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## Petroleum Building To Start In Three Weeks

### Distinction List Second Six Weeks

Enrollment Now Is 1054; 90 Per Cent Passing in All Work

The second six weeks for the present session of our public schools closed December 2. Reports for that period show a total enrollment of 1,026 with 90 per cent passing in all work and 440 winning distinction in their respective studies.

Since these reports were made, 28 new pupils have been admitted, which has brought the present enrollment to 1,054. The present enrollment in the five different departments is as follows:

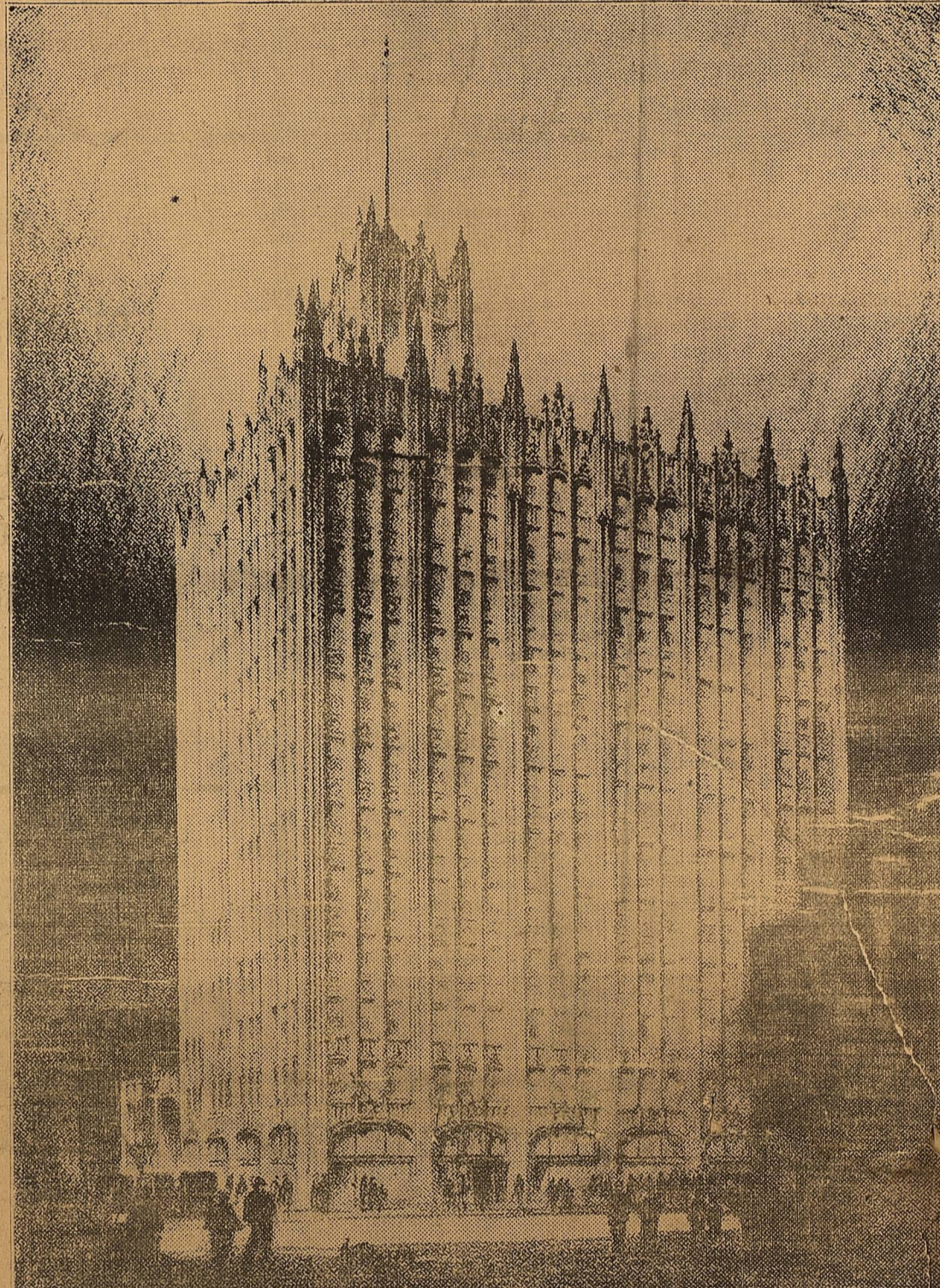
Junior High School	278
Junior High School	140
North Ward School	308
South Ward School	288
Mexican School	40

Grand total 1054

Following will be found the distinction list reports from the high school, the junior high school, north ward school and south ward school for the second six weeks.

#### High School

- Ralph Hallman 98.
- Edna Nolan 96 1-2.
- Imogene Simmons 96 2-5.
- Wallace Ross 96.
- Dorothy Manning 95 4-5.
- Lucille Thomas 95 3-5.
- Bernice Hill 95 3-5.
- Bennie Sue Ratliff 95 2-5.
- Bush Ed
- Obera
- Stella
- Golla
- Rae Sowell 95.
- Tommie Smith 94 4-5.
- Martha Ellen Ryan 94 1-2.
- Lillian Dunaway 94 2-5.
- Hayden Covington 94 1-4.
- Oval Ellen Walters 94 1-4.
- Jeanette Waddell 94.
- Margaret Francis 94.
- Evelyn Garlington 93 4-5.
- Alma Lee Norwood 93 3-5.
- Marie Hill 93 3-5.
- Tereasa McQuatters 93 3-5.
- Lloyd McKinney 93 1-4.
- Oswald Raggett 93 1-5.
- Catherine Dunaway 93.
- Clara Jesse 93.
- Elva Smith 93.
- Azier Harper 92 3-4.
- Evelyn Adams 92 3-4.
- Pet Key Collum 92 1-2.
- Nellie Stephenson 92 2-5.
- Ray Gwyn 92 2-5.
- Mary Belle Pratt 92 1-5.
- Mamie Dale 92 1-5.
- Elma Collins 92 1-5.
- Eulalia Whitefield 92 1-5.
- Flossie Caywood 92.
- Venoy Parr 92.
- Anna Belle Rush 92.
- Colla Bledsoe 91 4-5.
- Paul Brooks 91 3-4.
- Alvon Patterson 91 3-4.
- Alden Golladay 91 1-2.
- Jeanett Tyner 91 2-5.
- Ollie Knox 91 1-4.
- Dorothy Ratliff 91 1-4.
- Ernest McKinney 91 1-4.
- Hope Woody 91 1-5.
- J. C. Pogue 91.
- Martha Louise Nobles 91.
- Lona Stanley 91.
- Barron Wadley 90 4-5.
- M. D. Johnson 90 3-4.
- Lucy B. Myrick 90 3-5.
- Helen Margaret Ulmer 90 3-5.
- Ida Beth Cowden 90 2-5.
- Johannie D. Underwood 90 1-4.
- Jess Edith Carlisle 90.
- Vie Cosper 89 4-5.
- Hoyt Baker 89 4-5.
- Reynald Morgan 89 4-5.
- Lois Bryant 89 1-2.
- Mildred Wallace 89 1-2.
- Avalyn Pogue 89 1-2.
- Drotha Johnson 89 1-2.
- Chester Harris 89 1-4.
- Thomas Lee Speed 89 1-4.
- Geraldine Brooks 89 1-5.
- Imogene Cox 89 1-5.
- Elizabeth Smith 8 1-5.
- Emily Flanagan 89.
- Edith Sundquist 89.
- Marie Andrews 89.
- Lela McQuatters 89.
- Annie Laura Hix 89.
- Harvey Fryar 89.
- Clasico George 88 4-5.
- Lucille Cole 88 3-4.



THE PETROLEUM BUILDING - MR. T. S. HOGAN - OWNER - MIDLAND - TEXAS - WYATT C. HEDRICK, INC. ARCHITECTS - FORT WORTH - TEX.

- Harwell Whitmire 88 3-4.
- Nez Cosper 88 3-4.
- Ruth Wolcott 88 1-2.
- Addilese Haag 88 2-5.
- Juanita Johnson 88.
- Ida Mae Houston 88.
- Harold Blodgett 88.
- Elizabeth Hale 88.
- Catherine Case 88.
- Donovan Gwyn 88.
- Ruth Norton 88.
- Rena Armstrong 87 1-2.
- Doris Bryant 87 1-2.
- Eulalah Beacham 87 1-2.
- Witzel Whitmire 87 1-4.
- C. G. Twilley 87.
- Jack Hewitt 87.
- Sadie Bradshaw 87.
- Tom Potter 87.
- Ford Schrock 87.
- Dean Bryant 87.
- Marion Wadley 87.
- Joseph Archer 86 1-2.
- Leora Skaggs 86 2-5.
- Mary Catherine Hogsett 86 1-4.
- Lottie Fay Wright 86 1-4.
- Mable Dale 86 1-4.
- Mary Wallace 86.
- Vivian Sullivan 86.
- Mary Lauderdale 86.
- Dennis Fleenor 86.
- Marie Hamlin 86.
- Dick Twilley 86.
- Dorothy Campbell 85 4-5.
- Bobby Blodgett 85 3-4.
- Merle Craddock 85 3-4.
- Earl Ray 85 3-4.
- John Flood 85 1-2.
- Dwight Hebsien 85 1-2.
- Nancy Rankin 85 2-5.
- R. V. Perrine 85 1-4.
- Ruby Hodges 85 1-5.
- Alta Mae Johnson 85.
- Mildred Lynch 85.
- Robert Fines 85.
- Ruth Fryar 85.

- Thelma Rush 95 1-2.
- Isobell Lumsden 95 1-6.
- Nelle Wayne Carlisle 94 1-3.
- Ruth Long 94 1-3.
- Ruth Pratt 93 2-3.
- Donna Merle Mascho 93 2-3.
- Joyce Draper 93 1-3.
- Annette Dorsey 93 1-3.
- J. E. Hill 93 1-3.
- Jack Garlington 92 5-6.
- Louise Greenhill 92 2-3.
- Susan Gooch 92 1-2.

- H. L. Straughn 92 1-2.
- Tessie Faye Draper 92 1-6.
- Dorothy Holzgraf 91 5-6.
- Olga Lucille Trammel 91 2-3.
- Joe Beane 91 2-3.
- Dorothy Bess Stanley 91 1-2.
- Elle Marguerite Tyner 91 1-2.
- Charline Parrott 91 1-2.
- Rena Morton 91 1-3.
- Ruby Brown 91 1-3.
- Myrtle McGraw 91.

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### FIRST NATIONAL BANK REACHES THIRTY EIGHTH YEAR JANUARY 1ST

ONE OF MIDLAND'S OLDEST BUSINESS INSTITUTIONS IS NOW ENJOYING MOST PROSPEROUS STAGE OF ITS HISTORY.

The First National Bank of Midland, organized in 1890, is probably the second oldest institution in Midland, and will reach its thirty-eighth birthday on January 1.

With a capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$100,000, the bank has long been one of the strongest in West Texas, and is now enjoying a stage of unusual prosperity. Deposits have been well past the million mark for several months.

The bank enjoys the distinction of being the largest banks in the state. J. T. Pemberton, now president of the F. and M. Bank of Fort Worth, was formerly president of the First National of Midland. W. E. Connell, formerly a president of this bank, is now president of the First National Bank of Fort Worth. Clarence Scharbauer, cattleman and capitalist of Midland, is now president; E. R. Bryan and W. H. Cowden Jr. are vice-presidents; M. C. Ulmer is cashier, and Allen Tolbert is assistant cashier. Directors are Clarence Scharbauer, E. R. Bryan, W. H. Cowden, Jr., Jax M. Cowden, H. J. Neblett, and M. C. Ulmer. Other employees of the bank, besides the cashier and assistant cashier are Miss Drusilla Lord, private secretary and stenographer, B. F. Ross, and J. P. Butler, tellers; Miss Johnnie Roberts and K. E. Nutt Jr. bookkeepers; Mrs. Inez Ulmer, clerk. The First Loan and Mortgage Co. is also owned and controlled by the Cowden Jr. and has total resources of \$75,000.

### MORE OIL COMPANIES TO HAVE ACCOMMODATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE

#### SPLENDID OFFICE QUARTERS TO BE AVAILABLE IN SUMMER OF 1928.

That actual construction of the Petroleum Building, handsome twelve-story edifice pictured in the accompanying illustration, will be started within three weeks, is made public today in an official announcement by T. S. Hogan.

Included in the plans for the Petroleum Building is a magnificent theater, with a seating capacity of 1,500 people.

A number of oil companies are reported to have made arrangements for office space in the new office building since it was announced several days ago, and Mr. Hogan assures other companies that every effort will be made to take care of them during the time of construction of the building. Everything possible will be done to do away with delays, and the builder plans to have it ready by the early summer of 1928.

With every office in the newly completed six-story John B. Thomas Building occupied, the Petroleum Building announced by Mr. Hogan will fill one of the greatest needs of Midland at the present time.

Wyatt C. Hedrick, well known Fort Worth architect, is perfecting the plans, so that contract may be let within the very near future.

#### Development Started.

Announcement was made on September 27th by Mr. Hogan, immediately after his purchase of valuable business, residence and acreage property in Midland, that he proposed to provide a Petroleum Building, a nursery, a theater of large proportions, a hospital and other needed things in Midland.

The nursery has been installed here, in West Midland, and trees, shrubs and other nursery stock are already on hand. A sunken garden is being built, and plans are under way for beautifying the great tract of property in West Midland which Mr. Hogan recently bought.

Mr. Hogan frankly states that his faith in Midland is practically unlimited. With the gigantic oil pools in Crane County, Pecos County, Winkler County and other locations near Midland, he believes that it will take many years to develop the fields. It will take ten years and an expenditure of over fifty million dollars to develop the McElroy pool alone, according to Mr. Hogan.

Comparing Midland to Tulsa, Mr. Hogan states that Midland has everything that Tulsa had at the same stage in life, with a great population. Tulsa now has a population of over 100,000.

#### Prideaux Supplied Materials for the Thomas Building

A story was inadvertently omitted in the Thomas Building section of the last issue of The Reporter, stating that the T. R. Prideaux Lumber Co. supplied the El Toro cement, all of the form lumber for the concrete frame work, and a number of other materials.

These items were some of the biggest used in the big building. The Prideaux firm located its yard in Midland several months ago, and has been active here in the building trade. R. J. Moore is manager, and Mr. Prideaux also spends much of his time here.

#### ATTENDED FUNERAL OF HIS MOTHER

Dr. John B. Thomas returned last week end from Fort Worth and Abilene, having attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. B. M. Thomas, at Abilene last Thursday. Her death came in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Miss Read Thomas will leave this evening for Big Springs where she will assist her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Hur, in arranging the welcome for Santa Claus. Mrs. J. B. Thomas and Lucile Thomas and J. B. Jr., will leave early Sunday mornin to spend the holidays with Mrs. Thomas' parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hurt.

Miss Ruth Norwood returned last night from T. W. C. at Fort Worth, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Robert Currie and son, Henry, visited in McCamey Tuesday.

The hat tops all othre gifts. Why not give her a hat for Christmas. Grey Rose Millinery and Gift Shoppe.

#### OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING

Our Christmas greeting to the readers of The Reporter is in the nature of thanks for the past year's patronage, best wishes for the merriest of holidays, hope that the next year may be even greater than the past, and that the people of Midland, new and old, may become more firmly united each day. A merry Christmas to all!

#### KNIGHT TEMPLARS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

WILL HEAR REV. BRO. GEORGE BROWN CHRISTMAS SERMON SUNDAY.

Knight Templars are called to assemble at the Masonic Lodge Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, in full uniform, and will go to the Baptist Church at eleven o'clock to hear a special Christmas sermon by the Rev. George Brown, pastor. His subject will be the "Spirit of Christmas."

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edwards, Miss Jerra Edwards and Chas. Jr., will motor through to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Cowley and family at Hunt near Keerville.

#### J. U. G. PARTY ELABORATE AFFAIR

Miss Opal Pyle was hostess to the members of the J. U. G. club and friends last evening at her home. The reception suite was beautiful in decoration of the Christmas colors and emblems. The mantle over the spacious fire place was draped in snowy cotton, sprinkled with Christmas snow. Tall red tapers burned from attractive holders. Mistletoe and holly adorned the light shades and filled vases placed at vantage points.

The tallies further carried out the decorative theme, in small cut outs of Santa Claus. In Santa's pack on his back was found the score pad where Miss Ruby York succeeded in running up the biggest score and was given a clever bridge set. Mr. R. J. Nolan received high score for the men and was rewarded with a box of linen handkerchiefs.

The Christmas spirit was further carried out in the refreshments for the evening, which consisted of perfection salad, hot rolls, pickles, olives, pink ice cream molded into jolly Santa Clauses' angel food cake, and coffee.

Those to enjoy the lovely hospitality of Miss Pyle were Miss Eunice and Nell Nolan, Lenora and Myrtle Whitmire, Ruby York, Louise Hill, Sallye and Rosalie Orson, and Mrs. Ethel Reynolds; Messers W. M. Burress, R. J. Nolan, Parker Garvie, Robert Montgomery, Bob Briggs, J. W. Smith, E. L. Townsend, Tom Davis, Vernon Floyd, W. G. Epley and Dr. D. K. Ratliff.

Unhappy Those Whose Hearts Are Wrinkled

A wrinkled face is often a natural. Wrinkles can tell a story. They have a charm of their own. "Never mind about wrinkles of face," said an old French writer, "take care that you have not a wrinkled heart."

That was a striking image, says the London Chronicle. The meaning is plain. We all know people whose hearts are wrinkled. They are not people we like or admire. There is old Mr. Greedy, for example, whose heart has a deep furrow of selfishness across it. He has always thought of himself first; has sought his own advantage and cared nothing for the welfare of others. This is the result.

The heart of the cruel man is notched by a series of horrid marks, almost gashes; that of the lazy man has little flabby dents on it.

"Calais," Queen Mary said, would be found on her heart. On the hearts of everyone of us our thoughts, our passions, our ideals, our endeavors, leave marks faint or strong. Let us beware they do not make ugly marks. A sorry burden is a wrinkled heart.

Dominant Traits Not Transmitted by Male

It is women, and not men, in the long run, who transmit family traits, points out Libeta Childre Dorr in an article in Liberty.

"Highly-bred male lines run out long before female lines of equal rank," continues the author. "Constant wars account, in some measure, for this. In every great war large numbers of superior males are killed off, leaving inferior types to perpetuate the race. The superior women, however, are not killed off, and they not only transmit their heritage to future generations, but they educate and train the children born to the inferior male types."

"Even leaving wars out of the question, it is a strange fact that lineal male lines disappear earlier than the female lines. Thus women are not only the physical carriers of the race, but carriers also of its cultural heritage."

What Is the Ego?

When I lift my hand eight inches I turn a leaf of the novel I am reading. I put into operation more science will ever explain. There are so numerous and intricate that science will never comprehend. It is mere listing of them. The human intellect cannot know much about the mysteries that are in the action of a muscle. All our philosophers, after 25 centuries of ardent analysis, cannot determine whether I resolve to turn the leaf or whether "it" is just a name for the joint action of some nervous forces. Our physiologists have no conception of what "it" is. So nothing can be known of the origin of this motion of my arm. It simply appeared from a region as unexplored as heaven.—(From "Exploring the Universe," by Henshaw, Ward.)

Middle-Age Scriveners

In the Middle ages it was not given for every one to be able to write and so letter writers, or scriveners, grew into a profession, and whenever one wished to write to a friend, one called upon the scrivener to help him, writes Frank H. Vizetelly, editor of the New Standard dictionary. At that time materials for writing were carried in metal or leather cases worn hanging from the girdle. Sometimes as many as six reed pens, and several kinds of ink, were packed away in the case. There are still places, even in England, where the quill-driver follows his calling.—Detroit News.

First Study of Comet

The comet of 1680 was the first one whose orbit was computed on the basis of the law of gravitation. Newton made the calculations and found that its period of revolution was about 600 years. At its perihelion it passed through the sun's corona at a distance of only 140,000 miles from its surface. It flew along this part of its orbit at the rate of 370 miles per second, and its tail, 100,000,000 miles long, changed its direction to correspond with the motion of the comet in its orbit.

There Was a Difference

Betty, age five, wanted a puppy and was frequently asking her father to get her one. One day daddy decided to fulfill her wish and spent one afternoon making the rounds of the pet shops, but none of the dogs seemed to suit Betty. Finally they drove out to the dog pond, where there were quite a number of dogs, all shapes and sizes. Betty was interested, but not in any one dog. The keeper of the pond said to her: "What kind of a dog did you want, little girl?" to which Betty replied, "I want a colic dog."

Favored Settlement

After little Jimmy had listened to his older brothers saying the Lord's prayer, he felt that he, too, had attained the age at which he might discard his childish prayer for the Lord's prayer. With his mother's consent, he bravely started in. All went well until he came to the words "Forgive us our debts," then his memory failed. He considered for several moments and again bowing his head he finished with, "Forgive us our debts, and help us to pay them."

Her's Cook Book

It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that many matters which agitate the public mind are not worth a thought in comparison with dietary questions to which a thought is seldom given.

THE CRUSTY CROUTON

THE use of the crouton both as a part of a dish and as a garnish is an accomplishment.

The crisp, buttery squares or triangles of bread toasted to an even brown add as much to the taste as to the appearance of a dish.

In dishes in which the meat juice is unthickened, the bits of toast soak up the juice and are thus more available for eating. The method of getting the most out of the precious juice should be considered.

Cream toast is only another form of using the toast in serving this delicious dish. Toast garnishment of circles, squares, triangles or cubes are all used to make the dish they serve go further, look better and taste good.

The crouton is prepared in various ways. Bread cut into cubes, very small ones, and browned in the oven, is spread lightly with butter. Bread unbuttered is cubed, stirred into butter and browned in the oven, or unbuttered, cut into cubes and fried in deep fat until brown. Then the croutons are lightly salted and kept in a warm place until served.

In preparing croutons the crusts of bread are always cut off. This is true of any decorative toast such as triangles or other shapes. No matter what the shape, the bread should be cut with exactness and the edges free from roughness.

A bread pudding may be a dish for a queen if prepared with care and taste. Try this for Sunday night supper:

Supper Dish.

Toast as many slices of bread as needed, until a golden brown on both sides. Spread with butter, a touch of anchovy paste, just enough to lightly season, salt, sprinkle with cheese and cover with milk and egg, one cupful of milk to an egg. Bake.

Nellie Maxwell

Character Shown by Manner of Laughing

"People who laugh heartily may be trusted," said a student of psychology recently. "These people laugh with the eyes and the whole body as well as the vocal cords, and they are usually generous and sympathetic."

"Laughter is a sure indication of character. The man who laughs in his throat with a strained, strident, or sneering strain, and not always over-scrupulous in his methods."

"Inside laughers," whose shaking shoulders express their mirth, are good-natured, and make excellent parents, while those who laugh without a smile are hard-hearted and cruel. People with little jerky laughs are often of shallow character, and are unable to withstand temptation. They are, however, often mentally brilliant."

"People who laugh explosively and loudly are not the hearty, bluff creatures they are generally believed to be."

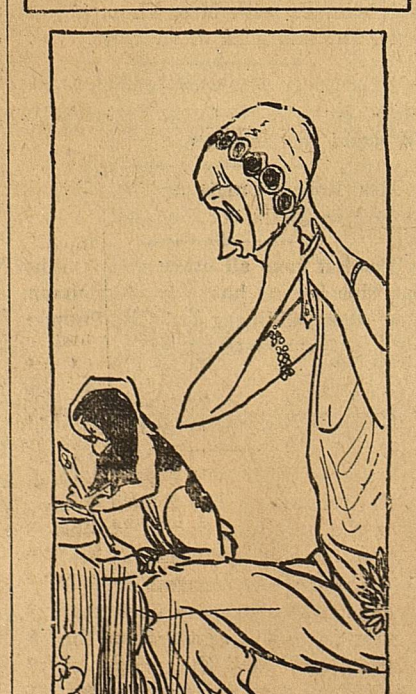
"The large-hearted souls are those who laugh but rarely, but whose joy is reflected in eyes, lips, and face."

Take Time to Smile

Smiles are antiseptic. The honey bees outnumber the hornets. Insults, like mud, drop off when dry. Smile, or the spectators will think you are a flat tire. Laugh or other tourists will conclude you have run past your garage.

Quit crying; too much of this gloomy salt water now. Borrow some yeast and put it into your dough. Laughing is the best way of lifting the face and then one side will not be higher than the other. The strongest fort in the world is comfort. There is no law against laughing.—Exchange.

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says debt is a terrible burden and no man with a family should buy a car until the mortgage on the home is completely foreclosed.

MICKIE SAYS—

AN AEROPLANE HAS GOT TO KEEP GOING OR DOWN IT COMES! NO SUCH THING AS STANDING STILL! SAME WAY WITH ANY BUSINESS, ITS GOT TO PAY A PROFIT OR QUIT. ONE OF THE SUREST WAYS OF MAKING A BUSINESS PAY IS TO RUN A REGULAR AD ABOUT IT IN YOUR HOME PAPER.



Walter Elkin, student in Clarendon College, will be home to spend the holidays with W. S. Elkin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldredge Estes and son, Partner, are in Sutherland Springs, visiting relatives and friends during the holidays.

WORKS HARD, DANCES, GAINS 3 LBS A WEEK

"I work hard, dance and have gained 3 pounds a week since taking Vinol. My nervousness is almost all gone."—Mrs. F. Lang.

Vinol is a delicious compound of cod liver peptone, iron, etc. Nervous, easily tired, anemic people are surprised how Vinol gives new pep, sound sleep and a BIG appetite. The very first bottle often adds several pounds weight to thin children or adults. Tastes delicious.—Taylor's Drug Store.

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Hiram E. Gardner, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Hiram E. Gardner; Miles J. Herndon, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Miles J. Herndon; D. Flanigan and Margaret M. Flanigan, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said D. Flanigan and Margaret M. Flanigan, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not then in any newspaper published in the 70th judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held in Midland, Texas, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 19th day of December A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 2038, wherein F. L. Williams, as surviving husband of Capitola Williams, Winnie Prothro, joined by her husband J. M. Prothro, Lotta Williams, a feme sole, Alma Ligon, joined by her husband, Otis Ligon, these being the surviving heirs of Mrs. Capitola Williams, deceased, and O. D. Dillingham are plaintiffs, and Hiram E. Gardner, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Hiram E. Gardner; Miles J. Herndon, if living, and if not living then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Miles J. Herndon; D. Flanigan and Margaret M. Flanigan, if living, and if not living then the un-

known heirs and legal representatives of the said D. Flanigan and Margaret M. Flanigan, are defendants, said petition alleging:

Plaintiffs allege that they and those under whom they hold have had open, notorious, visible, adverse and peaceable possession sufficiently under the terms of the law to perfect their title by limitations of five years and by limitation of ten years and pray that their title by limitation be established, and that the deeds by virtue of which the defendants claim apparent title be cancelled and held for naught, and the cloud created thereby be removed from the title of the plaintiffs herein; and further pray for general relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court on the said first day

of the term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the City of Midland, Texas, this 19th day of December, 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy Issued this 19th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of District Court of Midland County.

By Virgie Ringo, Deputy 25

May the New Year ahead bring you increasing strength and happiness

Popular Variety Store

Christmas



The good will of our patrons and friends is one of our most valuable assets. The spirit of the season brings to us renewed appreciation of old associates and of the value of new friends. May your Christmas be happy and successful attend your New Year, is the cordial wish of the personnel and sales force of

Wadley-Wilson Co.

Oscar Ragsdale was over from Monahan Tuesday transacting business.

Mesdames Julia Tubb and E. L. Kelly were over from Odessa shopping Tuesday.

Misses Velma and Vivian Blaisdale of Sterling City were Midland visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nance were up from Stanton Tuesday to do Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McNeerlin were Midland visitors from Tarzan Tuesday.

Ray Coleman is home for the holidays from A. & M.

Leslie Floyd is in from the ranch to spend the holidays.

Mrs. M. C. Pierce from Odessa shopped in Midland Tuesday.



## Say "Merry Christmas" With a Gift From Our Store

**SHIRTS**  
Manhattans, in all styles  
\$2.50 to \$3.50

**SWEATERS**  
In new designs  
\$3.50 to \$8.50

**Handkerchiefs**  
Plain, Initial or Fancy  
25c to 75c

**Leather Novelties**  
Bill Folds, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Military Sets  
\$2.00 to \$12.00

**NECKWEAR**  
Bright silks in gold stripes and new figured designs  
\$1.00 to \$3.00

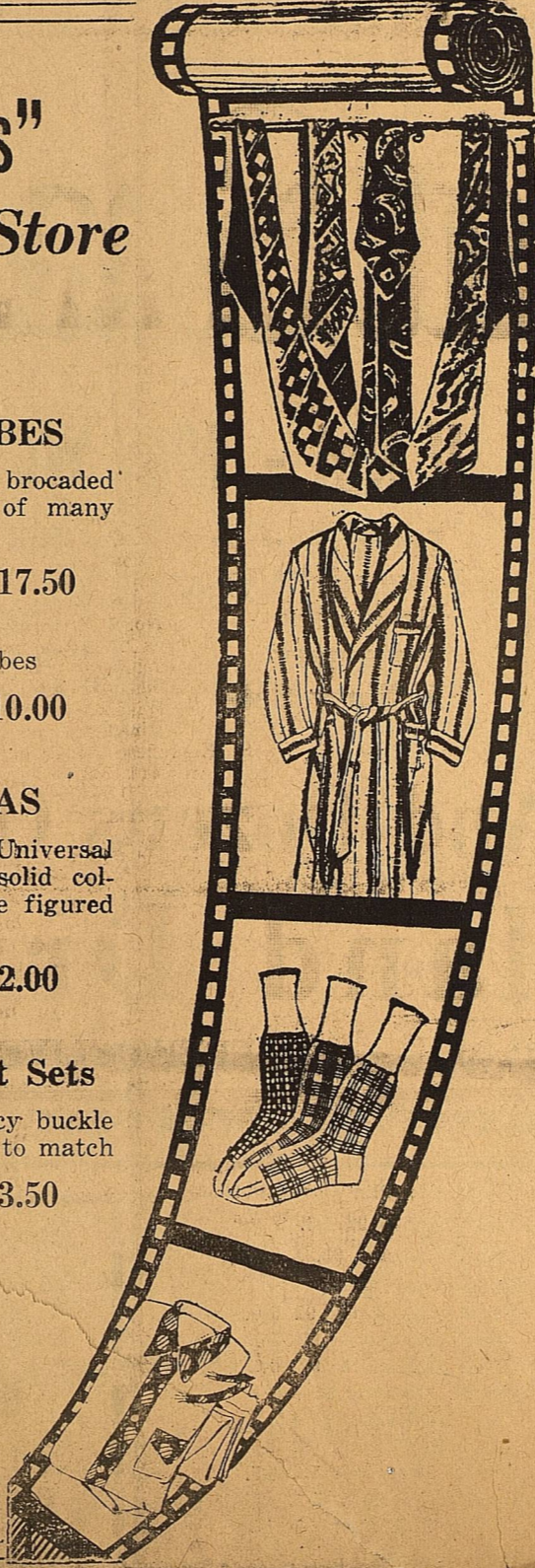
**SILK ROBES**  
Handsome new brocaded patterns, choice of many colors.  
\$13.50 to \$17.50

Flannel Robes  
\$7.50 to \$10.00

**PAJAMAS**  
Manhattan and Universal makes. Bright solid colors and attractive figured patterns.  
\$2.50 to 12.00

**Modern Belt Sets**  
Leather belt, fancy buckle and watch guard to match  
\$2.50 to \$3.50

**WELCH CLOTHING CO.**  
"Everything to Wear"



### Work of Locksmiths

#### Encouraged by Kings

The evolution of the lock in France may be traced in great part to the direct encouragement given to the craft by her kings. It was Charles VIII who in 1411 made it compulsory for every locksmith apprentice who aimed at becoming a master to produce a "chef d'oeuvre" lock of such degree that it would entail anything from one year to two in the making. The delicate and intricate examples that are treasured in museums are mostly drawn from the test pieces, none of which, however, bears the name of the smith, though the majority are sufficiently interesting to merit a signature. The forge had little connection with such locks and none was cast in the rough. Great is the ingenuity brought to bear on them in order to display some hitherto unexploited device or to break some fresh ground in ornament. For strong boxes there were contrived locks that are a miracle of intricacy.

Under Francois I, an enthusiastic patron of the locksmith, the craft reached its summit, whence it was then to decline, if not in respect of elaboration, at least in respect of true beauty and feeling. Under Louis XIII, who was so keen a lover of fine ironwork that he himself toiled at the forge and in the workshop, the lock excelled in point of mechanism and ingenuity, but rapidly deteriorated from the esthetic standpoint. It had reached the point where the production of puzzle and letter locks began to take precedence of locks that represented compositions of real artistic quality.

### Grasshopper Vane Not

#### Original With Faneuil

It is generally conceded that when Peter Faneuil caused a large grasshopper to be placed on top of Faneuil hall in Boston as a weathervane, he did it in emulation of Thomas Gresham, who 176 years before had given his home city, London, a handsome bourse for merchants, dedicated by Queen Elizabeth as the Royal Exchange and crowned by the Gresham family crest, a gilded grasshopper. The grasshopper had been adopted for a crest by the Greshams obviously because the name Gresham is regarded as a corruption of the German word for grasshopper, "grasheim." Faneuil undoubtedly had seen the London grasshopper and liked it, so he chose it for the building he gave to Boston. The Faneuil hall grasshopper has fallen to the street three times in its 155 years' existence, once in the famous 1755 earthquake, again in 1761 when the building was burned, and finally in 1880, as a result of getting entangled with the flagpole balliards. After the 1755 tumble a demolished leg had to be replaced, and in 1880 new "glass eyes" as well as horns and required.—Detroit News.

### Nomad Weavers

The inhabitants of eastern Asia are, generally speaking, a very ignorant class, education being almost unknown. From the top of a hill one may look down on a wide valley some 20 miles in width and observe a dozen or more black tents woven of goats' hair which are the homes of nomad weavers. These people, whose livelihood depends almost entirely on their flocks, are forced, and have been forced for untold generations to move about from place to place in search of pasturage, which is ever meager in this land of scanty rainfall. As one would expect, this mode of living has made these people a virile race, strong in body, but entirely devoid of culture.

### Vinegar in History

Vinegar was first made from wine, as its name indicates, at a remote period. Biblical writers mentioned it, and Hippocrates used it as a medicine. By the sixteenth century vinegar from grapes was being produced in France for home consumption and for export. In England vinegar was first made from malt liquors; a method of disposing of ale and beer which had soured. For this reason it was known as "alegar." Although this name has long since become obsolete, malt vinegar is still the standard in the British Isles. It is not known just when vinegar was first made in the United States, certainly very early as a home product.

### Enough Herrings for All

That great sea bird, the gannet or solan goose, requires a large amount of fish. There are not many breeding haunts in these islands, but the few that we have are wonderful bird fortresses, for the birds congregate in their thousands, occupying every available ledge on the giant cliffs they choose for their home. The gannets of Great Britain alone consume not less than 60,000,000 herrings a year, yet there appears to be plenty in the sea for them and us. If every gannet in the world were exterminated, I doubt if it would make the slightest difference to the amount of herrings captured by our fishermen.—London Mail.

### He Threw a Turnip

A society woman called on a famous painter who, when necessity arose, could express himself with emphasis. Her ceaseless chatter did not permit him to get in a word edgewise. At length a pause to take breath allowed him to say, "We had boiled turnip and turnips for lunch today." "What a strange observation!" the woman exclaimed. "Well," he said, "it is as good as anything you have been saying for the last two hours."—London Tit-Bits.

### Whale Once High in

#### Favor as a Delicacy

The scientists who returned from the Antarctic in the famous Discovery—after two years' investigation into the secrets of the whale's life—have been more interested in what the whale eats than in the whale itself as an article of food. Yet, at one time in England, the flesh of the whale was esteemed a luxury and always appeared in the menus at royal banquets.

The whale, the sturgeon, and the porpoise were, in fact, regarded as royal fish, to which private individuals had no right except by special grant from the crown. Even then, some portion was often reserved for the king.

The tongue of the porpoise, like caviare, was considered a special delicacy, and when Henry I—whose death from a surfeit of lampreys shows him to have been an epicure where fish was concerned—granted the bishop of London the right to all porpoises taken on his territory, he specially excepted "the tongue, which I have retained for myself."

The whale and the porpoise are not the only fish which have been eclipsed by the vagaries of taste. The herring, too, which is said to be now vanishing rapidly in favor, was not in early days considered too cheap a dish to set before a king. The city of Norwich used to render annually to the king 24 pies of the first fresh herrings of the season.—London Tit-Bits.

### Arkansas Cotton Gin

#### One of Earliest Made

Rambling about the Ozark mountains, an artist of Little Rock, Ark., discovered an ancient cotton gin, said to be one hundred years old and one of the oldest of its tribe. Constructed on the same principle as the roller gin and other more modern improvements, this historic ginning device differs from later structural variations only in capacity. It literally represents the infancy of cotton ginning. Its construction is that of a box with out a top. One end is open, while the other end is fitted ingeniously with two rollers, one on top of the other. Between these cylinders the cotton was fed by hand. The opposite or eccentric motion of the rollers, which were made of hickory rollers, which are so closely as to gin the cotton, cured by the belting of the rollers on each side of the open end, and the wheels at the ginning end.

Turning of a wooden handle at the open end fitted to one of the wheels operates the device. The wheels are bigger at the open end of the box and are connected by the smaller drum by cotton cord.

### The "Seven Seas"

Col. G. E. Gerini in his "Researches on Ptolemy's Geography of Eastern Asia" traces the expression "seven seas" back to Indian and Chinese legend. From the "Puranas" Colonel Gerini has made the following list of seven seas: Sea of Salt Water, surrounds India; Sea of Sugar Cane Juice, surrounds Burma; Sea of Wine, surrounds the Malay Peninsula; Sea of Clarified Butter, surrounds the Sunda archipelago; Sea of Milk, surrounds Siam and Cambodia; Sea of Curds and Whey, surrounds southern China; Sea of Fresh Water, surrounds northern China and Mongolia. It is apparent, therefore, that the idea of the seven seas is of considerable antiquity and the original list may be older.

### Valuable Oil

Cod-liver oil has long been popularly employed in northern Europe in rheumatic and strumous diseases. It was first brought to the notice of the profession generally by German practitioners and had acquired great reputation on the continent before it was used to any extent in Great Britain. At Manchester, in England, it was employed by the medical profession in the treatment of chronic rheumatism and gout as early as 1763, but it was not until the appearance of the treatise of Professor Bennett of Edinburgh, 1841, that it came into general notice in Great Britain and the United States.

### Death Double Victor

Death was twice a victor in a mighty battle between two deer for the supremacy of the forest range in Montgomery. After the antlers of the deer became locked the two pulled, and tugged until one fell with a broken neck. Then the winner prepared to leave the scene to take up his leadership. He was unable to shake his antlers loose from those of the defeated foe. The body of the dead deer was dragged for many feet until the living one dropped from sheer exhaustion. Death overtook it in the form of starvation and exposure.—Boston Globe.

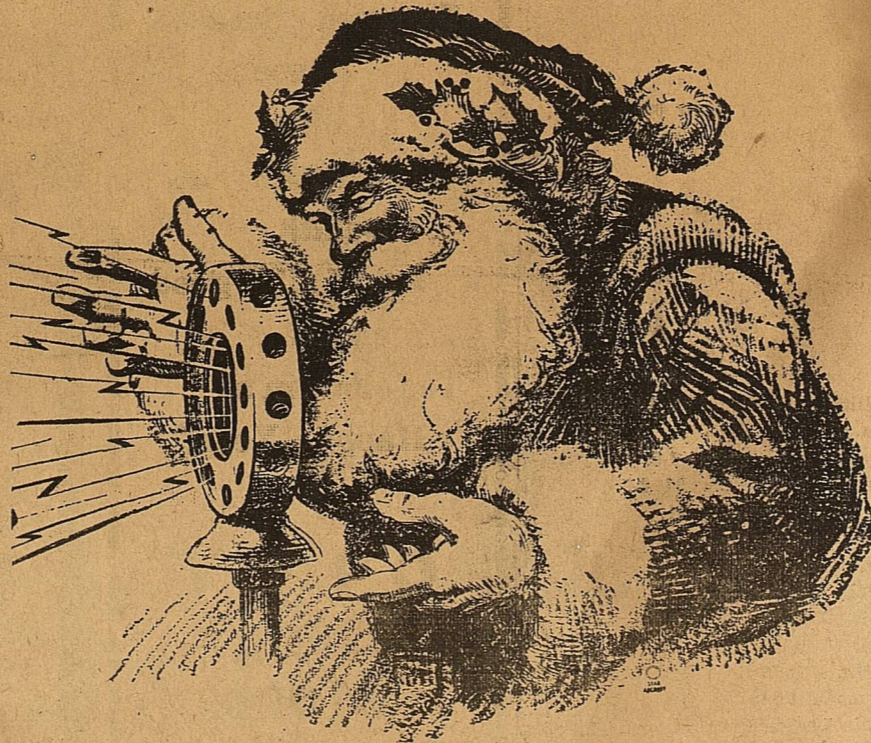
### "Digger" Indians

"Diggers" was a name given to a number of tribes of North American Indians in California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Arizona, which speak widely different languages and comprise a number of distinct linguistic stocks. The name is used especially to designate the Bannock, Pluteo and other Shoshonean tribes known to use roots extensively for food and who are hence "diggers" (in English); but it is a coincidence that the terminal syllables "dika" and "tika" are common in Shoshonean and other tribes.

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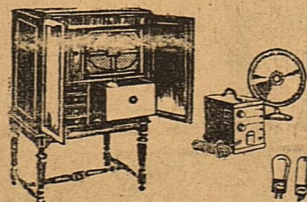
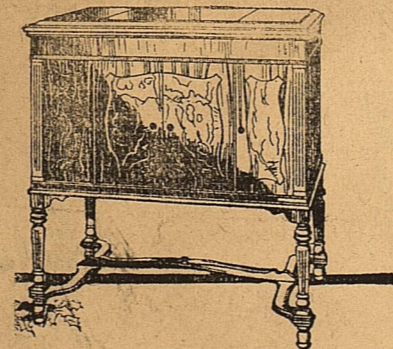
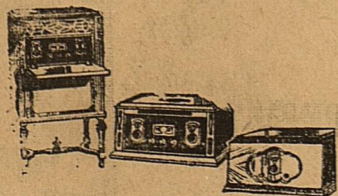
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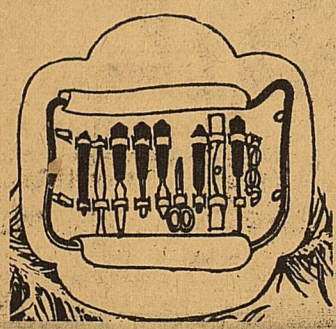
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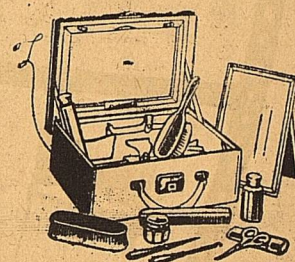
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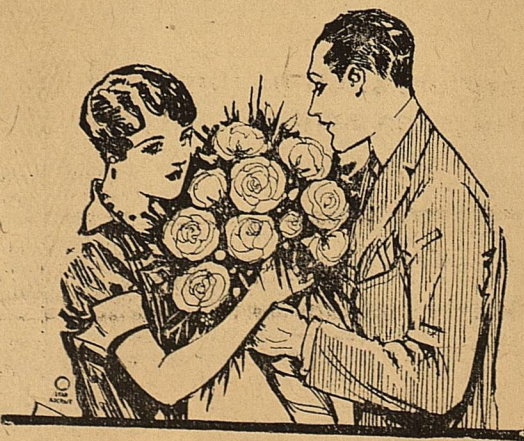
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## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT MANIFEST IN MIDLAND.

Not only is the Christmas spirit reflected in the home decorations, but the merchants and Chamber of Commerce and banks have caught the spirit and are spending much time and money in decorating the streets and their places of business. Beautiful colored lights adorn the streets and the store fronts. Decorated and electrically lighted Christmas trees are to be found on the sidewalks and in the stores all ready for Santa Claus to lay the presents on. Smilax, holly and mistletoe adorn the frone of one of the stores. And as the shoppers mingle in and out the age-old Christmas tunes are hummed.

The churches are all making ready with Christmas trees and programs and Santa Claus has accepted an invitation to visit each church in town and distribute gifts to all the children.

Young people's organizations in the city have asked Santa to be sure to visit the poor and needy in Midland.

Mother nature is even lending a hand in covering the ground with snowy whiteness, thus aiding St. Nick with his sleigh and reindeer.

### Presbyterians to Observe Christmas.

A Christmas play will be given in which the modern thoughts of Christmas are displayed, but the children beg Santa to come the same as of old, riding in the time-worn sleigh drawn by the well-known reindeer. Conklin Crabb will play the part of Santa in the play. Margaret Myers, Mrs. Santa Claus; Murray Faskin, Junior Claus; Fred Stout and Charlie Allen, Ting and A-Ling; Louise Wolcott, Helen Faskin and Dorothy Holzgraf, the girls; John Edward Crabb and Harold Mitchell, the boys; Lexie Jane Cragin, Merl Scott, Bobbie Lee, Mel Montgomery, Conrad Holzgraf, the boys, and the children of the Primary department and junior department will take the parts of the children. Then a short program will follow. Prayer, Lexie Jane Cragin; song, Isabelle McClintic; Lullaby song, Margaret Lee, and Good Night song by the entire Sunday School.

The entire program is under the direction of Miss Muirhead, assisted by Mrs. Montgomery, noted musician.

### Baptists to Have Christmas Tree.

Ensemble Selection, "Silent Night"—Madison, Charles and G. T. Sandidge, and Mrs. Sandidge.  
"What Santa Claus Thinks"—Paul Hyatt.  
Piano Solo, selected—Beulah Mae Coleman.  
Reading, "Christmas Wishes"—Wanda George.  
Reading "Santa Claus"—Jack Nobles.

Violin and Piano "Ring Sweet Bells"—Lorena and Barbara Gans.  
Reading "Over Went the Sleigh"—Melba Lee.  
Piano Solo "Snow Shoes"—Nell Wayne Carlisle.

Vocal Solo "Silent Night"—Fred Gordon Middleton.  
Mrs. M. R. Hill is in charge of the program.

### Christmas Tree and Program for Methodists.

The Methodist Church will observe Christmas and entertain Santa on Saturday evening at 7:30 with a short program and Christmas tree.

The program is in charge of Miss Lillie B. Williams.  
Song, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"—Junior department.  
Reading "Making People Merry"—Mervin Haag.

Dialogue "Jack and Joe"—Robert Prothro and James Franklin Cowden.  
Violin solo, "Adoration" by Borowski—Mr. Ned Watson, accompanied by Miss Lydia Watson.  
Reading "Ancient Hills" with piano accompaniment—Miss Dorothy Bess Stanley.

Closing Song, "Silent Night"—Junior Department.  
After the program, gifts will be distributed.

### Christian Church to Entertain Santa Claus.

Mrs. Charles Klaproth and Miss Elma Graves are in charge of the program to be given at the Christian church on Saturday night at 7:30.  
Song—Beginners' Department.  
Song—Elma Gene Nobles.  
Reading—Billie Mac Meeks.  
Violin duet—Lillian and Katherine Dunaway.

Reading—Billy Graves Nobles.  
Reading—Anna Beth Bedford.  
Story of Christmas, taken from Luke—Miss Cordill's Sunday school class.

## STUDENTS ENJOY RECITAL AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Paul T. Vickers entertained her students yesterday afternoon with a studio recital and Christmas party, at her down town studio, at the home of Mrs. R. C. Crabb.

At three o'clock the students covered with snow and radiant with the Christmas spirit, assembled for the program.

Each child gave a splendid number on the recital and then the games started. "Simon Says Thumbs Up" was a highly enjoyable game in which forfeits were paid and in order to redeem the treasure each child was asked to read, sing, dance or play the piano. After many other games the children were told to go to sleep and Santa Claus would come. When they awakened they found Christmas candies, an orange and a whistle in their laps.

Those to take part in the program were Francis and Wanda George, Lemoin Sindorf, Phoebe Ann Jones, Barbara Gene Harper, Katherine Carter, Billie Mac Meeks, Charles Robert Finlayson, Fred Gordon Middleton, Virginia Lee Smith, Dorothy Speed, Kathleen Scruggs, Dorothy Weinstein, John Phillip Inman, Marian Wadley, Conklin Crabb, A. W. Stanley, Dorothy Bess Stanley, Jack Garlington, Barney Grafa, Paul Hyatt, Francis Burris, Elma Collins, Louise Whitson, J. B. Thomas, Dorothy Birdsong, John Edward Crabb and Mary Beth Scruggs were visitors. Mrs. Fred Middleton played the accompaniments and Mrs. W. A. Hyatt was visitor. Several students were unable to attend on account of illness.

## MRS. BAKER HOSTESS TO AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Mrs. A. P. Baker was a charming hostess to afternoon bridge yesterday afternoon at her home in West Midland.

While the vari-shaped snow flakes fell in feather softness on the earth, seven tables of players assembled at the home of Mrs. A. P. Baker for several games of bridge.

The house was beautifully decorated in red and green streamers running from the chandelier to the corners of the rooms. In one corner next to the fire place stood an attractive Christmas tree, sparkling with bright decorations. Wall baskets were filled with mistletoe and holly branches. While silver tinsel sparkled from vantage points. The tallies were in keeping with the decorative motif traced with a gay young miss bearing an armful of Christmas holly.

At the close of the games Mrs. W. E. Wallace was high score winner and was presented with a beautiful lavender wax hyacinth in a yellow handpainted bridge set for four tables.

Candy cups were dipped into snowy whiteness with Christmas snow. The refreshments passed consisted of turkey salad, topped with candied cherries, saratoga flakes, olives, fruit cake and coffee. Plate favors were linen and lace handkerchiefs tied and wrapped in dainty Christmas packages while age old mistletoe adorned the plate, sending out the Christmas spirit.

The guests list included Mesdames Foy Proctor, John Dublin, Leon Bryant, Roy Parks, J. M. Speed, Hayden Mills, Elliott Cowden, Marvin Ulmer, Ellis Cowden, Head, Andrew Paskin, R. B. Cowden, Chas. L. Klaproth, D. E. Carter, Fred Turner, Earl Moran, Allen Tolbert, C. M. Goldsmith, W. E. Ryan, W. R. Tull, Carroll Hill, C. N. Nobles, W. E. Wallace, Jeff Haynie, J. W. Shroder, Paul T. Vickers, Karl Ratliff; Misses Lois Patterson, Leona McCormick, Lydie Watson, Clifford Heath.

Mrs. Ratliff and Mrs. Shroder assisted the hostess in serving.

## SENIORS ENJOY THEATER PARTY.

More than 50 members of the senior class enjoyed a theater party at the Palace Theater last evening when they reviewed the screen play "The Underworld." The members met at the theater and all went in together and after the show they laughed and talked and played jokes on each other, fully revealing the fact that they were filled with the Christmas spirit.

## HIGH SCHOOL ENGAGES IN SNOW BATTLES.

At the recess hour this morning at the high school the juniors and seniors staged a regular battle with snow balls. The seniors being a little older, "wiser" and heavier in weight, outwitted the juniors and put them to rout.

On the other side of the building the "Freshies" sent the sophomores scoutin' under a heavy volley of snow balls.

The entire high school seems to be bubbling over with the Holiday spirit.

## Y. W. A. MEETS IN CHURCH.

Members of the Y. W. A. met in the church Monday evening for the regular session.

The topic for discussion was "Christmas in the Foreign Lands". Miss Pearl Wimberly and Mrs. Vickers were leaders for the discussions and a splendid round table followed. Refreshments of coconut balls and Christmas candies were served at the close of the lesson.

The next meeting will be held the second Monday in January.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS SCHEDULED.

St. Nick announces that the holidays will be filled to the brim with parties, dinners, dances and frolics for all.

Invitations are out for an elaborate party at the country club on the night of the 28th with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Elkin and their daughter, Miss Lula Elkin, as hosts. Bridge, "42" and dancing will complete the evening's entertainment.

Mesdames R. Ed Cowden and R. B. Cowden will entertain with a dance at the country club on the evening of January 4, 1928. Invitations are out. The Night Bridge Club will entertain with a Christmas party on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Elliot Cowden.

P. D. A. Club announces a nine-table bridge party at the Cactus on Thursday evening of this week. The club will be hostess to their close friends.

Country club members will entertain their guests at the club rooms this evening with a Christmas dance. And dame Gossip has just whispered that a number of weddings are scheduled to take place during the holidays.

## KOLONIAL KLUB HONORS HUSBANDS

Mrs. Barney Grafa and Mrs. Edward Van Lowerre jointly entertained the members of the Kolonial Klub and their husbands last Friday evening, at the home of Mrs. Grafa.

The house was adorned with mistletoe, holly, poinsettas and Christmas bells, beautifully reflecting the holiday spirit. Pretty Christmas tallies further carried out the decorative theme.

At the close of the games, Mrs. Jeff Haynie was winner of High score, and received a beautiful bridge set. Mr. Owens received a hammered brass ash tray, for high score prize for the men.

Tuna fish salad moulded with red sprinkled with paprika, stuffed olives, cream topped with red cherries and coffee, made up the menu for the refreshments and further accentuated the Christmas spirit.

Miniature pots of poinsettas and holly centered the individual tables.

Guests of the club included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Owens and Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Whitehouse. Club members with their husbands were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Finlayson, Ray Sindorf, Jeff Haynie, W. I. Pratt, J. O. Garlington,

Barney Grafa and Edward Van Lowerre.

The committee from the oil men's dance at the country club last week, report that \$45 has been turned over to Mrs. J. A. Harley, for the Red

Cross fund. This amount was left after the expenses of the dance were extracted.

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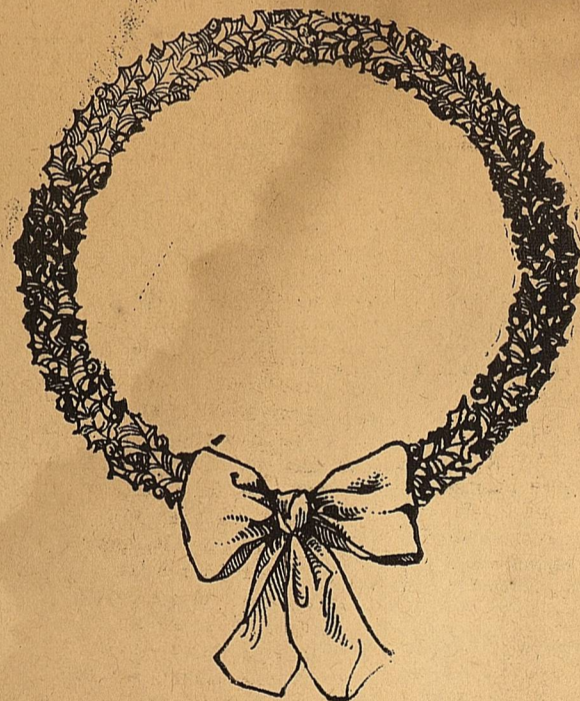
In this season of good cheer we wish that YOU may be happy and joyful; that your heart may be lighter and that yours may be the blessedness of giving and receiving

MINUTE IN CAFE

## TO OUR FRIENDS:

Sweet is the joy of Christmas,  
Deep is the breath of prayer,  
Glad is the heart of friendship,  
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Odd Wedding Customs

Prevailing in India

There are certain tribes in India who make members of which sometimes contract marriage with a tree. When a man loses two wives by death and wants to marry a third, the fear lurks that she, too, may die. So before the marriage the man is married to a banana tree or some other plant. All the ceremonies pertaining to an actual marriage are gone through, and at the end the tree is cut down and consumed over. Now the way is clear for the man's real marriage, the new wife being considered immune from evil influences.

From Bombay comes news of an extraordinary wedding ceremony at Bardoli, near Ahmedabad, the principal being a Brahmin girl and a pipal tree, the sacred fig of India.

The girl became blind through smallpox at the age of six and her father, knowing that no one would accept her in marriage, expressed the desire, before he died last year, that she should wed a pipal tree. He advised her to stay at home all her life, dedicating her spare moments to the contemplation of Divine Providence.

A caste dinner was held in honor of the marriage, which was celebrated with the prescribed Hindu rites.

Sometimes when a suitable husband for a girl cannot be obtained, she is married to a sword, a bow and arrow, a grinding-stone, or other inanimate object. She is thus freed from the reproaches which would otherwise be showered on her by her caste people. In India marriage is regarded as a sacred duty which must be entered into by every man and woman.

Growth of Beard Not

Stimulated by Razor

Whether or not shaving makes the beard grow faster is a question that never has been definitely answered to the satisfaction of all scientists. It is the general belief among medical men and physiologists that shaving itself does not make the beard grow faster and that cutting does not increase the growth of hair.

There is a definite rate of growth in the hair of normal and healthy persons and this growth is not affected by mere cutting. It is possible, however, that shaving makes the beard grow faster for a different reason, says the *Scientific Magazine*. Shaving tends to irritate the skin somewhat and causes an increased flow of blood to the shaved section. Consequently there is an increase in the nourishment of the hair follicles, and this may cause the beard to grow stiffer and heavier, perhaps faster.

It is widely believed that if a man shaved he would not have as much beard as he would have if he shaved a few years and then stopped.

World's Timber Supply

The world will face a serious shortage of timber within a few decades, says Christian Storchmann, a leading industrial and forestry expert of Sweden. Sweden's effort to safeguard and maintain a future supply of timber is in contrast, he says, to the indiscriminate felling of trees in many countries. Russia still has large forest reserves, but only a small part of them can be utilized because of lack of transportation facilities. Among the northern countries only Sweden now keeps the cutting of trees on a level with reforestation. Steps to convert waste and swamp lands into forest areas by draining are now also being taken.

Accommodating

"Say!" yelled a man who had had his feet run over for the third time while he was working under his car. "I'm getting tired of this! If you do it again I'll get up and kick your flivver to pieces!"

"I can't help it!" responded the small town girl who was learning to drive and not succeeding very well. "I don't know how to drive yet, and my car seems determined to run over something."

"Aw, that's all right!" said the comedian, crawling forth. "I didn't see who you were. If you'll wait a minute I'll tie down in the street and let you run over me all you please."—Kansas City Times.

Reading

The vast number of books we have impresses on us the necessity of a wise selection of what we read. One book may determine what a man shall be to all eternity. Benjamin Franklin said that a single reading of Cotton Mather's "Essay to Do Good" shaped his entire life. One page of a good book may save a soul. One paragraph of a bad book may ruin a soul. John Augustus James, one of the best men England has produced, stood in his pulpit in his old age and said that he had never overcome the evil effect of having for fifteen minutes once read a bad book.—Exchange.

The Strawberry Tree

The strawberry tree as distinguished from the strawberry plant is not a native of England, although it can be seen occasionally in the parks and gardens of that country, but in Ireland it is frequently found growing wild especially in the neighborhood of Killarney. It usually bears flowers about the end of September or beginning of October, and along with the flowers are found the fruits of the previous year.

The fruit is a large orange-red berry, closely resembling the strawberry; hence the name of the tree.

Privileges of Peers

Growth of Centuries

In England there is always more or less objection to the house of lords, and efforts are constantly made in the direction of "reforming" it in one way or another. The word really means equals, and comes down from the Middle Ages, when the great tenants in chief of the crown, that is, those who held their land directly from the sovereign, were regarded as being all equal (for "peers" in the Latin) in law. Gradually a distinction arose between these direct tenants, or greater barons, and the rest. And so the old "peers" became peers. And as their first duty was to attend the king's courts, so bit by bit grew up the custom of attending parliament. Thus originated the house of lords.

The peers have always enjoyed certain privileges. The peer is exempted from serving on a jury, the theory, however, being not so much out of any favor to himself as from a fear that his rank might influence his fellow jurors to his own point of view. And in addition, he has the magnificent—though never exercised—power of keeping on his hat in a court of law.

Childish Fear Not to

Be Roughly Treated

Fears are very crippling indeed. With wiser training our children might readily escape the specific fears and the general anxieties, timidity and self-doubts which so woefully hamper them. But you can never rout fear with brutal, radical or "heroic" measures. It is cruel to force a child, as is often done, to endure alone just what it most fears. You are not making him brave—no, not even if he conceals his fears to please you. The fear pressed below the surface lives on and festers there.

Ridicule or honest amusement are likewise useless. Fear, no matter how foolish it sounds to the unfearing, is too real a thing to be laughed off. It calls always for gentleness, sympathy, a serious effort to understand the cause, patient reassurance and, in many cases, skillful re-education in which pleasant associations or better understanding on the child's part drive out the fear.—Edna Brand Mann in the *New Age*.

Varieties of Canaries

Canaries were known in a domesticated state at the close of the Fourteenth century, though they may not have been common, as Gesner, who wrote in 1555, said that he had never seen one. Variation among them began early, as partly yellow birds were known at Nuremberg in 1614 and in 1677 wholly yellow canaries (also a white variety) were recorded from Augsburg, in Germany, an early center for the fancy. The various forms have had their origin in distinct geographic areas, and though some are almost extinct at present, all at one time or another have had a devoted following of fanciers. At present at least 14 distinct strains, with a large number of varieties, are known.

Nature's Eccentricities

Visitors to the Lake district of England are familiar with the disappearing island of Derwentwater, but few know that it possesses a mountain that rocks. The Napes Needle on Great Gable is loose, and may at any time come crashing down the mountainside.

Waddale and Wastwater are at the foot of the Great Gable, which is reckoned the most perfect mountain form in Britain. Waddale head, a great center in the season for crag-climbers and hill-walkers, has three well-known boasts—that it possesses the highest mountain, the deepest lake, and the smallest church in England. The roof of the church is said to be partly formed of the hull of a Norse galley.

Comparatively New Word

Nowhere has the practice of cheering taken such a place as in America. It has no real analogy at English schools and universities. English crowds, it is said, became familiar with it only about 20 years ago when the New Zealand football team introduced the cries of the Maoris into their matches there. The word cheer in the sense of shout of encouragement or applause is really of recent coinage. The meaning does not appear in Johnson, and Defoe speaks of it as a sailor's word.

Aim Is World Peace

The World Peace foundation known until 1911 as the International School of Peace, was founded by Edwin Ginn of Boston, Mass., in 1909. Its object is to bring about by education through the college, the press, the pulpit and the platform the peace and better order of the world. The management is vested in a board of trustees, a board of directors (corresponding to the faculty of a college) and an advisory council, the individual members of which are of high national and international reputation.

Paradox

Back in 1900 man rushed along on horseback or in horseless carriages at five or ten miles an hour. And in thirty-odd years he reached his final destination—the grave.

Nowadays by auto and airplane man dashes along at one to two hundred miles an hour. But it takes him, on an average, about fifty years to reach his final destination—the grave.

Moral: What's the use of hurrying?

Sara, Stanley, Lola Lee and Josephine Skeen are home from Draughton's Business College to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wyrick will spend the holidays with their children at Fort Worth also visiting Abilene and Dallas.

W. H. Turner and family are down from Eunice New Mexico to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Turner's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Jones formerly of Midland and who now lives at Pyote are in Midland for a few days. Mrs. Jones says they contemplate moving back.

"God Bless Us, Every One!"

The human heart is a safer guide than the human head.

Sunday we commemorate a birth and a life, about which the head finds many puzzles, but the HEART finds none.

Long ago it felt and rebounded to the good-will of the humble Galilean. Down the ages that response has grown until this festival in His honor has become the year's crowning glory.

What the mind thinks about the day's historic basis, how it may view the legends grown around its celebration, is unimportant; even the prolonged discussion as to whether there is not a Santa Claus is in vain beside the sufficient fact that

Christmas gives needed play to the better impulses of our nature.

To millions of children especially, Sunday dawns as the happiest of the 365.

Their glee will repay their elders who made it possible.

But just a bit more pleasure, a bit more satisfaction, will belong to those who will Sunday morning recall that they extended the reach of their kindness beyond their own kin unto the needy in whatever station.

The First National Bank wishes each one of its friends and patrons a merry, merry Christmas and offers as its invocation the prayer of Tiny Tim:

"God bless us, everyone!"

First National Bank

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FOR OVER 37 YEARS

In Appreciation...

WE WISH TO THANK THE HUNDREDS WHO VISITED OUR NEW PHARMACY ON THE EVENT OF THE FORMAL OPENING LAST SATURDAY. THE MANY COMPLIMENTS EXTENDED ARE APPRECIATED, AND WE ARE GOING TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE PATTESON'S PHARMACY THE LIVEST DRUG STORE IN THE LIVEST TOWN IN WEST TEXAS.

And don't forget the presents we are going to give away

Saturday Morning at 11

The lucky numbers will be announced at this hour



Christmas Gift Suggestions

For Last Minute Shopping

OUR STOCK IS STILL REPLETE WITH WONDERFUL GIFTS—FOR MOTHER, FATHER, BROTHER, SISTER, SWEETHEART OR FRIEND. AND YOU MAY BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES TO US TO BE WRAPPED IN CHRISTMAS PAPER FREE, WHETHER THE GIFT IS BOUGHT HERE OR NOT.

- CIGARS — CIGARETTES — PIPES — ASH TRAYS
JOHNSTON'S CHOCOLATES — HELEN RUBINSTEIN'S TOILET PREPARATIONS
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### VISITORS AT SCHOOL LAST MONTH

BEST OF PATRONS BIG FACTOR IN LIFE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

visitors were registered at various departments of the Midland schools during the month of November. The case each and support of the school as one of the factors in the life of the school officials. The principal here his M. A. degree University, recent enrollment of the school which was in certain respects recognized it as Midland. The teacher stated that this year has not been reached without the interest of the patrons in the school.

- School**
- Rev. Brown, Mr. R. D. nemal...
  - Green, Stanley Haver, Mr. K. Cass...
  - S. H. E. Rev. Thomas D. Mrs. ar...
  - Murphy, Chas. Miss Lotta O. Ne...
  - Corcoran, Mrs. Corcoran Taylor, Mrs. C...
  - Pratt, Mrs. Jno. No. M. Wa...
  - Rev. Stanley Haver, Mrs. Mr. Ja...
  - Garlington, Mrs. A. L. bles...
  - Ray, Mrs. Geo. Radliff, Mrs. netta...
  - E. Taylor, Mrs. Skaggs, Miss Mrs. J...
  - Graves, Mrs. D. M. Pin- Good...
  - Mr. R. Bunch, Mrs. B. ery, Mrs. J. Ellis Cowden, Miss Mary Sue Cowden, Mrs. Frank Wolcott, Mr. G. W. Wolcott, Mrs. C. V. Cales, Mrs. M. D. Johnson, Mrs. O. M. Tyner, Mrs. C. L. Matheny, Mrs. H. S. Grant, Mrs. Alvin Hicks, Mrs. D. E. Holster, Mrs. V. C. Ray, Mrs. T. M. Smith, Miss Louise Ray, Mrs. B. C. Gridley, Mrs. H. G. Bedford, Mrs. S. E. Huntsman, Mrs. J. M. Speed, Mrs. N. W. Ellis, Mrs. J. R. Bradley, Mrs. Annie Klebold, Mrs. H. R. Sindorf,

Speed, Miss Dorothy Lee Speed, Mrs. D. M. Pinnell, Mrs. Hugh Dorsey, Mrs. C. C. Watson, Mrs. J. P. Collins, Mrs. G. W. Breneman, Mrs. H. Shields, Mrs. Al-drege, Estes, Mrs. R. V. Lawrence, Mrs. Addison Wadley, Mrs. B. F. Haag, Mrs. A. W. Stanley, Mrs. Jno. Edwards, Mrs. Elliott F. Cowden, Mrs. B. H. Blakeney, Mrs. W. F. Cowden, Mrs. S. A. Mason, Mrs. Geo. Ratliff, Mrs. J. E. Hill, Mrs. B. F. Whitefield.

#### Junior High

Rev. Stanley Haver, Rev. Geo. F. Brown, Rev. Thos. Murphy, Mr. S. H. Brasher, Mr. R. D. Green, Miss Lucile Bruton, Mr. Mathew, Mrs. W. B. Driver, Mrs. G. C. Driver, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Fount Armstrong, Mrs. John P. Butler, Mrs. Moore, Mr. J. L. Livingston, Mr. Ed R. Bunch.

#### NORTH WARD

Miss Pauline Butterfield, Mrs. Hugh Dorsey, Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith, Mrs. O. B. Holt, Mrs. W. R. Howrick, Mrs. Earle Hyde, Mrs. J. M. Knowles, Mrs. M. D. Long, Mrs. T. L. Nations, Miss Appie Nations, Mrs. C. R. Richardson, Mrs. Lee Smith, Mrs. J. C. Stevens, Mrs. Arthur Stout, Mrs. E. H. Templin, Mrs. J. L. Well, Mrs. E. J. Volvia, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. G. W. Brennan, Mrs. C. V. Cales, Mrs. R. Casey, Mrs. B. C. Driver, A. Fasken, Mrs. E. H. Ir-

Mrs. C. C. Holman, Mrs. W. S. Huntsman, Mrs. E. McKinney, Mrs. A. B. Cooksey, Mrs. W. L. Culberson, Mrs. A. B. Coleman, Mrs. R. O. Brooks, Mrs. Chas. Holzgraf, Mrs. M. W. Bingham, Mrs. Fred Barber, Mrs. W. I. Morelan, Mrs. J. H. Locklar, Mrs. H. S. Tate, Mrs. M. R. Hill, Mrs. Maud Leehner, Mrs. P. A. Lettwich, Mrs. J. C. Howard, Mrs. M. E. Wells, Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Mrs. J. H. Boozer, Mrs. Joe Caldwell, Mrs. A. C. Caldwell, Mrs. Claude Crane, Mrs. H. M. Drake, Mrs. Aldridge Estes, Mrs. Jim Dublin, Mrs. Myrl Jowell, Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. H. H. Meeks, Mrs. Ernest McCall, Miss Quintie Thomas, Miss Naomi Ward.

#### South Ward

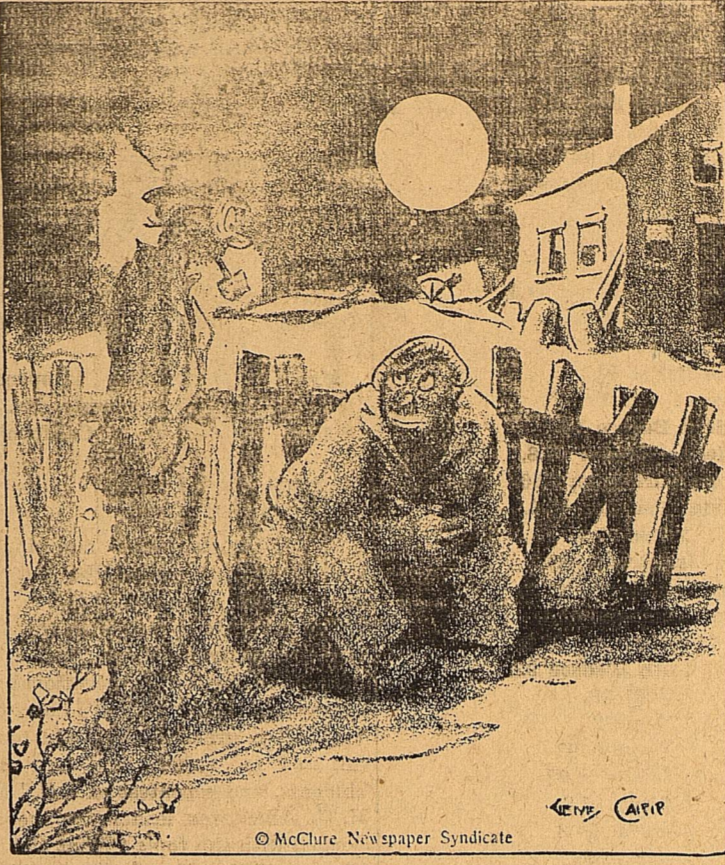
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#### Connecticut River

This name was given to the river before the region was colonized. Connecticut was formed from the first settlements near the mouth of the river. The same occurred in many other cases—the Tennessee and the Missouri rivers, for instance. The colonies and states near the mouth of the streams took the names of the rivers. When the first settlements were made in what is now the state of Connecticut the region along the upper Connecticut river was an unexplored wilderness.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## JUST HUMANS

By GENÉ CARR



"WOT'S DER LAY, BOZO?" "A SLEEP WALKER LIVES IN DAT SHACK BACK THERE. I'M WAITIN' FER HIM TO DO HIS STUFF SO I KIN HOP IN AN' GRAB A NAP."

## AKTINS SPEAKS ON RAT EXTERMINATION

ALSO DISCUSSES CLUBS TALK AT HIGH SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING

County Agent Atkins spoke during the assembly hour this morning to the junior and the senior high schools on the subject of rat extermination. Mr. Atkins also announced the organization of 90 pig clubs in Midland county soon after the first of the year. Mr. Atkins has done a splendid work as county agent in our county since coming here from Mitchell county, and his representatives have won national recognition, one boy having been written up in the Country Gentleman. Mr. Atkins will also organize stock judging teams among the boys and girls of the high school. The two winners from these teams will be given free next summer.

Following are some of the figures which were given by Mr. Atkins on the subject of damages done by rats and mice and the need for their extermination:

Two hundred million dollars worth of damage is done annually by rats. If this were reduced down to figures for Midland County, it would be about \$2 each for every man, woman and child or the equivalent of from ten to twelve thousand dollars for the city of Midland.

### Interesting Service at Methodist Church

PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND CHRISTMAS SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT

On next Sunday night at the Methodist church there will be a Christmas festival service in which three scenes of the nativity of Christ will be shown in tableau and the ancient Christmas hymns shall be sung by two choirs. It is planned to use brilliant lighting effects and costumes that will be very impressive. The service starts at seven-thirty. The program is as follows:

1. Solo—Cantique de Noel—Adam Mrs. Roy Parks
2. Silent Night—Joseph Mohr Adult Choir
3. Processional—Adesti Fidelis Vested Young People's choir with lighted candles.
4. The Wise Men
5. The Shepherds
6. The Babe and the Manger
7. Antiphonal Hymn—Joy to the World Young Peoples' choir and Adult choir
8. Recessional—Lighted processional by Young Peoples' choir.

The pageant will be supported by the adult choir with some beautiful hymns. Mrs. Roy Parks will sing Marys' Cradle song. Charles Watson will sing, "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Miss Lotta Williams will be the Narrator in costume of Oriental design. Miss Lily B. Williams will be at the piano. Everybody is invited for this service and urged to be in their seats before seven-thirty.

Miss Catherine Anderson of Lamesa visited Thelma Riddle here Tuesday.

G. W. Tom from Stanton was a business visitor to Midland Tuesday.

### Blanket of Smoke From Burning Oil

A heavy blanket of smoke hung over the sky south of Midland Monday afternoon, caused by burning oil where a leak sprung in the Gulf pipe line leading from Crane County.

The oil, according to reports, was burned to keep it from damaging the land where it escaped.

Mrs. Buster Clayton is in Midland to spend the holidays with her family and friends.

### HOWELL BUS LINE CHANGES SCHEDULE

MAKES GOOD CONNECTION BETWEEN OIL FIELDS AND MIDLAND

The Midland-Oil Field Bus Line, operated by W. E. Howell of Midland is making a change in schedule, as announced in an advertisement in this issue.

Cars leave McCamey for Midland, via Rankin, at 7 a. m., 1 p. m., and 5:30 p. m., arriving in Midland at 10 a. m., 4 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.

Cars leave Midland for Rankin and McCamey each day at 8 a. m., 2 p. m. and 6:30 p. m.

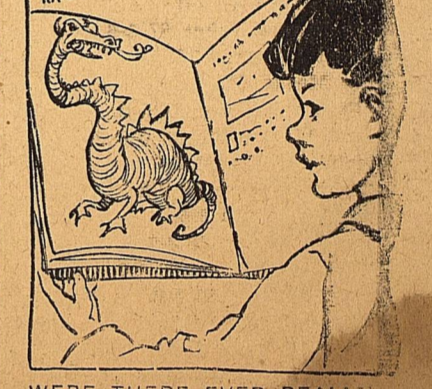
The same line runs cars from McCamey to Rankin and Odessa, leaving McCamey at 7 a. m., 12:30 p. m. and 6 p. m.

Connections from the oil fields are made with cars going east from Midland at 11:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m., and 5:30 p. m., with cars going north to Lubbock and Amarillo at 11:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

Trains leave Midland for the east at 4:34 a. m., 8:05 p. m. and 9:07 p. m. and for the west at 6:23 a. m., 10:57 a. m. and 12:28 a. m.

### What Does Your Child Want to Know?

Answered by BARBARA BOURJAILY



WERE THERE EVER REALLY DRAGONS? Long years ago, great dragons lived. And they had wings, too. So people told strange dragon tales. Which were not strictly true.

### SIGNS YOU CAN BELIEVE IN

If your breath is bad and you have spells of swimming in the head, poor appetite, constipation and a general no-account feeling, it is a sign your liver is torpid. The one really dependable remedy for all disorders in the liver, stomach and bowels is Herbin. It acts powerfully on the liver, strengthens digestion, purifies the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy, vim and cheerfulness. Price 60c. sold by The City Drug Store.

### STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Midland Country Club, Inc., of Midland, Texas, for the election of directors and transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting will be held at the Country Club between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30 p. m. on Tuesday, January 10th, 1928.

R. M. BARRON, Secretary 23-4t.

# A Very Merry Christmas

## Go All Our Friends

Riches ∴ Prosperity  
Contentment  
Are Our Wishes for You

Midland National Bank



God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen  
Let Nothing You Dismay

**WILLIAMS AUTO SUPPLY**  
VIC SCHROEDER, MGR.

SLATON MIDLAND LUBBOCK

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Robert Crane 90 1-5.  
Henry Montgomery 90 1-5.  
Billy Harris 90.  
David Holster 90.  
Emma Richman 90.  
B. C. Girdley 90.  
Brooks Roberts 90.  
Brookie Jene Dozier 90.  
Jacqueline Casey 89 5-6.  
Billie Walters 89 5-6.  
Shirley Hyde 89 5-6.  
A. W. Stanley 89 2-3.  
Margaret Garner 89 3-5.  
Dorothy Ray 89 3-5.  
Sallie Knox 89 3-5.  
Read Thomas 89 1-2.  
Josephine Ray 89 1-2.  
Ruth Jones 89 1-2.  
Klyda Darleen Vance 89 2-5.  
Robert McKinney 89 1-3.  
Katie Belle Long 89.  
E. C. McCall 89.  
L. A. Klebold 89.  
J. C. Culbertson 89.  
Louise Elkin 89.  
Willie Choate 89.  
Janelle Slaughter 88 5-6.  
Joan Arnett 88 5-6.  
Sara Beth Wesson 88 5-6.  
Dick Casey 88 4-5.  
Omega Stewart 88 4-5.  
Kirk Lee Black 88 4-5.  
Elaine Garner 88 2-3.  
Raymond Morelan 88 3-5.  
Phoebe Ann Jones 88 3-5.  
Marshall Dale 88 3-5.  
Charline Walker 88 3-5.  
Margaret Miles 88 1-2.  
Maxine Grant 88 1-2.  
Wilbur Adams 88 1-5.  
Orval Brown 88 1-5.  
Newnie Jr. Ellis 88 1-5.  
Delores Huntsman 88 1-5.  
Willie Mae Knowles 88.  
Dorothy Hawkins 88.  
Lennie Stewart 88.  
Dudley Cooksey 87 2-3.  
Virginia Boone 87 2-3.  
Melvin Cooksey 87 2-3.  
John Saunter 87 1-2.  
Gertrude Vance 87 1-2.  
Elmer Jones 87 1-3.  
John Horace Baker 87 1-6.  
Conrad Holzgraf 87.  
Billy Meeks 87.  
Katheryn Johnson 86 5-6.  
Frank Westerman 86 5-6.  
Virginia Moore 86 5-6.  
Hushall Strawn 86 2-3.  
Leon Boyzer 86 3-5.  
Lamoine Sindorf 86 3-5.  
Willie Mae Wesson 86 1-2.  
Russell Holster 86 1-2.  
Raymond Hoy 86 1-2.  
Jimmie Perry 86 1-5.  
Jewell Perry 86 1-6.  
Marie Garrett 86 1-6.  
Bernard Westerman 85 4-5.  
Norman B. Smithers 85 2-3.

Barbara Miller 85 3-5.  
Clyde King 85 3-5.  
Nina Lee Stanley 85 1-5.  
**South Ward School**  
Johnnie Fay Howe 95.8.  
Raymond Robinson 95.  
Jessie Ringer 95.  
Paul Hyatt 94.8.  
Dunagan, Jane 94.2.  
Mary Howe 94.2.  
R. D. Hamlin 94.2.  
William Ream 94.  
Franklin Stickney 94.  
Lois Young 94.  
Wayne Mann 94.  
Angus Hankla 93.8.  
Clinton Buffington 92.3.  
Sam Midkiff 93.3.  
J. D. Robison 93.3.  
Doris Baker 93.3.  
Florence Hamlin 93.  
Mildred Barbee 93.  
Madeline Bryant 92.8.  
Mamie Turington 92.6.  
Claude Chandler 92.6.  
L. H. Collins 92.5.  
Fred Jr. Brown 92.5.  
Mary Lee Bryant 92.4.  
Robert Dunagan 92.4.  
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Annie Ruth Bledsoe 92.  
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Doris Damron 91.8.  
Dalton Cobb 91.8.  
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Frank Nixon 91.  
Lexey Cragin 91.  
Marjorie Sullivan 91.  
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Elgie Ream 90.5.  
Edward Terrell 90.6.  
Paul Marvine 90.5.  
Melba Nixon 90.5.

**SCHOOL TEACHERS**  
**LEAVE FOR HOLIDAYS.**  
Miss Annie Frank Stout will leave for her home in Ennis tonight.  
Miss Louise McClarty will leave for her home in Henderson.  
Miss Annie Lee King will leave Monday for Abilene where she will visit her sister.  
Miss Ora Mae Allen will leave Thursday for Austin and Bertram to spend the holidays.  
Miss Eureka Bottom will visit with her parents in Abbott.  
Miss Pavlek will spend her holidays in San Antonio.  
Miss Jewell Craven will visit her parents in Houston.  
Miss Flora D. Murphy will leave tonight for Dawson to spend the vacation.

D. H. Starling will visit his family in Brownwood this Christmas.  
W. W. Lacky will visit his sister in Dallas, his brother in Fort Worth, and another brother in Denison.  
Mrs. Benedict will spend the holidays with her mother in Dallas.  
D. D. Shiflett will spend the holidays in Abilene, and H. Clay Searcy will visit in Dallas.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Taylor will leave Thursday in their car for Hubbard where they will spend the holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hereford will spend the holidays in Georgetown.  
Miss Lorene Sheppard will spend Christmas with her parents at Denton.  
Mrs. Golden Donovan is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Kolman, in California.

**METHODIST LADIES MEET IN CHURCH.**  
The Methodist ladies met in the church on Monday for the last program of the year.  
The program opened with the singing of the hymn "Love Devine, All Love Excelling." The devotional was taken from the scripture "I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest of evil." Mrs. M. J. Allen was leader for the afternoon, with the topic "What Can the Women of the Church Do to Aid in Abolishing War and Bringing World Peace and Good Will?" Mr. Haver started the discussion and made a most interesting talk. The next meeting will be the first Monday in the new year.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Steven announce the arrival of a fine baby boy. The mother and child are doing nicely.  
**PRESTON-DOUGLASS WEDDING SOLEMNIZED.**  
Miss Tommie Preston became the bride of Mr. Louis Douglass last Saturday when the Rev. Geo. Brown read the beautiful ring ceremony, at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Preston.  
The simple and impressive ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate family and a few close friends.  
The bride was charmingly gowned in rust crepe with close fitting hat and other accessories to match. She carried an arm bouquet of deep crimson rose buds sprayed with lace ferns.  
Immediately after the ceremony, a dainty buffet luncheon was served to

the wedding party and friends present.  
Mrs. Douglass was reared in Midland, attended school here, later attended Simmons University, and at the time of her wedding was a student in the Texas Tech. She is very popular in society circles in Midland and in her school cities.  
Mr. Douglas came to West Texas from Lufkin several years ago. He is District representative of the Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company, which maintains headquarters in Odessa.

After a short honeymoon trip to Lufkin, and other eastern cities, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass will be at home to their friends in Odessa.

Let the Reporter do your printing.

**PALACE THEATRE**

Wednesday and Thursday  
Constance Talmadge in "CONWAY"

Friday  
Florence Vidor in "HONEYMOON HATE" A Blue Ribbon Picture

Saturday  
Laura La Plante in "CHEATING CHEAT"

Christmas Day  
"THE MAGIC FLAME"

**IDLE HOUR THEATER**

Wednesday  
"SINGED"

Thursday  
"HONOR THE GOVERNOR"

Saturday  
"BECKY"

**BEST PICTURES**

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Berry and children are in Midland today to do Christmas shopping.  
Mrs. H. C. Barnes from Andrews spent a few days in Midland shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy S. ... are up from Stanton shopping today.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Livingston little daughter were in from place south and east Tuesday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
OUR WISH TO ALL

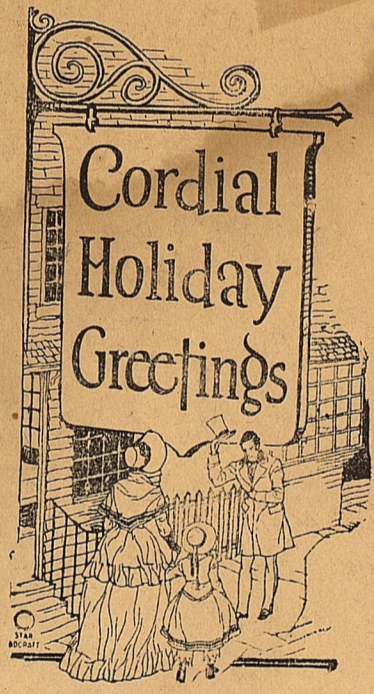
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We thank our patrons for the splendid business accorded us and wish for them a Joyous Christmas and a Bounteous New Year.

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# THE MIDLAND REPORTER

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## The Yates Pool is Ranked As Biggest

The Tulsa (Oklahoma) Tribune declares that the official gauge of the Yates pool shows that it "now ranks higher than any pool opened in the history of the oil industry, being 77,568 barrels above the greater Seminole field's highest peak."

Seminole's peak was 527,400 barrels, attained July 30.

The Oklahoma paper's admission of the superiority of the Texas pool to the Seminole wonder in Oklahoma is based on the gauge taken on December 1st, by the Pecos proration committee, when the field produced 25,207 barrels of oil in one hour, or at the rate of 604,968 barrels per day.

The Yates wells never run a whole day because of the production limitation brought about by agreement of the producers. That limit is set to stop flooding of the oil market and sweeping price reductions. It is also partly set by the shortage of pipeline facilities—a shortage that will soon be overcome when the many big lines contemplated for that field are completed.—Fort Stockton Pioneer.

## Judge Caldwell Has Large Office Suite

Judge J. M. Caldwell, who recently moved his law offices from the Cowden Building on Main Street to the First National Bank Annex on Wall Street, has one of the largest and most conveniently arranged office suites in the city.

He has all of the second floor of the annex except one office, and has had partitions run across, converting the hall into additional office space.

The interior of the building has been done over and is very attractive.

## Valuable Subjects At Short Course

College Station, Texas, December 22.—"Farm animals are the tools with which we market our grass and much of our farm crops," Dr. Jay L. Lush, animal husbandman, breeding investigator, Agricultural Experiment Station, A. & M. College of Texas, who will be one of the speakers on the program of the special livestock short courses to be held here Jan. 9-13, has pointed out.

"The better our tools, the better the job we do," he added. "There are two ways of making our farm animals better.

We can give them better care as they grow up and we can breed better animals by making the proper matings of the parents. Both processes go hand in hand. The most important thing for the breeder to know is what type of animal he really wants. Then by choosing sires and dams of that type and by a judicious mating of animals closely related to each other, real progress can be made in building up uniform herds and flocks of the desired type."

Subjects relating to judging, marketing, feeding, market classes and grades, range management, diseases, parasites, management, sanitation, record keeping and wool and mohair growing will be discussed during the short courses which will be offered by the Extension Service in co-operation with the Experiment Station and the animal husbandry department of the college.

Mrs. Lynn Kelly from Odessa shopped in Midland Monday.

Mesdames B. F. Smith and H. H. Eiland from Stanton were shoppers in Midland Monday.

## RURAL MAIL ROUTE FOR MIDLAND CO. PEOPLE

### Congressman Claude B. Hudspeth Secures Action From Postal Department After Year's Efforts of Midland Chamber of Commerce

Crowning the efforts of the Midland Chamber of Commerce Midland County farmers and ranchmen, and the Midland Postmistress, concentrated for the past year toward getting a rural route designated for the county, a telegram was received late Friday from Congressman Claude B. Hudspeth advising that the route had been granted by the postal department.

February 17, 1928, is the date for the beginning of operation of the route which will serve a big territory south and east of Midland.

Troy Eiland, D. A. Ray, Gilbert C. Brunson, H. A. Jesse and other citizens of Midland County worked diligently to get the required number of petitioners about a year ago, sending in their application for the route through the Midland Chamber of Commerce. The Commissioners court also assisted in getting the route opened.

Mrs. Mary S. Ray, postmistress, lent every possible effort to have the route designated, and accompanied the inspector from the postal department over the route.

Repeated inquiries from the Chamber of Commerce to the postal department brought forth only statements that action on the proposed route was pending.

Giving all of the data to Congressman Claude B. Hudspeth, the designation was secured in record time, as he gave his personal attention to it and worked direct with the postal department. His telegram was received as big news in Midland County. Mr. Hudspeth's letter to the postal office department follows:

December 15, 1927.  
Hon. C. B. Hudspeth,  
House of Representatives.

My Dear Mr. Hudspeth:

In further reference to your letter of December 1st., and your interest in the proposed establishment of rural route No. 1, Midland, Texas, we take pleasure in notifying you of the authorization of this service effective February 17, 1928. The route will be only 34.3 miles in length instead of the 66.8 miles

proposed by the petitioners. The inspector found that portions of the route proposed by the families concerned would be through rather sparsely settled territory over roads which are unsuitable, and he accordingly recommended authorization of the shorter route indicated.

The petition in this case contains the names of Messrs. Ira F. Lord, J. O. Ferguson, W. L. Dean and others.

Sincerely yours,  
H. H. Billany  
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General

## FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONFERENCE ON FURNISHING QUARTERS

An important meeting of the finance committee of the Petroleum Club has been called for Friday afternoon, at one o'clock, to be held in the office of D. V. Smith on the first floor of the Thomas Building.

The meeting is called by the chairman, W. A. Yeager, for the purpose of deciding on the purchase of furnishings for the new quarters of the club which will be in the basement floor of the Hotel Scharbauer. These commodious quarters were donated by the owner, Clarence Scharbauer, for the use of the club.

Grill service and other facilities will be available in the hotel.

Many oil companies and oil men have come to Midland since the club was instituted, and they or their representatives are urged to get in touch with Chan C. Mason, at Sparks and Barron, if they desire information about the club.

About eighty men of the oil fraternity signified their desire to join when the club was proposed, and a temporary organization was entered into pending the completion of the Hotel Scharbauer, where the quarters will be provided.

Members of the finance committee who will meet Friday are George Coates, chairman, Dave Smith, Rusty Byers, E. H. Stafford, W. A. Yeager, and Chan C. Mason.

## Pine Bluff For The Holidays

Rev. T. D. Murphy, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, left Monday night for Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he is spending the Christmas holidays with his family.

## Schools Closed Today For Christmas Vacation

The Midland public schools closed today for the Christmas holidays. appropriate programs being given by each of the six departments, high school, junior high school, northward intermediate, north ward primary, south ward intermediate, and south ward primary.

Christmas trees were given after the programs in some of the departments, and the afternoon was highly enjoyed. Many visitors, including patrons of the schools and others, attended the various departments.

School work will be resumed on January 2, according to announcement recently made by the school board.

## Pyote Signal Changes Hands

According to an article in the Pyote-Signal, the paper has changed hands, W. N. Townley and Tillman Durdin buying the interests of C. H. Heafner and Hubbs and Bell.

Tillman Durdin is managing editor and W. N. Townley is associate editor.

Operating as the Signal Publishing Company, the paper is called the Pyote Signal and Ward County News.

Mrs. Hunter Irwin and children and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fisher were in from Shafter Lake the first part of the week.

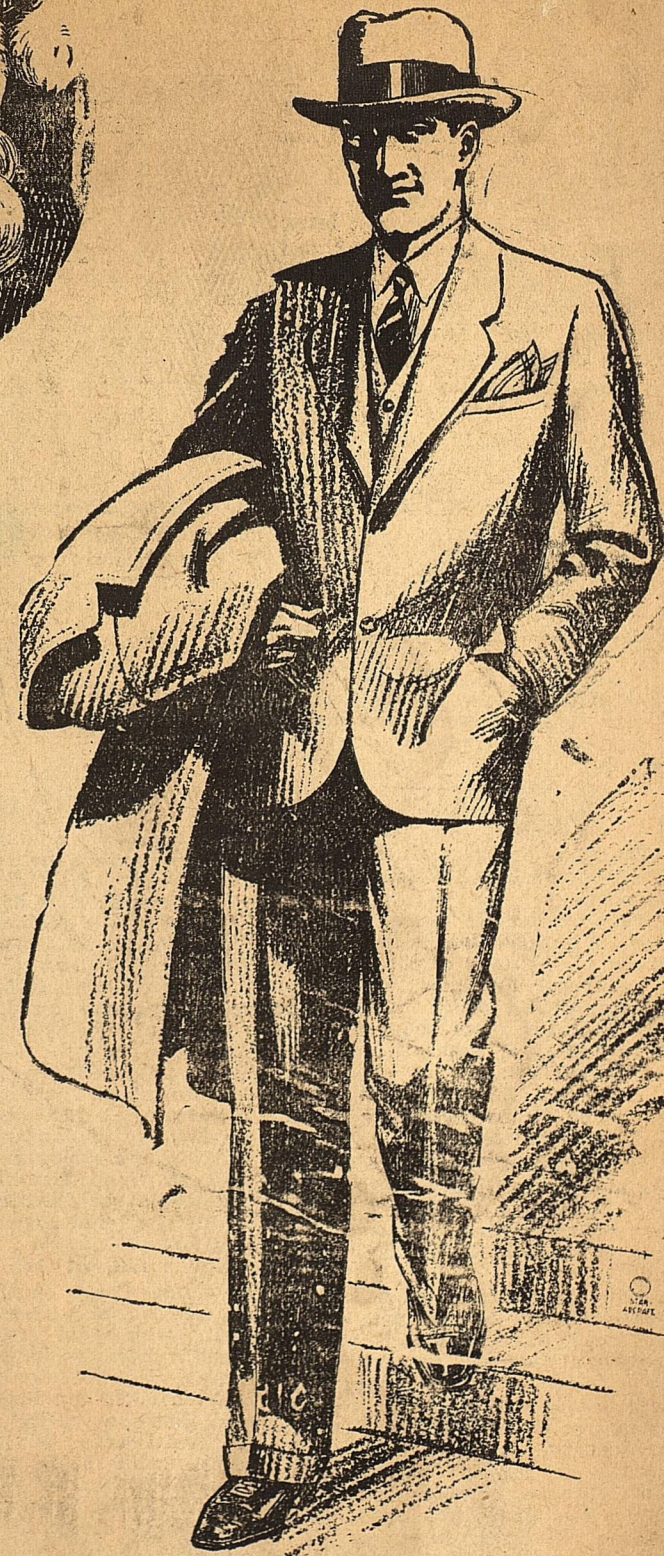
Will Manning of Crossett is visiting his family for a few days.

Cliff Newland and family, who have been living on a ranch near Rottan for several months, have moved back to Midland.

## LEATHER GIFTS-LOUNGING ROBES-Scarfs-Belt Sets-House SHOES-CUFF LINKS



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**CITATION**

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Lizzie A. DeWitte, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors and administrators of the said Lizzie A. DeWitte, and of L. La Rue B. Bissell, and wife, Leonard A. Bissell, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors and administrators of the said L. La Rue B. Bissell, and wife, Leonard A. Bissell by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return date hereof, in some newspaper published in your county to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 2034, wherein Dock Wesson is plaintiff and Lizzie A. DeWitte, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors and administrators of the said Lizzie A. DeWitte, and of L. La Rue B. Bissell and wife, Leonard A. Bissell, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors and administrators of the said L. La Rue B. Bissell, and wife Leonard A. Bissell, are defendants, a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action being as follows: That November 16, 1927, plaintiff was seized and possessed, and owned in fee simple, lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, in block 124, Southern Addition to the town of Midland; that on said date, the defendants unlawfully entered and dispossessed plaintiff, and withholds possession thereof from plaintiff; that the defendants claim, right of possession by virtue of a deed dated January 1, 1891, recorded in book 7, page 144, and a deed dated January 6, 1925, recorded in book 32, page 234, deed records, Midland County, Texas; and that said deeds and claims by defendants, casts a cloud upon plaintiff's title, though inferior to plaintiff's title, to said property; that if the defendants ever had any right to said property, same has long since become barred by the ten years statute of limitation; that plaintiff, and those under whom he claims, has had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of said property, using, cultivating and enjoying the same, paying taxes thereon in season, and holding same under enclosure for more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit.

Plaintiff prays for title and possession of said property, for his damages and costs of suit, and for relief, general and special.

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Midland, Texas, on this 16th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. SHELburne,  
Clerk District Court Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, deputy.

Issued this 16th day of December, A. D. 1927. J. M. Shelburne, clerk district court, Midland County, Texas, by Virgie Ringo, deputy. (Seal) 24-4-T

**CITATION**

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cite all persons interested in the welfare of May Beth Judkins, a minor, and the due service hereof does cite them to appear at the next regular term of the county court, to be held at the courthouse thereof on the 1st Monday in January, 1928, the same being the 2nd day of January 1928 and contest, if they see proper to do so, the application of Arthur L. Judkins, which has been filed in said court for the guardianship of the person and estate of said May Beth Judkins, a minor.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, at the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. M. Shelburne, clerk of the county court of Midland County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the city of Midland, this 7th day of December, 1927.

J. M. SHELburne,  
Clerk of the county court, Midland County, Texas. Issued this 7th day of December, 1927. (Seal.) 22-3t-F

**CITATION**

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for ten days exclusive of the dates of publication, in a newspaper published in Midland County, Texas, which has been so published for more than one year prior to date of publication, the following citation:

The State of Texas, to all persons interested in the Estate of Edward R. Benedict, Deceased.

Know ye that Pearl Benedict having filed in the County Court of Midland County, an application for letters of administration upon the estate of Edward R. Benedict, deceased;

Now, therefore, these are to notify you, and each of you, who are interested in said estate, to be and personally appear at the next regular term of the honorable county court, to be held at the courthouse of said county, in Midland on the First day of January, A. D. 1928, same being the 1st day of January, A. D. 1928, then and there to contest said application should you desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal this 8th day of December, A. D., 1927.

J. M. SHELburne,  
Clerk County Court, Midland County, Texas. (Seal)

**CITATION**

The State of Texas: To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Parker Jeffcoat by making publication of this citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return date hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the 1st Monday in February, A. D. 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 2031, wherein Daphne M. Jeffcoat, plaintiff and Parker Jeffcoat, defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Suit for divorce and restoration of plaintiff's maiden name.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this 12th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. SHELburne,  
Clerk County Court, Midland County, Texas. (Seal.) 23-F

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

The State of Texas: To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

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

Notice of application for letters—Estate of decedent.

The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the estate of W. B. Driver, deceased. Know ye that G. W. Driver has filed in the county court of Midland County, an application for letters of administration upon the estate of said W. B. Driver, deceased.

Now, therefore, these are to notify you, and each of you, who are interested in said estate, to be and personally appear at the next regular term of the honorable court, which will be held at the next term of said court, commencing on the 2nd day of January, A. D., 1928, at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. SHELburne,  
Clerk County Court, Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, deputy. (Seal.) 23-3-T

**FOR PROBATE OF WILL. NOTICE FOR APPLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Midland, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for four consecutive weeks exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of Application For Probate of Will

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland.

To all persons interested in the estate of Mrs. A. F. Howard deceased, Newnie W. Ellis has filed in the County Court of Midland County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said Mrs. A. F. Howard, deceased filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary of the estate of Mrs. A. F. Howard, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in January A. D. 1928, the same being the 2nd day of January A. D. 1928, at the Court House thereof, in Midland, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Midland County, this 28th day of November A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk, County Court, Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, Deputy. 19-4t-(Tues)

**THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County, greeting:

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Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Midland County, this 28th day of November A. D. 1927.

J. M. Shelburne, Clerk, County Court, Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, Deputy. 19-4t-(Tues)

The Reporter does Job Printing.

**CITATION**

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon B. F. Yoakum, if living, and if not living, then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said B. F. Yoakum, and W. L. Payne, if living, and if not living, then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said W. L. Payne by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return date hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in the said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Midland County, to be held at the courthouse thereof in Midland, Texas, on First Monday in February, A. D., 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D., 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 2037, wherein E. N. Snodgrass and Chas. L. Klapproth are plaintiffs and B. F. Yoakum, if living, and if not living, then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said B. F. Yoakum, and W. L. Payne, if living, and if not living, then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said W. L. Payne, are defendants, said petition alleging:

Plaintiffs allege that they and those under whom they hold have had open, notorious, visible, adverse and peaceable possession sufficiently under the terms of the law to perfect their title by limitations of five years and by limitation of ten years and pray that their title by limitation be established, and that the deeds by virtue of which the defendants claim apparent title be cancelled and held thereby removed from the title of the plaintiffs herein, and they further pray for general relief.

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

Witness J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of the district court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the city of Midland, Texas, this 17th day of December, A. D., 1927.

J. M. SHELburne,  
Clerk of District Court of Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, deputy. Issued this 17th day of December, A. D., 1927. J. M. Shelburne, clerk of district court of Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, deputy. (Seal.) 25-4-T

**CITATION**

The state of Texas: To the sheriff or any constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon L. L. Keller; Cozie Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. Daisy K. Hoffman; Paul Keller Hoffman; Harry D. Hoffman; Phillis Hoffman, and Oma Perot Hoffman, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors, and administrators of the said L. L. Keller; Cozie Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. M. A. Estes, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs of the said M. A. Estes, and unknown husband of the said M. A. Estes, by making publication of this citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return date hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the First Monday in February, A. D., 1928, the same being the 6th day of February, A. D., 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 2035, wherein E. N. Snodgrass and M. C. Ulmer, are plaintiffs, and L. L. Keller; Cozie Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. Daisy K. Hoffman; Paul Keller Hoffman; Harry D. Hoffman; Phillis Hoffman, and Oma Perot Hoffman, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs, executors, and administrators of the said L. L. Keller; Cozie Keller; Cozette Keller; Frank M. Wells; R. H. Wiley; Otto Hoffman, and wife, Mrs. Daisy K. Hoffman; Paul Keller Hoffman; Harry D. Hoffman; Phillis Hoffman, and Oma Perot Hoffman, and Mrs. M. A. Estes, and the unknown husband of the said M. A. Estes, are defendants, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: That on March 26, 1927, plaintiffs cause of action, being as follows: That on March 26, 1927, plaintiffs was seized and possessed, and hold in fee simple, the title to the West One-Half of Block 37, Homestead Addition to the town of Midland; and that the defendants thereafter, set up claim to said property based upon a deed recorded in Book 4, page 368; a deed recorded in book 22, page 62; a redemption certificate recorded in redemption book 33, page 3, and a redemption certificate recorded in book 33, page 8, redemption records in and for Midland County, Texas; that said evidence of title and right of defendants, though inferior to plaintiff's right, casts a cloud upon plaintiff's title to their damage in the sum of two thousand dollars; that if the defendants ever had any right of

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**The Christmas Spirit**

The Christmas spirit, however, should be a Christ-like spirit, the spirit that filled to the brim the life of the humble Nazarene, rather than that of selfish pride of a kind exhibited by so many. Christmas-time should not be given over to proud ostentation, to boastful display of wealth or of position, but should be characterized by exemplifying the brotherhood that so

title, or possession, the same has become barred by the ten years statute of limitation, because plaintiff's and those under whom they claim, have had peaceable, continuous, and adverse possession, using and cultivating and enjoying the same, and paying the taxes in season, and holding said property under actual enclosure, and by deeds duly executed and recorded, for more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit.

Plaintiff's pray for title and possession of said property, for their damages, costs of suit, and for relief, general and special.

Herein fail not but have before said court at its next regular term this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this 16th day of December, A. D. 1927.

J. M. SHELburne,  
Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, deputy. Issued this 16th day of December, A. D., 1927. J. M. Shelburne, clerk district court, Midland County, Texas. By Virgie Ringo, deputy. (Seal) 25-4t-T

deeply marked the life of Jesus—a brotherhood toward which the world has been striving slowly but steadily throughout the centuries. There is so much of material progress in Texas, prosperity has been so evi-

dent and the future holds such alluring hopes, that there is a danger that we may mistake these for evidence of providential favor and become remiss toward the essential contributions to genuine happiness.

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**TEXAS GAS MEN LOOKING FORWARD TO BIG MEETS**

Texas gas men are looking forward to two important national conventions of their industry in the coming year. The annual convention of the Natural Gas Association of America, which is now a department of the American Gas Association, is to be held in Dallas next May, and the tenth annual convention of the American Gas Association has been set for Atlantic City the early part of next October.

According to Oscar H. Fogg, president of the Association and vice president of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, the 1928 meeting will be one of the most important ever held and will be a real milestone in the progress of gas service to the public.

"Intensive development during the past few years is evidenced by the doubling of gas sales in the period from 1916 to 1926," says Mr. Fogg. "The phenomenal growth of the gas industry in the past decade, the future prospects for supplying heat for industrial operations, are all marks of a successfully established industry that is making rapid progress. The Atlantic City meeting next fall should record another decided growth in the business."

An important feature of both conventions will be the exhibit of gas equipment and appliances.

**Looks Self Laudatory**

In reading over that last paragraph I have been tempted to rewrite it, because it looks like I am assuming that my poor writings have an influence I fail to find in them, that there is something of

**RURAL ELECTRIFICATION TO BE STUDIED IN TEXAS**

Twenty-five experimental electrified farms are to be established in Texas through co-operation of Texas A. & M. College and a committee organized by power and light companies.

Problems in supplying electricity to farms in this state are to be studied over a period of three years to determine what is necessary to make power available to the rural districts.

Rural electrification, says the Texas Public Service Information Bureau, is making progress over the country. In 1923 there were 165,000 farms in the United States which were obtaining service from the electric light and power companies. In 1926 a survey shows 227,500 farms in 27 states were supplied with electric service. In 1923 these 27 states had only 122,000 electrified farms, were added in the three year period ending December 31, 1926, an increase of 86.6 per cent in the 27 states reporting.

If this increase continues there will be approximately one million electrified farms in this country by the end of 1932 and three million by 1938, which is nearly equal to one-half of the total farms in the country. More than a hundred different practical applications of electricity to agriculture have been developed.

egotism or self-laudation in the statements and I am far from any feeling of that kind. Perhaps there is in the paragraph a note of self-confidence or rather of confidence in my ability to put over what I am undertaking. But, after all, confidence or faith or whatever it may

**CARELESS DRILLING IS CAUSE OF BIG GAS LOSS**

Several gas wells drilled in the southwest have been completely lost together with their equipment by improper, careless and hurry-up drilling methods, according to an address of Frank W. Kirk of the Houston southwest division natural gas department, American Gas Association at Houston.

He declared that some of the drilling methods amounted to a criminal waste of one of this section's greatest natural resources. He expressed the opinion that the regulation of the Texas Railroad Commission, which allows fifty per cent volume withdrawal based on the open flow test, is practically the same as "no rule at all." He stated that he knows of no gas well in the Texas area which will put anything like fifty per cent of its open flow volume into a pipeline without cutting out the screen and sanding up or immediately bringing in water.

**THREE DAYS TO PAY OR NO SERVICE—IN VIENNA**

Pay your gas and electric bills on three days' notice, or have your semi-municipal gas and electric system of vice shut off. That's the rule of the Vienna, famous Austrian capital, says the Texas Public Service Information Bureau.

There the two systems, though both owned by the city, are operated separately. As soon as the bills are ready they are turned over to the postoffice department for delivery, unenclosed, by mail carriers.

If they are not paid at some branch post office within the prescribed three days, a collector is sent to the home of the delinquents. He makes just one call. If the money is not handed over the service stops at once.

be called is necessary to even the smallest success in any undertaking. Your work and mine, your service and mine must have a certain basis of self-confidence. It is in that spirit that we have come thus far in life and it is in that spirit that we should enter upon another year. Without it failure in whatever we do is almost certain. So, even at the risk of not being quite understood, I shall let stand what I have said and in the way it has been said.

**Church Announcements**

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.  
Epworth League, 6 p. m.  
Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Stanley Haver, pastor.  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Geo. F. Brown, Pastor

Christmas program and tree Saturday night. Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock Sunday. Public worship at 11:00 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.  
Let us honor Christ by attending his services Sunday.  
A welcome to all who come.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Thos. D. Murphy, Minister

On account of the pastor's absence from the city, there will be no preaching services Sunday morning or evening.

Sunday school service at the usual hour.

Christmas tree and service at the Church on Friday evening.

Mrs. L. E. Lewis and children were among the shoppers to Midland Saturday.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST**

North Loraine Street  
Rev. R. O. Wilson, Pastor  
Regular hours of services are as follows:—  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Communion and Preaching Service 11 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.  
Preaching Service 7:30 p. m.

**St. Ann's Catholic Church**

Every third Sunday; Mass 9 a. m. for the English speaking.  
10:00 a. m. for Spanish Speaking  
Rev. F. X. Gagnon, O. M. I., Pastor.

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The Reporter does Job Printing.

**BUILDERS**  
Consult Burton Lingo when you want builders' material, or want figures on any kind of building. We are prepared to serve you.  
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WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT MIDLAND PEOPLE ARE CALLING FOR  
**Tender Crust and Twin Bread**  
It is made to satisfy your family. Rich with milk, sealed in wax paper by machine, to protect your health.  
When ordering your groceries specify these brands. If you want the best, don't accept substitutes.  
We deliver fresh bread to the stores every morning. We are very grateful for the splendid patronage of our people and you are helping our business to grow, in doing so you are helping your home town.  
We have the best line of pastries. You don't have to cook at home, save money at our bakery.  
**City Bakery**  
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Relieves the congestion, prevents complications, and hastens recovery.

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**The Holiday Season**  
Has long been famous as one of the hardest times of the year, so far as a drain on the pocket-book is concerned. You know yourself how many things there are for which you need ready cash just at this time—unexpected gifts for which you would like to reciprocate, more costly presents for those who are deserving of the best; foolish little extravagances which make life more worth living—these and countless other things make your usual Christmas spending money seem terribly inadequate.  
Resolve now to have all the money you want for your holiday shopping next year. Begin today on your program of consistent saving. Let us explain our very easy plan by which you may multiply your funds for a Merry Christmas in 1928.  
**First National Bank**  
"The Bank of Personal Service"  
For Over 36 Years  
Capital and Surplus \$200,000

**What Better Time . . .**  
—than right now to fix up that bathroom? Give the whole family a Christmas present this way.  
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"We're Our Own Salesman"  
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Established 1909  
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Ship your live stock to us —we will do good work for you.

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The motoring public, quick to appreciate the manifest superiorities in the first Chrysler, immediately initiated a demand for Chrysler appearance, performance and long life in other price classes.  
Serving this public demand, there are today four distinct New Chrysler models—"52," "62," "72" and Imperial "80" ranging in price all the way from \$725 to \$6795.  
These Chryslers give new standards of value in the four principal price fields. They are superior, because they are the products of that famous Chrysler Standardized Quality of engineering and manufacturing which, from the beginning, has pioneered and developed countless betterments in motor cars and has applied them to every Chrysler.  
**Kuykendall Motor Company**  
Midland, Texas

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

By F. A. WALKER

**RESPONSIBILITY**

THE world calls every day for stout-hearted persons of ability accept places of responsibility where the burdens are heavy and the duties exacting, but there are few, indeed, who are found acceptable.

When it comes to taking hold of important things, planning, directing and overruling competing forces, men and women are easily wrenched from their seats.

The great majority like to swim with the tide. They balk at a stewardship for which they will be held accountable. And it is this lack of courage that keeps them year after year among the trailers.

If you will scan your little horizon at a moment, you may find without any special effort that you can number an acquaintance who might be charged with this lamentable failure.

They are not by any means the worst of human material, but such as they are, they are the stuff out of which Time manufactures his derisive—odd mixtures of brass and putty, beautiful of cleverness and activity, and with all their vauntings they never succeed in being anything but subordinates, plodding along miles behind the head of the procession.

Among the city-bred, these types are growing more common.

The giant office buildings are surrounded with milk-and-water young men and women who have no aspiration beyond earning tawdry clothes and nightly seats in tinselled shows.

As they bridge the lean lapses of the pay days with promises to do better, which are never kept, and they advance towards the autumn life, they find themselves in a bar-land, ruefully looking backward at those who achieved brilliant success, because they were unafraid to accept responsibilities.

So famous among the famous in our country, in fact in every country in the globe, are the men and women who in the springtime of their lives faced duty nobly, glad to be made for their charges.

They were never wasteful of time, never disrespectful or supercilious. They worked diligently and fought bravely for a larger sphere, and through studiousness, self-denial and untiring effort they found it.

Somewhere in the stern battle of life, others of like determination are following the footsteps of these successful men and women, sure of reaching their destination, for they have bought tickets to the end of the route. Are you among them?

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**COURTESY**

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

DAUGHTER, I'll give you a staple rule. As wise as any you learn at school, though it has to do with a simple thing: Don't the way you walk, nor the way you sing, nor the way you dress—it is just the way you speak to others from day to day. There are folks we don't like, folks we do, and we don't know why, but it's surely true. And get it's all in the way they speak. When a thing they wish, or a favor they seek, it's easy enough to understand: The cultured ask, but the crude command. There are folks we like, though we hardly know. Why is it that we like them so. There are folks whose voices jar the ear. And we don't know why—but it's that, may dear. Yes, after all, it's a simple test: The crude command, the polite request.

The "glimme" people may get a thing, and folks may carry and fetch and bring. But ask for things with a gracious tone. And both the thing and a friend you'll own. In all your asking, the courtesies remember, daughter—remember, please.

**ONE OF LARGEST AND MOST MODERN LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIAL BUILDINGS IN THIS PART OF STATE**

Burton Lingo Company's new building, one of the largest of its kind in this part of the State, is nearing completion on Texas Avenue, a half block east of Main Street.

The new structure, with handsome brick front, and brick wall along the west side, serves as office for the company, store room for building materials and supplies, and warehouse for lumber.

The down stairs part, under one roof, is 96 by 180 feet, and there is a brick second story about 36 by 36 feet in size. The second story will have bed rooms.

Burton Lingo Company recently sold its office and store location on Main Street and Texas Avenue, a tract of 100 by 140 feet, and still owns the east half of that block, where the new building and other warehouses and lumber sheds are located.

**Skinner Building New Brick Residence**

A. J. Skinner, manager of the Circle Bar ranch, and cattle operator of Midland, is erecting a new brick home in West Midland, two blocks south of the highway. The new home will soon be completed.

News received here this week is to the effect that M. F. Burns, formerly of Midland, is ill in Fort Worth.

Miss Margaret Caldwell, who has been teaching school in Freeport, arrived Saturday night for the holidays.

Patrick Hill, manager of the Midland office for the Rector Oil Company will spend the holidays at various points in South Texas.

Miss Dale Jobe was over from Odessa Monday Christmas shopping.

E. B. Poole and W. M. Burress leave for different points in Oklahoma to spend the holidays.

Mrs. B. C. Hendrick and son Bernard, Mrs. Tom Jones and son Gordon, Erma Jones and Jack Tripp from Odessa shopped in Midland Monday.

C. W. Magalis who represents the Llano Oil Company here leaves for Dallas to spend the holidays with his parents. Mr. Magalis expects to be gone about a week.

J. W. B. Hogan left a few days ago to spend Christmas with his parents and other relatives in South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Button Estes and little son Pardner are spending the holidays at San Antonio visiting relatives.

Mrs. V. J. Gotch daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Currie is home from an extended trip north.

Mrs. A. J. Skinner was in from the ranch last Saturday.

Mesdames C. M. Smith and Jay McGee were over from Odessa Monday to do Christmas shopping.

Miss Hannah Mae Griffith of Rankin was a guest in the W. H. Brunson home last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Francis were here from Odessa Monday.

Mrs. McMahan and daughter were over from Odessa Saturday shopping.

Hayden Miles and family are enjoying a visit from his father and mother, from Santa Anna. They arrived Sunday and will stay through the Christmas holidays.

District Attorney Roy Biggs, accompanied by Mrs. Biggs, spent Saturday here, from Pecos.

Mrs. May Sammons and daughter Miss Veema shopped in Midland Saturday.

Mrs. Billy Rankin and son Johnnie were up from Rankin Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cole and children were in from the ranch Monday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wyche were in from their ranch west of Odessa Monday.

Mr. C. L. Sweatt is expected to arrive in Midland today to spend Christmas with relatives. Mrs. Sweatt and little son have been here for some time visiting her parents W. M. Pyle and family.

**Newspaper Articles Describe Midland as A Shopping Center**

People of Martin, Howard, Dawson, Glasscock, Ector, Crane, Upton, Winkler, Gaines and Andrews counties, as well as many others in this area are being welcomed to Midland through newspaper articles sent out this week by the Midland Chamber of Commerce telling about the special Christmas adornment of this city.

These neighbors of Midland are assured that the street decorations, and the special store front and Christmas tree adornments are an evidence of Midland's welcome to all visitors. Visitors are advised to be here at night as well as in the daytime so they may get the full effect of the Christmas spirit of Midland.

**Daughter is Born to H. G. Russells**

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Russell announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday morning, December 13th weighing eight and a quarter pounds. The baby was given the name of Jean Hardee, and will soon be able to smile at the friends of this couple, as well as her sister and brother.

The heartiest felicitations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Russell by their host of friends.—Pecos Enterprise.

Conner-Braswell returned Saturday night from Marshall, his old home, where he visited relatives and friends for several days.

Jax M. Cowden left Sunday for San Antonio, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Robert Fasken was here last week from California, transacting business and visiting Andrew Fasken and family.

B. M. Whittaker, representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, passed through Midland Saturday afternoon, returning from a hunt in the Davis Mountains. He had a great deal to say about the big things that are being done in Midland.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

LOST—Pair of glasses between Midland and Circle Bar ranch last Friday. Wardlow Lewis name on case. Finder please leave at Reporter office.

FOR SALE—Cafe in newest boom town of West Texas. The leading cafe of the town, doing \$300 per day business and getting better every day. Will pay for itself in 60 days. A wonderful chance for a real cafe man. Come and look it over. See Mr. Rossman, Main Cafe, Monahans. 24-2p.

FOR SALE—Jersey bull calf, registered, one year old. See Johnny Waddell or J. E. Wallace. 24-2p.

LADY, experienced in practical nursing wants employment. Mrs. D. L. Flood, 2 miles west and 4 miles south of Midland. 241tp.

FOR SALE—Man' Shop, Amarillo, Texas, doing a cash business, excellent location, good lease, reasonable rent, fully equipped and very modern. Will sell stock, separately or with fixtures or lease. Good reason for selling. Box 58 Eldorado, Ark. 24-2t.

FOR SALE—A few choice Barred Rock cockerels for sale. From selected matings. J. M. Prothro. 23-2p.

FOR SALE—6 lots 50x140 feet, each facing west half of block 45, West End addition on College Avenue, or will trade for 160-acre farm in three or four miles of town and pay difference. J. M. Prothro. 23-2p.

PURE BRED mammoth bronze turkeys for sale, \$10.00 each. Mrs. M. C. Williams, Box 38, Rout 1, Stanton, Texas. 23-2p.

FOR SALE—Registered and grade Jerseys for sale at all times. Can also supply bull circles. C. Holzgraf, Telephone 292-B. 23-1p.

FOR SALE—Lots 8 to 12 inclusive in block 50, Homestead addition, Midland, Texas. Submit best cash offer to Miss Anna Lee Ownby, 1011 Taylor street, Amarillo, Tex. 22-3tp.

FOR SALE—One registered Poland China brood sow with ten pigs. J. T. Brown or W. F. Wimberly place, 3 miles north of Midland. 21-4tp.

FOR SALE—Four burner, eight hole, oil cook stove, in first class condition. Price \$25 cash, with oven. Mrs. M. L. Sholte 24-3tp.

**"Electricity!---**

*The Tireless Servant of America's Prosperity"*

Says Lewis E. Pierson  
President of the United States  
Chamber of Commerce

"Many factors have contributed to the pre-eminent position of America's workers, but underlying everything else has been the fact that the American wage earner has had more power at his elbow than the worker of any other industrial nation."

While the rest of the world wrestles with unrest and industrial strife, capital and labor in America work shoulder to shoulder on a basis that has resulted in higher standards of living than those enjoyed by any other people.

The most highly developed system of electric power equipment and facilities in the world has helped make this condition of affairs possible.

Because of the engineering skill and organizing ability which have gone into the expansion of America's power plants, there is available to American industry today more electrical energy than is produced in all the rest of the world combined.

Nearly a million miles of transmission and distribution lines supply American

industry with more than thirty million horse power. Expressed in terms of man power, this is equivalent to the potential service of forty helpers for every worker in this country.

Increasing, as it does, the production capacity of the worker by forty fold, this great industrial force has improved the financial status of American labor approximately 50 per cent in the last fifteen years, while at the same time materially decreasing the cost of manufactured articles.

In the light of such achievement, it is obvious that the interests of American business and American family life will be served best by the careful preservation of the principle of individual initiative by which such accomplishments have been made possible.

**Texas Electric Service Company**

*"Your Electric Servant"*

**Ann Rork**



Posing in her stylish winter garb of velvet is the ever-winsome "movie" star, Ann Rork, featured in the motion picture entitled "The Prince of Head Waiters."

**Uncommon Sense**

By John Blake

**HOUSEHOLD "GOATS"**

IN NEARLY every large family there is one person who is tacitly recognized as the household "goat."

Often this person is the mother, sometimes an elder daughter. Nearly always the role is filled by a woman, because women have to stay around the house. The male members of the family, soon or late, break away from the net of domestic restraint.

On the "goat" devolve all the irksome and disagreeable tasks that have to be done. If the family is in moderate circumstances she looks after the children and does the housework.

If the family is affluent she entertains all guests and does everybody else's shopping.

She is always generous and self-sacrificing and uncomplaining. And for that reason she is always imposed upon.

Because she does not make a fuss when her feelings are hurt the other members of the family conclude that her feelings can't be hurt. They love her, of course. But they never stop to think that their love ought to take some tangible form.

Custom can harden us to a great many things. That is why a loving family can see one of its members unjustly treated day after day and do nothing about it.

The mere fact that it is the custom to overlook the victim's wishes in everything finally comes to be considered an excuse for doing so.

Family tyranny is not often conscious tyranny. It is just thoughtlessness.

But it is tyranny all the same. And the vicious part of it is that the more the victim submits to it the greater the tyranny becomes.

The mother or daughter who sacrifices herself for the pleasure of the others is not only mistreating herself. She is urging the others to even greater selfishness and thoughtlessness.

In time they come to accept her service and sacrifice as merely their due. And thus she injures their characters even while she is depriving herself of her share of pleasure.

There is no good reason that I can think of why one person should be the victim of the family group any more than he should be a victim of a less friendly group. The members of a football team or of a brokerage house do not expect one person to shoulder all the disagreeable tasks.

Why, then, should a family expect one of its members to give up his comfort for the ease of the others?

I would like to see all household "goats" rebel every Monday. A weekly rebellion might jar the family into some appreciation of their worth.

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Man an inch and he'll take says Corpulent Cora. "Give woman an inch and she'll take re- sponse."

**John W. Hix Starts Building New Home**

John W. Hix has started the construction of a new brick home on Texas Avenue, in West Midland, the lots being immediately west of the Elliott F. Cowden home.

**Mid-Kansas Geologist Leases Hamlett House**

W. C. Kinkel, formerly of Fort Stockton, is moving to Midland, and has leased the new residence built by J. J. Hamlett. Mr. Kinkel is chief geologist of the Mid-Kansas Company, operating extensively in the Pecos County pool.

V. L. Radcliff, jeweler, was over from Odessa Saturday transacting business.

Jack Sherman who was connected with the Rector Oil Company was in Midland Monday on business.

**Wanted Plenty of Them**

Little Frances had returned from a visit with her grandmother in the country. While there she had heard of flocks of sheep and flocks of chickens.

Her mother had taken her downtown to buy a new dress, when Frances saw a large number of dresses her size in the store and she said, "Oh, mother, please get me a whole flock of those pretty dresses."

**How It Started**

By JEAN NEWTON

**"MY EYE"**

THIS exclamation, used to express doubt or incredulity mingled with contempt for the very absurdity of the thing, is not only slang but has fallen into disrepute as a vulgarism, used only by those whose resources in language are few.

However, in England, the home of the expression, it has long been a popular bit of slang in perfectly good standing. It is used there in its original form, which is "All my eye and Betsy Martin." Somehow this has a less offensive flavor than the abbreviated form. And it is in fact so well regarded across the water that Galsworthy, in his latest book, has put into the mouth of a charming English gentleman the exclamation, "All my eye and Betsy Martin."

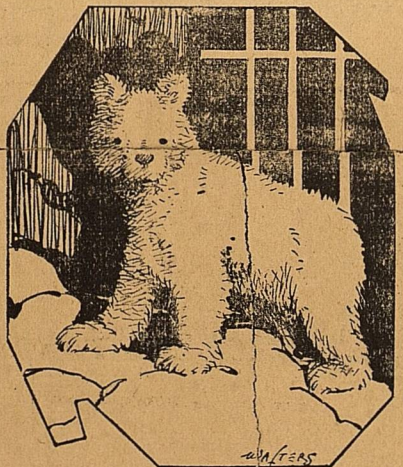
The unique story connected with its origin is as follows: A sailor entering a church where the service was being held in Latin heard these words: "Ah, mihi, beate Martine" ("Ah, grant me, blessed Martin"). Not comprehending what was being said, he did not stay very long, and later, on giving an account of the experience, it seemed he had retained the first few words, for he said that he didn't know what it was all about, but that it seemed to him something like "All my eye and Betsy Martin."



MR. POLAR BEAR

"THERE has been one zoo," said the Sandman, "where they have been able to raise a polar bear cub successfully, for usually polar bear cubs do not care for zoos."

"It is different with big polar bears, but the little polar bears have not found that zoo life agreed with them, but this polar bear found it was different and that zoo life agreed with him perfectly from the time he was a



He Thought He Would Sing a Polar Bear Song

baby cub in the zoo until he became quite good size.

"He was so pleased about it that he thought he would sing a polar bear song, and this was his song:

I'm the Polar Bear so bold  
Who loves the weather when it's cold,  
I wear a white suit which looks like  
the snow,  
And I'll tell you, too, I'm a dangerous  
foe,  
But oh, how I love a cake of ice,  
With it I'm really and truly nice!  
I'm a bear that has grown from a tiny  
bear,  
And this is a great event for this zoo,  
Where they have raised me since the  
day I was born,  
And have cared for me ever since that  
morn.  
My mother, of course, was a great  
great help,  
She understood my every yelp,  
But this is the first zoo to have raised  
a cub  
and they have called me the prize  
bear Bub!

"Yes," continued the Sandman, "it was a very wonderful event and the zoo people were very proud of it. They didn't want to boast of it until the bear was big enough to really be sure of growing up into strength and full polar bear size.

"Some of the animals were telling the visitors who they were by roaring and talking in their different ways, and though the visitors could not understand them, the animals did their best to be understood.

"If they want to know Who's Who in Zooland," said the Polar Bear, "they can find out a good deal from looking at us. And our keepers will tell them many things about us."

"Now, in that outside cage, over some distance, Mr. and Mrs. Emeu are telling their friends and those whom they are seeing for the first time about themselves."

"And," said the Sandman, "it was true. Mr. and Mrs. Emeu were strolling about in their yard, and were grunting and sporting their little piece about themselves."

"This is what it was when translated into words:

I am Mrs. Emeu, and I'll have you know  
That I keep Mr. Emeu well on the go.  
For he brings up the children and I make him work,  
While every duty of mine I shirk.  
We have legs like long stilts, and bodies like hay,  
And except when it's spring I'm pleasant and gay!

"And Mr. Emeu said:

Every word that she says is true.  
This is what she makes me do:  
She never, never will let me shirk,  
She sees that I keep at my work,  
She makes me bring up the children well,  
And only allows herself a cross spell,  
It's true, as she says, that she's cross in the spring,  
But at other times she's a pleasant nice thing.  
She doesn't mind if I call her a thing,  
For she knows that I'm willing her praises to sing.

I like her, and that's strange enough for me,  
And though she's strange, she and I agree,  
I'm willing enough to do all the work,  
I don't really care to shirk;  
And if she's queer with each leg like a stilt,  
I am the very same way, you see, built,  
And we both have bodies that look like hay,  
And most of the time we're happy and gay.  
Yes, she tells you the truth in her song,  
And I say the same, ding-dong, ding-dong.

"So," the Sandman ended, "these animals and their keepers told the people their names and their histories, and I've put into words you could understand just what it was they said, for the keepers and those who study animals understand animal language and will translate it for people!"

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**Texas Produced Many Tons Asphalt**

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19.—The production of bituminous limestone or asphalt rock in Texas during 1926 amounted to 289,980 tons which was valued at \$825,610, according to figures compiled by the Bureau of Economic Geology of the University of Texas in co-operation with the United States Bureau of Mines. This production is considerably in excess both in quantity and value of that of 1925, when the production was 204,527 tons, valued at \$692,731.

In Texas the principal belt of bituminous limestone is located in the Uvalde and Kinney county region, being a part of the Anacacho formation, according to Dr. E. H. Sellards, director of the Bureau of Economic Geology. In this region there were three companies operating in 1926.

According to statistics obtained by the same two bureaus, the production of sand and gravel in Texas during 1926 was 5,383,450 tons which was valued at \$3,187,662. The output for 1926 as compared to 1925 was slightly less in both quantity and value. The output in 1925 was 6,093,476 tons, valued at \$3,478,517. The use of sand and gravel is chiefly in construction, paving and road-making, according to Dr. Sellards, while another important use is for railroad ballast, with engine sand, gitts sand and molding sand also occupying important places from point of use.

Mrs. Ira Henderson was over from Odessa shopping Monday.

Mr. Edward A. Nolan has been ill for the past few days but is able to be at his business again.

**John Howard Made Head of War Vets**

John B. Howard, prominent El Paso attorney, and former resident of Pecos, was named commander of the Spanish War veterans for the coming year, of the Hamilton Fish Camp No. 2 at El Paso, when their annual election of officers was held Tuesday night.

In July 1928, this post of the old veterans plans to entertain the Texas convention of that organization in El Paso, and show them the hospitalities of the famed gateway city. —Pecos Enterprise.

John Wesley Crowley is home to spend the holidays from Draughon's Business College at Abilene.

Bill Thompson from Wink, spent Saturday in Midland visiting a friend, leaving that night for Colorado to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. King, of Stanton, were among the shoppers to Midland Saturday.

**Doing My Turn**

Pardon the reference to myself, but it is only through personal analysis that one can make definite resolutions. Making a personal application of this Christmas and New Year's talk, I hope to be of some service through this and other Texas newspapers to every one who reads these articles from week to week. I hope by showing you what other Texans have accomplished and are doing to offer some suggestions that may be inspirational or helpful to you, and through you those about you to more helpful activities for yourself and for others—something that may make life just a little better, ideals and purposes just a little higher, usefulness just a little better, ideals and purpose in a small measure and even though any success may never be known to me, the next year will not be spent by me in vain.

Parker Garvie, scout for the Rector Oil Company will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents at San Angelo.

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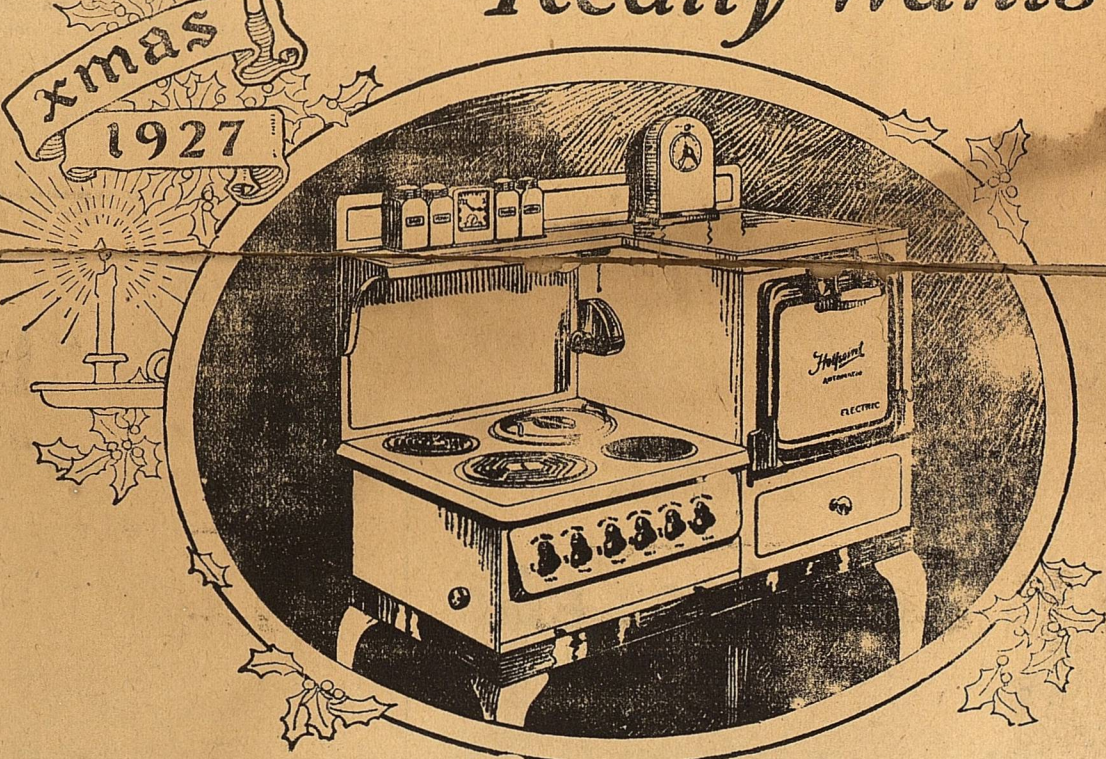
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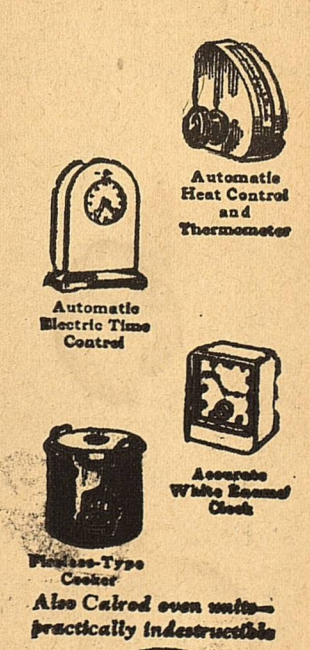
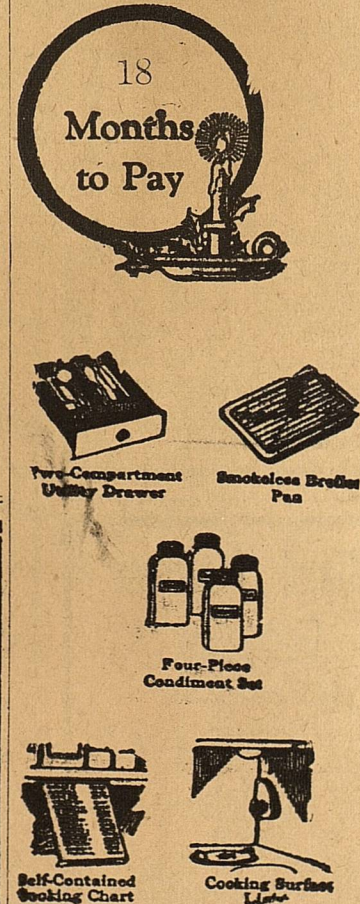


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**PUBLIC UTILITIES BUILD MODERN CITY EACH YEAR**

Expansion of public utilities in the United States has reached a point where the various companies construct the equivalent of a large city every year. Hundreds of new buildings are required annually to house the commercial departments of transportation, communication, heat, light and power corporations.

The telephone industry presents a graphic illustration of the great development. The original telephone building was constructed at 18 Cortlandt Street, New York City, just 40 years ago. Last year the Bell system spent \$43,000,000 for new buildings and replacements of old ones.

From the very first, the utility companies have sought the finest and most substantial materials and workmanship.

The Bell System today owns buildings ranging up to 27 stories. There are more than 2000 in all, valued at \$235,000,000. This does not include structures owned by the 9500 non-Bell Telephone companies.

In Dallas the Bell company is erecting a magnificent structure as its Texas headquarters and is building several other fine structures in the state.

Gas and electric companies and other public service corporations own thousands more to which they are adding each year. Beauty as well as utility is considered in most of the structures.

**STREET RAILWAYS TAXED TO DEATH, SAYS JUDGE**

When the case involving the bankrupt street railway system of St. Louis was in the federal court Judge Faris, after hearing the evidence and the arguments said:

"No other individual or corporation partnership or public utility in Missouri is required to pay taxes of as many different sorts as have been laid on this street railway company. It pays taxes on (1) value of its tangible property, (2) franchise taxes to both the city and state, (3) income taxes, (4) a tax of one mill on each paying passenger carried, (5) cost of paving between the tracks and twelve inches outside the rails, (6) carries free all firemen and policemen in uniform.

"I am of the view, therefore, that a large part of the financial trouble of the company may well be attributed to these extraordinary taxes, which in the end, of course, must do fall on the car riders.

Referring to the clamor in St. Louis for a return to the five cent fare, Judge Faris said that it is "not sanely to be expected" and that the arguments advanced were not even respectable nonsense."

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rankin and son Homer from Rankin were Midland visitors Saturday.

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**WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS**

**WEST TEXAS CHAMBER COMMERCE**

December 16, 1927

Canadian—A new 240 horsepower unit has been purchased by this city to be installed about January 1.

Stinnett—Building underway in Stinnett for the new year includes a \$75,000 school building and a \$300,000 courthouse.

Turkey—The first carload of flour from Plainview to a point on the new line of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railroad Company went from the Harvest Queen Mills at Plainview to J. Calvin Young, groceryman of Turkey. Turkey and Quitaque are the first cities on the new line to receive train service.

Sagerton—A new house of worship together with a new parsonage has been completed here. Visitors from Albany, Abilene and Lorraine came here on the occasion of their dedication.

Alpine—Alpine has been placed before the Texas Woman's Press Association as 1929 convention city. Mrs. W. B. Hamilton of this city is treasurer of the organization.

Crowell—Work is being rushed to completion on Crowell's new school building which is expected to be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

Groom—J. E. Biggs, field representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will leave here the latter part of Christmas week for Stamford where he will attend the annual New Year's staff meeting of the regional organization.

Dumas—Dumas and Moore counties are going to be put on the map. The Dumas Chamber of Commerce recently organized and is at work on a program that will promote real agricultural diversification and that will prepare the city for oil development activities.

Baird—A home market for cream and dairy products has been established here with opening of a local creamery by Ed Ivey. A 20x30 foot modern building houses the place of business.

Carlsbad, N. M.—The regular irrigation season in this sector has been closed for some time, and water deliveries from the storage reservoir have been discontinued.

Chillicothe—C. S. Holland, formerly of this city, is now editing the Muleshoe Journal, opened for the past two and a half years by R. B. Boyle, now of Plainview.

San Angelo—This city will be host to representatives of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Oil and Gas Bureau January 25. All interested in development of West Texas oil and gas industries are invited to be present.

Stamford—The season's greetings are extended to all West Texas by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in the December issue of West Texas Today just off the press.

Pecos—Hotel Pecos has been leased and is to be opened to the public as soon as it is completed and furnished. The building has twenty rooms, with hot and cold running water and circulating heat.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harrall and daughter Pattie and Miss Mildred Price shopped in Midland Saturday, having motored over from Ft. Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Carter were over from Odessa shopping Saturday.

**OIL ROYALTIES WANTED**  
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**C. Schnoor Is Well Known Geologist**

C. Schnoor, geologist with the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation, was located in Amarillo prior to moving to Midland, and was secretary of the Panhandle Geological Society. He was well known in that section on account of his record in his field of work, and Midland is fortunate in gaining him as a citizen. Mr. Schnoor states that Midland is experiencing a remarkable growth and is building on a solid basis. He and his family are living in the Edd Cowden residence just east of their home on Wall street.

**How We May Help**  
"Charity begins at home" is an adage that contains much good when its meaning is not abused. We should begin our service at home, take it to those close about us and extend it as far as in our ability lies, with due consideration to reasonable proportions. It is as wrong to expend all our energies on our immediate families, unless under some special necessity, as to spend all our efforts on our neighbors, our club, our town, or our State. If we but seek it, there is some way, even though it be a small way, in which we can distribute our service of helpfulness, taking the home as the starting point from which to radiate efforts in behalf of others. Too many of us men and women of small caliber perhaps, are unwilling to try to do any good work because we can not do big things. If we would, bring next year to a happy ending for ourselves and for others we should throughout the year, put our hands and our minds to the useful service that may be closest at hand, regardless of whether it may appear trivial or of much moment.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Spires and little son Billy from Andrews were shoppers in Midland Saturday.

**Path to Wisdom**  
The most of us are too fond of people who agree with us, and have too little use for those who do not. If we would but cultivate the latter a little more than we do, we might gain more wisdom than we now have—Grit.



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TEXAS AND TEXANS  
BY WILL H. MAYES  
Christmas-Time in Texas

It's Christmas-time in Texas. Somehow Christmas has a deeper signification for Texans than for

most people. Really, it is Thanksgiving and Christmas combined, for the thanksgiving season has largely degenerated at a time of strenuous athletic contests of a kind that stir up local strife and ill-feeling, and is no longer given over to praise

and thankfulness. To most persons Thanksgiving Day holds nothing of the import attached to it by the early settlers of this country. It is only the close of another football season, a day of strenuous shouting for a favorite school ball team. But Christmas has lost nothing of its old-time momentousness. It is a time of rejoicing, a period of recession, a leisure for laying another year's plans. Christmas is doubly meaningful to Texans because Texans have so much for which to rejoice and be thankful, so much about which to think with pleasure and to look forward to with hopefulness.

**Planning for the Year**

Texans are now busily laying their plans for another year. Individuals, communities, towns and cities are looking to the future. Unless all prophecies fail, Texas will have another year of prosperity in which all should try to share. Accumulation, whether in property or in wisdom, is something to be desired and for which to strive, unless it becomes a loadstone to draw one away from the higher ideals of life. We should improve the talents we have at hand, we should plan to make our country a better country in which to live, our homes better homes, our lives better lives. There is helpful service in the very examples of our labors of a kind that may appear to others as being for our own gain, but the point I am trying to make is that in our apparently selfish plans for another year we should not fail to plan for those about us who may be less able, less qualified for the struggles of life. We should not forget that while providing for ourselves there is a brotherhood responsibility to the rest of mankind.

**Helpfulness Brings Happiness**

There is nothing more certainly known from the experiences of men than that mere wealth, position or power does not bring and lasting satisfaction, except as it may be used in helpful service. Ephemeral pleasures of a kind that may be purchased or commanded always prove unsatisfying. The only pleasures we can be sure of retaining are those we give to others. The only profitable use we can make of ourselves is our use to those about us. It is a mistake to plan our lives on any other basis than that of helpful service. This we can render in whatever we may be doing whether engaged in the humblest toil or in the loftiest positions whether we may be wealthy or in poverty. Opportunities are all about every one if we will only see them, and in proportion as we do see them

**GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT IS FATAL TO BUSINESS SAYS THOMAS A. EDISON**

Government control of business is fatal to success, in the opinion of Thomas A. Edison, inventive genius and one of the great minds of electricity, who made this statement while broadcasting over the radio, newest of electric discoveries, during the recent "Edison Night" program in his honor.

Mr. Edison made the assertion while answering seventeen questions asked by E. W. Rice, Jr., honorary chairman of the General Electric Company board of directors, to disclose the inventor's philosophy of life and his outlook on the future. The dialogue broadcast from Mr. Edison's library in West Orange, N. J., was event of the program, says the Texas Public Service Information Bureau.

"Will business ever get so big that it will be desirable to have it handled by the government?" asked Mr. Rice.

"Government management is fatal to success," responded Mr. Edison. "The government should regulate, not manage, private business in its relation with the public."

Asked if he thought the tendency in America will be toward bigger and bigger business, Mr. Edison replied: "Competent men are so scarce that there are not enough to go around. Hence, large corporations are of advantage as they can obtain better management."

During the unusual public questioning Mr. Edison stated he considered the incandescent electric light and power system the most important invention, while he regarded the introduction of electricity, power, telephone, etc., the greatest factors in human progress.

"Have the possibilities of electric invention and discovery been exhausted?" inquired Mr. Rice.

"Oh, no, answered the genius. "They appear endless."

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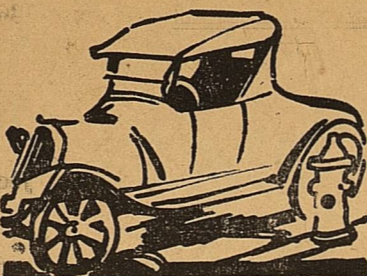
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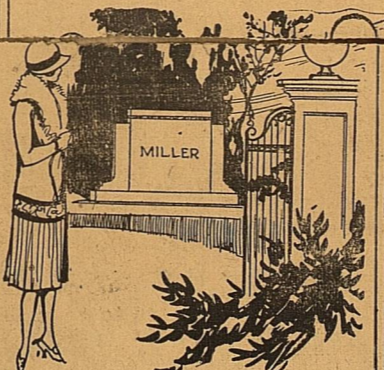
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- ✓ Rear Axle
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- ✓ Starting
- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ Ignition
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- ✓ Tires
- ✓ Upholstery
- ✓ Top
- ✓ Fenders
- ✓ Finish

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# Announcement...

ON September 27th, 1927, in an interview published in the Midland newspapers I briefly outlined the program of development which we had in mind for Midland.

The purpose of this announcement is not the sale of any property or a solicitation to buy anything. Its particular purpose is to advise the oilmen of the great West Texas area that they can count with confidence on having in the early summer of 1928 splendid office quarters available to them in the City of Midland.

The accompanying illustration of our proposed Petroleum Building is evidence of the character of the building we propose to erect.

There will be larger Petroleum Buildings in the State of Texas, there will be none better or more completely equipped for the convenience and comfort of its tenants.

There are many oil companies who would have a staff of officials and salaried men in Midland if suitable quarters were available.

During the interim while this building is in process of construction we will extend ourselves to the limit to furnish temporary quarters for the personnel of such companies. We want them to know in advance that if they intend to participate in the development of the great oil reserves of West Texas their logical, permanent home is Midland.

Actual work on this building will start within three weeks and every effort will be made to so co-ordinate the work that no delays will postpone its completion.

Merely as evidence that the promises here made are not idle statements, I refer again to the interview of September 27th. In that interview it was said that our plans included among other things a Petroleum Building, Theatre, Hospital, Nursery and the beautifying of the highlands West of the City.

A Theatre with a capacity of 1,500 seats is included in this Petroleum Building project; the Nursery has been installed; the first shipment of trees and shrubs planted; a two story office building and living quarters has been built for our own company; a Sunken Garden has been planned and started as the initial move in beautifying that portion of the city; and the engineers are at work making a comprehensive and, we hope, an artistic plan for the home sites in which our residence property will be divided. This we think is the best evidence of our good faith and our confidence in the future of Midland.

In that connection it may be well to reiterate that within a radius of 125 miles of Midland is the greatest known oil reserve in the world. That is a broad statement but we challenge its contradiction. Four fields within that radius, if put on full production are easily capable of producing one half of the total present production of the United States. Forty-five miles from Midland Northwest quarter of Section 47 in the Church-Field-McElroy Pool has produced in eleven months an average for the 160 acres of over thirty thousand barrels to the acre and all the wells on one were drilled within that eleven months period.

It will take ten years and an expenditure of over fifty million dollars to develop the Elroy ranch alone.

Winkler County possibilities are too great even for conjecture.

Yates Pool with its potential million barrels per day transcends them all.

It would be a stupid man who would say that the fields of this area have all been found. Ten years and twenty years hence the immense area tributary to this city will be furnishing the oil industry with new fields.

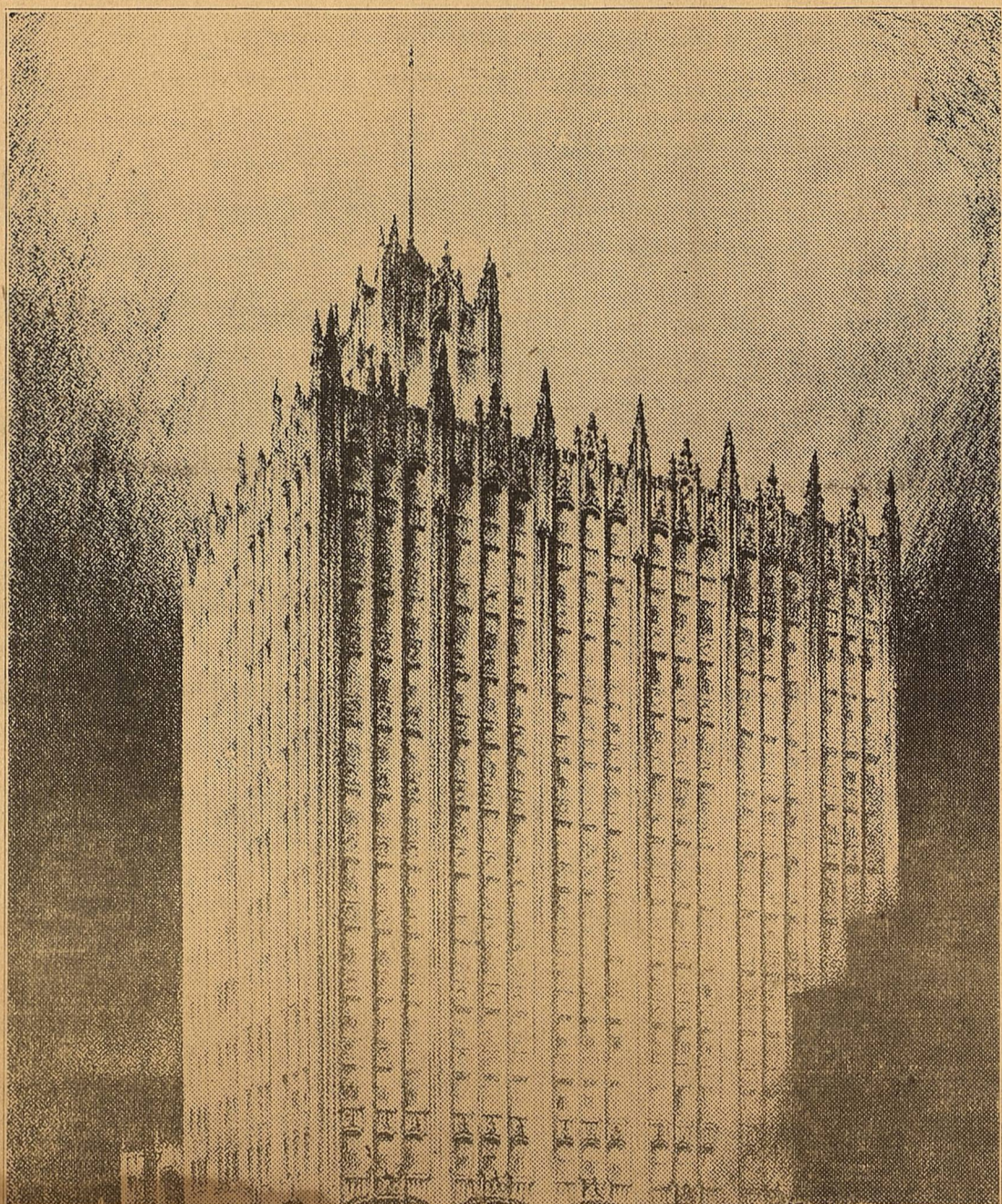
And always it will remain the great livestock center of West Texas.

Men of vision, common sense and courage will profit by the growth of the city. Others will tell their grand-children what they might have done if they had bought this or that piece of property.

Tulsa, Okla., is one of the best built cities of its size in the world with a population well over 100,000. Tulsa was made a great City by the courage and enterprise of its citizens.

Midland has everything that Tulsa had at a corresponding period in its life and it has a greater oil empire about it than Tulsa ever had.

These are some of the many reasons why we are starting to build a million dollar building in the City of Midland.



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