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ROUTE TO CRANE FIELD DEFINITELY ADOPTED

BIG ROAD FUND TO BE RAISED TO IMPROVE OIL FIELD ROAD

Unanimous decision was reached at a mass meeting of citizens Monday night in the office of the Chamber of Commerce to build a graded permanent road from Midland to the oil fields via the Midland-Rankin road. The road will turn west from the Midland-Rankin road about one mile north of the Van Huss draw.

The county commissioners will grub and grade the road, and it will be lanned by the Chamber of Commerce. This organization will also build about 18 miles of this road lying in Upton County.

Addison Wadley, vice president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the road committee, presided. County Judge Chas. L. Klapproth and Sam Preston, county commissioner, who has given much time and work to the road, declared the county would build the road either via Midland-Rankin route or via Warfield due south. Judge J. M. Caldwell brought a large map with him to the meeting and gave the body the benefit of his intimate knowledge of the country through which the road passed. Mr. Ulrich, oil scout, and Fred T. Hogan, representing the interests owning the McElroy ranch, attended the meeting and aided in the discussion.

There was some difference of opinion as to which of the routes would serve Midland's interests better, but in the end the body voted to make the decision for the Midland-Rankin approach unanimous. Chairman Wadley will name a committee to assist in raising the special road fund.

The county expects to proceed immediately with the surveying. The oil men present declared emphatically that Midland must build her own road to the field as direct as possible if the business is to be brought to Midland.

Teachers At Home For Xmas Holidays

Midland school teachers, for the most part, are spending the Christmas holidays at their respective homes.

Superintendent W. W. Lackey will spend a few days with his brother in Denison.

Misses Lillie B. Williams, Quinnie Cordill, Carolyn Caldwell, Leola Bigham, and Annie Lee King, and Mesdames Harry Tolbert, Golden Donovan and E. R. Thomas, all of whom live in Midland, are expected to remain here for the holidays. Miss Winifred Ellrod will also stay in Midland, it is reported.

D. D. Shifflet will be in Abilene, H. C. Searcy in Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Hereford in Georgetown. Mrs. E. R. Benedict will also go to Dallas. Miss Dodgen will go to San Marcos and to Blanco, Miss Gladys Allen to Austin, Miss Eureka Bottom to Abbott, Miss McClarty to Henderson, Miss Ruby Barham to Stephenville, and Misses Deacy and Green to Waco.

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Henry Brunson, of Midland, and Miss Grace Wilkinson, of Garden City, were married at the latter place on Sunday, December 12 and left immediately on an automobile trip to Abilene, Fort Worth, and Houston. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Brunson, parents of the groom, were surprised by the announcement of the wedding after the young couple had reached Abilene.

Henry is well known and respected in Midland, and is a stockman. They will make their home at the Brunson ranch, southwest of Midland.

Miss Heath To Open Piano Studio

Miss Clifford Heath announces that she will open her piano studio the first week in January. She will have the classes taught during the past few months by Miss Anne Wall, and will also have other pupils. Miss Heath has had work under some of the best instructors of the state, and will do much for the advancement of music in Midland.

NAVAL OFFICER PAYS VISIT TO HOME TOWN

LIEUT. EUGENE F. BURKETT EN ROUTE TO PENSACOLA FLA. FOR DUTY

Lieutenant Eugene F. Burkett, U. S. Navy, stopped in Midland Tuesday afternoon and night, accompanied by his wife and her sister, en route from San Diego to Pensacola, Florida, where Lieutenant Burkett will be stationed in the future.

They visited his sister, Mrs. Lenton Brunson, while here and will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Burkett of Abilene.

Gene, as he is familiarly called by his old friends here, has made an excellent record in the Navy, being now in the aviation branch. He will instruct in flying at Pensacola. He returned recently from an expedition to Alaska, doing mapping and other technical work for the Department of the Interior, and he and his associates were accorded high praise for the service rendered on that trip.

After finishing his work in Midland High School, Gene graduated from Simmons University in three years, going then to the Naval Academy at Annapolis through an appointment from his congressman. He completed the four year course there in time to see thrilling service in the World War. In 1922 he was transferred to the naval aviation, and says he likes that part of the service best of all. Though yet a young man, he has seen ten years of service.

Midland Townsite Founder Is Dead

R. H. Zane, one of the founders of the original townsite of Midland, died at his home in Pleasant Plains Illinois, on December 13, according to a letter from Dr. A. W. Haynes, whose father was associated with Mr. Zane in founding the town of Midland. The following clipping from the Illinois State Journal tells something of the life of the deceased.

Pleasant Plains, Dec. 13.—Robert H. Zane died suddenly at 2 o'clock this morning from heart disease. Mr. Zane for a number of years, was president of the village board and president of the township high school board.

He was born March 3, 1855, near Pleasant Plains, a son of John and Elizabeth Zane, pioneer residents of Sangamon county. In earlier life he removed to Mechanicsburg, where he grew to manhood. He taught school in Sangamon county for a number of years, later entering a law school at Ann Arbor, Mich., where he was graduated.

His marriage with Elma Atherton took place in 1886, after which they removed to Midland, Texas, where he practiced his profession for 18 years, during which time he served as state's attorney of Midland county, enjoying the distinction of being the only Republican ever elected in that county to office. He later returned to Pleasant Plains, where he spent the rest of his life. Two daughters were born to this union, Lela, who preceded him in death, fourteen years ago, and Mrs. Clarence Boynton, who survives with his widow.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the residence, Rev. W. C. Shaffer, pastor of the Federated church, assisted by Rev. Leo Howard of the M. E. church officiating.

General Rains First Of Week

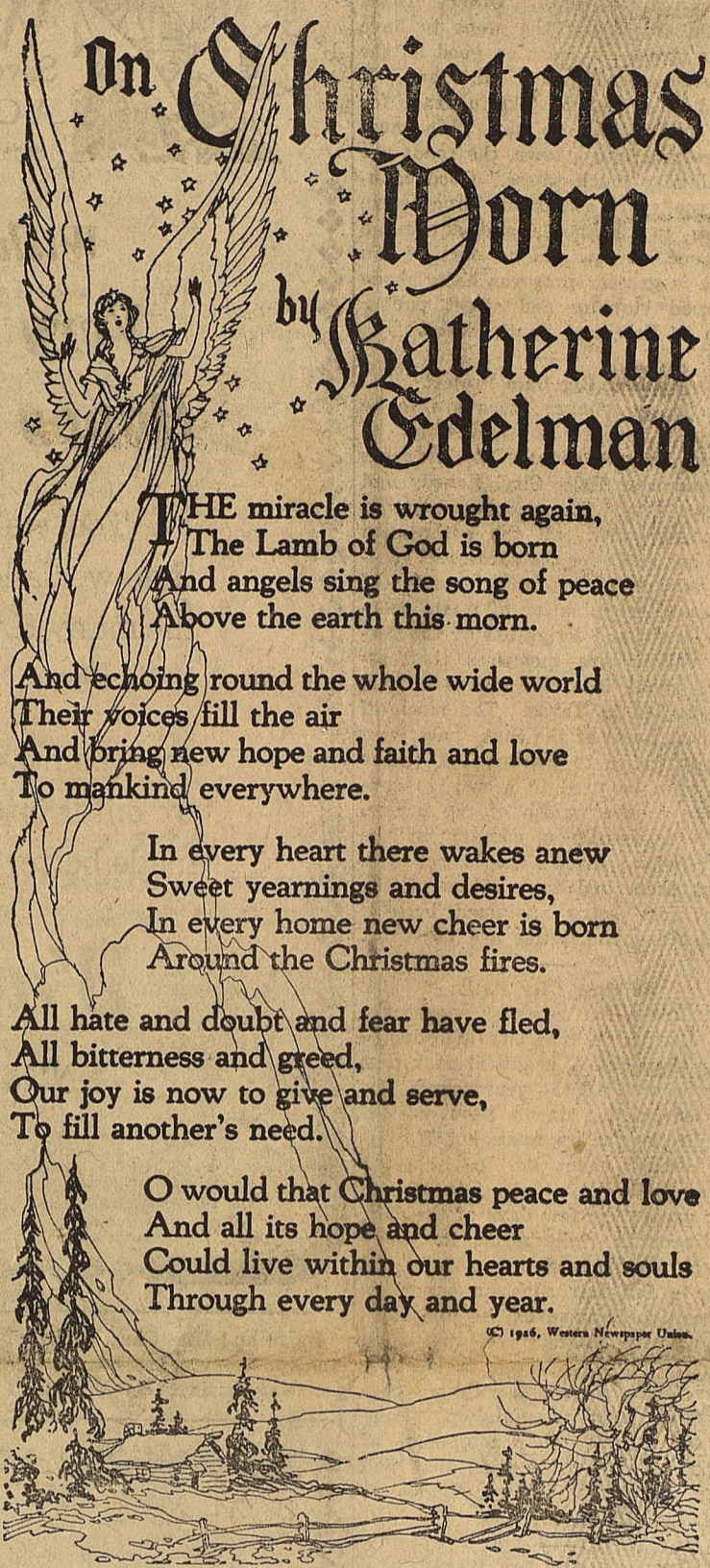
Rains that apparently extended all over West Texas fell Sunday and Monday, and the entire trade territory surrounding Midland was well soaked.

Ranchmen from all sections of the country report rain.

Mrs. D. H. Haley and Miss Noreen Haley were here yesterday from Big Spring. They report good business at their hotel there.

Miss Kittie Belle Wolcott is at home for the holidays, after three strenuous months at State University.

T. W. Craddock of Andrews came down to Midland the first of the week.



CHARLES SANDIDGE WINNER IN POULTRY

GOOD SHOW HELD BY CLUB BOYS AND GIRLS SATURDAY

Charles Sandidge won first prize in the club boys and girls poultry show held in Midland Saturday under direction of County Agent H. L. Atkins.

Other winners in the order named were: Boyd Flournoy, Francis Flournoy, Bernice Ray. Prizes were awarded the winners by the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

J. V. Bush, county agent at Stanton, was chief judge. Neither county agent Atkins nor county agent Bush knew whose chickens were which till entry numbers were compared with names.

Another large poultry show will be held next year. All boys and girls or grownups interested in getting pure bred poultry should consult the county agent.

Holzgraf Family Back In Midland

Chas. Holzgraf and family have moved back to Midland after spending several months in Gladewater, Texas and are living at their place on the northwest edge of the city limits.

Mr. Holzgraf says they are glad to be back, and it goes without saying that Midland people are more than glad to have them back at home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hyatt are spending Christmas with relatives in Helena, Arkansas. They went by Mineal Wells for a few days.

J. B. Birge and family are leaving Thursday for Amarillo, to spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Bradley.

Misses Ruth and Gladys Inman returned last week end from Denton, to spend the Christmas holidays with J. P. Inman and family.

KNOB-KNOCKERS GET LOOT IN MIDLAND

CRACK SAFE AT WADLEY-WILSON'S, ALSO ROB MEEKS STORE

Midland was visited by yeggmen, safe crackers, or knob knockers Sunday night, and Wadley-Wilson Company was robbed of over \$1,100 cash. Entrance to the store was gained through the sky light, the tools and the men coming down a rope, and the safe was blown as cleverly as any follower of that trade could have done.

Only cash was touched by the burglars, leaving a large number of checks untouched. At the Meeks Furniture Company, the combination to the safe was worked successfully, avoiding the necessity of blowing the safe.

Clues are being worked out by officers and owners of the stores, but to date nothing definite has been announced concerning those under suspicion. Street talk is to the effect that the thieves were a band of professionals who had sized up the prospects and struck while no one was around to hinder.

Similar robberies are being reported all over the country. Banks stores and individuals are being robbed in all sorts of ways. Midland has been fortunate in that something of this nature has not happened before, and would be committed here as pros-it was expected that such a crime perity advanced.

The loss to Wadley-Wilson was heavy, and Midland people are hoping that the culprits will be apprehended and the loot will be recovered.

Mrs. E. N. Snodgrass went to Big Spring Monday and met her daughter, Miss Margaret, who is spending the holidays here from the Tech College at Lubbock.

Lewis Mims came out the first of the week from Fort Worth to visit his mother, Mrs. Ida B. Mims.

Miss Vergie Ringgold of Garden City visited her sister, Mrs. Charles Ulmer Sunday.

TOWN OF CRANE IS BUILDING RAPIDLY

LOOK TO MIDLAND AS WHOLESALE CENTER IN THE FUTURE

Crane, new town in Crane County, is looking to Midland to be her wholesale headquarters, according to O. C. Kinnison, who with L. P. Cox are owners of the townsite. They were in Midland Wednesday conferring with Chamber of Commerce on matters they believe to be to the mutual interest of the two towns.

They were much pleased to learn that Midland was building a permanent graded road within a mile and a half of Crane, and said Crane would connect with the Midland road at once.

Crane has two business houses and a filling station now open, Mr. Kinnison said. One hotel and several houses are under construction. A second house was scheduled to start Wednesday. The promoters said another hotel man had up a forfeit to start by Jan 1 and a fourth was slated to start shortly after Jan. 1.

Workmen are now grading the main street of the town, Gaston Ave. a thoroughfare 100 feet wide, named in honor of Mr. Kinnison's son, who is a student in A. & M. College. Drillers are down 50 feet on a water well for the town.

Mr. Kinnison will go to Dallas seeking telephone connections from Midland. He is also after a mail line to be run from Midland, and will be assisted in these matters by the Midland Chamber.

Price & Damron will open a grocery at Crane after Jan. 1 and A. P. Lockett is scheduled to open a hardware store. Mr. Price owns the Price Cash Grocery of Midland.

MIDLAND MEN BUY THOROBBRED HORSES

B. W. FLOYD AND LEON BRYANT GET GOVERNMENT STALLIONS

Two fine registered thorbred horses have been imported from Ft. Reno Oklahoma, by B. W. Floyd and Leon Bryant, and will be run on the ranches of these two men.

Many have declared that they are the finest horses that have ever been brought to this country, and it is expected that they will be instrumental in improving the quality of Midland's good horses for the future.

Both are five year old stallions one being a bay and the other a black. One stands fifteen-one and weighs 1100 pounds, while the other is fifteen-two and weighs 1050.

Both horses are still in town and many have been going to see them before they are taken to the respective ranches.

Progress Made On Wemple Building

Almost before the announcement was made last week that a contract had been let to build an addition to the building of the Ever Ready Filling Station, actual work had started on the concrete foundation.

Walls are going up this week, and it is believed that record time will be made on the job if good weather continues. This building will add greatly to the appearance both on Wall street and the street running in front of the Court House.

Ray Coleman Here

Ray Coleman, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy a few months ago, is spending the Christmas holidays with A. B. Coleman and family. He is stationed at San Pedro, California, and says he likes the Navy life fine.

Evetts Haley, manager of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, with headquarters at Canyon, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haley.

Wilbur Wadley and family, of Trehatche, N. M. are in Midland spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends. This is the first visit they have made to Midland in some time.

TWO DAYS OF POLO AND HORSE RACES

CHRISTMAS DAY AND SUNDAY ARE DATES OF FIRST GAMES OF TEAM

Midland bids fair to again become the polo center of West Texas, as it was several years ago, and the first two games of the new club will be played Saturday and Sunday at the Fair Grounds. These games are with players who are attending A. & M. College.

Good horse races are also scheduled and a good crowd is expected to be out and see these live events.

The Midland Polo Club will be represented by Elmer Jones (captain), Foy Proctor, Buck Bryant and Leslie Floyd, two Big Spring boys and a Colorado boy.

Substitutes are ready on both sides, and a pair of good games are promised. The local polo players have been buying and training some good ponies, and they are in shape to enter a good game.

Both games start at 2:30 in the afternoon.

House Shortage Declared Crucial

Unless a furnished apartment is provided an Humble oil man within the next two weeks, he will not come to Midland.

Officials of the Prairie Oil and Gas Co. have been unable to get a satisfactory unfurnished house and apartments. Inability to get house and apartments for their men is keeping Prairie out of Midland at the present.

A scout for the T. P. Coal and Gas Co. can not find a satisfactory apartment.

Sinclair Oil and Gas Company officials were here looking for offices but could not find none suitable. Where on earth they will live if they should come, Providence only knows.

Unless houses, apartments and offices are built in Midland immediately, oil men predict the city will suffer an inestimable loss in future growth and maybe leadership. It is conservatively estimated Midland needs immediately 25 modern apartments, 25 to 40 offices and at least a dozen houses. The men wanting these are able to pay from \$40 to \$50 a month and few of them can pay more than that. Some are needed at lower figures.

Coyote is Herded With Cattle Into Pen, Killed

As expert a herdsman as Neal Wickizer, of Midland, head herdsman of the Gist show cattle, is considered to be, he laid no claims to being a wolf herder until last week. However, Wickizer says he can herd coyotes as well as Hereford cattle. The Gist herdsman was driving a herd of cattle when he flushed a coyote. Unable to lariat the brute after a long chase Wickizer herded him into the stall of a prize bull, where he killed the coyote with a club. Wickizer was formerly chief herdsman for the famous Indian show herd of former Governor McRea. He now cuts out all of the Gist cattle for the show ring.

Fort Stockton Pioneer.

B. Y. P. U. To Have Conference Sunday

The associational B. Y. P. U. will hold its regular conference at Prairie View next Sunday, December 26, according to William Arnett, president of the local B. Y. P. U. Prairie View is seven miles north of Big Spring. The meeting will start at 3:15 p. m. and it is expected that a good crowd will go from Midland.

Simms Oil Company To Open Office

J. L. Rush, who will be in charge of the office of the Simms Oil Co. as soon as it is opened here, has leased the new house built by Miss King, in north Midland, and has moved in with his family.

Mrs. John M. Cowden, Claude Cowden and family passed through Midland Sunday en route to El Paso, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Rube Evans.



Merry Christmas to All

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General Insurance
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3 Packs for 5¢

A treat everybody enjoys. It's good for young and old.

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Clothcraft Tailored Topcoats \$25 to \$45

Never buy a topcoat carelessly merely because it is not worn all day long like a suit. Our Clothcrafts will repay careful examination.

WADLEY-WILSON CO.
Midland, Texas

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES
Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weaken their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by

The City Drug Store

I am better able to handle your fence problems now than ever before. A large factory set aside to handle my business first. Plenty capital to finance your fence deals. Write me.

C. W. Innes, State Agent
San Angelo, Texas. 12-37

HANDSOME TABLET AT HIGH SCHOOL

TABLET OF BRONZE INSTALLED BY ARCHITECT AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, BEAUTIFUL AND ARTISTIC

A handsome, beautiful and artistic bronze tablet has just been installed in the vestibule of the new high school building. It is indeed a thing of beauty and easily in keeping with the splendid taste and tone of the building. We understand the architect and the school authorities are responsible for this good piece of work, and they, both the architect and the school board, are to be congratulated on the idea and its execution. This is in keeping with modern practice in such buildings, but it is nevertheless fitting and commendable. The tablet reads:

Midland School "Enter that ye may better learn to serve."
Erected 1926.
Midland High School Board
J. E. Hill, President.
John P. Howe, Secretary
B. Frank Haag
R. V. Lawrence
John B. Thomas
George F. Ratliff
Millard Eidson
W. W. Lackey, Superintendent.
David S. Castle Co. Architects
J. M. Morgan Co. Builders.

Texas and Texans
By Will H. Mayes

Crime is Increasing
Undoubtedly crime is increasing in Texas. Texas is not an exception in this respect to other parts of the country, for everywhere in the United States crimes are more common and criminals are bolder than they have ever been. There are many reasons for this, but perhaps the chief one is that it is so easy to escape punishment that criminals no longer fear the law. So long as this feeling exists crimes will become more common, and property and life will become more and more unsafe. The automobile and the airplane lend themselves to crime because they afford quick means of escape from the scenes of crimes. The delays so easily obtained in trials in our courts through technicalities encourage crime, for every continuance of a case makes conviction more difficult and acquittal more certain. The sympathies of jurors are played upon in a way to secure the freedom of many who should be sentenced. The pardoning power is badly abused, and almost any convict can secure petitions from trial judges, prosecutors, jurors and other good citizens for his release. Failing in this, he is left the plea of sickness of himself or his family, good behavior in prison, or some other appalling or plausible reason.

Too Much Sympathy

People of the best motives and best intentions are showing too much sympathy with criminals and not enough with their unfortunate victims. A sentiment, maudlin in character, has been formed for the exercise of charity for the criminal on the ground that crime is a disease that should be treated and not punished. The suspended sentence and the parole originated in the best of purpose, but are being overworked to such an extent that the beneficiaries often become more hardened criminals because of the leniency shown. Jail prayer meetings, Christmas trees in prison, holiday and Sunday feasts are all well intended, but are at times so conducted as to leave criminals feeling that they are heroes who are being badly mistreated by the government. In our desire to obey the command to be merciful, we at times forget the part that just punishment has always played in making life, property, and government safe.

Lawyers See The Danger

In Texas, the best lawyers are realizing that the courts, or rather court procedures, are playing a large part in encouraging crime. Many have known this for years, but they have never before been so thoroughly aroused to the necessity for better law enforcement. Too many lawyers have been sustaining themselves on fees obtained through crimes. Too many lawyers in the Legislatures have been dependent upon petty criminal practice for a living. This is all changing. Legislators now have higher ethical standards. Lawyers are learning that to be known as the representatives of the worst criminals soon becomes unprofitable, because the better class clients will not employ them. The Texas Bar Association is interesting itself actively in putting a stop to so much crime in Texas, by simplifying criminal court procedure. The district judges, who are in position to know that many court trials farcify justice, are pleading for laws to make justice more certain. The peo-

ple are learning that the greater the safety of criminals, the less is the safety of good citizens. They are demanding relief from the very bad conditions under which they find themselves.

Improving City Streets

Tyler is spending \$800,000 on a street paving program. Cuero is completing 15 miles of graded and asphalted streets. Other Texas towns are taking the steps to have their streets at least as good as the highways leading out of them. It has been a common joke in Texas for the automobilist to say, "We must be getting into a town, the roads are getting so much worse." Good country roads are awakening progressive towns to the needs and advantage of good streets. In no part of the state is greater progress being made in road building and street paving than in East and South Texas.

Another Big Dam Project

Early in January steps are to be taken to initiate a movement to build a dam to irrigate 100,000 acres of land near Falls City, Kenedy and Karnes City. The people are going about this with all the enthusiasm that has made for the success of similar enterprises in other parts of Texas. Reclamation of waste overflow lands and irrigation of the fertile valleys are measures that attract equal interest wherever they are studied in Texas. Too much of the best lands of the State have been largely going to waste, but these will soon be used in a way to contribute to the wealth of the people. There is hardly a country in the State whose people should not look about them and take notice of the great loss being sustained because available opportunities are not used.

Building City Parks

Harlingen has recently bought the fair grounds in that city in order to make them into a beautiful park that may be used all the year round. The fair association is to have use of the ground for its fairs, but Harlingen through them too valuable an asset of the city to be idle all the year except the few days of the fair. Harlingen is right about it. Why tie up valuable lands in that way and make a fall fair such an expensive proposition because of the idle capital? Harlingen has three other small parks, but it wants one containing an auditorium, a zoo, a childrens play ground, a large swimming pool, tennis courts, and other equipment of a modern park of a kind that will make the annual fair all the better and more attractive.

Engaged in Fine Work

The Girls Scouts of San Antonio under the leadership of Mrs. J. K. Beretta, and assisted by numerous other local Girl Scout leaders are doing a splendid work in gathering and distributing seeds of Texas wild flowers and giving instructions for their sowing and care. Packages containing 14 varieties of flower seed made up and sent out where they will most likely be given attention and create a greater love for Texas flowers. It is hard to imagine any work that could do more toward beautifying the State.

CHRISTMAS KINGDOMS

CHRISTMAS kingdoms—all around us
All their lights and bells con-
found us;
Streets that tingle with the glow
Of bright windows, row by row,
Tinsel gleaming, candles red,
Not to light us unto bed,
But to glow for us in glory
Round the pine tree's Christmas story.

Christmas kingdoms—whose are they?
But these little hearts of play—
These that come with faces gleaming,
Wearing wings of elfin dreaming,
Dancing, skipping, gay and sweet
Through each kingdom's dazzling street,
Swinging us with them again
Back from all our husks of men.

Christmas kingdoms—here they shine
Where the wreaths of holly twine
Where the crowsfoot in between
Spreads its lace of living green,
And the red balls and the blue
Deck the street and avenue,
Blazing all the way with glory
Of the Christmas kingdom's story.

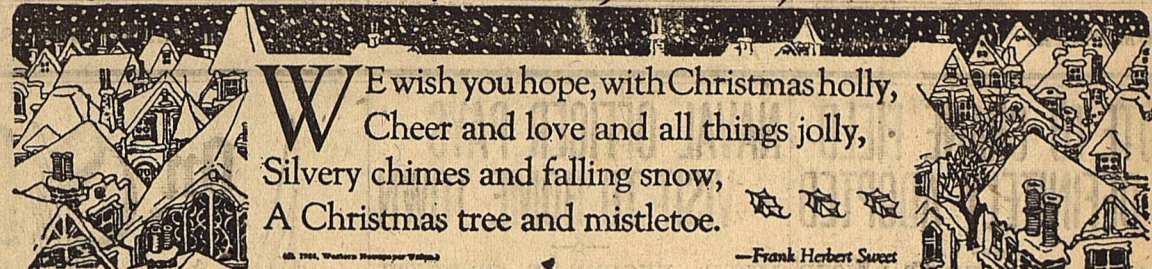
Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve refers to the evening of December 24. The word "eve" in general means the evening before, from the Jewish mode of reckoning the day as beginning at sunset.

All He Wanted

Department Store Santa—And what do you want for Christmas, little boy?
Youngster—Nothin' but a three-step polyphase heterodyne regenerative unit and a reflex inductive oscillatory tube for my radio.—Juggler.

Compliments Of The Season



We wish you hope, with Christmas holly,
Cheer and love and all things jolly,
Silvery chimes and falling snow,
A Christmas tree and mistletoe.

—Frank Herbert Sweet

Wishing Each and Every One A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Too, we would be very ungrateful indeed, if at this time we failed to express our sincere appreciation for the many favors shown us during the year now drawing to a close.

We have tried to serve earnestly and honestly and we enter into the New Year resolved to render a service made better by the experience of this one.

Wadley-Wilson Co.

ONE PRICE—THE LOWEST—FOR CASH
Midland, Texas

Judge and Mrs. Chas. Gibbs, of San Angelo, are visiting friends and negotiating business in Midland.

S. R. Simpson, of Lamesa, was a business visitor to Midland the first of the week.

Miss Virgie Locklar is here from Abilene, where she has been attending Draughon's Business College.

Let's Forget Our Cares and Sorrows

IT'S CHRISTMAS

Christmas brings most happiness to those who give from the heart.

Christmas awakens fond memories, proves beyond doubt that there is lasting joy in providing pleasure for others.

"Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Men"

May that sentiment ever grow stronger, and may Santa bring to you, one and all, much happiness.

The Officers and Directors of the Midland National Bank



A Real Old Fashioned Merry Christmas
 To you whose business helps to make ours successful we send cordial
Christmas Greetings
Midland Hardware Co.

Can't Produce Too Much Food

Fear of overproduction of foods in Texas through diversification is groundless, according to a statement sent to Midland by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. This statement emphasizes preachment of the Chamber of Commerce and County Agent urging Midland farmers to raise more poultry, and garden produce.

The statement follows: All fears of over production in produce lines in Texas, as an overgrowth of diversification preachment are dispelled according to authoritative word that has come into headquarters office of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. This word says that demand for produce, especially for poultry, eggs and cream far exceeds the supply, and that this condition is consistently true.

"As to definite proof of the statement, the rather small volume of Texas eggs that were stored in the Spring of 1926 have practically all been moved, and large quantities of Northern eggs are being shipped in. "Cream production is a great deal less than half that which could be utilized by Texas creameries. A number of houses are being supplied from Oklahoma points because enough is not furnished stations through Texas production.

"Capacity of poultry plants of the State is being utilized only to about one-fifteenth of present scope. This is due solely to inability to procure chickens for the market. "These three proofs of demand exceeding supply in the special fields of poultry, cream and eggs, come direct to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce office from S. A. Middaugh, writing from the managers office of Swift and Company, Stock Yards, Ft. Worth.

"The resume of the produce situation in Texas was sent in to the regional organization of West Texas for the expressed purpose of encouraging greater production in the State, and to point out the fallacy of "overproduction" propaganda being broadcast by some uninformed people of Texas.

Middaugh states that Texas eggs

were poor in quality this year, attributing this condition to poor care. Commenting on the cream market, he says that south Texas branches of Swift and Company, such as Houston San Antonio, Galveston, and Beaumont are being supplied from Oklahoma producers because sufficient supplies can not be obtained at Fort Worth. In regard to the poultry situation, Middaugh says that Swift and Company's feeding facilities at Fort Worth are not taxed to even one tenth their capacity, merely because enough chickens are not on the market."

CHRISTMAS GARLANDS
 By MINNA IRVING

ON CHRISTMAS EVE a slender boy Came singing in the snow, His arms were filled with holly wreaths And sprays of mistletoe. The curls about his forehead formed A golden diadem, His sapphire eyes reflected still The Star of Bethlehem.

He pointed to the Christmas wreaths, Bejeweled, red and white, His voice rang out like silver bells Upon the frosty night: "These scarlet berries are the drops Of blood that Jesus shed; These pearls upon the mistletoe Are Mary's tears," he said.

At Christmas Time

SING of the Christmas snow,
 All lovely whiteness;
 Sing of the Christmas tree,
 All shining brightness;
 Tell the old Christmas tale—
 Stable and star—
 Lift up the Christmas song,
 Send it afar.
 Bells ring and voices sing!
 All earth shall hear
 How happy Christmas time
 Crowns all the year.

Rhea Cottage Opened

Three Hot Meals A Day
 Furnished Bed Rooms
 Special Sunday Dinners \$1.00
 Make Reservations Saturday
 Meals served family style.—Good Cooking—Try Us.

Rhea Cottage

Mrs. O. D. Cook, Mgr.

The Lonely Old Lady's Christmas Valentine

THE lonely old lady sat in the twilight as the evening star looked in through the window and wondered why she seemed so sad. The star was bright enough that Christmas Eve to guide anyone to gladness, but she who sat there did not appear to know it. There were yet a few sparks amid the ashes of the hearth fire, and warmth had not wholly departed from the room; there were points of light in the maze of memories that kept the past alive, and at heart the silent thinker was not cold; but darkness was creeping over solitude, and time was registering age, and the old lady was lonely.

There was a picture on the wall of one who had been the strength and joy of earlier days, but years had passed over his grave in a distant land.

There were other pictures looking down upon her with young and happy faces, but they were pictures of children who had blessed other homes, placed about to keep company with her dream children, and reminding her now again that she had none.

So the star might have known that there was reason for pensiveness as it tried to penetrate the gathering gloom and the mystery. But whether it learned the secret or not, it witnessed as it watched, a light in the dim room. For she had taken from a portfolio her most precious possession, and she was smiling upon it. It was an old valentine, the last that she had received from him who had never returned. It was inscribed "To My Valentine." Upon it sat Cupid, in a wreath of forget-me-nots, holding a high pyramid of large roses over a large, circular spider web, with two hearts entangled in it!

The star must have recognized that it was shining upon the deathlessness of love, and helping it to share the Christmas fellowship and cheer.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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THE DAY OF DAYS

RING out glad bells across the earth—Christmas has come again! Ring out the glad tidings from land to land, from shore to shore in peals of sounding joy, in crashing strains of tumultuous welcome. Christmas! the day of days! has come to cheer and gladden the earth again, to bring each and every one of us new hope and new faith. The old and the young, the grave and the gay, look for its coming with the same eagerness and delight, with the same confidence and optimism. For we never grow too old to catch the message of Christmas; each year but adds to the delight with which we greet it. Perhaps, as little children this delight manifested itself more plainly; yet, it was not as deep, as heartfelt, as that which comes as we grow older. For each Christmas has added unto itself so many dear associations, so many precious memories that we find ourselves treasuring the day more and more as the years go by. The love of those around our own home and hearth, the kind remembrance and good wishes of our friends, the host of sweet, unforgettable things that are ours at this time makes Christmas stand out in our memories as a day of happiness untold. Let the glad bells peal their tidings of joy—let holly and mistletoe hang everywhere—let merriment and thanksgiving and feasting prevail—for Christmas has come again!—Katherine Edelman.

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Helping Santa Claus

—Assistants Needed

HER children had had such a jolly Christmas. Their joy and delight had been a joy and delight to see. But that Christmas afternoon she heard of a story that saddened her. A little girl and a little boy had gathered a tree from the woods and had left it for Santa Claus to trim. Eagerly Christmas morning they had gone down stairs to see the tree, but it was just as they had left it. Santa Claus had not come, and they had followed all the rules they had been told about calling up the chimney to him.

Their family were both poor and lacking in imagination. Struggle and ill health had driven any lurking imagination from them.

So she went that evening, her arms laden with tree decorations and odds and ends of candles and toys and asked if she might trim the tree. The next morning the children were told that Santa Claus had not forgotten them—he had had to dash over to the next town to do so much that he had been delayed. Santa Claus needs his assistants and no job in the world is much more fun than that of being an assistant to Santa Claus.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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Christmas Greens

The custom of hanging evergreens in the house during the yuletide originally had a purpose beyond that of decoration. In olden days each kind of evergreen was believed to confer special blessings on those who passed beneath its boughs. To pass under holly insured good fortune throughout the year, bay meant victory, while laurel was supposed to impart a spirit of beauty and poetry.

But Once a Year

At Christmas play and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year.—Tusser.

FEATHERS KAYOED COTTON IN BOUT

ALSO WON FOOT RACE IN COLORFUL PAGEANT HERE LAST SATURDAY

Visual demonstration of the virtues of diversification was given Saturday when the Chamber of Commerce staged a pageant depicting the victorious conflict of Feathers over Cotton. The pageant, while not an artistic triumph by any means, gave a sermon which was quite patent to the many farmers who saw it. Moreover, the whole show was staged for less than \$3.

C. C. Foster, dressed as Feathers personified the poultry industry, and Thomas Barber, robed in a suit covered with tufts of cotton, personified cotton. The two youths fought a few rounds on the street in front of the old Bakery building, with feathers an easy victor. In fact, Feathers gave Cotton the kayo.

The two boys then raced on a block of Main Street, which through permission of Mayor B. Frank Haag was closed temporarily to all traffic. Along the route, Cotton was attacked by Frank Truex, who personified Sandstorm; Barnes Caudle personifying Leaf Worm; Ulys Barber personifying Low Price; John King personifying Local Demand; Maurice King personifying Oil Field demand, assisted feathers to beat cotton by several lengths.

To still further emphasize what is believed to be the great opportunity of Midland farmers to supply the oil fields with eggs, chickens, garden produce and syrup, the Chamber of Commerce distributed hand bills pointing out the fact that Midland Farmers have almost an exclusive monopoly on supplying the oil fields.

The county farm agent and chamber of commerce will help farmers get chickens, pure cane seed, and otherwise render concrete aid in helping them get away from cotton to diversified crops.

The Christmas Light

THE wind may shout as it likes without, It may rage, but cannot harm us; For a merrier din shall resound within, And our Christmas cheer will warm us. There is gladness to all at its ancient call, While its ruddy fires are gleaming; And from far and near, o'er the landscape drear, The Christmas light is streaming.

All the frozen ground is in fetters bound, Hol the yule-log we will burn it; For Christmas is come in ev'ry home, To summer our hearts will turn it. There is gladness to all at its ancient call, While its ruddy fires are gleaming; And from far and near, o'er the landscape drear, The Christmas light is streaming.

—Detroit News.

The Starry Gem of Bethlehem
 By GEORGE F. STATT

Man doubted God, and Paradise was lost; One grain of knowledge at a fearful cost! But that same moment, in the ether far, The Father formed a new and splendid star, A crystal of the rainbow's chromic span, A promise of redeeming love to man.

Years fled, and still the star did not appear, His light yet speeding to this sin-cursed sphere. But that same moment when the Christ was born It shone—it burst, His cradle to adorn. This crystal—will its fragments shine again? Ah, yes, they glitter in the hearts of men.

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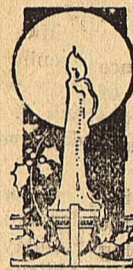
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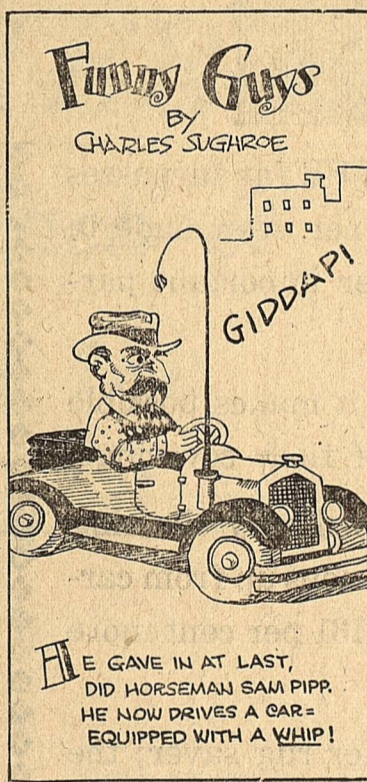


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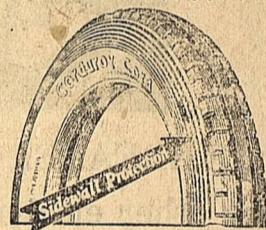
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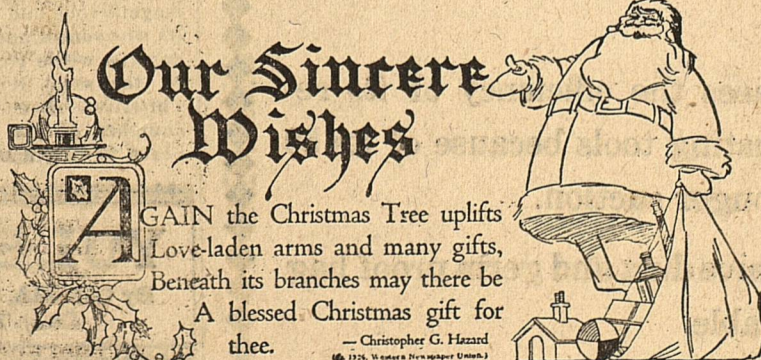


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 Buy Corduroy Cords
 Sidewall Protection
 and Corduroy Inner
 Tubes with Rimside
 Protection.

Red Star Filling Station

Guy Simpson was here the first of this week from Sierra Blanco.



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 AGAIN the Christmas Tree uplifts Love-laden arms and many gifts, Beneath its branches may there be A blessed Christmas gift for thee.

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A Chance At Death

There is quoted below an article which appeared in the Albany Herald, Albany, Georgia, relative to a grade crossing accidents. The astounding loss of life, injuries to persons and destruction of property caused by the frequency of such accidents should arouse deep interest among all drivers of cars and prompt them to use more care at grade crossings.

"Six persons were killed on a grade crossing at Welborne, Fla. Wednesday, a young woman, her mother, her mother-in-law and her two little daughters, aged six and three years, respectively. The sixth number of the party was a friend, the wife of the Welborne postmaster.

"Somebody was careless, Somebody took a chance. The grade crossing was a warning to be cautious, to obey the command painted on a sign to 'Stop, look and listen.' That would of six in the automobile.

"But it was easier to take a chance It meant the saving of a quarter of a minute. It meant avoiding the necessity of stopping and starting. And it meant—death!

"The thousands of grade crossing horrors that occur annually in the United States indicate the motoring public of indifference that is inexcusable, of carelessness that is criminal. An automobile has no chance when it disputes a crossing with a flying train weighing hundreds of tons. It will be hurled from the track a mass of tangled wreckage, and only as the result of a miracle can any of its occupants escape death

or serious injury.

"Why gamble with fate at the grade crossing?

"Why dare death for the sake of ten or fifteen seconds saved, even if th journey is important?

"Why take it for granted that you, Mr. and Mrs. or Miss Car Driver, are luckier than thousands who have died at grade crossings.

"Gamble if you will, but don't gamble with human lives. When you reach a grade crossing, be sure you can get across before you start across."

The only way to get full value out of your farm or ranch is to fence it properly. I sell PEERLESS fencing direct from factory at wholesale prices. I have the money to finance your fencing problems. Write me. C. W. Innes, State Agent San Angelo, Texas. 12-3t

Mrs. R. M. Barron is leaving this evening for Dallas to spend the holidays with her mother. Mr. Barron and J. M. Carter will go down Friday evening.

No hard times for office help. Big demand. Write for catalogue C and Holiday rates. Draughton's College, Abilene, Texas. 13-1tp

Miss Margaret Caldwell is spending the holidays with her family. She is teaching school in Freeport this year.

Mrs. J. E. Hill has been ill for several days.

The Little Christ

By NANCY BYRD TURNER
in Youth's Companion

The stable roof was slant and mean,
The rushes on the floor spread thin;
There was no fire to warm him by
When the little Christ came in.
There was no fire to warm him by,
They laid him in the prickly straw;
The humble, witless oxen saw
How helpless he bid lie.

So helpless, and the stall so dim!
And yet so near the darkness risen
Of an angel's chanting hymn,
With Cherubim and Seraphim:
"Gloria to God in Heaven!"

His tiny lips were brave about
The patient sound of Mary's sigh;
The brooding cattle stirred to heat
The little Christ's low cry.

The silent cattle heard him weep,
His hands, and lifted gentle heads;
Careless, near by, on dreamful beds,
The tin-took were asleep.

While, to their rocking camels bent,
Three bared the desert from afar,
One clear light in their firmament,
One cry among them as they went:
"The Star! The Star! The Star!"

Christmas Wishes
by Mary Graham Bonner

I wish you a Merry Christmas
And then a Happy New Year—
It's an old, old wish
I know so well,
But it's one we hold most dear.

I wish you a snowy Christmas
And a clear and bright New Year,
It's nothing new
To wish I know
But my wish is so sincere.

I wish you a lavish Christmas
And a prosperous New Year,
With gifts and good luck
Just showered your way
With never a shift of gear.

I wish you a sparkling Christmas
And a brilliant new, New Year,
And may my wishes
Come true for you
Beginning now and here!

Christmas Gifts

By ROBIN A. WALKER

WRAP up with each Christmas gift
A little sunshine, too.
And then, perhaps, that sunshine
May some day come back to you

And when you do your shopping,
And you jostle with the throng,
Though others shove and scold you,
Just pass good cheer along.

For no matter what your station,
Or the sort of place you live,
The world will seem the brighter
For the smiles that you may give.

Wrap up with each Christmas gift
A little loving thought;
And then, perhaps, you'll find somehow
A new world you have wrought.

And men will wish they knew just how
You reached success in life,
When some have fought just twice as hard
And filled the world with strife.

For no matter what the outlook,
Or the struggle just to live,
Your world will be the brighter
For the smiles that you may give.

The City of Been
In Holland the story of the city of Been is told every Christmas. This wonderful place was famous for its magnificence and beauty, and also for its wickedness and shamelessness. One day the whole city was swallowed up by the sea. It is said that every Christmas Eve the bells of the churches of the submerged city are heard to ring again.

YULETIDE

By OMEGA, in the Chicago Daily Tribune

BURN each night
The bayberry bright,
The hour seven to eight,
When the flame burns straight
It joins its mate,
Your wish fulfills,
Your heart's desire,
For all are there
Love, Laughter, Home,
Within its sacred fire

A Very Merry CHRISTMAS

And A

Happy New Year

That is our wish for the People of Midland and Nearby Territory

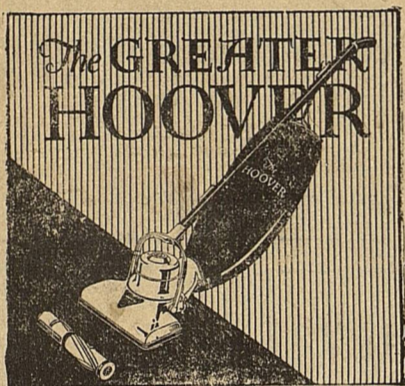
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WANTED—To buy Poultry and Second Hand Sacks. Terry Elkin Phone 113 49-tf

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DROP in at the ELITE and look for your favorite magazine or newspaper. They are there. 35-tf

FOR SALE—8 head of good work mules, 2 jersey milk cows, 2 wagons, plow tools. W. F. Myrick. 10-tf

FOR RENT— for cash or on shares 100 acres under cultivation, protected by rabbit proof fence six and a half miles west of Midland on highway. Fred C. Stubbe. 10-tf

FOR SALE or Trade—24 head of good heavy mules. In good shape ready to go to work. Will trade for residence property in Midland. For full particulars write Walter Harris Box 914 Lamesa, Texas. 12-3tp

FOR SALE—Residence, close in, on lot 100x140 ft. six rooms, bath sleeping porch, other porches, underground cistern, well, windmill and tank. City water connection, garage other out buildings, fruit trees and garden, small henry, all in good shape, including a lot of furniture at the very low price of \$3,250.00 J. H. Wilhite Phone 261.

Notice is hereby given that no more wood will be moved from my place unless paid for when hauled. See Mr. Kemp on premises. Trespassers will be prosecuted. J. M. MOSS. 11-3t

FOR SALE—My residence in Midland on sixteen acres, \$11,000.00 terms. Henry M. Half, Box 105 Mineral Wells, Texas. 11-tf

The Hawkins Water Reservoir, Bevel Joint, Tongue and Groove cement stave reservoir has stood the test for 17 years. Manufactured and built by Geo. W. Hawkins, Stanton, Texas. 11-8tp

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For Sale or Trade—Two oil field trucks with trailers, two ton capacity. Porter Rankin. 12-4t

FOR SALE—Good young boars. R. E. Van Huss. 13-1tp

FOR SALE—New Woodstock Typewriter. B. C. Girdley. 13-1t

FOR SALE—Large grain fed hog, also pure Pit Game Stags. C. Holzgraf, Phone 292-B 13-1tp

FOR SALE—One six column Burroughs Adding machine in good order, with stand. A bargain at \$50 Midland Hardware Co. 13-1t

PASTURE—for a few head of cattle. No fence breaks. 7 miles south east of town. Robert Saylor. 13-1tp

Carl Akin was a business visitor from Odessa Tuesday.

Judge S. M. Halley was here from Kermit on business Tuesday.

Owen Cochran and Robert E. Estes are here for a few days from their surveying project near Del Rio.

Mrs. O'Brien is here from the ranch in Winkler County, visiting Misses Ida and Ella King.

Neil Wright, of Lubbock, was here Wednesday transacting business.

BEST PICTURES

December 26, 12:01
Midnight Matinee
Showing "The Bat"

Monday December 27
THE BAT
Shows Again

Tuesday and Wednesday
December 28 and 29
Richard Dix In
THE QUARTERBACK

Thursday December 30
WELCOME HOME

Friday December 31
"The Whole Town Is Talking"

Saturday afternoon
"The Shamrock Handicap"

Saturday Night
"Hands Across The Border"
AT THE

IDLEHOUR THEATER

H. W. Rowe made a business trip, to Amarillo this week.

Miss Alma Brunson is here, this week from Kermit.

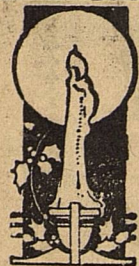
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**Many People Hear
Musical Recital**

Pupils of the Watson School of Music gave an artistic recital last Friday night which was pronounced by many in the large audience to have been one of the best programs by students ever given in Midland.

Miss Alta Mae Johnson and Elma Collins, pupils of Miss Lydie G. Watson in piano, played classical numbers which were declared to have been rendered in a manner which would have been a credit to much older artists. They played with a facility and appreciation of real artistry that was said by competent critics to have been remarkable.

Miss Johnnie Mae Wilson and Floyd Countiss, pupils of Ned Watson in violin, delighted the audience with their interpretations of the difficult selections they played. These violin and piano artists were aided in the program by the Student Symphony Orchestra made up of musicians from Midland, Stanton and Odessa.

Chiropractic Adjustments, Phone 164

Miss Evelyn Estes is spending the holidays with R. E. Estes and family.

**DON'T forget the good magazines at
Elite. 35-41**

S. S. Stinson of the Humble Oil Company was in Midland Tuesday on business.

Miss Van Lee Estes, who is attending C. I. A. at Denton, arrived in Midland last week end.

If interested in a business career write for catalogue C and Holiday Rates. Draughon's College, Abilene Texas 13-1tp

Elliott F. Cowden returned last week end from a business trip to the corn belt.

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For A

Merry Christmas

The White House

May joy reign at your fireside

And happiness sublime

Fill every nook and cranny

Of your home This Christmas time

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at*
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"Why, not quite so early, son. A little later, perhaps. Still, if you listen carefully, perhaps you can hear his bells."

Small David stood on tip-toe near the window and cocked his pink ears. "I think," he said slowly, "I think I hear 'em!"

The family rather forgot small David in the next half hour. There was much to do. But finally father looked up. "Where's the boy?" he asked.

David had disappeared. They scurried about hunting for him in every room. No David. Then some one heard a faint noise on the front porch. Father stepped out to see what it was. A small, square figure in very short pants was bending over something.

"Son," called father, "what are you doing out here?"

"S-s-sh!" warned small David. Father stepped nearer.

"See," said small David reaching up on tip-toe to whisper. "See, I brought out a bowl of breakfast food for Santa Claus. He might get hungry."

Father gathered up his son, amused and pleased.

"That's the very first time I ever knew of any one thinking about Santa's comfort. Bless you, boy! That's the right holiday spirit."

Next morning small David found a note pinned to his stocking:

THANK YOU
FOR
MY BOWL OF BREAKFAST FOOD!
—SANTA CLAUS.

—Patience Eden.
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His Christmas Dream and It All Came True

HE WAS such a beautiful little darling that his mother looked at him and forgot what she was going to say, when she was about to give him a lecture about pulling the cat's tail. And when he went with her to the hospital with a basket of flowers, and passed up and down the wards with a smile and a Christmas flower for every sufferer, they felt as though an angel had appeared again.

It was in his cozy room at home that he had a dream house. There he had day dreams, as well as night dreams. There he entertained "Mr. Bethlehem," and "Betty Bosbuckle," and her brother "David." On the chimney shelf was a lunch for Santa Claus, and near it was a letter that registered a few of his hopes. He preferred chocolate elephants rather than chocolate horses, as they amounted to more. He conferred with his white rabbit mascot about the chipmunk skin that served as a rug for his garage, built for the coming automobile. There must have been a radiola in the room, it was so full of happy thoughts and sweet, faint sounds. "Listen," he said to Mr. Bethlehem, "I hear them singing." "Davy," he cried, "he's most here. Look, Betty, look there's the star!"

And it was so. That very night brought all that imagination had visioned, and the darkness fled before the glorious light of Christmas morning.—Christopher G. Hazard.
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Sounds Reasonable



"Pop, I want Santa to bring me a razor for Christmas."

"What in the world would you do with a razor?"

"Well, you call me a little shaver, don't you?"

Singing Christmas Carols

Christmas carols will, of course, add beauty to the holiday season. Also they will bring about an increase in communal singing.

Flowers for Christmas

When flowers are at a premium, why not give a few bulbs or a potted plant as a Christmas present to the woman who likes flowers?

Children and Christmas

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.—Dickens.

All Glory Be to God

All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin, and never cease.

Christmas Emblem

As an emblem for Christmas, hang up, with the mistletoe and holly, Dad's crushed pocketbook.

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**People of Midland
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The Community Supper Really Like Christmas

"THESE community suppers are always so stupid!" declared a pretty girl to a small group around her. "I wish we could put some pep and fun into this one and give the people a good time. Something really like Christmas, and not so dull."

The others looked dubious and scratched their heads. "What'll we do?" they asked.

"I know!" declared the pretty girl. "Just got the idea. Now, listen everyone! Why not imitate the way they used to do in olden times? A minstrel in the gallery, lots of minstrels! Singing and playing on horns and things! Hide them by screens covered with greens. Let the people get seated at the tables, then all pipe up with old songs every one knows. Dress the minstrels in gay colors. Then have them come down the stairs singing and playing. Let them wind among the tables. Have a jester in front joking and making fun. A real old English custom. It will help a lot and give the diners a good time."

"And," added another, fired with enthusiasm, "red candles on the tables, wreaths at all the windows, waitresses with red ribbons about their heads and a sprig of holly tucked over one ear."

"Not to mention," laughed a third, "a dinner of roast turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, rolls, coffee and mince pie!"

"Right-o!" said the rest. And so it was done. The very merriest community supper that was ever given in that town.—Patience Eden.

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Sing Heigh-Ho! Unto The Christmas Holly

NOTHING quite so typifies the spirit of Christmas as a bough of beautiful, glistening foliaged and scarlet-berried holly. Holly seems the quintessence of Yule and should and generally does occupy the place of honor in Christmas decorations.

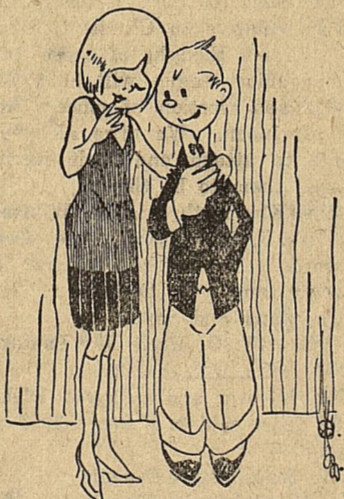
There are states where the holly isn't to be found in great abundance. In some sections of the South a limited supply must be made to serve the purpose. For profuse decorations other greens fashioned from sprays of Irish yew whose fan-like and lacy foliage is ideal for this use; and, too, there are the beautiful, waxy leaves from the magnolia as well as cedar.

But the holly bough, of course, of all Christmas green is the loveliest and most popular, not only here but in other lands and in France, in particular, as Brittany grows it in quantities. The holly is of slow growth and propagated by seed which do not germinate until the second year. We think of holly berries always as being red, but some kinds bear yellow fruit, some white, and others even black.

The holly has a commercial value that isn't generally known. Its even-grained and hard wood is ivory white and is used for inlaying and as an ebony substitute for teapot handles and other articles, when stained. The leaves are used in medicine.—Frances Marshall Morgan.

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Some Hubbies Are Brave



She—What were you thinking of giving me for Christmas, hubby?
He—I was thinking of some nice warm woolen stockings, dear.

First Christmas Trees

Christmas trees became popular in the United States about the same time that they were introduced into England. In England the first Christmas trees were set up in the royal palace of St. James at the time Queen Victoria married the prince consort, in 1840.

Christmas Comes

Heads of families think it is remarkable what a short time there is between Christmases.

The Christmas Tree

It requires the sweet adaptability of the child mind to enable its recent admirers to revel in a bonfire made of the Christmas tree.

Eat It by the Ton

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Start Day Early

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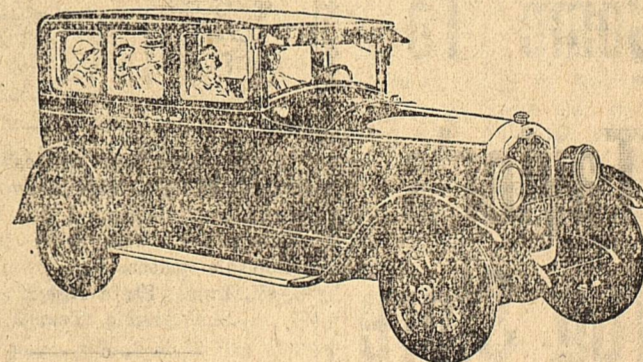
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Merry
Christmas

THE table's set, the holly's hung,
The candles lit, the carols sung,
The stockings filled, the bells are rung
And in the hearts of old and young
Are greetings glad for Christmas.

—Marion Ratzon
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The Christmas Spirit By G. A. R.

Across the far off hills; 'twas
twice
The shepherds in the fields
saw
Beheld that night in fearful awe
The vision of a gleaming star.

And in the heavens there above,
Proclaiming on that wondrous morn,
Angelic voices told the news,
A Savior to the world was born.

And Three Wise Men from other
lands
Were guided by this gleaming star
Unto the manger where He lay; each
Bringing gifts from lands afar.

Thus did the Christmas spirit start.
Down through the ages it has come,
Proclaiming His gift to this world,
A Savior in His only Son.

At the Year's Close

By CHARLOTTE F. BATES
in the Congregationalist

IF FAULT of mine, or pride, or fear,
Has cost one soul, or far, or near,
One bitter pang, one burning tear,
May the hurt die with thee, Old Year!

If sorrow ever deafened me,
So that, in vain, on Doubt's dark sea,
One called on me despairingly,
Old Year oh, hide that cry with thee!

If gracelessness in anything
Has weighted some poor struggling wing,
Or heedlessness has left a sting,
O speeding year, my pardon bring!

If I have failed, where need was sore,
Appreciation's wine to pour,
Selfishly keeping it in store—
Now, Heaven absolve me, I implore!

May every wrong and hurt of mine,
Or felt, or given, leave no sign,
Touched with the blessed anodyne—
Good will! God's peace! the Birth Divine!

The Glittering Christmas Tree

By VIOLA C. REELING
in Outdoor America

I THINK that I shall never see
A poem lovelier as a tree—
Ah, poet gone, your lines so fine
I would that I could call them mine:

And as the Christmas time draws near,
With all its jollity and cheer,
I think me of the Christmas tree,
Whose twinkling lights increase the glee
Of little tots who gather 'round,
To search for gifts so easily found,
Where Santa tied them here and there,
As many as the trees would bear.

Ah, when that Christmas tree lay low,
Was there a sapling planted, so
That Christmas trees might still abound
For little tots to gather 'round,
In years to come on Christmas Day,
And, hunting gifts, be just as gay
As my own happy little one;
A sapling that would seek the sun
And proudly aim some day to be
A child's big glittering Christmas tree?

WHERE THE FIRE'S BURNING BRIGHT

By FRANK L. STANTON
in Atlanta Constitution

SHELTERED from the winter,
Where the fire's burning bright,
They hear the fire talking—
Talking through the night.
It's telling all the stories
It heard so long ago.
Of all the Christmas countries
And the Old Man of the Snow.

Listen, little children,
To the tales the fire tells,
And soon you'll hear the music
Of the Christmas bells.

A word of Christmas children
In the friendly fold,
And Santa Claus is coming
To see them, as of old.
He knows just where to find them:
He brings them golden store,
Even to the humble dwellings
Of the children of the poor.

Listen, little children,
To the tales the fire tells,
And soon you'll hear the music
Of the Christmas bells.

Christmas Shopping

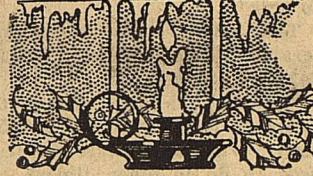
By EMIR F. AMMERMAN

ELECTROMAGNET eve of Christmas,
Lights of green and holly red,
Belated shoppers homeward turning,
Snowflakes flying overhead.

One, more burdened than the rest,
Was collared by a bluecoat burly;
"Why didn't you obey the urge,
And do your Christmas shopping early?"

The jolly culprit eyed the cop
With provocative strabismus.
"I did. What I am doing now
Is shopping for next Christmas!"

Christmas Greetings



LET EVERY HEART BE HAPPY
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Christmas Wraiths
by W. H. Pierre

THE yule log glows with a ruddy flare,
And there in the ingle nook,
In his broad-armed, cushioned old oak chair,
On his knees an open book,
The grandsire sits in the flickering light,
And far from the printed page his sight
Is centered again on bygone days
And other forms in the yule log's blaze.

HERE are children there, such a merry throng,
And the house rings with their glee
As they chatter and laugh in game and song,
Their young hearts fresh and free;
Kindred and friends surround the board
That is laden deep with its Christmas hoard,
And his heart beats fast and his eyes grow dim
As he peers at the face across from him.

FORGOTTEN the churchyard's silent aisles,
The rounded mounds and the flowers;
The Christmas wraiths bring but tender smiles
And remembrance of happy hours.
To live in the past is the gift of age,
And memory darkens the printed page.
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