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OFFICES AND HOUSES BADLY NEEDED HERE

IMMEDIATE ERECTION OF OFFICE BUILDING IS IMPERATIVE

"If the oil companies are forced to build their own offices and houses, they will build in a town nearer the fields than Midland. If Midland builds an office building, provides more hotel capacity and houses, Midland will make the city of the Upton Crane-Ector-Winkler territory."

This was the emphatic statement made this week by prominent and conservative oil men after conferring with officials of various companies in headquarters offices at Fort Worth. The oil men explained that scouts and other oil men, many of whom make about \$150 a month could not pay 50 and 60 a month house rent. They must have houses or apartments at 25 to 40 a month.

Another oil man, now living in Midland and head of a corporation, made this emphatic statement this week. "I'll tell you Midland will kill herself and her chances as an oil town unless you people get us places to live at less than \$60 a month, or \$50 a month. Some of us can pay as high as \$50, but very few of the so-called oil men can afford to pay as high as \$50. If we can't get places at reasonable prices, the companies will build us houses closer to the field."

Some people say: "Oh, well, other towns are charging high rents, too." It is pointed out that most of these other towns have natural gas, and other advantages that to the average newcomer make apartments and houses worth more than they possibly can be worth in Midland.

100 MASONS HERE FOR ANNIVERSARY

OYSTER SUPPER AND PROGRAM OF ADDRESSES ARE MAIN FEATURES

About 100 Masons of Midland County and surrounding counties attended the fortieth anniversary of the Midland lodge Thursday night when an oyster supper and program were given.

Following the formal opening of the lodge by John P. Howe, worshipful master who presided throughout the session, the local members and visitors enjoyed the oyster supper arranged under direction of W. S. Hill and Tom Jones.

The program included addresses by local members and visitors, many of those present making short impromptu talks. The principal addresses were delivered by Judge E. R. Bryan, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Texas; Berty B. Cobb, secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies of El Paso; Judge J. M. Caldwell and Ray V. Hyatt, deputy district grand master.

Judge Bryan made an eloquent address in which he thanked Midland Masons for standing by him so loyally during his year as grand master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The roll call was by J. M. Gilmore, secretary. The largest delegation of out-of-town visitors was from Odessa. The affair was hugely enjoyed by the Masons present.

Berry B. Cobb Talks With Masonic Leaders

Berry B. Cobb, registrar of the El Paso Scottish Rite bodies, and editor of the El Paso Bulletin, a Masonic paper, conferred with local Masonic leaders here Friday following his attendance at the anniversary Thursday night.

Mr. Cobb does not confine his work to El Paso, but his field is West Texas, and the El Paso organization will send representatives anywhere in West Texas they may be of assistance. There were 116 in the last class initiated. Mr. Cobb points out the El Paso organization can give personal attention to West Texans because it is not over large as some organizations in more thickly populated sections might be.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cowden returned last Saturday from a two week's visit in Mineral Wells.

NOBLES MOTOR CO. OPENING NEW HOME

STORAGE AND FILLING STATION OPENING IN NEW CHEVROLET BUILDING

Some lucky motorist will be the first to run under the drive of the Nobles Motor Company's new building tomorrow morning, and will have his car filled with gas, free of charge.

The storage space of the new building is already open to the public and has been well filled with automobiles for the past few nights. The filling station, which occupies the corner of the building, will be formally opened tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

This magnificent new building will house the Chevrolet agency here, although the former location, two doors west, will be maintained by the firm.

Many have declared the new building to be one of the best in West Texas, and it is a credit to Midland to have an automobile establishment of its character.

Popular Couple Married Sunday

Miss Ina Fay Young and Mr. Buster Clayton were united in marriage Sunday evening, at 8:30, and are now enjoying a pleasant honeymoon trip in Abilene, San Antonio, and other points. They will return to Midland shortly after Christmas, and Mr. Clayton will be in business here.

Miss Young is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Young, and is one of Midland's most popular young women. Mr. Clayton has lived at the Clayton ranch in Borden County for years, but has been in Midland much of the time. He is well known and respected in Midland, and it is a source of good news to all that he will be located here permanently. The Reporter joins their many friends in extending heartiest congratulations.

Married Sunday

Miss Margaret Walker and Mr. Grady Madry were united in marriage last Sunday morning, the Rev. Geo. F. Brown performing the ceremony. The wedding was held at the Baptist parsonage.

Webb-Knight Wedding Solemnized Sunday

Miss Bertha Mae Webb, of Midland, and Mr. Ellis Knight, of Odessa, were united in marriage last Sunday, and are now living in Odessa, where Mr. Knight is in the automobile business. Miss Webb, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Webb of Midland, has lived in Midland for years and has been connected with the local telephone company. She has many friends here who extend their congratulations on account of her marriage. Mr. Knight lived in Midland for some time and formerly lived in Andrews. For the past few months he has been successfully located in Odessa where he is associated with the Ford service business.

Dr. Campbell Has Opened Office Here

Dr. K. F. Campbell, formerly of O'Donnell, has moved to Midland and his dental office is now open in the Fasken and Thomas building, over the Midland Mercantile.

Dr. Campbell came to Midland a short time ago and liked the place so well that he decided to move here. He says Midland people are the friendliest people he has ever met.

Curtis House And Lots Sold To Iowa Man

Leon Goodman of the Livestock Exchange, Des Moines, Iowa this week purchased the Curtis property on Wall Street for \$22,500. The property included an adobe house and a 200 foot frontage on the highway with 140 feet north and south. The deal was made by W. R. Chancellor.

The Magic Touch of Christmas

by Thomas Taylor

TRANSFORMED and filled with sacred light,
With music lifting and sublime—
Inspiring like a Gothic arch,
Or like a great Homeric rhyme—
So all appears, again has come
The joys of Christmas time.

What magic power has swept the land?
Good-will to men where yesterday
Most had forgot the lessons taught
That night to shepherds far away!
The prince of peace again has come,
With his celestial sway.



More wondrous than the Midas touch
That turned the flowers and walls to gold,
That spirit that transforms where'er
The story of the Christ is told,
And adds a splendor to surpass
All Eden's fame of old.

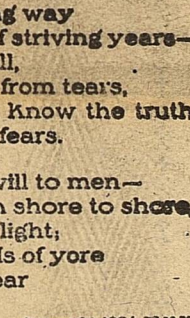
So in the maddening rush of life
Let us remember why He came
And tasted sorrow, let us pause
To honor once again his name,
Whose loving kindness and whose law
Will ever be the same.



His plan, though unfulfilled today,
Must last till skies and starlight fade,
Enhancing all the things of life
For human joy and welfare made,
And spreading radiance far and wide
To farthest waste and glade.

The Magi, following the star,
Had learned the golden lesson well
Of why One from beyond those heights
Should come to earth to humbly dwell,
Each knew the thrill we feel today
Of sleigh and Christmas bell.

They saw before the winding way
O'er wastes and plains of striving years—
And farther on, beyond it all,
The shining castles free from tears,
Where some day man shall know the truth
And drop his hates and fears.



Peace on the earth, good-will to men—
At last they'll reign from shore to shore,
Unceasing, bearing perfect light,
Then on the desert sands of yore
The rose and lily shall appear
To bloom forevermore.

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MEETING CALLED FOR ROAD ACTION

OIL COMPANIES AND C. OF C. TO BE REPRESENTED MONDAY NIGHT

Every citizen of Midland interested in seeing a road built direct from Midland to the oil fields, improvement of present ways of reaching the field, cooperation with other towns in building a road to the field, or in any other way making this territory easily accessible to Midland is invited to meet with directors of the chamber of commerce Monday night at 7 p. m.

Representatives of oil companies located in Midland have been invited to attend the meeting and give their views on building a road to the Upton-Crane field.

It is hoped to reach a definite decision Monday night. Directors of the Chamber of Commerce are anxious to take the action which will be best for Midland. They want all the information they can get. The meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock is open to every person in Midland interested in making Midland the leading oil city for the Upton-Crane-Ector-Winkler area. The meeting will be held in the office of the Chamber of Commerce.

Hardware Drawing Creating Interest

Much interest is being created over the drawing that will come off Dec. 21, when the Midland Hardware Co. gives away an R. C. A. radio set, according to George D. McCormick, manager of the store. Many tickets have been distributed to date.

Miss Winnie Johnston, who recently left Midland for California, writes friends that she is pleasantly situated in San Diego with her brother H. H. Johnston and his family.

P. C. Watson, field man for the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, moved to Midland Tuesday.

WEMPLE TO ERECT AN ADDITION TO BUILDING

J. H. WILLIAMSON GETS CONTRACT FOR EVER READY ADDITION

Fred Wemple, proprietor of the Ever Ready Filling Station, announced Tuesday that he had let the contract for an addition to his building on Wall Street, running it back to the rear of his 50x75 feet of ground.

The building will be of a brick, and an attractive plan has been worked out, so that the entire building will harmonize. This will add greatly to the beauty of that street, and will provide more room for the rapidly increasing business of the Ever Ready.

The enormous sales of Seiberling tires which Mr. Wemple has made are in a great measure responsible for the badly needed room.

Party Given For Mrs. Littlejohn

Mrs. Littlejohn, of Tyler, was honored Tuesday afternoon with a forty-two party in the home of Mrs. T. Paul Barron. The honoree has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Percy Mims, and left Wednesday morning for Dallas, after which she will return to her home.

Two tables of forty-two were busily engaged in merrily whiling away the afternoon. Mrs. Littlejohn was presented with the guest prize, and Mrs. Andrew Fasken won the high score prize which she graciously gave to the honor guest.

Refreshments of chicken salad, potato chips, salted nuts, fruit cake and coffee were served.

Trades Day Winners

H. J. Heidelberg won the \$20 and the \$5 prizes went to Mrs. D. A. Casbeer, Mrs. R. O. Brooks, F. C. Stubbe and Mr. Dunn in the Trades Day Drawing Saturday. Next Trades Day is Jan. 8.

POULTRY SHOW AND FIGHT SCHEDULED

COTTON VS. FEATHERS TO BATTLE ROUND BY ROUND SATURDAY

There will be a free fight in Midland tomorrow, Dec. 18 at 3 p. m. The fight will be between cotton and feathers.

The Chamber of Commerce is staging a pageant in connection with the poultry show. Principal actors in the pageant are C. C. Foster and Thomas Barber. They will represent Feathers and Cotton.

The pageant will open with a fight between Feathers and Cotton. The scrap will take place in the street in front of the old Bakery. Following the fight, Cotton and Feathers will stage a foot race from the old Bakery building to the intersection of Main and the Bankhead and back to the finish line at the old Bakery.

Sandstorm, Root Rot, Leaf Worm and Low Price will make savage attacks on Cotton as he races along the street. Local demand and oil field demand will lend helping hands to Feathers during the race.

Everything is free. The pageant is free and the poultry show is free. County Agent H. L. Atkins has secured J. V. Bush, county agent of Stanton, as head judge of the poultry. Prizes will be awarded winners by the Chamber of Commerce.

The pageant is being staged as an ocular proof to farmers of the great opportunity afforded them of cashing in by raising poultry and producing eggs for the oil field demand.

Midland farmers have practically the exclusive opportunity to supply poultry, eggs, butter and garden produce to the 15,000 to 20,000 people in the nearby oil fields, as well as the 3,500 or more people in Midland. It is reported that one Midland farmer has already contracted his eggs for a year at 50c a dozen.

A Pleasant Recital

Though icy winds blew without and sleet tinkled against the windshields of the scores of cars parked on both sides of the street, Midland lovers of Fine Arts crowded the auditorium of the new high school building Tuesday night to hear the pupils of Miss Leona McCormick in an evening of readings. The acoustics of the auditorium are excellent; the smallest child's voice being heard at the rear of the hall.

The program went over splendidly and the friends of Miss McCormick are rejoicing in the progress made by those studying under her. There were 47 who took part during the evening, ranging in age from three years to the older students of the High School who were in the play which closed the program. The class numbers an average of 36 studying fine arts throughout the year. Credits are given covering a four year course and these are honored by the University of Texas and other state institutions.

The smaller tots gained much applause. Some faltered but others who stood behind those foot lights speaking in the glare of footlights with the audience only a haze before you is a test of platform ability. The closing play given by the High School pupils went off with beauty and precision. Miss McCormick is very proud of them. Many of them appeared for the first time on a program but they did not betray this in their work. All did so well that it would not be fair to specify anyone for their excellence.

Church Of Christ

Bible Study 10:00 A. M.
Communion 10:40 A. M.
Preaching on Second and fourth Lord's Day each month.
Visitors Welcome.

Baptist Church

Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock.
Public worship at 11:00 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
A most cordial awaits you.
Geo. F. Brown, Pastor.

T. B. Tripp and family were here yesterday from Odessa.

Mrs. J. T. McElroy and Miss Bledsoe were in the city yesterday.

SEEK ROAD ADVICE FROM OIL FIELD MEN

COMMISSIONERS AND C. OF C. DIRECTORS COOPERATE IN ROAD PLANS

Directors of the Midland Chamber of Commerce spent most of their time Monday night considering the proposed graded road direct to the Upton-Crane oil field.

The County Commissioner submitted a proposition of opening a road direct from Warfield to intersect the present road two to four miles below the county line. The commissioners made their grubbing and grading of the road contingent on the laneing of it by the Chamber of Commerce. The laneing will require about \$2,000. Much new road work, together with the opening a new road next year to the Andrews County line will run the county short on highway funds, the commissioners say.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce have taken the proposition under advisement, as the laneing of the road, together with the opening of two to four miles of new road, improvement of 14 miles of road, and maintenance of the thoroughfare will require a big sum. This fact however, will not stop the work, if investigation discloses this is the best move for the interest of Midland. Council of oil men and others is being sought, in order that the best possible thing may be done for the interest of Midland.

The directors approved the move of the secretary in putting across a diversification program under the title: "Cotton vs. Feathers". Other matters calculated to be for the interest of Midland were discussed.

Two Weeks Vacation For school Students

The public schools of Midland dismissed Friday for their Christmas vacation. The school board granted a two weeks holiday, Superintendent W. W. Lackey, announced. School work will be resumed Jan. 3. Many of the teachers were planning to return to their homes Friday or Saturday to spend the holidays.

Odessa High Team District Champions

The fast Odessa football team won the class B championship of district No. 7 this season, for the third consecutive year. They played Anson High School Tuesday in a bi-district game, but were defeated 57 to 0. The team is coached by A. M. Tate, principal of Odessa High School.

District Agent Visited Atkins

T. B. Wood, district agricultural agent, was in Midland Monday conferring with County Agent H. L. Atkins. J. V. Bush of Stanton, Martin County Agent, was also in Midland. W. S. Foster, county agent at Colorado, was in Midland to work with Mr. Atkins over complication of their annual reports. Mr. Wood heartily approved the move of the county agent and Chamber of Commerce to encourage more poultry, dairying, swine, and syrup cane growing.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Baptist Church 6:15 P. M.

Subject, Faith
Introduction—Dora Wall, Leader
Faith fought by a story, Sadie Snyder.
Repentance and Faith, Teresa McQuatters.
Scripture Stresses Faith, Martin Campbell.
The great Faith Chapter, Roy Tillman.
All members are urged to be present.

Roy Wilson was here yesterday from Andrews on business.

R. L. York is here this week from Mineral Wells.

A. Q. Cooper and W. H. Rhodes were here yesterday from Odessa.

Henry M. Half of Mineral Wells is a business visitor to Midland this week.

Methodist Church

Rev. Sterling Fisher D. D. newly appointed Presiding Elder of the San Angelo District will preach at the morning hour Sunday at this church. He will arrive here Saturday and desires if possible to hold Quarterly Conference Saturday night. Let all Presidents of Leagues, Missionary Societies and Sunday School Supt. have their written reports ready.

Sunday night the Senior Epworth League will hold their installation service, following which the pastor will preach on the text "I once was young but now I am old."

A junior Epworth League will be organized Sunday afternoon.

M. C. Ulmer of the First National Bank has been elected President of the Board of Stewards, which is now composed of Mr. Ulmer, Phil Scarborough, A. P. Baker, Fred Wemple, W. H. Brunson, C. A. Taylor, Chas. Crowley, Stacey Allen, B. Frank Haag, J. W. Patterson and A. W. Stanley. These men are collecting stewards and with the heads of leagues and missionary societies form the quarterly conference.

Every member is definitely urged to be present at the morning service and cooperate in the work of the church.

Sunday School 9:45.
Morning Worship 11 A. M.
Senior League 6:30 P. M.
Evening Service 7:35 P. M.
T. O. Romie Jr., Pastor.

Patronize your Home Bakery and help Midland Grow.

Chiropractic Adjustments, Phone 164

Mrs. Littlejohn, of Tyler, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Percy Mims, for the past two weeks, left Wednesday morning for her home.

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If your property is worth owning, it is worth insuring!

This agency has been serving the people of Midland for over 20 years.

Bring your insurance problems to us. They are our specialty.

SPARKS & BARRON

Phone 79
Midland Texas

West Texas News

Quanah—The Hardeman County Poultry show to be held December 21, 22, and 23, is getting good publicity through efforts of C. G. Willis, secretary of the local chamber of commerce. Each week Willie mails out circulars interestingly illustrated through drawings made by himself. The work is prepared on a plain mimeograph.

Sierra Blanca—E. H. Whitehead, Publicity Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, were here this week on the first round of service tour which is to cover towns in the Big Bend Country. Whitehead will get materials for feature stories to be published in "West Texas Today," magazine of the West Texas organization. Towns included in this tour are: El Paso, Alpine, Marfa, Del Rio, Fredericksburg and Mason.

Plainview—A new addition to the Missouri Hotel here to cost \$5,200 has been planned by its proprietor, to consist of ten rooms of brick and tile construction. The improvement program will make the Missouri Hotel a first rate structure, fire proof throughout.

Fort Stockton—Business men of the town have co-operated with the Commissioners Court in securing improvement of a stretch of road here leading from the old White-Baker headquarters ranch gate through the ranch to the Yates oil well. The road connects with the Old Spanish Trail.

Stamford—The Christmas issue of "West Texas Today", official organ of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will be devoted largely to chambers of commerce affiliated with the organization. Resumes of work during 1926 and plans for 1927 will feature the number.

Tulia—A Booster Club whose membership is composed of country correspondents of the local paper was organized here recently, and it is thought to be the first organization of its kind in the state. Perfection of the club and complete election of officers will be made December 20.

Clarendon—Repairs have been made recently on the bridge here at the had of Kearney Street, new strips being laid on the floor of the structure.

Shamrock—Three quarters of a mile of new concrete sidewalk for Shamrock will be laid here as result of a campaign inaugurated by the local chamber of commerce. The pavement will extend from the business section on Main Street to the High School building.

In Nebraska To Buy New Bulls

Elliott F. Cowden left last week end for Nebraska, where he expects to buy some registered Hereford bulls to had a herd of pure bred cows he has at his ranch in Ector County.

Robert Rankin of Abilene visited relatives and friends in Midland this week. He is out on a hunting trip.

Chiropractic Adjustments, Phone 164

Presents That Will Please

This Store offers you a splendid selection of Gift Items from which to choose for every name on your list.

Every member of our sales force will be glad to help you in any way possible--Look through this list of suggestions--Come to the STORE.



Suggestions For Him

- Interwoven Sox
- Handkerchiefs
- Neckwear
- Band Bags
- Mufflers
- Cuff Buttons
- Bradley Sweaters
- Auto Robes
- Lumberjacks
- Leather Jackets
- Pyjamas
- Imperial Shirts
- Hickock Belts
- Military Brushes
- Golf Knickers
- House Shoes
- Gloves
- Stetson Hats
- Belt Sets
- Clothescraft Suits
- Overcoats
- Suit Cases



Suggestions For Her

- Silk Hose
- Fur Choakers
- Handkerchiefs
- Silk Scarfs
- Quilted Robes
- Linen Sets
- Rayon Bead Spreads
- Toilet Articles
- House Shoes
- Gloves
- Silk Bloomers
- Crepe De Chine Underwear
- Garter Sets
- Boilour Pillows
- Hand Bags
- Table Runners
- Towel Sets
- Rubber Aprons
- Bath Robes
- Toilet Sets
- Bradley Sweaters
- Picture Cords

SILK HOSE PUT UP IN HOLIDAY FOLDERS WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE. PACKAGES GLADLY WRAPPED. SPLENDID LOT OF HOLLY AND HOLIDAY GIFT BOXES AT 10c, 15c and 25c EACH

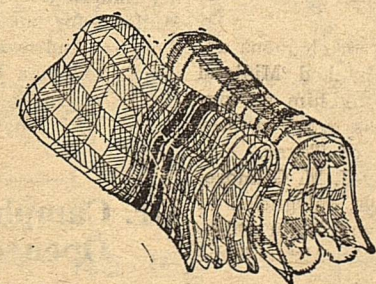
A Special Christmas Sale On All Crepe de chine Lingerie

Until Christmas we offer our entire stock of Crepe De Chine Gowns, Teds, Dance Sets, Costume Slips, etc, at 20 per cent discount. Gowns \$3.95 to \$5.65 Teds \$2.35 to \$3.85, Slips \$4.35 to \$5.65

EXTRA VALUE RAYON BLOOMERS, in all the wanted colors, single shirred knee, sizes 25 to 27 and 29, one of the best values we have ever offered, the pair \$1.48



SPECIAL VALUES THAT WILL MAKE WONDERFUL GIFTS
Rayon Bed Spreads \$5.85, in rose, blue, gold and helio, size 90x105 inches, seamless, extra good value, each \$5.85
OREGONCITY ROBES and Steamer Rugs make most acceptable gifts, all pure virgin wool, plain and fringed, are priced at \$8.75 and \$11.75.
PURE VIRGIN WOOL BLANKETS from Oregon City and Marshal Field & Co. in rose, tan, blue and gold plaids, sizes 66x80, 5 pounds, at \$9.85 and \$10.85
EXTRA BLANKET VALUE \$3.95
Just in this week, 50 pairs of extra value, woolnap finished blankets, in beautiful plaids, sizes 70x80, full 4 1-2 pounds, priced special the pair \$3.95



80x90 COLORED BED SPREADS \$1.83
You will agree this is the biggest value you have seen in these pretty, fast colors, striped kinkle Bed Spreads, Blue, Rose, Gold, and Orchid, a splendid \$2.85 value, priced special each \$1.83



DON'T OVERLOOK THESE BEAUTIFUL TOWEL SETS and Guest Towels, Hand Embroidered Towels, Linen Breakfast Sets and Linen Sets Every one will prove a most welcome Christmas Gift. Towel Sets at 75c to \$1.50 Embroidered Towels at 75c to \$1.85. Breakfast Sets in pure linen, sizes 45x45 with 6 napkins to match, 54x54 with 6 napkins to match and 66x80 with 6 napkins to match, some colored borders, some hemstitched \$3.85 to \$8.75 the set.

JUST ONE WEEK TO CHRISTMAS—DON'T DELAY YOUR SELECTIONS—LET US HELP YOU.

Wadley-Wilson Co.

ONE PRICE—THE LOWEST—FOR CASH ONLY

**If Sou Want to Know a Man
Go Fishing With Him**

If you want to appreciate a neighbor, do some business with him.

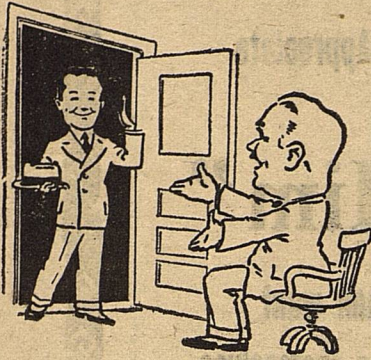
Closely associated, each neighbor knows the other's capability and characteristics, hence is in position to serve or be served efficiently.

Banking at home is not a matter of friendship, it is a logical proposition; those who know each other best are able to work together best.

Midland National Bank

United States Depository
"There Is No Substitute For Safety"

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Licensed Optometrist
 Office over the City Drug Store



A man has written a book on how to look for a job. He says the most important thing is to be neatly dressed, and he is right. A man counts his cash twice when he is out of work, but \$29.50 is little enough if it puts him on the payroll.

Clothcraft
\$29.50
Serge Suits

And they are equally good for the man who has a job and wants to keep it.

WADLEY-WILSON CO.
 Midland, Texas

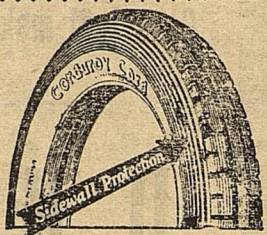
J. Eugene Cowden and son, Jerry, came out the first of the week from Mineral Wells. Mr. Cowden's son, George, who has been visiting Chas. Edwards and family will return with them.

You don't help your home town when you buy shipped in Bread.—City Bakery.

Recent Cattle Sales

Sales of cattle reported here recently include a deal whereby Elliott F. Cowden sold to A. B. Cooksey 19 head of coming two year old bulls. Mr. Cowden also sold to R. B. and Edd Cowden four head of herd bulls for \$2400. These bulls will be used with 100 head of their top cows from registered and full blood herd on Ector and Andrews County range.

A deal has been reported whereby Roy Parks sold to Allen Connell 700 head of steer yearlings.



Reduce Your
TIRE TROUBLES
To the Minimum
 Buy Corduroy Cords
 Sidewall Protection
 and Corduroy Inner
 Tubes with Rimside
 Protection.

Red Star Filling Station

Notice to All
Automobile Owners

It is necessary that you have Certificate, not more than 30 days old, showing that your headlights have been properly adjusted, before you can pay the 1927 State Highway License. 1927 License is due to be paid by Jan. 1, 1927.

Since we have the only light test station in Midland and have a very large number of lights to test, the public is respectfully requested and urged to have tests made at once that congestion may be avoided.

Cowden Motor Co.

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.

**Christmas Team Work—
 and It Was for Keeps**

IT HADN'T been a good Christmas season for the little maiden lady in her little Economy store. Economy was an apt name for it—only the strictest economy prevailed there.

The next day was the last before Christmas, she reasoned, and a lot of her cheap toys were not sold. The little maiden lady made a resolution. She had always wanted to be rich that she might bestow fine presents upon all the boys and girls. She liked boys and girls, but somehow they always treated her distantly when she made her timid overtures. It was very evident she was never going to be rich—she would do something now; so she made a big sign and put it in her window:

"A Christmas toy for each of the first fifty children who come in at four o'clock the day before Christmas."

Miss Watkins didn't think there were fifty in the whole town, but she was mistaken. At four o'clock the next day they came trooping in—in such numbers she never knew how many toys she gave away.

It was all exciting and very thrilling. It was the most fun she had ever had. The "Thankyous" and the "Merry Christmases" were all so genuine and overwhelming, and right in the midst of it who should appear but the kind-faced, white-haired gentleman who kept the small candy shop across the street, and he invited them all over to partake of his wares. He looked like Santa Claus himself with his round rosy cheeks, shining blue eyes, and white hair curling over his fur collar.

When everything was quiet once more and Miss Watkins sat with folded hands thinking about the Christmas joy the simple giving had brought to her, Santa Claus from across the street again appeared:

"Pretty good team work we made of it, didn't we, Miss Watkins?" he chuckled.

And Miss Watkins uttered a surprised "Yes, indeed!"

Santa Claus chuckled again and put his hands on the surprised lady's shoulders:

"Don't you think we could team it together the rest of our lives?"

And Miss Watkins looked up and blushing stammered:

"Yes, indeed!"—Florence Harris Wells.
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CHRISTMAS TREES

THE only kind of trees that interest us at this time of year are Christmas trees.

I wonder if you know that a Christmas tree may be a hemlock or a spruce, a fir, pine, cedar, or perhaps some other evergreen, as an arbor vitae. But the ones named are the most popular. Can you tell the difference?

A spruce Christmas tree has stiff needles, sharp as pins, that stand out all ways.

A hemlock Christmas tree has flat needles that lie on the twigs as if they were parted, just as hair is parted. These hemlock needles are whitish underneath.

The fir Christmas tree has needles that are parted very much like the hemlock, only each separate needle seems to be parted on its under side, too. Very likely your tree will be one of these three.

The pine is too well known for much description. It has two forms of leaves—the primary, small and scale-like, and the secondary—long and in clusters of various numbers. There are many species, from a few feet high to over a hundred.

The cedar is of an old family. It is the well-known Cedar of Lebanon. It is of slow growth, very hard wood, and much used in manufacturing lead pencils. All are fragrant, and very popular for Christmas trees.—Frank Herbert Sweet.
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**The Town's Christmas
 —an Enjoyable Affair**

IT WAS the town's idea. Of course you may say how absurd that statement is, that a town cannot have an idea because a town is not a person.

But when many people in a town all have the same public-spirited feelings and interest in others, you can almost say that the town itself is different from other towns—more generous, more thoughtful—just as you will speak of a person.

So the town lined its streets with Christmas trees and lighted them with twinkling lights.

And the town invited all the parents and all the children from the surrounding countryside to come to the town any night during the week from Christmas to New Year's when a concert of Christmas music was given by the village band, and when hot soup and biscuits were served to every listener.

And the town never enjoyed itself as much before.—Mary Graham Bonzer.
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**FOOTBALL BANQUET
 ELABORATE AFFAIR**

COVERS FOR 88, WITH SNAPPY
 HUMOROUS AFTER DINNER
 SPEECHES AT
 HIGH SCHOOL

The annual football banquet which was held in the high school building on last Wednesday, proved to be an elaborate and happy occasion. Covers were laid for 88 people, every place being taken. Six large fat turkeys had been donated by friends of the team, and these in turn were cooked by as many culinary artists of the town. Table committees, menu committees, serving committees, and various kinds of committees, all composed of members of the students, faculty members, and mothers and patrons of the school worked together with such splendid co-operation and efficiency that the big affair was pulled off in great style.

Those donating the six turkeys were: B. W. Floyd, C. M. Goldsmith, Clarence Scharbauer, Earl Ray, the Caesar class, and a group of students and faculty members led by Foster Brown and Barron Wadley. These turkeys were prepared by Mesdames. George Ratliff, J. E. Hill, J. P. Collins, H. B. Dorsey, Chas. Edwards, and the H. E. Department of the high school. The birds were artistically carved by board members Hill Howe, Eidson, and Ratliff. The serving was done by Miss Barham, Miss Caldwell, Miss Bigham, Mrs. Benedict, Miss Lotta Williams, Miss Jerri Edwards, assisted by a group of high school girls. The steering committee, located in the culinary department was headed by Miss Winifred Elrod and Mrs. Harry Tolbert, ably assisted by Mesdames. Addison Wadley, A. C. Francis, Frank Norwood and J. P. Collins.

An artistic cake, in purple and gold colors, showing a football field with goals and football, the work of Mrs. Charles Edwards, occupied the center of one table. The hall was decorated in purple and gold, the high school colors, this being the work of Miss Dodgen and Mrs. Benedict, and their committees.

In addition to team members, high school students and faculty, the following were present:

- Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hill,
- Mr. and Mrs. Jno. P. Howe,
- Mr. and Mrs. George Ratliff,
- Judge and Mrs. B. Frank Haag
- Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Lawrence,
- Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eidson,
- Dr. John B. Thomas.

This being a hundred per cent of the board, John Scharbauer, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Floyd, and Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith, Miss Elma Graves, Bill Arnett, Bill Hale and K. E. Nutt.

The program which was under the direction of Miss Williams and Miss Cordill, of the high school faculty follows:

- Program of Toasts
- Foster Brown, Toastmaster
- Toast to team, Robert Caldwell.
- Response, Lynch King.
- Toast to board, Elma Collins.
- Response, Mr. Haag.
- Toast to Coaches, Henry Paddock.
- Response, Mr. Shiflett and Mr.

**Practical Gifts For Xmas.
 That are sure to please**

Beautify the home and make it more convenient by giving your wife a nice gift such as—

**Mirror Door,
 Breakfast Nook,
 Built in Ironing Board,
 Built in Kitchen Cabinet,
 A new Bath Room,
 Or a Beautiful Pair of
 French Doors.**

—Ask Us About Them—
Rockwell Bros. & Co.



Searcy.

Toast to Mr. Lackey, Harvey Fryar
 Response, Mr. Lackey.

Toast to Boosters, John Dorsey.
 Response, Barron Wadley.

Presentation of Letters, Mr. Shiflett.

The following men were awarded letters:

- Lynch King,
- Harvey Fryar,
- Henry Paddock,
- Alden Golladay,
- Wilton Orson,
- Dorsey Pinell,
- John Pliska,
- Harwell Whitmire,
- Witzell Whitmire,
- J. C. Roberts,
- Aaron Damron,
- Archie Estes,

Fred Girdley,
 Grady Cole,
 Lonzo Mills.

After letters were awarded to the team, letters were awarded to coach-shiflett and Searcy, the presentation being made by Miss Cordill.

Captains Elected

The letter men elected Lynch King as captain for 1927 and Henry Paddock, assistant captain.

Superintendent Fly and Principal Tate, of Odessa High School, were business visitors to Midland last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt returned Monday from a pleasant trip to Mineral Wells.

PILES

Cured Without the Knife

Dr. P. M. Waltrip of the firm of Drs. Waltrip and Van Haltern, Ft. Worth is now located in Midland and Stanton for a limited time to do rectal work.

We cure PILES without the knife or detention from business while being cured.

No cutting, tying, burning or sloughing and no detention from business while being cured.

We have been in our permanent location, Ft. Worth for 13 years, during which time we have cured more than six thousand people.

This is an opportunity of getting cured right at home without the added expense of going away.

See me at once, as my time is limited here.

References some of the best people in this community or any bank in Fort Worth.

MIDLAND STANTON
 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 at Llano Hotel—Room 201 Stanton Hotel

PEERLESS FENCE

Better than ever—In fact best on earth
 Prices cheaper than the cheapest
 Quality better than the best
 Service quicker than the quickest
 Terms to suit anyone

Our Memphis factory has been practically turned over to fill my orders first, I sold nearly a quarter million dollars worth last year and expect to sell a million this year. I have arranged exceptional terms to responsible people, and am prepared to finance your fence problems. Write me—Phone me—Come to see me and let me finance your fence bill anywhere in America.

C. W. INNES

State Agent
 San Angelo, Texas

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The Reporter strives to be clean and fair in the dissemination of news. Any errors will be cheerfully corrected. Suggestions or criticisms are welcome.

PAYS TO ADVERTISE

That's a trite statement, but it's still true.

A Midland woman lost her glasses. She searched and searched for ten days, but could not locate them.

Finally, as her last desperate resort, she telephoned an ad to The Reporter. Going from the telephone she raised a window, and there were her glasses.

It pays to advertise!

Mrs. E. E. Stephens is here this week from Lubbock. Mrs. Stephens lives there while her daughter is in school, and this is her first trip to Midland since Mr. Stephens became one of the owners of the Llano Hotel.

AFTER CHRISTMAS

One Midland business man says going to pick up. That is entirely different from the pessimistic attitude taken by some, but there is a good chance for business in Midland to be active all through the next year. Merchants who advertise consistently always "get theirs."

No matter where you live write me for prices on PEERLESS fence. I defy competition.

C. W. Innes, State Agent
San Angelo, Texas. 12-3t

E. N. Snodgrass was taken ill last Friday, and is confined to his bed this week. Mrs. Snodgrass is here from Lubbock.

THE STRAY COLUMN

By H. D. Donagan, Jr.

Ladie-e-s and gentlemen, and consumers of this weekly array of abracadabra, it gives me great pain and no little sorrow to announce that there will be no Stray Column this week. The imminence of final examinations in State University seems to be the chief trouble.

The next episode will come next week. It seems a shame to leave little Eloise in the burning building and no one to rescue her for two whole weeks but that's the way of all heavy drama. Its so climatic. Suspense makes the heart beat "feebler."

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder," is probably more appropos. In fact I have a sneaking suspicion that the longer I am absent, the more the readers will like it.

Never mind the divergence. See you next week.

B. F. Weekly, oil well driller contractor, moved to Midland this week from San Angelo, and will make his home here. His family is living at the new Snodgrass and Ulmer house on the highway in West Midland.

San Angelo Man Selling Fence

C. W. Innes of San Angelo is now prepared to work this territory for the sale of Peerless Fence. He says he is better prepared to handle the business than ever before. He has a large factory at Memphis, Tennessee set aside to fill his orders first, which enables him to give prompt service. He has plenty of capital to finance responsible customers, fence problems on long time and at wholesale prices. Mr. Innes has been state agent of the Peerless Wire and Fence Co., for Texas, for twenty three years and knows the fence business from start to finish.

Mr. Innes has already shipped two solid train loads of Fence to Texas last year and expects to ship four train-loads during 1927. His sales have increased from about \$20,000 per year to about \$250,000 last year. His advertisements appear in this paper.

WOOD & COAL

For wood and coal, phone 216. Quick service in long and short hauling.

KLEBOLD AND WILMOTH

Ellis Howell who has been ill for a few days, is out on the street again.

GIFTS THAT LAST

"For Her"

Gifts She Will Appreciate

"For Him"

Gifts that men want
Yet seldom buy for themselves

"For Home"

Gifts that make it more enjoyable and
Attractive

D. H. Roettger

Jeweler

Prices For Saturday and Monday

Potatoes, Select Irish, 10 lbs 38c

Flour, Upper Ten	48 lb sack	24 lb sack	12 lb sack	6 lb sk
	\$2.04	\$1.08	63c	33c

Tomatoes No. 2 can 9c Jello, all flavors, pkg 11c

Raisins	4 lb pkg	2 lb pkg	Figs, choice white	26c
	44c	22c		

Dates, Dromedary, 19c Dates, Bordo Pitted, 22c

Bananas, Select Quality, per doz 31c

Cocoanut, Dromedary or Dunhams,	half lb	1-4 lb
	23c	12c

Kelloggs Bran 11c Kelloggs Corn Flakes 14c

Oats, Purity,	3 lbs	1 lb
	21c	9c

Pineapple, Gold Bar, No 2 can sliced 24c, Crushed 19c

PREPARED MUSTARD, Beach Nut,	9 oz	SUGAR, No. 2 granulated	16c
	11c		

All next week we will have the things you will want for your Christmas dinner at savings the above prices indicates.

Phone 135

MIDLAND, TEXAS



"M" SYSTEM



"SAVES FOR THE NATION"

CLASSIFIED ADS

M. S. Hines represents the Franks-ton Nursery Co. Everything kept in a first class Nursery. Price very reasonable. Feb. 27

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

ST. LOUIS Post Dispatch, New York Times, Star Telegram, El Paso Herald, Midland Reporter, and good magazines at the Elite. 35-tf

Fort Worth Spudder for Sale Cheap. See S. J. McKandles. 8-4tp

TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE: Royals and Coronas for sale or for rent. Elite Confectionery. 32-tf

DROP in at the ELITE and look for your favorite magazine or newspaper. There 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

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

MATINEE EVERY DAY, beginning at 3 p. m. Idlehour.

Chas Moore was here Wednesday from Jal, N. M.

The C. C. Johnston home place adjoining Midland is for sale, and can be bought very cheap and reasonable terms arranged. Consists of 240 acres, with residence and out buildings. Address S. J. Isaacks, Administrator, 521 First National Bank Bldg., El Paso, Texas 12-1t

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

FOR RENT—Three room apartment. Mrs. C. E. Smith. 12-1t

FOR SALE—1000 or 1500 bundles late cut cane, 5c delivered. C. M. J. Stringer Box 204. 12-4tp

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished apartment with private bath. Phone 146. 12-1t

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.

Attention Auto Owners

Automobile owners are urged to get the 1927 license numbers at once, as it will be necessary to have same before January 1st. After that date all will be subject to fine who have not secured their license. Be sure to have your headlights tested and bring the certificate with you. Bring engine numbers also. A. C. Francis, sheriff and tax collector. 12-1t

Roy Holloway is here this week from Abilene, on a business trip.

Dr. K. F. Campbell

Has equipped a dental office in the Fasken and Thomas building, over the Midland Mercantile, where he will conduct a general practice of Dentistry.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Storage Space In Our New Building

IS NOW OPEN

We will open our Filling Station in the building

Saturday Morning, December 18th

The First Car under the Drive after 8 a. m. will be filled **FREE**

Our inside Wash Rack is also available, and we believe we are prepared to give you service second to none. Come in—Give us a trial, and inspect our new building.

Every lady who makes a purchase on Next Saturday will be given a small Souvenir—(One Souvenir to Each Household.)

Bring your children with you.

NOBLES MOTOR COMPANY

Chevrolet

Dependable Service

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

Chiropractic Adjustments, Phone 164

Recital Friday Night

On Friday evening, Misses Alta Mae Johnson and Elma Collins, piano and Miss Johnnie Mae Wilson and Mr. Floyd Coutiss, violin, will be presented in recital by the Watson School of Music. The entertainers will be assisted by the Midland-Odessa-Stanton orchestra.

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. 12-3t

Christian Church

Bible School 9:45.
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Prayermeeting Wednesday 7:15.
Christmas program and tree Dec. 24 at 7 p. m.
Bro. Martin T. Pope from Aurora, Mo. will preach Sunday morning and evening.

We desire every member to be present and bring your friends to both services.

We must say a word of praise for the continued good attendance of the Bible School. Let the good work continue to grow.

We hope to have all those who made monthly pledges to begin by paying for November and then continue to pay each month.

Christmas Greetings to all.

Get the best and cheapest, PEERLESS fence sold in Texas exclusively through—
C. W. Innes, State Agent
San Angelo, Texas. 12-3t

Senior Epworth League

All members of the Senior Epworth League, and its friends, are urged to attend the installation Service of the officers. The program will take the place of the regular Sunday evening program.

Come and learn what the League stands for, the duties of its officers and the work it is trying to carry on.

The public is cordially invited to come, for this program runs on into the regular worship hour.

Mary Elma Collins, President.

To the Farmers and Public:—We, the undersigned ginners of Midland will be closed Dec. 24 and 25. Midland Gin Co., Williams-Dean Gin, Hamilton Gin. 12-1t

M. O. Boring of the Gulf Production Company, was here this week from Fort Worth on business connected with the Midland field officials.

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



A RADIO SET
Makes a 365 Day Gift

ATWATER KENT

	Battery Operated	Electrically Operated
5 Tube compact table model	\$121.10	\$160.10
5 Tube console with built in reproducer	\$160.10	\$199.10
6 Tube one dial table model	\$146.10	\$185.10
6 Tube one dial console built in reproducer	\$185.10	\$224.10
7 Tube one dial table model	\$205.10	\$244.10
7 Tube one dial console built in reproducer	\$244.10	\$283.10

STEWART WARNER

	Battery Operated	Electrically Operated
5 Tube table model	\$107.00	\$146.00
5 Tube console built in reproducer	\$124.50	\$163.50
5 Tube table model	\$117.00	\$146.00
5 Tube console built in reproducer	\$134.50	\$173.50
5 Tube table model	\$132.00	\$161.00
5 Tube console built in speaker	\$149.50	\$188.50
6 Tube one dial table model	\$142.00	\$181.00
6 Tube one dial console built in reproducer	\$159.50	\$198.50

These prices we quote are completely equipped and installed. Make your Christmas Order NOW

RADIO SPECIALTY SHOP

A. B. Coleman

F. A. Smith Jr

Something Sensible For Christmas A FORD CAR

IT WILL MEAN HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE NEW YEAR AND WILL BE A GIFT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

Prices Delivered to you

RUNABOUT \$444.00, TOURING \$464.50, COUPE \$578.00

TUDOR SEDAN \$588.50, FORDOR SEDAN \$639.50

These cars are now finished in the beautiful Pyroxlin paint, equipped with Balloon tires and the new improved Holley Carburetor. This Carburetor makes easier starting and affords greater gasoline mileage

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Midland, Texas

Sales Lincoln *Ford* Fordson Service

CARS-TRUCKS-TRACTORS

BETTER SEE INMAN

Before Buying That Christmas Present

At City Drug Store

Plainview Dentist Moving To Midland

Dr. Donald K. Ratliff, dentist of Plainview and formerly a Colorado boy, will move to Midland on or about Jan. 1st. He has secured an office in the Potter building, over the City Drug Store, and will move his fixtures here as soon as possible.

TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE: Royals and Coronas for sale or for rent. Elite Confectionery. 32-4

Select your Christmas Cards at The Reporter Office. We have them in stock, ready to have your name printed.

Carl Reeves of El Paso is in Midland this week on business.

Christmas Giving Is the Year's Opportunity

ROSE stamped a sturdy Oxford. "Don't you dare say again you have to give at Christmas!" Ellis Marsh grinned at his sister. "All right. Where's the fun?" Rose sat down and explained: "If you'd seen Joey and Betty Boggs last Christmas in their play suits, that I couldn't have given any other time of year, without Mrs. Boggs thinking it was charity! And what luck it was I could give Cousin Eleanor a vase for her car, when she's always taking me out in it."

"Hm—m. I might give old Bobby Green something for his car. He's saved me a lot of dull hours on the train. I never could think of a way to do him such a favor."

Rose smiled a little triumphantly and went on: "Then there are the girls at school that I would lose touch with if there were no Christmas. They appreciate my little gifts and appreciate Christmas cards, I can tell you."

"Well, if you're so clever, tell me how to make it up to my stenographer for keeping her late so many evenings."

"Bessie? Why, she'd be delighted if you'd get her a new typewriter. That would eliminate overtime and she could keep up her night school work."

"Tip-top! And I'm going to give the kid that caddled for me last summer the club he needs to round out his golf set. Then—Well, first, let's see that 'opportunity list' you were showing me."—Frances Grinstead. (© 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)

IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

Corona Four, the Standard Portable \$60.00 cash or \$65.00 terms, \$10.00 down and \$5.00 a month. Mail orders promptly filled. Write Abilene Typewriter Exchange, Abilene, Texas. 12-2tp

While Doing Your Christmas Shopping LUNCH

At The Crystal Cafe

Across Street from Post Office

Tom Flood, Proprietor—Midland, Texas

Electrical Gifts Are Useful Gifts



Boudoir Lamps with Clamp \$3.00

Xmas Tree Lights with Genuine Mazda Lamps and attachment for connecting second string of lights regular \$2.75 seller, our price \$2.00

Desk Lamps \$5.00

Toasters—Hot Point \$6.00 and \$8.50 with \$1.50 Tray Extra 50 cents.

Waffle Irons

Hot Point \$10.50
Universal \$8.00 and \$10.

Reflector Heaters

Hot Point \$5.75

Curling Irons

Hot Point \$5.00

Flat Irons

Hot Point \$5.00 and \$6.00
Westinghouse Automatic \$7.75

Percolators

Hot Point Type \$12.50
Manning Bowman \$8.75

Heating Pads

Hold Heet \$5.95

BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR
OUR LINE OF MERCHANDISE IS ALL HIGH GRADE MANUFACTURE

Midland Light Company

The Hoover Sweeper Dealer

The Mistletoe Bough; Seventy-six Species

OUR grandmother used to sing the old English ballad about the mistletoe that hung on the castle wall and the "baron's retainers," who so blithely kept the Christmas holiday and the young bride who, weary of dancing, cried, "Tarry a moment, I'll hide, I'll hide!" We youngsters listened breathlessly and saucer-eyed as the story progressed and the lovely lady crept into the chest with the secret lock that went "snap" after she was inside—the joyful company seeing her never again. We were thrilled to our very souls! And then the tragic ending when her skeleton was found fifty years afterward, was almost more than our young, tender hearts could bear and, after each singing, we wept copiously. It is said that this quaint ballad was based upon a true story.

The mistletoe, lovely emblem of Yule, figured in song and story long before Christianity existed. English people, in particular, have woven many romantic myths centering in this interesting plant whose misty beauty and manner of growth lend themselves fittingly as themes for tales and legends. England is the true home of the mistletoe. In fact, its very name comes from the Anglo-Saxon, mistletan, in which "tan" means twig and "mistle," probably, mist, in the sense of fog or gloom, because of the plant's prominence in the dark season of the year.

There are 76 species of mistletoe, our favorite Christmas decoration, and every one is parasitical.—Frances Marshall Morgan. (© 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)

Monopolizing Papa



"Mother, I thought Santa was going to bring me a train and choo-choo for Christmas."

"Well, he did bring them to you, didn't he?"

"Well, there's papa's, but where's mine?"

Christmas Gifts

Useful, Beautiful and That Last

FOR HER

- Box Candy
- Cutex Sets
- Perfume, the popular brands
- Perfume Atomizers
- Dresser Sets
- Toilet Sets
- Ivory Sets
- Amber and Ivory Sets
- Kodaks
- Kodak Albums
- Kodak Films
- Manicure Sets
- Stationery in beautiful boxes
- Greeting Cards
- Cut Glass
- Electric Percolators
- Electric Irons
- Electric Curlers
- Electric Bed Warmers
- Fountain Pens
- Eversharp Pencils
- Pen Pencil Sets
- Cassaroles
- Chafing Dish
- Pyralin Sets
- Vanity Cases
- Electric Waffle Irons

FOR HIM

- Cigars in Christmas Boxes
- Cigar Cases
- Humidors
- Pipes
- Pipe Sets
- Shaving Sets
- Shaving Stands
- Travelers Sets
- Shaving Mirrors
- Military Sets
- Bill Folders
- Houbigaunts Sets
- Flash Lights
- Desk Sets

FOR GIRLS

- Perfume in pretty bottles
- Sutrex Sets
- Electric Curling Irons
- Candy in Xmas Boxes
- Kodaks
- Kodak Albums
- Fountain Pens
- Ever Sharp Pencils
- Greeting Cards
- Stationery in pretty boxes
- Electric Irons
- And many other appropriate gifts too numerous to mention.

FOR BOYS

- Foot Balls
- First Aid Kits for Boy Scouts
- French Harps
- Fountain Pens
- Eversharp Pencils
- Pen and Pencil Sets
- Bill Folds
- Greeting Cards
- Rubber Balls
- Dominoes
- Flash Lights
- Base Balls
- Candy

Wishing All A Merry Christmas

CITY DRUG STORE The Rexall Store



Ship your live stock to us and
Expect First Class Sales and
Service,—because that is what
you will get.

DAGGETT-KEEN Commission Company

Fort Worth

"We're our own Salesman"

PROMPT EFFICIENT DEPENDABLE

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Represented at Kansas City, So. St. Joseph,
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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

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High Class Barber Work
By Skilled Barbers
**JONES AND JOHNSON
BARBER SHOP**
Across Street East of Post Office

Our Want-Ads Get Results

The Message Of Xmas.

To The Citizens Of West Texas
(By West Texas C. of C.)

The message of Christmas is just as vital today as when it was brought to us two thousand years ago; vital because founded on the divine, eternal law of life—the law of service. Prompted by the holy life of Him who lived but to serve, there is given to us a perfect illustration of this great law as a guide through the checkered pathways of human life.

He who would really live must be useful. "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" was the great message of the Christ, and it is proven to us in a thousand different ways. It is a truth which, like a golden thread, runs through all the good and beautiful literature of the earth's nations. It is an axiom verified in the lives of countless thousands and a motto set forth by many of the world's greatest institutions.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is an organization of service. Its one aim is to be of help and inspiration to the citizenry of this portion of the great state of Texas. It would form a bond of human brotherhood, linking together the ties of kindred interests and cementing more closely the mutual welfare of all, realizing that the greatest material accomplishments are made possible only through a larger increase of the moral and social relations of life.

"Whosoever will be greatest among you shall be your minister; and whosoever of you will be chiefest shall be the servant of all; for even the son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister;" these were the words of the Christ 1,926 years ago, and every time since that the sweet story of Christmas has been told and his life of sincere service has been repeated unto the world. So, in this spirit of worthy devotion to a noble cause, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce would be a servant toward greater accomplishment in the life and more extended benefit to the citizenry of this territory to the end that the West may be a better place in which to live.

Hearts of officials of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce go out in sincerest appreciation to all fellow citizens who seek to emulate this great law of service, and to those laudable efforts and endeavors that have contributed so largely during the past

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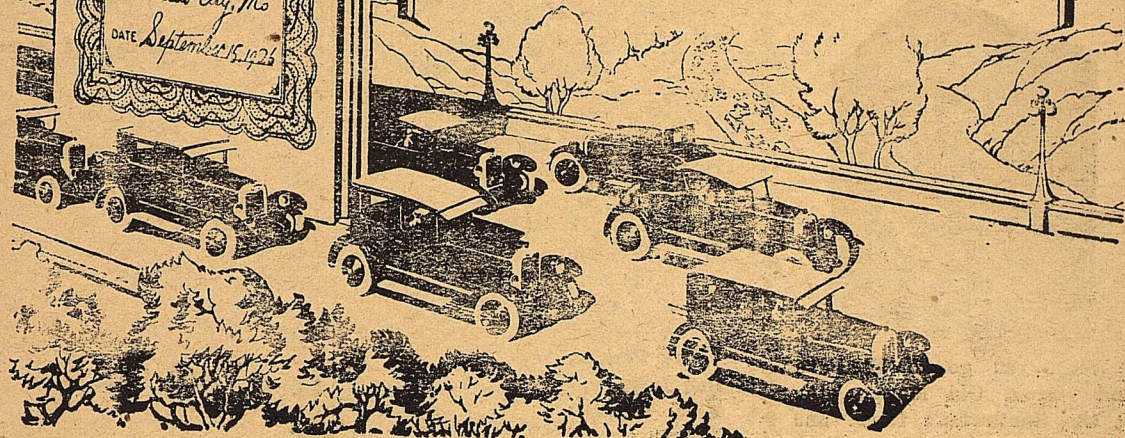
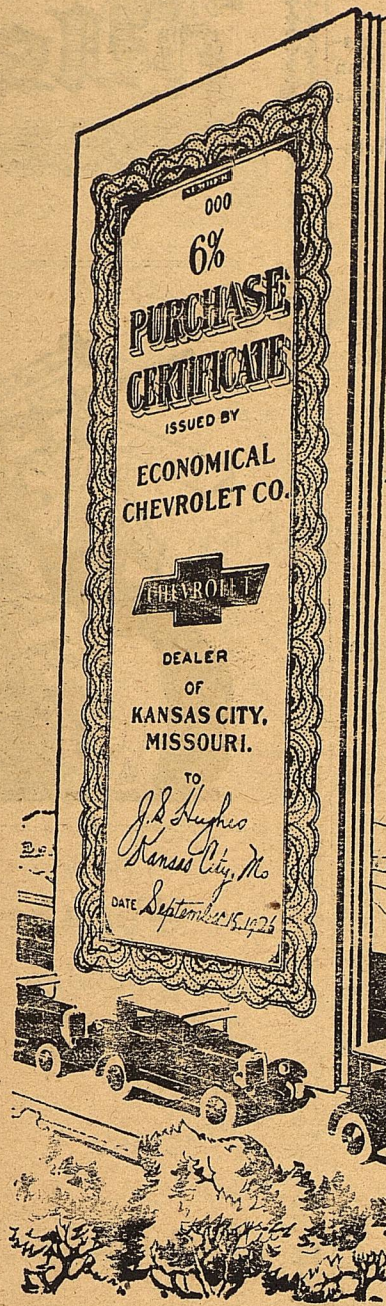
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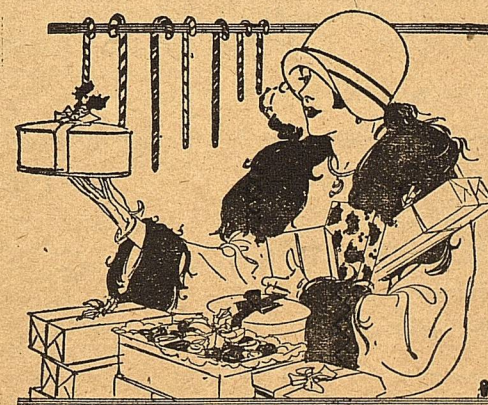
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year toward the success of the organization, the greatest in its history. It is the sincere wish of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce that the season may bring to each in its membership the greatest of blessings and that the New Year may increase for each desire and opportunity for service, so that all may keep His Christmas and be joyful that He came once long ago with the message that stirs every heart and increases longings for greater achievement among fellow men.

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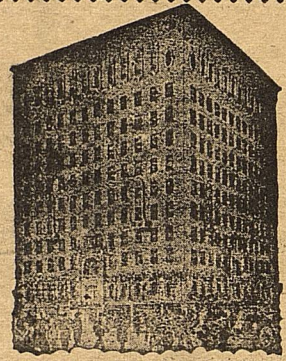
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I have been instructed by the City Council to get up a statement of the amount you owe the City of Midland for back taxes and to proceed to collect same. It will be to your interest to pay these taxes before suit is filed, for every means provided by law will be used to enforce the payment of same.

Yours for service,
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Christmas Program
Primary Department
South Ward

Chorus, "The Christ was welcome" Anonymous.—First and Second grades.
Christmas Pageant, "Mother Goose's Visit to Santa Claus"—Elsie Van Liew—First, Second and Third grades
Santa Claus—Sam Midkiff.
Santa Claus Helper—Luther Wesson.
Brownies—
Dorothy Dunagan,
Jane Dunagan,
Mary Lou Irwin.
Clown Doll—Leola Kerby.
Jumping Jack—Leo Kerby.
Jigging Doll—Pauline Buffington
Toy Soldiers—
Robert Dunagan
Angus Hankla
Albert Greenhill
Charles Edwin Patterson
Candies—
Rudolph McQuatters
Delbert Wright
Dan Houston
Elbert Greenhill
Mother Goose—Kathleen Scruggs
Rabbit—Cleo Brown
Tableaux—
Jack and Jill—
Billie Fine
Mary Elizabeth Howe
Mistress Mary—Ruth Wells
Jack Horner—Cecil Hale
Simple Simon—Leonard Howell
Pieman—Ben Hedges
Miss Muffet—Fay Goode
Bo-Peep—Marguerite Brock
Mother Hubbard—Louise Kenney
Tom, The Piper's Son—Billie Orson
Johnny Green—Ike Stovall
Old Woman who lived in a shoe—
Lorene O'Neal
Old Woman's Children
J. T. Beckham
Woodrow Wilson
Amos Junwalt
William Henry Ingram
Wiley Perkins
Sue Irvin
Edith Echols
Dewitt Carr
Clinton Buffington
Dolls—
Mamie Tullington
Doris Dameron
Fay Goode
Marie Daughtry
Rhyme Readers—
Doris Dameron
Mamie Tullington
Dalton Cobb
Johmie Faye Howe
Vera May West
Carroll Henry
Robert Dunagan
Robert Prothro
L. H. Collins
James Patterson
Auntain Monitors—
Katie Belle Long
Woodrow Stewart
Chorus—A Million Bells, One Ringing Anonymous.—First Second and Third Grades.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT
SOUTH WARD
Chorus—Joy to the world—Watts Department
Scripture Reading, Luke 2, 8-15 Department
Christmas Acrostic—Selected Nine Children
Reading—Two little stockings—Butts Beulah May Brunson
Reading—Tommy's Christmas Wish Munkitrick—James Kenney
Reading—Watching In-Christmas, Anon—Leora Skaggs
Solo—The Star of the East—Cooper Hunter Midkiff
Reading—A Christmas Carol—Proctor—Kathleen Brunson
Reading—Through the Telephone Primary Education—Louise Greenhill
Reading—Christmas in all lands—Brown—Roy Irvin
Reading—A Christmas Secret—Youth's Companion—Robert Dunagan
Chorus—Stars of December—Arbough—Eight Girls
Reading—Christmas Present for Aunt Jane—Irish—Mervin Haag
Reading—The Little Pine—Irish Walter Fay Cowden
Reading—A letter to Santa Claus Best—A. B. Cole
Reading—Old Santa Claus—Anon Blanche Beane
Chorus—Hark the Herald Angels Sing—Wesley—Department
Reading—Zero—Sweeny—R. L. Dameron
Reading—A Christmas Dilemma, Moral Instruction—Bessie Dale
Reading—Aga'n the Angel Hosts Draw Nigh—Hosmer—Dorothy Cobb
Chorus—It come upon the midnight clear—Sears Department

Miss Florence McKissick was here Saturday from Odessa, where she is teaching this year. She says all the McKissick family is getting along fine, her brothers and sisters being in various schools.
Miss Ruth Whitmire and Ira Proctor were united in marriage at the Methodist Parsonage Saturday night by Rev. T. O. Rorie Jr.

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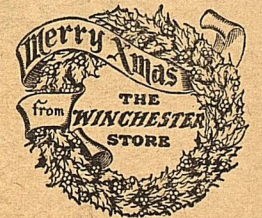
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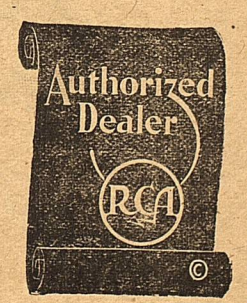
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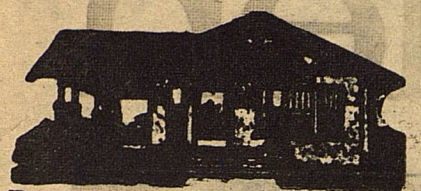
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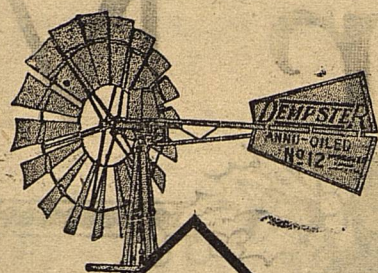
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D. B. Jones was a business visitor from Odessa Tuesday.

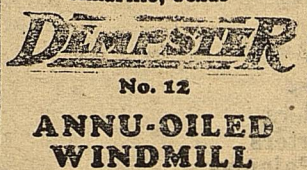


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Texas and Texans

By Will H. Mayes

Reclaiming Bottom Lands

Owners of overflow valley lands in Texas will be interested in the movement in Lamar and Delta counties to reclaim and put in cultivation about 10,000 acres of bottom lands of the North Sulphur river. These lands, as rich as any valley lands in Texas, have been subject to periodical overflows and have grown up in a vast wilderness of trees and undergrowth, making them practically worthless. The river is to be straightened and the land to be cleared and made ready for cultivation, a big undertaking, but well worth the cost of the work. There are hundreds of thousands of acres in Texas which could be converted from waste lands into profitable farms by straightening the streams and by proper leveeing. Individual effort can accomplish little in this work, but district co-operation can work marvels.

New Rio Grande Project

Almost every week some new irrigation project is started in Texas, filings being made on the streams in most cases by corporations and individuals who see possibilities that they have been going to waste by failure to use the stream waters. A permit has been granted to a party to irrigate 60,000 acres in Kinney and Maverick Counties, the work to begin within 90 days and to be completed in three years. It is best for district organizations to be formed and irrigation projects to be financed by the people themselves through bond issues, but the policy of the state is to grant these valuable rights to corporate and private interests where the people do not take the steps to utilize the stream waters. There are scores of localities in Texas that will at some early day find they have been indifferent to their own interests in letting the waters of Texas streams pass out of their control.

Spindletop Again Active

It is strange how oil fields are apparently forgotten for a time and then all at once become more productive than ever. People generally thought that Spindletop oil had about all been discovered. Suddenly the announcement is made that Spindletop operators are bringing in new and richer oil wells. Lately a 9,000 barrel well was brought in there at a depth of 5,100 feet. Most of the oil development in Texas is shallow or semi-shallow. Many oil men say that when the territory is tested throughout the State at the right depths, riches in oil will be found of which Texans have never dreamed. But that will require much capital. So long as the big oil companies can find all the oil they need in shallow pools they will hardly sink wells in many places to the 5,000 foot depth.

West Texas Wins

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce decided that it would help along the failing Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial by making an exhibit of the resources of that part of the State. Not much was said about it, and not a great number of Texans knew anything about it. But the exhibit attracted much favorable attention at Philadelphia and easily won first place in State exhibits and a gold medal. North Carolina, another of the progressive states of the south, won second place, Ohio coming next, and our neighboring state of Arkansas next. Texas can just about accomplish anything in reason that her citizens earnestly set out to do so. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce did a good advertising stunt for Texas and especially for that part of the State.

New Highway Board

The sentiment throughout Texas is almost universal for an entirely new highway board in through sympathy with the incoming administration and for a board of the best business men obtainable. This board has the distribution and spending of many millions of the taxes of the people of Texas and needs the highest business talent in its membership. Future road building in Texas is going to depend largely on the confidence of Texans in the business ability and integrity of the highway board. Should there be evidence of waste or mismanagement in the building and maintenance of Texas highways after the new administration goes in, there will be very few bond issues voted and very little support for any kind of taxation for the state roads. Texas can not go forward without making progress in road building and can not afford to make mistakes now in the selection of its highway commissioners.

Road Interest Increases

Already the people are beginning to show that they have confidence that, whatever the blunders of the past may have been, road funds will be judiciously spent in the future. Cameron county is to vote on a

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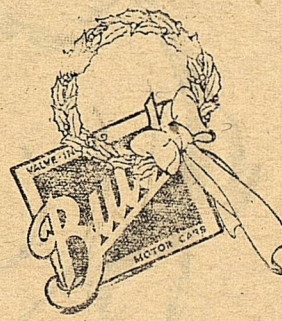
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\$6,000,000 road bond issue. Floyd county is proposing \$500,000 in bonds. Bond issues are under consideration in many other counties. Eight counties around Houston have a road organization to co-operate in securing good roads for the entire district and incidentally, to endeavor to get a highway commissioner appointed from that part of the State. Naturally the new commission should be somewhat distributed through the state, but men should be selected who will be above localization and who in all their actions will be governed by the interests of the whole state rather than any section of it.

Hats Off To Holcombe

For the fourth time Oscar F. Holcombe has been elected mayor of Houston. To be mayor of a progressive city like Houston is as responsible a position as being Governor of Texas and requires as much business ability and even more political integrity, for local people demand much of local officials. Houston has prospered wonderfully under the Holcombe administrations, and the mayor has had a big share in that prosperity.

Co-Operative Farm Market

The club women of Mitchell county have created and are successfully operating at Colorado, the County site, a farm women's co-operative market at which farm products are sold direct to the consumers. The market is locally handled by the clubs of the city without expense to the farm women and in such a way that the best market prices are obtainable for such farm products as butter and eggs, fruits and vegetables. Aside from the financial benefits accruing to the farm women, the co-operative market affords a splendid means of uniting town and country women in a worthy co-operative effort.

San Marcos Cotton Mill

The San Marcos Cotton Mill, work on which was begun several years ago and was stopped because of failure of the cotton crop in that locality has been granted a permit under the Texas blue sky law to sell \$350,000 of its stock to complete and start the undertaking. The big gingham mill at the neighboring town of New Braunfels is a great success and there is no reason why the San Marcos project should not be equally successful.

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Book of the Month
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Corinne Griffith in
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Tuesday and Wednesday
December 21 and 22
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Thursday December 23
Betty Bronson in
THE CAT'S PAJAMAS

Friday December 24
Jack Hoxie in
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Saturday December 25
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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS TODAY

APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS THIS AFTERNOON AT TWO. ALL INVITED

Appropriate Christmas programs will be given throughout the various departments of our city schools this afternoon, to all of which the public is cordially invited. This will conclude the work in our schools before the holidays, the school board having voted unanimously at its last meeting to allow two weeks for the Xmas and New Year Holidays. The schools will be dismissed Friday, and will resume work again Monday, the third of January 1927. The programs follow by departments:

- HIGH SCHOOL**
Opera Chorus—Hail to the New Born King, Lansing
Literary Society
Reading—Passage from Luke, Luke 2-518
Literary Society
Piano Solo—Balancelle, Mazuraka Paul Wachs
Lucille Thomas
Reading—Peter Sorghum in Love, Burnett
Eulalia Whitefield
Selections—
Orchestra
Scripture Reading—Selected
Mr. Shiflet
Story—The First Christmas, Bailly
Elma Collins
Song—Schubert's Serenade, Weston

- Reading—It came upon a midnight clear, Sears
Christmas Song—Field.
Pianologue—Why, Selected
Shirley Hyde
Reading—Christmas Kid, Selected
C. A. Goldsmith
Pantomime—Christmas Eve Curiosity, Irish
Third Grade Girls
Sog—Santa We'll Be Good, Weaver
Department
Reading—Poor Santa Claus, Selected
Melvin Cooksey
Song—Jingle Bells, Sawyer
Department

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Talk—Rev. Geo. F. Brown.
Chorus—Winter Song, Bullard
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CENTRAL WARD
Luke 11. 8-14—Bible
Department
Morning Prayer—Wiggins
Department
Christmas Story—Talk
Rev. T. O. Rorie
First Christmas—Smith
Department
Sleep, Gentle Mother—Verdi
Department
Piano Duet—Selected
Ida Beth Cowden—Martha L Nobles
Cradle Song—Simrock
Department
Christmas Everywhere—Brooks
Department
Ukelele Selections—Songs
Helen Margaret Ulmer
Silent Night—Gruber
Department
PRIMARY DEPARTMENT
Central Ward
Song—Silent Night
Prayer
Department
Dialogue—What means Christmas
Fourth Grade
Song—Christmas Stockings, Irish
Second Grade
An Acrostic—Christmas, Selie