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## Christmas Cheer Baskets For Poor To Be Distributed By Santa Claus For Ozona Lions On Christmas Eve

### Weiner Roast On New Year's Day

### Lions Sponsor Commu- nity-Wide Festival On Holiday

A "dutch treat" weiner roast to which the entire community is invited will be sponsored by the Ozona Lions Club for New Year's night, Friday night of next week, it was decided at the club meeting Monday.

An old-time weiner and marshmallow roasting, in the light of a huge bonfire, to be followed by games for old and young, in fact a community good time get-together was the club's idea and a committee composed of Royce Smith, O. W. Smith and Hugh Childress, Jr., was named by President John L. Bishop to arrange the program, select the site for the gathering and spread the community-wide invitation.

"Bundle up the family, load in the weiners, marshmallows, bread, pickles and whatever else might be handy and come along," is the club's invitation to everybody. "Let's make it an old-time festival."

The program committee at the Lions Club meeting Monday furnished a rare treat for club members in a reading by Dr. F. T. McIntire in the dialect of the French Canadians of the northern border section of the United States. An interesting report of the Lions Club jamboree in San Angelo Thursday of last week to welcome International President Julien C. Hyer of Fort Worth was given by R. O. Smith, who with Glenn Rutledge attended the meeting. Mrs. F. T. McIntire was a guest of the club.

### Teachers Off To Spend Christmas With Relatives

Teachers in Ozona public schools left soon after the close of schools last Friday for their respective homes to spend the ten day Christmas holidays with their families and relatives.

Teachers who live in Ozona and who will likely spend the holidays here include Miss Elizabeth Fussell, Mrs. Tommy Hunter, Miss Helen Chapman and Supt. and Mrs. John L. Bishop. Mrs. R. O. Smith will spend Christmas with her parents in Eldorado and Mrs. Rusty Smith in Stephenville with relatives. Miss Ada Moss, who lives here with her mother, will spend Christmas here.

Teachers who live elsewhere and who will spend Christmas away are as follows: Miss Norene Allison, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denham, Henderson, Texas, and Shreveport, La.; Miss Mary Eva Webb, Ballinger; Miss Aileen Hampton, Anson, Texas; Miss Pauli Raiza, Lewisville, Texas; Guinn Carruthers, Paradise, Texas; Mr. Mrs. Ted White, Brownwood; Miss Ludee Mae Harrison, Greenville; Miss Lucille Williamson, Moody; and Miss Sophie Haug, Marlin.

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The Stockman acknowledges with thanks the following recent subscription renewal checks: John L. Bishop, Ben Lemmons, Rev. A. J. Carson of Victoria, Mrs. B. B. Ingham for Rev. F. E. Dudley of Durant, Okla., Mrs. Will C. Easterling of Alpine and John R. Bailey.

Miss Ethel Childress is spending the first part of the week in San Angelo visiting friends and relatives. She will return for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mitcham, who will spend the holiday here with Mrs. Mitcham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Childress.

A Christmas dinner consisting of a liberal portion of barbecued goat, bread, cake, fruit, nuts and candy, and toys of all kinds for the little ones will be distributed by Santa Claus among the poor families of Ozona Christmas Eve night under the auspices of the Ozona Lions Club.

The cheer baskets are being prepared today and when Santa gets to town after dark he will be shanghied for a few minutes to deliver the baskets to some twenty or more local families whose Christmas might otherwise be meager, according to information in the hands of the club committee.

The goats have been donated by local ranchmen and are being prepared by R. J. Cooke in his patented barbecue pits.

Ozona people having responded liberally to the Lions Club's call for donation of second hand toys, it is believed that enough dolls and toys of all kinds have been collected in the last two weeks to make Santa Claus real to children of poor families here. Dolls that have been discarded by children of more fortunate circumstances were collected and wives of Lions and other women who volunteered their services took the lot and dressed and repaired them, put them in good condition for distribution by Santa Claus.

Mechanical and wood toys of all kinds that were received in the drive were repaired, repainted and refinished by boys of the manual training department of the Ozona High School and by members of the club. All of these will be carefully apportioned out among the children of the poor that Christmas cheer might be brought to as many youngsters as possible.

This project being planned by the club for the benefit of poor among the Americans, the club at its meeting Monday voted to have a part in bringing Christmas cheer to the Mexican population of the city and ordered the donation of \$5 toward the Christmas trees planned by the Mexican Women of the World and the League of United Latin American Citizens. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church is also helping with the Mexican project, donating clothing and other articles for the trees.

The plan of distributing baskets to the poor instead of the customary community Christmas tree which has been staged by the club each year since its organization, was resorted to in the hope that more real Christmas cheer will be spread in this manner and more relief work accomplished than through the other method. A careful check has been made on the city's poor and every effort is being made to reach those in need.

### HOME MAKERS CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS TREE

After the Sunday School hour Sunday morning, members of the Home-Makers Class of the Ozona Baptist Sunday School gathered around a big Christmas tree in the class room to see what Santa Claus had brought them.

At the last business meeting of the class, the class roll was prepared and names were drawn by each member. Each person was required to keep in touch with the member whose name had been drawn and to seek her regular attendance at class meetings until Christmas. And on the Christmas eve was a present from each member to her charge.

After the packages had been opened, the class re-assembled for the morning services. Those present were Mrs. Elmo Taylor, Mrs. Wallander, Mrs. W. S. Willis, Mrs. G. D. Oldham, Mrs. F. T. McIntire, Mrs. Van Dyke, Mrs. H. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Butler, Mrs. Jull, Mrs. C. J. Watts, Mrs. A. E. Deland and Mrs. John Pettit. Mrs. Carson is the class teacher.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



"Now!! What did I tell you?"

Once again comes Christmas and Santa Claus, the bright light of love reflecting his approach. He comes bearing gifts, never failing to reward those who have faith in goodness and love in their hearts for their fellowmen. Merry Christmas is the song of the day and we join in singing its harmony—"Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Men."

### Plan Lion Play For February

### "Sunup" To Be Present- ed Under Direction Of Mrs. Jones

"Sunup" is the title of the three act drama to be presented by Mrs. A. W. Jones under the auspices of the Ozona Lions Club sometime early in February, it was announced this week. The play, by Lula Vollmer, is a stirring World War tale with its setting in the mountains of North Carolina and its characters mountaineers of that section. It was presented recently to a packed house by the Little Theater group of San Angelo and made a big hit with the audience.

Mrs. Jones called attention to an erroneous statement in the first announcement of the coming production here in which it was stated that she helped with production of the play in San Angelo.

A complete program of entertainment is being worked out by Mrs. Jones for the presentation here, including high class between act numbers and musical features. The play will be staged here with local talent and proceeds to go to the Lions Club will be used in furthering that organization's charity and community development work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Littleton arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ingham.

### Big Crowd Enjoys Cantata By Choir Methodist Church

The musical program and Cantata presented by members of the choir of the Methodist Church assisted by Mrs. F. T. McIntire, W. N. Hannah and Ross Huffstедler, Sunday evening was enjoyed by a big crowd that filled the church almost to capacity. The program was declared by those who heard it to have been one of the most enjoyable of its kind ever presented here.

The choir spent nearly ten days in practice for the event and its performance reflected the careful training of every voice in it. Mrs. Bryan McDonald is choir director and Mrs. Vic Pierce pianist. Miss Ethel Childress was manager.

### OIL FIELD SMOKE IS THOUGHT RANCH FIRE

It's a grand and glorious feeling, said Strick Harvick upon returning to town Monday after receiving a telephone call informing him that his ranch house was burning and arriving to find that his informant had mistaken smoke coming from the oil fields of the Iraan section. The local office of the San Angelo Telephone Company received a call from the Pleas Childress ranch Monday afternoon stating that the Harvick ranch house was on fire. Mr. Harvick was immediately notified and left once for the scene, and to his relief arrived to find everything in shipshape, and smoke rising in the distance over the oil fields.

### Music Club Has Luncheon Program

### Christmas Meet Held At Methodist Church, Next Meet Jan. 12

Members of the Ozona Music Club enjoyed a Christmas program and luncheon at the Methodist Church last Thursday afternoon, the last meeting of the club for the year 1931. The basement of the church was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors, the table covers being of red and green with a decorated Christmas tree for a center piece. Red and green candles were placed on each table. There were 33 members and guests present. The program on the occasion included a piano solo by Miss Aileen Hampton, a toast to the occasion by Miss Ethel Childress and a vocal solo by Mrs. F. T. McIntire. Mrs. W. Grimmer was leader for the day and Mrs. R. R. Dudley and Mrs. Vernon Cox hostesses.

The next meeting of the club will be held January 12 at the home of Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., with Mrs. Elton Smith assisting hostess. Mrs. Max Schneemann will be leader. The program will be devoted to a study of the life and works of William J. Marsh and Sam Lash. The program follows: Song—"Blue Bonnet Time"—Club. Life of Marsh—Mrs. A. C. Hoover. Trio—"A Flower Wreath"—Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., Mrs. (Continued On Page 6)

### SCHOOL BLDG. OPENING MAY BE DELAYED

### Finishing Work Still To Be Done Likely To Upset Plans

### DATE UNCERTAIN

### Formal Dedication Of Structure May Be Postponed

Delay in opening of the new High School building seemed apparent the first of this week when report was made to authorities that finishing work required on the building would not be completed in time for occupancy of the building when school resumes on December 28.

As a consequence of this delay in completion of the work and final acceptance of the new building, High School students who had been informed that their classes would be resumed in the new building after the Christmas holidays will resume their work in the old building and classes will be held in the usual rooms for a few days at least, John L. Bishop, superintendent, announced.

This development will also alter plans for the formal dedication exercises which had been planned for Monday evening, January 4, the superintendent said. Efforts are now being made to arrange this program for a week later than the announced date. A. M. Blackman, chief supervisor of high schools with the department of education at Austin, had agreed to come here and deliver the principal address at the dedication exercises on January 4. As school authorities are especially anxious to have Mr. Blackman here for this program, it is likely that the date will be fixed in accordance with his wishes.

Superintendent Bishop was making an effort this week to find out what date will be satisfactory to Mr. Blackman and if the January 11 date is satisfactory, the program will be arranged for that date, as contractors declare that barring further unforeseen developments the building will be entirely completed by then.

Considerable night work is being done by crews on the building job in an effort to speed up its completion. Painting, refinishing here and there and some occasional alterations and repairs were required by architects before final acceptance of the job and it is this work which will cause delay in the opening date.

Glenn Rutledge and Royce Smith attended the Lion Club jamboree in San Angelo last Thursday honoring International President Julien C. Hyer of Fort Worth.

### A Romance That Will Grip You!

To her mother and the gay social world she was Jocelyn Harlowe, wealthy debutante engaged to marry Felix Kent powerful Wall Street millionaire. But to her father, poor and cynical, she was Lynda Sandal, who longed to know the whole of life and who falls in love with his young friend, Jock Ayleward.

The dual personality of Jocelyn-Lynda leads her into many strange adventures, complicated by the rivalry of two men who wish to marry her. Here is a love story that is different and strangely gripping. Katharine Newlin, widely-known writer leading magazines, has us her best in "RAPTURE BEYOND THE VEIL" the new serial that The Ozona Stockman Next Week.



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THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1931.

**OLD AGE PENSIONS**

The movement for old age pensions, under some system of state supervision, or directly by the states with funds raised by taxation, is growing strongly all over the United States. The American Association for Old Age Security, which is a group of philanthropic-minded people trying to advance the cause of old age pensions, reports that out of 1,345 newspapers which have editorially discussed the subject in the past two years, more than a thousand are definitely in favor of the movement.

It is undeniable that people who are too old to work and have nothing saved up have a harder time of it, in this industrial age, especially in the cities, than folk similarly situated had when everybody lived on farms. In the country a few old people, more or less, make little or no difference in the cost of maintaining the household. It is easy to say that these old people should have been thrifty, but there are so many obstacles in the way of even the ablest in their effort to save up for old age, that it is unfair to blame any but the utterly lazy and reckless for not accumulating an independent income.

The old-fashioned "poorhouse," with its stigma of pauperism, has been abolished in seventeen states where old age pension systems are in effect. It is no disgrace for old folk who have worked hard all their lives to take help from the social group which has benefited by their labors. We think then best of all old-age pension systems for wage-earners would be one in which employers and workers alike contribute to an insurance fund to be available when ever either illness, accident or age removes the worker from the ranks of active industry. But it would take a great many years to realize the full effect of such a plan, even if it were put into universal effect tomorrow. And even then it might not reach all of the aged people.

Experience in the states where old-age pensions have been adopted is that it is a more economical way of taking care of the poor than the poorhouse used to be. It certainly seems to be more in harmony with our civilized social conscience than the old system of making "paupers" of these unfortunates.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Miss Esther Kate Pierce entertained a few of her friends last Friday night at her home with the game of "Hearts." The house was gay with Christmas decorations. A Christmas tree held the tallies and a gift for each one present. Miss Willie V. Coose and Gene Williams were the lucky ones at "Hearts" each receiving a gift. A delicious refreshment plate was served to the following: Misses Dorothy Henderson, Vicky Pierce, Helen Adams, Willie V. Coose, Gladine Coates, Ernest B. Sparkman, Ernestine Watts, Alberta Kay and Batts Friend, Bill Seaborn, Eugene Miller, Max Eppier, Billie Childress, Cleophus Cooke, Paul H. Hailcoomb, Gene Williams, Bill Friend and Dennis Floot Centes.

**WE ARE A MUSICAL NATION**

It used to be said that America was not a musical nation. Nobody can say that now. Even in these hard times people are spending money for musical entertainment, and buying musical instruments almost as freely as ever. We are no longer satisfied with poor music. First the phonograph records, then the radio, and latest, the excellent music which accompanies the talking pictures, have certainly all served to elevate the popular musical taste.

Not everybody has the musical ear or the natural skill to produce music either vocally or instrumentally, but everybody can command good music by merely turning on the radio or starting up the phonograph or the player piano. But this music has to be produced, in the first place, by people of real musical talent. We were interested to read about the young New Jersey stenographer, Saida Knox, who has just won a \$5,000 cash prize for her singing over the radio. We were also interested to read that the most popular musical instrument today is the concertina, and that some of them sell for as high as \$500 each. We heard not long ago about a young man who earned a quarter of a million dollars before he was twenty-five composing popular music. And we have heard Rudy Vallee crooning over the radio.

It seems to us that it is a great deal more important to develop our own musical talent and bring good music and an appreciation of it to everybody than it is to import a lot of foreign singers for grand opera in the big cities. And we noticed the other day that some of the wealthy people who have been supporting the opera have got tired of putting up money for shows which nobody really understands, and which are not interesting to the general public.

**PROHIBITION AND POLITICS**

Chairman John J. Raskob, of the Democratic National Committee, has asked everybody who contributed to the last Democrat national campaign fund to give him some advice on the question whether or not a change in the prohibition laws should be advocated in the next Democratic national platform.

We don't know what these gentlemen who financed Alfred E. Smith's campaign for the presidency will tell Mr. Raskob. We believe, however, that the farther they are away from the big cities the less likely they are to recommend either the repeal of the eighteenth amendment or the "liberalization" of the Volstead act.

It would be a pity, it seems to us, to have a presidential election complicated by the question of prohibition. Prohibition, as we see it, is not and ought not to be made a partisan issue. It cuts across all party lines, and throws into the political situation an issue which has no bearing upon the vitally important economic questions which are the only sound basis for political action. Mr. Raskob and his friends suggest several alternative programs for consideration. The essence of them all is that the people of the United States and of the several states should have the right to vote directly on constitutional amendments. This seems to be based on the theory that state legislatures, which ratified the eighteenth amendment, and which have ratified all previous amendments to the Constitution, do not truly represent the preponderant opinion of the people of their states. We see no objection to such a referendum, but we think Mr. Raskob would be surprised at the result if his party should commit itself to a referendum on the repeal of the eighteenth amendment and should find itself in a position to submit such a referendum to the people.

We think there is a great deal to be said in favor of the general proposition that there is too much of a tendency to centralizing government at Washington. And, of course, any political organization or group that desires to have a perfect right to advocate and try to put into effect any change in the Constitution which seems desirable to the group. But if for the purpose of a great national party is to elect its candidate for the presidency, we think it would be just too bad to complicate the issue by putting into the platform, under whatever disguise, a proposal upon which there is so much and such violent difference of opinion as prohibition.

**"You'll Like This, I Betcha"** — By Albert T. Reid



**OVER-INSURANCE**

Yesterday a good number of Ennis citizens gathered at the City Hall in an effort to do something about the high fire insurance rate in Ennis. An action was taken which will probably bring about a city ordinance demanding an investigation of every fire in Ennis. To us, this seems a very worthy move, and one that has been needed for a long time.

As the situation now stands, a good percentage of the property in Ennis is over-insured. This is the fault of the insurance writers—and the people. We believe a good per cent of the fires in Ennis are not accidental, but are set by the property owners in order that they might collect their insurance.

Ennis has one of the highest fire insurance rates in the State. There is no need of the citizens of Ennis paying such a high rate in order that a few crooked property burners might bring money into their own pockets. If the fire insurance companies care little enough for their profession to over-insure property, and the citizens care little enough for their own well being to purposely let an agent over-insure them, then it is time for the city to take action.

If the people of Ennis would realize that every time the fire bell rings, the insurance companies do not lose a penny, but every insured citizen of Ennis pays for the fire, they would be ready to take up arms against the high insurance rate and the Ennis incendiary artists.

In six years should Ennis pay \$56,570 in EXCESS premiums. During 1931 should Ennis pay \$14,097 in excess premiums.

Insurance should be for protection, not profit. Some of the fires in Ennis are accidents, which could not be avoided, but a large percentage of them are purposely set fires, which bring money into the pockets of the crooked citizen, and take money from the pockets of the citizens who are honest.—Ennis Daily News.

**FRIDAY BRIDGE CLUB**

Mrs. Strick Harvick was hostess to her club last Friday at her home. The house was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. A Christmas tree on the dining table held the tallies and a pop corn ball done up in either red or green paper was fastened to each tally. Mince meat tarts with whipped cream and coffee were served to the following members: Mesdames Fred Deaton, Floyd McIntire, Tom Smith, Johnie Henderson, Joe Pierce, Lee Childress, Geo. Montgomery, Joe Oberkamp, L. B. Adams, Vic Pierce, Scott Peters, Jim Miller, and Joe Davidson. Guests present were Mesdames Joe North, Warren Clayton, Bryan McDonald, H. P. Vaughan, John Bishop, Marbury Morrison and Miss Wanda Watson.

Say "I saw it in The Stockman."

**THE PIANO TUNER SAYS**  
By Fred Wilson

I saw it in The Stockman in the form of an extended invitation to "Try those delicious hot tamales at Moore's Cafe." I knew that Dinty Moore was famous for his ultra-superior "Red-Mike" all as corn beef and cabbage and also that Paul Stark once paid \$5,000 for a tree bearing a certain kind of very mediocre apples which we named delicious, but it was news to read that "Any" Moore was serving many more delicious tamales and would continue to do so forever more.

The more Moore tamales Moore sells the more money Moore will have with which to buy more Moore tamales to sell to more people and thus Moore will have still more money to invest in more Moore tamales for more people, so what more in the H—I could anyone expect of Moore?

We have always looked upon a tamale as being sort of a sacred little thing ever since we produced the first one we ever saw while playing with some corn shucks in a pig pen, as a small boy. During the early stages of development the tamale, like the aeroplane, was a very crude, uninteresting piece of mechanism but through endless experiment and exhaustive research it has, at last, reached the pinnacle of perfection.

Although, having been accepted as authority on tamales for the past half century, we had until last Tuesday, never tasted a DELICIOUS one. After reading the above ad, and knowing the Stockman never published any other than authentic advertising, we developed an overwhelming desire to flop our lip over a few dozen of this variety.

With this in view we borrowed a one-eyed flivver and drove from San Angelo to Ozona through a blinding rain only to be told, upon arrival, that the supply was exhausted and that owing to a Hoover Moratorium on shucks Moore could get no more for three days. Not to be outdone, we "stuck around" for the required three days and when the shipment arrived from Little Mexico, immediately invested in five (5) dozen.

Five dozen Standard tamales usually makes us a fair meal but, gosh, that amount of the Delicious variety filled us to the danger point and we had three left. Not only is the flavor, or rather flavors, of Delicious tamales entirely different from the Standard brands, but the shucks are so nice and crisp that they do not cause gastric disturbances in the stomach after eating.

Delicious Hot Tamales at Moore's Cafe.

A new court house at Wellington, Collingsworth County, is nearing completion.

Recently all designated highways into Shamrock, Texas, were under detour.

**SCANDALS**  
By The Town Gossip

**"SEES ALL—HEARS ALL"**

No, Minerva, free wheeling doesn't mean you don't have to pay for your gas.

Following is a bit of classic poetry, a product of our local High School thought, composed by a big he-man of the 1931 gridiron squad, a hero of more than one game of the past season in which the Purple and Gold aggregation figured. Just how this bit of uplifting sentiment came into the Gossip's hands is his own secret, but we'll wager one thing, and that is that the author will be as surprised as you are to see it reprinted here. Now, whether some sweet young thing recited this to the football hero on a moon-lit night or whether he composed it in a dreamy moment, Gossip will not venture a guess—but you may here 'tis: Sooner or later you'll forget

All that you have said, and yet 'Tis so sweet for the stars to kiss the sea,  
But not half so sweet as you have kissed me,  
But I like your line,  
So kiss my lips, my hair, my eyes,  
And whisper a thousand lies While I lie content in your strong young arms,  
So love me, hold me tight Till all the stars are turning white,  
For sooner or later, you'll forget All that you're saying tonight,  
But never mind the bye and bye, For sooner or later, so will I.

"A good way to make anti-freeze," observed a local wit recently, "is to hide her winter longies."

A picture postcard from a world touring father to his son in college was inscribed as follows: "This is the cliff from which the ancient Spartans used to throw their defective children. Wish you were here.—Dad."

Belliachorage reduction is certainly in order in these parts. What can you do, for instance, in the case of the shine boy, who gets an unprecedented rush of business on account of the long continued rains and then complains lustily because the shoes are so muddy?

**WEST TEXAS NOTES**

Cotton uniforms are to be supplied to every soldier in the service of the United States, Army, Fort Bliss men at El Paso report.

A new school building is being erected at Sunray in Hartley County.

A fat stock show is to be held in San Angelo from February 29, to March 2, 1932, sponsored by the San Angelo Board of City Development.

The ranch experiment station Sonora, Texas, has 2,461 acres of land for grazing.

A riding academy is being established at Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine.

The time of building the Seymour-Vernon extension of the Frisco railroad has been extended to the close of 1932 by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Highway 18 from Turkey in Hall County to the Motley County line is to be graveled soon.

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# SIGHT UNSEEN

by  
**MARY ROBERTS RINEHART**

"She had been our first governess for the children," Elinor said, "and she often came in. She had made a birthday smock for Bud's, and she had it in her hand. She almost fainted. I couldn't tell her about Charlie Ellingham. I couldn't. I told her we had been struggling, and that I was afraid I had shot him. She is quick. She knew just what to do. We worked fast. She said a suicide would not have fired one shot into the ceiling, and we fixed that. It was terrible. And all the time he lay there, with his eyes half open—"

The letters, it seems, were all over the place. Elinor thought of the curtain, cut a receptacle for them, but she was afraid of the police. Finally she gave them to Clara, who was to take them away and burn them.

They did everything they could think of, all the time listening for Suzanne Gautier's return; filled the second chamber of the revolver, dragged the body out of the hall and washed the carpet, and called Doctor Sperry, not knowing that he was at Mrs. Dane's and could not come.

Clara had only a little time, and with the letters in her handbag she started down the stairs. There she heard some one, possibly Ellingham, on the back stairs, and in her haste, she fell, hurting her knee, and she must have dropped the handbag at that time. They saw now that Hawkins had found it later on. But for a few days they didn't know, and hence the advertisement.

"I think we would better explain Hawkins," Sperry said. "Hawkins was married to Miss Clara here, some years ago, while she was with Mrs. Wells. They had kept it a secret, and recently she has broken with him."

"He was infatuated with another woman," Clara said briefly. "That's a personal matter. It has nothing to do with this case."

"It explains Hawkins' letter." "It doesn't explain how that medium knew everything that happened," Clara put in, excitedly. "She knew it all, even the library paste! I can tell you, Mr. Johnson, I was close to fainting a dozen times before I finally did it."

"Did you know of our seances?" I asked Mrs. Wells.

"Yes. I may as well tell you that I haven't been in Florida. How could I? The children are there, but I—"

"Did you tell Charlie Ellingham about them?"

"After the second one I warned him and I think he went to the house. One bullet was somewhere in the ceiling, or in the floor of the nursery. I thought it ought to be found. I don't know whether he found it or not. I've been afraid to see him."

She sat, clasping and unclasping her hands in her lap. She was a proud woman, and surrender had come hard. The struggle was marked in her face. She looked as though she had not slept for days.

"You think I am frightened," she said slowly. "And I am, terribly frightened. But now about discovery. That has come, and cannot be helped."

"Then why?"

"How does this woman, this medium, know these things?" Her voice rose, with an unexpected hysterical catch. "It is superhuman, I am almost mad."

"We're going to get to the bottom of this," Sperry said soothingly. "Be sure that it is not what you think it is, Elinor. There's a simple explanation, and I think I've got it. What about the stick that was taken from my library?"

"Will you tell me how you came to have it, doctor?"

"Yes. I took it from the lower hall the night—the night it happened."

"It was Charlie Ellingham's. He had left it there. We had to have it, doctor. Alone it might not mean much, but with the other things you knew—tell them, Clara."

"I stole it from your office," Clara said, looking straight ahead. "We had to have it. I knew at the second setting that it was his."

"When did you take it?"

"On Monday morning, I went for Mrs. Dane's medicine, and you had promised her a book. Do you remember? I told your man, and he allowed me to go up to the library. It was there, on the table.

I had expected to have to search for it, but it was lying out. I fastened it to my belt, under my long coat."

"And placed it in the rack at Mrs. Dane's?" Sperry was watching her intently, with the same sort of grim intentness he wears when examining a chest.

"I put it in the closet in my room. I meant to get rid of it, when I had a little time. I don't know how it got downstairs, but I think—"

"Yes?"

"We were house-cleaning. A housemaid was washing closets. I suppose she found it and, thinking it was one of Mrs. Dane's took it downstairs. That is, unless—" It was clear that, like Elinor, she had a supernatural explanation in her mind. She looked gaunt and haggard.

"Mr. Ellingham was anxious to get it," she finished. "He had taken Mr. Johnson's overcoat by mistake one night when you were both in the house, and the notes were in it. He saw that the stick was important."

"Clara," Sperry asked, "did you see, the day you advertised for your bag, another similar advertisement?"

"I saw it. It frightened me." "You have no idea who inserted it?"

"None whatever." "Did you ever see Miss Jeremy before the first sitting? Or hear of her?"

"Never."

"Or between the seances?"

"No."

Elinor rose and drew her veil down. "We must go," she said.

"Surely now you all will cease these terrible investigations. I cannot stand much more. I am going mad."

"There will be no more seances," Sperry said gravely.

"What are you going to do?" She turned to me, I daresay because I represented what to her was her supreme dread, the law.

"My dear girl," I said, "we are not going to do anything. The Neighborhood Club has been doing a little amateur research work which is now over. That is all."

Sperry took them away in his car, but he turned on the door-

step, "Wait downstairs for me," he said, "I am coming back."

I remained in the library until he returned, uneasily pacing the floor.

For where were we, after all? We had had the medium's story elaborated and confirmed, but the fact remained that, step by step, through her unknown "control" the Neighborhood Club had followed a tragedy from its beginning, or almost its beginning, to its end.

Was everything on which I had built my life to go? Its philosophy, its science, even its theology, before the revelations of a young woman who knew hardly the rudiments of the very things she was destroying?

Was death, then, not peace and an awakening to new things, but a wretched and dissociated clutching after the old? A wrench which only loosened but did not break our earthly ties?

It was well that Sperry came back when he did, bringing with him a breath of fresh night air and stalwart sanity. He found me still pacing the room.

"The thing I want to know," I said fretfully, "is where this leaves us? Where are we? For God's sake, where are we?"

"First of all," he said, "have you anything to drink? Not for me. For yourself. You look sick."

"We do not keep intoxicants in the house."

"Oh, piffle," he said. "Where is it, Horace?"

"I have a little gin."

"Where?"

"Well," said Sperry, when he had lighted a cigar. "So you want to afterward."

I drew a chair before the bookshelves, which in our old-fashioned house reach almost to the ceiling, and, withdrawing a volume of Josephus, I brought down the bottle.

"Now and then, when I have had a bad day," I explained, "I find that it makes me sleep."

He poured out some and I drank it, being careful to rinse the glass know where we are?"

"I would like to save something out of the wreck."

"That's easy. Horace, you should be a heart specialist, and I should have taken the law. It's as plain as the alphabet." He took his notes of the sittings from his pocket. "I'm going to read a few things. Keep what is left of your mind on them. This is the first sitting."

"The knee hurts. It is very bad. Arnica will take the pain out."

Sperry took them away in his car, but he turned on the door-

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# 2 NAMES PERSONALITIES FATES

## "RAPTURE BEYOND"

By Katharine Newlin Burt

Which shall she choose—wealth, power and position as Jocelyn Harlowe, the fiancée of Felix Kent, powerful Wall Street millionaire, or poverty, obscurity and an adventurous life as Lynda Sandal, who falls in love with Jock Ayleward?

This is the problem that faces the beautiful young debutante, just out of a convent, who longs

to know more of life and who is torn between her divorced father and mother to choose widely different fates.

The struggles of Jocelyn-Lynda are powerfully depicted in this latest and best romance by Katharine Newlin Burt, well-known writer for leading magazines, in a story that grips you with its interest and suspense.

"Rapture Beyond" will be published weekly in

# Ozona Stockman

Beginning Next Week



## To Wish You All Good Cheer At Christmas Time

It has been a most trying year for all of us, but nothing can dim the spirit of Christmas and we pause at this joyous Yuletide season to wish you all the joy and happiness that the season can bring you. May you be able to put aside cares and worries and raise your voice in joyous shouts of good cheer—and may peace and prosperity abide with you always. Your friendship and goodwill make ours a joyous Christmas and we hope we may continue to bask in its light through many years to come.

**Chris Meinecke**



### US TO YOU

If we have not seen you in person to extend the season's greetings—then know that these words are from us to you, our friends—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Ideal Barber Shop

JOHN PETTIT, Proprietor



### SINCERELY YOURS

It is our hope that the patronage we have enjoyed during the year has been justified in our service to our friends. We thank you and wish you all the happiness of the season.

### Bluebonnet Beauty Shop

MRS. RUTH RUTLEDGE, Proprietor



# Way of Life

BRUCE BARTON

## PROPHETS

A man who was an officer in France told me this story, which is interesting and may be true.

He said that on November 10, 1918, a friend of his went into our headquarters and stopped beside the desk of an officer who was engaged in statistical work. The officer had been so busy with his charts and figures that he had hardly left his office for days.

The visitor said to him: "Well, I guess it's about all over."

"What do you mean?" asked the statistician.

"Why, the armistice will be declared tomorrow."

"Nonsense," the statistician exclaimed. "This war is going on for another five years." Whereupon he drew out his graphs and his charts and proceeded to prove it.

Here's another story, told me by a banker.

In November, 1930, the ten leading economists of the United States held a secret conclave and took a ballot on how long the business depression would last.

One of them said it would be over in six months.

Four said it would last from one to three years.

The other five said it would last from three to five years.

If they are right, the outlook is pretty gloomy, isn't it?"

I said it certainly was.

"There is just one joker in the story as I told it," he added. "That the meeting was not held in November, 1930. It was held in November, 1920. And that depression came to a close, as we now know, in August, 1921."

Looking back over history, we can see that prophecy has always been a dangerous business. But as between the optimistic prophets and the pessimistic the balance is in favor of the optimists.

Old Mother Shipton, in the early 1500's, prophesied that "iron upon the sea would float as easily as a wooden boat." She foretold the air-plane, the submarine, and the telephone. She was suspected then of being crazy, but she does not look so crazy now.

John Law, of Mississippi Bubble fame, sold shares in his vast concessions on this continent. Speculation ran them up to wild prices, and the ensuing panic ruined thousands. But those concessions represented the richest part of the United States. Even at their highest prices they would be cheap today.

I do not intend to join the ill-fated company of prophets. I merely record my general agreement with the late P. T. Barnum, who said:

"If the truth were known I think it would be found that in this wide-awake country more people are fooled by believing too little than ever were fooled by believing too much."

## SUNFLOWER CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Sunflower Bridge Club and their guests enjoyed the club's annual Christmas party in the ballroom of the Hotel Ozona Tuesday night. A Christmas tree brilliantly lighted and decorated and loaded with presents for each member and guest, stood in the center of the room and after the guests had assembled old Santa Claus himself entered with a loud blast of his horn and proceeded to unburden the tree of its gifts, distributing the presents among the assembled guests.

High score prizes for club members went to Mrs. Evert White and Joe North. High guest prizes were awarded Mrs. Boyd Clayton and Herbert Kittle and low score prizes were awarded Evert White and Mrs. Massie West. Refreshments consisting of mince meat pies in patties with whipped cream and coffee were served at the conclusion of the games.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Hilton North, Massie West, Boyd Clayton, Clay Adams, Evert White, Floyd McMullen, Abby McMullen, Frank McMullen, Warren Clayton, Charles E. Davidson, Jr., T. A. Kincaid, Jr., Hilary Phillips, Joe North, Walter Augustine, Jake Short and Sherman Taylor, Mrs. Leta Hawkins, Mrs. Dixie Brown, Miss Hester Banger, Miss Beth Davidson, Clinton Glover, G. A. Wynn, Jake Young and Herbert Kittle.

## A CHRISTMAS WARNING

J. W. DeWeese, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, issued a warning today to the people of Texas against fires caused by Carelessness during the Christmas Holidays.

Mr. DeWeese said that past records reveal that ninety per cent of the fires that have occurred during Christmas Holidays were due to Carelessness on the part of the people by their failure to keep down the many common fire hazards that are so prevalent in the average home and place of business.

The following Rules, Mr. DeWeese said, should be adhered to during the Christmas Holidays to prevent fires of Careless origin.

Rule 1. It is unsafe to put highly inflammable materials on the Christmas tree; however, if such materials are to be used, every precaution should be taken to prevent fire in any form to come into close contact with the tree, and especially should every precaution be taken to prevent unsafe electrical wiring in and about the tree.

Rule 2. Under no condition should a penny or wire be used to replace a burn-out fuse plug. The fuse is the Safety Valve for protection against overloading, and to use a penny or wire to replace a fuse defeats the purpose of the use as a Safety protection.

Rule 3. Lighted candles should never be placed on the Christmas tree.

Rule 4. Lighted candles should not be placed in the window near curtains or other inflammable

materials.

Rule 5. All wrapping paper, boxes and other rubbish, should be removed from the house immediately when a package has been opened.

Rule 6. Small children should not be permitted to play with matches, for it is through this medium that many unhappy fires have occurred.

Rule 7. Small children should never be permitted to handle fireworks.

Rule 8. Under no condition should two people engage in a roman candle fight, for to do so is likely to result in serious bodily injury to one of the two. Past records reveal that many people have been severely burned, or received an eye injury. Neither should one person throw a firecracker at another person, for such innocent pleasure may result in serious injury.

Rule 9. Parents are warned not to leave small children at home to take care of themselves, for there are too many dangerous fire hazards in the household, and small children are not aware of such dangers. The records reveal that such practice as this on the part of parents has resulted in the death of small children not capable of taking care of themselves.

Rule 10. Last, but not LEAST: All people are urged to THINK in terms of SAFETY before doing any act during the Christmas Holidays, and if this precaution is practiced, we are sure to have few fires of careless origin and less casualties than ever before.

Miss Beth Davidson and Mrs. Dixie Brown, students in the University of Missouri at Columbia, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Judge and Mrs. Charles E. Davidson. Judge and Mrs. Davidson went to Oklahoma on business last week and on the return trip went by Columbia where they were joined by their daughters for the trip home.

"Now for bellachage reduction."—Dallas News.

People may differ on politics, religion and causes of the depression but they all agree that a car is a necessity.—Jefferson Journal.

## Flowers Fuels

Dependable Service

Diabolo Coal — Kerosene — Distillate

JOHN ROCHELLE, SALESMAN AND COLLECTOR



Season's . . . .  
. . . . Greetings

May Santa's sleigh be loaded with good things for you and may your heart be filled with gladness at this joyous Christmas season.

We would help you be merry—a good time dance in our ballroom Christmas Eve and Christmas night. Come.

Hotel Ozona

Hotel Ozona Coffee Shop

## Send Christmas Cheer Over the Wires

YOUR VOICE on the telephone will be the next to your presence around the family hearth at Christmas time. If you are away from loved ones at this joyous season, a long distance telephone call will make the Christmas Spirit more real for you and for those back home.

USE THE TELEPHONE

SAN ANGELO TELEPHONE CO



Jus a Friendly Old-Fashioned Merry Christmas

To all those who have favored us with their good will we esteem this occasion a priceless privilege to express our appreciation and to wish all our friends and patrons a

"Very Merry Christmas"

Jones Saddlery Company

"Cowboy Outfitters"

To Wish You All a Very

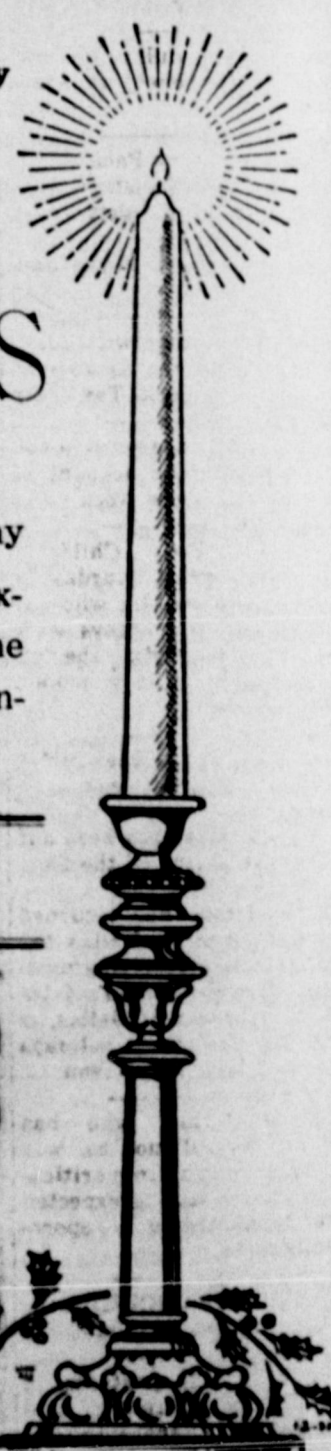
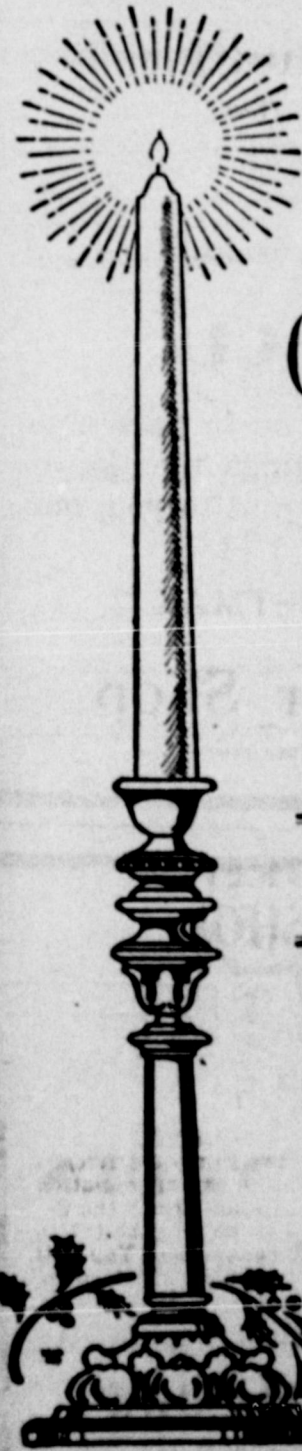
MERRY CHRISTMAS

OF WORDS there are many and the thoughts they can express are legion—but none can mean more than our sincere

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

MOORE'S CAFE

The Home Of Home Cooked Meals





### Mayer Re-Elected Wool Co-Op Head

#### Two Other Texans On Directorate National Marketing Corp.

Sol Mayer of San Angelo was re-elected president of the National Wool Marketing Corporation and J. B. Wilson, McKinley, Wyoming, was again chosen as general manager of the marketing and sales agency for 25,000 wool growers at the recent annual meeting in Chicago.

Other officers elected were Roy Clary, Great Falls, Montana, vice president; Charles Center, Boston, secretary; David Judd, Boston, treasurer and assistant general manager.

Prospects for better times in the wool growing industry were visioned by Wilson in his address to the directors. He said the demand for wool the first ten months of 1931 exceeded by 63,000,000 pounds that of the same period last year, although this year's price is six per cent below 1930's.

Next year's production should be greatly curtailed and as a consequence the price should be better, Wilson declared. He explained the increased demand resulted from low inventories at textile mills, which found it necessary to refill stores. The first ten months of 1931 brought consumption of 357,000,000 pounds, compared with 294,000,000 pounds during the same 1930 period.

"The farm board," of which the National Wool Marketing corporation is a member co-operative "has been performing an almost impossible task extremely well," Wilson said.

Directors of the wool co-operative elected included A. H. Caine, Pocatello, Idaho; W. H. Ferguson, Richmond, Virginia; T. I. Ferris, Pleasant Lake, Indiana; Roy Clary, Great Falls, Montana; Frank Lebus, Cynthia, Kentucky; A. C. Martin, Menard, Texas; Edward Sargent, Chama, New Mexico; C. A. Sewell, Elko, Nevada; Dr. O. O. Wolf, Manhattan, Kansas and A. L. Hall, Uvalde, Texas.

Clyde Crump, saddle maker at the Jones Saddlery Company here, left Tuesday for Waco where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Adams are here from their ranch near Fort Stockton to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bailey are here from their ranch near Sheffield in Pecos County to spend the holidays with relatives.

Why cut with dull scissors? Have them sharpened at Jones Saddlery. 1p.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pace of Tahoka are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baggett.

Scissors sharpened. Jones Saddlery. 1p.

Experienced teacher with certificate desires position as governess, Box 477 Comstock, Tex. 2tp

Miss Velma Richardson was confined to her home on account of illness the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Childress went to San Angelo Saturday to meet Pleas Childress, Jr., who has come to spend the holidays with his parents after spending the fall term in Kemper Military school, Boonville, Mo.

Mrs. L. B. Cox has been ill at her home for the past week.

Mrs. Harold Baker has been suffering from an attack of the flu.

J. W. Henderson has returned after having been in Dallas for the past few weeks receiving medical care. Mrs. Henderson's father, J. K. P. Schrader of Dallas, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Mrs. W. D. Barton, who has been ill for several months, was reported this morning in a critical condition. Her death is expected momentarily, according to reports from the bedside.

SCISSORS SHARPENED with razor edge at Jones Saddlery. 1p

POSTED—All my pastures in Crockett County. Hunting and trapping and all trespassing positively forbidden. Floyd Henderson. 11-1-30.

### Texas Tech Seeks Membership In Border Conference

LUBBOCK, Tex., Dec. 20.—Texas Technological College, seven years old with an enrollment of 2,300 students, ranking third in enrollment in the big state of Texas, may get into an athletic conference in January.

Officials of the college will attend a meeting at Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 9, 10, at which time it is possible that the Tech will be admitted to membership in the "Border Conference," now composed of the following schools: University of New Mexico, University of Arizona, Tempe Teachers, Arizona State Teachers and New Mexico A. & M. College.

The Tech has a standing appeal to be admitted to the Southwestern Conference. Last year the Texas Conference refused the school admission on the theory that within a year or more, Tech would be too strong, and an effort to organize a West Texas—Eastern New Mexico conference two years ago failed.

With a winning season this year with a sophomore team, Texas Tech has arranged the most difficult schedule for 1932 that any West Texas team ever faced. It follows:

Sept. 17—Abilene Christian College at Lubbock.

Sept. 23—Texas A. & M. College at Amarillo.

Sept. 30—Southern Methodist University at Dallas.

Oct. 15—Attempting to schedule game with Austin College, Trinity University or Southwestern University.

Oct. 21—University of Arizona at Lubbock.

Oct. 28—"B" team of Notre Dame at Lubbock.

Nov. 4—Louisiana Tech. Place either Lubbock or New Orleans.

Nov. 11—Baylor University at Lubbock.

Lubbock. Nov. 18—University of New Mexico at Albuquerque. Nov. 25—Simmons University at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore left Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Lampasas.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE PARTY

Thirty-two members of the Junior Epworth League were present for an entertainment given at the church last Friday evening. The evening was spent in playing games. Mary Williams and Maggie Seahorn were awarded prizes for proficiency in the games.

#### LAS AMIGAS CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Montgomery entertained members of Las Amigas Club and their guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner Tuesday evening. There were six tables of players. High score prize for ladies, a pillow, went to Mrs. Richard Flowers, Bob Weaver was given a cigarette lighter for high score for men. Guests present for the enjoyable affair were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Childress, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Jurry, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weaver, Misses Tessie Kyle, Berenice Bailey, Elizabeth Perner, Tommy Smith, Helen Montgomery, Louize Henderson and Willie Sue Montgomery and Dudley Yaws, Miller Robison, George Vic Montgomery Pleas Childress, Jr., W. T. Childress, Dock Lee and Norris Creath.

POSTED—All my pastures in Crockett County. Woodhauling, hunting and all trespassing positively forbidden. J. W. HENDERSON, EST.

Say "I saw it in The Stockman."



### Our Friends

If we have pleased you, we are glad.  
If we failed you we are sorry.  
But to all of you we say,  
Merry Christmas—Our Friends

### Glenn Rutledge

PAINT HEADQUARTERS

Auto Glass Plate and Window Glass

Welding  
Windmill Erecting and Repairing  
Wagon and Wood Work

See Us for Your Cabinet Work

### O. W. SMITH

Blacksmith Machine Shop

Look, Just Another Friendly Deed That Is A Necessity At This Time

### Lower Barber Prices At A. J's. NEW SHOP

HAIR CUT	35 CENTS
SHAVE	20 CENTS
SHAMPOO	40 CENTS
TONIC	25 CENTS
SHOE SHINE	10 CENTS

SHAMPOO—40 CENTS

times, and I feel that it is a duty that I owe to my old friends and customers, and the only way I can show my appreciation is by lowering Barber work prices, in accordance with the depression times that we are having. This is no time to try to make money, it is a time of sacrificing to each other. You will receive the same good service that you always received at my place.

I am at your service—A. J. SORRELS.

### SANITARY BARBER SHOP

The new Barber Shop South Side of the Square.

## Our Christmas Gift To You-- NEW PAIR PANTS

# FREE

With every order for an M. BORN & CO. Tailor-made suit, we will give you an extra pair of Pants FREE. No increase in prices. No lessening of quality—just a special value in fine tailor-made suits. This offer holds good for a limited time only. Act now and get a real bargain. Satisfaction guaranteed.

And, now, let us add our voice to the tumult and wish you all

A Merry, Merry Christmas

## Ozona Tailor Shop

TOM HUNTER, Manager



### An Old-Fashioned Wish!

Not because it is a time-honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation we wish to thank you for your part in our success and to wish you a very Merry Christmas in just the good old-fashioned way.

It has been a pleasure to serve you and we could find no more fitting season than the happy Yuletide to pause in the press of business to wish you happiness throughout many more Christmases.

## The Model Laundry

And Model Dry Cleaners

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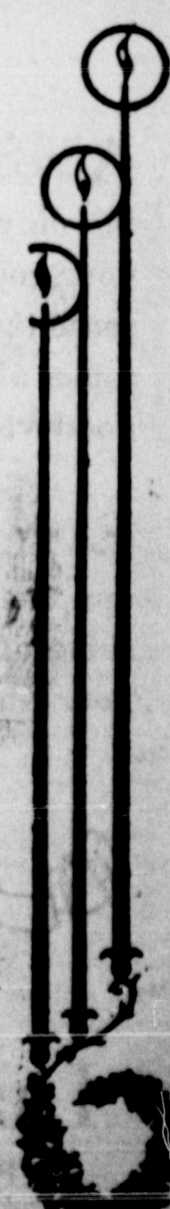
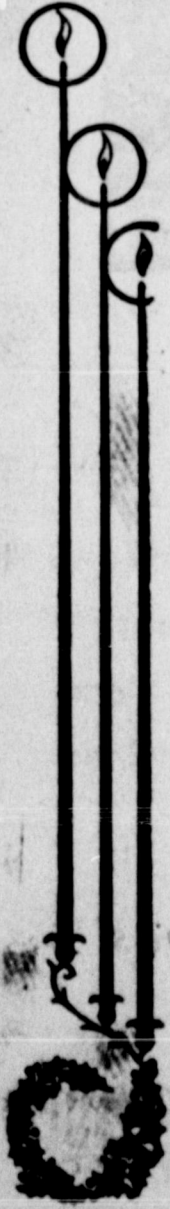
OZONA, TEXAS

To All Our Friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

To the chorus of greetings allow us to add our very best wishes for a right Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years to you and yours.

## RAMIREZ BROS. BOOT SHOP

Home Of The Famous Ozona Boots





**LETTERS TO SANTA**

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a bicycle with a horn, a light and a propeller.  
I want a tool box and a pair of skates and lots of fireworks of all kinds.

Yours truly,  
W. B. Robertson.

Dear St. Nicholas:  
I want a bicycle and a pair of skates and a story book. I hope that you don't get black on you in the chimney. Don't forget us. And don't forget the poor children. Good by. I have been a good girl.

Yours sincerely,  
Betty Jane Ingham.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please send me a founting pin and a pencil and a pencil box. Toilet set.

From Sybil Evans.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please send me a doll and a piano and some dishes.

Mary Elizabeth Evans.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please send me a doll and some dishes and a piano.

Lois Adwina Evans.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a drum and tool chest. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Henry Patrick.

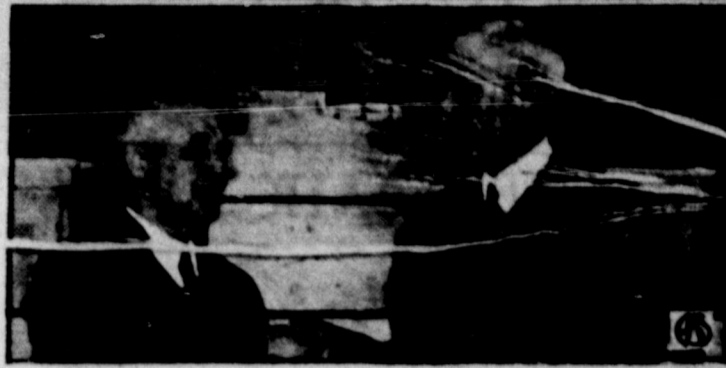
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am writing to let you know what I would like you to bring me. I'd like a tricycle and football and little car that can run and lots of fruit. Candy and nuts. Good bye dear Santa.

Charlie Ratliff.

**Joe Oberkamp**  
**Ambulance Service**  
DAY OR NIGHT  
Phone 181

Say "I saw it in The Stockman."

**Rivals for Republican Honors**



Rep. Bertrand L. Snell (left) of Potsdam, N. Y., is shown shaking hands with Rep. John Q. Tilson, of Connecticut, whom he defeated in the caucus to name the Republican candidate for Speaker of the House. The contest was a formality only, although bitterly fought, as the Democrats have a House majority.



**THE FAMILY DOCTOR**  
JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

**SPEAKING OF TEETH**

I doubt if any one ever fully appreciates his or her teeth quite so much as when they have just been all extracted by the dentist. When the victim struggles through the agonizing days, trying to "break in" a new set of artificial teeth he remembers what a treasure he has lost in his natural teeth; if it were to do over again, he'd treat those native molars and incisors with a great deal more of respect than he did when he had them.

The modern advice as to care of the teeth is plenty voluminous; the ether-wave sizzles with the bray of the charlatan. The hawk-er mercilessly besets you with his sugar-coated nostrum, and wise columnists hand you tooth-theories, sophistries and "isms." . . . Those and many more. Why should I add my bit? Well, common sense at this time may not be amiss.

There is no law on God's green earth that requires obedience as to how often you should see your dentist, or how often a man or child should apply a nostrum to any part of the mouth, gums, teeth or throat. Just the simple, well-known admonition: Be clean, alert against any harmful prac-

tice—and consult your dentist at the first symptom of rebellion in the dental region. There is no minimum or maximum on your visits to the tooth doctor; go when you need his services, be it one, none, or twenty times a year.

Continual and senseless scrubbing of the teeth is highly capable of doing grave harm; many a case of pyorrhea has been set up by the use of septic tooth brushes; the enamel of your teeth was not put there as a field for exploitation by the swarm of nostrum-vendors that infest the land. Nature gave us about all we need in food-elements for keeping the teeth clean. Look for them and use them—and don't believe everything you hear.

SEE  
**N. W. GRAHAM**  
For  
**5 1/2 Per Cent Loans**  
On Your Ranches

Any kind of sandwich to order at Moore's Cafe.



**Simple, But Sincere**

Christmas comes but once a year but its friendly spirit is ever near. Your patronage has proved that to us and we are as grateful for it as we are sincere in wishing you happiness equal to ours.

We count it a great privilege to be numbered among the good people of this community and when we wish you one and all a Merry, Merry Christmas, you can be sure it is from the heart.

**Mike Couch**

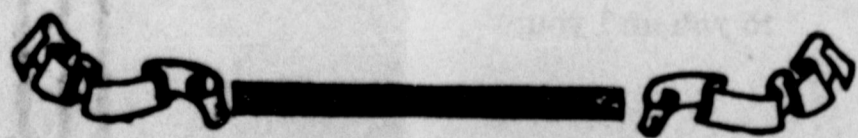
Grocery — Bakery — Dairy — Feeds

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**



AMONG OUR assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy—your good will. And so, at this holiday season we extend to you—not as a customer alone, but as a friend—the best of good wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

EVERY YEAR is full of sunny days and cloudy ones. We hope that the sun shine of our good wishes will brighten your way always.



**Luther & Newberry**

Purina Products—Hay—Grain and Feeds

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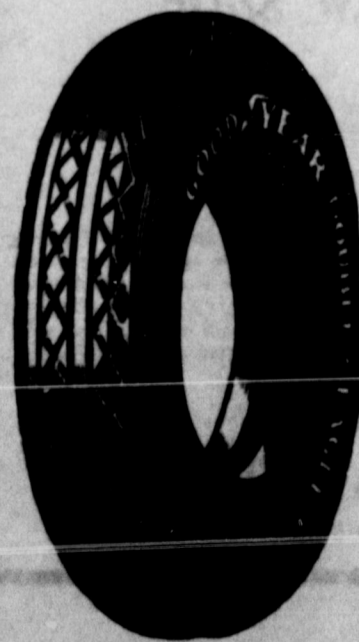
WHAT **It's a Big question -- but**  
**TO GIVE**

Santa Claus Makes This Suggestion:



Genuine Goodyears Are A Practical Gift To Anyone Who Drives—

Here's Why: More People Ride on Goodyears than any Other Kind



**NORTH MOTOR COMPANY**  
OZONA, TEXAS



# SIGHT UNSEEN

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"I want to go out. I want air. If I could only go to sleep and forget it. The drawing-room furniture is scattered all over the house."

"Now the second sitting?"  
 "It is writing." (The stick) "It is writing, but the water washed it away. All of it, not a trace." "If only the pocketbook were not lost. Car-tickets and letters. It will be terrible if the letters are found." "Hawkins may have it. The curtain was much safer." "That part's safe enough, unless it made a hole in the floor above."

"Oh, if you're going to read a lot of irrelevant material—"  
 "Irrelevant nothing! Wake up. Horace! But remember this. I'm not explaining the physical phenomena. We'll never do that. It wasn't extraordinary, as such things go. Our little medium in a trance condition has read poor Clara's mind. It's all here, all that Clara knew and all nothing that she didn't know. A mindreader, friend Horace. And Heaven help me when I marry her!"

As I have said, the Neighborhood Club ended its investigations with this conclusion, which I believe is properly reached. It is only fair to state that there are those among us who have accepted that theory in the Wells case, but who have preferred to consider that behind both it and the physical phenomena of the seances there was an intelligence which is not of this world as we know it. Both Herbert and Alice Robinson are now pronounced spiritualists, although Miss Jeremy, now Mrs. Sperry, has definitely abandoned all investigative work.

Personally, I have evolved no theory. It seems beyond dispute that certain individuals can read minds, and that these same, or other so-called "sensitives," are capable of liberating a form of invisible energy which, however, they turn to no further account than the useless ringing of bells, moving of small tables, and flinging about of divers objects.

To me, I admit, the solution of the Wells case as one of mind-reading is more satisfactory than explanatory. For mental waves remain a mystery, acknowledged, as is electricity, but of a nature yet unrevealed. Thoughts are things. That is all we know.

Mrs. Dane, I believe, had sus-

pected the solution from the start. The Neighborhood Club has recently disbanded. We tried other things, but we had been spoiled. Our Kipling winter was a failure. We read a play or two, with Sperry's wife reading the heroine, and the rest of us taking other parts. She has a lovely voice, has Mrs. Sperry. But it was all stale and unprofitable, after the Wells affair. With Herbert on a lecture tour on spirit realism, and Mrs. Dane at a sanatorium for the winter, we have now given it up, and my wife and I spend our Monday evenings at home.

THE END.



### Oyster Fritters

Drain off liquor from the oysters, boil a few minutes, skim and add to it a cup of milk, two eggs, salt and pepper and flour to make a batter. Have a frying kettle ready and drop the mixture by spoonfuls into the hot fat, taking up one oyster with each spoonful of batter.

### Oyster Salad

Drain the liquid from a quart of oysters; cut each oyster into six pieces; mix with them one bunch of minced celery; pour over the salad a dressing made as follows: Two tablespoons olive oil, one teaspoon salt, a little made mustard, one saltspoon of white pepper, a pinch of cayenne and half a teaspoon of pulverized sugar. Beat thoroughly, and then add very gradually two tablespoons of lemon juice or vinegar.

### Scalloped Fish and Oysters

This calls for two cups of flaked left-over fish and two cups of oysters and two cups of white sauce. Arrange these ingredients in alternate layers in a buttered baking dish, and cover over with a cup of buttered bread crumbs and bake for a half hour or more.

### Creamed Oysters

For tasty creamed oysters, plump the oysters in a tablespoon of butter and a teaspoon of lemon juice. Then remove the oysters with a skimmer, keep them hot, and add another tablespoon of butter to the liquid in the pan. When it bubbles stir in a tablespoon of flour, rub it smooth and

### Healthiest American Boy and Girl



Gertrude Heikes, 16, Dakota County, Neb., and William Sanders, 18, Johnson County, Ind., each missed a 100% rating by an almost imperceptible defect in their teeth. They were chosen at the tenth national 4-H Club Congress meeting in Chicago.

cook for four minutes. Add a pint of rich milk. When it thickens, stir in the yolks of two eggs and the oysters and heat thoroughly, but do not boil.

### Oysters On Toast

Put in a stewpan one quart of oysters with their liquid; when they come to a boil put in one pint milk, one tablespoon butter mixed with two tablespoons flour and a little salt and pepper. Let it boil up, then pour over slices of nicely browned and buttered toast; serve hot.

### Celery Oysters

Cut a bunch of celery into one-fourth inch pieces, and cook in water barely to cover for twenty

to thirty minutes. Drain, and add to the water—there should be a cup—two tablespoons of flour, rubbed smooth, into two tablespoons of softened butter. Cook until thick; add one-half cup of cream, and when mixture is smooth, stir in celery and one pint of oysters. Add seasoning of salt and pepper to taste; cook until the gills of the oysters separate and crinkle; serve on toast or crackers.

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### Music Club Has Luncheon Program

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Ira Carson and Mrs. Bright Baggett.

Piano Solo—Selected—Mrs. W. J. Grimmer.

Vocal Solo—"Watch Over Me"—Mrs. L. B. Townsend

Chorus—"All For Thee"—Club

Vocal Solo—(a) "Tonight" (b) "Memories"—Mrs. Joe Pierce.

Life of Sam Lash—Mrs. Elton Smith.

Piano Solo—Selected—Sam Lash—Mrs. Victor Pierce

A brief sketch of the year's work of the club was made in the clever toasts presented at last week's meeting of the club by Miss Ethel Childress. The toast was as follows:

"Listen and ye shall hear

All about the Music Club's year of good cheer.

First there was President's Day which fulfilled every desire.

With hostesses Harvick, Baggett and McIntire.

A journey around our native heroes we began.

You know, those lucky people with much larger music bumps than the average one!

Our next brilliant maneuver

Was at the lovely home of Mrs. Hoover.

Of course, we sang "Bluebonnet Time"

And decided all who didn't call

The hostess must pay a dime.

The third program was trick as a fox.

Our hostesses were Dudley, Bohmert and Cox.

We were whisked to Russia, a land so far away,

And with their songs and dances we whiled the hour away.

Our Carl Venth was studied then one day.

Where our accompanist her own piano could play.

The roll call you should have heard.

I'm sure the poor composers never heard of such words.

All in all, we have had such a splendid year, I think

So to the future of our club let us drink.

Three thousand cheers we offer to music as an art.

And just as many to our president and director

Who have gladly done their parts.

Let each member be merry to-day.

While she eats and sings,

For tomorrow you know brings

Us back to the grind on dear old "Three Springs."

#### FORTY-TWO PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Evert White were hosts to their Forty-Two Club Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Graham. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Childress, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Childress, Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Will Baggett, Mrs. Mary Perner and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Montgomery. Mrs. Paul Perner and Royce Smith held high scores.

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### All-Stars To Meet Texon New Year Day On Local Gridiron

Muddy roads having made it impossible for local players to make the trip, the scheduled game between the Ozona All-Stars and Texon All-Stars last Sunday on the Texon gridiron was postponed and the opening game matched for New Year's Day on the Powell Field here. The New Year's Day game here was to have been a return match.

The game is slated to get underway here at 2:30 Friday afternoon of next week, New Year's Day.

#### UNMARRIED TEACHERS ENJOY BRIDGE PARTY

Miss Elizabeth Fussell entertained with bridge Saturday evening on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Ozona honoring unmarried members of the faculty of the Ozona schools.

Christmas colors of red and green featured the decorations, with beautiful poinsettias adding to the holiday effect. Candle holders with red tapers were on each table, these being given as low score table prizes.

A Christmas tree, beautifully decorated and holding gifts for each guest was the center of the room. High score prizes for the evening went to Miss Ada Moss and Frank James. Fruit cake with whipped cream and coffee was served to the following guests: Misses Aleen Hampton, Sophie Haug, Lucille Williamson, Mary Eva Webb, Norene Allison, Patti Raiza and Mrs. Bryan McDonald, Mrs. George Montgomery and Walter Kyle, Arthur Kyle, George Bunger, Guinn Carruthers and Raymond Lawrence.

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### Ozona Boy Wins Football Letter

#### Pleas Childress, Jr., Is Honored At Kemper Military School

Special to the Stockman.

Boonville, Mo., Dec. 18.—Cadet Pleas L. Childress, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Childress, Ozona, Texas, was honored at Kemper Military School here today with the presentation of his company letter earned during the past football season for play on an intramural eleven. The award was made by Capt. E. E. Browning, intramural director, who considers Cadet Childress one of the outstanding possibilities to become a member of next season's varsity eleven.

Following the Missouri Valley College-Kemper basketball game on December 17 the cadet battalion will entrain for their homes and will not resume their studies here until January 5. Basketball, swimming, boxing, wrestling and indoor track will assume the major attention during the winter season and Cadet Childress will be allied with one of these squads until spring carries the athletic program into the golf, tennis and track seasons.

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