





JUST AN OLD GRAY MARE, BUT TWO STATES FOUGHT FOR HER



MASCOT DIES, AND LEGION MOURNS

By NEA Service.

The Old Gray Mare, with questionable taste, has gone and died.

Man o'war was a famous nag, so were Saracen, Black and Edward. But the Old Gray Mare—Christian name Sarah—was the most famous of the bunch. For she was the heroine of a famous song.

Sarah was the official mascot of the 142nd infantry of Brownwood; of the Brownwood American Legion and, finally of the whole Texas Legion department. The Oklahoma Legion was trying to spirit her away. She had been received by the president, had graced the inaugural procession of the governor of the Lone Star State and had honors showered on her from the Golden Gate to the Crescent City of the Mississippi.

How It Started

The Brownwood American Legion had some six years ago took up the ancient rollicking ditty, "The Old Gray Mare," as its alma mater, or official stein song. And Sarah, having the proper qualifications, was elected mascot. She was 19 years old and she fitted the spirit of the song perfectly.

This led Sarah into a gay life, but she carried herself well. She went to American Legion conventions at San Francisco, New Orleans, Galveston, Waco, Dallas and Ft. Worth. She was escorted through the lobbies of the best hotels in these cities and conducted herself with perfect decorum on all occasions. When Governor "Ma" Ferguson and his husband were inaugurated last winter Sarah headed the parade.

But a chord came over Sarah's life at the last. "Over in Oklahoma, where the whiskers grow long and shaggy, the American Legionnaires their possession of Sarah. Being covetous, they laid claim to her. The song, "The Old Gray Mare," they said, was written by an Oklahoman—hence Sarah should belong to the Oklahoma legion.

The Texans scoffed, as Texans do. Sarah, like the Alamo and the Rio Grande, was a Texas fixture. If, as was claimed, an Oklahoman did write the song, it was only that he stumbled onto it by accident, through trying to practice on a slide trombone while in liquor. At last legion officials got together and agreed on a membership contest. The state department that gained the most members before the next national legion convention at Philadelphia next fall would get Sarah.

Crowd at Funeral

A huge crowd attended her funeral here. Lieutenant Rex Gathier, leader of the Brownwood Legion band, and A. C. Cox, its manager, made orations. A telegram of regret and condolence was read from Colonel C. W. Nimmon of the Texas National Guard. A monument will be erected to Sarah's memory.

Sarah leaves a child—a frisky young colt. But the colt can never succeed her as the Old Gray Mare. For the colt is black, to begin with—and no matter how long he grows, he will never be a mare. So a new gray mare will be bought, and the membership contest will go on. But Sarah—the original Old Gray Mare—is gone.

BROWNWOOD COLLEGES REOPEN FOLLOWING BRIEF HOLIDAY RECESS

OUTLOOK FOR FINE WORK IS VERY ENCOURAGING—ATTENDANCE IS GOOD.

Howard Payne and Daniel Baker Colleges opened today, following a brief holiday recess. The attendance promises to be larger than usual and a record breaking season of hard work is apparently in store for both institutions.

According to statements made from time to time by the heads of each of these great educational institutions, the present session will be one of the best so far in the history of each college. The working program seems to be in better shape and the spirit of harmony permeates in all departments more than at this time. In these two colleges and through the opening day of that they are achieving success along the line of education and



Above, part of the crowd of mourners that gathered around the grave of Sarah, the Old Gray Mare, at Brownwood, Texas. Below, Sarah as she looked in her prime, with Miss Mae Peterson, grand opera star, up.

Behind the Bars at Huntsville

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Huntsville, Texas, January 1st, 1926. GENTLEMEN: I submit herewith my report for the time I have served as Chaplain of the Huntsville, Wynne and Gore State Prisons. I began work on April 29th, 1925, and up to the present have served eight and a fraction months. I undertook the work with a keen sense of the responsibility resting upon me, and while my labors have not been satisfactory to myself in either the character of service rendered or the results achieved, still, I think I can truthfully say that I have striven to do my duty as I have been given the light to understand it. I wish here to express my very great appreciation to the courtesy and helpfulness of my predecessor, Chaplain W. E. Miller, who so kindly and graciously assisted me in the beginning of my work.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

At present, these consist of Sunday school and preaching. In the Huntsville Prison, we have Sunday school and preaching every Sunday. On the Gore farm, the women have Sunday school, and the Chaplain preaches each second and fourth Sunday in the afternoon. The Chaplain also preaches at the Wynne Farm in the forenoon of the second and fourth Sundays of each month. On the Wynne Farm we have in need of a suitable place for our religious services. The Catholic Chaplain, Father W. Caldwell, also holds services in the Huntsville Prison in the morning of each second Sunday; and by special permission, the colored prisoners are held in need of a suitable place for our religious services. Of course, there is no way by which we can make an exact estimate of the value of our religious activities, but, judging from the manifestations of interest, I think it reasonable to conclude that real permanent good has been done in the past, and that these services should be continued in the future.

EDUCATIONAL

Under this department of our work, mention may be made of the night school, the library, newspapers and magazines, and the recently installed radio. Night school is conducted every night, except Sunday, in the Huntsville Prison, and quite a number of men, both white and colored, take advantage of it. Real benefit, no doubt, is derived from our night school by many of the inmates, in spite of the difficulties encountered. The scarcity of well qualified teachers among the inmates, the frequent changes in the personnel of our prison population, the unsettled mental condition of the men—these and other difficulties in the way of the work, make a situation in which it is hard indeed to achieve satis-

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Brownwood Men Will Leave Tonight With Two Carloads of Horses

Walter Harper and A. F. McAlister will leave tonight for points in Arkansas, with two carloads of horses and mules. Mr. McAlister will remain in charge at some point in Arkansas, possibly on the Arkansas side of Texarkana, while Mr. Harper will proceed to Kansas City and buy a carload of mules which will be brought to Arkansas and Texas and placed on the market. It is said that there is at this time a good demand for horses and mules in North Texas and Arkansas.

MORTUARY

L. T. ROBERTS. L. T. Roberts, 94 years of age, who died at his home in the Brooksmith community, January 1st, was buried Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Trickham cemetery. Mr. Roberts was a farmer. He has been living in Brown county for the past 15 years. Deceased is survived by his wife and several children.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Vernon Doss of Spur is resting very well following an operation in a local hospital. Mrs. W. H. Seale of Brownwood is sick in a local hospital. O. E. Winebrener was able to return to his home Saturday night following a minor operation in a local hospital. Lester Harris of Zephyr is resting very well following an operation in a local hospital performed Saturday night. Miss Ruby Gist of the city was able to return to her home Sunday following several days spent in a local hospital. Miss Henson of Blankenship was able to be removed to her home yesterday following an operation in a local hospital several days ago. Toledo, Ohio, autoist ran into a new building going up. Guess he will say it was going up on the left-hand side.

POSTAL RECEIPTS OF LAST YEAR SLIGHTLY MORE THAN FOR 1924

MONTH OF JANUARY WAS BEST MONTH OF ENTIRE YEAR AT LOCAL OFFICE.

Postal receipts for the past twelve months total \$54,125.28, Wilbur Smith, assistant postmaster, announced Monday afternoon when he was questioned in regard to the increase of this year's total over last year's business. The increase over 1924 was \$1,088.75, while the increase over 1923 was \$9,573.82. During the past year there were only two of the twelve months that had under \$4,000 business, these two months being August and September.

As usual, a greater business was done during the first quarter of 1925 than for any other quarter for the entire year. January was the heaviest month for the past year and also for the past three years with total receipts amounting to \$6,012.25. February also came up well with a total of \$5,928.08. The third quarter was the lightest of the year, with the fourth quarter coming next to the first quarter. During November and December, not much more than the usual amount of business was done, but the postoffice employees are always rushed about Christmas time.

The month during the past year which placed second in the total receipts was October, the total being \$5,726.91. During the past year there were two months in which the total receipts were larger than the largest month in 1923 and 1924. The month of October of this year was \$5,726.91 while for 1924, it was \$5,725.84, a difference of \$1.07. In 1924, October reported more business than any other month in 1923 and 1925, the month of January reported more business. The 1926 business is starting off with a rush, postoffice employees are very busy now and the rural city mail carriers are busy. Both rural and city mail carriers have an assortment of mail each morning and they are delivering more to the residents of Brownwood now than ever before. The number of carriers has not been increased but the number of residences and citizens receiving mail has been materially increased during the past few months.

Following is the total figures of receipts for the past three years given by months:

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Table with 3 columns: Month, No. Alarms, Loss. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, and Total. Values represent fire and water damage.

Fire and Water Damage Home on Austin Avenue

The home of Mrs. Lula Leach, 1610 Austin Avenue, was badly damaged Sunday afternoon by water and fire when firemen were called to check a blaze which originated in the roof or attic of the home. The Leach family had just finished dinner when a passerby stopped and told them the house was on fire. Mrs. Leach said this morning she had no idea, what caused the fire. The upstairs portion of the Leach home is in two apartments and both were occupied. The fire caught over the apartment on the north side of the house. The furniture of the two upstairs apartments were quickly removed from the burning building. The fire damage was not very heavy but the damage caused by the water and chemicals will amount to several hundred dollars. The paper and floors of the rooms were very badly damaged. Mrs. Leach said her loss was partly covered by insurance. The furniture of the upstairs apartment was not insured. It belonged to the people occupying the apartments, but their loss was very light.

Real Estate Transfers

R. F. Hardin to Charity Ellen Taylor lot 3 of block No. 3 of the Bailey Addition to the city of Brownwood, December 29, for the sum of \$200. J. E. McComb to C. C. Bullard, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of block No. 95 of the original town plat of Brownwood, August 22, for the sum of \$1,500. F. D. Scott et ux to J. E. Allbright lots 1, 2 and 3 block 1 of Crothers and Smith addition to the city of Brownwood, December 29, for the sum of \$100. Betsy Wood to K. Blackman, 4 1/2 acres of the G. W. and Elizabeth Osborne 160 acre tract, December 17 for the sum of \$93.70. Marshall Smith to Annie T. Hughes et al 1 1/2 acres of the R. M. Ferguson survey, October 6, 1916 for the sum of \$5,000. W. W. Bourn et al to M. E. Atchison, 1,500 acres of the Hiram Reed survey, March 17, for the sum of \$1. Man in Nashville, Tennessee, was sentenced to 33 years so he won't have to worry about the coal bills.

FIRE LOSSES DURING LAST YEAR \$138,987 RESULT OF 34 ALARMS

NO LOSSES REGISTERED DURING MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY, 1925.

During the year of 1925, the fire loss in Brownwood amounted to \$138,987, according to a report sent to the State Fire Marshal by City Fire Marshal R. A. Solder. There were two months during the past year in which there were no fires the report shows, these two months being June and July. For the other ten months, the number of alarms sounded was 34. In the month of March there were six alarms but the loss amounted to only \$6,550. In the month of September the loss was \$25,285, the heaviest for any one month of the year. The lightest loss reported for any one month was \$2,200, in the month of August.

In February the loss was \$25,088. There were only two fires during the month. The W. B. Hoffman place, belonging to J. C. Weakley on Main Avenue, with a loss of \$8,050 and the H. G. Ratliff residence on Avenue D, burned with a loss of about \$13,055. The next big fire was in April when a rooming house, owned and occupied by E. Adams street was destroyed. The loss here was \$10,580. In May the Guaranty Tire Company was burned with a loss of about \$8,200. The biggest loss for the entire year was in September, when the Eubanks Music Company was destroyed by fire early one morning with a loss of about \$19,500. The building belonging to the Radford Grocery Company was badly damaged in this blaze.

It was this month that the Oriental Confectionery was fired. It was the only case of arson for the entire year. There were four alarms in October but the only fire that caused any damage was the Allyn boarding and rooming house on Adams street at the corner of E. Adams and Fisk Avenue. The building burned with a loss of \$8,250. It was in November that the Brownwood Boot Shop suffered heavy loss. The Style Shop adjoining the boot shop was badly damaged by smoke. The Young's Tailor Shop and the Mecca Cafe on Austin Avenue were also destroyed by fire during that month. The loss for November was \$15,100. Another rooming house was burned in December which made a total of three for the year. This was the Adams operated by Mrs. Steel on W Adams street. The loss was about \$2,200.

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HOUSE WARMING DAY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WAS AN EPOCHAL EVENT

PASTOR PRELUDING FROM 22ND PSALM; READING FROM BIBLE; BREAKING BREAD.

The first series of House Warming Days was preached by the pastor, D. H. Wilks, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The building is here complete but very nearly so. It was announced by the pastor that future services will be held in the church. A complete history of the building of the First Baptist church was given in the Bulletin a few days ago, the facts and figures being prepared by Dr. Wilks, who kept a faithful and true account of the work as it made progress from day to day.

The central idea of the day at First Baptist church yesterday was that of a "House Warming" and in addition to the members of the Baptist denomination many other churches were represented, it being the idea and wish of the pastor that the people of Brownwood generally, without regard to denomination, be there at 11 o'clock, see the new building, hear the first sermon, get acquainted and extend a New Year welcome and greeting to each other generally. In this idea Dr. Wilks was not disappointed for it seemed that everybody in Brownwood was present. Every available inch of space in the main auditorium and in the large side wings was taken and every chair that could possibly be placed was occupied. It was certainly a great audience and as the pastor well put it, a great occasion in the religious life of Brownwood and the people of Brownwood.

Program. Prelude, "Largo"—Handel. Doxology and Invocation. Hymn No. 193. Scriptures: Psalm 122. Intercession. Pastoral prayer. Anthem: "We Praise Thee, O God"—Rossini. Offertory: Violin Solo—Miss Edna Mackey Williamson. Solo—Mr. Cameron Marshall. Sermon by pastor: "Rejoicing in the Lord's House." Invitation Hymn No. 127. "Postlude"—Rousseau.

Dr. Wilks took for his central idea the first of the 22nd Psalm. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." The pastor drew a picture of the rebuilding of the temple at Jerusalem, and the occasion when the Jews re-entered it for worship. How glad they were to get back into the house of the Lord, and how glad they were to be near to the temple, in the temple, than anywhere else. They desired to be near him. So it made their hearts glad when they had an opportunity to again enter the house of the Lord, as the Psalmist said, "I shall be joyful because he is more beautiful, because he is more beautiful than anything of which the finite mind can conceive. Dr. Wilks then made some personal and local allusions to the new First Baptist Church at Brownwood, which he declared was the most beautiful of any church it had been his pleasure to see or to enter in his long experience. Some interesting history was given in connection with the building of the church and credit placed to those whose efforts had been well directed toward accomplishing the great work—all committees, and members of the church and church officers and others whose combined efforts had rounded out the great and beautiful edifice. The value of church fellowship was touched upon in a forceful way. People go to church to commune with their heavenly Father and to enjoy the fellowship of their friends. Whatever may be said of church members, or this or that church, it must be said that there are more good people in the church than there are anywhere else on earth. Church fellowship is certainly a most valuable asset in the life of the Christian. Then getting in touch with the Heavenly Father and communing with him in regard to our worries for which there is no earthly help is certainly beyond the power of the finite mind to properly value or appreciate. The church is where tired humanity gets away from the noise and turmoil of the world, withdraws as if it were to the sacred cloister and has heart to heart talk with the Heavenly Father. In this regard the pastor drew a fine illustration of how a certain person put in a long distance telephone call, and finally when the party at the other end of the line answered, his voice was barely audible. He spoke to the receiver and then proceeded to ensure the long distance operator when in turn quietly asked the man if it was not a fact that the door of the booth in which he was talking was open. The man admitted that such was the case. "Then close the door and you will shut out the outside noise, was the instruction from the operator. He did so and the service was very satisfactory. So the Christian in his or her worries goes to church, and shuts out the noise and turmoil of the world in order that direct communication might be had with the most high.

Sweet Assurance. Another apt illustration was that given by the pastor by way of explaining the fact that people known by the company they keep are easily recognizable by their attendance at church—their daily walk and talk, and general demeanor. He told the story of the Mosque of Omar in Jerusalem, built on the very spot where the Savior was born, and how the visitor brought aromatic spices and deposited them, in such volume that people entering the shrine came out with the fragrance clinging to their clothes. So it was said of them in those days, whom they came in contact. "He is born to the Shrine." So people who consecrate their lives to God and attend the house of God commune with him, carry the fragrance of

Splendid First Organ Recital Largely A

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Mr. Marshall, who enthusiastically recited in each act, was forced to decline on account of sickness number Mr. Marshall, who had been in the hospital for some time, was unable to attend. The organist, Cameron Marshall, who had been in the hospital for some time, was unable to attend. The organist, Cameron Marshall, who had been in the hospital for some time, was unable to attend. The organist, Cameron Marshall, who had been in the hospital for some time, was unable to attend.

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knows his own heart and his own life, and knows  
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rightness and cleanliness in any man's personal  
affairs, for his own conscience tells every man when  
ever he is vile and corrupt. We do wish, however,  
that every man and every woman and every boy and  
girl might undertake, during the new year that is  
now beginning, to carry out a program of helpfulness  
to others, each doing as much as may be possible  
to give sympathy and support to every good move  
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year. All of us are living at such a fast pace that  
we feel unable to give attention to many matters that  
are presented to us, and as a result much that is  
worthy is neglected. We should carefully rearrange  
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There are people enough to do all the tasks  
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his rightful share of the responsibility and undertake  
faithfully to perform the duties which are his. Our  
New Year resolutions, therefore, ought to be on a  
plane of usefulness and helpfulness, and actuated  
by an earnest desire to use all of the year that is  
before us in work that will be lasting in its benefits  
to ourselves and those about us. Such resolutions  
are more easily kept than are those which are mere  
prohibitions.

HOW TO GET GOOD ROADS

Brownwood citizens have indicated in an un  
mistakable manner their desire for good roads  
and their willingness to pay for them. A number  
of them have determined beyond a doubt that good  
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ated system of electing public officials, the citi  
usually must content himself with choosing  
between a few individuals who offer themselves as  
candidates for each office, and it is really remark  
able that, under such a system there is so much  
efficiency in the handling of public affairs. It there  
is to be improvement—prior to a radical change in  
system itself—it must be brought about by the  
of the people; capable men must be induced  
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taken by many citizens indicates that many  
fine men will be included among the candidates in  
addition to the fine men who are already office  
holders and may seek re-election. The citizen who  
pays his poll tax and qualifies as a voter is going  
to get his money's worth this year.

### THE PASSING DAY

By WILL H. MAYES

TEXAS never started in a new year with better  
prospects. Prosperity is in evidence in every  
part of the State. Even that section that has gone  
through an unprecedented drouth appears to have  
almost recovered. The cotton crop was better than  
was expected and the price recovered. The cotton  
crop was better than was expected and the price  
has been high enough to make it profitable. Rain came  
in time for fall grass and to grow grain crops.  
The cities and towns are growing, and living is being  
made more comfortable in the country. Despite all  
the public road scandal and the high prices that  
have been paid in some instances for road work,  
the highways are in better condition than they were  
a year ago. Oil and gas and other resources are hav  
ing a wonderful development. The people are looking  
forward to greater achievements in everything. Ap  
parently they are just beginning to realize what a  
wonderful State is Texas and they are setting about  
with greater system and better methods to develop  
it. Things worth while are happening and the peo  
ple are happy.

MUST WORK YOUR OWN PROBLEMS

However prosperous and happy a people may be  
as a whole, there will be many who neither prosper  
nor find the difficulties that always attend them.  
It has always been so and perhaps always will be.  
Nobody can relieve us of our individual problems  
that are always confronting us. It would not be  
best for us if they could. Struggle comes from facing  
difficult obstacles and overcoming obstacles in our  
way. We become weary when we no longer care to  
struggle for success. For that reason, riches, with  
their accompanying luxuries, are often more harm  
ful than helpful. The new year may bring ever so  
much to Texas, but it will not help you unless you  
put yourself in the way and the mood to take ad  
vantage of it. Naturally you will get something of  
the Texas spirit of 1926 by contact with it, but to get  
most out of it you must put yourself in harmony  
with it. Let me use a radio term, and say that to  
enjoy the Texas of 1926 you must "tune in" on it.

KEEPING ON THE WAVE

Santa Claus favored us with a radio this Christ  
mas and I am slowly learning something about its  
use. I find that when I get a good program and get  
tuned in exactly right for it, I can enjoy it only so  
long as I keep the dial set on the air wave. When I  
begin to change the dials, say from a program of  
good music at Cincinnati, I am likely to get jazz  
dance orchestra at Hot Springs or hear a real estate  
talk at Miami. Sometimes it is impossible to get back  
on the Cincinnati program because of the interference  
of other stations, and even if I do get back, I have  
lost a part of the good program, while fishing around  
in the air for other stations. The lesson from this  
is almost too plain to be pointed out. In our lives  
most of us switch too much. If we get on a good  
program, we are not content, but so to hunting aim  
lessly for something better, and are more likely to  
lose than to gain by the change. Get a good program  
for 1926 and stay with it, at least as long as it looks  
good.

MAKE USE OF OPPORTUNITIES

There is on my desk an unabridged dictionary  
that contains about all the words in the English lan  
guage and thousands of foreign languages words,  
but that dictionary will not do me any good unless I  
use it. As long as it lies unopened it is useless.  
Your State may contain all the resources known to  
civilization and may abound in opportunities, but  
unless you use them they will be worth little or no  
thing to you. There are thousands of words in that dic  
tionary that I will never find any use for, although  
they may be worth much to some people. I am not  
envious of those who need words that I can not use,  
and I am not going to try to appropriate those words  
to my use. The sensible thing for me to do is to  
make the best possible use of the words that are  
helpful to me in my work, and leave those who  
need them to the enjoyment of other people. You  
can't utilize all the opportunities in Texas, so should  
try to be content with those you can enjoy. There is  
great abundance here for every one according to his  
requirements.

YOU CAN'T ENJOY EVERYTHING

There is another lesson to be learned both from  
the radio and the dictionary. There is so much in  
the air all the time that one has to miss most of the  
things if he would enjoy anything, just as there are  
too many words in that big dictionary to be crowd  
ed in to one little mind all at once. There was a  
time when there was so little going on in the little  
world around some of us that those of us who lived  
in isolated communities could "take up" pretty much  
everything going on about us. We can't do that now,  
but have to make selection from the many activities.  
To select the best is often difficult, and many of us  
do not choose wisely. We became confused by the  
many appeals made to us for our time and become  
wasteful in efforts to do more for them we should un  
dertake. The age in which we live is distributing even  
to those of the strongest will.

THE RIGHT CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Austin is a city of about 50,000 people. Nearly  
every nation is represented in that citizenship and  
there are several thousand people here all the State  
whose real homes are no other parts of the State.  
The sheriff's office reported that it did not have a  
call on Christmas day of the day following and that  
not an arrest was made. This is mentioned merely  
to contrast it with the Christmas celebrations of  
former times for the consideration of those who think  
the world is getting worse.

PARAGRAPHS

If it's darkest just before dawn, our civilization  
may expect the sunrise any time now.—Bakersfield  
California.

About the only way for a king to get on the first  
page now is to be dead four thousand years.—Pub  
licers Syndicate.

We often wonder if Mrs. Borah is able to find  
anything for William, for Christmas—that really  
pleases him.—Ohio State Journal.

Why not tax coal strikes?—The Thos. E. Rich  
ardson Service.

Conservatism is a state of mind resulting from  
a good job.—Richmond News-Leader.

People talk of advance taxes as though there  
were some other kind.—Florence (Okla.) Herald.

Who gets things done, share daily.—Ad  
vocate, to dispose of Mr. Hunches, Poincare, King  
George and State Class.—Detroit News.

### OUT OF WAY



A SIGHT TO BE HOLED.

### BRINGING OTHERS TO CHRIST



Text: John 1:25-19.

AGAIN the next day after, John stood, and two of his disciples: And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, being interpreted, Master), where dwellest thou?

He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

He first findeth his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon, the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone.

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me, and thou shalt be my disciple.

Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter, and Philip saith unto Jesus, We have found him of whom Moses in the law, and the Prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

And he brought him to the Master.

BY W. E. GILROY, D. D.  
Editor of The Congregationalist

FOR one who would understand the origin and the growth of the Christian church in its early days, and, in fact, the process by which the church has grown from a small group of disciples gathered round a teacher to a world wide Christendom formally, at least, acknowledged, there is no more instructive chapter than this in which this season is found.

Here, very simply and yet with graphic vividness, is told the story how Jesus began to gather around him disciples. And here also is revealed that impulse which has always been at work in those who have been men of God, and which has led them to bring others to him.

The very essence of this lesson is found in the forty-second verse in the words, "He brought him to Jesus." The reference is to Andrew, who, having found Christ, had gone and found his brother, Simon Pet

circumstances and for all things:  
To have convictions, not merely  
creations and opinions; to be loyal  
to our own convictions, regardless  
of misconstruction and misrep  
sentation and without investigating  
against or hindering the convictions  
of others:  
To speak truly and cleanly out  
of mere self-respect:  
To speak no evil and listen to no  
gossip:  
To let our fellowship overpass  
the bounds of our liking:  
Never to pronounce sentence till  
we have heard both sides:  
To help whenever we can and to  
sympathize always:  
Not to be puffed up by prosperity  
nor soured by adversity:  
If we must fight, to fight fairly  
and to take punishment without  
whining:  
And, finally, to count nothing  
common or unclean, every task  
sacred and every place holy, so  
that all our worship should be ser  
vice and all our service worship.  
This would be for us a Happy  
New Year.

### TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

(By The Associated Press)

DALLAS—Jan. 9.—Warren Wil  
son, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H.  
Wilson, struck by an automobile  
yesterday, died last night. Imogene  
Sherman, 9, is in a critical condi  
tion from injuries received when  
she was struck by an automobile  
late yesterday.

DALLAS—Two firemen were  
hurt, another person was injured  
and a mother barely escaped from  
a burning hotel with her one year  
old child in a series of fires here  
last night that caused total loss of  
\$29,000. The most serious blaze  
was at the Field Hotel, near the  
business district.

WACO—The campaign in Waco  
for a change in charter, seeking to  
return to the aldermanic form of  
government from the present man  
ager plan, will begin with speeches  
tonight before the Realtor's As  
sociation. Election date is January.

DENISON—Ebel Snow, 17, an  
Elmer Schultz, 22 of Coffee Bend  
Oklahoma, killed Sunday night in  
an automobile accident near Deni  
son will be buried in the same  
grave here today.

SHERMAN—Nineteen members of  
the Sherman Bears high school  
football team, were awarded letters  
this morning by Coach Butler. Most  
of these men completed their high  
school football careers with this  
team.

TEMPLE—Installation of auto  
matic telephones began here yester  
day. Local patrons will be dialing  
their numbers sometime in June.  
Telephone company officials predict.

TEMPLE—The Lions Club here  
has announced a program for Wed  
nesday to encourage the movement  
to observe January, as "laugh  
month."

TEMPLE—Arthur A. Webb, 65  
veteran Santa Fe conductor and  
prominent man, died here unex  
pectedly early today. Funeral ser  
vices will be held tomorrow at 2:30  
Arthur C. Webb of Dallas is a sur  
viving son.

AMARILLO—The farm school, be  
ing conducted for farmers and busi  
nessmen here under the auspices of  
the Wheat Growers Association, got  
under way yesterday and will con

Building Outlook for  
Brownwood Consider  
As Being Very

The general building out  
Brownwood this year starts  
der very favorable con  
Many people contemplate b  
new homes, and in addition  
homes some of which are  
costly affairs, there will b  
churches and new business  
Those in position to know  
the opinion that the record  
year will be as good or bette  
many improvements in Bro  
Blanket, Zephyr, Bangs,  
Brooksmith, Indian Creek a  
er localities in the way of  
and business houses.

TOWNSHIP WITHDRAW  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.  
Withdrawal of the governmen  
the operation of toboats in  
York harbor, long the sub  
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was decided upon today at a  
ing of the Shipping Board.

### REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE COGGIN NATIONAL BANK

at Brownwood, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on D  
31st, 1925.

RESOURCES:

1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of drafts, and foreign bills of exchange or other bills, with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c) \$637,976.96
2. Overdrafts, secured, None; unsecured \$269.00
3. U. S. Government securities owned:
  - a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds (par value) \$25,000.00
  - b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any) 1,000.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.
5. Banking house, \$16,000.00; Furniture and fixtures \$9,000.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house
7. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks
8. Cash in banks and other depositories
9. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9 and 10)
10. Checks and other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)
11. Total of Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 \$188,484.20
12. A Check and drafts on banks (secured Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank \$1,297.87
13. Miscellaneous cash items 1,193.55
14. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer

Total LIABILITIES

17. Capital stock paid in
18. Surplus fund
19. A. Undivided profits
20. Circulating notes outstanding
21. All bank deposits
22. Amount due State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 22 or 23)
23. Cashier's checks outstanding
24. Total of Items 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 \$75,489.99
25. Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve
26. Individual deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve
27. Certificates of deposit (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (for money borrowed)
28. Total of Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 \$112,994.21
29. Total of Items 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 \$1,826,461.16

In the very nature of things the  
Parson has not attended many in  
such matters, and he wishes the  
Fire Department all manner of  
good.

"A dog is not a bad guide in a  
city he trots through."

"A beautiful complexion that can  
be bought by the ounce should not  
be put on any young man worth  
anything."

If we could but resolve  
To love God as our Father, sub  
mit to and obey Him as the  
sovereign Ruler, treat Him as all







# It's up to You



are now at the beginning of a new year.

You are happy, chock full of good things to eat, the din of last night's celebrating still rings in your ears and apparently you are carefree.

But have you considered this twenty-sixth year of the century has in store for you?

Are your resolutions for 1926 have been chosen them carefully and only after deliberable thought?—or have you happily jotted down a few just for the sake of making them—only to break them just you did a year ago?

Have you stopped to consider the future

and what 1925 experiences taught you before allowing the dead past to bury itself?

Let your mistakes of 1925 lead you in making your New Year's resolutions.

"Every man for himself," is a slogan well worthy of listing at the top of your 1926 resolution list—but how much happier you would be if you would but alter it just a bit to read: "Every man for himself-plus everyone else, too."

How much smoother things in this good old world would move along for you during this new year if you adopted that slogan and then everyone else did likewise.

Your life, despite resolutions or anything or anyone else, is going to be just what YOU make it.

IT'S UP TO YOU.

## Flashes of Life

(By The Associated Press.)  
**NEW YORK**—Having been made beautiful by the application of 31 lotions and by various processes of beauty shop owners in convention, Miss Leona Williams, selected as the ugliest woman in New York, is now going to be married. But it was all arranged before she became beautiful.

**PHILADELPHIA**—The girls now have garter bouquets at dances. Flowers bound with ribbon to match the hose are worn just below the knees.

**LONDON**—Because Alice Delysia, who had beautiful hair, has become a pronounced golden blonde, she is receiving much denunciation from critics writing about her new revue.

**NEW YORK**—Henry Bause, composer of "Hot Lips" and "Wang Wang Blues," who is being sued for alimony, deposes that he had

been drinking all right when he met Eleanor Lyman, show girl in the Hoty Totsy Club and that he was intoxicated when he married her a few hours later.

**LONDON**—The Duke of Leinster, who was met at the pier in New York the other day by an unidentified blonde, is suing his wife, the former May Tetheridge, actress.

**POTTSTOWN, Pa.**—Demand for payment of a 27 year old United States treasure's check for 11 cents is going to be made personally on Secretary Mellon by Wm. P. Wingard. He found it among his mother's effects. It is for interest on a bond.

**NEW YORK**—Mayor Jimmy Walker sometimes would like to skip the back door when there is a crowd in his official quarters, but he feels it is his duty to meet everybody with a smile and say hello. He has ordered other city officials to do likewise.

**WASHINGTON**—One fellow has beaten the restrictions against horse drawn vehicles on certain

streets. Stopped by a policeman, he said his "mule" was a mule. The policeman let him go only to learn that legally sometimes mules and horses were construed to be the same thing.

**NEW YORK**—The Lord's Day Alliance is to seek legislation at Albany for the padlocking of places of business and amusements that are open Sundays in violation of the law.

**TORONTO**—John Vincent, formerly a Newfoundland fisherman, is to receive \$25,000 for painting 14 figures in a group of three generations of the family of G. Y. Barker of Chicago.

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.**—George Wall attempted to get a job with the police here yesterday. Today he is on his way to an Illinois penitentiary from which he escaped two years ago, to finish serving a 29 year sentence for burglary.

**NEW YORK**—The "Red Grange" handicap, a horse race, will be run here Friday with the famous red head as one of the spectators, providing his football program does not interfere.

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## Hitching Rack Case Sent Back For New Trial

**AUSTIN, Tex.**—The pre-trial well county will be continue its wrangle over the hitching rack around its courthouse square in Lockhart, the Third Civil Appeals Court held today in refusing to grant the county a rehearing after having upheld the city's efforts to prevent the hitching rack being rebuilt. The city caused the original hitching rack to be torn down, and appealed to enjoin the county from reconstructing it. The case was sent back for retrial.

Nothing makes us madder than seeing a coal man frowning during the winter months.

## Walker County Deputy Found Dead Near Home

**HUNTSVILLE, Texas, Jan. 7 (AP)**—Buster Alphin, 45, deputy sheriff of Walker county, found dead just outside his home here a few minutes after he left shortly after noon today.

Alphin walked from his residence, apparently in the direction of his brother's home. A moment later a shot was heard by members of his family, who found him with a bullet in his head, apparently from his own gun. Alphin had been in ill health more than a year.

### C. E. WELCH DIES

**ST PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 7 (AP)**—Charles E. Welch, manufacturer of grape juice, died here today after a short illness.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



ANOTHER year opens with new hopes and a greater determination to serve our fellow men. Once more we announce our earnest desire to hold and maintain the spirit of good will which this season and day inspires. In solicitation of your continued patronage and kindly feeling toward us the merchants on this page, extend to each and all of you their sincerest wish for a Happy New Year.

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Epworth League Program of Sunday, Jan. 3, 1926. Song—Sarah Smith. Song—Prayer. Scripture Lesson, Isa. 6:1,3; Exodus 3:1, 6; Acts 9:1,19—Leader. Song—Leader's Talk, "The Lives of Great Men." The Vision—J. D. Gray. The Burning Bush—Mrs. A. C. Cantrell. The Damascus Road—Mrs. H. L. ... What Does the Life of Isaiah mean to Me?—Clara Page. What Does the Life of Moses mean to Me?—Clara Smith. What Does the Life of Paul Mean to Me?—Glen Moore. Singing. Announcements. Benediction. Flora Smith left Monday for her duties in the school, after spending the week with her parents, Mr. Fred Smith. A crowd of young people gathered at the residence of Mrs. Roger Bolter last Saturday night. The Senior Epworth League gave their second annual banquet last Thursday night. Two splendid programs were rendered in the church and the banquet was served in the

League room. The room was beautifully decorated in the League colors and a delicious supper was served, consisting of chicken and dressing, pickles, cream peas, cranberry sauce, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, chocolate pie and coffee. There was about 25 people who ate supper. The weather was so bad only a few braved the cold to come out, but all expressed themselves as having enjoyed the occasion very much. Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Keener and family came in Thursday afternoon to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Gray. Miss Marie Smith returned to her home in Houston last Sunday after spending several days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith. At a meeting of the school board one night last week it was decided to put on another teacher and Miss True Routh was elected to take the place. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Page and family also Mr. Charles Page returned home Saturday from West, where they had been to visit their father and mother. Brother Pleasant filled his regular appointment here in the Cumberland Presbyterian church Sunday. Mr. Hardwick and children of Sidney moved to the Dr. Turney place in the north part of town last week. Mrs. Oscar Swindle returned home from Brownwood last Thursday where she had been visiting her mother. She reports her mother much improved and we hope to soon hear she has entirely recovered. Mrs. Billie Routh has returned from Marlin where she has been under the treatment of physicians at that place. We are glad to report her much improved. A. C. Cantrell went to Comanche last Thursday. Claud Moore returned to his work in Abilene last Saturday after spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore. His brothers, Frank and Ivan accompanied him to Abilene and will work there for a while. Miss Delphia Chastain entertained a crowd of her friends with a party last Tuesday night. Mrs. A. J. Gray visited in Comanche last Monday. Mrs. Bill Tunnell came in the last of the week from Abernathy where they have been for some time. Mr. Tunnell has gone to Panhandle to work. Brother Woods is in a sanitarium in San Antonio. We hope he will

soon be well again. Brother Henderson filled his regular appointment here in the Baptist church last Sunday and Sunday night. Mrs. Roy Antrey and children of Cross Plains spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith. Miss Mary Smith returned to her school in Zephyr Saturday night after spending several days here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore came in home last Thursday from Llano county where they had spent the holidays with friends and relatives. Misses Vera Griffin, Sue, Eliza Beth, Virginia Bettis, Mary, Flora, Sarah, Marie Smith, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Eoff last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock and went to the cafe for a "Dutch" supper. Miss Sue Bettis was hostess to the crowd. Harry Bettis now has a new truck. The Missionary Society met in business session last Monday in the home of their president, Mrs. Clifford Smith, and elected their officers for another year. The following were elected: Mrs. Chazore Smith, president; Mrs. Boyer, first vice president; Mrs. W. F. Moore, second vice president; Mrs. T. M. Curry, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. H. Smith, publicity secretary; Mrs. Lee Stewart, recording secretary; Mrs. Williams, superintendent of social service; Mrs. Page, Bible mission study. Lee Stewart was a Comanche visitor last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stewart of Brownwood were here Sunday visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sides little baby was real sick the first of the week but is better at this writing. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Powell last Tuesday morning, a girl.

Center Point Brother Scruggs and family ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Sunday. Bob Carruth and Mr. and Mrs. Paynor spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. U. George. Miss Mildred Brewster ate dinner with Misses Talma and Ruby Reagan Sunday. Preaching at Union Grove was well attended last Sunday. Brother Scruggs was on his way to the coast and stopped by and preached to a large audience. There was a large crowd at singing Sunday night. Mrs. Hecnie Fisher and Miss Kittle Keeton spent last Sunday with Miss Dorie Teel. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reagan and daughter, Miss Talma Reagan, and Miss Dorie Teel went to Holder last Monday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Arley Reagan.

mother, Mrs. Mary Baker, in this city. Rev. Gray of Brownwood officiating with the ring ceremony. The home was lovely with tall silver baskets which held clusters of poinsettias and sprays of ferns. The living room where the ceremony was performed was filled with potted ferns, and baskets of flowers. The improvised altar was arranged with an embankment of ferns and clusters of poinsettias. Preceding the ceremony, Miss Flora Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Bettis, sang: "Because." As the strains of the march changed to the bridal chorus, "Lohengrin," the bride and groom entered where the ring ceremony was held. "The Flower Song" being played by Mrs. Bettis, as an accompaniment. The bride wore heavy brown crepe satin, her hat and slippers harmonizing. She carried an arm bouquet of pink rose buds. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Baker. The family being in attendance the County Superintendent of DeWitt county and loved by all who know her "out West" and in this country, too. Mr. Gooch is an ex-student of the State University and a World War Veteran. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Gooch of Lubbock, they being pioneers of the west. Mr. and Mrs. Gooch left immediately after the ceremony for San Antonio and other points after January 25 they will make their home in Lamesa, Texas.

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Brother Scruggs and family ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Sunday. Bob Carruth and Mr. and Mrs. Paynor spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. U. George. Miss Mildred Brewster ate dinner with Misses Talma and Ruby Reagan Sunday. Preaching at Union Grove was well attended last Sunday. Brother Scruggs was on his way to the coast and stopped by and preached to a large audience. There was a large crowd at singing Sunday night. Mrs. Hecnie Fisher and Miss Kittle Keeton spent last Sunday with Miss Dorie Teel. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reagan and daughter, Miss Talma Reagan, and Miss Dorie Teel went to Holder last Monday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Arley Reagan.

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This locality was visited by a good rain last Friday and Saturday. E. J. Tervooren and family and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Koch have returned from Burkett, Texas, where they have been visiting relatives. Miss Lora Cavel was the guest of her friend, Miss Dorie Spivey, last Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hayes visited in our community last Sunday afternoon. Calvert Sanderson of Bangs attended the party at Mr. Harvey Spivey's last Saturday night. C. A. Cavel and family spent New Year's Day with his sister, Mrs. Ed Haynes. Wilford Falls left Sunday for Wichita Falls where he will begin his school work again. Worth Thomason entertained a crowd of young people with a singing Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Spivey gave a sumptuous dinner Sunday which was enjoyed by those present were Calvert Sanderson and family of Bangs, Mrs. C. A. Cavel and family, Miss Nina Belle Arnold and Belle Haynes, Kate and Mae Tervooren, Mr. Burl Teague, Murel George and Worth Thomason. As a result of our contest in the Sunday school at Rocky the "Blues" will give a program Friday night, January 15th, at the church house. The public is invited. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray of this community visited in the home of Mr. Hardy Browder and family of Concord Monday. John and Jess Cason, Vernon Culbertson and C. J. Tervooren were guests of H. E. Haynes last Saturday afternoon.

MANY NEW LOCATIONS MADE IN BROWN COUNTY

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In addition to these companies all of which have leases and many of which already own big production in Brown county, there are many individuals who are interested and so the outlook for the oil industry generally in Brown county is considered as being very good. Many Locations. H. P. Evans is drilling in the Clear Creek field on the Childers tract. Alien and associates of San Antonio, are drilling on the J. E. Perkins tract in the Clear Creek field and a strong flow of oil and gas has been encountered. Those who are posted in such matters say this outlook is real good for this well. This well is down about 600 feet. The Hart well in the Brooks field near Bangs is on the pump. Considerable development is anticipated in this immediate area. The Humble pipe line to the Clear Creek field has been in operation several days. Oil from that locality is going directly to the main line of the Humble Company at the big relay station in the Byrd field. The R. Cox well on the J. H. Lewis tract in the Cross Cut field is down 700 feet. Cragin & Shadbolt on the J. H. Lewis tract in the Cross Cut field are drilling at a depth of 1,000 feet. The outlook is said to be very good. Boyesen & Ranssler are down about 600 feet on the Bob Smith tract in the Richardson field, near Brownwood. Grady Lewis is rigging up on the Dyke Ward tract in the vicinity of Brownwood. Will C. Moore, well known oil man

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COMMUNITY HOUSE AT RICKER IS ATTRACTING FAVORABLE ATTENTION UNDERSTOOD THAT SEVERAL OTHER LOCALITIES WILL BUILD HOUSES. The Ricker-Delaware community is the only community in Brown county that has a community house. The house was completed more than a year ago, all but the floor, and this was added last spring. The house is forty feet long and thirty feet wide and is large enough for all community purposes. It has been the pleasure of The Banner-Bulletin man to attend various public functions at this community house and they have all been attended largely by the people of the two communities—Delaware and Ricker. The Delaware-Ricker school house is only a short distance away and if school is in session any kind of public gathering may be staged at the community house without interfering in any way with the work of the school. The floor of the community house is made of cement and concrete and is raised a considerable distance from the ground. There are a large number of windows which gives ample lighting facility to the building. There is a large rostrum or stage at the rear, and regular stage curtains are used on wires which makes it possible for the two communities to put on any local entertainment they may choose to put on. There are dressing or preparing rooms for the people who take part in the community theatricals. But one of the very interesting features of the community house is that a kitchen supplied with stoves, pantry, tables, cupboard and other necessities has also been arranged so any kind of demonstration in cooking or canning may be put on by Miss Mayest Malone when she goes to the community house to put on one of the many interesting working programs which she has carried out in almost every locality in Brown county. The people of Delaware-Ricker community could not do without their community house. They put their Christmas tree there and hold their holiday festivities there, they put on their demonstrations there and staged their dinners and other entertainments there. It is understood that other localities in Brown county will build community houses during the present year. It is a matter of fact every locality in Brown county ought to have a community house like the one at Delaware-Ricker.

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BROOKESMITH Commencement exercises of the Junior Health Club girls of Brookesmith will be very interesting. The membership of the Junior Health Club of Brookesmith will hold their commencement exercises Friday afternoon, January 8th, at the Methodist church. The program is as follows: Short talk—Vera Sheffield. Correct Posture—Edith Burleson. Care of Skin—Goldie Allen. Care of Teeth—Otha Roberts. Brushing Teeth—Ruth Harrington. Shoes—Wilma Nunly. Fly Catchism—Annie Henderson and Fern Hogland. Demonstration—Eva Gentry. Food—Naomi McCarty. Milk—Lorraine Wise. Demonstration—Otha Roberts. Short Play—Vera Sheffield, Wilma Nunly, Virginia Hennigan, Naomi McCarty, Lorraine Wise, Otha Roberts. Everyone is invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR JANUARY 3 The Sunday schools of Brownwood had an attendance of 2,413 Sunday morning. The attendance follows: Attendance First Baptist 413 Coggin Avenue Baptist 392 Central Methodist 313 First Methodist 293 First Christian 225 Church of Christ 215 First Presbyterian 167 Austin Avenue Presbyterian 105 Melwood Avenue Baptist 79 Belle Plain Baptist 70 Edwards Street Presbyterian 58 Johnson Street Methodist 38 Mt. View Union S. S. 35

Legion Will Sponsor Dance Here Jan. 22 Britt's Band to Play Plans are being made by a committee of Legionnaires for a big dance in Brownwood on the night of January 22nd, at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. The Legion each year sponsors several dances and this affair is expected to be only one of the many dances for 1926. Ralph Britt and his "Seven" from the University of Colorado have been engaged to furnish the music for this dance, it was announced this morning by a member of the committee. France is planning an airplane to carry 75 passengers and cross the Atlantic in 26 hours.

Baker Given Place Among Stars for High School Teams Rupert Baker, captain of the Brownwood High School Lions for the past football season, is among the players who are given places on the list of stars for the season just closed. The selections were made from the stronger teams of the state by the coaches, officials and sports writers, but on account of the large number of teams and the many stellar performers during the gridiron season, no attempt was made to choose an eleven representing the "all-State" choices of the critics. Baker played a consistent game in the Lions backfield and was responsible for most of the scoring of his team during the season. He has entered Daniel Baker college, and next season will be among the candidates for a berth in the Billy backfield.