie Mae Dillard, accompanied by little Christine Woodward, arrived Sunday morning from Fort Worth, for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Dillard, at Cow Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hennerdorf and daughter, Imogene, of Fort Worth, and Mrs. G. B. Deavers of Kerrville, are guests for the holidays of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Gay.

W. A. Sanders and family of Luling are holiday visitors of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Johnson. Mr. Sanders is employed with the Luling Signal, and was an appreciated visitor at The Standard office.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Searley are here from Rock Springs for a Holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Searley, and other Brady relatives. Ernest is engaged in the barber business at Rock Springs and doing very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Walker, of Austin, were here to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Chas. T. White. They were accompanied by Miss Mabel Thompson of Austin, who is visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Thompson.

T. J. Beasley and Ben Lovelace, of Mercury, were visitors in the city yesterday. Mr. Beasley reports conditions flattering in his community, the range for stock being exceptionally good and a fine season for the new crop.

Robert Carlson came down from Fort Worth Wednesday for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carlson, and relatives and friends. He was accompanied by L. E. McWhirter, representing Armour & Co., who is joining him in his holiday visit.

"Squire" F. M. Hopkins, of the Voca community, was in the city yesterday trading and shaking hands with Brady friends. Mr. Hopkins is one of the old timers of his community, and for a number of years served his county as commissioner from the Voca precinct.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scarbrough, of Waco, and who has incidentally been prospecting in this section with a

## Best Wishes for 1924

To my friends and patrons I wish to extend the Season's Greetings, and to wish for all that 1924 may be the happiest and most prosperous year they have ever experienced.

I sincerely appreciate the splendid patronage accorded me the past year, and am better prepared than ever to give you the best service in West Texas.

Don't forget that I have the only Dry-Cleaning Plant in this section. When KIRK does your Cleaning and Pressing your clothes are returned looking like new—one-day service—no gasoline odor. It costs no more.

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view to locating. He is well pleased with the country and expects to become a permanent citizen within the next few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker arrived the past week to meet their son, Lieut. Col. Ferris Baker, of A. & M. College, and spend the Holidays here with Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Wood, and other Brady relatives. Ferris Baker is a member of the next graduating class at A. & M. and holds the second highest military rank of the student body.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith had as their guests for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wood and baby of Richland Springs, C. B. Wood and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim King and family of Lakeview, and Rev. J. L. Pummill. Incidentally, the visitors were greatly interested in the collection of relics possessed by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, among which are a Bible 115 years old, which belonged to Mr. Smith's father, and a hymn

book, 150 years old, a prized possession of his grandmother.

Ed S. Clark spent the Christmas holidays visiting his family in San Angelo.

New Year's Greeting Cards at The Standard office.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets.) It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 3c.

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## New Year's Greetings

To customers and friends we wish to extend sincere wishes for a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

—And in so doing, we take opportunity to express our great appreciation of the business favors shown us during the year now closing, and during the new year, we trust to merit your continued favors.

—It will always be our pleasure to serve you.

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**FREE**

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Here is a face powder that will satisfy your every desire, prove a genuine delight to your esthetic sense and bring to you the joy of a perfect complexion, exemplified in a skin as soft and fresh as that of tender youth. And to your further supreme gratification you will find that it STAYS ON—under all conditions—resisting successfully heat, wind and perspiration.

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Wishing You A  
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and hoping to receive your  
continued favors  
during 1924

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