

The Baird Star

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BAIRD BOYS AND GIRLS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Beginning last Friday, scores of Baird boys and girls, who are attending various schools and colleges over the state, came trooping home for the holidays.

The larger number hail from Texas Tech, Lubbock, where Weldon Varner, Curtis Sutphen, Vernon Johnson, Willard and Norris Kelton, and W. O. Wylie are enrolled. Cliff Johnson, who is a student in High School at Lubbock, and his mother and sister, Mrs. A. Johnson, Miss Juanita and Golee Charline, who are making their home there during the school term, are home for the holidays.

Frank Bearden, a student in the School of Mines, El Paso, and his mother, who is spending the school term with her sons, Fabian and Frank are home for the holidays. Fabian did not come home.

From Simmons University came Misses Doris Foy, Donna McGowan, Josie Lois Ivey, Leo Thompson and Ralph Short.

Miss Bonnie Bell James comes from C. I. A.; Misses Maggie Harp and Katie Lou Moore from N. T. S. T., Denton.

Misses Eva Robinson and Anita Hart comes from Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth.

Misses Ruth and Marjorie Boren and Olaf Hollingshead comes from The Texas State University, Austin.

Carroll McGowan comes from Baylor Dental College.

Miss Emogene Orr, from Trinity University, is expected today to spend Christmas with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes.

Funeral For Mr. S. F. Hamilton Held Saturday

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church for Mr. S. F. Hamilton, who died Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. Services were conducted by Rev. M. S. Leverage, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Joe R. Mayes. Interment was made in Ross cemetery.

Pall bearers were: Horace Jarrett, Lloyd Hughes, S. I. Smith, W. Y. Cleveland, Frank Estes and Sam Black.

Mr. Hamilton has been a resident of Baird for the past two years, being proprietor of the Sunnyside Service Station, and Tourist Camp. He has made many friends here. He was a good citizen, the type whose life is woven into and makes the best that is in our great civilization. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a christian gentleman, having been converted when a boy about 17 years of age and united with the Methodist church to which he was faithful to the end. The most beautiful of any life is that the youth of manhood is consecrated to the service of the Master and opens into the beautiful character of old age.

S. F. Hamilton was born in Towash Springs, Hill county on May 29th, 1874, being 56 years, 6 months and 19 days of age, at the time of his death on December 18th. He was married to Miss Lola Belle Jones June 2, 1898. Eleven children were born to this union, one son, William, died when two years of age, the other ten children, with their mother survive, and all were present at the funeral. They are: Ulyses C. Hamilton, Joe Hamilton, Leo Hamilton and Miss Frandia Hamilton, of Baird; Hiram J. Hamilton, Hutchison, Kan.; Mrs. J. M. Shook, T. A. Hamilton, J. S. Hamilton and Mrs. Homer Odum, of Wichita Falls, Texas; Mrs. D. C. Large, of Rising Star, and one brother, W. F. Hamilton, of O'Donnell, who came in response to a message of his brothers serious illness, but on account of sickness in his family, did not stay for the funeral.

Mr. Hamilton was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

MARRIED

Mr. Rufus Brown and Miss Mary Taif, both of Baird, were married Sunday, Dec. 21, 1930. Squire T. J. White, officiating.

Voters Discuss Road Bond Issue

Hugh Moore's View On The Road Bond Issue

Referring to the \$1,000,000 bond issue explained in the Baird Star of the issue of December 19th, I would like to make a few remarks on the same.

As matters of business requiring my attention have caused my absence from Callahan County for a considerable part of each year for a number of years past, I am not in touch with the official affairs of the county, and therefore have had no direct information as to the disposition of the above named bond issue except as published in the December 12th and 19th editions of the Baird Star.

In the December 12th edition the purposes are set forth as follows, in Article 2 of the Legal notice:

"Construction, maintenance and operation of Macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof throughout the said county." The reading of this Article impressed me with the idea that of the above amount of money derived from sale of bonds, \$709,788.87 was to be applied in an equitable manner to all of the roads of the county, said money so derived to be appropriated to each precinct pro rata and to be used on the roads of said precincts as the majority of citizens residing in these precincts should elect; for instance, to handle the situation in an easy way, split the county into four equal precincts for the purpose of road work and each precinct would receive one-fourth of the above amount, it being left up to the citizens of said precincts to get together and decide among themselves as to whether they desired to hard surface some of the roads, gravel or Macadamize some out of the one-fourth coming to them of the amount of the bonds allotted for this work.

But on taking up the Baird Star, edition of December 19th, I find that, according to the explanation contained therein, my vote will be cast for an entirely different purpose. In this December 19th issue it is stated that \$350,000 of the amount referred to in this article shall be applied on a paved road from Cross Plains to Baird; also that the balance remaining shall be split into four parts, approximately \$90,000 to each part. Taking for granted that one of the four parts will comprise the Cross Plains-Baird road, this will receive virtually \$350,000 plus \$90,000 which is \$440,000, whereas the balance of the county will receive \$227,000. If I am wrong in these conclusions please correct me.

Now, I wish to take up the reason for the issuance of these road bonds at this particular time. Rumor again steps in and tells me that it is to help the farmer; and after reading and digesting the explanation in the December 19th issue, on the face of it it looks like there is some intention to that effect, and with a little further light on the subject I may understand where the farmer is to derive the benefit of it.

I wish to define my position on this bond issue. If it clearly shown that the farmers will get the benefit of this work I am for it first, last, and all the time, but before we vote this bond issue we want to be certain that the farmers do get the benefit. Let us take up the explanation given in the December 19th issue on the benefit to the farmer on work on the Cross Plains-Baird paved road. It says the contractors will be bound down to use local labor as far as practical. It further states that the money will be available by February 1st, 1931. How long will it be before a contractor's bid will be accepted and the work started? What will the farmers be doing when this work is started and if the farmers are employed in ploughing, planting and working their crops, where is the contractor going to get his labor? He is bound as far as practical to use local labor but if the local labor is not forthcoming (and I mean the farmers, for whose benefit this bond issue is being voted on), should he be busy in trying to make his crop, the contractor will have the right to get his labor where he can. Now if this issue is not wholly for the benefit of the farmer I am opposed to it. The work on all the roads should be adjusted to the time that the farmer can put in on them when not working in his crop and should be decided on

at a meeting of the farmers of each precinct.

I desire to compliment the commissioners for the able manner in which they have laid down the rules for handling the work on the lateral roads and particularly for that part of it which lays down the rule that Callahan County labor only be employed on such designated roads. In stressing the Cross Plains-Baird paved road I have no desire to criticize the citizens of that part of the county and I do not believe that they wish for anything but a fair disposition of the money derived from the sale of the bonds, and I believe that if it was left to them they would say to divide it equally to the four precincts of the county. If any of the precincts wish to apply their portion of such division in a gold-surfaced road, the other precincts would have no kick coming.

Yours for the bond issue equitably divided,

Hugh Moore.

J. H. Burkett's View On The Road Bond Issue

The proposition to fasten an additional thirty-year mortgage on the real property of the county is only another effort to fasten an additional strangle-hold on the natural resources of the county, to make more secure the income to the bond buyers and dealers. The movement is designated for the purpose of continuing the wild orgy of spending that has brought on the present depressed condition of the country over and to fasten on the productive capacity of our farms and ranches a mortgage debt which at this time is wholly uncalled for and unjustifiable.

Let no one kid himself with the notion that the burden of taxation necessary to liquidate the bonds, should they be issued, will fall on the business and professional, property owning citizenship, only. For there is but one source of all wealth, that which comes from the soil, originally, and is increased in value by the application of the artizian-additional labor. It requires the application of labor to produce wealth. So that whenever bonds are issued, it is only an additional mortgage on the production of labor. The main object of the efforts now being made to vote bonds for road building throughout the State, is to prepare and pave the way for the huge three hundred and fifty million State bond issue so strenuously advocated during the past Governortorial campaign. The same influence that was behind that proposal is also the instigators and promulgators of these additional county road bond issues, preparatory to another campaign for the State bond proposal which they purpose to resurrect just as soon as they can get their plans perfected. The fact that the farm population stayed at home the past election on the Constitutional amendments and let the cities and towns carry the amendments by default, has encouraged the bond propagandists to believe that they can also amend the constitution so the State can lend its aid in inaugurating the principal of floating bonds, based on the property valuations of the State. And if they can succeed in getting the majority of the counties of the state to fasten the proposed county bonds on the property of their counties, they will not have so much trouble in putting over the state bond issue when it is submitted for ratification.

Yes to be sure we need good roads. But before we fasten additional mortgages on the homes of the state, we need to inaugurate some kind of a profitable farm program, that will enable the actual dirt farmer to produce sufficient wealth with which he can pay off the mortgages with which the entire country is now burdened. Already we are having to pay for the numerous school, city, gas, electric, railroad, highway, express, automobile, oil and gas bonds, as state levies in addition to the tariff tax imposed for federal expenditures, which gives subsidies to our great domestic corporations; all of which must be paid by productive labor. Gentlemen before you vote these additional million dollar bonds, please find some way for we producers to make a living and enough additional to meet our ever increasing assessments on the bonds which you have already fastened on us. At the present rate you are kill-

ing the goose that has been laying the golden egg. And we have about reached the point where we no longer pay our assessments, and are fast becoming a race of serfs and peons.

In addition to the foregoing, will say that the proposition to catch the farmer's vote is to my mind misleading. If the farmer is to make a crop he will have to devote his time to farming, he will have no time to devote to road building if he is to make a crop.

Let me urge the citizens of Callahan County to go to the polls on Jan. 3rd, and cast your vote to repudiate this additional mortgage on you and your children, and be in a position, when the proposition is made, which will surely come, to also repudiate the State Bond proposal.

J. H. Burkett.

J. S. Yeager's View On The Road Bond Issue

I have just finished reading the article on the first page of last week's Baird Star entitled, Facts Pertaining to the Million Dollar Road Bond issue in Callahan County.

This seems to be the most inopportune time that could have been selected to vote a bond issue in Callahan County or any other county in the drouth districts, as there will be a large percent of the tax payers of the county who will not be able to pay their taxes this year and to place another tax on them for another year will absolutely absurd.

Every voter should give this matter careful consideration before going to the polls and voting for the issue, as when he votes for the bonds he is voting to mortgage his property for thirty years whether you realize it or not. There are a great number of people who are of the opinion that a homestead cannot be sold for the taxes but this is not a fact. See Article No. XVI, Sec. 50, of the Texas Constitution, which reads that a homestead may be sold for current taxes. You may say that you have no real estate of your own and possibly may be able to get a job working on the road and will vote for the bond issue on this ground. If this be the case you should think seriously before voting to mortgage the other fellow's home for thirty years in order to secure a few days employment. That is what this bond issue will mean if it should carry as it will place a mortgage on every foot of land in Callahan County for a period of thirty years. The reason I am using real estate in my illustration of the above is because every bond issue is based on real estate and if you only own personal property you may move away from the county and this ends the bonds so far as you are concerned but not so with the man who owns the real estate.

Who Will Handle The Money

Q—Where will this money be placed for distribution?

A—The money will be deposited in local county banks.

The Clyde banks will get approximately \$90,000 in deposits. The Cross Plains banks will get approximately \$90,000 in deposits. The Baird banks will get approximately \$90,000 in deposits and the Putnam bank will get approximately \$90,000 in deposits.

Now what I would like to know is if there has been an agreement to distribute the money in this way where did these parties who made the agreement get their authority, as the law does not give any such rights.

County Deposits

Chapter two, of the Revised Statute of 1925, Article 2544, reads as follows: The Commissioners Court of each county is authorized and required at the February term of court following each general election to advertise for bids to handle the county funds for a period of two years. The advertisements shall run for not less than twenty days in some newspaper published in the county and the bids so received shall be opened in open court or course with provision that the county will have the right to reject any and all bids. See Article 2546. For further information see Article 2549, which reads as follows: After the depository has been selected designating such banking corporation or individual as the depository that the County Treasurer shall place all county funds in such depository.

Now if this money can be placed in different banks distributed all over the county I fail to find any authority for any such action, as Article 2549 says all money shall be placed in the depository selected and this statement to the effect that the banks throughout the county will get part of this money is misleading, as there quite a lot of people who think by this means they would be enabled to secure a loan that they could not otherwise secure. In the first place, I do not think this money can be distributed in this way legally as no bank would be willing to make a ninety-thousand dollar bond to secure this deposit and that is what the law requires of the depository—an amount equal to the amount deposited. No bank would be willing to be out the additional expense it necessarily would be in purchasing the bond and additional clerical work. Look up references I have given and you will find that this scheme is blown up.

Tax Rates To Carry Bonds

Q—How much tax will be required to carry million dollar bond issue?

A—Seventy cent tax rate is all that is required. Expert accountants who are not interested in Callahan County have advised that a tax of seventy cents per on hundred dollars, based on the 1930 renditions, will take care of interest and pay off the bonds in thirty years.

They experts have figured the tax and are not interested in the bond issue. Well, we have had expert accountants figuring in Callahan county for the past twelve years and we know them to be experts when it comes to figuring, for out of the \$300,000 bond issue voted in road district No. 1, they figured out \$138,000 for overhead expenses and they certainly must have been experts to have figured out \$138,000 to tell us one gallus boys how to spend the other \$162,000, or in other words, it took forty-three per cent for overhead. Before some one jumps up and disputes the above statement I would ask that you see a statement given out by Gib Gilchrist, State Engineer, in which he states there were only \$162,000 paid in on the road by the county and that leaves a balance of \$138,000 that went someplace besides on the road. See Dallas News of June 29, 1930 for this statement in which Mr. Gilchrist gives the amount of bonds voted in each county along with the tax rate in every county in the state. This must be authority as it was put out in the interest of the \$350,000,000 road bond issue as advocated by Mr. Sterling.

I am going to give you the valuation of all the property in Callahan county which the article in the last week's Baird Star failed to give, so that you may figure the rate yourself. The total valuation in the county, as shown by the 1930 tax roll amounts to \$9,521,000, or about \$500,000 less than in 1928. Now to get the rate it will take to carry this bond issue you will get the amount each year, which is \$33,333.33 plus the amount of interest at 5 1/2 per cent which would equal \$55,000 as interest, which makes a total of \$88,333.33 to be raised, which divided by \$9,521,000, will equal a rate of 93 cents per hundred plus the commissions paid for collecting etc. and the delinquent, which will total more than one dollar. It does not take an expert accountant to figure this rate—just any ordinary tow headed school boy can figure it out for you and do not be deceived by this seventy cent rate, as they are figuring on a thirty year average, and should this carry the rate would run for thirty years without any reduction. Figuring seventy cent rate, as they are figuring, for a period of thirty years you will have paid out in that time \$1,999,410 for the use of \$1,000,000 to build roads to last from two to four years. Do not be deceived but go to the polls and vote against the bonds.

A System Of Gravel Roads

A system of gravel roads as proposed by the proponents of this bond issue does not since all the adjoining counties have tried this route of road building and found it to be a failure. First, because they would not stand up and second, they found they were too expensive to maintain, not withstanding

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W. O. WYLIES SET CHRISTMAS DIN- NER

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wylie and son, W. O. Wylie, Jr., gave a Christmas dinner today, Wednesday, at the Long dining hall, to the needy people of the city.

The dining hall and tables were beautifully decorated in Christmas garlands, and some sixty-five guests were present to enjoy the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie and their son. The menu for the dinner consisted of baked ham, roast beef, cream potatoes, vegetables, cranberries, peaches and cake, apples, oranges milk and coffee.

Music throughout the dinner hour was furnished by Mrs. V. E. Hill's orchestra: Clifton Hill, Billy James, Catherine James, Bonne Bell James, Riley Smith and Tom Wylie.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sigal, of the Sigal Theatre, presented each guest with a complimentary ticket to the show Wednesday night to see the Two Black Crows, Mack and Moran in "Anybody's War."

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie and son were assisted in this commendable cause by the following committees:

Invitation Committee: Rev. Joe R. Mayes, Rev. M. S. Leverage and W. O. Wylie, Jr.

Committee to fill plates: Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Mrs. Gertie Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wylie and Clones Womack. Committee to serve tables: Misses Leota Alexander, Helen Settle, Viletta Wylie, Glenn McGowan, Dorothy Boyd Stun, Dorothy Mae Scott, Helen Virginia Mayfield and Lennis Varner.

Committee to deliver boxes to those unable to come: W. O. Wylie, Jr., Olaf Hollingshead and Gaston Wylie.

The Christmas dinner was prepared by Fred Estes, of the Quality Cafe, and nothing was lacking to make it a feast.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie and son, also more joy from this Christmas dinner as those who were their guests on this those who were their guests on this occasion.

J. P. Walker's Resi- dence Burglarized

J. P. Walker's Residence burglarized. Burglars entered the residence of J. P. Walker on Thursday night of last week by tearing a screen from the window, and took quilts, pillows and groceries. Mr. Walker's leather coat and numerous other things. The family were at the picture show and when they returned they discovered the theft and immediately called the officers, who discovered the stolen goods hid away in a ditch south of the railroad. An arrest was made we understand.

Christmas Eve in Baird

Christmas Eve and everyone is busy making last minute purchases of gifts. There will be Christmas trees at the different churches in the city, where Christmas Programs will be rendered.

The Goodfellows and other charities of the city, have sent well filled baskets to the needy of the city and many children have been remembered at this Christmas season. We trust none who are in need have been overlooked and that there will be no empty stockings in Baird in this Christmas morning.

City Officials Ask All To Be Careful of Fire

We respectfully ask the co-operation of all the citizens in safe guarding life and property during the holidays. We do not wish to interfere with the pleasers of anyone, but urge all to be careful that none will be injured or fires caused by carelessness.

Baird has a good fire record, let us keep it as such; We cannot afford to fight fires, but we can afford to prevent them. This is our desire and is for the benefit of all our good people. We urge all to help to make this a safe holiday season.

H. Schwartz, Mayor
J. C. Barringer, Marshal



Arthur Plans a Merry Christmas
by Clara Agee Hays

ARTHUR BROOKS smiled. For ten years he had looked forward to this Christmas—saving and skimping and dreaming. Maybe it was silly for a fellow's pride to drive him on so long. It was more than pride, though. If Jane Bentley hadn't been a thoughtful, beautiful girl, pride wouldn't have kept him to it. That had been why, when he was only fifteen he'd resolved to go back—on some Christmas—and surprise the man who had given him the ten-dollar bill and the girl who had given him the muffler. At least, he thought it would surprise them to see, instead of a ragged youth, a well dressed man with a decent bank account.

Ten thousand dollars! He'd been saving toward it the whole ten years. He'd gone to night school and managed even some day work at college since. Lucky investments had helped. And, this year, by queer fortune, it had jumped to fifteen thousand! A relative worth millions had left him five thousand. Now he hoped he could talk to Jane Bentley without being ashamed of himself. That was all he'd wanted the money for—his own self-respect. . . . He'd get her father a present in token of his gratitude for that other Christmas . . . and, perhaps, flowers for Jane. He'd made sure she wasn't married.

In the suburbs, Arthur hopped from the train with boyish eagerness. He'd just "happen in" or no, he'd better telephone; say he was going through, and thought he'd look them up.

Jane's voice came strained and distant over the telephone. "You probably don't remember me," he said, humbly hoping she might. "I'm the boy who lived in that little old house at the foot of your hill. The Christmas after my mother died your father invited me to your house. . . ."

"Oh, yes!" Jane was more cordial. "My father is in the hospital. I'm going to see him and, if you'd like, I'll pick you up."

Arthur thrilled to be sitting in the car beside Jane. Her cheeks were



The Dinner Arthur Hired Cooked Lacked Nothing.

still rosy and dark hair curled about her face, school-girl fashion. But there was a hint of suppressed worry in her manner.

"I'm glad to see you, Arthur," she said simply.

Mr. Bentley remembered. "That Christmas?" he laughed, "I saw you looking forlorn and invited you to come along to our house. To be sure!"

"Father comes home tomorrow," Jane said, "for Christmas." But her voice lacked the joy Arthur expected. And though the Bentleys were friendly, they didn't invite him to the house at all. He said good-by at the station with queer disappointment. He had seen Jane and loved her more. . . . But tomorrow was Christmas and he'd been dismissed!

Frank White, an old classmate, was awaiting the train, too.

"Saw you with Jane Bentley," Frank remarked. "Too bad about them, isn't it?"

"You mean Mr. Bentley's being in the hospital?"

"That, too, but losing their home is what put him there."

"Losing their home?" Arthur gasped. "Yes. Hadn't you heard? Foreclosure takes place January first, and they must get out. Don't know what they'll do—"

"How much was it mortgaged for?"

"Twelve thousand, I think."

Arthur excused himself quickly. On Christmas day he knocked at the Bentley door.

"I've been wanting to celebrate with you folks," he pleaded to Jane, who came to the door. "If I furnish the dinner, won't you furnish the house?"

The owner Arthur hired cooked lacked nothing. After it, Arthur shyly extended a package to Jane.

"To prove my gratitude." It held a beautiful scarf. "As near a muffler as I could find," he laughed.

To Mr. Bentley he handed an envelope. "Interest on the ten dollars." Mr. Bentley's hand trembled as he saw his own cancelled notes. "But, my boy, the home is yours now. We can't keep it."

Arthur disagreed. "I've always liked this home, Mr. Bentley," he admitted, "but I can't arrange things to stay here just now. Won't you live in it until I need a home?"

Something Arthur sensed in Jane's smile told him it would be hers again as soon as he could "arrange things."



Folks For Christmas
by Florence Harris Wells

WERE certainly getting a fierce old blizzard, Sallie. Farmer Mat Brown, crippled with rheumatism, sat rocking and presumably reading near the kitchen stove the morning of the day before Christmas. "It doesn't look like much of a Christmas. I wish we had somebody to come. It takes folks to make a real Christmas."

"Well, we have each other," Sallie replied cheerily, "and I've got enough wood in the shed to keep this kitchen stove going awhile. It's lucky for us we have that little room off this big kitchen to use for our bedroom. The rest of the house is just as well shut up."

"That's so, Sallie. You always look on the bright side of everything. But sometimes I can't help but wish we had children—some folks anyway for Christmas, don't you? We're a lone—some old pair at best, just us two, and it seems worse this kind of weather."

It was almost a misty cloud that passed over Sallie's face, but, as is the custom of clouds, it seemed to leave it more bright and sunshiny than before.

"Now, what would we do with folks, Mat?" She laughed gaily. "They'd freeze this weather in any room but this kitchen and the little bedroom."

"But if there were more of us," persisted John, "there'd be more to help. Got anything for Christmas dinner to make it sort of special, Sallie?"

"Yes, I'm going to kill one of the last five hens. It's Christmas and we must do something to celebrate."

A great stamping and banging interrupted any further remarks and amidst a gust of whirling snow flakes Sallie opened the door to four snow-covered figures who unceremoniously pushed in, closing the door behind them.

"Excuse us," the spokesman said. "We're going home from college. Thought we could make it in our car. But we're stuck. This storm is fierce. I never knew we could have a blizzard around here." The boys were

shaking their coats and hats and generally upsetting the customary calm of the kitchen.

"There's a lot more stuck back of us."

"This is the only house we could see anywhere. Guess it's because it's near the road."

"You can't see very far in this storm." The boys were all talking at once now.

Another banging at the door and two traveling men entered, apologetically, but determinedly:

"Beg pardon, people, but we're stuck. The snow is most two feet deep on a level and it's getting worse every minute. We salesmen are up against it trying to get home for Christmas and never dreaming of a blizzard in this section. Seems like the storms of the pioneers."

Sallie managed to find her voice: "You're welcome, I'm sure, but we haven't much to offer."

"That's all right, madam. There's a truck of groceries, stuck, too. The driver said as soon as we'd located a farm house to come back and we'd all rustle up eats enough; so you needn't worry about food, except to help us

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shed. Sallie was already at work getting the biggest Christmas dinner she had ever known.

It was late afternoon when the state snow plows reached the Browns. One by one the cars were dug out and the travelers went on their way, leaving behind them a much disheveled house, a quantity of food, some cash and, best of all, a spirit of Christmas gaiety and helpfulness.

"How'd you like having folks, Mat?" Sallie laughed mischievously as she began arranging the disorderly but warm rooms.

"Great!" Mat answered with more enthusiasm than he had shown in some time. "It's an ill wind that doesn't blow somebody good, and this time we're the somebody. It takes folks all right to make a Christmas. It's the best Christmas we've had in years."

"Say the best we've ever had, Mat." "The best we've ever had," Mat obediently chanted.

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HER CHRISTMAS DOLLY



Nature's Storehouse Is Full of Yuletide Gifts

Give what you have. To some it may be better than you think. Instead of out-of-town dwellers turning their eyes cityward at Christmas time, why not turn them to the resources which nature offers to those who have eyes to see and invention to use? Mother Nature's storehouse is full of Christmas gifts, writes Mary Hamilton Talbot in Nature Magazine. Practically every state possesses some unusual features which would bring delight to those who live in other parts of the country, but owing to their familiarity to the people who reside in their midst are never thought of as possible gifts.

How many mountain folks of the South look upon scarlet galax leaves as anything unusual, yet here is one of the very few places in the world where these much prized leaves are to be found. A wreath or two of them, or a barrel of holly and mistletoe, or perhaps some of the rare mosses these regions contain, would bring joy to the recipient.

"The Feast of Lights" The oldest name for Christmas is "The Feast of Lights," in remembrance of the lighted heavens in which the angels appeared on the first Christmas day.

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The Bird's Christmas Tree
by Blanche Tanner Dillin

ALTHOUGH there had been no young members in the Bird home for ten years, each year a tree had been decorated, to later be shut away in the living room, the beauty and joy of it shared only with those friends who came to call.

Mrs. Bird, seated before the open fire in the library, with Christmas only a week away, wondered if it would be the same this year. Her husband, seated on the other side of the fire place, his book on his knee, gazed dreamily into the fire. She wondered if he were thinking of the same thing.

"I was thinking about Christmas, and about having a tree this year," Mrs. Bird said. "It lends such an air of festivity."

"I thought we decided that last year when we bought that live tree and planted it later," her husband returned.

"Yes, I guess we really did." There was a note of sadness in Mrs. Bird's voice. It had been so different when the children were at home. First there was Robin, then James, nicknamed Jay-Bird; Jenny, William, Katherine, called Cat-Bird by her brothers; and "Just plain Mary, plain with a fancy temper," as one of the family was fond of saying. This fancy temper had asserted itself when her parents had not approved of the man of her choice, and although she agreed with them later and abided by their decision, she made up her mind that she would not be dictated to, and went out into the world to assert her independence.

With Mary too busy with her work and the others busy with their individual problems and pleasure, there had been no family gatherings at the big and comfortable Bird home for many years.

The next day looking from the window at the planted Christmas tree, Mrs. Bird noticed a bird pecking at the frozen ground for his morning meal. "Poor thing," she sighed. In a moment, however, her eyes shining with happiness, she clapped her hands. "The very thing!" she cried as she

hurred to unfold her plan to Hannah the cook.

Until the day before Christmas an air of mystery hung over the kitchen as great preparations went on for some forthcoming event. When the day before Christmas arrived, and Mr. Bird was away on an errand, Mrs. Bird and Hannah were busily tying strings of popcorn, cranberries, big red apples, pieces of bacon and cake, and baskets of grain and crumbs, and other choice tidbits for birds, on the planted Christmas tree.

"What on earth!" exclaimed Mr. Bird, as he saw the preparations on his arrival home.

"Oh, Edward," Mrs. Bird cried as she clasped his arm, "It did seem so selfish to have a tree shut away in the house for no one to enjoy it but ourselves, so I thought I would share it with the other kind of birds."

"Bless you, dear," putting his arm around her, "I never felt very happy about it myself, but I didn't know what to do about it, but now—"

"Oh, look!" Mrs. Bird whispered as the first visitor arrived from the air. In a few minutes others of his kind had arrived, and in a short time the

tree was filled with a chattering flock of the little feathered creatures.

That night there were lights in the tree and as Mr. and Mrs. Bird looked at it from the window, several cars came up the hill and turned in at the driveway. "They have seen the lights and come to see our tree," was their decision. But in a moment figures were rushing toward the house while voices called "Merry Christmas, Father and Mother!" "Merry Christmas, Grandfather and Grandmother!" and once more the children were all at home again, Mary and all. Then they all had to tell over and over how it was Mary who first suggested the surprise and of the planning which followed.

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**What Roger
Brought
Home**

A Christmas Story
by **MYRTLE KOON
CHERRYMAN**



Roger was always bringing home something! His twelve-year-old ideas of fun, household benefit and chivalry were sometimes embarrassing to the family. This time, it was a foreign looking woman, and luckily Mr. Damon was busy in the library, so he didn't have the shock of seeing her first.

Mrs. Damon, as she lay in bed, recovering from an attack of flu, had the news broken to her gently by Roger, who came in and closed the door after him.

"Mother, when I went down to the station to mail that letter on the train for Dad, I saw a woman sitting there crying, and I found out she'd come to work for some family, and they hadn't met her. She'd lost the address and could not remember their name—isn't that dumb? So I brought her home to have something to eat—she hadn't had any breakfast, and was afraid to go to a hotel."

"But, darling, did you tell her I was sick, and that our maid had to go home for a funeral?"

"Yes, I explained that we were in a pickle, too, and were trying to decide whether Dad and I should go to a hotel for our dinner."

"Well, you are going! It's foolish of you to stay home because the doctor won't let me get up yet. The turkey will keep, and if my fever doesn't return today, I can get up tomorrow; Mary will be back next day, and we can have our Christmas dinner then."

"Well, we'll see—but now I'm going to take her into the kitchen—she's Mrs. Schwartz—German, I guess—and get out the eggs and things for her. I told her I'd make her some toast, but that I wasn't very good on coffee. Dad could make it fine, but I was afraid he wouldn't be enthusiastic."

"Hardly!" exclaimed Mrs. Damon, remembering her husband's complex against doing anything not on the program. "Well, do the best you can, dear—but I hate to think of the way that kitchen must look after two days of male housekeeping."

She went back to her reading, and as the house was quiet, she finally fell asleep, making up for the hours lost worrying in the night about what her "boys" would do for holiday festivity in this bleak situation.

Two hours later she was roused by a gentle tap at her door, and in response to her "Come!" Roger entered, carrying a dainty tray, with a cup of steaming chocolate, and some attractive little cakes.

"She made it—the chocolate—and these are some kuchen, or whatever you call 'em—she had in her bag, like they make in the old country. And she's got all the dishes washed. I helped put 'em away—and now, what d'ye s'pose?"

"She has unfolded her wings and flown back to heaven!" guessed Mrs. Damon, sipping the most delicious cocoa she had ever tasted.

"No! She's got the turkey in the oven, and is getting the dinner! I'm going to the phone now to see if I can locate the folks that sent for her. She remembered the name—Martin. She told me half an hour ago, but I didn't want to hurry too much, because I wanted her to get the dinner cooked first."

"Oh, you scamp!" laughed his mother. "Go right to the phone and call up all the Martins. There are so many it may take until the turkey is done, anyway."

"Yes, it's pretty near ready now!" Whether Roger artfully timed his search for lost employes or not, they were located just as dinner was ready, and were so jubilantly grateful that they told Mrs. Schwartz to serve the dinner and eat her own; they would send for her in an hour to cook their own evening meal. It seemed they had expected her at another station, and had worried all morning over what had happened to the poor woman, as well as what would happen to their own poor dinner.

When the angel-cook left at four o'clock, she would take no pay for her work, saying: "I had a gut Christmas, and dis little boy vasy my Kris Kringle."

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Christmas in A. D. 190
Christmas was first celebrated as a religious festival about A. D. 190.



JUST as Mabel was leaving the florist's with an extra holly wreath to leave at a neighbor's house, the saleswoman handed her a sprig of mistletoe, and, rather than seem ungracious, she took it, though it was awkward to carry, especially as she had to go home on the street car.

Crowded with tired shoppers, the car was anything but comfortable, and Mabel had to hang desperately to a strap, icy tracks making the car unsteady. Mabel, however, could always summon a smile, and she tossed one gayly to old Professor Donald, who tried to motion her to his seat farther down in the car. She made a "No, thanks" with her lips, adding, "Can't get there," which was true.

Hartley Gorton crowded his way to the strap next hers, and gave greeting in a delighted way.



"How happy everybody looks!" Mabel exclaimed. "The good old Christmas spirit has fairly spilled itself into this car."

"Yes, since you entered it," he commented meaningly. "Because I have this red and green suit on, I suppose," she said; then, looking around, "But they're not just smiling, they're laughing. What has happened?"

"You really don't know?" queried Hartley. "I believe you don't, and here's the chance I've waited for all these months right before me, and I don't take it!"

Just then a couple of college boys, not far away, called out, apparently to Hartley, "Go to it, old chap!" and then said, "Wish I had that chance!"

Following their eyes, Mabel looked up at her hand, holding the strap, and there was the foolish spray of mistletoe, in view of all, and directly above her head! "Oh, you idiots!" she

blazed, and then, in spite of herself, laughed merrily, the fellow passengers joining in heartily. When they left the car Hartley took her bundles, and when her door was

reached he went in with her, as a matter of course.

"I'm sorry if I added to your embarrassment, dear," he said, "but I have waited a long time, and you promised to give me an answer very soon. How about it?"

For reply, Mabel held the mistletoe above her head.



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Christmas

The Origin of Christmas

If you will look back many centu-
ries you will see Mary and Joseph
crossing a desert, Mary riding a don-
key and Joseph walking at her side.
They are trying to get to Bethlehem
before nightfall.

But when they reach Bethlehem,
the inn is already filled with people
and Mary and Joseph have to find
some place to spend the night. The
only place they can find is a manger
where the cattle ate and slept.

It was on that night that Christ
was born. He had no crib to receive
him, only the hay in the manger; and
his clothing was the swaddling clothes.

God gave His only Son in the form
of a babe to Mary and Joseph to
rear, and His mission for Jesus was
for Him to set an example and to be
the Savior of men. In commemora-
tion of His birth, the people to-day
celebrate Christmas and give gifts,
as did the wise men of old.

The Spirit Of Christmas

The true spirit of Christmas is one
of loving kindness and joyous giving.
The entire Christmas season is one
of cheerfulness and gladness. The
more willingly and cheerfully we offer
our gifts to the poor, the fuller and
more pleasant our Christmas will be.
The happier we make the Christmas
season for some one else, the happier
our own will be. It is useless to ex-
pect joy unless we have made some
one else joyous. If Christmas to us
means only plenty of dainty Christ-
mas dishes, and large bundles of
gifts from our friends, to whom it
becomes necessary that we give a
gift in return, we are missing the
great delight that can be received
only by a true spirit of Christmas.

If, on the other hand, Christmas
calls on us to make a bit of self-sac-
rifice in order to make someone else
happy and if our gifts are given
through real love, we have found the
meaning of the true Christmas spirit.
Then when we hear the wonderful
story of that first Christmas and real-
ize the supreme gift of love and sac-
rifice that was made for the entire
world, we can feel at least some little
bit of pride in knowing that our
heart was prompted by that same
loving spirit that made the great
gift so long ago.

Christmas Customs

Christmas customs in this country
have been transplanted from many
lands, some of them even being trace-
able to pagan sources. The Christ-
mas tree originated in Germany, San-
ta Claus is an evolution of Holland's
St. Nicholas, hanging Christmas
stockings is a custom from Belgium
and France and so on.

Early English settlers in America
did not observe Christmas as a holi-
day. In fact, the Pilgrim Fathers
made feasting or abstaining from la-
bor on that day punishable by a fine
of five shillings.

By about 1700, however, colonists
in Massachusetts, Connecticut and
Virginia began to celebrate the day,
and in some communities a twelve-
day season of festivities was observ-
ed, but the custom of giving Christ-
mas presents was unknown among
them until much later.

In recent years Christmas customs
have more and more taken on a hu-
manitarian character, with greater
regard for the poor. Community
Christmas trees, free dinners, gifts
of provisions and clothing, with en-
tertainment, and toys for poor chil-
ren, have been provided by various

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Again we greet the Christmas Season. We have
witnessed the passing of another year . . . Not the
best in our history to be sure, but, thanks to the loyal
support of good friends, a successful year nevertheless.

We have much to be thankful for. And it is to you
whose good will has contributed to our success that we
are truly indebted this Christmas time.

We only wish it were possible for us to grasp you
warmly by the hand, look you squarely in the eye and
say "Thank You for your good will . . . your loyal
support . . . your hearty co-operation . . . for every-
thing that you have done for us."

But since we cannot greet you in person we take
this opportunity to tell you of our appreciation, and
with it the sincere wish that you and your loved ones
will enjoy a Merry Christmas and a bright, happy and
prosperous New Year.

THE BAIRD STAR

The Turn of The Year

What will 1931 bring?

The year just ended will go down
in history as one of the hard years
in the United States has felt the
pinch, not of poverty but of "hard
times." Business has been slack,
money hard to collect, credits have
been curtailed, spending has been less,
more people have been out of work,
than any time since the last great
depression, which lasted through the
year 1921.

Yet there was little actual suffer-
ing in 1930, and the great majority
of people continued to drive their
automobiles, to enjoy themselves in
much the same way as they were in
the habit of doing. Most of us didn't
buy as many new clothes, but nearly
all of us had just as much of the
same sort of things to eat. Accord-
ing to those who study those things,
more of us went to the movies in
1930 than in 1929. And when the
calls came for help for the unemploy-
ed, we gave more money, in hard cash,
for charitable purposes, than we had
given in any year since the war, when
everybody was "giving till it hurt."

In short, "hard times" as we have
experienced them in 1930, would have
seemed like very good times indeed to
the great majority of Americans, if
we had not had six years of such
riotous prosperity just before as to
distort our sense of values.

Nobody can foretell the future, but
we doubt very much whether 1931 will
come any closer to the old-fashioned
sort of "hard times" with great masses
of people everywhere reduced to
beggary and starvation. All of the
signs visible to-day point the other
way. We know that in many lines
business is getting better; we are
told that it is improving in almost
every direction. The principal thing
the matter with our economic situa-
tion to-day is the habit of thinking
in terms of hard times, which may
take the better part of 1931 to over-
come.

In the long run, however, one thing
is certain. The United States of
America will go ahead toward bet-
ter and brighter times than we have
ever known. To believe otherwise is
to believe that the human race is go-
ing backward, and that is definitely
not true.

Think On These Things

Selected by Bro. Andrews
WHOLESOME MEDITATION

PAUL'S THORN IN THE FLESH,
WITH GRACE TO SUSTAIN

"There was given to me a THORN
IN THE FLESH, THE MESSENGER
OF SATAN TO BUFFET me, lest I
should be EXALTED above measure.

For this thing I BESOUGHT THE
LORD THRICE, that it might de-
part from me, and he said unto me,
MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR
THEE."

"Let us therefore COME BOLDLY
unto the THRONE OF GRACE, that
we may obtain MERCY, and find
GRACE to HELP IN TIME OF
NEED." Paul in Cor.

Beneath the surface of the limestone
country in Kentucky there are said
to be 100,000 miles of open caverns.

The Way of Life
(by Bruce Barton)

"That's My Father"

A young professional man took me
to a country town to call on his par-
ents. The old couple have raised
eight children, of whom six are liv-
ing and doing well. The Father runs
a small store.

"I want you to meet my people,"
my friend said later. They are
poor, but I'm very proud of them.
When any one talks pessimistically
about marriage or human life in
general, I like to remember the re-
cord of those two old folks."

On my way from a summer hotel
to a near-by golf course I picked up
a caddy, a bright-eyed youngster of
thirteen.

"Are you staying at the Inn?" he
asked.

I nodded.
"Have you met the night engineer?"
I said that unfortunately my con-
tacts had been entirely with the day
staff.

"You should meet him," the young-
ster said proudly. "That's my father."

It is assumed by those who view
the social structure with disfavor that
men work from only two motives—
money or reputation.

I venture to say that after one has
laid by a few extra dollars and has
seen his name in print a dozen times
these two motives very rapidly lose
their power.

Far stronger and more enduring
motives, I take it, are the calm ap-
praising eyes of one's children. They
are our judges; their opinion counts
more than that of all the rest of the
world.

Samuel Butler thought it was a
great mistake that the generations
over-lap. He pointed with approval
to the example of the moths and
beetles which spin their cocoons, sur-
round the new life with enough food
to start it successfully in the world,
and then quietly die and get out of
the way.

It would be much better, he said, if
each one of us could come into the
world wrapped in twenty thousand
dollars, which would see us through
to maturity, unencumbered by any
acquaintanceship with parents or re-
lations.

Such a world would make just ab-
out as much progress as beetles
have made in the past ten thousand

years. my father."

We keep going, not so much for
money or fame, but in the hope that
our kids can say with pride, "That's

Los Angeles stands on the site of
an old Indian village.

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THURSDAY and FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 and 2

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Season's Greetings

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happy and prosperous New Year.

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PERSONALS

Price Mr. Fariane Jr., of Luling is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. John Walker, of Admiral, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Robinson left Sunday for Houston to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker will leave tonight for Dallas to spend Christmas with Mr. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker.

Miss Elizabeth Boren, who is teaching in the public schools at Loraine, is at home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boren.

Miss Ruth Simons and Dorothy May Scott, who are teaching school near Cottonwood, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hoover and family, of Dallas, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes during the holidays.

Miss Donna Carter, of Big Spring, is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Henry Lambert and family, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Haley and son, Harold, and Mrs. Tom Price, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Oglesby, at Cross Plains.

Miss Roberta Warren, who is teaching school near Graham, arrived home Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Purdy and children, of Bristow, Okla., arrived last Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Purdy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sigal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes returned Monday from a trip to Oklahoma City and Fort Worth. They were accompanied home by their nephew, Charles Caylor, of Fort Worth.

Miss Viola and Cleora Boatwright, who are teachers in the public schools at Graham are at home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hemer Boatwright, at their farm, east of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil West and children, of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ramsey and children, of McAllen, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Oglesby Jr., of Coleman, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowlus.

Tom, Archie and Iley Price and their sister, Mrs. Wade Harding and children, of Bangs, left Tuesday morning for Van Horn to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stevenson, of Fort Worth, who are spending the winter with Mrs. Stevenson's father, Hugh Moore, at Dudley, Mrs. John McKenzie and Mrs. Otto Betcher, of Dudley, were in Baird Monday.

Mrs. Linwood Hayes, of Breckenridge, Mrs. J. E. Gilliland, who accompanied her home to spend the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilliland and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Gilliland and children will also spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Webb and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb, were in from the farm near Midway, Tuesday afternoon. We are glad to note that Mr. Webb who has been in ill health for some time is improving. Mrs. Webb had the misfortune to break her left arm some weeks ago by a fall, but the injured arm is about healed.

Mrs. W. O. Miller left Tuesday afternoon for Midland to spend Christmas with friends.

Claude Flores left Wednesday afternoon for Fort Worth to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renaud.

J. B. Walker, of Texola, Okla., is expected to-day, Wednesday, on his annual visit to his brothers and sister, F. L. and J. P. and Miss Susie Walker, and other relatives.

W. L. Cook, A. T. Vestal and sons, Herman and A. T. Jr., and Gilbert Hinds came in from Farwell, Texas, where Mr. Cook is building a Service Station for the Gulf Petroleum Co., assisted by the others. They will return to Farwell after the holidays.

We regret to learn of the illness of Uncle Tom Perry, of Clyde. His daughter, Mrs. Willie Clark informs us that he has been confined to his home by illness for the past eight months. The Star hopes Uncle Tom will soon be well again and able to be out among his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell will have all of their children and grandchildren at home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Ada Powell, of Washington, D. C. arrived last week, Mrs. A. J. Dubberley and children, of Clovis, New Mexico arrived Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Gray Powell, of Fort Worth and Mrs. Carleton Powell, of Cross Plains will arrive to-day, Wednesday.

Mrs. Don C. Carter and children, Haynie and Don Jr., of Big Spring, arrived Tuesday night to spend Christmas with Mrs. Carter's mother, Mrs. W. E. Gilliland and family. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have recently bought a 350 acre farm near Lamesa and will move there soon after the first of the year. Mr. Carter has been working in the T. & P. shops at Big Spring for several years but could not resist the call of the farm life longer--farm life is nothing new to him however, as he spent his boyhood and young manhood on a farm in Cayell county.

MRS. HICKMAN'S FATHER DIES IN BROWNWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman and family, were called to Brownwood Tuesday by the death of Mrs. Hickman's father, Mr. Reaves, who has been ill for some months. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. A number of friends of the family from Baird attended the funeral.

HOME FROM TEXAS WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Misses Anita Hart and Eva Robinson, students at Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents. Both girls are popular in student affairs on the campus, taking active parts in club, class and dormitory affairs. During last week they participated in several festivities incident to the Christmas season, including a vesper service conducted by the college dramatic club, club parties, dormitory Christmas tree celebrations and numerous "room-feasts." They report a splendid fall and are looking forward to the work of the remainder of the college year. They will return to Fort Worth in time for the resuming of class work on Monday, January 5.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to the many good people of Baird for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the short illness and death of our beloved father and brother. Especially do we wish to thank you for the beautiful floral offerings and the kind ladies who served the dinners. Also the W. O. W. and Oddfellows. May God bless you is our prayer. Mrs. S. F. Hamilton and children. Mr. W. F. Hamilton and Brother.

School Closes For The Holidays

The Baird Public Schools closed last Friday afternoon for the Christmas Holidays, and the teachers who live away from Baird have gone to their homes, or other places to spend Christmas.

School will open again, Monday, December 29th.

ARVIN C. MELTON COMES HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Arvin C. Melton, who has been in New Mexico and West Texas for the past several months with the T. & P. Land Surveying Corps, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melton.

Arvin is instrument man with the engineering corps who are following the Keichler Survey of 1859. Maj. W. J. Powell, is the chief engineer of this corps. Arvin says he has thoroughly enjoyed his stay in the west. They will be stationed at or near Van Horn after the first of the new year.

LOST—A single action 22 target, Monday afternoon on the highway between town and gate going into Wristen pasture. Suitable reward for return to me. Phone 6. Robert Estes.

Heavy Snow Falls

It began snowing at an early hour Sunday morning, then becoming heavier as the day advanced, covering everything with a beautiful white mantel, and quite a bit of snow is yet on the ground and buildings where protected from the sun. The snow fall measured six inches or more.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICE

Bro. R. A. Walker, will preach Sunday, December 28th at eleven A. M. and seven P. M. Baptism of Infants will be had at the morning service, and at the close of the sermon, Communion Service held. Everybody will have a hearty welcome at both services.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Let's have a good attendance.

The Committee, of the Session.

METHODIST CHURCH

Just to Wish Everybody a Merry Christmas and A Prosperous New Year.

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M. S. Leveridge, Pastor.

NOTICE REBEKAHS

The Rebekah Lodge will meet at 7 o'clock Monday night, January 5th, 1931, for the purpose of installation of officers and initiation of candidates.

Mrs. S. I. Smith, N. G. H. Schwartz, Sec.

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A&P MINCE MEAT Pkg. 10c
HARD CANDIES lb. 15c
KARO SYRUP BLUE LABEL . 1-2 lb can 13c
BROWN SUGAR 3 1-lb pkgs 25c
8 O'CLOCK COFFEE lb. 25c

NECTAR TEA
ORANGE PEKOE
1-4 lb. 15c
Pkg. 15c

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- NUTLEY OLEOMARGARINE Pound 17c



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The Vagabond's Christmas

by HELEN GAISFORD

RAINS scarcely slowed as they passed through Brayton, but the hobo was watching and dropped off in the snow. He picked himself up whistling, and approached the crossroads station. How well he remembered that station! Even the group of arguing old men seemed the same. Oh, but it was good to be home again, to spend Christmas where he had been so happy as a boy!

One of the men pointed a finger at him. "That," he said, "is what this country is coming to. Able-bodied men roaming the country in rags and tatters. Likely looking fellow, too. I tell you, it's high time congress—"

The vagabond chuckled and proceeded lightly down the road. Suddenly he checked himself. "George!" he said. "There's old Aunt Agatha's house. Why, Aunt Agatha was another mother to every boy in town. I wonder—?" He sprang up on the porch and knocked.

A sharp-faced woman opened the door. "Well!" she gasped. "No, I ain't giving victuals to tramps what can't come to the kitchen!" The door slammed, but he rapped again persistently.

Presently the woman reappeared. "I beg your pardon, ma'am, I'm looking for Miss Agatha Oberman. Do you know where I can find her?"

"She's been dead and buried these eight years. You an old friend of hers?"

"Yes, I'm Ben Martin—used to live in that house on the corner. I'm sorry she's gone. He moved down the steps. "Thank you anyway, ma'am, and a Merry Christmas."

A little of the zest had gone out of Ben Martin's return. He recognized the town drug store, just ahead, but now it carried a new sign—"Thompson's Pharmacy"—and in smaller letters, "W. J. Thompson, Prop." Inside



"No, Thanks; Too Used to Freedom," He Said.

—why, of course! "W. J. Thompson, Prop." was Bill!

"Bill," he called, "it's me—Ben Martin!"

"Ben!" Their hands clasped. "How well you look! But what on earth let me give you a job?"

"No, thanks; too used to freedom."

"Jove, Ben, you were a sickly kid—how did you do it?"

"Oh, it's careless sleep under the stars; going where adventure calls and doing what comes; eating plain food and—, but what of you and the rest of the boys?"

"Me? Oh, I'm married now and settled down. Tom's our doctor, but is away for the holidays. Bert and Pug have both married and moved away, and Fred is studying in New York. I say, I'd sure like to ask you out to Christmas dinner tomorrow, but, well, Martha's queer about some things."

"That's all right, I'll mosey around to the old homestead. My dear cousins still there?"

"Yes, your uncle's gone, I suppose you know, but otherwise the family is the same as when the black-sheep nephew took off on his own. You'll surprise them."

"No doubt," Ben Martin replied, and made his farewells.

The old house on the corner was much the same. His knock brought a comely young woman to the door. "My dear Cousin Fanny," he said. "It's Ben. Give me a kiss, my dear, and announce to the family that the prodigal has returned."

The family had evidently already learned of his nearness and gathered in the hall. "I was wondering," he said at last, when the first greetings and questions had been exchanged, "whether you could put me up for a few days. I could, of course, sleep outside, if necessary."

"Unfortunately, Benjamin," his aunt replied, "every room is taken, as the family is all home for the holidays. Besides, there is the question of whether or not—a wanderer—might have a proper effect on the younger members of the family, let alone the good name of us all. I think you'd understand—"

"I do." He drew himself up. "It was simply the sentiment. I felt I would like to spend Christmas here. But I shan't impose on you. Glad to have seen you all again."

He strode back up the road. "Hang sentiment," he decided. "I'm going south." That night's express bore an extra passenger.

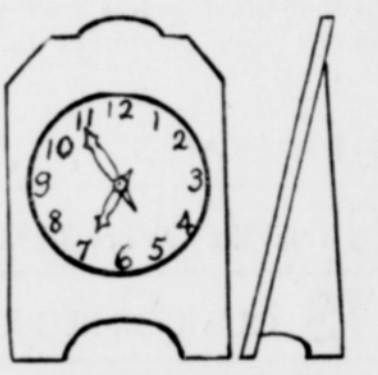
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Christmas Gifts to MAKE

ETHER a board or a heavy piece of cardboard will do. This should be about 2 1/2 inches wide. The top and bottom of the board should be cut a little curved, as the picture shows. Now print very neatly the articles you wish to include—sugar, lard, butter, eggs, coffee, tea, lemons, extracts, spices, rice, flour or whatever else Mother may need in the way of supplies for making the daily meals. When she receives her Christmas gift, she can hang it in the kitchen, and whenever she runs out of one of these articles, she can stick a pin beside its name on the board, and not forget to order it.

This also can be made out of board or cardboard, cut a little fancily at top and bottom. It can be made to hang on the wall or to stand on a desk. A sheet of paper cut round like a clock face with numbers neatly printed on it must be pasted in the



A Reminder Clock Will Be Appreciated by Father.

center of the board. Then from lighter cardboard or thin pieces of metal, two hands, a little one and a big one, must be fastened through the middle of the clock face with brass fasteners or a pivot, and when Daddy has an appointment at a certain time he will move the hands to that time on his clock so he surely won't forget to keep it.

A block of white paper, either ruled or plain, a pair of scissors and a ruler are all you need to make many of these books for those you love. Cut one sheet that measures three and one-half inches wide and eight inches long. Then with this for a measure cut twelve more exactly like it. Fold them in the middle and make a cover of colored paper in which to enclose them. Then punch two holes where they are folded and fasten the sheets together with brass fasteners. Print the letters of the alphabet, one letter in the right hand corner of each page, and you will have a neat line indexed address book.

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Like Christmas Dolls
In spite of all the advanced ideas of the rising generation, the average small girl still likes a doll as well as she likes any other Christmas present.

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CHRISTMAS IN AN AIRLINER

by Helen Gaisford

ESTHER MARTIN felt cheated. Here she was on her first trip by air—at Christmas time—and she couldn't enjoy it at all! Of course, she had to admit to herself, Fred Harrington was probably as surprised as she was, if he had seen her.

At least he didn't know that she had seen him. She had been in her seat when she noticed him entering the air liner and never since had her face been turned from the window. That wouldn't have been so bad if she could have seen the earth and watched the rivers and farms as they skimmed swiftly along, but with this snowstorm raging!

She lifted her vanity case for the tenth time and under pretext of arranging her hair carefully surveyed



the man two seats back across the aisle. He was still absorbed, apparently, in his magazine. That was what she had expected, and she would have dreaded meeting his glance, yet she pursed her lips in discontent.

She lowered the glass and again looked out of the window, trying to cheer herself with the prospect of Christmas. Christmas without Fred! Against her longing to go to him, to talk to him, was her pride. One was proud in love. She tilted her chin higher, but could not keep the tears from her eyes.

The other passengers were chatting gayly, exuberant with holiday plans. Suddenly there came a hush. The ship was going down, slowly gliding earthward. Tensely they watched the land seemingly come up to meet them, and then as the ship struck and jolted over the rough ground a woman screamed.

Involuntarily Esther looked back and into the eyes of Fred Harrington. "Oh, Fred!" she said, and he caught her to him.

"My dear," he whispered. "My dear!"

After a bit they joined the excited group about the pilot. "Couldn't take



a chance in this blizzard," he was saying, "so we dropped a flare. We'll have to all stick by the ship till it clears up. A man wouldn't get far in this storm."

"You mean," Esther asked, "we'll have to spend Christmas here?"

"Possibly."

"Oh, well," said Fred, "what does it matter? I think we'll have a very merry Christmas—now—together—don't you?"

And Esther, understanding, smiled and answered, "Very."

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LEGAL NOTICE

The State of Texas, County of Callahan:

On this the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1930, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County, Texas, convened in called session in the Courthouse of said County, being the regular meeting place of said court, with the following members of said Court, to-wit:

- W. C. White, County Judge,
- J. W. Hammons, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.
- J. H. Carpenter, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
- W. A. Everett, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.
- G. H. Clifton, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.
- S. E. Settle, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk, Commissioners' Court.

being present, there came on to be considered the petition of D. P. Hollis and 280 other persons praying that bonds be issued by Callahan County, Texas, in the sum of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars bearing interest at the rate not to exceed five and one-half (5½%) per centum per annum, and maturing serially or otherwise not to exceed thirty (30) years from their date, (rate of interest and maturity to be fixed by the Commissioners' Court), for the purpose of purchasing District Roads and the further construction and maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, throughout such County, as follows: said Callahan County, Texas;

1

Bonds to be issued in the aggregate sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Eleven and 13-100 (\$290,211.13) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing District Roads in said County, and which bonds shall have the same dates of maturity and bear the same rate of interest as the bonds heretofore issued and now outstanding against Road Districts Numbers One (1) and Four (4) in said County.

2

Bonds to be issued in the aggregate sum of Seven Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight and 87-100 (\$709,788.87) Dollars for the further construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, throughout said County, and which bonds may run for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years from their date and bear interest at the rate of not exceeding five and one-half (5½%) per centum per annum.

3

And whether or not an ad valorem tax shall be levied upon the property in said County subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; and

It appearing to the Court that said petition is signed by more than two hundred fifty of the resident property tax-paying voters of said Callahan County, Texas; and

It further appearing that the amount of said bonds prayed to be issued will not exceed one fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED AND ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, that an election be held in said County on the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1931, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine:

"Whether or not the bonds of said County shall be issued in the amount of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars, bearing interest at the rate not to exceed five and one-half (5½%) per centum per annum, and maturing serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty (30) years from their date, the rate of interest and maturity to be fixed by the Commissioners' Court, for the purpose of the purchase of District Roads in Road Districts Numbers One (1) and Four (4) in said County, and the further construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof throughout said County, and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property in said county, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity."

That said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 3, Title 22, Revised Civil Statutes 1925, and amendments thereto as passed by the 39th Legislature, First Called Session, Chapter 16.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of the State of Texas, and County of Callahan, and who are resident, property tax payers of said County shall be entitled to vote at said election.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

The voter shall mark out with black ink or with black pencil one of the said expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the proposition.

The polling places and the presiding officers of said election shall be respectively as follows:

Voting Precinct No. 1, at City Hall in Baird, Texas, with W. E. Melton as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 2, at School House, Belle Plain, with Claude Flores as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 3, at School House, Cottonwood, with B. H. Freeland as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 4, at School House, Tecumseh, with J. G. Barton as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 5, at Mayor's Office in Clyde, with J. H. Burkett as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 6, at Mayor's Office in Cross Plains, with Taylor Bond as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 7, at School House, Admiral, with Ed Davis as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 8, at Mayor's office at Putnam, with J. H. Cunningham as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 9, at Residence of Eugene Green, Erath, with J. H. Owens as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 10, at School House, Eula, with R. P. Stephenson as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 11, at School House, Caddo Peak, with J. A. Moore as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 12, at School House, Dudley, with Kirby Myers as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 13, at School House, Atwell, with W. C. Rouse as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 15, at School House, Lanham, with R. E. Clemer as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 16, at School House, Dressy, with C. R. Steele as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 17, at School House, Oplin, with Chas. Allen as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 18, at School House, Rowden (Pilgrim) with N. B. Holloway as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 19, at Methodist Church, Denton, with Roy Kendrick as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 20, at Methodist Church, Hart, with H. W. Grisham as Presiding Officer.

Voting Precinct No. 21, at School House, Gardner, with Wm. Young as Presiding Officer.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the General laws of the State of Texas, regulating general elections, when not in conflict with the provisions of the Statutes hereinabove referred to.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this Order in the Baird Star, a newspaper published in said County for three successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto, there shall be posted other copies of this order at four public places in the County, one of which shall be at the Court House door, for three successive weeks prior to said election.

The County Judge is hereby directed to cause said notices to be published and posted and the County Clerk is hereby directed to publish and post the

same, as hereinabove directed; and further orders are reserved until the returns of said elections are made by the fully authorized election officers and received by this Court.

W.C. WHITE,

County Judge, Callahan County, Texas.

J. W. HAMMONS,

Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Callahan County, Texas.

J. H. CARPENTER,

Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Callahan County, Texas.

W. A. EVERETT,

Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Callahan County, Texas.

G. H. CLIFTON,

Commissioner Precinct No. 4, Callahan County, Texas.

Attest: S. E. Settle,

County Clerk and Ex-officio

Clerk Commissioners' Court,

Callahan County, Texas.

(Seal of Commissioners' Court).

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF CALLAHAN: I, S. E. SETTLE, County Clerk and Ex-

officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order of Election made by the Commissioners' Court of said County on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1930, which said order is duly recorded in Volume J, on pages 1, 2 and 3 of the Minutes of said Commissioners' Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, on this the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1930.

S. E. SETTLE,

County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the

Commissioners' Court, Callahan County,

Texas.

(Seal of Commissioners' Court).



BY NONI CLACK BAILEY

MATILDA was black. There was a lot of her, too—some two hundred and twenty-seven pounds. She was radiant with delight, riotous with laughter or round-eyed with seriousness as occasion demanded. Furthermore she was a devout member of a certain religious sect that was seriously expecting the end of the world, about every so often. The latter gave a certain uncertainty to life which Matilda found thrilling—besides she never worked on Saturday, which was her Sabbath, and she never worked on Sunday, which was ours. On other days she came to us for washing, ironing, cleaning, and worked industriously as needed.

It was her last day at our house before Christmas and her mind was quite full of religious fervor, for she was singing snatches of spirituals throughout the day—usually with words of her own making. Having finished her work she received her gifts from the family and tucked them into a bag of laundry she was taking home—"It's Miss Durkee's clo's, honey," she confided; "Ise got to do 'em fust thing in the mo'nin', cause nex' day's Christmas-eev."

The next time I saw her was when she was on her way to take them home. She stopped in to tell me of her thrilling experience. "Lawsy, honey," she said, "I was jes goin' ovah de hill carryin' dat bun'le o' clo's on my haid an' I was thinkin' 'bout what I's go'n' 'a git I'll Liza and I'll Mose fer Christmas—an' I wus thinkin' 'bout dat sweet I'll baby Jesus, too; him and his mammy out in dat ole col' barn wif de cows an' ho'ses an' goats an' pigs all stan'in' rou'n' kind o' like dey knowed dey's some curious goin's on in dat barn and I's thinkin' 'bout de shepherds out on de hills hearin' de angels sing 'Hallelujah!' Den I wus thinkin' 'bout de wise men seein' dat big stah wif de search lights on it, dat moved right 'long in front of 'em an' led 'em wha' de youn' chile wus an' I jes looked out from undah de bun'le o' clo's at de sky—half 'spectsin' to see dat kind uv a stah, too. It was a gettin' a little da'k, yu know. Well good Lo'd o' massy, honey, what do you reckon I did see? Somethin' I couldn't see at all a-writin' in de sky! I can't read, yu know, honey, but I knowed it wus writin' an' I jes knowed de end o' de world wus come an' it was de Lo'd hisself a-writin' in de sky, an' he wus writin' right to me!

"Well I jes throwed Miss Durkee's clo's right down on de groun' an' I says to maself, 'Miss Durkee won't nevah need no mo' clo's no how!' I jes' started to run towards de writin' an' putty soon I come to de road an' I saw a white man comin' long in a flivvah an' a laughin'—honey, wus I glad to see dat white man laugh? I say I wus, 'cause den I knowed it wa'n't de end o' de world at all. An' honey, yu know he didn't even ast me is I scared! He jes sta'ted in tellin' me what it wus! Heah it wus one o' dem fool flyin' men, sendin' out some kind o' smoke bums er somethin', writin' some kind o' advertisin' stuff. Lawsy goodness, honey, ain't it bad enough stickin' up all dem advertisin' signs all ovah de country so yu can't see de putty trees an' hills an' things de Lo'd give us to see, 'thout now goin' up in de sky an' writin' 'all ovah God's hebban an' scarin' folks to

GODS WHOSE ONLY SISTER

"It is a shame, Matilda," I replied quite seriously, "It's just too bad; but did you find Mrs. Durkee's clothes all right when you went back after them?"

"Oh, yessum, de clo's wus right dah, an' I wus pantin' some when I got up dat hill again, too; but I set on de bun'le o' clo's to rest, an' den I laughed an' laughed till you'd a thought I's plum crazy. Putty soon I got up an' put de bun'le o' clo's on ma haid an' stated home, mad as a wet hen, sayin' to maself, 'Nothin' but a blamed ole flyin' fool, writin' all ovah God's Hebban.'"

"Well, Matilda, I can't blame you much, but you mustn't let anything make you mad at Christmas time. Besides you know folks will be writing and saying 'Merry Christmas' all over God's earth tomorrow and you must get the spirit and join the Hallelujah chorus."

"Yessum, honey, I sho' will. Good-by and Merry Christmas to you, anyhow!"

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PUTNAM

Mrs. J. S. Yeager

Miss Willie Morris King was the week-end guest or Miss Loretta Dennis, of the Zion Hill community.

Misses Maymie Coppenger and Annie Johnson, of Cottonwood, were visitors in Putnam on Wednesday of this week.

Floyd Buchanan, student in Simmons University, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Buchanan, through the week-end.

Mrs. Jessie Whitaker, of Santa Anna, spent Wednesday in Putnam the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayes.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Farmer, of Baird, spent Sunday in Putnam the guests of their son, Fred Farmer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hamlin have returned from Monhegan where Mr. Hamlin has been engaged in the work of the oil fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Clinton and Mother, Mrs. Willis, were visitors in Abilene, Saturday.

Misses Lois Reese and Rena Ball, teachers in the Putnam schools, were visitors in Cisco Saturday.

Attorney and Mrs. J. R. Burnett, of Cisco, spent Sunday in Putnam the guests of Mrs. Burnett's sister, Mrs. J. S. Yeager and family.

Vernon Sandlin, of Rising Star, was a guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Sandlin, here this week.

Mrs. Clarence Nordyke and guests, Misses Hazel Nordyke and Helen Bosworth, of Cottonwood, were visitors in Abilene on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. G. P. Gaskin and children, were the guests of relatives in Cisco on Thursday of this week.

Mrs. C. C. Newton and Jim Culbert and daughters, of Cisco, spent Sunday in Putnam guests of Mrs. J. H. Bartine and family.

Mrs. S. J. Hamilton is able to be out again after an illness of a few days.

E. P. Whitaker made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Glover spent Sunday in Cross Plains guests of Mrs. Glover's parents.

Truett Little, student in Howard Payne College, Brownwood, spent the week-end in Putnam the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Little, and other relatives.

Ernest Weed, of the Dan Horn community, was a visitor in Putnam Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley and baby, of New Castle, spent the week-end in Putnam the guests of relatives.

Mrs. Frank Warner, and mother, Mrs. Gambrell, and Mrs. Claude King were visitors in Cisco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jenkin, and son, Lewis Jenkin, have returned from El Paso where they were called on account of the illness of Mrs. Jenkin's mother, Mrs. W. J. Biggerstaff. Mrs. Biggerstaff is reported much improved in her condition.

Mrs. Andrew Hurst and family had as their guests Sunday Revs. Morris and Huffstetler, of Abilene Christian College.

Misses Hazel Nordyke and Helen Bosworth, of Cottonwood, are spending the week in Putnam visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nordyke and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bosworth.

Mrs. C. M. Grisham, of the Colony community, spent Friday visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Teague, of this place.

Mrs. G. P. Gaskin and children and Mrs. John Cook were shopping in Abilene Friday.

W. L. Johnson, who is ill here in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Raymond Clark, is reported as somewhat improved.

G. P. Gaskin and J. H. Henderson made a business trip to Ranger Saturday.

Clinton and Keith King spent Sunday in the home of their grandmother Mrs. W. M. Weed and family, in the Dan Horn community.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete King and son, Edward, were visitors in Cisco Saturday.

Mrs. Will Simmons is reported on the sick list at the family home here.

Mrs. George Scott was hostess at a party given in her home on Saturday evening for the young people of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowers, of Junction, are expected in Putnam the last of the week to spend their vacation with the parents of Mrs. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Park, and other relatives.

Cleo Robinson, student in A. C. C., Abilene, was the guest of Neal Moore through the week-end.

Mrs. Clarence Nordyke and sons, Doyle and Don, and Mrs. W. W. Everett visited relatives in Cottonwood on Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Francisco and little son, Reed, of Cross Plains, have returned home after a stay of several days in Putnam where Mr. Francisco assisted in the Putnam Supply Company's store during the absence of J. L. Jenkins and Lewis Jenkins.

Misses Christa Kennedy and Mil-

dred Yeager are expected home the last of the week from South Texas, where they are teaching in the public schools, to spend the Christmas holidays.

The Putnam P. T. A. will present the play, "The Gate to Happiness," on next Friday evening at the theatre in Putnam. Every one is invited to come out and help in the good work of boosting the schools.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayes spent Sunday in Santa Anna where they were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Jess Whitaker and Mr. Whitaker.

J. S. Yeager spent Friday and Saturday in Carbon transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham were visitors in Abilene Saturday.

Clyde Karbalite, of Cisco, was a business visitor in Putnam on Monday of this week.

Mrs. F. P. Shackelford visited relatives in Fort Worth Friday.

Elvis Clements, of Stanton, was greeting old friends in Putnam on Friday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carter visited friends in Cisco Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poole, of Moran, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Miller on Monday.

D. C. Jones, of Hawley, was visiting friends in Putnam Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Ransdale, of Sedwick was visiting friends in Putnam Friday.

O. A. Foster, of Coleman, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Frazier, of this place, Saturday.

Misses Willie and Lois Kennedy, Bertha Guggolz and Lura Boyd attended the show at Baird Monday evening.

Mrs. L. B. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Mayes, Neal Moore, Miss Thelma Everett, Cleo Robinson, and Miss Eva Moore were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Allen, of Breckenridge, Sunday.

Thomas Harold Culwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Culwell who was injured about the head while playing at school some weeks ago, is reported as able to sit up and is getting well rapidly.

Louis Williams, J. O. Kirkpatrick, and F. L. Armstrong attended a special meeting of the Masonic Lodge at Baird Monday evening.

In the foot-ball game between the Putnam "Out-Laws" and the Baird "Stars" on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13th, the score stood at 47 to 0 in favor of the Putnam boys.

The Night Hawk Bridge Club met with Miss Willie Kennedy Thursday evening, Dec. 11. Mrs. J. F. Cunningham was high point member of the evening. The Christmas motif was carried out in the tallies and table appointments while the Yule-tide spirit was further enhanced by the salad course, symbolic of the Christmas wreath. Those present were: Mesdames L. B. Williams, A. J. Frazier, E. H. Williams, J. F. Cunningham, R. D. Williams, W. A. Wallace, F. P. Shackelford, Misses Bertha Guggolz, Lura Boyd, Rena Ball, Frances McIntosh and Lois Reese.

J. W. Pearce, resident of this place for the past several years, was stricken Sunday with Acute Indigestion and passed away at his home in North Putnam early Monday morning. Funeral arrangements are being held up awaiting the arrival of a son from Massachusetts.

News received in Putnam Saturday morning of the death of J. B. Tarrant, nineteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eb Tarrant, former residents of this place, at Corpus Christi, Friday night Dec. 12th.

J. B. was a nephew of Mrs. Pete King, who left immediately for Cisco where she was joined by Mrs. Joe Burman, also an aunt of the deceased, and Ivory Tarrant, an uncle, and all attended the funeral services in Corpus Christi, Sunday.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PARTY

Mrs. Nina Mayes and Gladys Thompson, leaders of the Junior B. Y. P. U. entertained with a party in the class rooms of the Baptist church Friday evening. Decorations of Christmas were used throughout the rooms, games and contests were played.

Berlena Bulloch and Gloster Thompson winning in the Christmas contests. Popcorn and candies were served to: Berlena and Mary Bulloch, Cora Mae and Jo Mayes, Dolores Riley, Mildred Thompson, Sarah Nell Cooke, Dorothy Thompson, Sibyl Northcutt, Eloise Sanders, Gloster Northcutt, Paul and Troy Robinson, Wayne and E. J. Northcutt, Jack Jarves and Russell Chatham.

Reporter, Cora Mae Mayes.

Listing The Unemployed

Several progressive local chambers of commerce are listing the unemployed of their towns with a view to assisting them in getting work and also to be able to separate them from drifters who float into the towns and pose as local laborers in need of work or charity. While this places additional work on the chamber of commerce, it is a helpful service to both communities and laborers. It is also a suggestion to the floaters that they are not wanted.

Brightly colored clothes tend to make an individual look larger.

With Baird Baptist

Christmas is here and the beautiful snow just like old times, lots of snow and just a little Christmas, but we are truly thankful for every bit of it.

Next Sunday is finishing five years as pastor of the Baptist church here for me. I have tried to be a useful citizen while here. I have tried to be a better preacher each time. I went into the pulpit, I have studied hard that I might bring messages fresh and worth while each time. I have been gratified that all along we have had conversions and each year we have had a nice number of additions to our church, as are result of our work together as church and pastor.

More than two hundred have been baptised into the church during the five years. Now next Sunday I shall do my best to preach the best sermon I have preached during the whole time and I cordially invite all to attend both the morning and evening service.

What the next five years shall bring none of us can tell but let us hope that they shall even be more fruitful than the past five. The little we have done indeed seems small, but just think more than half as many as the number of our church membership have come and definitely trusted Christ for salvation. That means that more than 200 souls have been saved from sin and hell. I wish it were more but I am grateful that the number is that large and shall pray that the next five years, friend, may witness twice that number led to Christ by the Baird Baptist church.

Joe R. Mayes

Grow Less, Get More

That is the title of a little pamphlet which has just been got out for free distribution by the Federal Board. It is worth every farmer's while to read it.

If any proof were needed that the less of any crop were produced, the more actual money the growers would get, it is furnished in the figures which the Farm Board cites. Every farmer realizes that when potatoes are scarce in the market he gets a higher price per bushel. What many do not realize is that the price per bushel is so much higher, in time of scant supply, that he actually makes more money on his small crop than when he grows a large crop.

The potato figures are the ones the Farm Board uses. In 1928 the United States had the largest potato crop on record—463 million bushels. The average farm price for potatoes that year was 66 cents a bushel, and the total received by the farmers was 185 million dollars. In 1925 the potato crop was small—only 321 million bushels. As a result, the average price was a full dollar higher than in the year of the big crop, or \$1.66 a bushel. The farmers received 337 million dollars for less work and less expense than when they got only five-eighths as much.

Of course, crop reduction won't work to increase farm prices unless all, or most of the farmers in a given district, growing the same commodity, agree to cut down their acreage. One of the results of the co-operative system which the Farm Board is charged by law to inaugurate, is a wider exchange of information among farmers and a better mutual understanding, so that it should be easier in the future than it has been in the past, for farmers to agree to reduce their acreage in wheat, corn, cotton, potatoes or the other staple crops, to have the advantage of all.

Fewer acres under cultivation, larger yields per acre, are the only secrets of real farm prosperity.

Rev. R. D. Carter and Wife Celebrate 56th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Carter, former residents of Callahan County, celebrated their 56th Anniversary at their home in Anson on last Saturday, Dec. 20th.

The following is taken from the Anson Western Enterprise.

One of the pioneer preachers in the Baptist denomination for West Texas, the Rev. Mr. Carter has been engaged in the ministry for fifty-two years, of which time about twenty-seven years were spent in Callahan county.

He was born Nov. 23, 1858, and Mrs. Carter born May 10, 1856, both in Jefferson county, East Tennessee, where they were reared and where they united in marriage Dec. 20, 1874.

The family migrated to Texas, settling in Callahan county, in 1891, bringing with them five children, the eldest being 14 years of age. In Callahan county two more children were born, residing in Callahan until 1908, the family moved to Pecos, where Rev. Carter served as missionary of the El Paso association for the Missionary Baptist church until 1911, at

which time he had to give up active work in the ministry on account of a nervous breakdown. Returning from Pecos, the family resided in Cross Plains eight years, when they moved to Dallas for a three or four year's sojourn, moving to Anson in 1924, where they have continued to make their home since.

In quest of his health prior to moving to Texas seeking a more salubrious climate, Mr. Carter spent about a year in Oregon on the Pacific coast. Save the impairment of his nerves, he is one of the most active men to be found for his age. Mrs. Carter is not in such robust health, however, on account of suffering from high blood pressure and eye troubles. Friends of the family freely acknowledge that Mrs. Carter's has been a life of service and unselfishness, perhaps to a fault, to devoting her time to entertaining visiting preachers and others engaged in or connected with church work, attending services and working in various organizations of the church. She still considers it an somewhat of a duty to be present at Sunday school and the regular services of the church.

Beginning his ministerial work in his home in Tennessee in 1878, Mr. Carter was ordained as a regular Baptist minister in 1881, preaching a few years and pastoring in several churches in Jefferson county prior to moving to Texas. While not taking all the work leading to a degree, he spent four years in Carson-Newman College in Tennessee.

Reverting to the old type on preacher, Mr. Carter does not believe one should seek promotion in the ministry through anything save the merit of his work.

His first charge in Texas was the pastorage of the church of Shiloh, now Admiral, in Callahan county, he spent eight years of his life as pastor of this church in two different calls. During the fourteen years the family made their home in Cottonwood, which village all save the eldest son regard as the home of their childhood, Mr. Carter served eight years as pastor of the Baptist church of that place. He was pastor of the Cross Plains church for one year, the Dudley church four years, at Burkett three years, as missionary of the Callahan county Baptist association, eight years. He was tendered places with churches in towns like Baird and Cisco, but did not accept them.

In his active days in the ministry Rev. Carter has preached in the Baptist pulpits in practically every church from Eastland to El Paso, including Clyde, Baird, Putnam, Midland, Big Spring, Abilene, Pecos and El Paso.

In his many years in the ministry which was before the day of the automobile and the airplane, he traveled the lanes and hills of West Texas either in a buggy or horseback, and according to his records he covered some 20,000 miles in missionary work to say nothing of his years in the pastorage. Between five and six hundred people have been converted under his preaching and baptized by him.

To Rev. and Mrs. Carter were born seven children, six boys and one daughter, with no death in the family. The children are: D. P. Carter, Floydada; H. A. and A. F. Carter, Dallas; J. B. Carter, Ft. Worth; J. D. Carter, Austin; Mrs. L. P. Henslee, Anson; and T. H. Carter, Lubbock.

They also have nineteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Foolish Waste of Life

We point with pride to the fact that nearly 26,000,000 motor cars are in use in the United States, and it is something of which the country may be proud. But the further fact that these cars are now killing people at the rate of 33,000 a year and injuring 800,000 more, is almost a national disgrace.

The amazing thing is that most automobile accidents might be prevented by taking ordinary precautions. Obviously there are only two principal causes of accidents—careless driving and defective car equipment. Even the most careful driver is helpless when his car fails to function in an emergency.

It seems almost impossible to drill common sense into a reckless driver's head, but it would be perfectly easy to avoid most mechanical breakdowns by frequent inspections. Worn or improperly adjusted brakes are responsible for more accidents than any other single cause, although inspection by experts at a responsible service station costs nothing. When adjustments or relining are found necessary it may be done quickly and inexpensively.

To encourage greater carefulness in this respect one leading manufacturer of brake linings is offering a \$100 accident insurance policy free to every motorist who has his brakes relined with the company's product and agrees to have his brakes inspected periodically. Incidentally, it is said that many thousands of automobile owners have already availed themselves of the offer mentioned. Pennsylvania and several other

states are getting excellent results by the enforcement of compulsory automobile inspection laws, and motorist's associations are urging their members to have frequent inspections made voluntarily.

Any means whereby the present foolish waste of life may be reduced is worthy of consideration and support.

ROAD BOND ISSUE

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the reports being circulated that gravel roads need very little maintenance. The cost of building a gravel road of eighteen feet width would cost approximately \$4,500 per mile with only five inches of gravel. A graded road with drainage structure complete is estimated to cost about \$2,000 per mile which is a better road during good weather which is about eighty-five per cent of the time. Then do you think it a good business proposition to vote bonds to build a road that will not stand up more than two or three years, or about fifteen per cent of the time? The legislature of the state of Texas in making their appropriation for maintenance of state highways allowed for the year 1929 \$725 per mile for maintenance of gravel roads against \$325 per mile for graded roads. The fact is that if we had gravel roads we could not maintain them for want of funds.

System Of Roads For County

The proponents of this bond issue say, "Desirable settlers will not stop in a backward county that does not have good roads," neither will they stop in a county where the tax rate is so high that the farms will not produce revenue sufficient to pay the taxes.

Not Proper Location

This road leading from Cross Plains to Baird is not being put on proper location. I do not blame the Cross Plains people for wanting a road leading out to the Bankhead Highway and they are entitled to such an outlet, but why build thirty four miles of road at an estimated cost of \$680,000 when we could connect at Putnam with sixteen miles with an estimated cost of \$320,000 and shorten the distance by about four miles.

Mr. Voter, it might pay you to do a little investigating as to why this road is being constructed half way around the world to get to Baird. Some one said Judge Ely would not consent to a designation any other route. Why is Judge Ely wanting the route designated around this way? Did not he and the commission miss the small towns between Abilene and Anson to save distance and aren't they fussing with Strawn and the small towns east of Ranger trying to save distance by going straight through in order to save money, for which they should be commended, but why should they turn topsy-turvy in the Cross Plains—Baird road and lose \$360,000 adding several miles to the distance that could be saved. There must be a negro in the wood pile. Go to the polls and vote against the bonds.

J. S. Yeager.

EDITORS NOTE

We believe the following will answer Mr. Moore's questions.

The language under quotations are the words of the statutes and necessary to make the notice legal.

In order to secure a state designated road and in order to secure state aid, it was necessary for the county to set forth its half of the funds, to-wit \$350,000.00 to be matched by a like sum, to-wit \$350,000.00 by the state in the construction of the state road from Baird to Cross Plains. If the bond issue carries the State Highway Commission has guaranteed to designate a state highway from Cross Plains to Baird and match our \$350,000.00 with a like sum, making \$700,000.00 to be expended on this road. Since it will be a state road, one half of the cost of construction being furnished by the state, it will and must be built under state supervision and the law requires all state road contracts to be let on competition bids. The State Highway Commission has incorporated in all their road contracts a clause that local labor shall be used where practical. In the Dec. 19th article "Front page of Star" it was not contemplated work would start on this state road February 1st. It will have to be located, surveyed and estimates of cost of construction made by Highway Department first. For this reason it cannot be said just when work would start on this state road.

The Highway Commission having agreed to designate a state highway intersecting highway 23 at Cross Plains and highway 1 at Baird, estimated to be about 25 miles, running in a westerly and north westerly direction out of Cross Plains to intersect the present Coleman and Baird road at a point about 1 1/2 miles north of Pecan Bayou, thence north to Baird, and also to match the \$350,000 county fund with a like sum and build a standard hard surface road, this is to be considered a general

county road as well as one of the state system.

If the bonds are authorized the Commissioners can begin on the lateral roads just as soon as the bonds have been approved by the Attorney General; This should be in 10 or 15 days after the election. It is estimated it will take two or two and one-years to complete the system of roads. All lateral roads will be built in each Commissioners precinct under the sole supervision of the Commissioner of the respective precincts and he can plan his work to suit the time and needs of his employees so it will not interfere with their farming.

When the Highway Department gets ready to build the dump for the state road, the commissioners can, if they see proper to do so leave off work on the lateral roads and thus permit the farmers to work on the state road.

WANT ADS

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Plan For Great Things

The Cuero Record points out some of the needs of Texas, as more active chambers of commerce, civic improvements societies, city planning, a new constitution, a reorganized government, and wise legislators who can think in terms of an Empire State. "It should place obligations on its professions to give to its people, health, good laws and spiritual insight. It should aim to develop that broad intelligence that appreciates the value of the artistic in connection with vigorous application to the problems of the State." The Record has laid out a broad platform and one that would produce all the results to be desired. Study it!

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