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UNIVERSITY LAND TO BE DEVELOPED

\$4,000,000 COMPANY FORMED FOR DRILLING SIXTEEN SECTIONS

Frank T. Pickrell, of Big Lake, Reagan County, acting for the Texon Oil and Land Company, of which he is vice president and general manager, closed a deal Wednesday of last week in Pittsburgh, Pa., for transfer of leases in Reagan County to the Benedum & Trees interests of Pittsburgh.

A telegram to this effect was received at Big Lake on Thursday. It further announced completion at Pittsburgh of the organization of the Big Lake Oil Company with a capital stock of \$4,000,000 for development of the acreage secured. Mr. Pickrell holds one-fourth of the stock as part payment for the lease.

Papers filed Wednesday at Pittsburgh show that Levi Smith, of Pittsburgh, is president of the new company, Frank Pickrell and John M. Holliday vice presidents, L. G. Farquhar treasurer and E. C. Stearns secretary. These men, with Haymon Krupp, of El Paso, and Jno. Davenport, of Pittsburgh, are directors. Mr. Krupp is president of the Texon Oil and Land Company and lives in El Paso. Mr. Smith has been connected with the Benedum & Trees interests for many years. He was formerly vice president and general manager of the Penn-Mex. Company, which was one of the pioneers in oil operations in Mexico.

The Big Lake Oil Company, according to Mr. Smith, already has a large force of men in the Reagan County field and rigs and other materials en route for four additional wells, called for in the lease purchase from the Texon Company. Two tests now drilling near the producing Santa Rita will be drilled in within the next six weeks, Mr. Smith added.

He said the Transcontinental Oil Company, operating in the field jointly with the Big Lake Oil Company, has secured leases on approximately 150,000 acres of land, and will start at least three wells on this tract before January 1st. The Mid-Kansas Oil Company, a subsidiary of the Ohio Oil Company, which in turn is owned by the Standard Oil company of Indiana, is already in the field and will drill three wells immediately. One will be put down four miles northeast of the producing Santa Rita, another ten miles southwest of the discovery well and the other 20 miles southwest of the Santa Rita. Drilling contracts have been let and locations have been staked for the three tests, according to the telegram received at Big Lake Thursday.

Initial steps have been taken for establishment of pipe line connections with the Transcontinental refinery at Ft. Worth, it is said, so that if oil in great quantities is discovered there will be little waste of time in getting it to this market. Nearly all the land involved is owned by the University of Texas, which will derive great wealth from extensive development.

This item of news is interesting to Midland for the reason that the Rankin-Big Lake oil field is the nearest to Midland, and a number of Midland people have considerable holding there and near there.

HORSES BARRED FROM ASPHALT

Not so many years ago, "horseless carriages," as the first automobiles were called, were ordered off the streets of at least one Indiana city. Now the order has been reversed, for in Terre Haute horse-drawn vehicles are prohibited from using certain streets in the down-town district. Exception is made, however, for horse-drawn delivery wagons.

Trucks or wagons can not use any asphalt-paved street in Terre Haute except from the nearest intersection to the destination.

We understand 3 emigrant cars were set off at Midland last night, two stopped at Stanton, and two others went on to Pecos.

Misses Mary Allen and Aileen Guthrie are spending the holidays in Seminole.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Cowden were in from their ranch near Odessa on Wednesday.

THOUGHTS FOR THE COMING YEAR

The curtain will soon fall in the last act in the drama of the expiring year and its activities will be closed forever, save as history records them. Let us review our lives in the past year and see how we measure up to the ideal that we should desire; see where we have made mistakes and try to correct them in the coming years.

The past is gone forever. We cannot recall it. Only the present we have with us. Let us try to improve it.

One more cycle has almost rolled around.

Its deeds recorded on history's page And we on earth that alive are found, Time has added one more year to our age.

Adieu old year, Nineteen and twenty-three,

The scroll's unrolled, your story is told;

From wars and strife you've not been free,

You have failed to reach the peaceful goal.

Old Father Time has closed your door And opened another for nineteen and twenty-four

May it be free from war and strife, And the world once more enjoy a peaceful life.

May the nations see the peaceful light,

Quit their envy and refuse to fight, And learn that hate, selfishness and might

Will not serve to make the right. May the love of others be our aim, Hate and envy be our shame;

Selfishness folly and malice cease And nations learn to follow the

Prince of Peace.

—J.W.B.

GET BEHIND YOUR TEACHER

Now that the holidays are over, the children have had a restful and happy vacation from school work, the parents have dedicated themselves anew to the kind of "peace on earth" which makes for a better world for their children, and we have all settled down to a term of enthusiastic accomplishment, isn't it a good time for parents and school trustees to show their appreciation of the work of the teacher? Next to the parents no one is so interested in the children's welfare, so devoted to their general growth and development as well as their school education as the teacher. Her work will be far more effective if the children know that the parents and trustees believe in her, trust her judgment, and back her up in her ideals and her decisions. She will be happier as well as more effective in doing it if the appreciation that is in the hearts of the people of the community finds expression occasionally in words, in occasional hospitalities extended, and in other small acts of consideration. Get behind your teacher.

GIVE THE BOY THE CHANCE OF THE CHICKENS

At the recent country life conference held in St. Louis, a moving picture film was shown of a farm boy and his prize flock of chickens. The film demonstrated that the birds were fine because the boy had a scientific knowledge of chicken culture, and that he had applied his knowledge to the care of his flock. But the boy was a mouth breather and showed further effects of malnutrition. The tragic thing about the picture was that the chickens were having a better chance than the boy. The idea of encouraging farm children to raise thoroughbred poultry and live stock is wholesome. It should be promoted to a greater degree than it is at present.

On the other hand, it must be borne in mind that the greatest asset of the farm is neither its live stock nor its poultry but its boys and girls. They themselves are entitled to a scientific care as they are taught to give the animals that they raise. In order to develop into a strong man or woman every child must have a well-balanced diet which is eaten at regular periods; long hours of sleep in a well-ventilated room; activity as expressed in wholesome work, study, and play; instruction concerning the care of the body; and periodic physical examinations by a reliable physician.

J. L. Tidwell, of Clyde, was in Midland this week visiting relatives.



A HAPPY
1924

As the year 1923 fast draws to a close, we take this opportunity to express to our friends and customers our sincere appreciation for their Friendship and for the business with which they have entrusted to us during the year just past.

May the year 1924 bring to you a year of Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity—May it be a continuous three-way profit—MENTAL, SPIRITUAL and MATERIAL.

Midland
Mercantile Co.
"THE APPRECIATIVE STORE"

COL. J. C. RHEA A HOLIDAY VISITOR

SPENT CHRISTMAS WITH HIS PARENTS ON WAY TO HIS ARIZONA POST

Colonel J. C. Rhea, commander Tenth Cavalry at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., spent the holidays with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Rhea. Colonel Rhea has had a distinguished career in the U. S. Army and will be eligible to retirement in another eighteen months service, at which time he will have had the required thirty years service.

Previous to his assignment as commander of the Tenth Cavalry he served as deputy chief co-ordinator at Washington, D. C., as assistant chief of staff. He was acting general staff officer, A. E. F., from June 28, 1918, to August 25, 1920.

During the world war Colonel Rhea served as assistant chief of staff, 77th Division; chief of the operations and training section; chief of staff, Second Division, and as commander 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was recommended by General Pershing for promotion to brigadier general, but the signing of the Armistice prevented this promotion. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Cross by our government, the Legion of Honor (officer) and Croix de Guerre, with palm, by France, La Solidaridad by Panama, and Pour la Bravoure by Montenegro.

After the Armistice, Colonel Rhea served as chairman of the American Bridgehead Commission, chief of staff Armenian Mission, and secretary general of American Delegation, Reparations Commission. He has served with the 7th and 8th Cavalry Regiments in Cuba and the Philippines, as inspector general and district commander of the Philippine Constabulary, chief of staff 10th Division; adjutant general of the Cavalry Division on the Mexican border, and with the second expedition into Mexico.

Colonel Rhea is a graduate of West Point, having been mustered out during the Spanish-American war. Col. Rhea's parents deserve much credit for properly educating their now distinguished son in his younger days, and in times when expense money was often conspicuous by its scarcity, and for surrounding his earlier life with an environment that ultimately gave birth to an idea that is now "carrying on." Colonel Rhea has distinguished himself and we are proud of him, but before him came the sturdy old parents, directing and encouraging. Every communication from home carried the sentiment: "Go to it, Jimmie! You are the embodiment of our ideals and ambitions."

FROM THREE TO FIVE BILLIONS

There will be a determined fight to force the Bonus Bill through congress. The suggestion advanced that "the 22,000 who became millionaires through profiteering during the war, be made to pay it" is not practicable.

Commenting on this the Charleston, Miss., Sun, says:

"In first place there are no trustworthy figures to show the number who sunned themselves in the sudden prosperity of war. But the Treasury Department's recently published tables showing steady and steep declines of income surtax and vastly reduced incomes of the class of which the indeterminate 22,000 is supposed to be made up, proving that these have either melted into the general mass, or now have their savings secure in tax exempt bonds, where they cannot be reached by the tax collector.

"Therefore there is no escaping the fact that if the bonus bill is passed, it will become a federal tax to be borne by all taxpayers. Estimates of the cost of the bonus range from \$3,300,000,000 to \$5,250,000,000. Naturally the States that furnished the most troops, will be chief beneficiaries of the bonus.

"In Pennsylvania alone there is one county that sent more soldiers to the front than did the entire State of Mississippi."

O. K. O'Neil, living this side of Stanton a way, was in Midland the first of the week. He is a new-comer and likes this country very much. He is renting this first year, but is confident that he will buy a home for the 1925 crops.

CHRISTMAS VERY QUIET IN MIDLAND

SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL PREVAILLED, WITH NO EVIDENCE OF DISCORD

The Baptist, Methodist, and Christian church in Midland all had Christmas trees and very beautiful and elaborate programs on Christmas Eve, and every person who attended any of the programs was remembered in some substantial way. It was an ideal Christmas.

The Catholic church also had a nice program, together with midnight mass, and though this congregation is not large, nevertheless the Christmas spirit heartily prevailed, and their program was in beautiful harmony with the holiday occasion.

The spirit of good will seemed to prevail everywhere. On our streets there was little or no evidence of discord. It was a sane Christmas, a civilized, Christianlike Christmas; and as it was in Midland, so it seemed to be everywhere. The daily papers gave fewer accounts of Christmas tragedies than ever before, and, yet, throughout the country was celebrated with no less enthusiasm than in the days of yore, when some seemed to think boisterousness, rowdiness, etc., were essential to a proper recognition of the birth of the New Born King.

It is good that this is all so. We are not the pessimistically inclined, and believe the world is growing better and better all the time.

Anyway, in Midland there was never a quieter occasion of festivity, and yet nothing seemed to be lacking to fill to its brim the cup of joy in most every life. "Hail to the New Born King," was the tuneful song of many hearts. May the sentiment grow, until at last our Christmas shall have rounded out and into a suitable and beautiful recognition of the Savior's birth.

QUARTER OF A BILLION WASTE

More than 22,000,000 children were enrolled in the public schools of the United States last year. For the whole country, urban and rural, the schools were open an average of about eight months. Nearly 700,000 teachers were employed and this was a sufficient number to instruct every child enrolled every school day of the eight months the schools were in session, according to the U. S. Bureau of Education. By allowing their children to miss school one-quarter of the time parents caused the waste of one-quarter of the money paid to run the schools. The total cost last year in all the States combined was just about one billion dollars. Irregular attendance caused the waste of one-quarter of this immense sum. In plain figures a quarter of a billion looks like this: \$250,000,000. The people who paid the taxes robbed themselves of this amount and at the same time deprived their own children of an average of two months schooling.

THE PINT JAR METHOD HOT LUNCH

The public health nurse of Ramsey County, Minnesota, has a novel plan for serving hot lunches in the rural schools of her county which she calls "The Pint Jar Method Hot Lunch." Each child brings from home some particular kind of food in a tightly closed Mason pint jar. Upon reaching school the jar is set on a rack in a clothes boiler. This boiler is partly filled with water and placed on two-burner oil stove. At the morning recess the stove is lighted and by noon the contents of the jars are hot. Then monitors distribute the jars and the children supplement the warm dish with the cold food in their lunch baskets. Each child has his initials scratched on the cover of his jar in order to insure identification. The nurse recommends the following kinds of foods for the jars: Cocoa, milk, soups, certain kinds of fruits and vegetables, macaroni, rice, creamed eggs, baked beans, and stewed meat. The equipment required consists of a two-burner oil stove, a clothes boiler, rack, and hot can lifter.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Nobles, of Kernes, are in Midland this week, spending the holidays with Mrs. Nobles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Graves.

Cold Type and Warm Sunshine



In expressing to our patrons and friends the hope that this may be the Happiest Holiday Season You Have Ever Enjoyed we are compelled to use cold type, because there is no other way to reach all.

But we wish we might walk up to each and every one of you, take your hand, look you in the eye and say right to your face

"Happy New Year"



Midland National Bank

Marcia's New Year's Slogan

by Martha B. Thomas

NO MATTER how doggedly she tried, Marcia could not pull him out of her mind. Her eyes would be looking straight at the ugly pine-wood dresser in her tiny room, and there, magically pictured would appear his face. It was the strangest and most aggravating thing!

She shook herself free of these fancies and picked up a book. New Year's eve promised to pass very quietly for her. Some of the girls in the store were sitting up . . . but for some inexplicable reason she had declined their friendly invitations to join them. It would be so noisy, so tiresome—and then the trip home afterwards, not to mention work next day. No, she was happier in her tiny, stuffed-up room. Books were good company. He had said so, and she was nightly discovering the truth for herself.

That very day he had sauntered up to the counter where she was clerk,



and bought a pair of gloves—ladies' gloves. He had told her, smiling a little, that they were to be a New Year's gift. "Maybe she won't like them," he added—"I hardly know just what to select."

Marcia timidly offered to help, if he could give her any general idea of the lady's taste.

"Why, she's a dainty person," he smiled again, "not so very big, not so very small. She'd want something good, I fancy, but not too, well—" he seemed to be searching for the exact qualification, "not too conspicuous or . . . strange?" That was the best he could do, and they laughed together.

After careful consultation, gloves of a fine, heavy leather were bought and paid for. They were gloves that anyone would be happy to wear on the street; there was a well-made and quiet distinction about them which produced a soft sigh of wistfulness from Marcia. But she was entirely unconscious of it.

At this point in her reflections there came a knock at her door.

"Telephone, Miss Dunn," announced the landlady. There was something particularly knowing and kindly in her voice.

Marcia flew downstairs. She hardly knew what she expected, but her heart was behaving so outrageously that she could hardly gasp a feeble "Hello!" into the transmitter.

"Is that you, Miss Dunn?" asked a delightfully masculine voice.

"Yes," quavered Marcia.

"I just called up," continued the voice, "I just called up, er—" there was a break of what seemed slight embarrassment, then came strongly, "What's the use of beating about the bush? I called up to ask if I could run over to see you this evening? I'd like to persuade you to go on a mild little party with me. I tried to ask you today while I was buying those gloves, but I lost my nerve."

Marcia was able to produce faint sounds which appeared to encourage the voice at the other end.

"Your landlady knows me, because I used to come to see a man who lived there, so she can vouch for my character. For two weeks I've tried to ask you about tonight. I couldn't think of a nicer way to start the New Year, than having a little party with you.



I've got tickets for a show, and after that we'll have a little snack of something to eat, if you want to. And I'll bring along the gloves . . . you picked 'em out, so they ought to suit!"

Marcia skimmed upstairs again like a bird. What were two flights when the nicest-man-in-the-world asked you to go to the theater with him! And he was bringing the gloves for her! This was a New Year's day to remember. As she stood pinning on her hat before the mirror, she made a sudden resolution, the first that had occurred to her, though this was the properest time for doing such things. "I'll always believe the best is going to happen. See how wonderfully things have turned out, and ten minutes ago I was as blue as indigo. It just shows that it is silly wasting thoughts on unpleasant subjects. This will be my New Year slogan: 'Believe the Best! It won't hurt you, and it may help.'"

Some time later when Marcia and the very-nicest-man-in-the-world were enjoying the theater, she whispered to him her resolution.

He declared it was the finest one he ever heard, and then made so bold as to inquire if it had anything at all to do with his coming! Marcia pretended not to hear him.

It might be added that the gloves were a perfect fit.

Good Bye Old Year--Welcome To the New

A Message From the Heart to Our Loyal Friends and Patrons

The year just closing seemed short to us, but we presume it passed quickly because we were busy, and the fact that we have been busy prompted us to stop with the sounding of the signal or the passing of 1923 to give thanks for the patrons who have made our business possible.

---and this is our New Year wish for you

May the sunshine be brighter, the sky more blue, friends more true and your pathway free from any obstructions to hinder your success and happiness. May the opportunity for helpful service come to you and may 1924 bring you new and broader vision of life that will prove helpful and inspiring to you and those about you.

To all of our patrons we send our best wishes and our hearty thanks for patronage, large or small. We want to serve you in 1924.

Midland Hardware Company

"A SQUARE DEAL TO ALL"

DRIVING MONEY OUT OF BUSINESS

Big surtaxes, enacted for the purpose of soaking capitalists, have proved a failure as a means of reaching the owners of big incomes, writes the Breeder's Gazette, and continues: The government is profiting less and less from that source as time goes on. But that is the least part of the trouble. They have driven countless millions of money out of investment into productive enterprises and tax-exempt public mortgages, and until his flow of surplus capital, once available for investment in going concerns, is stopped, there can be no return to pre-war normality. The whole financial fabric of the country being undermined by this vicious nature of the present law. If such our radical friends as have favored these taxes will take the trouble to make the rounds of the big banks and bond houses in any of the great financial centres of the country, they can easily get the facts, maybe facts are not what they want, however, in their business.

We are getting sick and tired of a "hot air" that has been handed round in this country during the last few years by a lot of people, shing in, politically or otherwise, the farmer's troubles. If you don't

know that the big sur-tax is a "boomerang," get busy and find out. They cannot tell you much about it at the corner grocery. Write to Melvin A. Traylor, president of the First Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, for one thing, if you like. He came up here from Texas a few years ago as a young man, and knows as much about money and the live stock business as any other man in the west. Then there is Geo. E. Roberts, an old Iowa boy, still owning land in that State. He knows a thing or two about finance and taxation in their relation to agriculture. His present address is care of the National City Bank, New York City. He is a vice-president of that big institution, and knows how the millionaires have sold out their interests in railways, farm mortgages, etc., and absorbed any number of issues of tax-free bonds with the proceeds. Take it from Johnson or Brookhart, if you like, but why not get information where it is to be had?

Maid—"I couldn't come yesterday, Miss Jackson. I was suffering that badly with pain in my chest."

Mistress—"What was it, Melissa, dyspepsia?"

Maid—"Yess'm, it was. But the doctor, he calls it an attack of acute indigestion."

PYRAMIDING TAX-PAYERS' BURDENS

The political situation resulting from the development of a municipal water supply for San Francisco is typical of a result that too often attaches to a municipal or public ownership enterprise. Once a machine is built up for the expenditure of millions of dollars in developing a public undertaking, it is hard to stop it from expanding its activity to other lines.

Some \$40,000,000 have been spent out of the \$45,000,000 authorized for San Francisco's water system and it is now estimated that it will take \$30,000,000 more to complete the Hetch Hetchy project and then an additional \$40,000,000 to buy the distributing system of the local water company in San Francisco before the Hetch Hetchy water can be delivered to customers.

Not contented with this, however, the advocates of public ownership want to use the Hetch Hetchy project as the basis for establishing a municipal electric power distributing system in the city. It is estimated that this would cost another \$25,000,000 and that to go with it a \$10,000,000 auxiliary steam plant would be necessary.

On top of this, the advocates of municipal ownership would take over the city's street railway properties at a value of approximately \$45,000,000.

Thus, from a modest beginning of \$45,000,000, an additional \$150,000,000 is proposed before the public is ever given water as a result of the first undertaking.

It seems that the city engineer of San Francisco is a level headed public official and suggests that, instead of loading the city with this tremendous additional indebtedness that the power which can be developed as a by-product of the San Francisco water supply be sold for a sum of approximately \$2,000,000 a year to the existing electric distributing companies which operate under state regulation as to rates and service.

His argument is that this would pay the interest on the \$40,000,000 already spent and allow the earnings of the water system to be used for the retirement of the bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Germany of Odessa, were shoppers in Midland this week.

PUBLIC SERVICES ARE FACTORS IN COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Public utilities as community advertising was the subject of an address made by B. J. Mullaney, of Chicago, before the Associated Advertising Club's convention last summer at Atlantic City. The address pointed out graphically the necessity of good public utility service in any community from the point of view of the city builder.

that has poor electric light and power, gas, telephone, or street railway service convinced the crowd that such a city has small chance to secure new industries or new business houses.

That a city is dependent upon the public utility services for its progress was shown to be just as true as that the public utility services are dependent upon the city for their power to grow and keep pace with the growth of the cities. It is a 50-50 situation.

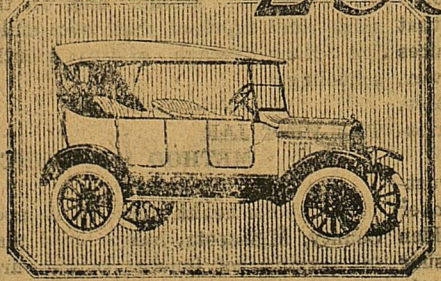
STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Great Paramount Productions at the **Rialto Theatre** Commencing on January 4

- Look at this Great Paramount Line-Up
- Friday, Jan. 4th—"Back Pay"
 - Monday, Jan. 7th—"Trifling Women"
 - Wednesday, Jan. 9th—"His Matrimonial Failure" Comedy—"His School Daze"
 - Friday, Jan. 11th—"Devil's Pawn"
 - Saturday, Jan. 12th—"Man Unconquerable"
 - Monday, Jan. 14 (Metro)—"Caroline's Romance"
 - Wednesday, January 16—"Bought and Paid For" Comedy—"Dancing Love"
 - Friday, January 18th—"Wife Trap"
 - Saturday, January 19th—"Crimson Challenge"
 - Monday, January 21st—"Her Husband's Trademark"
 - Wednesday, January 23rd—"Man From Home"
 - Saturday, January 26th—"Over the Border"
 - February 18th—"Rags to Riches"

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Jane Novak in "Snowshoe Trail"
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A comparison extending over a long period of years will reveal the fact that the present price is actually the lowest at which the five-passenger open car has ever been sold.

The Ford Touring Car stands today, as it always has, a most remarkable value in the motor car field.

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Listening In



His New Year Resolution

Katherine Edelman

ARTHUR WILLIAMS came down to the office all out of sorts with everything and everybody, so much so that when Clark Winston began to confide in him about the many good resolutions that he was making for the New Year he tried to cut him off with a sharp retort.

But Clark Winston, bubbling with the exuberance of youth, and radiant with the enthusiasm of the newly-engaged, was not easily rebuked.

"Not make New Year resolutions?" he said. "Why! that's just what the New Year's for. It takes a day like it to jolt a fellow out of the rut he has been traveling in too long, and to keep away from growing away from the ideals of our school days. So, you bet you, I'll be making good resolutions this year and try to keep them, too, so I'll be worthy of the love of the best little girl in the world."

Arthur Williams turned away impatiently and went to his desk. But all morning there came to him again and again the memory of the conversation and the look that had been on Clark Winston's face as he had voiced his determination to make New Year resolves. Each time the thought came to him he tried to put it from him, but somehow he found it hard to do. For there had come to him, too, the memory of a time when he, too, had made such resolutions—when he, too, had looked to the future with the desire deep within him to make himself more worthy each day of the woman who had consented to be his. Now, however, he was content to drift along with the tide, to take each day as just a repetition of the one before—content to just hold the place he occupied in the business world, and worse: almost content with the home life that was now his, almost indifferent to the fact that he and his wife had slowly drifted apart and that the ardent love which had been theirs in the long ago seemed to be now dead.

But in other days it had been different with him—he had then been just as full of hope in the future—as full of the fire of zeal and devotion toward the woman who was his as any man could be. How, he asked himself now, had it come to be that things were as they were? Was it that his love for his wife was dead, that he cared no longer for her, or was it her fault that they had slowly, almost imperceptibly drifted apart? Looking back, he recalled now, with a half-shudder of remorse, many little instances where she had tried to bring the old ways back, which he, in the blind stupidity of taking things for granted attitude had treated lightly and passed by. He recalled with a pang one particular instance—a wedding anniversary it was—when she had met him at the door in a pretty gown and when she had gone to all manner of trouble in preparing a wonderful dinner, with all his favorite dishes, and when during the meal she had asked him several times if he were not forgetting something. And when after dinner was over and she reminded him that this was their fifth wedding anniversary he had only mumbled through his evening paper: "Yes, I guess it is, but I had forgotten all about it."

All these things came to him now, as often before a dying man will flash in a few moments a hundred episodes of his life, and he realized with a sudden rush of feeling how empty and desolate his life would be with Evelyn out of it entirely. True, for a long time now he had just taken her presence for granted—had just thought of her as some one who was always there—some one who was necessary to his well-being and comfort, just as some article of comfort and convenience might be, but now he realized how much she meant to him, and he knew that the love which he had thought was dead and buried was still burning, but that its flame was not felt because of the heavy curtain his indifference and neglect had thrown over it.

And then it was that Arthur Williams made a New Year resolution and one which he kept through all the years that followed, judging from the new happiness which came to him and his wife and from the buoyancy and hopeful attitude toward the future which he brought to his tasks each day.

Father Time's Baby

ATHER TIME has called the New Year his Young Hopeful. He presents him as a happy urchin with a smiling face.

Thus we welcome him. We always make new investments in hope on January first. We are not disposed to criticize Time's new boy. The criticism of a flower adds to our knowledge, but it spoils the flower. Even if the future brings something of disappointment it will leave us something to still hope for.

The hope of a sail has sustained many a castaway upon this island of a world. It is such a pleasure to hope that one could thank God for it, though he never realized it.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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New Year Skating

By Mary Graham Bonner

IN THAT crisp, cold, bright New Year's day they went skating. The children home for the holidays, the fathers home from business, the mothers who were having a glorious afternoon in the out-of-doors—all took part in the New Year skating party which was being given.

The ice was firm, hard and smooth. Never had it seemed so wonderful. The air was invigorating. There was no wind. It was an ideal day for a skating party.

Afterward they would go back for a New Year's supper party and sit around a big fire telling stories. They would all be at the party. It would be for both old and young, for was not New Year's day a day that was young and yet so close to the oldest day of the year that had gone before?

And in the meantime they skated and laughed and sang songs and fell down and laughed some more and played games. All of them joined in.

And they looked about them at the frozen lake and at the hills surrounding with the glow of the first afternoon's rosy light upon them.

It was a beautiful world and people in it were so beautiful, too. Had it anything to do with the wishes for a Happy New Year which everyone had been wishing everyone else that day?

And not only that—but the wishes in the hearts of each which were sincere wishes for happiness in the good, New Year just commencing?

UNCLE EBEN TOO BUSY

"I has a great respect," said Uncle Eben, "foh de man dat is too busy shovelin' snow to prance around wishin' everybody 'Happy New Year' where dey bumps on his sidewalk."

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Katherine Edelman

ARTHUR WILLIAMS came down to the office all out of sorts with everything and everybody, so much so that when Clark Winston began to confide in him about the many good resolutions that he was making for the New Year he tried to cut him off with a sharp retort.

But Clark Winston, bubbling with the exuberance of youth, and radiant with the enthusiasm of the newly-engaged, was not easily rebuked.

"Not make New Year resolutions?" he said. "Why! that's just what the New Year's for. It takes a day like it to jolt a fellow out of the rut he has been traveling in too long, and to keep away from growing away from the ideals of our school days. So, you bet you, I'll be making good resolutions this year and try to keep them, too, so I'll be worthy of the love of the best little girl in the world."

Arthur Williams turned away impatiently and went to his desk. But all morning there came to him again and again the memory of the conversation and the look that had been on Clark Winston's face as he had voiced his determination to make New Year resolves. Each time the thought came to him he tried to put it from him, but somehow he found it hard to do. For there had come to him, too, the memory of a time when he, too, had made such resolutions—when he, too, had looked to the future with the desire deep within him to make himself more worthy each day of the woman who had consented to be his. Now, however, he was content to drift along with the tide, to take each day as just a repetition of the one before—content to just hold the place he occupied in the business world, and worse: almost content with the home life that was now his, almost indifferent to the fact that he and his wife had slowly drifted apart and that the ardent love which had been theirs in the long ago seemed to be now dead.

But in other days it had been different with him—he had then been just as full of hope in the future—as full of the fire of zeal and devotion toward the woman who was his as any man could be. How, he asked himself now, had it come to be that things were as they were? Was it that his love for his wife was dead, that he cared no longer for her, or was it her fault that they had slowly, almost imperceptibly drifted apart? Looking back, he recalled now, with a half-shudder of remorse, many little instances where she had tried to bring the old ways back, which he, in the blind stupidity of taking things for granted attitude had treated lightly and passed by. He recalled with a pang one particular instance—a wedding anniversary it was—when she had met him at the door in a pretty gown and when she had gone to all manner of trouble in preparing a wonderful dinner, with all his favorite dishes, and when during the meal she had asked him several times if he were not forgetting something. And when after dinner was over and she reminded him that this was their fifth wedding anniversary he had only mumbled through his evening paper: "Yes, I guess it is, but I had forgotten all about it."

All these things came to him now, as often before a dying man will flash in a few moments a hundred episodes of his life, and he realized with a sudden rush of feeling how empty and desolate his life would be with Evelyn out of it entirely. True, for a long time now he had just taken her presence for granted—had just thought of her as some one who was always there—some one who was necessary to his well-being and comfort, just as some article of comfort and convenience might be, but now he realized how much she meant to him, and he knew that the love which he had thought was dead and buried was still burning, but that its flame was not felt because of the heavy curtain his indifference and neglect had thrown over it.

And then it was that Arthur Williams made a New Year resolution and one which he kept through all the years that followed, judging from the new happiness which came to him and his wife and from the buoyancy and hopeful attitude toward the future which he brought to his tasks each day.

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UNCLE EBEN TOO BUSY

"I has a great respect," said Uncle Eben, "foh de man dat is too busy shovelin' snow to prance around wishin' everybody 'Happy New Year' where dey bumps on his sidewalk."

WORLD SILVER PRODUCTION

Share of the United States and other principal countries in world output. Increased use of the white metal in industrial arts.

Announcement that a study of possible new uses for silver in the industries and commerce is to be undertaken by the United States Department of the Interior lends interest to some calculations made by the Trade Record of the National City Bank of New York as to the share which we are producing of the world's silver output and the proportion used in the industrial arts. These figures show that the United States produced in 1922 about 26 per cent of the silver turned out by the mines of the world as against 26 per cent in 1910, 33 per cent in 1900, 29 per cent in 1870, 24 per cent in 1855, and 5 per cent in 1861, the initial year of our recognition as an important factor in world silver production. Prior to 1860 our share of world production was extremely small, but a fraction of 1 per cent. Our production of silver which amounted to only 116,016 ounces in 1860, and 1,547,000 in 1961, for the first time crossed the 10 million line in 1867, being for that year 10,441,000 ounces; in 1870 13,000,000, 1880 30,000,000, 1890 54,000,000, 1900 58,000,000, 1910 57,000,000, 1915 75,000,000, and in 1922 56,240,000 ounces.

Although we came late into the field of silver production, the share which we have supplied of the world's output of silver from 1492 to the end of 1923 is about 21 per cent of the total output, according to accepted authorities, of that 431 year period having been 13,175,000,000 trop ounces, and our own output since we entered the field 90 years ago 2,735,000,000 ounces, with a commercial value of \$2,255,000,000. Prior to the advent of the United States as a silver producer the world output averaged about 35,000,000 ounces a year, but with the co-operation of the United States as a silver producer the total world output grew to 43,000,000 in 1870, 75,000,000 in 1880, 126,000,000 in 1890, 174,000,000 in 1900, 225,000,000 in 1911, dropping during the war period to an average of about 175,000,000 per annum, and in 1922 again crossed the 200 million line for

the first time since the beginning of the war, the 1922 output being 213,542,000 ounces.

While other parts of the world decreased their production during the war our own output was larger during that period than at any other time, advancing from 66,800,000 ounces in 1913 to 72,500,000 in 1914, 75,000,000 in 1915, 74,500,000 in 1916, and 71,700,000 in 1917, dropping a little below 70,000,000 in 1918, and standing, as above indicated, at 56,240,000 in 1922.

The chief silver production countries of the world are stated in their order of magnitude of production in 1922, Mexico, the United States, Canada, Peru, Australia, Bolivia, Germany, India, Japan, Spain and Chile. In our own country the chief silver producing states are, naming them in the order of their output in 1922, Utah, Montana, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Arizona and California.

The big additions to the world's supply of silver which were running at the rate of over 200,000,000 ounces a year prior to the war and in 1922 again crossed the 200,000,000 line do not necessarily mean a corresponding increase in the world's stock of silver money. A very considerable share of the new silver produced from year to year is now used for purposes other than monetary. Some of it is lost by abrasion, some of it passes to the Orient and disappears in the "hoards" characteristic among the people of that part of the world. Much of it has been used for years in the manufacture of tableware, ornaments and toilet articles, and of late large quantities are utilized in photography especially the thousands of miles of motion picture films annually turned out in the world. While the silver used in tableware, ornaments and toilet articles is looked upon as possibly "recoverable" in case it is needed that used in photography and plating is no treeceivable. A recent statement by a high authority puts the quantity of silver now used in photography and silver plating at from 10 to 20 million ounces a year while from 20 to 30 million ounces are annually used in the manufacture of tableware, toilet articles, etc. Accepting the higher of these figures it would appear that about one-fourth of the world's silver production is now used in the arts and industries, and this is sustained by a recent report of the director of the



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mint who states the world's industrial consumption of silver in 1922 at 59,869,000 ounces, or 28 per cent of the 1922 world output.

JAZZ MUSIC UNDER BAN IN BRITISH JAILS

London, Dec. 22.—There is probably only one place in the world where tired ears can rest assured they won't hear the strains of "Yes We Have No Bananas" or "Barney Google," and that is an English jail.

The commissioners of prisons for England have banned all jazz music. "Mere comic programs are barred," says a statement from the commission, "because prisons are not places of entertainment. Education is the object."

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EDITORIAL

"Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly small!" has been quoted in connection with a thousand causes. Not often is it applicable to roads, but in at least one instance, no glove ever fitted tighter!

Two friends lived across a county line from each other; in the one county was good roads, connecting with nearby county seat, in the other was opposition to good roads, and no good connection with the county seat.

The two friends had many an argument on the subject, he of the good roads county exulting in what the good roads did for him, he who had poor roads being glad at the smallness of his taxes.

There seemed no winning the argument for either. The one had a definite saving in hauling and time, the other had much smaller taxes.

Then the farm house and the barn where lived the opponent of good roads, caught fire. He telephoned instantly to his county seat, meanwhile his friend was also crying "fire" to his county seat, over his telephone.

The fire engines from the up-to-date county seat arrived and put out the fire before those from the poor road county were seen.

Of course the poor road advocate had to pay the cost of that fire run; it was not in his county! And of course the cost was much, much more than a road tax would have been. But he paid it cheerfully.

"Either we get good roads next election or I'm going to move across the line!" he said.

Adequate fire protection is just one of hundreds of reasons why any other kind of a road than a hard road is uneconomic, expensive, unreasonable, and foolish.

NEW ARGUMENT FOR GOOD ROADS

An enterprising native of Maine knows what to do with an abandoned railway. When the Bangor and Aroostook Railway discontinued service over its 12-mile branch running from Brawnsville to Katahdin Iron Works Henry Green saw an opportunity. He started with a small automobile and the idea of fitting the car with flange wheels to make it run on the unused rails. He rented the whole branch line from the railroad company for \$100 a month and started business. Now traffic is so brisk he is using a trailer behind his car.

SHOULD HIGHWAY TRAFFIC HAVE FEDERAL SUPERVISION?

Motor transport should come under Federal supervision, like rail and water carriers. Highways should be developed in response to needs, so says a report submitted by a special committee to the United States Cham-

ber of Commerce. The personnel of the committee includes railway traffic officials, officers of farm and labor organizations, representatives of the motor industry, motor haulage companies, water carriers, and the shipping public.

The committee believes that: "The best interests of the public and the carriers lie in co-operation between the various agencies of transportation."

"The greatest opportunity for co-operation is at the points where the capacity of the railroads is most limited; that is, in the terminal areas of our great cities."

"Store door delivery by motor truck is undoubtedly the greatest contribution which can be made to the solution of the terminal problem."

"Outside of the terminal areas, motor trucks and busses should be used to supplement the facilities of existing common carriers."

"It is to the public interest as well as to the interest of the respective carriers that the economic limitations of each type of carrier be recognized; that the railroads be permitted to discontinue unprofitable service, to which the motor is better suited, and that the motor abandon its efforts to handle general traffic over excessive distances."

NOTED ROAD AUTHORITY TAKES UP NEW WORK

Prof. Arthur H. Blanchard, a nationally known authority on highway transportation and highways, has accepted appointment as a member of the Research Council of the National Transportation Institute.

Professor Blanchard has won wide recognition as an educator and as a highway engineer. He is connected with the department of civil engineering of the University of Michigan as professor of highway engineering and highway transport. He is the president of the National Highway Traffic Association and president of the American Road Builders' Association.

Professor Blanchard has served as consulting engineer or as deputy highway engineer for various states, among which are New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. He has served as consulting engineer in highway matters for the Dominion of Canada and now holds that post with the National Highway Association. He was chief of the bureau of public works of the army overseas educational commission in 1919.

From 1899 to 1911, he was connected with Brown University, his alma mater, in the department of highway engineering, following which he served for two years in the same capacity at Columbia University. In August, 1919, he joined the faculty of the University of Michigan as professor of highway engineering and highway transportation.

Professor Blanchard attended the second international road congress at Brussels in 1910 as reporter for the United States. He represented the United States on the International Commission on Standard Tests for highway materials in 1914. He is a member of various American and foreign scientific and engineering societies, and a fellow of the American Association for the advancement of science. He is a member of the advisory board on highway research of the National Research Council and a director of the Eno Foundation on highway traffic regulation.

Professor Blanchard is the author of a number of works and textbooks on highway transports and highway engineering, and has been a frequent contributor to the professional and technical periodicals. He is a member of the Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Xi fraternities.

Miss Beulah Graves and Dick Graves, arrived from Ft. Worth the first of the week. Dick is in school there at T. C. U. and Miss Beulah is teaching in the city schools. They made the trip in their car.

PLANNING FOR THE SPRING TERM

Shortly after the new year has opened the long spring term of school begins. Too often before its close in May or June children and teachers are tired, worn, and listless and the time spent in the schoolroom becomes a weary drag. This ought not to be the case. The school work should be so arranged as to take full advantage of the more active life of spring and made so interesting that school closing is a matter of regret rather than rejoicing. In January and February is the time to plan for and begin the nature study, school gardening, and agriculture that should make up a large part of the work of the spring term. It is natural that children should wish to be out of doors during the warm spring months and their school work should be planned to keep them out as much as possible. The spring migrations of birds, the life histories of plants the flowering and leafing of the trees, the planting of crops are all things that children may study with profit and in which they become intensely interested. Nor need these things interfere with such studies as arithmetic, reading, composition and geography. On the contrary, they may be used very effectively in giving life and purpose to the three R's and making for the children a pleasure of what would otherwise be drudgery.

AMERICAN TRIES OUT ENGLISH TELEPHONES

Jack Raper, who for more than a score of years has written a humor column for the Cleveland Press, a member of the Scripps-Howard League of Newspapers, has returned from a trip abroad with a new appreciation of American telephone service, after personal experiences with the governmentally owned phone system of England.

Writing in the Ohio Bell magazine, Mr. Raper says:

"It is astonishing, almost amazing, to an American to find how few telephones there are in both England and Scotland—until he learns how bad the service is, and then he wonders that anybody has the patience to tolerate them. In London there are about 300,000 instruments (instruments, not subscribers) in an area with a population of 11,000,000.

"Cleveland with nearly 1,000,000 population, has over 162,000 stations. The telephone directory of Glasgow, which has a population of more than 1,000,000, is not much larger than the telephone directory of an American city of 75,000 population.

"So little is the use of the telephone understood in Great Britain that it is common to find a card alongside the instrument, giving instructions."

Willis Brookman left the first of the week for Burkburnett where he will spend the holidays with relatives.

R. R. Thomas was a business visitor from Floydada this week.

Howard Hale was in from the ranch Thursday.

C. S. Aycock was in from his ranch early this week.

A. A. Leiderbach, of Killdeer, N. D., was a business visitor in Midland Monday.

W. E. Skeen was in Midland from Dallas this week.

R. D. Hammett was visiting in the city from Odessa Tuesday.

Chas. Donald was here from Hereford this week.

G. H. Cowden was in Midland from Odessa Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge Estes are in Midland this week from Monahans. They are spending the holidays with Mrs. Estes' father, J. A. Johnson.

Miss Gladys Basham arrived last Sunday from Buena Vista, where she has been teaching in the school. She comes to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Basham.

S. E. Nalley and wife were in from Florey the first of the week.

E. A. Staton and wife, of Mexia, are here this week visiting relatives and also to attend the wedding of Mr. Staton's brother, Neil Staton.

M. M. Davis was a business visitor from Colorado this week.

A. J. Bailey of Ft. Worth, was in Midland this week on business.

Carl Smith and M. J. Dawson were visitors from Colorado this week.

H. C. Cody and W. F. Bates were business visitors yesterday from Odessa.

RIALTO THEATRE WILL SCREEN PARAMOUNT FEATURES

To show that he means just what he says about giving Midland moviegoers what they want in pictures, Manager Brown, of the Rialto Theatre, this week booked another series of Paramount pictures, the first to be shown on January 2nd. We all know and love Paramount productions, and Mr. Brown's selection of Paramount programs will not come amiss of what we want. We would call your very especial attention to his program found elsewhere in this issue, and see the titles of the features he has booked.

Mr. Brown has informed us that he will have associated with him another moving picture man soon, and together they intend to map out a plan of campaign in the moving picture game, catering to all alike.

Attorney Jno. B. Howard was a visitor from Pecos Wednesday, here for the day on professional business.

Miss Ethel Norwood returned the first of the week from Brownwood where she has been attending school.

Mrs. Frank Ingham returned from her ranch near Pyote the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Gray were in Stanton Wednesday. They went down in their car on business.

Gordon Reiger and wife are here from Grandfalls, having come to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Ira B. Cockerham, of Stanton, was here Monday.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

O clear-tuned glad some Christmas bells,

How near your joyful chimes Bring thoughts of fancy and swell Our hearts with Love Divine.

From age to age ring out, ring on, For noblest saint, for loneliest sage, And leave your message Carillon, To mind us of our heritage.

Auntie Stirling. Christmas, 1923.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck York and Mr. and Mrs. George Bates, of Odessa, were shopping in Midland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Amburgey were visitors from Odessa this week.

Mrs. Garland Kelly and Mrs. May Coates, of Odessa, were shopping in Midland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Henderson and Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Gibbons, of Odessa, were shopping in Midland the first of the week.

Supt. J. E. Watson and wife were in Midland the first of the week from Odessa.

Cecil Wheat and Forest Ward returned from Alpine, where they have been attending school, the first of the week.

Miss Tommie Preston was in Midland Wednesday from her father's ranch near Big Spring.

Hayden Miles was in from Andrews County yesterday. He reports range conditions very fine and 1924 prospects most promising.

Someone has borrowed my crutches from Dr. Callaway. Please return same, as I am in need of them. W. E. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Lono O'Neil, of Odessa, spent Christmas in Midland with Mrs. O'Neil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Heath, of Henderson, Texas, are in Midland this week spending the holidays with J. L. Heath and family.

Miss Lorraine Davis, who has been teaching in the Dallas schools, returned to Midland the latter part of last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Davis.

Miss Mary Barron arrived in Midland from Dallas the first of the week to spend Christmas with her family.

B. M. Reed, of Pyote, was a business visitor in Midland the first of the week.

HALEY AND LLANO HOTELS CONSOLIDATE

"Out where the West Begins" great business enterprises still are being launched, and Midland, the home of big hearted men and women, whose smiles are more cheery and whose handclaps are stronger, is no exception to the rule.

The past week a business deal of major importance has been made, whereby the Llano and Haley hotels have become one. It is a self evident truth that in unity there is strength, hence the deal.

The company, who recently bought the Llano Hotel building, have neither spared time nor money to make it one of the best equipped, most up to date hotel buildings in the West. Neither shall we spare time nor labor to make it more pleasant, comfortable and home-like than any place on the road. We are now a part of the company, and we assume the management of this business February the 1st, 1924, at which time the Haley Hotel will be temporarily closed.

We ask the hearty co-operation of our citizens in this enterprise. To our patrons, especially the commercial men, who have so loyally championed our business in the past, we wish to extend our most hearty thanks, and a warm invitation to stop with us at the Llano. If the saying, "The shortest way to a man's heart is through his stomach" be true, then we hope to make great inroads on your affections in the future.

Sincerely thanking you for past favors and soliciting many in the future, we are the friends of the public. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haley and Alice. adv.

Chas. E. Lange has bought the Exide Battery business heretofore operated by Mike Garrett and will move it into his place on Wall Street. Mr. Lange promises the very best service. He has specialized in electrical lines and knows the battery business well, and all he asks is a trial.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Henderson, of Odessa, were visitors in Midland this week.

Did Santa Claus Fail You?

Did you fail to get some or more of our beautiful and convenient electrical devices for Christmas? It is just as good a time now to make your own selection. We may even not have just what you want in stock, but we can get it for you quickly.

We Wish You a Happy Prosperous New Year

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W. H. WILLIAMS, Mgr.

The New Calendar

By Masic V. Caruthers, in New York Times

DAYS three hundred sixty-four, Like fair, uncut pages are in the volume, yet unread, Of my New Year's calendar— One continued chapter they, Starting in afresh today!

Though this selfsame calendar Serves us all throughout the years, Hours which make your joy, for me May be fraught with grief and tears; Those my happiness which bring, Will find others sorrowing.

Days that stretch on far ahead, I must live them one by one, Bearing what may be in store Till the year's long tale is spun. What is written there? I turn One page at a time—and learn!

Falls my lot in pleasant ways? Will death interrupt my task? All is hid from mortal eye. But, Life, just one boon I ask! Let me meet courageously Whatsoever fate may be!

The New Year Pledge

HIS is the time to take stock, being the last of the year, the time of reckoning to consider that new leaf that is to be turned. Is it to be turned, or not? Is any effort to be made to start the year with a resolution of better conduct?

There is something more than mere tradition in the regarding of New Year day as a time for efforts at personal betterment. Of course, any other day in the year is just as good, but that invites endeavors for betterment. Even if the good intention lasts only a short time it is worth recording.

There is nobody who cannot find some specific way of self-improvement, some habit to be broken, some trait to be checked or corrected. Nobody is perfect, and good resolutions will not make the perfect man. But even the best of folks can improve themselves. They can be more considerate of others, more thoughtful, more unselfish, more tolerant and patient. Strict righteousness is often extremely disagreeable if it is not mixed with human kindness and compassion.

An eminent French psychologist recently came to this country to teach the American people, so far as he could reach them, how to help themselves to better health. His prescription was simple, consisting largely of a formula or a "litany" in which the subject gave daily assurance of being better. Let this method apply to other than physical ills and the New Year start with a resolution to "be better" in every way every day of 1924.

Miss Jessie Hale, who has been teaching near Silver City, N. M., arrived home the first of the week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hale.

New Year's Eve Party

by Mary Graham Bonner

IT WAS New Year's eve. In the big house on the hill a party was being given. There was dancing and talking and laughing and merriment of all kinds.

The mistletoe was still hanging over the door as it had hung throughout the Christmas season, urging shy youths to snatch kisses from shy but eager maidens and encouraging those youths who needed no encouragement. The music played on, the dancers never wearied. And then suddenly it stopped. All was very still following a trumpet call.

The lights were turned out. A door leading into the big dancing room from the out-of-doors was opened. And then could be seen an old, old man, with long white beard and long white hair, hobbling along upon a stick, a lantern in his hand.

He threw a light as he walked along and going out of the opened door waved an arm as though in farewell and was just about to shut the door—when, lo and behold, a little lad rushed in, clad in very few garments, all young and excited and bounding with spirits. The door closed. He was within. The lights were turned on.

Dancing began, but only he danced. Around and around, in and out of the people he danced, while the music played, faster, faster, faster.

And then he made a low bow and dashed out of the dancing room.

There was applause. All the guests clapped their hands. They called for the little, young dancer.

But as they called, in rushed a group of small boys. Under their arms they carried imitation newspapers and as they rushed about they cried:

"Extra! Extra! See about the great new arrival!"

"Extra! Extra! The New Year has many packages of joy to scatter over the earth this year. 'He will be with us for twelve months! His stay is to be exactly that long."

"He danced for you now. And he will come in response to the encore you gave him and dance again."

"And after that he will give his encore day by day if you call for him and ask for the happiness, which he has to give, to dance in your hearts!"

"Extra! Extra! The New Year is here!"

And around they went with their newspapers to every guest.

Then the little New Year came in and danced once more and then left with kisses and New Year greetings to all.

Once more the dancing began for everyone and way into the New Year they danced.

It was splendid to begin the New Year with dancing!

Miss Quinnie Cordill, who has been for the past few months working in Duncan, Okla., arrived the first of the week to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cordill.

TEXAS PRE-EMINENT IN PORK PRODUCTION

Additional proof that Texas is pre-eminent in pork production will be carried to the world in the announcement of results of the Texas ton litter contest which was carried out by the Texas Swine Breeders' Association under the direction of A. L. Ward, secretary of the Association and swine husbandman of the extension service of the A. & M. College of Texas. Indiana produced a litter of pigs weighing 3040 pounds at six months of age last year and issued a challenge to Texas to beat it. It was accepted and the contest planned. Vic Hill, of Waco, has produced a single litter of 12 pigs weighing 3898 lbs. in the 180 day period. Of the 40 entrants 28 produced litters weighing over a ton, 9 weighing between 1800 and 2000 and only 3 weighing less than 1800. A gold medal, silver medal and bronze medal were awarded for first, second and third prizes respectively by the Texas Swine Breeders' Association. Mr. Hill won the gold medal. The silver medal went to M. L. Garcom, of Leonard, whose litter of 12 Poland China pigs weighed 3542. Third prize went to J. M. Martin, of Denton, whose ten pigs weighed 3332 pounds at the close of the 180 day contract.

Purebred animals and a balanced ration were the tricks of the contest as told by Mr. Ward. While a challenge was the stimulus for the contest, education was the purpose. It was to teach the farmer that by balancing other feeds with high priced corn he could produce hogs economically. Mr. Hill produced his litter at a cost of 5 1-2 cents a pound when the market was about 9 cents.

LIFE ON TEXAS FARMS BETTER THAN IN THE PAST

The movement that is being fostered by governmental agencies in cooperation with the national associations of the public utilities to make public utility services available on the farms holds promise of a great change in the manner of living among people in the rural districts.

Already the telephone has connected the farms of Texas with the city. The electric railway and the motor bus are making for adequate transportation of farm people and farm products. Throughout the natural gas regions of Texas the service of natural gas on the farm is increasing all the time.

Farm life in Texas has changed much in the past ten years. It will show a much greater change for the better during the coming ten years. There will be no isolation. There will be no lack of variety to rural life. The telephone, radio, motors, electricity, gas, transportation when it is wanted—all are fast coming to the farm. And in a short time the farm will have every advantage of the city without the crowds, cramped homes, inadequate breathing spaces, and high cost of living.

Texas people who came from the farms may not make a general movement back to the farms. But in the present and coming years the incentive of farm people to move to the city is being removed by the services of modern science. The public service of the utilities will soon be as much a factor in life on the farm in Texas as they are now necessities in the cities of Texas.

OIL DEVELOPMENT IN FT. STOCKTON FIELD

From the Pioneer.

For nearly three weeks, cold rains and snows which are very unusual for this section, have been very frequent and have created a condition that made the roads almost impassable. But in spite of the mud and bad weather, the Trans-Pecos Oil Company drilling operations have made progress, but nothing like would have been made had the weather been good. Quinby No. 1 well on section 19, block 140, T. & St. L. railway survey, is drilling around 2225 feet in a lime formation.

Quinby No. 2 well on section 592, G. C. & S. F. railway survey, has been delayed on account of the weather, and at the time of going to press the well was down around the 1,000 foot level.

Quinby No. 5 well on section 6, block 114, G. C. & S. F. railway survey, is drilling in hard grey lime at the 250 foot level.

Quinby No. 8 well, better known as the Hershenson well, 40 miles west, on section 13, block 51, township 10, T. & P. railway survey, has finished erecting the standard rig and camping facilities and will resume drilling soon after the first of January.

Holt Jowell came in from his father's ranch the first of the week and says they have had lots of rain and the ground is good.

Evan Smith, W. C. Farrar and Willis Boyd, of Lorraine, were visitors to Midland Wednesday.

As Father Time Draws the Curtain

Of Time On 1923 We Pause To Think

And we look back over the days of the year gone by, we see some things we might have done and some things we might have left undone, but one thing we feel is as unchanged as it was the day we entered business, and that is sincere appreciation of our patrons and our earnest desire each day to serve them better. The approach of a new year brings renewed interest in our regular patrons and strengthens our desire to serve others. But in the midst of it all we stop to "take stock," so to speak, and we find on hand a generous supply of good wishes, so we pass this one along to you.

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Bringing to you the joys that come from health, prosperity and contentment. We want to thank you for your patronage during the old year. We assure you that we have striven in word and action to merit your confidence and good will and with the coming of 1924 we anticipate the pleasure of continuing to number you and others of this section among our friends and patrons. This message, we hope, will find its way to those who have helped to make this institution what it is today.

The Midland National Bank

Notice of Application for Probate of Will

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County: Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the county of Midland, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for a period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof.

Notice of Application for Probate of Will

The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of Jennie Scharbauer, deceased: Clarence Scharbauer has filed in the County Court of Midland County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said Jennie Scharbauer, deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1924, the same being the 14th day of January, A. D., 1924, at the Court House thereof, in Midland, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so. Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Midland, this 27th day of December, A. D., 1923.

C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk, County Court, Midland Co., Texas.

Revs. W. S. Garnett and L. U. Spellman were of a party of eight on a duck hunt out at Beard's Lake yesterday. The others were: W. A. Dawson, S. H. Basham, M. D. Johnson, Bob Scruggs, Fred Middleton, and Claxton Draper, the latter Mrs. Garnett's brother. They killed at least three different kinds of ducks, and report a most enjoyable outing.

J. T. Poole this week had a hunting party as his guests on his ranch south. They were: Addison Wadley, W. J. Sparks, D. H. Roettger, Jax M. Cowden, and Dr. Clifton Carter. They had Les Brown, negro, along as cook, and the enjoyable outing closed yesterday evening when, all returned. They got plenty of birds and "oodles of ducks."

J. E. Nance and family, of Clyde, are in Midland spending the holidays with friends and relatives.

Misses Lela Mary Heard and Jessie Hill left today for a visit with friends in Toyah.

Miss Zelma Hill spent Christmas in Rankin with Jack Hill and family.

Mrs. Earl Denton, Mrs. Claud Denton, and Miss Bernice Norwood were driving Wednesday afternoon, in the Denton touring car. A broken spindle on the front axle resulted in an overturned car on the highway west, just this side of the O. B. Holt residence. None of the occupants were at all seriously hurt. The car was badly wrecked.

Gene Kelly, of Odessa, was in Midland Thursday. He has just recently returned from Alpine where he has been in school.

After a very serious operation, Capt. W. E. Wallace, is able to be out again. We trust that he will soon be entirely well.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Roberts left last Sunday morning for Ft. Worth where they will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Col. Jimmie Rhea is in Midland this week spending the holidays with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Rhea.

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FOR SALE—A Fordson tractor, one 3 gang disc plow, one two row Case lister planter. For price or any other information see J. V. Gowl, two miles northwest of town. 10-ft

FOR SALE—Some Rhode Island roosters and Bronz turkeys. Apply to Floyd Countiss. 12-2t

FOR SALE—Residence in Northwest Midland. Nicely located, windmill, tank, garage, etc., all in good repair. Mrs. R. D. McAnelly phone No. 175. 12-3t

FOR SALE—Pure-bred Bronz turkeys fine breeding stock. Apply to L. C. Proctor or call phone 323-H. 12-2t

FOR SALE—Our home in southwest part of Midland. Good seven room house, large barn, good garage and all out houses, bath and all conveniences. Will sell cheap; part cash, balance on easy time. Call on Thomas Holcombe, or phone 153.

WRITE—Draughon's College, Abilene or Wichita Falls, for Special Holiday Offer and Guarantee Position Contract.

LOCAL SALESMEN WANTED—For Midland and vicinity to sell Doublewear Shoes direct from factory to wearer. Our new measuring apparatus insures perfect fitting. For full particulars write the DOUBLEWEAR SHOE COMPANY, 315 East Lake St., Minneapolis, Minn.

FOUND—Pair of gold-rimmed spectacles. In case covered with light gray cloth. Call at this office. Pay 25 cents for this notice.

Claxton Draper will return to his home at Oglesby, Texas, tomorrow after spending Christmas with his sisters, Mrs. W. S. Garnett and Miss Gladys Draper.

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Whatever measure of patronage the Midland Trade Territory has accorded to us has not been unappreciated, and this is our expression of thanks to you. Let us serve you further.

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CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

BUSINESS QUIZZES THAT ARE
APPLIED TO ALL MEN IN
ALL LINES

Our townsman, J. T. Brown, last week handed us an article taken from the Shoe and Leather Journal which should be a study for every business person man or woman, young or old. We reproduce it herewith, as good thought for the New Year:

The United States Chamber of Commerce recently issued a business quiz, including the following questions which we believe will appeal to the progressive business man, who operates his store on a modern busi-

ness basis:

1. Do you keep a "purchase account" that shows total of all goods bought?
2. Do you know what you save annually by discounting bills?
3. Do you know what it costs to buy goods?
4. Do you know what you owe?
5. How often do you take stock?
6. Do you figure stock at cost or selling price?
7. Do you make allowances for depreciation and dead stock?
8. Do you make depreciation of fixture and delivery equipment?
9. Do you know what is due you?
10. Can you furnish your bank a financial statement at once?
11. Are collections made as rapidly as accounts increase?
12. Do you know what it is costing you for allowances for cus-

tomers?

13. How often do you make a "Profit and Loss Account"?
14. Into how many separate accounts are your expenses divided?
15. Do you own the building in which you do business?
16. Do you charge rent therefor?
17. Do you charge your own salary as an expense?
18. Do you charge interest on money invested?
19. Do you know the percentage of expense to sales?
20. If a fire took place, could you from your books give a complete statement of all accounts?

A close study of these questions will easily convince the reader that there is something to think seriously about in the successful management of a store or shop. It is all very well to say that these are not my problems. They are and the business man that refuses to acknowledge them is in many cases doing a 16-hour day, in a small and dirty store, and will continue to do so until he adjusts himself and his business to a business system of some sort. We will briefly review these questions and see to what they would lead us if we followed them to the limit.

Question No. 1. Do you keep a "purchase account" that shows total of all goods bought? The business man who does not keep a purchase account as explained in this question has a poor chance of figuring his profit and loss. A record of this nature shows how, when and what goods were purchased, what they cost as well as serving as cost and quantity gauge to future buying.

Question No. 2. Do you know what you save annually by discounting bills? The business man who follows up the ideas lead out in question two, would be surprised if he kept a record for a year of the money he saved on discounts. It would pay for several little improvements about the shop.

Question No. 3. Do you know what it costs to buy goods? This question is interesting for the simple fact that the merchant who is without accurate information on his costs, stands a poor chance of regulating his selling prices justly. Know your costs and you can deal fairly with your jobber, yourself and customers.

Question No. 4. Do you know what you owe? The man who knows his

debts and when they are due should have no great trouble in financing his business. Check all accounts as they are received and keep them entered up in some record. This prevents errors and incorrect charging on the part of the jobber or manufacturer.

Question No. 5. How often do you take stock? Stock should be taken at least twice a year, that, of course, would deal mostly with findings. However large or small your findings department is you should have a certain period set aside for stock taking. You can then determine the lines that are selling best and slow movers, or in other words, what to order and what not to buy and what to leave alone.

Question No. 6. Do you figure stock at cost or selling price? Stock should be figured at cost price. The business man who figures at the selling price is fooling himself because his selling price is more or less problematical, he knows what he should get, but it is sometimes necessary to write some of his profits off his books.

Question No. 7. Do you make allowances for depreciation and dead stock? Yes, should be the answer to this question. The longer the stocks stand on the shelves, the slower the turnover and greater the depreciation which seems lower value on vital stocks. Allowances should be made for "dead goods" if the business man is going to be fair to himself. To include the full cost of dead lines is giving the stock an improper valuation.

Question No. 8. Do you make depreciation of fixture and delivery equipment? Some allowance should certainly be made for the wear and tear on equipment of this nature. The longer fixtures and so forth are used, the less value they have, and so much should be allowed every year to cover this item.

Question No. 9. Do you know what is due you? This question will appeal only to those who permit a credit trade. The business man who has accounts of this nature should have them carefully recorded and know at all times how much he has outstanding. If he has not he stands a poor chance of running an evenly balanced business.

Question No. 10. Can you give your bank a financial statement at once? How many business men could fulfill this question right off the bat? Not very many. The manager who keeps his books up to date all the time is not going very far astray. The business man who can give his bank a complete statement of his business is well on the road to success for he knows at a glance what financial position he is in.

Question No. 11. Are collections made as rapidly as accounts increase? Collections should be made promptly. The older the account, the harder it is to collect, has been the experience of many merchants. If charge accounts are permitted, then collections should be enforced within a set time. You cannot operate with your profits in your customers' pockets.

Question No. 12. Do you know what it is costing you for allowances for customers? Customers' allowances, that is refunds to dissatisfied customers, and jobs that have to be done over, when materials don't line up to their name, should be recorded so that the merchant knows what he has lost. From this record it is possible to lay claims and adjustments on manufacturers, as well as having the satisfaction of knowing what was lost in the year's business.

Question No. 13. How often do you make up a "profit and loss account?" A profit and loss account should be made up at least twice a year. By this means you can gather in business whether it is worth while staying in business or not. If an accurate record is kept of all other expenses there should be no great trouble in preparing this statement. From this record it is easy to figure where the leaks are.

Question No. 14. Into how many separate accounts are your expenses divided? The financial records of a business man should be split up to suit the size of the business. One for supplies, one for overhead, one for findings, are accounts that should certainly be among those present. You can split the business into a number of accounts that are easiest to handle.

Question No. 15. Do you own the building in which you do business? If the merchant owns his own business he should keep an accurate record of all the costs in repairs and alterations, and if it is only rented, an account for rent, etc., should be operated. This means that owner or tenant knows his monthly or yearly record of expenses on the building. This should be figured in with the rest of the business expenses in the profit and loss account.

Question No. 16. Do you charge rent therefor? If the merchant pays rent for his store, he should naturally charge it up against his business. If you do not you will be out in business statement at the end of

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the year and will be unable to get definite slant on your year's business. By all means charge the rent.

Question No. 17. Do you charge your own salary as an expense? Your salary should be charged against the business just as much as the rent or the salary of your assistants. If this is not done you cannot figure your costs fairly, which means you are on the losing side of the book.

Question No. 18. Do you charge interest on money invested? If you invest money, earned in the business in any other proposition, by all means charge interest on it. Make your money work for you all the time. The more you have, the more you can get. When making investment consult your banker and take his advice.

Question No. 19. Do you know the percentage of expense of sales? Every business man should know what it costs him to make a sale. If you keep a record of the time spent in dealing with your customers there should be no great amount of trouble in finding out how much it costs as set up against your expenses. Little things like that all help to build a paying business.

Question No. 20. If a fire took place, could you from your books give a complete statement of all accounts? If you have kept records of your business as laid down in the above questions, it should be easy for you to answer this last question. If you keep records of all transactions there is no reason why your business should not prosper, because you would be able to see where your expenses were too heavy and in that way remedy them. Perhaps it takes a little trouble to get these ideas started, and perhaps it will take a little of your time in the evening—but what if it does, if it is going to mean a better business. It is most likely that a lot of these questions will not be exactly in your line, nevertheless, read them over, and see if you don't think they are worth thinking over.

EVERY KIND OF GEM FOUND IN THIS COUNTRY

Practically every known gem is to be found somewhere in the United States. Diamonds are to be found in Arkansas, North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Colorado and California.

Montana leads in the production of sapphires and also of rubies, while others of the same family, especially the true emerald, which is often more valuable than diamonds of equal size, is found in North Carolina and New Mexico.

While the largest and richest of the blue variety of the topaz comes from Russia, Colorado has produced a marvelous reddish brown stone that cannot be excelled, while the clear varieties from New England and Utah are as lovely as a diamond.

Many lands have given garnets, but the finest are from New Mexico. Nevada's opals have become important in the commercial world. Fresh water pearls come from the mussel, and are found in the rivers of Arkansas, Indiana and Tennessee.

Doctor—"Now, madam, you must really chew your food more. What were you given teeth for?"

Patient—"Pardon me, doctor; they were not given to me; I bought them."

Preparing for Action

"That rather elegant citizen says he has thrown his hat in the ring."

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E. N. Grizzell, of Big Spring, was in Midland this week on business.

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Mrs. B. F. Smith, of Stanton, was a shopper in Midland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jenkins were in Midland shopping from Odessa this week.

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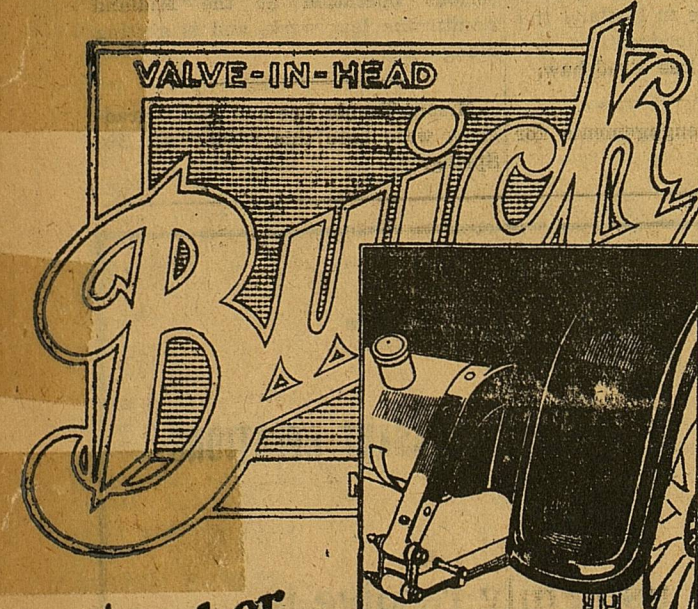
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"Father, why do you insist that I study dentistry? I have told you several times that I want to be a doctor and specialize in eye treatment."

"My son, do you realize that each person has 32 teeth, but only two eyes?"

Notice
J. L. Lancaster and Charles L. Wallace, as receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, hereby give notice that on the 13th day of October, 1923 they filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C., their application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity permit the abandonment by them of the line of railroad formerly of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company, extending from Midland to Seminole, a distance of approximately sixty-six (66) miles, in Midland, Andrews and Gaines counties, Texas. J. L. Lancaster and Charles L. Wallace, as receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company. adv 12-3t



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WORLD PROBLEMS SO COLLOSAL GREATEST MINDS STAND APPALLED

"The world needs a Moses," is the great cry of perplexed statesmen the nation over. When our chief executive fell, the hope and wonder voiced from all over the land was whether Coolidge would prove this dominating personality. Every turn of the kaleidoscope of Europe, bringing up in exaggerated proportions this dictator or that premier, awakens again the hope that "springs eternal in the human breast." That this is not a delusive hope is claimed by John L. Shuler in the January Watchman Magazine of Nashville, Tenn. Writing of "The Coming Man of Destiny" he first sums up the need of his coming, then tells who he is.

"Men are feeling the need of some power which will lift all political relationships out of the rut of selfishness and the mire of hatred into which they are fallen, and create the possibility of national and international fraternity. As one leading American recently stated, the world needs another Moses to lead it out of the wilderness. Our day certainly calls for a superior ruler who can so regulate the control levers of the world's machinery that the nations will be guided in the way of peace and safety. The world is face to face with colossal, complex, diversified, and multitudinous problems, before which the greatest minds stand appalled. These world problems with their ten thousand conflicting interests, constitute an immense entanglement, a great Gordian knot, in which the threads of difficulty are so locked and interlocked that the fingers of human wisdom can never unravel them."

"Many organizations have been formed for the purpose of remedying the world's maladies and alleviating the sufferings of the down-trodden, and they have accomplished much in the amelioration of human ills; but their grand objective has not been achieved and will never see ultimate attainment. At best, they can afford only temporary and partial relief. No permanency of righteous organization has ever been perfected by the mind of man. Men of the world recognize now that human wisdom and ability cannot save the world in this perilous hour. Deliverance must come from the Lord God which made heaven and earth."

"The editor of one great daily says, 'It ought to be clear after the last eight years of international passion and human hate, which have threatened and still threaten what we call modern civilization, that not in worldly statesmanship, not in the learning of the schools, not in national might nor in the power of wealth, but in the Spirit of the Lord of the universe is salvation to be found. Only He can command the winds and the waves, the moral earthquake shocks and convulsions that seem to overwhelm us.'—Baltimore Sun, Nov. 15, 1922.

"God has made provision for this unprecedented hour of the world's needs. He has One who can set the earth right, so that it will stay right. He has another Moses to send to this world. The great lawgiver himself predicted, 'A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me: Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you.' This promised leader is Jesus Christ (Acts 3:20-22). He is Heaven's appointed leader and commander for the people. (Isa. 55:4.)

"The relief of the present degradation and desolation of this world lies in the coming of this divinely appointed Ruler, to take the government upon his shoulder, to rule in righteousness, for then, and not till then, will every world problem find its final solution. Whether men realize it or not, the coming of Jesus Christ is the only arrangement that can satisfy the world's needs.

"There is a cherished expectation in the hearts of men that our splendid civilization of the twentieth century will produce a sublime leader, who will solve its problems, heal its maladies, and lead mankind from this world of perplexity, distress, bankruptcy, uncertainty, disorder, strife, and hatred into a state of abiding peace, security, tranquility, plenty, prosperity, and lasting love. All eyes are turned to look for the coming man. And who is the coming Man of Destiny but the Man Christ Jesus, the desire of all ages, the anointed of the Lord, He who said just before His departure, 'I will come again?'"

"We are glad to announce that the outcome of present conditions will be the coming of that sublime figure, the Desire of all nations, who will meet every need of humanity, and who will set the world right and keep it right. His coming will climax the desire of many ages. His coming will usher in the dawn of that better day for which all humanity is long-

WALL STREET PREDICTS LARGE COTTON ACREAGE

On the day that the price of cotton passed the 36 cent level in New York, leaders in Wall Street came out with a prediction that the season of 1924 would see the greatest cotton acreage in the history of the South, says Farm and Ranch. Such a prediction in itself does not mean any deviation from the usual course, as the South has acquired the habit of increasing acreage, but these sky-scraper prophets go a bit farther. They say that the acreage will be increased at the expense of all other crops and that every nook and corner from front yard to back yard will be planted to the staple. To encourage Southern farmers to do just what they are now predicting, our Wall Street friends say that the supply of cotton is so small that no matter what size the crop may be, prices are sure to be good.

If the future is to be judged from the past, Southern farmers will do just about as Wall Street expects. The price of cotton certainly encourages a large acreage in 1924, and these brokers and speculators may also be right about the probable price. Even so, Southern farmers will make a mistake if they plant cotton at the expense of other necessary crops and deviate from a well balanced program. It doesn't pay to sell cotton even at a price considered profitable and then spend the money in buying other high priced necessities. It would be far more sensible to make a supreme effort to produce a larger acre yield than it would to see how large an acreage it is possible to plant.

Farmers who will profit most from high priced cotton will be the ones who produce it at the least cost per pound, and who, in addition, produce both food and feed for home consumption. Then, and only then, will cotton be the real money crop.

Cotton farmers would do well to consider the things which brought about high priced cotton, and those things which, for years, kept the price below the cost of production. It was only a few years ago when cotton sold down to 10 and 11 cents per pound, and prior to that 6 cents was all that middling cotton of good staple would bring. Every time the bears wanted to shove the price a little lower they called attention to the large carry-over in the markets of the world. Surplus production created a carry-over and the carry-over depressed prices. Those who buy cotton are extremely anxious to create another surplus. Whether or not the cotton grower will again succeed in producing in excess of the demand, will depend upon insects and the seasons. One can almost be certain that the acreage will be sufficient to bring about this condition if the yield is normal.

Under boll weevil conditions, according to experts, only those with sufficient capital and equipment should undertake a large acreage. It is claimed that experience has demonstrated that intense cultivation of a small acreage, fertilization, where necessary and continual fighting of insect pests, will increase the yield per acre sufficiently to make cotton growing one of the most profitable crops on the diversified farm.

A FARMER'S PROFIT ON ROAD BUILDING

A land owner in a southern State had a large property of many acres, a beautiful house, and a big peach orchard in bearing. Family circumstances made it necessary for him to sell his property, which was valued about a hundred thousand dollars. Putting it in the hands of some able real estate men, the property owner received several calls from prospective purchasers. He met these purchasers at the railroad station, motored them six miles over a good State road, and half a mile over a very rough and bumpy dirt road to his house.

None of them purchased. Acting on the advice of one of the real estate men, the owner spent five thousand dollars and made that last half mile as good as the State road. The property was sold at a price which included the cost of the road, plus a profit on the road, within a month of its completion!

What happens in one case happens in another. A good road greatly increases the value of adjacent realty, especially farms.

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If your house catches at the bottom it will burn up; if it catches at the top it will burn down. Better have it insured before it's too late. We have been writing Fire Insurance in Midland for 18 years and have never had an unsatisfactory settlement.

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FIRST PRIZE STORY IN JUDGE'S MAGAZINE

A spiritualist, who also was something of an orator, visited a town where a skeptical scientist lived, and delivered a lecture one afternoon, the lecturer's desire being to convert the scientist to his belief. The audience was large, including the scientist, who had attended by special invitation.

The next day the spiritualist called on the scientist with hope that his effort had been successful. "What did you think of my lecture?" he asked.

"Well," replied the scientist, "I couldn't sleep all last night, and I lay it to your talk."

The spiritualist was flattered. "I knew my argument would make you think," he said. "Is it not so?"

"I am not so certain about that. Whenever I sleep during the day I cannot sleep at night."

Mrs. New Pauvre (just returned from trip abroad)—"While in Egypt we visited the pyramids. They were literally covered with hieroglyphics."

Mrs. Parr Venue—"Uh! Wasn't you afraid some of them would get on you?"

"Feeling Fine!"

"I was pale and thin, hardly able to go," says Mrs. Bessie Bearden, of Central, S. C. "I would suffer, when I stood on my feet, with bearing-down pains in my sides and the lower part of my body. I did not rest well and didn't want anything to eat. My color was bad and I felt miserable. A friend of mine told me of

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and I then remembered my mother used to take it. After the first bottle I was better. I began to flesh up and I regained my strength and good healthy color. I am feeling fine. I took twelve bottles (of Cardui) and haven't had a bit of trouble since."

Thousands of other women have had similar experiences in the use of Cardui, which has brought relief where other medicines had failed.

If you suffer from female ailments, take Cardui. It is a woman's medicine. It may be just what you need.

At your druggist's or dealer's.

Citation on Application to Sell Realty Estates—(By Publication) Class 4 The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Midland County, a copy of the following notice:

To all persons interested in the estate of J. R. Dublin deceased, John Dublin, executor-administrator, and C. Scharbauer and Mary Scharbauer, joined by her husband, Phil Scharbauer, have filed in the county court of Midland County, an application for an order to sell the following property of said estate, situated in Gaines County, Texas, to-wit:

Section 15, block A21, abstract 472, 640 acres, W. F. Gorden, grantee.

W. 3-4 section 7, block A21, abstract 473, 480 acres, W. F. Gorden, grantee.

W. 1-4 section 14, block A21, abstract 474, 160 acres, W. F. Gorden, grantee.

Section 6, block A21, abstract 596, 640 acres, W. E. Pool, grantee.

E. 1-4 section 7, block A21, abstract 1592, 160 acres, E. F. Hart, grantee.

E. 3-4 section 14, block A21, abstract 1593, 480 acres, E. F. Hart, grantee.

Section 24, block A21, abstract 1206, 640 acres, W. H. Morrow, grantee.

W. 3-4 section 3, block A22, abstract 1207, 480 acres, W. H. Morrow, grantee.

Section 4, block A22, abstract 1208, 640 acres, W. H. Morrow, grantee.

E. 1-2 section 5, block A22, abstract 1209, 320 acres, W. H. Morrow, grantee.

W. 1-2 section 23, block A21, abstract 1210, 320 acres, W. H. Morrow, grantee.

E. 1-4 section 25, block A21, abstract 1211, 160 acres, W. H. Morrow, grantee.

Section 7, block A22, abstract 1575, 640 acres, W. T. Stansberry, grantee.

E. 3-4 section 6, block A22, abstract 1376, 480 acres, S. D. McReynolds, grantee.

Public school land, all in Gaines County, Texas which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the second Monday in January, A. D., 1924, the same being the 14th day of January A. D., 1924, at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show cause why such sale should not be made, should they choose to do so.

Herein fail not, but have your before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof this with your return thereon, how you have executed the

Given under my hand of said court at office in as this the 12th day D., 1923.

C. B. DUNAC
County Court
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Christmas Gifts

Built-in Kitchen Cabinets, a Pair of French Doors, An Oak Floor for the Front Room

Those indeed are Christmas Gifts worth while, something that the whole family will enjoy and a gift that will be appreciated.

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Miss Golda Wilhite, of Ft. Worth, was a Christmas guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilhite.

Miss Brookie Lee, of Sierra Blanca, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. D. W. Brunson returned from Houston last Friday, where she had been to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Stell, and to meet the new grandson, A. L., Jr., who arrived November 19th.

Little Miss Annie Fay Dunagan, who has been critically ill all during the holidays, is now improving and is eagerly looking forward to the New Year dinner she will have at her Grandfather and Grandmother Dunagan's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allen and little daughter, Shirley, of Petersburg, together with Mrs. W. T. Hatchell, of El Paso, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spaulding.

Mrs. J. H. Haley will return next Monday from Mineral Wells, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Aycock.

Mrs. Robert Erwin Rankin left last night for her home in Abilene, after a visit to her father, Mr. Chris Scharbauer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott arrived last Monday and will remain in Midland indefinitely. Many friends cordially welcome these former citizens back to their native heath, and sincerely sympathize with Mrs. Elliott that her home coming is so sad a one.

Mrs. Ector Thornton and children, of Tahoka arrived last Sunday to spend the week with her brother, Mr. Forrest King and wife.

We are the exclusive selling agents for Whitmans, Johnstons and Miss Saylor's Candies—Elite Confectionery and Floral Shop.

Oliver King and wife, of Pecos, have been in Midland for the holidays, visiting Mr. King's mother, Mrs. W. A. King.

I have moved my barber shop to one door north of John's tailor shop. Frank Criswell, Prop. adv 94tpd

James Brooks and a Mr. Miller, of Ranger, were injured last night in an auto truck accident, about seven miles east of Midland. They were brought to the Midland Sanitarium for treatment. Their injuries are not considered serious.

Your patronage solicited and appreciated at the Camp Filling Station, near Camp grounds. Day and night service. Bert Stringer, prop. adv 8-12t

et Caldwell, Lillie B. Williams; Messrs. Jim Flanigan, Charles Watson, Golden Donovan, Holt Jowell, O. B. Holt, Aleck Cowden and Ben Wall.

Mesdames Gibbs, Tolbert, Ulmer, Charlie Bell, Blakeney, Harmon, Rhea and Miss Lydie G. Watson motored to Big Spring this afternoon to attend a party in the charming home of Mrs. Francis F. Gary.

Misses Mittye Lee Allen, of the Clarendon school, and Laura Gay Allen, of Winters, are spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Lois Patterson, of the Denton State Normal arrived last week to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. Wiclif Curtis, of the State University, is a holiday guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Half and children are spending the holiday vacation season in Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobbs, of Abilene, are visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Lena Kate Baker, who is teaching in Hurley, N. M., is spending her vacation in various points in California.

Miss Mary Barron arrived last Saturday from Dallas, where she is teaching, and is enjoying a visit with relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bell and son, Tolbert, of El Paso, are in the city the guests of relatives and friends.

Mr. Thomas Schrock returned to Dallas Christmas day, after a brief visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tidwell and daughter, Miss Nannie Lou, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nance, all former citizens of Midland, but now of Clyde, are spending the holidays with their son and brother, Mr. Luther Tidwell and family.

C. I. A. Girls Beautifully Complimented

Honoring the C. I. A. Girls and their escorts, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Wadley entertained last Wednesday evening with a prettily appointed party, which was one of the most joyous of the week's festivities. The decorations featured the Yuletide note and were very lovely. At tables of attractive arrangements, games of bridge and forty-two were played, and the lovely hospitality terminated with the serving of a delicious salad course with coffee and fruit cake. The guests were: Misses Leola Bigham, Elsie Wolcott, Mabel Holt, Ina Beth Whitefield, Carolyn and Margar-

New Year Greetings

At this season, as the year nineteen twenty-three is drawing to a close, we would take this opportunity to express to our friends and customers our sincere appreciation of the business with which they have entrusted us and would wish them a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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CHURCH NOTICES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass will be on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Beginning of mass at 10 a. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

9:30 a. m., Children's song service.
9:45 a. m., Bible school.
10:40 a. m., Communion service.
3:30 p. m., Intermediate Endeavor.
6:15 p. m., Senior Endeavor.
A cordial invitation to all.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Epworth League 6:15.
Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday, 7:15 p. m.
L. U. SPELLMAN.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Jeff Davis, of Abilene, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday evening. The pastor will preach at the morning service, and all other services will be held as usual. The Christmas offering for the Buckner Orphans' Home will be taken Sunday morning.
W. S. GARNET, Pastor.

B. Y. P. U.

Subject: China's Call.
Leader—Alton Gault.
Scripture lesson—Minta Aycock.
Introduction—Leader.
Prayer—Pastor.
The Wide Open Door—Clinton Myrick.
China Unchanger—Dollie Wilson.
China's Call in China's Need—Lynn Reader.
There is a Great Social Need—Beaulah Henry.
China's Call a Divine Challenge—C. B. Ligon.
News Notes on China—Curtis Nance.
In the Foreign Boards—Cleve Baker.

Good young Rhode Island roosters, for sale cheap. Phone 362, E. R. Leonard. adv 12-4tpd

Camp Filling Station, near camp grounds, will appreciate your patronage. Service day or night. Bert Stringer, proprietor. adv 7-12t

Notice to Automobile Owners
The law requires that the license be paid on all automobiles by January 1, 1924, or else be subject to a fine of \$10.00 per day for each day thereafter.
A. C. FRANCIS,
adv Sheriff and Tax Collector.

Miss Theresa Klapproth who has been teaching in the school at Mason arrived the first of the week to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. Klapproth.

Get the date fixed in your mind. January 11th—Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goodpastor, of San Antonio, were in Midland this week visiting Mrs. Goodpastor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradshaw.

Don't make any engagements for January 11th.

C. J. Crawford, of Des Moines, Ia., was operated on for appendicitis at the Midland Sanitarium two weeks ago. He has returned to his home, having made a speedy recovery.

Mrs. John Simpson, living on a ranch south of Midland, sustained a serious operation at the Midland Sanitarium last week, and is getting along nicely.

Misses Tennie Lee and Pearl Bradshaw were here this week from Big Spring.

RESOLUTIONS

New Year Resolutions are always in order, and seldom do harm, in fact this bank encourages most earnestly that every man, woman and child R-E-S-O-L-V-E to start saving a certain part of your income and see to it that your deposits are Safe-Guarded by having them deposited in this bank where every precaution is taken to Safe-Guard your Earnings.

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