

# Sweetwater Daily Reporter

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## TAX COLLECTORS GET THE MONEY

Court House Office Busy With Automobile License Rush—Many Cars to be Registered.

## TAXES HIGHER THIS YEAR

Road Bond Issue Brings County Total Up—City and School Taxes Are Being Paid Now.

Payments of county taxes which have come in dribbles ever since the rolls were opened in October, increased considerably during the past week with an especially heavy business reported from the county tax collectors' office during Friday and Saturday. Country people in town Saturday visited the tax collector's office in large numbers, there being a steady stream of tax payers at the court house throughout the day.

Payments of city and school taxes are also increasing, according to an announcement from the city hall.

The total amount of assessments made on county property this year is \$235,802; as a rule, however, a certain per cent of this amount goes delinquent unpaid each year. The county taxes to be collected this year show a marked increase over last year's assessments, due to the \$600,000 road bonds. The rate in 1923 was \$1.90 on the hundred dollars valuation, as compared with \$2.50 this year. The total of taxes assessed in 1923 was \$176,747.67.

All county taxes must be paid by January 31, to avoid penalties.

Automobile licenses must be paid by January 1, leaving only 3 more days in which to secure the new number plates. According to local officers, fines and penalties will be imposed upon those who have not paid up by that date.

Approximately 600 license plates for autos and trucks had been sold Saturday. It is estimated that there are 3,000 cars in the county subject to registration, leaving over 2,000 yet to be registered.

City hall officials report that the source of energy.

On Christmas Eve Benke attacked a youth with a spade. The youth made his escape and reported to police to arrest the man. He hung himself in his cell after the arrest. Since that time police have been making one gruesome discovery after another at his farm home.

It is estimated that only about 85 per cent of the city taxes are paid. A penalty of 10 per cent on the total assessment is made where the taxes are not paid by January 1. During the month of December \$6,600 of school taxes were paid, and approximately \$7,500 of city taxes paid.

Mrs. F. E. Winfree has gone to Bronte to spend the remainder of the holiday season with relatives.

## FREE FERGUSON

Judge Jones Officially Removes All Legal Disqualifications of Governor-Elect.

By The United Press. TEMPLE, Texas, Dec. 27.—District Judge Lewis Jones late today officially removed all legal disqualifications which may have arisen to curb the authority of Governor Elect Miriam A. Ferguson in the management of her property due to her status as a married woman.

The action of the court followed a petition filed by Mrs. Ferguson requesting such action.

## ARREST WRESTLER

Jimmie Patterson Taken by Federal Officers at Brownwood.

Special to The Reporter. BROWNWOOD, Texas, Dec. 27.—Jimmie Patterson, well known wrestler who has appeared in several matches here, was arrested by Deputy United States Marshall Baylor Crawford just as Patterson stepped off a Santa Fe passenger train from Bellinger where he had wrestled.

He was taken to San Angelo to await, in jail, action of the federal court. The wrestler is alleged to have impersonated an officer.

## Divorce, Annullment And Third Wedding In Less Than Hour

By The United Press. TOLEDO, Ia., Dec. 27.—Divorced, her second marriage annulled and wedded for the third time all in less than an hour's time is the record established by Mrs. Martha Essex Wolfe, an Indian Village girl, court records disclosed today.

Discovering that she was the legally wedded wife of Earl Essex after her marriage to Gilbert Wolfe, divorce proceedings were instituted and at the same time on account of the legal entanglement, suit for annulment begun.

Married when only 15 years old, Mrs. Wolfe said her first husband disappeared. Thinking this annulled her first marriage, she went to the altar with Wolfe. After her divorce was granted, she remarried Wolfe.

## PICKLED FLESH HUMAN VICTIMS

Silesian Farmer Murdered Folks, Pickled Their Flesh, Ate It, Wore Skin For Suspensives.

## SUICIDES WHEN ARRESTED

Youth Attacked, Escapes and Reports to Police Who Arrest Man—Many Gruesome Finds.

## By The United Press.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 27.—At least six murders with some evidence that dozens of others had been committed were attributed to Earl Benke, a Silesian farmer who used the skin of his human victims for suspensives and ate their pickled flesh. Benke committed suicide after his arrest at a lonely farm house to which he had lured a wandering youth.

Police searched the house and barns and found portions of pickled

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## CRIME IS DENIED

Foster Father Millionaire McClintock Says Death Due to Natural Causes—Will Legal.

By The United Press. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Emphatic denial of intimations that there was something unusual about the death of William McClintock, millionaire orphan was made here this evening by William Sheppard, foster father of the youth to State Attorney Robert Crowe.

Sheppard declared that so far as he knew McClintock died of typhoid fever as announced by the attending physician.

Sheppard also denied that there was anything unethical about the preparation of the will which gives the bulk of the two million dollar estate to Sheppard and his wife.

## LOST SAVINGS

Hi-Jackers Get Life Time Savings of Oklahoma Man—Near Death.

By The United Press. TULSA, Ok., Dec. 27.—Lewis Lazon, 58, laborer, is recovering in a hospital today from the effects of injuries received Friday night resisting hi-jackers.

The bandits took \$960, his lifetime savings, beat him on the head unmercifully with revolvers and left him for dead.

He was saving the money to return to Ireland, his native land.

## Freeze to Leave.

Earl Freeze will leave Mopday for Kerrville where he will enter the Government Sanitarium for a course of treatment for injuries sustained during the World War.

## BRITISH COAST SWEEP BY GALE

Terrific Storm Lashes Southern England and Continent, Sweeping on to South.

## SHIPPING IN DISTRESS

One Steamer Aground in Bristol Channel—Another Sinks Near Scandinavian Waters.

## By The United Press.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 27.—The terrific gales which lashed the coast of Southern England throughout the night and early morning hours swept out to sea during the day and endangered shipping.

The five thousand ton Royal Mail Liner Sarthe was in distress this afternoon in the bay of Biscay.

Scores of life boats have been sent to the aid of the three thousand ton steamer Hilton, aground in the British Channel.

An unidentified steamer is flying distress signals near the Isle of Wight.

Communication from England to the Continent was disrupted and the River Thames reached a flood stage.

Indications that the fury of the storm was wide-spread was noted in a message from Christiana, Sweden, which said the steamer Portland was wrecked and that the captain and 12 of the crew were missing. Nine were rescued.

## PENSION CARRIES

Confederate Veterans To Get Increase From Tax Payers.

## By The United Press.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 27.—An increase in the Confederate Pension Tax in Texas from 5 to 7 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation provided for in an amendment voted to the constitution in the November election was adopted by a vote of 100,000 majority, a final check by the State Comptroller being here today.

## POULTRY BANNED

Bogg Scott Places Quarantine on All Poultry Shipments From Other States to Texas.

## By The United Press.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 27.—J. E. Bogg Scott, chairman of the State Sanitary Livestock Commission today placed a quarantine on all poultry shipments from other states into Texas.

This step, Bogg Scott explained, is merely a precautionary measure to protect Texas poultry from the chicken plague which has infested some areas.

All poultry cars returning to Texas will be disinfected.

## KILLS WILD GOOSE

Bronte Policeman Proves Shooting Ability.

## Special to The Reporter.

BRONTE, Texas, Dec. 27.—Night Policeman W. A. Good has established a shooting record in this section. A bevy of wild geese were passing southward over the business part of the town, and when they were over a well lighted street, the electric lights evidently blinded the birds.

The geese became confused, set up a plaintive wail and attracted Officer Good. Seeing the forms against the glare of the electric lights in the clouds, he took aim with his gun, fired, and a wild goose toppled down out of the heavens.

M. M. Moseley, who has been manager of the Postal Telegraph Co. office here since it was opened last summer, has been promoted to a position in the Baton Rouge, La., office of the company. He left Saturday night with Mrs. Moseley for their new home. Moseley is succeeded here by Mr. Polley.

Miss Edith Ramsey returned to Stamford Friday, where she is teaching, following a visit here with her aunt and uncle, G. E. Ramsey and Mrs. J. A. Daniel.

## STORM AND COLD SWEEP COUNTRY

Third Cold Wave of Past Ten Days Sends Thermometer Shivering Downward Before It.

## ZERO WEATHER PREDICTED

Five Die of Cold in Ohio—Middle West Suffering—Four Below at Amarillo Saturday.

## By The United Press.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 27.—A new cold wave will sweep North Central and West Texas early Sunday, the Weather Bureau warned tonight. Temperatures of 20 above zero were predicted for Dallas with below zero temperatures for West Texas.

## General Warning.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—A general storm warning for the Atlantic seaboard from Cape Hatteras to the Maine Coast was sent out by the Weather Bureau tonight.

## Five Die in Ohio.

By The United Press. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 27.—Although only one person was frozen to death today here, four other deaths in Ohio were attributed to the cold wave.

## Cold in Midwest.

By The United Press. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Borne on the wings of a biting gale, the third cold wave of the past ten days settled with a paralyzing grip on the Middle West tonight.

Temperatures ranged as low as 34 degrees below zero.

Three deaths, many fires, interrupted wire communications, and intense suffering followed in the wake of the snow.

## Snow at Amarillo.

By The United Press. AMARILLO, Texas, Dec. 27.—Following a most continuous snowfall, which blew away almost as soon as it hit the ground, the drop in temperature commenced late in the afternoon. At 7 o'clock, the mercury stood at 4 degrees above zero and was rapidly falling.

## Weather.

Sunday partly cloudy and colder; temperatures —from 8 below zero to 10 above. Monday, fair, not so cold.

## JURY STILL OUT

Fate of Kid McCoy Still Hangs in Balance as Jury Reports Deadlock—Second Charge.

## By The United Press.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 27.—The reading of a second charge to the jury in the trial of Kid McCoy, charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa Mors, his latest love, was heard in Judge Crail's court room tonight after there was no sign of break in the jury which has been deadlocked since first taking the case Friday morning.

It is probable that if the deadlock continues tonight, the jury will again deliberate the case Sunday. It is believed they will be dismissed Monday if no decision is reached.

## Dies in Bathroom.

By The United Press. BRYAN, Texas, Dec. 27.—Max Shultz was found dead in the bathroom of his home here today. Heart disease was apparently the cause of death.

## Churches to Meet.

The City Federation of Women's Church organizations will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Methodist Church, to hold their annual election of officers. It is desired to have a full representation from each church in the city.

Miss Amy Daniel, who is a student at the Canyon Normal College is at home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Daniels at Ada.

Mrs. E. V. Reynolds of Ranger is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Holland and family for the holidays.

## Ohio Girl Drinks Poison To Find Thrill Of Death

## By The United Press.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 27.—A 16-year-old girl who wanted to "experience the thrill of death" died here early today.

The girl, Ruth Williams, drank poison at the home of a neighbor. "I would like to experience the thrill of death" Mrs. Anna Sam, the neighbor told police the girl said. A few minutes later she swallowed the poison and died within a few hours.

## Building Increases.

## By The United Press.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 27.—Dallas spent \$30,578,814 for building this year, according to a report issued today. This is an increase of \$10,000,000 over last year.

## BIG EXPLOSION KILLS HUNDREDS

Many Killed and Wounded and 1500 Houses Destroyed When Gunpowder Explodes.

## SEAPORT TOWN IN FLAMES

Warehouse District of Oteru Set on Fire By Blast—Best Part of Japanese Group.

## Big Explosion.

By The United Press. OTERU, Japan, Dec. 27.—A terrific explosion of gunpowder on the water front tonight killed 110 persons, injured 200 others and blew up 1,000 houses. Following the explosion fire swept along the water front until entire warehouse districts were ablaze.

Oteru is on the northmost tip of the island of Hokkaido. It is the center of coastal fisheries and has the best port of the island group.

It is connected by rail inland with the commercial centers and in 1910 had a population of 92,962.

## FARMER KILLED

Grayson County Man Shot—Pilot Point Man Surrenders to Police—Main Street Scene.

## By The United Press.

TIOGA, Texas, Dec. 27.—C. G. Sheelin, Grayson County farmer, was shot and killed by Garland Sikes of Pilot Point here this afternoon.

The shooting occurred on a main thoroughfare of the town. Sikes surrendered to police after the killing. No motive was advanced for the shooting.

## PLAN NEW HOTEL

Amarillo Assured of Three New Buildings For Coming Year.

## Special to The Reporter.

AMARILLO, Texas, Dec. 27.—Amarillo's building program for 1925 will include a new six-story hotel to cost approximately \$325,000, it was announced today. The hotel is to be built by the Panhandle Improvement Co.

Two new modern office structures, costing over \$1,000,000 are also assured for the new year. Mrs. M. D. Oliver-Eakle has announced that she would build a \$500,000 skyscraper at the southwest corner of Sixth and Polk streets. Col. Earnest O. Thompson, attorney for the Amarillo Building Co., has also announced that the company would erect a new 8-story building during 1925.

## COMPTROLLER STAYS

Terrell, Recently Elected, Not To Take Office 'Till Jan. 19.

## By The United Press.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 27.—Employees of the Comptroller's Department here this afternoon were assured of three weeks more work under the Smith administration when Comptroller-Elect Terrell said that he would not assume office until January 19.

Some state officers will qualify January 1.

## NEGRO WIFE IS GIVEN

Court Allows Grace Jones Rhinelander, Dusky Bride Wealthy New Yorker, Large Sum.

## SUE TO ANNUL MARRIAGE

Family Tree of Wife Being Traced to Prove Father Was Colored Man—Wedding Secret.

## By The United Press.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The courts today awarded Grace Jones Rhinelander whose father is declared to be an Ethiopian, \$3,000 counsel fees and \$300 a month alimony while she attempts to establish her right to remain the wife of Leonard Kip Rhinelander, one of New York's foremost society leaders.

Young Rhinelander who wed the dusky laundress in secret must pay the above sum pending trial of his suit for annulment of the marriage.

Meanwhile both he and his wife are having a thorough search made of the wife's family tree in England and the West Indies. Both principals of the miscegenation are in hiding.

## CUT HEAD OFF

Car Inspector Decapitated by Train in Santa Fe Yards.

## By The United Press.

GAINESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 27.—B. H. Sieger, 70, Santa Fe car inspector, was decapitated by a train in the Santa Fe yards here. Witnesses said he slipped and fell under a moving car.

## WALL FALLS; 1 DEAD

Fire Breaks Out in Four Story Kansas City Building; Ruins Wall.

## By The United Press.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—An unidentified man was killed when the wall of a four story building collapsed following a fire.

The fire was extinguished without much damage from that source. The building was used by a plumbers supply company.

## FOIL JAIL BREAK

Thirty Prisoners in Galveston Jail Forced Back Into Cells.

## By The United Press.

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 27.—A policeman and a deputy today foiled a jail break of 30 prisoners at the Galveston County jail after the convicts had escaped from their cells to the large court in the middle of the building.

Locked in the big court by a padlock, the prisoners defied the jailer. A deputy was forced to saw the chain to the door and forcibly escort the prisoners back to their cells.

## MORE ARE DYING

Total Victims of Babb's Switch Christmas Fire is 36—Dying Mother Talks of Baby.

## By The United Press.

HOBART, Ok., Dec. 27.—A mother aroused from the Valley of the Shadow while lying on her cot in a hospital here today with the determined thought on her mind that her four-year-old daughter had escaped the clutches of the Babb Switch Christmas Eve holocaust.

"The last I remember was seeing Mary going safely out with the crowd," Mrs. Louis Eden said when she regained consciousness this morning.

But Mary's name was added to the death toll of the school house fire and brought the total to 36.

Four others among the injured in the hospitals are not expected to live. A long trench in the frozen ground, forty feet deep and six feet wide engulfed the remaining 20 of the dead Saturday afternoon.

Services for others will be held privately.

Mrs. J. H. Doscher will entertain with a tea party Tuesday afternoon at her home on E. N. 3rd street, honoring her mother, Mrs. C. P. Shearn of Houston, who is her guest for the holidays.



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**CHRISTMAS**

Tragedy is tragedy at any time but it seems more poignant at the Christmas time when joy is supposed to reign supreme. Seldom has the news of the day been burdened with so much of sadness as was the case Friday when tale after tale of death, by fire, by poison liquor, by flood, came over the wires.

Among the lessons gleaned from these happenings however is one that stands out—the Christmas candle, in use for years upon years as Christmas decoration, is dangerous. Perhaps the worst accident of the season—the worst for many seasons for that matter—is the one at Hobart, Oklahoma. The neighbors had gathered for a community celebration at a country school house, as you and I have done on many an occasion. A branch on the big Christmas tree became ignited from a candle flame, the Christmas costumes of the little folks in the Christmas pageant caught fire. Heavy winds and the panic stricken crowd presumably jammed the door. The horror of the ensuing scene beggars description.

Those who drink bootleg liquor know the risk they are running. It would be hard to bar the use of candles in residences if common sense isn't working, but by all means authorities should bar the use of candles from schools, churches and other public gatherings. Take care of the little folks at least.

A little boy of Fort Worth was drowned when the ice gave way under him. It may get cold in Texas but not cold enough to permit skating. Folks who don't want to run a chance of losing their little ones might keep them off from the lakes around Sweetwater.

**MOVING**

Next week is moving week with the Reporter, when the equipment, impediments, appurtenances, good will, and everything else appertaining to this newspaper will be packed up bodily and moved to the new location on North West Third Street.

The car containing the new press arrived in town Saturday. It is so big that it occupied a freight car all by itself. The Reporter asked the Texas Pacific folks to hook that car onto the back end of the Sunshine Special and judging by the speed with which they hauled it here from Shreveport, where their lines received the car, they must have done something like that. Work of erecting it will begin Monday, the Duplex Printing Press Company of Battle Creek, Michigan

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Eyesight Specialist—Glasses Fitted and Furnished.  
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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
Sweetwater, Texas

sending a man from the factory for that purpose.

Just when the Reporter will begin publication in the new building is uncertain at this writing. And any uncertainties and lapses that may occur during the week—blame it on the moving time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bryant of Stamford are spending the week end with Mrs. Bryant's sister, Mrs. W. W. Hudson.

**BURIAL AT PLAINVIEW**

Body of C. E. Fluke Taken to Plainview City For Burial.

Funeral services will be held at Plainview this afternoon for C. E. Fluke who died here early Friday morning, and whose body was taken there on last night's train, for interment in the family burial ground.

The body was accompanied by his wife who arrived in Sweetwater at 7 o'clock Saturday morning from Altus, Okla., where she was spending Christmas with her mother. Her brother, Mr. Stewart of Granite, Okla., and Mr. Fluke's brothers, Buster Fluke of Plainview and C. O. Fluke of Lubbock accompanied her to Plainview.

**OPEN MONDAY**

City Schools to Resume Work Tomorrow—New Term Jan. 12.

The Sweetwater High School, and the three ward schools over the city will open again Monday morning following a week of holidays.

Regular work is to be resumed as usual Monday in preparing for the first term examinations which will be held two weeks hence. The new term begins January 12.

**Wheat High.**

McPHERSON, Kas., Dec. 26.—With wheat selling at \$1.55 to \$1.60 and corn ranging from \$1.05 to \$1.10. Central Kansas farmers had a merry Christmas this year.

Merchants here report a record Christmas business, farmers making the best purchases of the last four years.

Miss Marshaline Stowe and two brothers, George and James Harold Stowe of Abilene, are here to spend the remainder of the week at the homes of their aunts, Mrs. Ney Sheridan and Mrs. Hubert Toler.

The state of the nation is no longer of paramount interest. At present it's the static of the nation.

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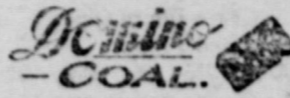
James P. Overstreet told members of the exclusive River Crest Country Club, Fort Worth, Tex., that he was the son of a Chicago millionaire. As such he was dined and feted. Later he was arrested as being one of the four unmasked bandits who robbed the Shawnee Okla. Federal National Bank of \$15,000 a week before.

**Snow Blockades**

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—The rush of the holiday shopping is over and from the number of shoppers who continue to visit this store, we feel that they are finding our merchandise and prices to be right.

—Sincere appreciation of your patronage is expressed in our wish that the new year will bring to you New Joys, splendid Health and Greater Prosperity.

**MAY THE MORNING STAR OF THE NEW YEAR BRIGHTLY LIGHT YOUR PATH OF LIFE**



**1924**

**GREETINGS**

**1925**

*May you have a Happy New Year that will bring the fulfillment of every cherished desire and the richest blessings any twelve months ever bestowed on your life.*

*and to this wish let us add*

*Our grateful appreciation for all patronage of the past year and give you the assurance that during the new year we will bend every effort to serve you in such a way as to give complete satisfaction.*

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**Christmas Eve Party.**  
Miss Helen Davis entertained her friends with a Merry Christmas Eve Party Wednesday evening at her home on Cedar Street, when games, music, and a lovely Christmas tree furnished apple diversion for the evening. The home was beautifully adorned with Christmas colors and evergreens, but the dominant attraction was the heav-

ily laden Christmas tree, which held gifts for the entire party.  
Following the fun program a lovely turkey luncheon was served to Misses Fritzie Shugart of Tulsa, Okla.; Nina May Majors, Elizabeth McKissick, Frances Hamilton, Claire Belle Willis, Ruth Davis, Frances Fitzgerald, Bill Sheridan, Merlyn Toler, Dudley McCall, Robert Fitzgerald, Ralph Wright,

Bruce Gibson, Joseph Robinson, Burton Herring.

**Sorosis Club.**

Mrs. E. L. Frost was hostess Friday afternoon at a meeting of the Sorosis Club, with Mrs. H. R. Bondies leading the program on "Henry David Thoreau." The reading assignment was from "Walden," which was featured in the program.

Roll Call: Current Events.  
Paper, "The Story of Thoreau's Peculiar Life"—Mrs. Joe Boothe.

Discussion, "The Accuracy of Thoreau's Observations of Nature"—Led by Mrs. Poffenbach.

Reading, "Sounds"—Mrs. F. J. Neal.

The regular accumulation of business was quickly disposed of with Mrs. Tom Hughes, the president in the chair. Mrs. J. T. Hughes shared Mrs. Frost's hospitality with the club members. A turkey salad course, with cake and coffee, was served at the close of the program.

**Holiday Greetings**

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to our many patrons for their business accorded us this past year. We certainly appreciate it and will endeavor to give you the very best there is in the years to come. To you, one and all, we wish the very Merriest of Christmases and Happiest of New Years.

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Electricity is not only more efficient in cooking, cleaner and better, it is cheaper. No Kitchen can be modern without its electric cook stove.

**USE ELECTRICITY FOR WASHING—**

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**USE ELECTRICITY FOR POWER—**

Use it for sewing, use it with suction sweepers, phonographs. There is no power available with satisfaction so sure as electricity.

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Use it for your hot water system. Use electric reflector heating stoves. There are modern inventions without which no home can fully appreciate the present-time comforts.

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**Christmas Concert**  
The Methodist Choir will give a Christmas concert of sacred music at the Church Sunday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Prelude: "Goodnight, Goodnight" of twelve pieces.

Opening Hymn—Choir.  
Invocation—Dr. J. R. Henson.

Hymn—"Joy to the World"—Congregation.

Cornet Duet—"In the Garden"—John Focht and F. W. Snetzer.

Vocal Solo—"Holy City"—Mrs. Albert Brann.

Christmas Carols—Choir.  
Music—"Oh, Dry Those Eyes"—Saxophone Orchestra.

Vocal Duet—"At Evening Time"—Mrs. Roy Scutlay and Miss Ruby Hemby.

Offertory—Saxophone Orchestra.

Quartette—"Silent Night"—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Schooler and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Manroe.

Short New Year Talk—Dr. J. R. Henson.

Music—"Smile Through Your Tears"—Saxophone Orchestra.

Doxology.  
Benediction.

Postlude—"Sweetest Story Ever Told"—Saxophone Orchestra.

**Christmas Dinner Party**  
Among the hospitalities for Christmas none was more enjoyable than the beautiful Dinner Party with which Miss Frances Hamilton honored Miss Fritzie Shugart of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Christmas Day.

Other guests were: Miss Frances Fitzgerald, Ruth Davis, Nina May Majors, Clara Belle Willis, Helen Davis, Dudley McCall, Merlyn Toler, Robert Fitzgerald, Ralph Wright, Joseph Robinson, Burton Herring, and Bruce Gibson.

In the afternoon they went to the picture show in a party.

**Juvenile Club Honored.**  
The Junior Music Club members were honored when the Junior Music Club and the Violin Choir were hostesses to them from four to six o'clock Monday afternoon, at the Cutbirth Music Studio.

After a splendid program of piano and violin solos, Christmas Carols and selections given by the Junior Violin Club, a beautiful Christmas tree party was held. A very frisky old Santa Claus distributed gifts from the tree to the fifty two pupils composing Mrs. Cutbirth's music classes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Terry spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ivey at Bronte.

Judge and Mrs. R. C. Crane were Christmas visitors of her brother Ed Douthit and family at Abilene.



CLERK'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES

TABULAR STATEMENT of GUS FARRAR, County Clerk, of the indebtedness, Expenditures and Receipts of Nolan County, Texas, for the Quarter ending October 31, 1924:

JURY FUND, 1st CLASS.		
Balance last Quarter	\$6,444.47	
To Amount received during Quarter	221.87	
By Amount transferred from other Funds,		
By Amount paid out during Quarter, Ex.	\$1,481.41	
Amount to Balance	5,184.93	
	\$6,666.34	\$6,666.34

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, 2nd CLASS.		
Balance last Quarter	\$2,639.50	
To Amount received during Quarter	1,758.41	
By Amount paid out during Quarter, Ex.	\$3,877.78	
Amount to Balance	520.13	
	\$4,397.91	\$4,397.91
Balance	\$520.13	

GENERAL COUNTY FUND, 3d CLASS.		
Balance last Quarter	\$5,044.30	
To Amount received during Quarter	369.01	
By Amount paid out during Quarter, Ex.	\$5,119.57	
Amount to Balance	293.74	
	\$5,413.31	\$5,413.31
Balance	\$ 293.74	

STATE HIGHWAY FUND.		
Balance last Quarter	\$82,280.02	
To Amount received during Quarter	599.17	
Warrant No. 1204	32.00	
By Amount paid out during Quarter, Ex.	\$35,005.19	
Amount to balance	\$47,789.66	
	\$82,911.19	\$82,911.19
Balance	\$47,789.66	

COURT HOUSE BOND SINKING FUND.		
Balance last Quarter	\$9,213.89	
To Amount received during Quarter	401.67	
By Amount paid out during Quarter, Ex.	\$2,506.25	
By Amount per ct. Commission on amount paid out:	30.75	
Amount to Balance	7,078.56	
	\$9,615.56	\$9,615.56

COURT HOUSE BOND SINKING FUND.		
Balance last Quarter	\$4,185.72	
To Amount received during Quarter	562.68	
By Amount paid out during Quarter, Ex.	2,305.75	
Amount to Balance	2,442.65	
	\$4,748.40	\$4,748.40

COURT HOUSE COMPLETION SINKING FUND.		
Balance last Quarter	\$1,150.82	
To Amount received during Quarter	136.41	
Amount to Balance, overdraft	\$1,014.41	
	\$1,150.82	\$1,150.82
Balance, overdraft	\$1,014.41	

COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENT SINKING FUND.		
Balance last Quarter	\$1,994.96	
To Amount received during Quarter	40.93	
Amount to Balance	\$2,035.89	
	\$2,035.89	\$2,035.89
Balance	\$2,035.89	

FUNDING WARRANT SINKING FUND.		
Balance last Quarter	\$1,771.09	
To Amount received during Quarter	95.51	
By Amount per ct. Commission on amount paid out	\$ 421.05	
Amount to Balance	1,445.55	
	\$1,866.60	\$1,866.60
Balance	\$1,445.55	

TRAMMELL LAND FUND.		
Balance last Quarter	\$ 572.99	
To Amount received during Quarter	621.92	
Amount to Balance	\$1,194.91	
	\$1,194.91	\$1,194.91
Balance	\$1,194.91	

ROAD NO. 1 SINKING FUND.		
Balance last Quarter	\$17,303.38	
To Amount received during Quarter	276.83	
By Amount paid out during Quarter, Ex.	\$2,506.25	
Amount to Balance	15,073.96	
	\$17,580.21	\$17,580.21
Balance	\$15,073.96	

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 FUND		
Balance last Quarter	\$ 514.29	
To Amount received during Quarter	32.54	
By Amount paid out during Quarter, Ex.	\$ 368.75	
Amount to Balance	178.08	
	\$ 546.83	\$ 546.83
Balance	\$ 178.08	

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND.		
Balance last Quarter	\$1,033.92	
By Amount paid out during Quarter, Ex.	\$1,024.96	
Amount to Balance	8.96	
	\$1,033.92	\$1,033.92
Balance	\$ 8.96	

RECAPITULATION, Balance in Each Fund and Its Indebtedness.

Jury Fund 1st Class	\$5,184.93
Road and Bridge, 2d Class	520.13
General County, 3d Class	293.74
State Highway	47,789.66
Court House Bond Sinking Fund	7,078.56
Court House Bond Sinking Fund	2,442.65
Court House Completion Fund	\$1,014.44
Court House Improvement Fund	2,035.89
Fund W.	1,445.55
Trammell Land Fund	1,194.91
RD No. 1 Sinking Fund	15,073.96
RD No. 2 Sinking Fund	178.08
Highway Maintenance Fund	8.96
TOTAL	\$83,247.02
Less Overdraft	1,014.41
TOTAL	\$82,232.61

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Nolan

The foregoing is a true and correct Tabular Statement of the Finances of said County for the Quarter ending October 31, 1924.  
Dated at Sweetwater this 16th day of December, 1924.  
GUS FARRAR, County Clerk, Nolan County, Texas.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th day of December, 1924.  
(Seal) WILLIE ELLIOTT, Notary Public, Nolan County, Texas.

CHAMPION HIKER TO PERFORM

Tom Onzo, 72 years of age, the only champion long distance hiker who has crossed the continent from the Pacific Coast at Oakland, Calif., to the extreme northern Atlantic Coast at Portland, Maine, will perform on the court house square Monday morning at 11 o'clock and again at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.  
Tom is quite an entertaining little fellow, performing many tricks that few others can do at his, or any other, age. He was formerly a clown with Ringling Brothers' circus and has had many interesting adventures. The headliner in Tom's bag of tricks is to scratch the top of his head with either foot while standing flat on the other, and with both of them while sitting. He performed on the square Saturday and drew quite a crowd.  
Since Tom left New York City this trip he has challenged the world and says he will continue to do so. He stopped at the home of Fred Miller the first world's champion long distance hiker at Shreveport, La., and says Miller told him he was through with the game.  
"The only victim I can find," Tom says, "is Dan O'Leary, and since

O'Leary is not able to offer more than \$100 for a hike with me I have considered his circumstances and since he is the champion fast man on foot I will hike him or any other human in the world for no less than \$1,500, as I am no cheap champion. I am the champion long distance hiker of the world and I will do the dictating."

AMUSEMENTS

"Flowing Gold," the First National picture produced by Richard Walton Tully, showing at the Palace Theater Monday and Tuesday, offers real entertainment. You are certain to enjoy this exceptionally well directed and well produced story of the Texas oil fields. It was filmed in Ranger and Dallas amid scenes you are familiar with.  
"Flowing Gold" is a Rex Beach story, typically American and intensely human. The story has to do with the struggles of a family of impoverished "dry farm" nesters who finally strike oil in fabulous quantities and then indulge in a wild orgy of extravagance, finally "coming to earth" through the friendliness and counsel of Milton Sills in the role of

Calvin Gray.

Sills has one of his greatest roles in this production, as does also Anna Q. Nilsson as Allegheny Briskow. She portrays the part of an awkward girl, bitter at the fates which made her so large and gawky and then mocked her by laying fabulous riches in her lap.  
The climax of the picture comes with the most bewildering smash as

a combination of storm, fire and flood interspersed with thrills of all kinds. An entire oil field is consumed by fire caused by lightning, and the valley below becomes a seething flood of water and blazing oil.

Mrs. D. A. Hale of Childress is here visiting her brother, J. D. Whitworth and wife on Pine street, for the holidays.



Choke-Liquid Gasoline  
-Diluted Oil

THAT'S what happens in starting your car this kind of weather.

Gasoline doesn't vaporize quickly enough—some of it clings to the lubricating oil on the cylinder walls. Result—oil too thin—inefficient lubrication—metal-to-metal contact—rapid wear.

Drain the oil in your crank-case every 500 miles in winter. Refill with the correct grade of Gargyle Mobiloil—we'll do it for you, service free—charge you for nothing but the oil.  
Then you're free from worry and you'll find starting easier, too.

Sweetwater Motor  
Company

"At Your Service"  
Phone 578



Sweetwater's Leading Drug Store

EXTENDS BEST WISHES FOR 1925

TO THE MANY PATRONS

Whose Confidence Made 1924 Our Banner Year  
The past year saw many improvements in this store in keeping with the progress of Sweetwater and with our own ideals of service. And so in 1925 you will find us better prepared than ever to give you the best there is. Regardless of the size of your purchase, you may be confident that here the quality is the highest and that you obtain greatest value for your money.

ACCURACY - RELIABILITY - COURTESY  
APPRECIATION

Bowens Drug Store

HAS IT

Free Delivery

Phone 22



**Christmas Party.**

Miss Lorene Williams assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. D. Williams, gave pleasure to quite a party of her friends Tuesday evening, when she entertained them with an evening of games and music.

The home had been beautifully decorated with Christmas colors, bells and real holly. Progressive forty-two first claimed attention, and Miss Pauline Reed and Ross Otey won the high score prize. In a "Christmas Npt" contest, Miss Montie Johnson and Raymond Bishop won the trophy. Several games of bunco were also enjoyed.

A delightful salad course was served at the close of the games to: Misses Edith Ramsey of Stamford; Amy Daniel, Montie Johnson, Pauline Reed, Hazel Miller, Emma Lee Hemby, Dora McBurnett, Janette Wade, Rupert Daniel, James Shepherd, Raymond Bishop, Oran Freeman, Ross Otey, Lloyd McBeth, Herman Scott, and Bland Woolridge.

**Dudley McCall Entertains.**

On Monday evening Dudley McCall assisted by his mother, Mrs. B. C. McCall, entertained with a bunco

party, which set the ball of merry Christmas parties to rolling.

In the bunco games Frances Fitzgerald made highest score and was rewarded with a lovely box of candy. A salad course was served as a concluding pleasure to the following guests: Ruth Davis, Fritzie Shugart, Clara Belle Willis, Helen Davis, Nina May Majors, Frances Fitzgerald, Frances Hamilton, Bill Sheridan, Merlyn Toller, Ralph Wright, Burton Herring, Bruce Gibson, Robert Fitzgerald.

**Epworth League Program.**

The following program will be given Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the Methodist Church by the Epworth League.

- Leader—Hester Cline.
- Hymn.
- Hymn.
- Prayer.
- Prayer.
- Scripture reading by leader.
- Hymn.
- Topics for discussion:
  1. What we may accomplish by prayer for the world—Claude Hope.
  2. For what shall we pray?—Lois McKee.
  3. How to make our prayers in-

telligent—Mrs. E. V. Glass.

4. How to make our prayers effective—Ethel Hope.
5. The value of a purpose—Hester Cline.

Violin Solo—Sarah Steele.  
League Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Grace left Saturday morning for Dallas where they will spend the remainder of the holidays with relatives, after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. J. Bradford. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bradford, who were also the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. J. Bradford, have returned to their home at Slaton.

**Marriage Licenses.**

The following marriage licenses were issued in Sweetwater during the past week:

Jim Rupe, Meadow, and Miss Myrtle Harris, Antlers, Okla.; Floyd Wood, city, and Miss Scena Landers, Longworth; H. C. Roberson and Miss Ella Jones, both of Sweetwater; Fred Phillips and Miss Myrtle Magee, both of Dora; John T. Hague and Miss Estelle Jones, both of Sweetwater.

**THE COTTON MARKET**

By The Sweetwater Cotton Exchange

New York					
	Jan.	Mar.	May	Jul.	Oct.
Yest cl	2380	2418	2451	2461	2414
Open	2385	2420	2461	2478	2428
High	2435	2475	2510	2522	2474
Low	2385	2420	2463	2477	2428
Close	2435	2475	2510	2522	2465

New Orleans					
Yest cl	2388	2402	2432	2441	2373
Open	2405	2419	2448	2460	2390
High	2444	2457	2487	2493	2425
Low	2403	2418	2448	2458	2490
Close	2444	2457	2487	2493	2425

The Spot Market.	
	Today Yest
New York	2480 2430
New Orleans	2440 2390
Dallas	2400 2340
Galveston	2460 2405
Houston	2455 2400

The weather map was dry, and abnormally cold, the official forecast for the western belt for Sunday calls for partly cloudy weather, with a severe cold wave, temperatures around zero in Oklahoma and Arkansas, and from six to 20 degrees in West Texas, warnings issued to protect livestock, the Eastern belt is partly cloudy and colder.

With more favorable news in the dry goods markets reported for the week, the market opened from five to fifteen up, from the advance of yesterday, during the entire session it was in full control of the bulls, and at no time was there any setback noted, gradually advancing, on what was reported as heavy short covering, and by the close it had gained an additional fifty-five points, closing on the high, March New York fifty-eight up. The New Orleans brokers claim that foreign interests have taken a prominent part in the buying the past three or four days.

Misses Nine May Majors and Ruth Davis went to Colorado Friday to visit Miss Smitty Mann for a few days.

**Clubs to Meet.**

The next meeting of the Nolan County Federation of Women's Clubs, will fall on January 24, and all clubs in the city will choose representatives at their meeting for the next few weeks. This will be time for the annual election of officers.

First Church of Christ.  
Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. the regular minister. All cordially invited.

J. T. McKissick, Minister.

J. D. Beggs of Wichita Falls left this morning for Lubbock, after spending Friday visiting the local Singer Sewing Machine Company's offices. He is district manager for the Singer Company.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND  
Largest Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Never mixed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Always in Circulation. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

**Happy New Year**  
*We are deeply appreciative of the many courtesies extended us this past year and of the faith that has been shown in us.*

**MAY 1925 FIND YOU HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS**

**J. P. Majors**  
*Jeweler and Registered Optometrist*

**MAY THE SMILE OF GOOD CHEER BE YOURS SINCERE**

*And the fond recollections of the joys of a Merry Christmas light your way down the road of 1925 to success.*

*—We Thank You  
—We Greet You  
And as we approach 1925 we are thinking, building, planning to make this business more worthy of your confidence, esteem and patronage.*

**CITY PRESSING PARLOR**  
Phone 134

**"Send It To the Laundry"**

*That sounds easy - and it is easy. A step to the phone - a few brief words - then a day or so later our driver delivers your laundry - finished or rough dry, as you wish. And it's all so clean and fresh; so much better than if done at home. For here at the laundry we have softest, purest water from our own expensive water purifying equipment.*

**MODERN EQUIPMENT**

*No laundry in Texas has more modern equipment than your Sweetwater laundry. This enables us to give our patrons laundry service unexcelled anywhere and equalled only in the larger cities. This new and improved machinery is very expensive. We know, because we have bought a lot of it. Nineteen twenty-four was no exception.*

**NOT EASY FOR US**

*And so, when you phone 42 and remove your wash-day worries for another week, remember that the service you get is not just a happen-so, but the result of years and years of experience, the investment of thousands and thousands of dollars and with the ambition always to render you the best service possible. And we wish you a*

**Happy New Year**

*Remember that in 1925, as in 1924, we are at your service with ever improving facilities and a sincere appreciation of your patronage.*

**Sweetwater Laundry Co.**  
"THE NICEST LAUNDRY IN TEXAS"

**QUALITY Clothing Sale**

*Until January 1, 1925, you can buy Society Brand and Kirschbaum Clothes at unusually low prices.*

*You cannot lower the cost of your clothes by buying poorly made clothes. THINK THIS OVER.*

**Stiles & Allen**  
*Men and Boys Store*

**As the Sun In Its Glory Dispels THE CLOUDS SO MAY THE NEW YEAR**

*dispel all your clouds and troubles and open before your pathway a clear vision to the greater joys and prosperity.*

*For all patronage of the past we offer our sincere thanks. And we trust it will be our pleasure to serve you in 1925.*

**Quick Service Grocery and Market**  
10—Phones—497



# The Wright

**—WISHES TO EXTEND TO ALL ITS FRIENDS AND PATRONS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

**—DURING THE YEAR NOW ALMOST GONE QUITE A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THIRTY NEW GUEST ROOMS, A NEW DINING ROOM, A NEW BANQUET AND BALL ROOM; AND NEW EQUIPMENT THROUGHOUT, TOGETHER WITH EXPERT DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EFFICIENT SERVICE WHICH GIVES SWEETWATER THE RECOGNIZED LEADING AND BEST OPERATED HOTEL IN WEST TEXAS. IN THE "WRIGHT" SWEETWATER CAN DEPEND ON US TO KEEP PACE WITH THE GROWTH THAT IS SURE TO COME DURING THE YEAR 1925 AND THE YEARS TO FOLLOW.**

**—WE GLADLY ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DOING OUR PART DURING THE NEW YEAR TO MAKE SWEETWATER A LARGER AND BETTER CITY TO LIVE IN.**

# The Wright

THE LEADING HOTEL OF WEST TEXAS



# Give Us a Little Time and We Will Move the Earth!

## DURING 1924 WE ADDED TO OUR ORGANIZATION:

- A new warehouse, with thousands of feet more storage space.
- New trucks, and other facilities.
- Brought the famous Yellow Cabs to Sweetwater—one of the smallest cities to enjoy their convenient comfort and safety.

**DURING 1924 WE HANDLED HUNDREDS OF heavy moving jobs—including the heavy vault of the Texas Bank & Trust Co. The Sweetwater Reporter has contracted with us to haul their new twelve-ton press and other heavy machinery.**

**DURING 1924 WE CARRIED THOUSANDS OF passengers without accidents of any kind.**

**DURING 1924 MANY MORE MANUFACTURERS and jobbers have arranged to distribute their products via Sweetwater, using our bonded warehouse facilities as the most convenient and least expensive method to secure West Texas distribution.**

**1925 FINDS US IN BETTER SHAPE THAN EVER TO HANDLE YOUR STORAGE, HAULING AND FREIGHT REQUIREMENTS.**

*We don't want you to think we are patting ourselves on the back—but we do want you to know that your business entrusted to us will be taken care of swiftly, safely and surely. Our facilities are being enlarged to keep up with the growth of Sweetwater and its business. We want to express our thanks and appreciation to our ever increasing number of patrons and to wish them one and all*

## Cordial Holiday Greetings

**Sweetwater Transfer Company**

*Bonded Warehouse and Railway Transfer*

*W. E. Henderson, President*

*F. O. Henderson, Vice-President*

### LETTER DELAYED

#### Many Years Elapse Between Sending and Receipt.

By The United Press.

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 27.—After 25 years a letter posted on the island of Luzon, Philippine Islands, has been delivered.

On November 3, 1899, Lieutenant Dean Thompkins wrote the letter to B. B. Johnson, Beaumont, now county judge.

Since the letter was mailed the Philippines, torn by internal strife and insurrection, have surrendered, the San Francisco earthquake occurred, Galveston was destroyed and a world war fought and won.

"Thompkins and I were bunkies when we were employed in Galveston," Judge Johnson said. "Where is he now? I don't know."

### PLUM CREEK NEWS

The young people enjoyed a party Tuesday night given by Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd.

Luther Kinney from Pyron spent the week-end with his uncle, J. W. Lynch.

Byron Rogers from Floydada is visiting relatives in this community.

Miss June McReynold spent the week-end in Merkel visiting relatives.

George and J. T. McReynolds spent Sunday and Monday in Mulberry Canyon with their uncle, Henry Benton.

J. A. Peabworth and family left Sunday for Bennington, Okla., where they visited relatives during the holidays. Clifford Barnes returned home with them.

Dick Reed is spending Christmas with relatives at Tioga.

### WANT KATY

Eastland Business Men Ask M. K. T. Extension.

EASTLAND, Texas, Dec. 27.—If the plans of certain Eastland business men materialize a movement will soon be launched that will have for its purpose the inducement of the M. K. & T. Railway company, which owns and operates what is known as the Texas Central line through Eastland County via Gorman, Carbon, Mangum, and Cisco, to bring that line through Eastland.

The Texas Central branch, as it now runs, passes within about four miles of Eastland and it is pointed out that it would not require a very large expenditure of money to either bring the present line through Eastland or build a branch through here. This would give Eastland direct trunk line connections to the south, and, it is claimed, would be a paying proposition for the M. K. T.

Another proposition that Eastland business men have had in mind for some time is an extension of the Cotton Belt line that now has its western terminus at Comanche, to Eastland.

A survey of the general situation indicates that the good drivers died young also.

Nearly every man has an equal chance to shine, except the son of an illustrious father.

Miss Oneita Russell is at home for the holidays after being absent during the fall as a student in McMurry College. This is Miss Russell's second year in that institution.

Mrs. W. M. Mitchell and son, Billy, left Friday for Fort Worth and Waxahachie where they will visit relatives for the remainder of the holidays.

It doesn't pay to jump to conclusions, but at times one must jump to avoid conclusions.

## BRYANT LUMBER CO.

*Building Material Merchants*

*301 W. N. 3rd Street Phone 534*

# NEW YEAR GREETINGS

**TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND PATRONS**

*Prompted by our sincere appreciation of the loyalty of our patrons during 1924 we extend to you greetings and good wishes for the New Year and in so doing give you the assurance of our intention to make 1925 a great year for this business and for those who trade here.*

## Motor Inn

*Phone 138*

# Santa Fe Helps Shippers

**Record-breaking freight traffic handled without congestion or serious delay**

Since January 1st, 1923, the Santa Fe has purchased new equipment costing over \$50,000,000, including 13,750 freight cars and 146 locomotives. It has spent \$43,000,000 additional on new shops, terminals, double track, etc.

As a result, from August 1st to November 1st, the Santa Fe Railway handled 48,395 cars of commercial freight in excess of any previous year—an increase of 9.7%—without congestion or any material delay. Notwithstanding the heavy calls, cars have been furnished practically on demand. In the few cases of local shortage, due to excessive local demand, cars have been furnished with such slight delay as to be negligible.

Four years of legislative peace and fair treatment under the Transportation Act have been a vital factor in its ability to meet satisfactorily the record-breaking freight traffic of the past two years and maintain a surplus of cars at all times, barring local temporary shortages.

Good service to the farmer is of the utmost importance when prices and crops in the aggregate are good. Inadequate railroad facilities cause freight congestion, delays, waste, and loss to everyone. The wholesaler, jobber, and retailer must carry heavy stocks and place orders well in advance, to make sure their shelves do not become bare. The farmer must store his grain and hold his livestock waiting for cars to ship to market.

In a country growing like ours it is not easy to keep pace with such growth. During the war the railroads fell behind, as their expansion had to be deferred for more pressing matters. Today they are fairly abreast of the procession. They are pressing forward on a continued program of improvement which, with a continuance of present general conditions, will steadily extend their ability to serve.

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



## Happy Memories of 1924 Bringing Inspirations and Higher Ideals for the New Year

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*As we finish the journey of 1924 and reach the peak of the old year, ready to pass over into the New Year we cast our eyes back and think of pleasant memories of the dealings we have had with the patrons of this business. As we see it now we could have perhaps done better—as we saw it then we acted in what we believed to be the best interests of those whom we were serving. The memories of 1924 fill our hearts with gratitude and inspire in us new hopes, new ideals and new ambitions. Because of the confidence imposed in this business by the people of this city and section of the state and because of a generous patronage during the past year, we come now, at the close of the old year facing the dawn of the new filled with determination to serve you better and make it more delightful to you to do business with us.*

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**THE CHRYSLER SIX**  
Results Never Before Achieved

**THE GOOD MAXWELL**

25 Miles to the Gallon

60 Miles per Hour

5 to 25 Miles in 8 seconds

May the New Year Be a Good Year to You and  
Yours Is the Wish of

**Toler Motor Co.**



Women are more efficient. No man can make instantaneous decision that it wasn't his fault.

We know one male who is boss in his own home. He will be two years old next month.

**Bags Big One.**

BAIRD, Texas, Dec. 27.—A party of big game hunters composed of Messrs H. C. McGowan of Baird, Tom St. John of Abilene, J. T. Asbury and Ford Driskill of Baird, under the chaperonage of Postmaster B. C. McDowell and Russell Glenn of Del Rio, invaded the Santa Rosa mountains scheduled for a week's hunt for "big B." The party saw much game, plenty of fat deer, killing one whenever meat was needed. The party was caught in a light snowstorm. Every one in the party bagged his share of the game, but laurels go to Mr. Asbury for killing a monster bear weighing fully 500 pounds. He was so large the carcass could not be loaded on a horse, so the "ferocious beast" was "butchered" on the spot. This animal is said to be the largest killed in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith and little daughter, Billy Blanch, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kelsey of San Angelo, spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kelsey and sister, Mrs. L. A. Ritter and family.

**WIFE IN WRONG**

**Sympathy For Another Man Involves Mother of Four in Robbery— May Be Paroled.**

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 27.—The story of a good mother and faithful wife who went wrong because of her sympathy for "another man" may earn Mrs. Minnie Dietrick of Lawrence a parole from her ten to fifteen year sentence in state prison. The story was told Gov. Jonathan M. Davis this week by friends and neighbors of Mrs. Dietrick.

The woman was convicted of complicity in the robbery of the Union State Bank at McLouth, Kas., in April, 1923. Oscar Botts, the principal, was paroled last June from the state penitentiary after serving only a few months.

J. F. Dietrick, her husband, and her four children, appeared before the governor at the parole hearing. Dr. Karl Menninger, neuro-psychiatrist of Topeka, testified that Mrs. Dietrick was suffering from paranoia, common to her time of life.

Mrs. Dietrick always has contended that Botts forced her to assist him in the robbery, after she had loaned him all her available funds and was unable to assist him further.

**PLAN BOOZE PARTY**

**Confiscated Liquor Must Be Destroyed Prior to Inauguration.**

Special to The Reporter.

AMARILLO, Texas, Dec. 27.—A wholesale party is expected to be staged by Sheriff Whitaker at an early date.

The sheriff has not sent out invitations, but every one wishing to attend is at perfect liberty to do so. The affair is going to be an official overthrow of John Barley Corn in clearing the office for incoming sheriff Wiley Pollard.

The law provides that all confiscated liquors, except that held as evidence, shall be destroyed prior to the inauguration of an incoming sheriff. The honor on hand will be poured out. County Attorney Henry Ford is also making ready to turn over his office to his successor. H. K. Stanfield succeeds him. Both Pollard and Stanfield will be sworn in on New Year's day.

**102 Years Old**

ENID, Ok., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Sarah Mertz, 102, believed to be the oldest woman in Northern Oklahoma, is in a serious condition here with heart disease. Her early death is expected. Mrs. Mertz recalls personal acquaintance with Presidents Jackson, Millard Fillmore and James E. Polk and also was acquainted with General Winfield Scott.

Robert H. Fitzgerald seems to be getting his share of the honors at McMurry College. He won a letter in football, is one of the inter-society debaters, and is rated as one of the best tennis players in the institution.

Mrs. R. B. Stroud and daughter, Miss Alyne of Ranger are spending the holiday here at the home of her mother, Mrs. George Outlaw and family.

**Help Kidneys By Drinking More Water**

Take Salts to Flush Kidneys and Help Neutralize Irritating Acids

Kidney and bladder irritations often result from acidity, says a noted authority. The kidneys help filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it may remain to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread; the water passed sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is often one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Begin drinking lots of soft water, also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast. Continue this for two or three days. This will help neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer are a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs, which then act normal again.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by acid irritation. Jad Salts causes no bad effects whatever.

Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink which may quickly relieve your bladder irritation. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

Miss Mable Stromen is at home from McMurry College to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents on the ranch.

It is well to remember that the earth, though in constant revolution, never really gets any where.

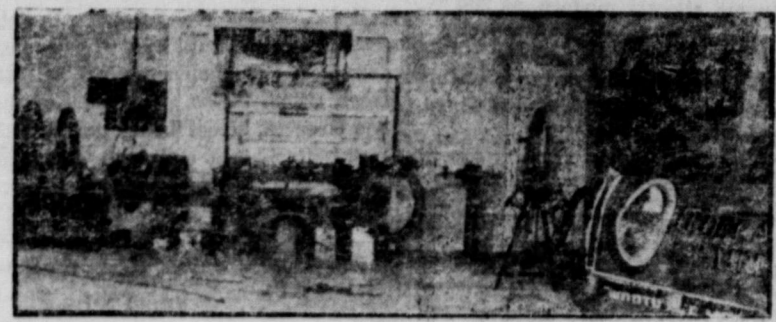
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**THE DAWN OF THE**

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*—brings us again to a starting place when it is fit and proper that we pause to count the blessings of the past, to profit by the errors gone by and to make better resolves for the days ahead. This being true we come in the early hours of the New Year to*

**WISH YOU SUCCESS AND PLEASURE IN 1925**

*—And we also take advantage of this opportunity to thank you for your 1924 patronage and to solicit a continuation of the same in 1925.*

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FOR RENT—The building occupied by the Reporter. Will remodel to suit tenant on term lease. See Rufus Wright or S. Edwards. 283-1 mo.

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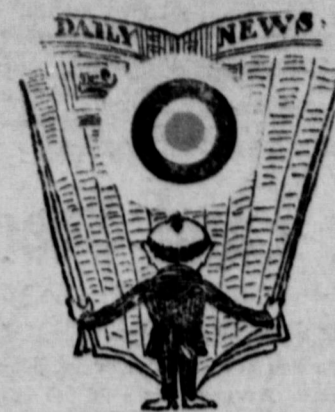


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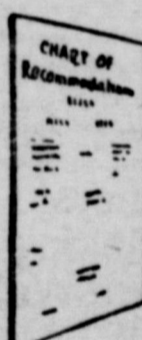
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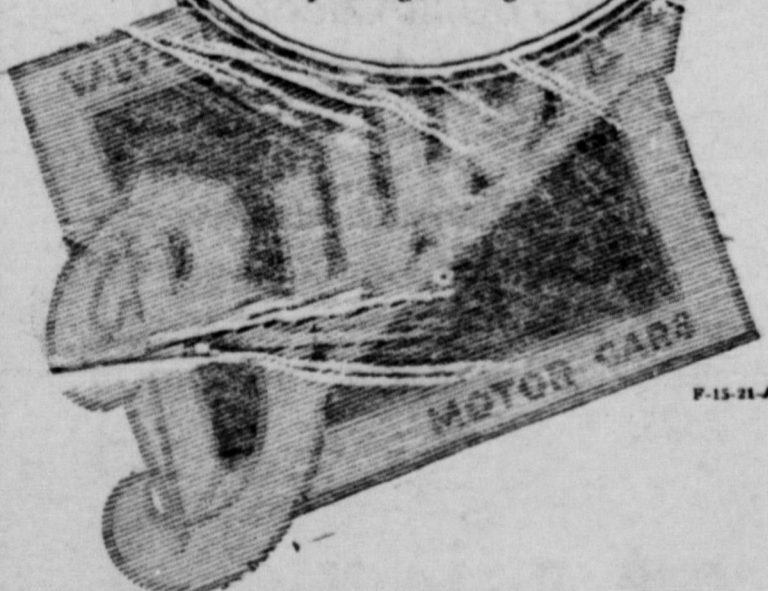
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