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## Many Suggestions Offered for Street Improvement, None of Which Include Plans for Supplying Money for Work

The recent heavy snow and the resultant mud and slush has placed our streets in such condition that they are attracting the special attention of many of our citizens.

Quite a variety of suggestions have been made as to the method of temporarily repairing them, but it is interesting to note that one suggestion comes to light that has not been suggested thus far will cost considerable money.

The city's finances are in such condition that they will not admit of any street work for some time to come, and the only other visible means of securing funds for street improvement is through popular donations, and many citizens are opposed to this method since it will either impose too heavy a burden on some or it will burden some who will get very little financial benefit therefrom.

One of the latest suggestions is to cover the streets with several inches of loose sand and allow it to mix with the soil of the streets, as it is said by some who have seen this plan tried that the street bed will then become hard and firm and the sand will also prevent the streets from becoming muddy.

Some citizens contemplated securing a rock crusher and having crushed rock prepared to cover the half of the street abutting his property. He says this is done at a nominal cost, and the work laid will last for many years.

Others say that something ought to be done right away, but have no idea as to method of repairing or means of paying for same.

### Congregational Church Notes.

Owing to unfavorable weather, there was a small attendance at the Sunday school hour, but quite a number of the smaller folks were there and a few of the older ones. The school missed the presence of Superintendent F. W. Reeve who was away on a trip to the Rio Grande valley.

Following Sunday school the usual devotional services of the regular church hour was given with Mrs. Kinsley as leader.

The devotional program was followed by a paper prepared and read by A. D. Smith on the subject "The Literature of the Bible." It was a most interesting paper and was appreciated by the congregation, which was larger than at Sunday school. The subject matter of Mr. Smith's paper proved the author to be well read in Bible literature.

Considering the unpleasant weather and road conditions, there was a good attendance at the Christmas Eve service in the evening.

An invitation to attend the Christmas program at the church Thursday evening was extended to all who should care to do so.

At this writing no speaker has been definitely secured for the coming Sunday.

### Visiting in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Etheridge departed Saturday in their car for Arkansas, where they are spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge.

Mr. Etheridge is one of the popular assistant cashiers at the Friona State Bank and Mrs. Etheridge is proprietress of the Bella Beauty Shoppe. They are expected home again within an fortnight.

### Home from California.

Three popular young men, Friona, Messrs. Hurd and Otho Field and Milford Alexander, departed for a drive through California a few weeks ago, returning Tuesday afternoon.

They drove to California in with an uncle of the Friona boys, who is making his home in California. They report a most enjoyable trip.

If you have something which you wish to sell easily and quickly, advertise in the Star's Classified columns.

### Gin Still Running.

Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather for gathering cotton during the past few weeks, a great deal of cotton has continued to come to the Friona gin and it has been kept running steadily.

Although it is too wet and muddy to do much picking during this time many farmers, it appears, had quite a lot of their crop already picked and are thus able to continue bringing it to the gin, and it is this supply that has kept the plant in operation.

The gin people express themselves as well pleased with the business the gin has done this season. Over 1650 bales have been ginned thus far.

### Home from Six Weeks Trip.

J. W. Ellison of the Bovina territory, was a business visitor in Friona Monday and enjoyed meeting and shaking hands with many of his Friona friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have just returned from a six weeks trip through Oklahoma and East Texas, visiting relatives and former acquaintances and old-time friends.

Mr. Ellison says that had a most enjoyable time and saw a great many of their relatives, but found conditions in practically all the places visited very much worse than they are in Parmer county.

Many of these people, he says, would be willing to take almost any price for their land in order that they might come to this country or some other where they would expect to find living conditions much better than where they are now. He says that many of them would accept one dollar an acre for their land, and in comparison the people here have little room for complaint.

Mr. Ellison is one of Parmer county's successful farmers and had a splendid yield of wheat the past season. He raises no feed except for his cattle and to fatten a bunch of hogs. He now has about 60 fine hogs on his farm ready for butchering or the market.

Mrs. Ellison has been busy the past summer and had one of the largest supplies of canned fruits, vegetables and meats that she has ever had. They killed a beef during the fall and have been feasting on the choicest steaks and roasts since that time.

### Home for Holidays.

Misses Lola and Floy Goodwine arrived home last Friday to spend the holiday season with their mother, Mrs. Minnie Goodwine.

Miss Lola is working at Berger and Miss Floy is teaching over near the state line. Miss Lucy, who is teaching in New York State and Miss Nelda, who is attending the C. I. A. at Denton, were unable to get home at this time for lack of time from their school work.

### Last Week's Weather.

Our weather story was shifted aside somewhere along the line last week, and it was some weather story, because it told the story of a 12-inch snow for this part of the world. Reports from the daily press show snow fall general over all the Plains country, reaching a depth of 20 inches in some sections.

Our country is far ahead of a seasonable moisture supply, and farmers are jubilant over the wonderful prospects.

### Gone South.

F. W. Reeve and sons, Hadley, Glenn and Charles, left Sunday morning for a trip to the Rio Grande Valley where they will spend the Christmas holidays enjoying the warm sunshine and feasting on grapefruit and oranges.

Mr. Reeve owns a section of land in Webb county which he wished to see again, and the boys never having been there were anxious to accompany their father on the trip. They did not know the exact date of their return, but expected to be away all week.

### Visiting in Santa Fe.

A. D. Smith, one of Friona's local attorneys, departed Tuesday for Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he will spend Christmas. He expects to be away for a period of a week or ten days on a combined business and pleasure visit.

## The First Christmas

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.

3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

5. To be taxed, with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.



### Busses Fail to Get In.

Owing to the 12 inches of snow which covered the ground Thursday morning of last week, the school busses were unable to get to school from the various parts of the district, which is evidence that the snow was well spread in this region.

Only three of the ten busses were able to make the trip Friday and for this reason there was a very small attendance at the Christmas program which the departments of the school had prepared.

Since about three-fifths of the student body comes in on the busses, the attendance was so small on Thursday that the school was dismissed for the day, and only a part of the day's session was held Friday, when the holidays, and will begin again on Monday, December 27.

### Railroad Men Here.

Superintendent J. B. Briscoe and Trainmaster R. W. Prentice, of the A. T. & S. F. railway, with headquarters in Amarillo, were business visitors in Friona Tuesday of last week.

These gentlemen while in town favored the Star office with a few minutes friendly visit, which was greatly appreciated.

## City Commission Accepts Resignation of J. R. Roden as Member of that Body; Other Business Questions Disposed Of

### A Good Snow.

It is estimated that the snow which fell here last week was the deepest, the wettest and the most evenly spread of any snow that has fallen in the Friona locality for many years.

The estimated depth on the level was 12 inches, and the temperature was high enough that it melted all the time while it was falling and during both day and night since and will place the largest amount of moisture in the ground that has been received in all parts of the territory for several years.

Farmers say that enough moisture has been received to carry the wheat crop well into the spring months, and wheat prospects are very good at this time.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Following are a few items of interest gleaned from the columns of the Friona Star of December 17, 1926:

The front page featured a three-column story of the evolution of the Friona school system during the preceding five years. During this time the school had grown from a common to an independent district; from a three-year to a four-year high school; from five teachers to eleven; from three busses to eight; from 98 students to 300; from a third class to a first class; from ten grades to eleven; ten additional branches had been added and thirteen credits in affiliation had been secured.

The following prices were being paid at the local markets for local products: Wheat, \$1.20; corn, 90c; kafir and maize, 70c; hens, 17c; turkeys, 27c; butterfat, 41 1/2c; eggs, 40c.

The town team basketball boys had poured it on the high school boys in a recent game by a score of 34 to 26.

A letter from Thos. J. Howorth, then editor of the Monitor at McAllen, stated that Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kinsley, who were then touring the southern part of the state had called on him a few days previously.

J. H. Key had sold his power grist mill to Tedford Brothers, who had moved it into one of the sheds at the gin.

A produce truck had turned over a few miles east of town and Fred White, Otha Stevick and Everett Harry went to the assistance of the driver and soon had him extricated and his truck right side up again, and he drove it on to town. He was not hurt.

It was estimated that 50,000 bushels of corn had been produced near Friona, and that one farm alone had produced 10,000 bushels, and quantity of bright kernels that spilled from the trucks on the streets was an unusual sight here.

The coldest weather of the season was reported, beginning Sunday night and lasting until Thursday noon.

The carnival on Saturday night under the auspices of the Friona Woman's Club was pronounced by the ladies themselves to have been a success both financially and socially.

A light rain the week before followed by a light fall of snow was keeping the ground moist and wheat prospects were very good.

The Lazbuddy correspondent stated that John Steibock had his large granary and separator shed about finished and would soon thresh his grain.

The Bovina correspondent stated that the Bovina Queens basketball team had beaten the Farwell team by a score of 26-20 and that the Bovina Bulls had beaten Pleasant Hill in a score of 35 to 11, and Muleshoe by a score of 44 to 22.

### SANTA CLAUS LETTER.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a foot ball, a desk and a chair and a drum. Please bring brother a rattler and a ball. Your little friend.

E. B. NOBLE.

A meeting of the city commission was held in the city secretary's office Monday night for the purpose of getting rid of some of the work that had accumulated and demanded attention by the commission.

Minutes of the preceding meeting of October 6 were read and approved. This was followed by the reading of the written resignation of Commissioner J. R. Roden as a member of the city commission. The resignation was accepted with regrets on the part of Mayor J. L. Landrum and Commissioner T. J. Crawford.

Mr. Roden expressed as his reason for resigning that the press of business duties made it impossible for him to give the necessary attention to his official duties. Mayor Landrum appointed F. L. Spring as commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Roden's resignation, and the appointment was unanimously confirmed by the commission and Mr. Spring was at once installed as acting member of the commission.

A discussion of the water situation and collections thereon was taken up and the conditions carefully and thoroughly gone over by the commission, and this discussion resulted in an action by the commission stipulating that in all cases where more than one family was served by one meter that each family so served should be required to pay the minimum fee per month and that each pay his proportionate part of all in excess of the minimum.

It was ordered to publish notices in the Friona Star to the effect that all water users will be required to pay up all arrearages for water service on or before January 1, 1932, and that after that date a penalty of ten per cent would be added to all fees not paid by the tenth of the succeeding month.

The report of the chamber of commerce jail committee was then heard and owing to the fact that the city has no funds with which to erect a suitable jail building, the chamber of commerce was authorized to proceed with the work of securing funds and the erection of the building and installation of the cage which has already been provided by the organization, and that the city commission will give full and free permission for the erection of such building upon that half of block 60 now owned by the city.

The following bills were presented and approved by the commission with order to pay same as soon as funds were available for the purpose: Clowe & Cowan, water works supplies, \$83.80; B. T. Calloway, plumbing fixtures, \$90.77; Sherman Machine and Iron Works, payment on pump, \$160; Rocky Mountain Bank Note Co., minute book, \$7.75; Blackwell Hardware and Furniture, plumbing supplies, \$30.20. A bill was presented by A. N. Wentworth in the amount of \$126.50 for furnishing water during the time the city well was out of commission, was tabled for further consideration.

On suggestion of the city tax collector, it was ordered that 500 post card tax notices be printed.

There was some discussion of the sanitary toilet proposition, but no definite action was taken in the matter. There being no further business the meeting adjourned in regular form.

### Put Cinders at Railway Crossing

The Santa Fe Railway Company has won the gratitude of the Friona people who have to ply the street at the railroad crossing by filling that part of the street which lies upon its right of way with cinders.

The cinders make the crossing dry enough for easy passage for both vehicles and pedestrians and it would be mighty fine if the remainder of the street could be so treated.

### Returned from Kansas.

J. B. Hamm, who has been sojourning in Pratt county, Kansas, with a son there for the past few months, returned to Friona last Friday.

Mr. Hamm says conditions there are no better than here in a general way. They have had no severe cold there and very little snow, but have had plenty of moisture in the form of rain.



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## IT IS CHRISTMAS!

Miracles don't happen these days—not every often anyhow. We put our faith in things that we can handle and understand and diagram. A matter-of-fact and skeptical age has stopped looking for miracles, and for that reason it doesn't see any.

But, for all that, we have one miracle left, that even the most case-hardened of us can experience. Every year, when Christmas comes, each one of us can transform himself, from what he is, into what he would like to be. Christmas—though the glittering shop windows sometimes lead us to forget it—is more than a day on which to exchange gifts, eat hearty dinners and speak cordially to strangers. It is a celebration of the greatest miracle and the most beautiful story the world has ever known. And, as we celebrate it, we unconsciously absorb something of the reflection of that miracle and that story, and become better men and women than we knew we were.

The world twenty centuries ago was not a very refined or very civilized place. The southern fringes of Europe, Asia Minor and the north of Africa were under the dominion of Rome. Beyond, in all directions, stretched barbarism. The world's stock of hope was not large.

But into that world came something new—a hope and a promise. Before the eyes of those who would trouble to look there was raised a new vision—a vision that showed mankind proceeding along an ever-mounting road; that showed men, not as blind stragglers in a losing fight with a hostile creation, but as glorious sons of light rising to claim an everlasting heritage.

That vision is still with us. On Christmas day, as we re-read the old story of the little town, the star in the sky, the wondering shepherds, the devout wise men of the east, and the caroling of the angels, we realize once more the full significance of it.

And that works a miracle within us. For the moment we are lifted out of our daily shells of caution, reserve, fear and suspicion. We get a glimpse of the deathless nobility of all human lives and it transforms us. We can greet the strangers all about us as we were meant to greet them—as brothers. We forget to be jealous, resentful, suspicious, cold. We become what we have always wished we might become.

The transformation does not endure. A few days after Christmas we go back to our old ways, and the stranger in a crowd is merely someone to elbow out of the way and not an immortal spirit clothed in the miracle of human flesh. But some residue lingers in our hearts. Bit by bit, over long years and centuries, it builds up an accretion of faith, good will and hope.

So we may take courage. Each Christmas leaves us a little better than it found us. Each year, as the tiny lights blaze out on the little green trees, the race moves a little bit closer to the ideals for which we should strive.

Try a Want-Ad In the Star



We wish you Merry Christmas,  
Of happiness a load,  
No sorrows through the New Year,  
Just joy along the road!



COL. RAY BARBER  
Auctioneer



**G**ONE!" Billy Belding and Jane Haley were in Stalnard's jewelry store and had just made the selection of Jane's engagement ring. It was New Year's Eve and they were to start the New Year an affianced pair. Billy looked very downcast. Jane turned from the showcase to her companion: "Why, what is the matter, Billy?"

"I've lost it!" "Lost what?" "I had five hundred dollars Christmas club savings in my inside overcoat pocket. It isn't there. It's gone, and that's that. Mr. Stalnard," said Billy dejectedly, "we'll have to let it go for the present."

Jane turned to the jeweler. "You'll let us have it anyway, won't you? Billy can soon pay for it."

Mr. Stalnard was very nice. "Why, certainly, Mr. Belding. Pay as convenient."

"Thank you, Mr. Stalnard, and I'm sorry, Jane," he said, "but my rule is not to go into debt for what I call current expenses."

"No, dear, I just can't do it! Please wait a little."

They got into Billy's little car and drove away.

Earlier in the evening, Walker Haley had had Billy, as the prospective husband of his niece and ward, Jane, to his home as a dinner guest. Upon reaching the house, Billy had been assigned a room for his convenience.

Dinner ended, Jane reminded Billy of the passing time, and he hurried upstairs for his things.

When they returned, Uncle Walker, Aunt Anne, and Jack and Hazel, their son and daughter, arose to view the new purchase and offer felicitations. An observing one might have caught Uncle Walker giving Jane a sly wink, which she as slyly returned.

Billy was downcast, and Jane at least seemed so.

Aunt Anne exclaimed: "Why, Billy, what is wrong? Did Jane back out?"

"Not as bad as that, but almost. I have lost the money I intended to buy the ring with." He hesitated.

Jane took a seat and assumed a disappointed but resigned air.

Uncle Walker seated himself by Billy. "Do you and Jane think you can make a go of it on your salary—how much is it?"

"Sixty dollars a week, and we have it all figured out—haven't we, Jane?"

"Oh, yes!"

"Could you get along and buy a little home, too, if you had seventy-five?"

Billy and Jane exchanged wondering glances.

"Yes, I think so. Don't you, Jane?"

"Oh, yes!" Jane was positive.

"Tomorrow, then," said Uncle Walker, "you come to Haley Brothers—if your firm will release you then—if not tomorrow, then as soon as you can get away."

"But—" Billy began.

"Wait a minute. Your cash salary will be seventy-five dollars a week, and a credit of twenty-five a week on five thousand dollars' worth of the common stock of Haley Brothers, which I shall set aside for you. That will make a hundred a week. Now go back to Stalnard's and get your ring." He handed Billy an envelope. "This was under the bed up in your room." He slipped another wink to Jane.

Billy recovered surprisingly promptly, but remarked that the store would be closed.

"Don't worry," Uncle Walker assured him. "Stalnard phoned me, as I had asked him to, and I arranged for him to stay till you returned. It was a put-up job on you, Billy," he explained. "I wanted to see what decision you would make in an emergency—and if you would stick by it. Jane tried to shake you, but you thought you were right and remained firm. Haley Brothers want young fellows like you. Now you two sike-diddle—and 'ring in the new!"

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## Summerfield

BY MRS. L. JOHNSON

Rev. and Mrs. Coe of Plainview were here Sunday and he filled his regular appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robinson left for California Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents.

Several from here saw the cantata at Hereford Sunday night, among them being J. B. Noland, Misses Maude Noland, Hazel Oglesby and Mary Lee Curry.

Twelve inches of snow fell here last week. The farmers want to see some dry weather for a while.

Mrs. B. C. Roberson received word of the serious illness of her brother, Abner Smith, of Yeso, New Mexico, and left immediately for his bedside. He passed away December 17, at the age of 85. He had many friends in this community.

Mae Noland and James Smith were Amarillo visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson were in Amarillo last Tuesday.

Teachers in our school, assisted by Miss Thelma McMinn's music class, gave a Christmas program Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard Roberson and son left Saturday for Mexico to visit her parents through Christmas.

Miss Marilyn Huntley who is in school at Plainview, is visiting friends and relatives here during the holidays.

Miss Dorothy Fullwood of Hereford is visiting Miss Ruth Lookbill.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Weltz and son and Woodrow Weltz of Shamrock are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Weltz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis and family spent the week end in Amarillo.

Herman Moke, who is working for the Santa Fe, left last week for a visit in Kansas.

Clayburn Carr's baby is doing better and has been brought home from the hospital.

Wilson Vines is working on the section here as relief for Herman Moke.

Miss Mildred Fullwood of Hereford and Miss Vena Mae Welch of Black spent the week end with Miss Leatrus Walser.

## OLD HOG CURING METHODS IMPROVED

College Station.—Hog killing weather calls attention to the modern killing, cutting and curing methods brought by county agents to Texas farms to give pork products equal in quality to packing house meat. The Extension Service way of handling this meat, as outlined by specialists of the Service at Texas A. & M. College and demonstrated by the county agents all over the state differs sharply from the old farm way. Killing is done by sticking to insure good bleeding; the cleaned and dressed carcass is split down the center of the backbone; cutting is entirely different and is delayed until after the carcass is chilled, and a superior dry cure is used.

The steps taken in cutting to

give the greatest amount of good meat with the least waste are: 1. Cut off head at first joint behind skull; 2. remove shoulder between fourth and fifth rib; 3. bone out neck bones and ribs from shoulder; 4. divide shoulder into picnic and butt by cutting across shoulders at point where neck bones were taken out; 5. remove ham at a line half way between rise in backbone and pelvic bone and at a right angle to shank; 6. divide side into back and belly; 7. remove ribs from the belly and trim remainder for bacon, and 8. divide back into loin and fat back.

The dry cure used by most county agents is made up of 8 pounds salt, 2 pounds brown sugar, and 2 ounces saltpeter for every 100 pounds of meat. Half of this mixture is rubbed on the meat which is packed down in barrel or stone jar and the other half rubbed into the meat at the end of seven days, when meat is repacked. Bacon is cured 1½ days per pound in the piece, and hams and shoulders 3 days per pound in the piece.

Any hardwood is recommended for smoking with green hickory or pecan preferred. Corn cobs or mesquite may be used. Thirty hours of smoking should give the medium brown color so desired. Thorough wrapping is very important to keep out skippers. All paper edges should be glued. Meat should be hung in a cool, dry place of storage.

Star Advertisers are sincere in their efforts to make buying easier for you. Read their messages.

Palo Duro park was visited by 633 tourists one Sunday in October.

A Weatherford farmer produced a sweet potato weighing 12 pounds this season.

A charter has been issued for a railroad from Del Rio to Sonora.

A \$20,000 feed mill began operation at Fort Stockton recently.

Tobacco has been successfully grown at Sweetwater this year.

Noland county farmers canned 400,000 cans of home-grown food this season, compared to 33,000 in 1930.



Here's to a jolly, rollicking Christmas

Put Your Best Foot

forward and step right into a New Year filled with many joys!

# F. L. SPRING

## Star Brand Shoes

# CHRISTMAS Greetings

To some, the Christmas Spirit is spontaneous good-will—the presence of friends—and the hearty cheer of the well-prepared dinner; to others, it is giving gifts to friends—Helping the needing—and going home for the holidays...To ALL of us, the Christmas Spirit is Color, Tinsel and LIGHTS!

# THE FRIONA STAR



### The Christmas Message

BY ABETH CLARKE HARDY  
County Agricultural Agent

CHRISTMAS BELLS that sweetly ring  
In lights that gleam and  
In lights that softly shine  
Across the world of frost and snow.  
Ye fill the world with joy and light,  
What message do you bring tonight?

Oh, Christmas trees with twinkling lights,  
And branches bending low  
That gladden all our hearts,  
And thoughts of loving kindness show,  
Ye bring the fruits of pure delight,  
What message do you bring tonight?

Oh, merry spirit of the day,  
Thou shil the whole world o'er,  
Thou fill'st with hope and joy  
The heart of every human heart,  
Thou stand alone, apart,  
Good will and Christmas cheer,  
Shining lights, the magic tree,  
That thrill the Christian heart  
The world is full and free,  
The Christmas message from above  
The world is love, is love.

## "Lena"

The Christmas Present  
By Martha Banning Thomas

IT WASN'T in the least like Christmas. Sally stood at the window and surveyed the dripping trees, the soggy road. A gray fog lay upon the hills; the sky was the color of gun metal.

"I wouldn't care about any old weather," thought Sally dismally, "if Eric were here. Of course I understand that he had to go to town to meet his cousin Lena. He couldn't decently do anything else, but this is our first Christmas together . . . and it's sort of lonesome out here in the country."

Sally was twenty-three. She and Eric had been married a little less than a year. For months they had speculated on the best way to spend Christmas together. At first they had decided to go to New York, only 40 miles away, have dinner, go to the theater and then some exciting night club. But gradually they discovered that they were not as interested in celebrating the holiday in this manner. Sally and Eric had been to plenty of dinners, plenty of dances and plenty of night clubs. They were a bit fed up.

They had talked over the dinner, which Sally was to prepare herself (the maid having begged to be let off to go to her family for the day). They had decided on the kind of Christmas tree they wanted; Eric had gone out two days ago and chopped it down. They had trimmed it with the glitter of make-believe icicles and silver-blue lights.

Then at 2:00 o'clock of the afternoon the day before Christmas, while Eric was chuckling to himself over some ridiculous gift he was wrapping up for Sally, the telephone rang.

Eric talked very hurriedly into the transmitter. And in a low tone, Sally could hardly hear what he said. When he hung up the receiver he announced that he must leave for town at once. "But why?" asked Sally.

"Well," he hesitated, "you see I've got to meet Lena. She's just come."

"Lena! Who in the world is she?" Sally's voice became a bit edgy.

"Oh, er . . . a sort of cousin. Terribly sorry, old girl, I'll tear over in the buzz-buggy, and be back in no time."

So, he had gone. And the trees dripped. And the sky grew dark. And Sally cried a little and decided this Christmas eve was the horriest she'd ever spent.

She tried to remember if she had ever heard Eric speak of Lena before. "A wretched name," she said aloud, "and probably a perfect fit-bit of a girl. One of his odious relatives."

She waited and waited. Christmas eve was going to be spoiled. She could tell that. Why hadn't they gone to New York like everyone else? Then this Lena pest would never have roped in Eric.

At 6:30 the telephone jingled. Sally flew to answer it. "Sally, darling, I'm a bit delayed. Just called up to tell you not to worry. Traffic heavy . . ."

"Oh yes," said Sally in a cool polite voice.

"I'm bringing Lena home, dear. I know you'll like her. Expect us about quarter past seven."

Sally was in a rage. How dare he spoil their cherished Christmas by bringing home a stranger? How cruel . . . how thoughtless!

At quarter past seven she heard the car rush into the drive before the door. Her heart hardened. She went to the kitchen and looked into a closet.

The front door banged. "Hey, Sally! Hey! Where are you? Come here and meet Lena!"

She heard footsteps in the dining room. The swinging door pushed open. Then before she could catch her breath, Eric had

door. "Got to meet Lena right away," he laughed. He thrust her out of the door on to the tiny porch. "Lena!" shouted Eric. "God bless 'er—there she stands!"

Sally blinked. Tears of rage dried in her eyes. "Lena?" she murmured in a foolish little voice. "Eric . . . what have you done?"

A small, smart car stood by the steps. Light from the house flowed along its polished sides.

"Meet the wife, Lena," said Eric and made an elaborate gesture of introduction.

"Whose?" demanded Sally.

"Yours, woman! Christmas present! Delayed in delivery! Had to go in to get her. Thought I'd give you a whirl. Like the looks of the dear girl?"

"Oh, Eric . . . she's superb. You wonderful boy!"

The trees dripped. The fog closed in. The country road became soggier than ever . . . but Sally declared it was perfect Christmas weather.

"I feel I really ought to offer her a piece of turkey," said Eric at dinner, "with a little gasoline gravy!"

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### A Letter to Santa

Charles Coneway Home.

Charles Coneway, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Lange, arrived home Saturday night from the A. & M. College at College Station, where he graduated last term.

Charles is one of Friona's popular young men and has a host of friends who were pleased to see him again, it being his first visit here for over a year.

He is now a full fledged architect and has already won considerable distinction by work done in that profession. He is now doing some post-graduate work in the college and holding a lucrative and honorable position in the college registrar's office.



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### Friona Woman's Club.

The Friona Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. O. F. Lange December 9, with a large number present.

Response—Rivers or mountains in India.

Mahatma Gandhi and the awakening of India: Mrs. L. G. Sympton.

Music, "On the Road to Mandalay": Mrs. L. F. Lillard.

Women in India, today and yesterday: Mrs. C. C. Maurer.

Reading: Mrs. J. R. Maples.

After the program, delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Meses. Lange and Dilger.

REPORTER.

### Street Improvement.

Friona's streets have been in a deplorable condition since the snow came last week, for most of the time the snow has been melting and mingling with the soil underneath and the constant traffic has kept it worked into a thin slippery mud which is most objectionable for pedestrians.

To temporarily remedy this condition, the Friona gin has been supplying cotton burrs to be strewn along the most used street crossings, and while these burrs will probably not serve very well as a permanent hard surfacing they at least keep people up out of the mud for a time, and remove the slickness from the crossings.

### Baptist Church Notes.

Attendance at services was fair considering muddy roads and streets. During the morning service Miss New who has moved to Friona and united with the Baptist church, sang a solo, and during assembly period of B. Y. P. U. Mrs. Dilger's group of Intermediate sang a Christmas song.

For the morning sermon the pastor preached on the subject "Mustard Seeds and Mountains". It was a remarkable sermon and the kind that is so greatly needed during these times of growing doubt and infidelity. The text is found in the 20th verse of the gospel according to Matthew. Quoting the definition of faith given by the Holy Spirit through St. Paul, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things

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FOR SALE: One registered Roan Durham bull, 11 months old. Registered Poland China hogs, all ages. Pure bred White Langshan chickens. L. F. Lillard, Friona. 21

FOR SALE: About 10 cockerels left for sale. Am taking orders for eggs and chicks for future delivery. S. F. WARREN, Friona, Texas. 23-1fc

not seen" by illustrations it was shown that faith is a reality. The congregation was reminded that the illustrations of faith so commonly heard these days, as the transaction of buying and selling confidence and belief in the integrity of people, is not faith at all, but that faith is peculiar to the redeemed people of God. It was pointed out that faith is the opposite of naturalism, materialism and modernism; that faith is in fact the dethroning of naturalism and the enthroning of supernaturalism. The pastor reminded his hearers that Jesus spoke the rebuke "O ye of little faith" to his disciples who had been performing miracles. Peter having walked on the water; so that in comparison with our faith cannot likely be compared with even so small an object as a mustard seed. Illustrating some of the results of faith from the Bible, it was pointed out that faith was the difference between a dead world under the judgment of the flood and safety in the Ark; that faith was the difference between two million bleaching carcasses of the Israelites in the Arabian desert and the two faithful among the spies who were permitted to live, and enter the promised land, that faith was the difference between a soul saved and a soul lost through unbelief in Jesus Christ; that faith makes men to become the children of God and gives them the victory.

For the evening sermon the pastor preached on the subject "Trimming Unfilled Lamps." He read the parable from the first part of the 25th chapter of Matthew which likens the kingdom of heaven to the ten virgins, five of whom were wise and five foolish. The kingdom of heaven was explained to mean the professing Christians. It was shown that there was much similarity between the wise and foolish virgins as there is between the true Christian and the false one, and that as the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept, but that whereas the wise slept the sleep of assurance, the foolish slept the sleep of presumption. The parable was explained to be a warning to all to be diligent to make your calling and election sure, for the return of the Lord; to be dressed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ and not in our own righteousness which the Bible states is but filthy rags. It was shown that the wise virgins represent these Christians who have a personal knowledge of Christ through redemption, whereas the foolish have merely made a spurious profession and are not really regenerated. It was stated that to quit swearing and other bad habits and to attend church, although commendable, will not of itself save a soul; but the one must repent of his sins, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as his personal Savior.

Reporter.

### Friona Stepping Out.

Mrs. L. A. Martin's new cafe building has so nearly reached a stage of completion that the equipment is being installed at this writing, Wednesday morning, and Mrs. Martin hopes to be able to serve all her former patrons with one of the best suppers they have ever sat down to this evening.

There is no mistaking the fact that Friona will be able to boast one of the neatest and most up-to-date cafes in the land, while it may not be so large as many to be found in the larger cities, it will make up in neatness, modern equipment and courteous service.

It is all brand new equipment and of the latest design and arrangement. There are comfortable stools and a neat counter, of the arched or horseshoe design, for those who prefer to be served in that manner, and tables with comfortable chairs for those who prefer the table. Two bright silver coffee urns from which steaming hot coffee may be served at any time, and the excellent and toothsome foods for which Martin's cafe is famous will be in bounteous supply.

Mrs. Martin has just reason to be proud of her new cafe and the citizens of Friona are sharing this pride with her.

### WOMEN ORGANIZE TO TEACH CHEESE MAKING

Bonham.—Reaching 322 people in 49 unorganized communities is

the achievement of the Fannin County Home Demonstration Council. This group of women is never content to know a good thing and not share it. Last spring they organized themselves to teach other women who were not working in home demonstration clubs how to can in tin, use a steam pressure cooker, and an automatic sealer, and reached practically the entire feminine population of the county. In this cheese work the remaining 46 unorganized communities will be reached by the women in spite of rain and mud, reports Miss Minnie Eldridge, county home agent.

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# Friona Chamber of Commerce

## Trimming Wings

BY MARtha BANNING THOMAS

PERHAPS it's a healthy trait that most human beings like and are drawn to bright and glittering objects. At Christmas, satisfied in a hundred ways.

When we are children we look awe upon the shimmer of tinsel on Christmas trees. The wings of the angel on the topost peak like the wings of those herbe Bethlehem who arrived the coming of the Christ. Our eyes shine half blinded

glory of legend and expectation. When we are older we become (as I think) more sophisticated. Tinsel in a larger scale. Bright lights, beautiful decorations, dazzling entertainment. The same child-like raptures transposed into a more worldly manifestation. But we can't quite forget the stars or the moon. They attract us with a strange delight.

And when we are quite old and wise we know and admit that we must rely on something which comes beyond us, a bit out of reach. We remember the breathless moments of childhood and the amazing Christmas tree. We know under in those days and found it precious.

We think of later years somewhat obscured by false values, something more than tinsel; something less than simple pleasures—tinsel, certainly, but little of that quality which yields the magic of happiness.

So perhaps we forget the middle years and go back to the earlier ones, feeding on the first joys of childhood. The long festoons swing gracefully among the green branches of the tree! The glimmer of make-believe icicles, the powder of believe snow, the cheerful and Mr. candles and the laughter last we loved.

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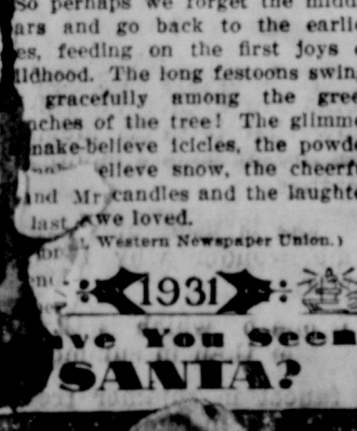
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At quarter past seven she heard the car rush into the drive before the door. Her heart hardened. She went to the kitchen and looked into a closet.

The front door banged. "Hey, Sally! Hey! Where are you? Come here and meet Lena!"

She heard footsteps in the dining room. The swinging door pushed open. Then before she could catch her breath, Eric had



er by the hand. He literally dragged her into the dining room, through the living room to the front



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**Into the End of the Age.** In the Vision of John on the island of Patmos (Lesson 11) we have a message from Christ to Christian churches of all ages, as well as a picture of Him as an abiding presence in their midst. Largely through the missionary labors of Paul and his associates, the churches in Asia were founded, but it was for them the brighter hopes and to speak to them the words of prophecy from the risen and glorified Head of the churches.

#### Architecture of Today Neglected by the Poet

Haven't Troy and Tyre and Babylon been sung too much by the poets and London, Paris and New York too much neglected? Where are the great epic compositions about the most stupendous cities of all time: or even ballads and lyrics? F. H. Collier asks in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

We grant you that the ancient lives of human beings are more inspirational, because there is more room for the fancy to play. One doesn't have to be extremely accurate. There is necessitated the sticking to facts in celebrating London, Paris and New York. The last named of the cities was nothing much to stir untrammelled thought in its ferryboat days, but in its skyscraper era it is startling to speak mildly. It has lost some of its old charm, reverting to what was Irving's days, but now it is making the world's mouth hang open in astonishment.

Those thousand-foot towers are exciting a vague feeling of apprehension, such as must have moved the judicious when Babel's mighty shaft grew taller day by day. It is true, they are overpowering proof that our race is not a slothful one, but where is the limit beyond which approbation cannot go?

#### Historic Mediterranean

There is only one sea that has been contemporary with all history—the Mediterranean. The Pacific and the Atlantic have been known to us for less than 1,000 years, but the "Mare Mediterraneum" has been "the Great Sea" from the unremembered past. The ancient nations who ruled the waves—Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Greeks, Romans, Venetians—were all Mediterranean peoples. It is the sea of the ages. On its waters Odysseus journeyed home from Troy, and Aeneas made his eventful voyage. It bore Caesar's prow as he set forth to conquer and carried the argosies of Byzantium as they brought home the wealth of earliest commerce.

**Coconuts From Sea**  
The white man's first knowledge of the coconuts came from the sea. Early explorers, long before the discovery of America, reported finding coconuts in the ocean hundreds of miles from the nearest land. Later, on South Sea Islands, they found the stately palms that dropped the coconuts into the water.

In many tropical countries the coconut palm is the "family cow" of the natives, furnishing healthful meat and drink.

Although spelled similarly, coconut and cocoa are entirely different. The coconut is the fruit of the coconut palm; cocoa beans come from the pods of the cacao, or chocolate tree.

#### Tail Spin in Aviation

A tail spin is the result of a stall. After stalling, an airplane falls off on one wing, the nose drops and the airplane revolves in the opposite direction to which the rudder is applied. The tail revolves, making the nose the approximate center of the turn. If the rudder is applied to the left wing, it becomes a left spin. A tail spin is used as a stunt, and also as a means of losing altitude. It becomes dangerous only when the pilot loses control of the plane.

#### Odd Boundary Line

The irregular section in the boundary between Massachusetts and Connecticut, known as the "Southwick Jog," was caused by the straightening out and adjusting of errors in the boundary line between Connecticut and Massachusetts as previously run by compass. A long narrow strip of land was given to Connecticut, and the Southwick jog ceded to Massachusetts as a parcel of land of equivalent area.

United States Navy officials are being asked to name the next dirigible to be constructed "Amarillo" for the Panhandle state of that name.

#### Sees Time Well Spent in Study of the Stars

Napoleon consulted the stars, and he was no fool, as everybody should be willing to admit. Milton believed in astrology, and so did emperors and popes. There are millions of people who today believe in it and guide all their actions by it, despite the withering scorn of astronomers and other scientists.

Anyhow, how much are the scientists sure of, asks John Steven McGroarty, in the Los Angeles Sunday Times. Sir James Jeans and Dr. Robert Millikan almost called each other liars at a convention where there was an argument about the collapse of the earth. Are they not all guessing?

If astrology does nothing else, it puts you on guard. It admonishes caution. At times it tells you to be bold and to dare. In short, it warns one to look before one leaps. And that's not bad advice.

A thing that has lasted and that is still going as strong as it is going, must have something back of it.

And, when all is said and done, it is interesting, which is more than can be said of some other things.

The stars are full of wonder and beauty. To know them and to study them is to be upon the quest of beauty.

#### PANTRY VALUED AT \$500 COST NOTHING

San Saba.—"Last year I wanted to be a pantry demonstrator, but was afraid it would cost too much; this year I decided to try. My pantry is almost completed.

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and I have not been on said Mrs. D. L. Pool Springs home demonstrator woman, in making her report to Miss Lorna Saba county home agent. "My shelves are as full as lumber and we even nails from old lumber to buy them. I raised that I have canned what cured by trading what instance I needed no and tomatoes so I to one offered me \$300 for we have stored but I take it. It means much that much money to with the right kind of time. I have canned 600 containers and a work." Mrs. Pool stated According to Miss

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### This Season of Cheer and Happiness

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After a few years a great persecution arose under Nero, and Paul was arrested again and thrown into prison. This time it was not a hired house, but a dungeon, where Paul knew cold and want and loneliness. He seems to have escaped condemnation at a first hearing, but not long after the second Epistle to Timothy (see 4:6-18) he was beheaded. Read in 2 Timothy his record and his hope, with what peace he looked to the future.

#### Unto the End of the Age.

In the Vision of John on the island of Patmos (Lesson 11) we have a message from Christ to Christian churches of all ages, as well as a picture of Him as an abiding presence in their midst. Largely through the missionary labors of Paul and his associates the churches in Asia were founded, but it was for them the brighter hopes and to speak to them the words of prophecy from the risen and glorified Head of the churches.

#### Architecture of Today Neglected by the Poet

Haven't Troy and Tyre and Babylon been sung too much by the poets and London, Paris and New York too much neglected? Where are the great epic compositions about the most stupendous cities of all time: or even ballads and lyrics? F. H. Collier asks in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

We grant you that the ancient lives of human beings are more inspirational, because there is more room for the fancy to play. One doesn't have to be extremely accurate. There is necessitated the sticking to facts in celebrating London, Paris and New York. The last named of the cities was nothing much to stir untrammelled thought in its ferryboat days, but in its skyscraper era it is startling, to speak mildly. It has lost some of its olden charm, reverting to Washington Irving's days, but now it is making the world's mouth hang open in astonishment.

Those thousand-foot towers are exciting a vague feeling of apprehension, such as must have moved the judicious when Babel's mighty shaft grew taller day by day. It is true, they are overpowering proof that our race is not a slothful one, but where is the limit beyond which approbation cannot go?

#### Historic Mediterranean

There is only one sea that has been contemporary with all history—the Mediterranean.

The Pacific and the Atlantic have been known to us for less than 1,000 years, but the "Mare Mediterraneum" has been "the Great Sea" from the unremembered past. The ancient nations who ruled the waves—Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Greeks, Romans, Venetians—were all Mediterranean peoples.

It is the sea of the ages. On its waters Odysseus journeyed home from Troy, and Aeneas made his eventful voyages. It bore Caesar's prowess as he set forth to conquer and carried the argosies of Byzantium as they brought home the wealth of earliest commerce.

#### Cocoanuts From Sea

The white man's first knowledge of the cocoanuts came from the sea. Early explorers, long before the discovery of America, reported finding cocoanuts in the ocean hundreds of miles from the nearest land. Later, on South Sea Islands, they found the stately palms that dropped the cocoanuts into the water.

In many tropical countries the coconut palm is the "family cow" of the natives, furnishing healthful meat and drink.

Although spelled similarly, coconut and cocoa are entirely different. The coconut is the fruit of the coconut palm; cocoa beans come from the pods of the cacao, or chocolate tree.

#### Tail Spin in Aviation

A tail spin is the result of a stall. After stalling, an airplane falls off on one wing, the nose drops and the airplane revolves in the opposite direction to which the rudder is applied. The tail revolves, making the nose the approximate center of the turn. If the rudder is applied to the left wing, it becomes a left spin. A tail spin is used as a stunt, and also as a means of losing altitude. It becomes dangerous only when the pilot loses control of the plane.

#### Odd Boundary Line

The irregular section in the boundary between Massachusetts and Connecticut, known as the "Southwick Jog," was caused by the straightening out and adjusting of errors in the boundary line between Connecticut and Massachusetts as previously run by compass. A long narrow strip of land was given to Connecticut, and the Southwick jog ceded to Massachusetts as a parcel of land of equivalent area.

United States Navy officials are being asked to name the next dirigible to be constructed "Amarillo" for the Panhandle city of that name.

#### Sees Time Well Spent in Study of the Stars

Napoleon consulted the stars, and he was no fool, as everybody should be willing to admit. Milton believed in astrology, and so did emperors and popes. There are millions of people who today believe in it and guide all their actions by it, despite the withering scorn of astronomers and other scientists.

Anyhow, how much are the scientists sure of, asks John Steven McGroarty, in the Los Angeles Sunday Times. Sir James Jeans and Dr. Robert Millikan almost called each other liars at a convention where there was an argument about the collapse of the earth. Are they not all guessing?

If astrology does nothing else, it puts you on guard. It admonishes caution. At times it tells you to be bold and to dare. In short, it warns one to look before one leaps. And that's not bad advice.

A thing that has lasted and that is still going as strong as it is going, must have something back of it.

And, when all is said and done, it is interesting, which is more than can be said of some other things.

The stars are full of wonder and beauty. To know them and to study them is to be upon the quest of beauty.

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