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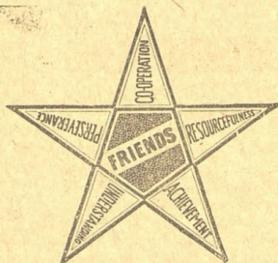
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## 6 More Producing Wells For Town-site; Total 58 Producers

### Every Season of the Year

should be a banking season, but surely, more than all others—Harvest time is banking time.

It is the season for storing up the fruits of the year's labor in a substantial bank account to meet the emergencies that are bound to arise in all lines of endeavor.



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### TOWNSITE FIELD CONTINUES ACTIVE, WITH MORE WELLS

Six more producers were added to the townsite field the past week, making a total of 58. Those completed since last report are:

Mitchel, Jones & May, block 52, 120 barrels; Guffey, et al, block 21, 150 barrels; Brannon & Murry, block 45, 250 barrels; W. D. Riddle, block 25, 120 barrels; Joe Shackelford, et al, block 43, 45 barrels; Cranfield-Reynolds, block 60, 120 barrels.

J. G. Weiler, block 36, drilling in with some showing. Mitchell, Jones & May, on block 20, drilling in, with very little showing. Both of these wells will probably be given a shot in hopes of making good commercial wells. Cranfield-Reynolds, et al, J. A. Barr No. 1, missed the townsite pay but drilling for deeper pay.

No report this week from Cross Cut, the shallow field or wild cats.

The following is Wednesday's drilling report in townsite:

Fain, et al, block 65, shut down 845  
McCamey et al, block 7, rigged up  
Nichols, et al, block 16 fishing 845  
Bond & Jones, et al, block 2, Haley addition, shut down  
Herbert Oil Co block 30 drilling 1420  
Harris et al, block 12, fishing 1440  
Hornbeak Oil Co. et al, block 33, drilling at 850  
McCamey & Stone, et al, Smith No. 1, drilling at 320

Mook Texas, Canyon O. & G. Co. & M. E. Wakefield, McDonough No. 4, spudding, No. 5 drilling at 1370 feet  
Brannon & Murry, block 14, 760 feet  
Mitchell, Jones & May, block 15, 650 feet

Cranfill-Reynold, Campbell No. 1, drilling at 650

Brannon & Murry & Harris, et al, block 4, drilling at 930 feet.  
Brannon & Murry, block 44, 070 feet

Mook Texas Co. Canyon Oil & Gas Co. and M. E. Wakefield, Derrington No. 1, shut down at 935.

Cranfill & Reynolds, block 37, 450  
Cranfill & Reynolds, block 49, rig  
Brannon & Murry, block 28, spudding.

Mitchell, Jones & May, block 24, spudding.  
McCamey, Neeb & Stone, block 11, rigging up.

Cranfill & Reynolds, block 6, completing rig.  
Mitchell, Jones & May, block 13, 700 feet.

Brannon & Murry, block 5, rigging up.  
J. G. Weiler, block 31, rig completed rig.

J. G. Weiler, block 32, rigging up.  
Kirk, Brewer & Stone, block 3, Mathis addition, rigging up.  
W. D. Riddle, block 26, moving in machine.

Tom Wilson of Temple, was visiting here this week.

Mrs. Robert Cunningham and daughter, Christine, motored to Cisco, Tuesday.

J. A. Moore, of the Cottonwood community, has opened a nice grocery store in the Cross Plains Bakery.

Rev. H. O. Hearn, wife and baby are attending the State Baptist Convention, at Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Smith and daughters of route 1, visited in Cross Plains Sunday, in the afternoon they took Miss Leila to Turkey Creek, where she will teach this term.

Christian Endeavor.  
A Shipwreck Meeting.  
The Society is stranded on an island where there are neither Bibles nor Hymn books, so the entire program will be from memory. The Scripture passages suggested for the Bible Memory Campaign will be used. Also offering and discussion of Golden Rule Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Joy ate turkey dinner with his father and family at Cottonwood Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buckingham of Gainsville, visited last week, with Mrs. J. P. Henderson and family.

### EXCERPTS FROM SANITARY ORDINANCE CITY OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

Sec. 1: Providing for the disposal of human excreta—That each residence and building in Cross Plains, in which human beings reside, are employed or congregate, shall have a sanitary means for the disposal of human excreta, namely, either, sanitary water closets or sanitary privy.

That all sanitary privies in said city shall be kept in a cleanly condition at all times, and so used that all excreta deposited therein shall fall into the receptacles provided and be protected from invasion by flies. Such receptacles shall be used for the purposes of a toilet and no wash water, garbage, nor any refuse matter shall be deposited therein.

That no privy receptacle shall be allowed to become filled or overflowing.

Sec. 10: Garbage cans—All hotels, rooming houses, restaurants, cafes, and other Public places in the city of Cross Plains having garbage or slop waters to dispose of, shall be provided at the expense of and by the occupants of such place, with a sufficient number of galvanized iron cans with tight fitting covers of sufficient capacity to hold such disposal which may be accumulated at such place or places for a period covering not less than twenty-four hours.

Sec. 11: Trash Boxes—All hotels, rooming houses, restaurants, Cafes, and other public places of whatsoever kind or nature in the city of Cross Plains, shall be provided at the expense of and by the occupant of such place with a trash box of sufficient capacity to hold the waste trash accumulated at such place for a period covering not less than twenty-four hours.

Sec. 12: Unlawful Disposition of Garbage or Trash—It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, to deposit any matter referred to in the two preceding sections hereof in other places or receptacles than those provided for in said sections.

Sec. 13: Penalty—Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the three preceding sections shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

J. G. Rumph, city health officer.  
Jim McMillan, city marshal.

The state health officer who was here Wednesday, also informed the Review that all food handlers at cafes and restaurants and soda fountain employees are required to have a health certificate.

### Small Turnip

The Brownwood News, Coleman Democrat Voice, and DeLeon, all claim the champion turnip has been grown in their respective communities, but the largest one reported by any of them only weighed six pounds—a small turnip compared with the nine pounder recently presented to the Review by Lee Champion of Cottonwood.

### School Program

Song by school, Miss Gibson at piano.  
Reading, Lila May Little.  
Reading when mother goes away, Juakana Westerman.  
Reading, Unfortunate Betty, Hellen Upton.  
Address, Right Purpose—Why Daniel was victorious, Mr. G. E. Nicholson.  
Remarks of approval by Supt. Prayer, Mr. Nicholson.

Van Lowrance and Marcellus Power were Baird visitors Thursday.

Messrs Havens and Venson and families of Brownwood, had turkey dinner with Henry Williams and family, Thursday.

P. P. Bond of Santa Anna, had business here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stone visited in Shreveport, La. last week.

Miss [Name] [Name], left Monday to enter school at Cisco, where she will take a course.



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### BANKS WILL CLOSE BACK DOORS, TOO, AT 4: P.M.

The banks will close their front doors at four P. M. as usual, in the future, but here after the back doors will be closed tight they state. It has been the custom of many people, (the writful included) to wait until about six o'clock and slip in at the back door to attend to banking business. This has worked a needless hardship at the banks, so in the future the back doors will be strictly closed, the Review is informed. So do your banking before the clock strikes four hereafter.

The Review received \$5.00 from W. A. Bennett, of Cement Oklahoma, last week, for subscription which pays him up to date and nearly to 1928. He formerly lived at Cottonwood, and was a pioneer citizen of that community.

He states that he sure enjoys reading the Review having been a constant reader for many years, and added that we might tell his friends here that he was living at Cement Oklahoma, and tell them "howdy" for him. Best wishes for you in your new home Mr. Bennett, we will keep the Review going.

### Gensley-Robertson

A. J. Gensley and Miss Mary Robertson, were married at Cisco, Wednesday, Nov. 25th, elder Lenox of that city officiating. They will leave about the tenth on honey moon trip to Davenport, Iowa. They will make their home here.

The bride, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. Robertson, is talented and very popular. Mr. Gensley operates the Hi-Way Service Station and is making a success of his business.

Best wishes for the newly weds, may their union be a happy one.

### Joy-Teague

Claud Joy of Cottonwood and Miss Effie Irene Teague of Putnam were married here Nov. 26, Elder J. M. Harlow officiating. The bride is a niece of S. L. Teague of this city. Mr. Joy is a son of J. A. Joy of Cottonwood. They have a large host of friends who join in extending best wishes.

June is usually the most popular month for ringing of wedding bells, but November is leading this year in this part of the world.

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WE ARE NOW DISPLAYING OUR  
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U. B. Drifty



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Our service is always at your command.

### A GUARANTY FUND BANK

The First Guaranty State Bank  
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

M. E. Wakefield, President, Geo. B. Scott, Cashier  
J. A. Barr, vice-Pres.  
John Newton, F. L. V.

U. S. ROAD MEN COME TO TEXAS

OFFICIALS TO INVESTIGATE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HIGHWAYS.

SUGGESTED TO MAYFIELD

Go to Austin Later and Will Confer With United States District Attorney Hartman of the Western District of Texas.

Washington.—That the Federal Government is going into the Texas highway situation with the view to ascertaining whether there has been unlawful handling of Federal money is indicated by the dispatch of two officials of the Bureau of Roads to Texas.

The dispatch of the two officials follows conferences between Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the Bureau of Roads, and Assistant Attorney General O. R. Lühring of the Department of Justice.

Following their visit to Fort Worth, the two road officials will go to Austin and will later confer with United States Hartman of the Western District of Texas.

A conference was held also between Senator Sheppard and Mr. McDonald over the former's suggestion to the bureau for investigation as to the application of Federal funds for road work and whether there could not be maintained a greater check by the Government as to maintenance expenditures, even though they come out of State funds.

Mr. McDonald agrees that this should be done and will have the matter investigated to ascertain whether such is possible now or could be obtained through amendment to the law.

PEACE PACT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY GERMANY

Reichstag Ratifies Locarno Agreement and League Entry.

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Parliamentary sanction came after a stubborn partisan battle lasting six weeks. The outcome was never really in doubt but the Chancellor and Foreign Secretary were confronted with unrelenting opposition by reactionaries.

The security pact and the treaties were ratified by a separate vote, 300 to 174, while the question of joining the league was affirmed, 278 to 183. By a rising vote the Reichstag adopted a motion submitted by the three middle parties, whereby the Government is requested to use every effort in the time intervening between now and Germany's formal admission to the league to obtain from the allies a greater measure of alleviation in the Rhineland and other concessions than already granted.

Motions of nonconfidence in the Government, proposed by the Nationalists and Communists, were defeated by a heavy vote, as was also a Nationalist motion, postponing the date of enforcement of the treaties.

London.—It is considered virtually certain that all the statesmen who initiated the treaties of security and arbitration at Locarno except Premier Mussolini of Italy will be present in London for the formal signature of these documents at the Foreign Office.

Geneva.—Although the Reichstag ratified the Locarno treaties and approved Germany's entry into the League of Nations, the impression prevails in League of Nation circles that Germany will not forward her application for membership until February, when the Cologne area will have been evacuated.

Correspondents Denied Audience. Austin, Texas.—Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson and her husband spent all afternoon with several New York newspaper men but would not grant local correspondents an audience, and in telephone conversations said: "We have nothing to say about present conditions." They explained that New York men had "special let-

CONDENSED AUSTIN NEWS

Dan Moody, Attorney General of Texas is in Washington, where he will appear before the Supreme Court of the United States in the case affecting the eastern boundary of the Texas Panhandle.

Requisition of the Governor of Arkansas for the extradition of Max Lemaster, wanted in Polk County, Arkansas, on indictment charging grand larceny, was honored by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson. Lemaster is under arrest at El Paso, Texas.

The American Legion in Texas will seek 31,400 new members by the end of the present fiscal year next September, this being the State's quota of the 1,000,000 new members sought in the national membership drive being conducted by the legion, State Adjutant S. M. Hankins said.

When asked who would be his successor, Frank V. Lanham, whose resignation as chairman of the State Highway Commission, was handed in, laughingly replied: "I don't know, but either Jack Dempsey or Red Grange is needed, for the job demands a man who can either fight or run."

Former Highway Commissioner Joe Burkett of Eastland, who resigned his position, has been in Austin making preparations to give up his office in the State Office Building. He had no statement to make, he said. "My enemies wouldn't believe a statement and my friends don't need one," he said.

Ex-Gov. James E. Ferguson entered a vehement denial of certain reports that his wife, the Governor, will grant a pardon to Newt DeSilva, given the death penalty in Jefferson County for murder, and which sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Mrs. Ferguson early in her administration.

Because of the veto by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson of the appropriation for salary for a First Assistant Attorney General, there is not an acting Attorney General during the absence of Attorney General Dan Moody, who is in Washington, D. C., on business before the United States Supreme Court in connection with the Oklahoma-Texas boundary suit.

A uniform fire insurance schedule for sawmills and adjoining lumber in all the States of the South may be the outcome of a conference in New Orleans next week. State Fire Marshal J. J. Timmins and K. Pickford, rate clerk of the Fire Insurance Department, left for the Louisiana city, where they will attend the conference.

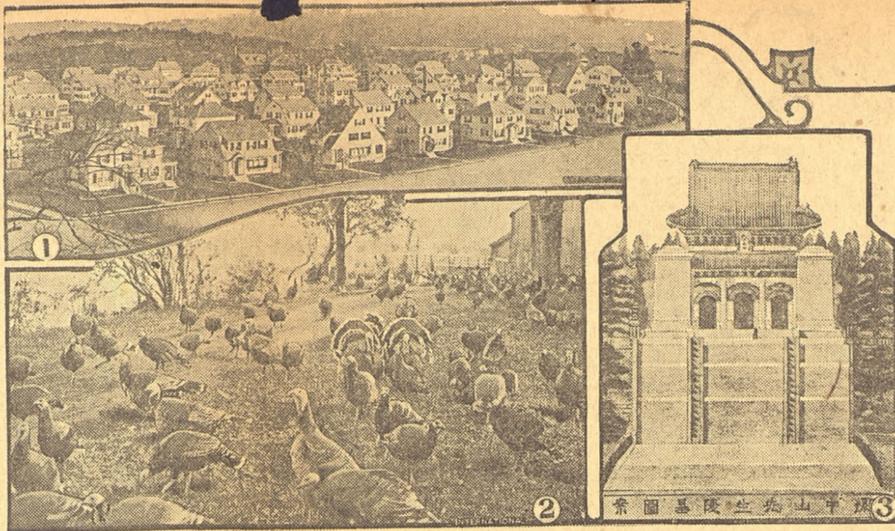
All cotton lint and linters in Ward and Reeves Counties must undergo vacuum fumigation before shipment on account of the discovery of a heavy infestation of the pink bollworm in the Pecos Valley, according to a proclamation issued by Commissioner of Agriculture George B. Terrell. Similar requirements are demanded of Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico, before shipment of cotton into Texas.

Approval was given an issue of \$1,500,000 Cameron county flood prevention bonds by the Attorney General's Department. Part of the bonds bear 4 and the remaining 4 1/2 per cent interest, maturing serially. Proceeds are to be used for construction of a system of levees to protect the county from Rio Grande overflows. State taxes for twenty years were remitted to Cameron County by the last Legislature to aid in flood protection.

Over the renewed protest of State Superintendent Marrs, the subcommittee of the Stat. Textbook Commission has directed the Governor to sign the contracts awarded the American Book Company estimated to be worth close to \$1,000,000. Following this, the State Board of Education met in special session and ratified all the textbook contracts recently let by the commission.

With seventy-eight cases of diphtheria in the State during October, as reported by county and city health officers, and 103 cases of this disease reported for the first two weeks of November, the State Board of Health calls attention to the prevalence of this serious malady in several States at the present time and urges the cooperation of school authorities with local health officers to prevent its spread in Texas.

Mandamus proceedings will be instituted against Gregory W. Hatcher, State Treasurer, by the Attorney General's Department, to determine whether the \$1,594,462.15 University of Texas royalties will be placed in the permanent or available school fund, L. C. Sutton, Assistant Attorney General, said. Hatcher reports the friendly suit in order to settle the controversy between his and



1—Model industrial village of Shawsheen, Mass., which cost \$21,000,000 and is to be abandoned by the American Woolen company. 2—View on a Vermont turkey farm where 1,000 of the birds were raised for Thanksgiving. 3—Prize winning design for memorial to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen on Purple mountain, Nanking, China.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mrs. Lansdowne's Charges Sifted by the Shenandoah Board of Inquiry.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

MRS. ZACHARY LANSDOWNE seemed to be having considerable difficulty last week in substantiating her charges that the Navy department, through Capt. Paul Foley, then judge advocate, sought to induce her to testify falsely before the Shenandoah court of inquiry. The widow of the airship's commander repeated her story of Captain Foley's call on her and his sending of an outline of what she should say, and in a general way all this was corroborated by others. But it was brought out that it was part of the judge advocate's duty to interview prospective witnesses, and Mrs. George W. Steele, who carried the Foley memorandum to Mrs. Lansdowne, said that on reading it "she manifested no indignation and said nothing whatever about any sinister purpose, nothing indicating any idea that the memorandum represented any attempt to influence her testimony."

A copy of the memorandum was produced by the judge advocate.

Immediately subsequent to the loss of the U. S. S. Shenandoah I felt it my duty to say for my husband things which he was no longer in a position to say for himself; that he was opposed to sending the Shenandoah on the midwestern flight during the thunderstorm period and had protested so doing to the Navy department. My husband regarded the Shenandoah as a man of war. He was ready at all times to take the ship out for military maneuvers, but was opposed to using her for nonmilitary duty.

"Had I known at the time I accepted the invitation of the court to appear before it that the correspondence in the case would have been introduced into the record of the court as it since has I would not have accepted the invitation of the court to appear. "As things now are I am not only willing but would prefer to leave the entire matter to the judgment of the court in which I have every confidence."

Mrs. Lansdowne admitted that the only statement in this memorandum to which she took exception is that "her husband was ready at all times to take the ship out for military maneuvers but was opposed to using her for nonmilitary duty." She said if she had given such testimony she would have made her husband out an ignorant fool. Even on military maneuvers he was not ready to go at all times, regardless of the weather, and the use of the phrase "nonmilitary duty," she said, was camouflage for "political flights."

Efforts to involve Secretary Wilbur, made by Mrs. Lansdowne and her uncle, Dr. W. B. Mason, were not impressive.

Joseph E. Davies, late of Wisconsin, was counsel for Mrs. Lansdowne and he created a tumult by insisting loudly on his right to be present and to advise his client in court. He was ejected once but crept back in and caused more disturbance. Captain Foley took the stand in his own defense, and denied that he had tried to influence Mrs. Lansdowne's testimony.

TESTIMONY for the defense in the Mitchell court-martial was completed and arguments were begun. A number of aviators were called to tell of unwarranted hazards in night flying and bombing tests, and then Admiral William S. Sims, retired, was called. He told the court that many of the higherups in the navy never had attended the naval war college at Newport and consequently were "hide-bound, ignorant and uneducated." He asserted the capital ship of the future is the swift airplane carrier and that an adequate air force would be the salvation of the country in case of attack by sea.

Concerning the Shenandoah

out and get storm risk data—that is all right," the admiral testified. "If the motive is to pass over fair grounds, it is all wrong."

"In view of the loss of the Shenandoah, what is your view of the motive in that case?" he was asked.

"It did not seem to me correct at all."

Capt. Anton Heinen, the Zeppelin expert from Germany, was asked about the reduction of the Shenandoah's automatic safety valves from 18 to 10, and replied: "If I had known that before the Shenandoah made her fatal flight everybody may rest assured that I would have kicked up a hell of a row. The effect of the reduction of the valves was to reduce the safety of the ship from 100 per cent to zero. It made the Shenandoah absolutely unsafe."

PREMIER MUSSOLINI, now more than ever the master of Italy, opened the new session of parliament with a remarkable address in which he presented his budget of new laws which, he frankly declared, were intended to do away with the present parliamentary form of government, "inadequate for modern life," and to replace it with Fascism. He said it was impossible to hinder Fascism from the interior, and he warned all other nations that if menaces to his planned regime came from abroad the Italian nation would arise as one man. The deputies were given the tip not to waste much time in discussing the proposition because Fascist discipline would not tolerate it.

Chief of Mussolini's new measures are these:

- 1. A law to establish the ancient podestà instead of mayors, which gives the central government control even of the local political machines.
2. A law increasing the powers of the premier not only over every department of the government, but even not allowing the order of the day to be discussed in the chamber without his approval.
3. A law providing for confiscation of property and deprivation of the citizenship for Italians abroad "calumniating" Italy or its government.
4. A law creating co-operative boards of arbitration between capital and labor.

The premier also has called on all the Italian people to subscribe toward the payment of the debt to the United States, the funding arrangement for which was signed in Washington.

American bankers evidently approve of Italy's condition and prospects, for a group of them, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., last week arranged a loan to the Italian government of \$100,000,000 to assist in the restoration of the gold standard and to retire the \$50,000,000 credit extended by Morgan to three Italian banks of issue last June for stabilization of the lira. The loan will take the form of bonds bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent.

CONDITIONS in Syria are going from bad to worse, from the French standpoint, for the rebellious Druses are growing in strength and last week shifted the scene of their greatest activity to the Lebanon region. The French had armed a large body of Christian volunteers there, but these were badly defeated by the Druses, who captured a number of towns and a vast amount of loot. Sidon, on the Syrian coast, was threatened and the American missionaries there asked that a warship be sent from Beirut.

PRACTICALLY without opposition the British house of commons ratified the Locarno treaties. Mr. Chamberlain, in opening the perfunctory debate, dissipated the fear that Great Britain would be committed by the pacts to go to war against its wishes. Replying to the charge that Russia had not been brought into the League of Nations at Locarno, he said the fault, if any, lay with Russia and not with the western powers. "The Russian government," he continued, "is not prepared to join the league on any terms whatever, its fundamental objection being that the league is a society of nations based on a system which is not compatible with the view of the soviet government of what the world should be."

INVESTIGATION by government

alleged to have been doing a business of \$800,000 a month, resulted last week in the indictment of the Boston & Maine railway and 24 individuals. This, according to the district attorney at Chicago, is merely the "first batch." Among the individuals named are two policemen, several traffic managers, three prohibition agents, a number of brewery managers and employees and David J. Allen, former purchasing agent of the Atlanta penitentiary, who has been mixed up in other liquor scandals. Allen is described as the leader of the entire conspiracy, and it is said he has fled to Europe.

The treasury last Wednesday revoked, effective December 31, every outstanding alcohol permit issued under the national prohibition law and an investigation was started to determine whether any of them should be renewed. The news of this action created consternation among the numerous concerns that have been drawing out alcohol vastly in excess of their normal and legal needs.

The house ways and means committee, following the advice of General Andrews, voted to impose a new tax of one-tenth of one cent a gallon on near beer and other cereal beverages, as a means of providing for inspection of all breweries.

OVER the protests of Chairman Green and most of the Democratic members, the ways and means committee voted retroactive repeal of increases in estate tax rates of the 1924 revenue act, effective on estates of all persons dying since that law became effective on June 2, 1924. If this feature of the new law is accepted by congress the government will have to refund millions of dollars already collected.

GOVERNOR SORLIE of North Dakota has appointed George E. Nye to be United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. F. Ladd. But as Mr. Nye was a supporter of the La Follette ticket in the last Presidential campaign and might be expected to line up with the senate radicals, it is predicted that his seating will be fought by the regular Republican senators. The opposition will be based on a precedent established early in the Wilson administration when the senate refused to seat Frank P. Glass, appointed by the governor of Alabama to fill a vacancy, because Alabama's laws fail to provide specifically for such an appointment. The North Dakota statute authorizes the governor to fill vacancies in state offices, but fails to mention the office of senator.

WHAT might have been a terrible tragedy was narrowly averted when the Clyde liner Lenape caught fire at sea off the Delaware coast. After a thirty-mile dash, she steamed into the harbor at Lewes, surrounded by other boats, and 367 persons, comprising all but one of her passengers and the entire crew, were taken off in safety and just in the nick of time. One man had jumped overboard and was drowned.

Damage estimated at \$3,000,000 was done by a conflagration that swept the Mississippi river docks at New Orleans. Great quantities of merchandise were consumed and for a time the wholesale business district of the city was threatened.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE, addressing the New York State Chamber of Commerce, outlined his program of economic developments, including inland waterways, railroad consolidations, further economy and efficiency in government departments, further extension of electrification, and elimination of waste in industry and commerce. He also urged that America join the World court.

HERE are a few brief items worthy to be recorded:

D. C. Stephenson, former Klan dragon of Indiana, was sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in the death of Madge Oberholzer.

George H. Jones, who started in business as office boy, was elected chairman of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

General Feng and Marshal Chang of China signed a peace agreement. Twelve soviet officials were sentenced to death at Moscow for graft.

The HAPPY HOME

By MARGARET BRUCE

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Beautiful Stairways

I often wonder why it is that in so many beautiful homes, where woodwork and walls, floors and furniture, hangings and electric fixtures are so well chosen and appropriately combined, there should be a heavy, hideous, uninteresting stairway. Stairs can be beautiful, too, and they should be. The exquisitely curving stairrail seen in many old colonial houses is often one of the finest features of these old mansions. Just when and why it was that these well-designed stairways gave place to a long straight, hard-boiled rail, with thickly cut supports, two to a stair, and a bulky newel-post at the bottom, I do not know; but I do assert that one of the rarest things to find nowadays is a stair that looks as if it led to some charming region above.

Not long since some young friends of mine, with a flair for things that looked antique, even if they weren't, took an old house of the "Early General Grant" period and remodeled it. They ripped off the wooden lace on the outside and tore away the cupola. They changed the little porch, with pillars trimmed with tating, to a broad bricked terrace, made of old chipped bricks, looking a hundred years old.



They put on a sloping outside chimney, and a wall sundial, and some solid wooden shutters.

Inside they lowered ceilings and beamed them, changed floor levels, hung pictures from old picture hooks with tassels attached, and generally added a year a day to the apparent past of the house. But the best thing of all was when they took away the bright red cherry stair rail, chunky and heavy, and replaced it with a delicately curving affair of grilled iron work, in rough, antique finish. No, not antique at all—bought at a shop where reproductions are sold; but the air of ancient charm that it gave the hall you would have to see to appreciate.

A stair rail is merely a guiding rail for the stair climber. It does not have to hold up the ceiling, remember. Often its heaviest burden is a delicate hand that slips over it lightly. Why not follow the beautiful patterns of stairways of the ancient days with even practical things were wrought with beauty?

Seasonal Window Boxes

Many home-makers believe there are only two seasons of the year when they can have bounteously filled window boxes at their sills. They know the charm of early pink English daisies and pansies, and perhaps follow these with jonquills, haffodils, and narcissus. When these spring blossoms fade, they replace them with the summer's red or pink geraniums, petunias, ageratum, and trailing vines.

But there is a window-box plan for every season of the year; autumn and winter as well as spring and summer. In the fall take out the geraniums (which have perhaps grown rather rusty-looking anyway) and fill your boxes with the gorgeous little dwarf French marigolds which will stay until the heavy frosts. These hardy marigolds will bear transplanting while in full bloom, and if you haven't any in your own garden you can get them for a few cents each at any large nursery. They come in all the shades of yellow, orange, reddish-brown, and a beautiful mahogany of velvet texture. Some of them are variegated, with delicate stripings and spottings. Set them as close together as they will go, and you will have a box full of autumnal coloring that will delight your heart.

When at last the frost takes off these little annuals, fill up the boxes with small evergreens—about three little formal ones, with two branching feathery ones between. They will stay green during the winter, even if they do not survive the very bitter cold. The roots are so exposed in a box that they rarely live through their foliage remains bright all spring. Branches of hemlock, without roots, if stuck into boxes of earth, will look green throughout the winter. The same is true of pine tips and small cedars. The first warm breath of spring turns them yellow, but meanwhile you have had boxes of evergreens at your windows all winter.

And the Patient Pays

A St. Louis dentist uses jazz music from a phonograph to soothe the nerves of his patients by extracting troublesome molars. "I claim the music is as effective as the ordinary anesthetics."

From Other Worlds?

Strangely carved objects of which there has been no satisfactory explanation, have fallen from the sky and been picked up...

# The Christmas Carol



**Silent Night** MICHAEL HAYDN.

1. Si - lent night, Ho - ly night, All is calm,  
2. Si - lent night, Ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake  
3. Si - lent night, Ho - ly night, Son of God,

all a - bright Round you Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,  
at the sight, Glo - rious stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light Has shined from Thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
Heav - en - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia; Christ the Sav - iour, is  
With the dawn of re - dem - tion grace, Je - sus - born!

peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly  
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## AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON Pleasing Revival of An Old-Time Custom

### THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
As they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their  
sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so  
dead.

Chorus.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord,  
Sing praises to our Heavenly Lord,  
That hath made Heaven and earth of  
nought,  
And with His Blood mankind hath  
bought.

Chorus.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

THE Christmas Carol coming back to its own as a time-honored feature of the Christmas Tide? It looks so. And it is to be hoped that it is so. For the singing of Christmas Carols will help to popularize the religious observance of the day—

which is losing ground year by year in this material age.

Probably there is no room in our Twentieth Century civilization for carol-singing after the old way. But carol-singing on a large scale is admirable—as many American cities abundantly proved in 1924. It was made a community service. Many singers were enlisted and trained. Carols were sung in hospitals, orphanages and other institutions. The message of home was carried to the traveler in hotels and railroad stations. Mass-singing in municipal auditoriums was received with popular acclaim. This community service was strangely reminiscent of the old-time "Waits"—street musicians who were an established institution of English cities, wearing "Waits badges," with the town arms.

The singing of carols is much older than Christmas, just as the midwinter festival of good cheer long antedates the celebration of Christmas as the anniversary of the birth of Christ. The pagan Britons celebrated this midwinter festival; so did the Romans and many European peoples. It was not until the Fourth Century that this festival became identified with the church festival of Christmas—"Christ-mass."

Have you discovered that it's very easy indeed to dance to some of the Christmas Carols? Well, it is. And that's because "Carol" was originally a term for a dance—or for songs intermingled with dancing. It was a long time before the word came to be applied strictly to a religious Christmas song.

Primitive man makes merry, you know, by song and dance and boisterous play. It is not hard to see in the Christmas of modern times plain evidence of the pagan origin of midwinter festivities. The "Yule Log" undoubtedly spread from the ancient Lithuanians and Letts, whose "Christmas Eve" was "Log Evening." The

"Lords of Misrule" of England was a leftover from the Roman Saturnalia. The Christmas Carol goes back a long way into early English life. The first printed collection came in 1521 from the press of Wynkin de Worde. This early master-printer was probably born in Lorraine and went to London to be assistant to Caxton, whom he succeeded in 1491. It is interesting to know that a fragment of this edition is still extant and contains the famous "Boar's Head Carol," which is still sung on Christmas Day in Queen's College, Oxford—whether the serving of the boar's head on a silver platter in the big dining hall still obtains, one is not prepared to say. In the old days the serving of the boar's head, with much pomp and ceremony and minstrelsy and song was the feature of the Christmas feast in the homes of the wealthy and great. The authentic wording of this carol is as follows:

The boar's head in hand bear I,  
Bedeck'd with bays and rosemary;  
And I pray you, my masters, be merry,  
Quot estis in convivio,  
Caput apris defero,  
Reddens laudes Domino.

The boar's head, as I understand,  
Is the rarest dish in all this land,  
Which thus bedeck'd with a gay garland  
Let us serve our cantico  
Caput apris defero, etc.

Our steward hath provided this  
In honor of the King of Bliss,  
Which on this day to be served is  
In Regimens Atrio,  
Caput apris defero, etc.

At the time Wynkin de Worde published the first collection of Christmas Carols in 1521 carol-singing was a universal practice in England. In 1525, when Henry VIII lay ill, there was an edict specifically prohibiting "carols, bells or merry-making." In 1526 a license was issued to Thomas Trysdale to print, "Certain goodly Carolyes to be songe to the Glory of God."

The Puritans endeavored to put a stop to carol-singing and practically succeeded. Parliament, it will be remembered, ordered the abolition of Christmas Day and to show that it had been abolished sat in session December 25, 1652—"commonly called Christmas Day."

But Christmas day came back with the Restoration—and so did the Christmas Carol. In 1661 appeared a volume with the title, "The New Carols for the Merry Time of Christmas, to Sunday Pleasant Tunes."

In France also the Christmas Carol is very old. The French word for the Christmas Carol is Noel. The Breton word is "Koroll," which means a dance. Noel originally meant "birthday." In

time it came to mean the "Birthday of Jesus." Still later it was a song about His birthday. Nowadays a Frenchman wishing anyone "Merry Christmas," says, "Joyeux Noel!"

Now the title, "The First Nowell," of the English Christmas Carol, from which quotation has been made in the foregoing, throws a sidelight on history. This carol is probably more than 500 years old, although it did not appear in print until 1833. The Norman conquest of England was responsible for the "Noel" in its title. And this in turn was changed to "Nowell" to make it look English and to insure its pronunciation in two syllables.

"Silent Night" is probably one of the most popular of all the Christmas Carols. It seems to have been first published in Leipzig as a "Tyrolean Song." Before that it had been in the repertoire of a family of strolling Tyrolean players. Its origin was then unknown and it was said to be old. In time it was credited to Michael Haydn. A few years ago Ludwig Erk made a thorough investigation and reported that "Silent Night" was written and composed in 1818 at Oberndorf, Germany; that Joseph Mohr, assistant priest, wrote the words; that Franz Gruber, a schoolmaster, wrote the music. According to Erk, the carol was produced Christmas Eve in the church, the poet, a tenor, singing the melody, and the composer, singing bass. A chorus of young women sang the refrain. The church organ was out of repair and the accompaniment was played on a guitar.

"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" is believed to date back to the Seventeenth Century. It certainly is as familiar to the English-speaking world as any. One version has the first line, "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"—one does not know whether or not the use of the comma is authorized. It will be noted that the Christmas Carols in general have a common characteristic—which is especially prominent among the older ones: They are set to pleasing and not difficult music; they are simple in form and picturesque; they are often childlike in their naive. In short, they are real bits of folklore.

Yet men famous in the world of letters have not disdained to try their hands at the Christmas Carol. For example, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" deservedly popular, was written by the Boston divine, Phillips Brooks. It was intended for Sunday schools only. Several composers have written music for it. These include Joseph Barnaby, the Englishman, and Louis H. Redner, the American.

So Tossie Tongue licked her forty-eighth stamp, and Hannah Hand wrote her forty-eighth card and Effie Eyes looked at her forty-eighth address, and Bessie Brain—well, she kept of thinking!—Martha Banning Thomas. (© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

One of the features of the new Union railway station in Chicago is the chapel, where the bodies of the dead in transit may reverently be cared for and where travelers

## ROAD BUILDING

### POOR ROADS URGE TOO MUCH SPEED

"There is a connection between good roads and safety," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club. "When a new road is built it is generally the practice to see that it is properly marked, that curves are gentle or that they are super-elevated, that as many railroad crossings as possible are avoided; in other words, the highway engineers of today bring to bear upon their work a knowledge of accident prevention.

"It does not matter what kind of a road the new road is, if it is merely changing a cow path into a country lane, the builders of the lane will eliminate some of the hazards that existed on the cow path. Roads have a close relation to time and time is related to safety. We have only time to spend, we live and have our being in time, and time nowadays is reckoned not so much in distance as in roads.

"If the road from the motorist's home to his office is bad in places, he tries to make up for the time lost on the bad spots by going faster than he should where the road is good. If the road were all good, he should most likely travel at an even and moderate rate of speed. Bad roads urge drivers to extra speed.

"Bad roads damage cars; they injure brakes and steering mechanism, and thus are indirectly responsible for many accidents.

"The menace of the glaring headlight is more deadly on the unimproved road. The element of danger that is present in hill climbing is almost entirely eliminated on the improved road. The danger of skidding on improved roads is not nearly so great as it is on the unimproved."

"Many old roads, built in the horse-and-carriage days, crossed railroad tracks diagonally; this is, of course, dangerous, and on the new roads one will find that wherever the engineers found it possible crossings are constructed at right angles with the railroad.

"Where expensive roads are built, maintenance must be carried on, and as this necessitates a crew of workmen, washouts, and other dangers frequently met with on unimproved roads, are eliminated. If a portion of the unimproved road is made impassable, construction gangs immediately post detour signs.

"As improved roads are uniformly wider than the unimproved road the danger of the narrow road is lessened. We need more consideration of the physical aspects of streets and highways and less of an inclination to crowd laws and ordinances on our books in the forlorn hope that our safety lies in many laws. The building of good highways by competent engineers will decrease accidents."

### Construction of Roads in Arkansas Progresses

There is excellent progress throughout Arkansas in road building. In 1924 a total of 1,596 miles of improved highways were completed and it is estimated that between seven and ten million dollars will be expended by the state highway department during the present season and that approximately 4,000 men will be employed. This will bring the state's mileage from virtually nothing in 1915 to more than 6,000 miles at the end of the first ten-year period of modern highway building in Arkansas.

The formal opening and dedication of the Little Rock-Hot Springs highway, which has just taken place, was one of the most important events in the highway building history of Arkansas.

### Billion Dollars for Roads

It is estimated that more than one billion dollars will be spent on road construction in the United States in 1925 to build 30,000 miles of new highways. More than 3,000 White trucks are now in use in Michigan and other states in the construction and maintenance of highways, and they aid mightily in the American ideal of good roads built quickly, built for permanence and kept efficient.

### Good Roads Hints

In England there are small lights on the front fenders of all automobiles to indicate the extreme width of the car.

American highways are less than half used, but American car owners pay for as much maintenance as though they enjoyed full use of the roads.

Nearly half the total indebtedness of the separate states of the Union was for the construction of highways last year. The states most in debt, it appears, are among the most prosperous.

A recent development in highway guard protection for motorists is the discovery that a heavy wire link fence can be built strong and resilient enough to withstand the impact of a car traveling

## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

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### FILLING THE STOCKINGS

It was very quiet in the house. Outside the air was crisp and cold and the snow covered the ground. Further south, of course, Santa would find it warm and he would open his big coat and even find it warm that way.

And far out in California he would find it quite different from where he had come.

He would enjoy that. He loved the different parts of the country and the beauties and particular charms of each section.

But it was cold where he was now. At least it had been cold outside.

In the house it was warm—warm compared to the out-of-doors.

They had let the fire out in good season so the chimney was cool and that kept the room from being very hot.

It was very, very quiet.

From time to time he heard the faintest of sounds as though perhaps the children were turning in their beds and as though their beds squeaked a little.

Hanging right by the chimney were two stockings, two good-sized stockings and one little wee stocking. That was little Helen's stocking.

Ruth had written to Santa that Helen was old enough this year to join a little bit in Christmas and so now her stocking had been added.

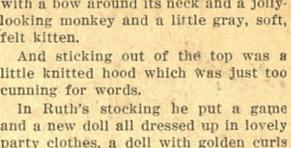
The other stocking belonged to Ruth's brother Godfrey.

Well, Godfrey would have his filled with all the most interesting little mechanical toys Santa had made.

Godfrey loved mechanical toys. He liked to take them to pieces and put them together again and he knew enough to do this.

There were all sorts of things for Godfrey to work with in his stocking.

Helen's little stocking he filled with several small toys and a few candies. There was a soft, white, woolly lamb



Helen's Little Stocking.

with a bow around its neck and a jolly-looking monkey and a little gray, soft, felt kitten.

And sticking out of the top was a little knitted hood which was just too cunning for words.

In Ruth's stocking he put a game and a new doll all dressed up in lovely party clothes, a doll with golden curls of real hair, and blue eyes. He also gave the doll a new dress and coat which he had bought the year before and wrote on a slip of paper:

"For Ruth's last-Christmas dolly."

Then he hung each stocking up again, fastening them securely with heavy books so they wouldn't fall. And then he hurried off again.

Well, the next morning there was great excitement.

Godfrey was overjoyed with all his mechanical toys, and Ruth loved her new presents but almost the dearest, sweetest thing of all was to see Helen in her little knitted hood.

They all fell in love with the hood and with Helen—even more than ever—when she wore it.

She looked just too cunning and dear for words.

The hood was white with a pretty little pink border and it was just too sweet for any description.

All of the family thought so. "No one but Santa could have found so adorable a hood," was what they all said.

And it certainly was true. "Oh, I'm so glad we hung up your stocking and that I told Santa you were old enough this year for Christmas," Ruth said.

And Helen with her little white-and-pink hood on her head looked up with her pretty, lovable little manners and said:

"Ooh, I'm glad, too. I loves Santy Claus."

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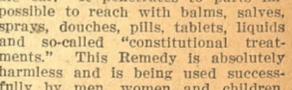
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C. W. Wyott and family and Miss Novella Adair spent Thanksgiving in Sipe Springs.

Mrs. Mert Adams of Abilene, was a guest of Mrs Tom Anderson, past week.

S. L. Teague spent Thanksgiving with his sister and a friend in Fort Worth.

J. C. Garrett and family visited in Breckenridge, Sunday.

Jim Underwood had business in Corsicana last week.

Lee Swan, Aubry Cross and Leon Smith were Dallas visitor last Thursday.

Clide Walker of Alvarado has accepted position here with Higginbotham Bros. & Co. as undertaker and manager of furniture department, the position formerly held by Ralph Odom, who will leave in few days for Snyder to take charge of undertaker establishment which he purchased there.

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Miss Annie Spencer, who has position in Fort Worth, spent Thanks giving with her parents, W. O. Spencer and family of route 2.

The Misses Aleta Walker, Unette Sypes and Lindsay Tyson, all of Brownwood Colleges spent week end with home folk.

Prin. Carl Birdwell, Mr. Bennett and Miss Winters spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Stephenville.

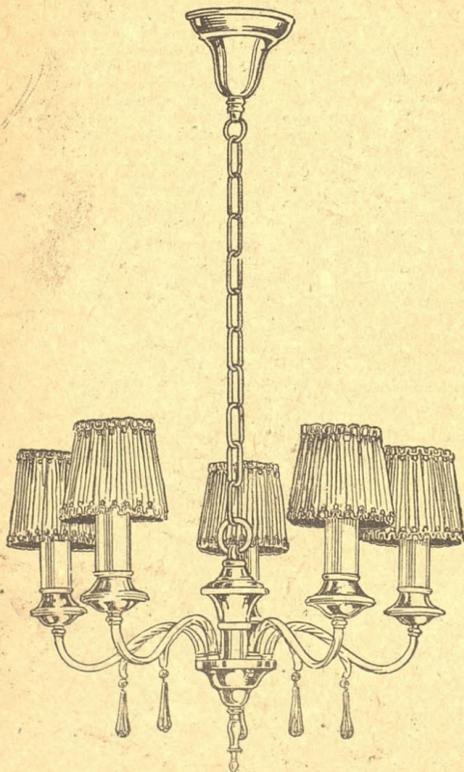
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Miss Winnie McElvain, primary teacher, spent weekend with home folk at Santa Anna.

Murman McGowen and family had turkey dinner with relatives at DeLeon, Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hughes were visiting in DeLeon, first of week.

Mrs. Grider of Illinois, is visiting her brother Tom Harris and family, of Deer Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atwood motored to Abilene Thanksgiving day to be with thier daughter Miss Ruby, who came down from Lubbock to attend the "Home Coming" at Simmons and had turkey dinner, served by the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barr and attorney Hart and family were Abilene visitors, Thursday.

Mrs Penney was at Cisco Thursday and Friday with sister, Mrs. Sherman Gehrett, who is doing reasonably well in hospital there.

Mrs. J. Huddleston and daughter, Mrs. H. B. Shook of Cisco, visited Miss Connie Bryant, last Thursday.

Mrs. Joe Austin and children of Dresy, spent Thursday the 26th with her mother, Mrs. Swafford of Sabana.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Adams visited in Eastland, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell from west of town, were Abilene visitors last week.

Mrs. Jim Littleton and son of Abilene and Mrs. Sam Brvant of Memphis, are visiting Mrs. L. C. Lamar.

Mr. R. L. Bell and family of Colorado Springs, Col. are visiting with Dr. Rumph, Ralph Odum and Drew Baum and families.

Mesdames Willie Butler and Foster Bond were visiting in Santa Anna, Sunday.

Miss Pauline Bond and Christine McGowen motored to DeLeon Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Billingsly have returned from a trip to San Antonio where they were at bedside of his sister who was very ill.

Tom Wilson and cham of Dallas medical school spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Edwards and Mr and Mrs. Orrell were Cisco visitors, last week.

G. L. Beasley of Waco, visited his sister Mrs. West, past week.

Mrs Billie Gatlin of Burnt Branch is visiting Mr. Gatlin's mother at Breckenridge.

Miss Gibson grade teacher, spent weekend with home at Bangs.

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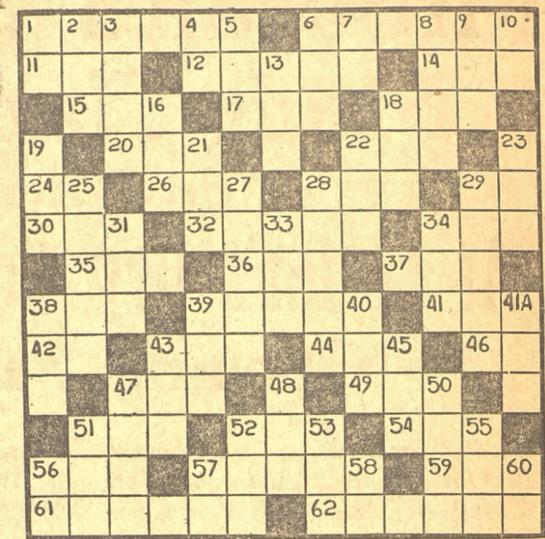
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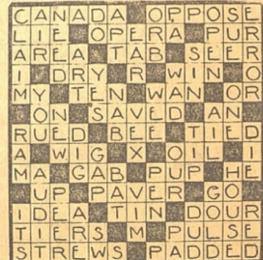
**Wintersmith's Chill Tonic**

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



- Horizontal.
- An arbiter in a baseball game
  - Certain kind of marbles
  - Common level
  - Past
  - An obstruction in a waterway
  - A thick black liquid
  - Certain ship equipment
  - Still
  - One
  - A domestic animal
  - Therefore
  - A turning point or decision
  - Complement of a lock
  - Part of the verb "to be"
  - Guided
  - A disease of fowls
  - A branch of learning
  - A southern state
  - A slight flap or appendage
  - Exists
  - A male descendant
  - Behold
  - A domestic animal
  - The binding custom of a community
  - A mountainous ravine
  - Sorrow
  - A fertile spot in a desert
  - Aged
  - A simpleton
- Vertical.
- A playing
  - Approaches
  - Equipped with tiles
  - A few closing measures near the end of a musical composition (plu.)
  - A leaf or division of the calyx
  - A branch of learning
  - To annoy
  - A bag or case for tools
  - To be ill
  - Turf
  - Same as 16 vertical
  - At this time
  - Existed
  - Part of the mouth
  - An illuminating mixture
  - A fastening
  - A measure, as of cloth
  - White
  - In such a manner
  - Predic signifying separation

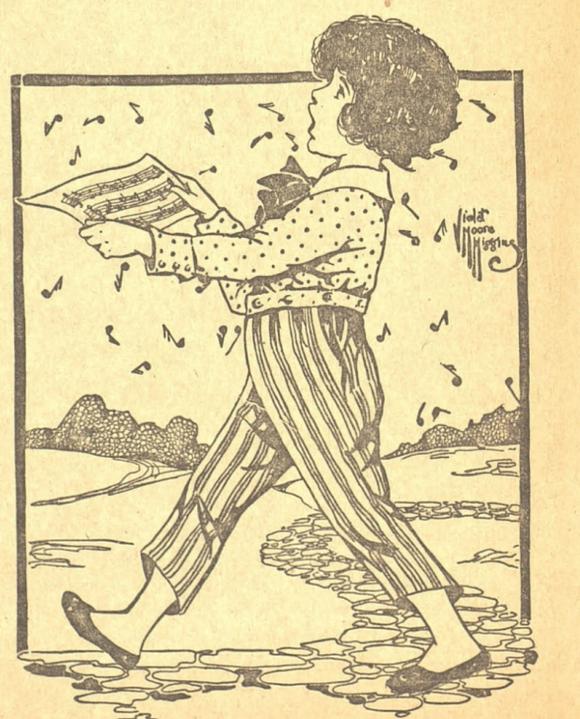
### Solution of Last Week's Puzzle.



### HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

### NURSERY RHYME PUZZLE



AS I was going along, along,  
A singing a comical song, cal song,  
I'm sure I sounded as good as Caruso,  
I could be a star if I wanted to do so.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of the Evening School, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)  
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### Lesson for December 6

#### PAUL'S VOYAGE AND SHIPWRECK

LESSON TEXT—Acts 27:1-44.  
GOLDEN TEXT—"Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."—Matt. 14:27.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—Paul in a Storm at Sea.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Story of a Shipwreck.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Paul's Leadership.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Christian Overcoming Adverse Circumstances.

- The Voyage (vv. 1-20).  
1. The Ship (vv. 1-6).  
It was a vessel of Alexandria sailing from Myra to Italy.  
2. The Company (vv. 1-2).  
Two of Paul's friends, Aristarchus and Luke were permitted to go with him. Besides these three there were two hundred and seventy-three in the ship (v. 37).  
3. The Storm (vv. 7-20).

The ship made little headway on account of unfavorable winds. Paul advised that they winter in Fair Havens (vv. 9-12), but his advice was unheeded. The gentle south wind deceived them so they loosed from Crete only to be overtaken by the tempestuous wind called Euroclydon. They did everything possible to save the ship; they took up the boat which was towed behind; they bound great cables around the ship to strengthen it for the storm; they lightened the ship by bringing down from the masts and rigging everything that was superfluous, and finally the cargo and tackling were thrown overboard. All this seemed to be of no avail and all hope of being saved was removed. It seemed that wicked men and material forces were combined to prevent the great apostle from reaching Rome. However, these very experiences were overruled by God to bring good cheer and salvation to many on the way. We should remember that tempestuous winds as well as soft breezes await God's faithful ones. The presence of storm does not prove that we are going the wrong way.

11. Paul's Serene Faith (vv. 21-26).  
To a man who does not know God, upon the failure of the sun and stars to shine for many days, the fading of all hope is natural; but to the man of faith, hope still burns brightly. God is just as near to His own in the midst of a stormy sea as in their quiet homes. Observe Paul's behavior:

- His Rebuke for Their Failure to Heed His Advice at Fair Havens (v. 21). This was not a mere taunt, but a reference to the wisdom of his former advice, urging them to give him a more respectful hearing.
- Bids Them Be of Good Cheer (v. 22).  
He inspired them with hope.
- He Promises Them Safety (v. 22).  
Though the ship go to pieces, every man's life should be saved.
- The Source of His Information (vv. 23-24).  
The angel of God had revealed it unto him.
- The Reason of Paul's Calm Faith (v. 23).  
"Whose I am, and whom I serve." God can and will take care of His property (John 10:28-29). Those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus are not their own, but God's.

111. The Ship's Crew All Safe on Land (vv. 27-44).  
This was exactly as the Lord had said. We can rest assured that all God has spoken will come to pass even though there be a broken ship, brutal soldiers and a perfidious crew. Aside from the fulfillment of God's promises, the most important part of this section is the splendid sanity which characterized Paul's action on the way. Three things marked his sanctified common sense.

- His Vigilance Detected That the Sailors Had Planned to Escape (v. 30).  
He knew how much they would be needed presently, and at once took steps to prevent their escape. He went straight to the man in charge and said, "Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved." Why should he make such a declaration when God had said that all should be saved? It was because he was not one of those foolish men who ignore human agency. He practiced the truth that genuine reliance upon God is the all-powerful incentive to human action.
- He Got Them to Take a Substantial Breakfast (v. 34).  
It was no time to talk to these men about their souls when their bodies needed immediate attention.
- He Gave Thanks to God (v. 35).  
This he did in the presence of them all. His prayer for that meal had more effect upon the people than his preaching would have had.

**The Men Who Succeed**  
The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their own convictions.—Garfield.

**Inscriptions**  
It is a good thing to "write injuries in the dust but kindness in marble."—Christian Observer.

**Be Merciful**  
Let me be merciful as well as just.—

## Children Cry for

**Fletcher's CASTORIA**

**MOTHER:**—Fletcher's Castoria is a pleasant, harmless Substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Teething Drops and Soothing Syrups, especially prepared for Infants in arms and Children all ages.

To avoid imitations, always look for the signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher*. Proven directions on each package. Physicians everywhere recommend it.

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Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on tablets, you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians over 25 years for

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"Not so long ago I was like you—headaches a good deal of the time, sleeping badly, and the least bit of housework tired me out. My complexion too, was bad."

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Constipation is dangerous for anybody. Nujol is safe for everybody. It is neither a food nor a medicine. It does not gripe. It is gentle and natural in its action and is prescribed by leading medical authorities.

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**Nujol**  
THE INTERNAL LUBRICANT  
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#### Double Entry

Clerk—I've—er—had an addition to my family, sir.  
Dealer (absent-mindedly)—Addition? Well, if it's correct, enter it in the ledger.—Good Hardware.

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Clean Child's Bowels with "California Fig Syrup"



Hurry Mother! Even a bilious, constipated, feverish child loves the pleasant taste of "California Fig Syrup" and it never fails to cleanse the bowels and sweeten the stomach. A teaspoonful today may prevent a sick child tomorrow.

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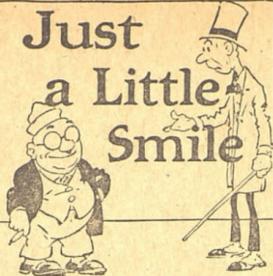
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In Oxford or Brown Colors  
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Send for samples and measuring blank.  
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Constipation, Indigestion and Torpid Liver  
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## Just a Little Smile



### TAKING NO CHANCES

A woman went into a photographer's to have her picture taken. While the photographer was adjusting the camera the lady wrapped a clothesline around her skirt.

"You'll have to take that off, madam," said the photographer. "I can't take your picture that way."

"You can't fool me, young man," she said. "I know you see me upside down in that thing."—Good Hardware.

### Super-Arithmetic

Wife—The price of the alarm clock was \$1.50, but I got a discount, so it only cost me 98 cents.

Husband—Yes, but you know very well you could have got the same thing at Brown's for 75 cents.

Wife—That may be, but then Brown's wouldn't have taken anything off.—Good Hardware.

### The Ill Wind

Two darkies were discussing an accident to a mutual friend.

"Suttinly am too bad Jefferson lost his laigs when de engine come along," said Sam.

"Mought be wuss," consoled the other. "Jeff had pow'full bad rheumatism in dem laigs."

### Hard on His Nerves

Judge—The report states you were found trying to climb a lamp-post. You were drunk then?

The Accuser—Not in the least, your honor, but I had been followed all day by two yellow crocodiles and, your honor understands, that's hard on the nerves.

### JUST LIKE THE MEN



Mrs. Pigeon—You're a fine carrier pigeon. I gave you a letter to mail three days ago, and you haven't mailed it yet.

### A Stranger

I've studied hard in many things. Through science down to mystic; But what I want to know, m'lud, Is who's this Ana-Lytic?

### According to Orders

Deadeye—You say Joe got killed? How come?

Dick—Well, he stuck his head in that saloon and hollered fire.

"Then what?"

"They did."

### An Annual Reform

Helen—Why did Mr. Dauber stop smoking?

Hubby—It's only temporary. He doesn't want his wife to give him cigars for a birthday present.

### IT'S OFTEN DONE



First Actor—Did your audience do the square thing?

Second Actor—Sure—Gave me round after round of applause.

### So 'Ave We

Some people say talk is cheap.

But 'tis not safe to believe them; I've known two simple words, "By mine,"

To cost a man his freedom.

### Is That So?

"Why is Jennie like mayonnaise?"

"She's always dressing!"

### A Crusher

He—I know that you love me.

She—Then I can never marry you.

He—Why not?

She—Because I have sworn never to marry a man who knows more than I do.

### The Innocent Agriculturist

Gray—Did you make a good bargain when you bought that abandoned

—No, I was done by an aban-

## OUTFITS FOR WINTER SPORTS; TRIFLES ADD CHIC TO DRESS

WHEN winter comes many a northern snowbird flies southward and dons gay plumage, or white, in a colorful land. But many another answers the call of Canada and the northern lights, or even goes so far as the Swiss Alps in pursuit of real winter sports. In either case the outfittings of these birds of passage is a matter of great importance in the

for costume flowers, which the mode approves and all women love, as a finishing touch to daytime and evening dress. All the flowers that bloom in the spring, or any other time of the year, and some that bloom only in the imagination of their makers, are to be found in the shops, and business is brisk with those who deal in them. Everywhere on the streets,



### ARRAYED FOR SKIING

world of fashion, for they set the pace in sports clothes.

The snow-maiden pictured, arrayed for skiing, all in white, wears a costume that is above criticism and it reveals the features which fashion chooses to place in the spotlight of approval. The matching accessories—hat, scarf, gloves—the straight coat and shapely knickers, are all as they should be. But the youthful sports-woman might have chosen bright hues or even flamboyant colors instead of white with equal success. She might have worn breeches cut riding shape with puttees in contrasting color, or "Oxford bags," that is, wide trousers fastened in at the ankles securely by little bands. But, in any case, her coat is likely to fasten over to the left side with buttons or "lightning fasteners" and it will be high in the neck. Tam o' Shanter caps, or hats that fit closely to the head, are permitted.

Green, blue, rose, brown, red, beige and—last but not least—tangerine, are favored colors. Bold inch-square checks, in two colors, or pipings, provide lively color contrasts and gabardine

nestling on coat collars, or adorning street frocks, are replicas of garden flowers, with the chrysanthemum leading the gay procession, followed by the rose, carnation, gardenia, and other garden flowers. The chrysanthemum appears in both natural and artificial colorings and it, with many other blossoms, is interpreted in gold and silver.

Flowers are even more important with evening dress and many pretty frocks seem merely fitting backgrounds for gorgeous and often very large flowers, or flower sprays that are posed on them. Smaller blossoms are used in wreaths and designs or in scattered patterns on all sorts of sheer frocks and are often made of the same materials as the dress. Just now there is a vogue for millinery flowers and silver blossoms and foliage on georgette dance dresses. The beauty and real artistic value of flowers as an accessory promise well for this vogue. Therefore, let no millinery blossom you may possess, be forgotten in a box, to wear its permanent blush unseen—but bring it out and wear it.

Next to flowers, scarfs and bags are



### THEY SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

dine is a favorite material for winter sportswear.

Styles for southern sportswear make a different story. Pastel colors, two-piece and one-piece dresses, suits with velvet skirts and crepe de chine blouses, jumper dresses of jersey cloth with contrasting bandings on skirt and jumper, pastel plaids, yarn embroidery and smocking as decorative features are all interesting items in the new displays.

important for adding touches of bright color to street costumes and the gay handkerchief continues to do its bit when other accessories are sedate. The scarf is an important item in the success of evening dress and so is costume jewelry—necklaces, bracelets, earrings and even anklets are worn, the last with dance frocks. Any of these is effective, but accessories must be chosen

## DEMAND "BAYER" ASPIRIN

Aspirin Marked With "Bayer Cross" Has Been Proved Safe by Millions.

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### Complete Outfit

"Some day," says the editor of the Erie Record feelingly, "a smart man will wake up and make a suit that consists of two coats, one vest and three pairs of trousers". . . There's only one smarter thing he can do, omit the vest. However, if his smartness rises to the point of genius he will throw in three pairs of shoes with the suit.—Capper's Weekly.

Stop wasting money on big shoe bills! No need for it. Tell your repairman to put USKIDE Soles on your shoes. USKIDE—the Wonder Sole for Wear. Wears twice as long as best leather. Made by the United States Rubber Company. USKIDE is comfortable, healthful, waterproof, good-looking. Protects against slipping. For hard workers and hard walkers. Nothing can faze USKIDE. A Vermont man wore a pair 25 months. Ask your shoe dealer for new shoes with USKIDE Soles. He either has them or can get them for you.—Adv.

### Scars of a Veteran

It is only a question of time, anyway, and a certain feeling of quiet and care-free contentment attaches to owning an automobile with all four fenders already thoroughly bunged up.—Columbus State Journal.

### Freshen a Heavy Skin

With the antiseptic, fascinating Cuticura Talcum Powder, an exquisitely scented, economical face, skin, baby and dusting powder and perfume. Renders other perfumes superfluous. One of the Cuticura Toilet Trio (Soap, Ointment, Talcum).—Advertisement.

### King a Clergyman

King George of England is an authorized clergyman of the Anglican church, of which he is the head. As a cathedral prebendary he receives \$5 a year, and is supposed to preach one sermon a year.

Every department of housekeeping needs Red Cross Ball Blue. Equally good for kitchen towels, table linen, sheets and pillowcases, etc.—Advertisement.

### True

"Should we profit from the mistakes of others?"

"Can't help it at bridge."

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The Princeton University Press says it usually costs more to repair the binding of a book than it does to do the whole job over.

The greatest difficulties lie where we are not looking for them.—Goethe.

Sooner or later the crooked man will find himself in straits.

## Is Your Work Hard?

Is your work wearing you out? Are you tortured with throbbing backache—feel tired, weak and worn out? Then look to your kidneys! Many occupations tend to weaken the kidneys. Constant backache, headaches, dizziness and rheumatic pains result. One suffers annoying kidney irregularities; feels nervous, irritable and worn out. Don't wait! Use Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Workers everywhere recommend Doan's. They should help you, too. Ask your neighbor!

### A Texas Case

S. W. Humbird, a t. mechanic, Eagle Lake, Texas, says: "A heavy cold disordered my kidneys and I was miserable with dull aches across my back. When I turned quickly or bent over to lift anything, cutting pains took me across my kidneys. My kidneys acted irregularly, too, and kept me feeling out of sorts. One box of Doan's Pills rid me of the ailment."

**DOAN'S PILLS**  
60c  
STIMULANT DIURETIC TO THE KIDNEYS  
Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N. Y.

## You Need this Tonic

**HOSBENNER'S CELEBRATED STOMACH BITTERS**

It tends to promote good health, strengthen the digestive organs and to keep the stomach in good condition. At All Druggists.

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## To build you up

## A Raw, Sore Throat

Eases Quickly When You Apply a Little Musterole  
Musterole won't blister like the old-fashioned mustard plaster. Spread it on with your fingers. It penetrates to the sore spot with a gentle tingle, loosens the congestion and draws out the soreness and pain.

Musterole is a clean, white ointment made with oil of mustard. Brings quick relief from sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds on the chest. Keep it handy for instant use.

To Mothers: Musterole is also made in milder form for babies and small children. Ask for Children's Musterole.

Jars & Tubes  
**MUSTEROLE**  
WILL NOT BLISTER  
Better than a mustard plaster

### A Real Need

What we need is a child labor law to keep them from working their parents to death.—Columbia Record.

A woman is as old as she looks in the early morning, and that is generally more than she is painted.



DR. W. B. CALDWELL AT THE AGE OF 83

To Dr. W. B. Caldwell of Monticello, Ill., a practicing physician for 47 years, it seemed cruel that so many constipated infants and children had to be kept constantly "stirred up" and half sick by taking cathartic pills, tablets, salts, calomel and nasty oils.

While he knew that constipation was the cause of nearly all children's little ills, he did not believe that a sickening "purge" or "physic" every day or two was necessary.

In Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin he discovered a laxative which regulates the bowels. A single dose will establish natural, healthy bowel movement for weeks at a time, even if the child was chronically constipated. Dr. Cald-

well's Syrup Pepsin not only causes a gentle, easy bowel movement but best of all, it is often months before another dose is necessary. Besides, it is absolutely harmless, and so pleasant that even a cross, feverish, bilious, sick child gladly takes it.

Buy a large 60-cent bottle at any store that sells medicine and just see for yourself.

**Dr. Caldwell's SYRUP PEPSIN**

## Why have RHEUMATISM?

OH, what a wonderful feeling to be free from that miserable rheumatism. To know again the joy of limber joints and active muscles—freedom from that agonizing pain!

How often have you longed for some relief as you suffered torture from swollen, inflamed muscles and joints—how often have you said you would give anything in the World for a few hours comfort!

But you didn't know that all you had to do to get real relief from this nerve wracking misery was just to build rich, red blood, did you? You didn't know that rheumatism had to be stopped from the inside by destroying the impurities that cause it—by building millions of red cells in your blood.

helps Nature build the red-blood-cells that fight off the impurities that cause rheumatism.

Conquer rheumatism! S. S. S. has shown the way. For generations S. S. S. has brought blessed relief and comfort to thousands of rheumatic sufferers.

When the rich, red blood that S. S. S. helps Nature build goes coursing through your system, it purifies the blood in your body. Rheumatism vanishes—skin blemishes disappear—you begin to get hungry again and enjoy your food—strength and power fill your body—your vigor is restored and





## Make 'Em Happy!

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#### Notice to Lease

No. 758  
Guardianship of Boyce Robbins, et al, minors.

In The County Court of Callahan Texas. In Vacation

Notice is hereby given that I Mrs. Winnie Robbins, Guardian of the estates of Boyce Robbins, and Lois Robbins, minors have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the judge of Callahan county Texas, authorizing me as guardian of the estates of said wards to execute an oil and gas mineral lease upon such terms as the Court may order and direct of the following described real estate belonging to the estates of said wards.

Being 2-84th undivided interest in and to lots No. 19 and 20, in block 52, central addition to the town of Cross Plains, in Callahan county Texas, according to Plat of said addition on file in the County Clerk's office at Baird Texas.

Said application will be heard by the county judge of Callahan county Texas, at the court house in the city of Baird Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. December 12, 1925. All person interested in the welfare of said minors are hereby cited to be present at said hearing and contest this application if they see fit to do so.

Witness my hand this the 30th day of November 1925

Mrs. Winnie Robbins  
Guardian of the estates of said wards.

#### Notice to Lease

No. 759,  
Guordianship of Jack Robbins, et al, minors.

In the County Court of Callahan County Texas, in vacation.

Notice is hereby given, that I Mrs. Willie Stewart, guardian of the estates of Jack Robbins, Terrell Robbins, Margaret Robbins, Willie Robbins and Tex Robbins, minors, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for, an order of the Judge of Callahan county, Texas, authorizing me as guardian of the estates of said wards to execute an oil and gas mineral lease upon such terms as the court may order and direct of the following described real estate belonging to the estates of said wards.

Being 5-84th undivided interest in and to lots No. 19 and 20, in Blk. No. 52, central addition to the town of Cross Plains, in Callahan county, Texas, according to Plat of said addition on file in the county Clerk's office at Baird, Texas.

Said application will be heard by the County Judge of Callahan County Texas at the Court House in the city of Baird, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. December 12, 1925. All persons interested in the welfare of said minors are hereby cited to be present at said hearing and contest this application if they see fit to do so.

Witness my hand this the 30th day of November, 1925.

Mrs. Willie Stewart.  
Guardian of the estates of said wards.

#### "White-Ship Woman"

Our new Serial Story, "The White-Ship Woman" starts next week. Be sure and read the first installment.

Coach Bennett says that the Basket Ball Teams are now organized and have ordered their suits, and expresses thanks to the business men of town, for contribution to same.

J. Worth Joyce of Clyde was a business visitor here the first.

Mrs. J. O. Butler of Stamford was visiting friends here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Garner have returned from Tulsa Okla. where they spent Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. H. S. Pace and daughter Elizabeth, motored to Brownwood Wednesday.

For Sale—Boarding House, including lot, cheap for quick sale; owner leaving town for other business. Block east and 3 blocks north postoffice. See Mrs. Elmer Higgins, P. O. Box 345

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