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Operations Already Started

Company Has Crew on Old Wells and Materials and for Other Operations

Time has arrived for the oil to get busy on their propositions in Howard County. There has been big excitement of what was in store for "New Year." Leases and block-leases by major companies have been made all over the county and with drilling conditions.

Waiting for the very "first" to the Marland company has alerted their big testing and program. A crew of left Thursday morning for a ranch to clean out and deep-Clay No. 1 well, otherwise the "Hyer discovery well," party with good lease block-leases purchased by the company recently. The drill-work with a Star rig and to be drilled will be decided by the showings obtained. Clay No. 1 well was drilled years ago and it penetrated sand which has consistently a small quantity of oil, its production being about seven a day. It was the first oil in the southeastern part of the county, and the oil has been the drilling of the Chalk No. 3, some three or four miles eastward. The well has not attracted attention in way of its output and the Marland evidently have faith that a test and sinking of the bit will increase the flow or un-deeper sand.

In connection it is to be noted the Reeves-Apperman-Green which recently came in as a producer is also on the edge, a couple of miles or less west of the Hyer well. It is, although not confirmed, the Marland company has purchased the Reeves-Apperman well, known as the "Thompson" body of surrounding leases.

The first actual start to the oil companies to give County a thorough testing coming springtime. In confirmation the company is quantities of casing and supplies in their yards and buildings here. Three big power boilers lie in the yard for transportation to other locations. Such operations are semi-said to be of the springs.

For Christmas the Marland company trucked the timbers for the Harding ranch where drilling is contracted for. This is the nearest to Big Spring of operations so far designated. Only five to six miles out and it is not more than a mile farther.

Non-at-Hand Prospects

Announcements of a number of prospects are delayed until the first. This is largely the fact that most big oil companies their annual meetings in early and at such time they work for the ensuing period a six months program. Meetings the field forces

the prospects not ready to be announced is a drilling the Will P. Edwards ranch, town and over the Glasscock line. This leasehold the McDowell ranch on which weather is preparing to drill.

Cook and associates are the bringing up of about tracts in their blocked about fifteen miles north of Big Spring. With that commencing activity is due to follow.

Meriwether Testing

Meriwether who has been in the Sterling County district is perfecting his plans for a large blocking on

the McDowell ranch, south of Big Spring and just over the line of Glasscock County.

The McDowell "field" is well known. It was first drilled by S. E. J. Cox some seven years ago and oil was found but the hole was lost through collapse of casing in a tool fishing job. Later, the General Oil Co. opened up a production of better than 100 barrels a day in their McDowell No. 4, at depth of 3,709 feet. This hole was junked also. In all, five tests have been made on this tract, with three wet and two dry holes, the yield pinching out in testing in direction last drilled from the original discovery well.

Mr. Meriwether has two locations for testing, on sections 23 and 34, the first hole to be sunk 300 feet east of the McDowell No. 4. Rig and equipment for the drilling is to be shipped from Sterling County which has not proven as yet to be a profitable field for drilling. He has office in the West Texas National Bank building and he is ready to go, he declares.

Chalk Field Completions

For the week ending December 23 the Chalk field in southeastern part of Howard County added two more producers brought in by the Magnolia company. They were the Hyman-Chalk No. 1 with 40 barrels production at depth of 1,177 feet and the G. O. Chalk No. 4, completed for 60 barrels at 1,590 feet.

The oil people took Christmas and they are now drifting back to their jobs. Through lack of hotel accommodations the considerable number who operated from Big Spring have been forced to go elsewhere but there will still be representatives of the companies here and the new operations as well as the old, look to Big Spring for their general supplies and as their trading point. It may be confidently expected that before the month of January is out there will be drilling started in a number of tests, on all sides of town, by smaller companies as well as by the larger.

Officers - Elect Qualify Saturday

County and Precinct Officials Elected in November to Make Bonds and Take Oath of Office

In readiness to assume their official positions in county and precincts all the successful candidates in the late November election will appear in the county court Saturday afternoon, at which time the oath of office will be administered to each and the bonds presented for approval. Where bonds are approved the mantle of the predecessor in office falls upon the candidate as he concludes taking of the oath prescribed by the state statutes.

There are not many changes in the list of county and precinct officials. The county commissioners body, with the presiding county judge, is the only official occupancy which touches closely the county's welfare. Of the incoming commissioners much will be asked in way of improvements and helps to enterprises advocated by the public or groups of citizens. The calls will mostly involve the expenditure of monies, of which the court has little that is available.

The Herald, in advance of the actual installation, congratulates the good men who are to be at the helm of government and wishes for them and the county a satisfactory and constructive administration, each and every one.

REPORTED RECOVERING FROM POISONING

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Shaw who have been critically ill since they were poisoned several weeks ago from arsenic, are reported to be recovering. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw became ill after eating a hearty supper, and it is supposed that the bread which they ate contained arsenic. Their condition was grave up until several days ago and now they are reported to be on the road to recovery.

The stricken family was remembered at Christmas time by several generous citizens in Big Spring who donated money to send them food and clothing. Besides the \$10.00 in cash sent them they received \$25.00 worth of groceries, and an assortment of good winter clothing.

Jack Martin of El Paso was here to spend Christmas with friends

Lunch Club Tries Alleged Firebug

Accused Is Convicted of Burning of Cole Hotel in Order That the City Might Get Better One

The Wednesday Lunch Club again met in the Busy Bee in its weekly gathering, with Rev. R. L. Owen presiding and Attorney Barnett serving as chairman of the program committee. Introduction of visitors included the rising in his place of Judge J. D. Cunningham who made an appeal to the incoming commissioners to regulate the speed of automobiles. The judge is strictly after the fellow who is "in a hell of a hurry" as quoted from a correspondent who wanted to expedite an oil stock deal.

Dr. Ellington Arrested

Following the introductory proceedings there was a sensation produced when Sheriff House stepped over to Dr. Ellington's side and arrested that gentleman on charge of having set fire to the Cole Hotel on night of December 17.

A drumhead trial was instituted on the spot, with Judge Cunningham presiding, Rev. D. H. Heard as prosecuting attorney, Grover Cunningham as attorney for the defense and a jury selected by drawing from a hat.

The testimony was highly damaging to the Doctor, and it included in the main, statements by Travis Reed that the accused had bought gasoline and matches from him the night of the fire; by Robert Piner that the Doctor in company with a peg-legged man had mistaken the bank building for a filling station and had inquired where he could buy gasoline and matches; by R. A. Greaves that about the time the fire started the Doctor had told him that he had a hunch that it was the Cole Hotel. This circumstantial testimony was offset only by the statement of Rev. R. L. Owen who testified that the Doctor was a good member in his church.

The jury retired and reported back that all the testimony had been disregarded but that on general principles the Doctor was found guilty and the penalty assessed was that he build a 150-room hotel in Big Spring, forthwith.

The trial was rich in its sub rosa references to people and situations and the Doctor accepted the verdict with the proverbial "without the flicker of an eyelid."

Governor's Pardon

The climax of the tense trial situation was reached when a telegram was received, directed to Doctor Ellington. Opened and read it proved to be a full pardon from "Ma" and the missive was signed by "Jim."

The trial consumed the allotted hour and the holiday fun was a welcomed substitute for the weighty affairs which from week to week claim the club's attentions.

Dr. Ellington's known and appreciated interest and work in behalf of a new hotel, as in other lines of civic improvements, isolated him as the goat of the kangaroo court and in so being selected he was highly honored by his fellow-citizens.

JAIL REPAIRS AMONG EARLY YEAR CONTRACTS

The Howard County jail is soon to be turned over to the Southern Steel Co. of San Antonio, for repairing and remodeling to an extent. The contract for same was let some time ago and the bond for faithful performance of same was approved at the November term of the commissioners court. The bond is for \$15,000.

The need for repairs is urgent and has been that way for some time, asserts Judge Debenport. A great hole in one of the walls affords a way of escape of prisoners who can easily make their way through such ordinary repairs as can be made. This necessitates the confinement of inmates to small cells. Another cell, in basement, is not fit for human occupancy, the Judge holds and it is not available. Other defects and several improvements in safety and sanitary ways, are contracted for and when completed the place will be in reality what it looks like—about the most dwelling house in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Edwards and daughter, Miss Clifford, arrived Wednesday night for a visit with friends in this city. Miss Edwards is attending McMurray College at Abilene this year.

"WHEN A FELLOW NEEDS A FRIEND"

If there is a time when a fellow needs a friend more than at any other time it is when he drives into town and finds that there is no place to sleep, that the hotels and rooming houses are full.

A little courtesy on the part of our citizenship at a time like this is the cheapest advertising we can do. But the highest priced advertising we ever bought is when we take a fellow into our homes, give him our spare bed-room, possibly with few conveniences and then charge him a price that is entirely out of line with the accommodations furnished.

If we should see one of our citizens or even a stranger being hijacked we would report it immediately to the officers and be glad to be one of the witnesses against the offending party. An extortionate charge for either goods or services is only a legally protected case of HI-jacking.

Reasonable prices, courteous treatment and a manifested interest in the other fellow's welfare will pay big dividends for either an individual in business or a city wanting to build a friendly reputation.

C. T. WATSON,
Secretary, C. of C.

Douglass Hotel Arranged For

Old Cole Building Walls to Be Wrecked and 100-room Structure to Occupy Entire Lot, 130x140

J. C. Douglass, owner and operator of the old Cole Hotel, authorizes the announcement that he has arranged to build a new hotel on the old location, corner of Third and Runnels streets.

The plans for the new building are in the hands of architects for detail development of a building to cover all the big lot, except a strip on the south side. This will give 130x140 feet to be covered by the structure. On both Third (Bankhead Highway) street and on Runnels business occupancies will cover the ground floor, with entrances to lobby from both thoroughfares, the lobby to be commodious and of modern planning.

Two floors, on foundation capable of sustaining a five story building, are all that will be at first constructed. One hundred guest rooms are of the plans, all with baths and the entire building strictly fireproof.

Mr. Douglass announces that he has made satisfactory arrangements for such financing as is required and that the investment is not based on local cooperation in form of bonus.

The work of wrecking the old burnt walls is to be started right away. As to utilization of the material of the old walls, that is subject to the planning of the building and the economy of such usage.

Contractors investigating the proposition give him assurance, Mr. Douglass states, that the building can be erected ready for occupancy in four months, which, with letting of contract early in January, as expected to be the case would give a building ready for business in month of May.

LIQUOR TRANSPORTER TAKEN WITH LOAD OF THE STUFF

J. B. Jones, a well known citizen and for long a brakeman on the T. & P. railroad, was intercepted by Sheriff House Tuesday night as he came in from his Fort Worth run.

The sheriff had a tip that Jones was engaged in importation and distribution of liquor and when he made the arrest he found in the valise carried by the prisoner a goodly quantity of Christmas cheer. Two gallons of alcohol and half a dozen pints of whisky is held as "evidence."

Jones, who is a cripple, with a cork leg, has had a room in Big Spring for a number of years and he has a family in Fort Worth. It is charged that he has been dispensing his illegal wares from his room.

LELAND STONE ACQUIRES BOB SPEARS HOME PLACE

The Bob Spears home place, 1600 S. Main street has been purchased by Leland Stone.

Mr. Stone announces intention to either remodel the building for apartment house occupancies or else to rent it furnished. As it stands, the house contains eight rooms and it is in desirable section of the city.

Hotel Situation Is Undeveloped

Holiday Engagements Postpone Consideration of Propositions From Outside Hotel Builders

Due to the Christmas engagements of everybody and the practical desertion of offices of the larger concerns, there has been but little to develop in the Chamber of Commerce and the hotel committee negotiations for a new hotel for Big Spring. Several communications have been received, asking for further information and a number of firms and individuals who had previously taken interest in the situation are evidently awaiting their resumption of serious business after the New Year before again taking up the matter.

A communication from J. M. Radford, who had a proposition pending before the Cole Hotel burned, announces his standing hitched on his original proposal to build on his lot on First and Runnels streets, with a bonus or stock subscription inducement. He advises the citizens of Big Spring to get busy and build their own hotel where it would be most desirable as to location.

Prior to the coming of the holiday desertions of business there were a number of attractive propositions in general terms and a number of hotel builders and operators who have the means and experience in such undertakings and who will undoubtedly take up the subject at early date.

As to the local hotel committee of six, there has been nothing definite for them to work on since last week. They also, have been busy with Christmas attractions. With opening of business next week it may be expected that there will be busy times in conferring with companies and individuals who are interested in the proposition Big Spring offers in the hotel line.

OIL AND ROYALTY LEASES

Recordings of all leases and royalty interests for the week to Tuesday forenoon were as follows:

C. R. Marchbanks and wife to G. T. Hall, N 1-2 of SE 1-4 section 37, block 31, township 2N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 18, 1926

J. H. Reeves and wife to G. T. Hall, W 1-2 section 4, block 31, township 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 24, 1926.

H. B. Dunnagan to G. T. Hall, SW 1-4 section 8, block 33, township 18 T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 11, 1926.

P. C. Leatherwood and wife to G. T. Hall, N 208 acres of E 1-2 of section 20, block 33, township 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 14, 1926.

G. T. Hall to Marland Employees Royalty Co., of oil and other royalties from section 4, block 32, township 2S, T. & P. survey. Tract now under lease by Pure Oil Co. and Empire Gas & Fuel Co. Consideration \$800. Dated Nov. 23, 1926.

Jno. W. Furrh to Frank W. Jones, sections 1, 3, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15 and W 1-2 of section 12, all in block 31, township 1S, T. & P. survey. Also sections 46 and 47, block 31, township 1N, same survey. Consideration \$5,955. Dated Dec. 7, 1926.

Roy Bates and wife to Marland Oil Co. of Texas, N 1-2 of section 6, block 33, township 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 8, 1926.

JAILBIRD BOYS SENT TO THE REFORMATORY

The two tough kids who were kept in the county jail for some time awaiting trial, have been given their hearing in juvenile court and they are now, supposed to be, safely herded in the state reformatory at Gatesville, where one of them has greeted old comrades of a former term served. The boys were convicted of auto theft and they had a long string of charges of misdeeds against them. Their people did not make effort to save them from the penalties of the law.

Santa Claus visited them. The Baptist Church prepared a nice basket of food and other Christmas luxuries and sent it to the kids.

Loret Parr resigned his position with the State National Bank at Big Spring and has gone to Stanton where he will help his parents who have recently moved there. He will enter Stanton school after the holidays.

WITH SHERIFF AND POLICE

Christmas times were busy times with the peace officers.

The month of December, and several days before the new year came in, witnessed the jailing of fifty-one persons. That is an unusually large number for a town which does not rigorously arrest for harmless infractions of the law and in which the jail is not called into service unless absolutely necessary.

The near approach and the arrival of Christmas taxed the oil jail to its capacity. Most of the offenses committed were those of drunkenness, fighting and disturbing the peace in various ways.

Among the number of arrests for bootlegging, not heretofore reported by The Herald were: Ed McCormick, a negro; Manuel Sanchez, a Mexican; Drake, a white man, and Gregorio, another Mexican. All these languish in jail in default of ability to make bond.

The sheriff's department and the city police members have kept down rowdiness and while many arrests have been made the offenders were taken in before they could make general nuisances of themselves. Big Spring is a poor place in which to become "bad" or to test the powers of Mexican bootleg or American homebrew.

Railroad Grounds To Be Improved

T. & P. Proposes a Joint Drainage System and Announces Purpose to Improve Depot Yards

The long-desired raising of the T. & P. railroad grounds about depots and yards with making the place a beauty spot, appears to be in sight as one of the big things to come to Big Spring this spring, and probably soon.

The proposition as made by representatives of the road, in recent meeting with the city council, was that the city and the railroad company jointly provide outlet for the storm water which now floods the railroad properties whenever it rains. With the drainage expense shared, the company representatives expressed purpose of the road filling in their yards, paving, parking and beautifying to where instead of an eyesore their properties would become a spot of which all could be proud.

Detail plans of these improvements are already prepared and the company seems anxious to proceed with the work of drainage. This part of their program will have to be passed upon by the incoming city commission and it involves an estimated investment of about \$7,000 total, the city's half to be about \$3,500. The filling, parking and paving of the yards would be all at the expense of the railroad company.

There can be no doubt as to the city's desire that the long-neglected drainage and filling in should be attended to as soon as possible but the cost of the drainage which is primarily a railroad necessity and is as it is through their negligence in providing drainage before their improvements were placed, is a subject which is to be considered. The city has brought the question of filling in on railroad property to a head, through the paving of streets abutting the railroad property. There is practically no drainage from the hills and slopes of the main part of the city and far into the country and the railroad low ground catches all the storm waters which flow down the streets.

W. B. CURRIE LOSES CAR

A fine, comparatively new Buick coupe was stolen from in front of W. B. Currie's residence Christmas night.

No trace of the car had been found up to yesterday but Sheriff House has expectations that he will yet recover it. During his term of office more than twenty cars have been stolen from Howard County and he has recovered all but three.

POST OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, January first, being a legal holiday the post office will be closed all day to all services except that the general delivery will be open from 10 to 11 a. m. There will be no delivery by carriers. Sunday, the day following, the usual Sunday closing rules will prevail.

Post office business that is pressing should be transacted today.

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BY T. E. JORDAN

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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

Inclusive of all Howard County where the review may apply, and particularly considering Big Spring, the year 1926 was fairly good to all in all ways and especially good in many respects.

Taking stock of the year as it now closes, as a merchant invoices his goods and wares and strikes his balance, there is a decided increase in net assets. There have been some interests which did not do well and others which lacked of coming up to hopes and expectations, but the worst is not calamitous and the best is superlatively good.

In brief tabulation of the principal interests of Big Spring, and separately considering the sources of community welfare, the following terse reports may be ventured to cover the situation:

FARMING: Howard County is an agricultural county. Farming is the chief industry of the present as it must be of the long future. The year 1926 was both good to farmers and it was bad, in one way. Abundance of rainfall gave heavy crops of practically everything planted. Feed grains and cane crops could not be expected to have been better; livestock flourished, poultry was profitable and gardens and food plantings yielded abundantly. Cotton made a good yield, a better year for cotton might hardly be expected. Herein comes the reverse of the bright picture, cotton prices went so low that there was little profit in the crop, especially in the later marketing. This price slump has hurt the country and the town, the farmers worse than the city dwellers. But for the cotton disappointment this county and town would have enjoyed a prosperity approaching the 100 per cent goal.

LIVESTOCK: The livestock interests of the Big Spring country is still a big factor in the summing up of industries. While farming has made inroads on ranching, there are still many ranches and much investment in high bred cattle and sheep. The rainfalls have kept the grass green up to even now and the range cattle entered the winter fat and sleek. Feedstuffs are in abundance and cheap for the buyer of feed for fattening. The prices of cattle have materially advanced throughout the year and the stockman is again in the saddle after several years of taking losses.

OIL: A source of revenue which numbers of land owners have enjoyed during the past year has been lease money from oil companies. Not all have shared in this practical gift of cash but indirectly all are benefited, in that the money received by the few goes mostly into banks or in other ways it gets into circulation. Discovery of oil within the county and plans made by oil companies to give a thorough drilling test have been foundations for a coming prosperity from this source far greater than the past year yielded.

HIGHWAYS: While there was not much building of new highways during the year 1926, there was one which the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce fostered and which is calculated to bring great benefits in addition to those already being enjoyed. The good road to the Chalk oil field was a fine stroke of business. While the new roads have not been built in length, there has been a year of realization on those highways already constructed. The Bankhead highway in particular has proven an even greater asset than expected when it was in contemplation. Thousands of tourists and others travel this international routing and Big Spring enjoys its full share of the business which comes from so many people "living off the country." The Puget Sound to Gulf highway which in northern and southern extensions intersects the Bankhead highway at Big Spring is also a great benefit in its tourist traffic and it is also a fine feeder for adjacent farms, ranches and communities which use the splendid road to come to Big Spring as a market. Howard County is well provided with good roads and they have added materially to the general prosperity.

RAILROAD PAYROLL: The Texas & Pacific railroad is a source of

perpetual income to Big Spring. With its division offices and shops, here there is a regular semi-monthly distribution of pay checks to citizens employed. The past year has not been one of materially increased income from this source but has been a continuation of a great blessing to the community.

CITY MANAGER PLAN: In forward step the city of Big Spring has come onto decidedly higher ground as one of the chief advances the year 1926 may be credited with. In election to change from the aldermanic form of government to the modern commission form and involving new charter providing for a city manager there has been opened a pathway through and by which the city may go forward in the many ways which were denied under the old system. As to Big Spring as a unit of consideration it may be believed that the change in form of government was the greatest good gift of the year.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: To enumerate the good that has come to town and country through having an alive, progressive chamber of commerce would be to take columns of newspaper space. To this body may be the chief credit for the splendid cooperation and comradeship which marks the citizenship of Big Spring and right along with the business body may be linked the Wednesday Luncheon Club which has often inspired and has loyally supported the advance steps put into operation by the Chamber of Commerce. Both bodies have welded together the business men of the city and have furnished vehicles of expression to the public needs.

STREET PAVING: The greatest visible accomplishment of the past year has been the actuality of paving the business district of the city. The work is near completion and it is so essentially a necessity that there is wonder that it was delayed so long. With her streets paved Big Spring is given a different classification and this is not an empty honor for with the showing of progressiveness new people and new industries are argued into coming and helping lift the city to her rightful status, that of the best city in West Texas, west of Abilene for the present and west of Fort Worth in future years when the great undeveloped country hereabout becomes settled and will require big cities here and there. Highways and paving with "civic pride" making the business and home features attractive are the lures which surely attract desirable new citizenship.

METHODIST CHURCH: A realization of the year of 1926 was the completion of the commodious and handsome new church building erected by the membership of the First Methodist Church of Big Spring. This splendid structure was completed last summer and it is now in full usage. It represents an outlay, including fixtures, of close to \$75,000.

SCHOOLS: "A community's greatest asset," its children, have had a fine year in school. In scholarship recognition and in all the merits which a school in a town of Big Spring's population could hope for, her schools rank with the highest in the state and her pupils are loyal and appreciative. In the athletic department the year was one of splendid achievements. Her football "Steers" suffered finally a defeat by small margin after coming out victor over all the schools in this part of West Texas. In the other departments of interscholastic endeavor and contests the Big Spring schools are well accounting for themselves.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Merchants and others engaged in buying and selling enjoyed a good year, until the slump in cotton came to check their run of prosperity. Due to the large number of cotton pickers which flocked here in the later season, retail trade in some lines was fine. Other lines, and houses which had extended farmer credit have suffered most from the cotton situation. The holiday trade, interrupted by inclement weather though it was, gave evidence that the people of Big Spring are not depressed but are up and going, full of present enthusiasm and looking into the future with confident gaze.

OTHER SITUATIONS: Acquisition of a municipal park, successful membership campaign for the Y.M.C.A., fine flower show, acquisition of additional fire fighting equipment, laying of mains for the water department, acquisition of the Marland Oil company's supply yards—these and many other accomplishments of the year, plus the good health, seasonable weather and the general coming of confidence in the town's future, together with willingness to take a hand in working for same, make up, in part, the record of the year 1926 in its blessings and its disappointments to the community. It was a good year, in its fruitage and in the good seed planted

What of 1927?

There is imperceptible glide from the old year into the new. 1927 is at hand and tomorrow we shall open eyes upon another milway of life.

What it has in store none may know but there is entering with full confidence that the walls which have been builded during the past will not crumble and that the edifice of material and spiritual accomplishments so far will be strong to sustain the hoped-for higher raising.

Big Spring enters the new year probably better situated to go forward than any other West Texas community. Her diversity of resources, not depending upon one commodity, give her an advantage over most places. In this comparison there is no exulting yet there may be a better contentment in knowing that the home town is faring as well or better than other places.

The ground is full of water, the grass is plentiful, the barns are crowded with feed, there are projects on foot for the city acquiring adequate new hotel buildings, there are plans and beginnings of a great oil testing campaign, the railroad is doing a good business, the highways are attracting tourists and local travel to this market, the new government is to take charge of affairs, the paving is contemplated to be extended into residential streets, with sidewalk building, yard beautifications and awakening to the finer outlooks on life which make the home more a home and the home town a spot where friends dwell and flowers bloom their sweetest. May 1927 be good to us!

AFTER CHRISTMAS

Ever so many projects have been planned to be undertaken "after Christmas" and in early New Year. The intervening week between the two holidays and carrying over into January, may be expected to be quiet in mercantile lines. And in other respects they constitute a period of rest from strenuous activities. The tendency is to sit idle and "let winter go by."

Locally, and for the Big Spring section, there is the to-be-expected lull in general business and in farming work. While this is so, the Christmas holidays are few and short for other branches of business and movements. The many tourists out on the road will move on with weather admitting and their trade is a big factor to all the towns along the great southern highway to California. The tourists are already hitting the road after their few days checking up for the cold snap to pass and for their lonesome Christmas festivities far from their homes.

Big Spring is enjoying the travel and in bigger way she is getting a play from the oil industries. Oil people do not house up for long and the several big companies planning to wildcat Howard County have all set their time for getting down to real work as a New Year undertaking. It may be expected that January will witness the beginning of the preliminary boom which oil men and others supposed to be posted, have been predicting for this part of West Texas, Big Spring especially.

In the homes and in the associations of man with man, the after Christmas period is one in which the "Peace on Earth" blessing is alive. The turning aside from stern duties of providing a livelihood and giving way to sentiments, is a saving potion in human life. We have come closer as families, as parents and children, and we have recalled and renewed old friendships at home and far away.

The After Christmas season is one in which to renew heart and hand capacities. The New Year promises bright.

GOOD CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The managers and employes of both express and postoffice are due the expressed appreciation of their splendid work in handling the "Christmas Rush." With very little extra help the vast number of outgoing and incoming packages were handled without confusion and on time.

Their work was strenuous and long-continued and they are to be praised for so well standing up to their jobs. An even greater compliment, deserved, is that they all did it with a smile, for everybody.

The children of this western Texas city did not get to play in the Christmas snow as did their cousins farther east. Big Spring got just a few flakes which whitened the earth in spots but did not furnish enough material for snow-balling nor for the pleasures of plunging into drifts. From over the country generally come reports of heavy snows and deal Christmas weather, for even we of the south borrow our ideals of Christmas largely from our northern neighbors.

We Are Offering You This Week

Extraordinary Values!! in Dresses and Coats!!



These are the newest of mid-winter styles, the colors are good, the tailoring is excellent and they were good values at regular prices, but for quick clearance we are offering them now

FOR HALF PRICE!

Come early, before the sizes are depleted.

1882 J. & W. Fisher 1926
The Store That Quality Built

Among our assets we like to count the only one money cannot buy, your good will, and so at this *Holiday Season* we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a Friend, our best wishes for this coming

NEW YEAR OF 1927

May the sunshine of prosperity shine 'round about you—may peace and happiness be yours.

1882 J. & W. FISHER 1926
The Store That Quality Built

A number of The Herald's newspaper exchanges issued highly creditable Christmas editions and all of them enjoyed good advertising patronage in the weeks prior to the coming of the great national holiday. The Herald did not attempt an edition in color. It was too loaded down with advertising and job work orders. This liberal patronage was naturally appreciated and even if no great special edition could be attempted, the spirit of Christmas went with the every week issues. The wishes for everybody's happiness on that day and continued wishes for their prosperity and contentment during the New Year just ahead are alive and glowing, and will last until another Christmas time comes to inspire renewal of realization that man cannot live unto himself alone.

Open the spare rooms to our transient visitors. Do that or have them go elsewhere for accommodations. Do that and take in a bit of ready cash which will be handy to have about the place.

The meanest man in West Texas was that fellow who made away with a sack of Christmas mail which fell off a truck at Sweetwater.

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IMPORTING MEXICAN QUAIL

Texas and Oklahoma agents received the bulk of quail shipped into country last year. Dr. E. W. M. chief of the Bureau of the Biological Survey, announced in a yearly survey Tuesday.

The season of 1926 proved third largest for the entry of quail from Northeastern Mexico since importations began in 1910. The number imported was 37,122 which 10,000 were entered at Eagle Pass, Texas, between Feb. 17 and April 24, and 25,122 at Brownsville between Feb. 15 and April 24. As was the case last season, the entries were regulated by concessions granted by Mexican authorities, the entry of 10,000 authorized at Eagle Pass, 10,000 at Laredo, and 50,000 at Brownsville.

The number of quail imported from Mexico since shipments began in 1910 now aggregates about 900,000, nearly all of which were whiter. A few requests were received this season for entries of quail from other parts of Mexico, because of the requirements of the port permits must be obtained from the Mexican authorities before permits are made, comparative birds crossed the border.

J. E. Echols and family of Stow spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends at Coahoma with relatives and

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L. McWhirter who has been ill some time suffering from rheumatism Tuesday for Fort Worth where will undergo treatment by a specialist.

Miss Ida Mae McFarland of Cisco the guest of Miss Helen Creath this week. Miss McFarland is a student at Randolph College, Cisco.

Oil News From West Texas Fields

Gas in Gail's Test

A. J. Towle and the Times-Signal man drove out to the California's gasser between Snyder and Gail last Saturday.

The well is 1440 feet deep and has a strong artesian flow with considerable gas pressure. The drill is now in red sand, a formation similar to the formation encountered at this depth in the Big Lake field.—Scurry County Times-Signal (Snyder).

Water Well Wanted

McCamey, Dec. 8.—For the man who drills a water well here and brings out from the bowels of the earth the clear fluid there is waiting a fortune in this town of about 8000 persons, which now gets its drinking water at the rate of \$1 a barrel from Alpine and its water for other purposes from the Pecos river a few miles away.

Many men have been made rich by their strikes of oil here, and an equally satisfactory fortune seeks the man who will develop water in "paying quantities."

Noodle Creek Field

With seven producing wells and a total production of between 2,500 and 4,000 barrels of high grade oil daily, the Noodle Creek field definitely takes its place in the oil statistics of the country.

Five proven offsets to the discovery well, Winter No. 1, show the existence of a real oil pool, and the extension of the field nearly a mile south toward Trent, marked by the strike in Atlantic's Howell No. 1 late Wednesday, is easily the most important development of recent weeks.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Winkler County Activities

Activities in Winkler County are centered on the work of the Southern Crude Purchasing Company, owners of the Westbrook well, who have announced their intention to build a 55,000 barrel tank near the T. & P. Ry. line, between Monahans and Pyote, for a storage of their oil. The well is still producing a daily average of 125 barrels, with more than five thousand barrels in storage at the lease. The pipe line is being laid to near vicinity of Pyote, and where they contemplate building their large tank.—Pecos Enterprise.

Loving County Prospect

Running tubing in the Allen Well, on section 82, H. & T. C. survey Loving County, Lockhart Brothers are anticipating a good commercial well for a Christmas gift, and one that will start this field on a real development. Tubing will be run to the black line which is around 4200 ft.

Following a daily average of better than thirty barrels since it was shot last month, the Allen well is the first producer brought in, in the Trans-Pecos field. With the tubing set, the well is expected to make around a hundred barrel well of long duration.—Pecos Enterprise.

Church and Fields to Drill

A new rig is being constructed by Church & Fields for their No. 1 University-Lasiter, section 34, block 30, University lands in Crane County. This company has not been active since they brought in their No. 1 discovery well in northern Crane, some six months ago. Their No. 1 well and a block of acreage was sold to the Magnolia Petroleum Company for a consideration of \$200,000 in cash and an equal amount in oil. This block of acreage has received considerable drilling since the purchase was made.

The new test is going down on a forty acre lease and is a direct offset to the Magnolia's No. 1 Hardwick which flowed 55 barrels daily while operations were still going on. This well is as yet not completed.—Big Lake Wildcat.

Want Profits Divided

M. D. Cert of Fort Worth, and associates have filed in the district court at Fort Worth for an accounting of the profits realized from the recent sale of the J. T. McElroy ranch in Crane and Upton Counties. The suit is directed against Fred T. Hogan of Denver. Over two million dollars was paid for 70,000 acres of land, including all mineral rights and livestock to the number of about 7,000 cattle, according to reports at the time of sale.

It is alleged by plaintiffs that the properties were purchased under a partnership agreement and that they are entitled to an accounting of profits resulting from the purchase and a reported re-sale. The case has been transferred to the Federal court on motion of the defendants because of the fact that the contestants reside in different states.—Big Lake Wildcat.

Brewster County Inactive

With the near approach of the end of the year 1926, many interested subscribers to the Alpine Industrial News are naturally anxious to know something about the local oil situation, as viewed from the standpoint of a resident of Brewster County.

There is no present activity in the oil game.

Wilson No. 3 of the Green Valley Oil Corporation, is shut down at the contract depth of 1800 feet, awaiting further instructions from the stockholders. It is suggested that it may be decided to "shoot" the well at its present depth, with the idea of reaching the Tampico pool that was uncovered in Wilson No. 1 at 1,740 feet, the latter well being only twenty feet distant. It seems reasonable to suppose that success may attend this effort. Geologists, including Dr. Cummings, the expert of the Southern Pacific Railway Co., have declared their firm conviction that oil in paying quantities exists in that location, if a well is drilled as deep as 5000 feet, or very probably less.—Alpine Industrial News.

In Sweetwater District

Sweetwater, Dec. 23.—Oil tests drilling, rigging up, or contracted to be spudded in by Feb. 1 within a radius of 20 miles of Sweetwater number at least fifteen, and negotiations are reported under way for nearly as many more.

A majority of these wells are in a northerly direction from the city, but important tests to the south are included in the 15'. Lease trading between the many companies operating in the area is brisk, especially where completion of blocks depends upon the signing up of certain desirable acreage.

Leading the drillers for actual work in the Hucony Gas Company, now located here, according to G. H. Johnson, manager, the Sweetwater area will be thoroughly tested when the wells now being contracted for reach completion. Mr. Johnson has one well, on the Langford land about 5 1-2 miles north of Sweetwater, drilling, and likely will spud in the Howe test, 12 miles north soon. Tools are being ground for the drilling of what will be the Marland Hodge No. 1, about 23 miles north of Sweetwater.

A big field of tests is developing north of the city and one toward the south of less extent. It is expected that Sweetwater will be the center of these operations, and should oil be found in paying quantities, will be the principal city to get the business.

While a half dozen wells are now drilling, most of the activities will get underway early in the new year, and February is expected to be the busiest month. Bad weather and impassable roads are delaying oil field work now.

ALPINE DIVISION POINT

Increased business on the west end of the K. C. M. & O. Ry., has made it necessary for the company to create a new division on its line with Alpine as one of the terminal points. The new division runs from McCamey oil field center, to Alpine, present terminus of the Orient line and both these towns have been made terminals under the recent order. Formerly the division extended from San Angelo to Fort Stockton but on account of the proximity of the latter named town to McCamey, the oil town, it was deemed advisable by Orient officials to make the change as stated.—Alpine Avalanche

KILLING NEAR LAMESA

N. T. Dolen, a laborer on the J. R. Weaver ranch eleven miles west of Lamesa, was shot and instantly killed late Sunday afternoon. The shooting was done with a high-powered rifle and the bullet penetrated his head, entering the middle of the forehead and ranged to the base of the skull. It is reported that the killing was caused by the theft of a twenty dollar bill which Bill Crowley, manager of the ranch and the person accused of committing the murder, accused young Dolen of stealing from him.—Dawson County Journal (Lamesa).

PECOS CATTLE SHIPMENTS

Return to prosperity in the cow industry is signified with the large total of shipments made since August 15, reaching a total of 700 cars, with an average of thirty-two head to the car. Prices have been higher than any given in the past few years, and have netted the ranchers enough to overcome most of their large indebtedness.—Pecos Enterprise.

John Currie and Meca, Miss Agnes Currie, visited relatives and friends in San Angelo, the early part of the week.

Farley Dean of Sweetwater was here to spend Christmas with home-folks.

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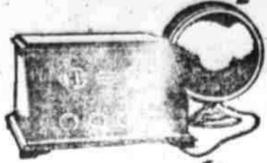
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Religious Instruction

It is time that we give attention to the religious instruction of the children of America.—President Harding.

When Souls Are Saved

There never was a spirit-filled church but that there were souls saved for the kingdom.—J. E. Suter.

God Gives Strength

It is at the point where we are just about to faint, that God gives us strength to go on.—Echoes.

Pray More

If God's children would learn to pray more before making ventures, they would not need to pray so much after they are made.—Echoes.

The Cross

In conversation, the cross is the will; in sanctification, the cross is the affections.—Echoes.

Salvation makes no man lose His mind, but restores the wrecked mind.—Echoes.

"Soiled" Language

The language of some men is so "soiled" that it seems a proof that they were formed of the soil.—King's Business.

Things to Give Away

The Lord has a few things to give away if you can get where you can take them.—Echoes.

Be a Gideon

God wants to make you a Gideon for His glory and His cause.—Echoes.

Big Spring Herald

BY T. E. JORDAN

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WHEN A BOOM COMES

An Oil Boom is Predicted for Big Spring

This upsetting of a town's peaceful existence, is said to be due the coming spring — to commence to manifest itself the coming month, January.

If it does come, and it is a to-be-desired stimulus to the rather dark-some days occasioned by the slump in cotton prices, there will be a waking up of the citizens here and those to come and remain, which will be bound to lift Big Spring into the city class and to give her a precedence over other towns of this section. There is due to be a town in this western and southern plains country to develop into a big city. No such central point of commerce and education and desirability as residence locations is nearer than, say, Abilene, 127 miles to the east and nearly as far to Lubbock to the north, both these places rapidly emerging from country town to cityhood growth and accomplishments. Really established "big cities" are distant 270 miles to Fort Worth on the east and 320 miles to El Paso on the west. To the southward is San Angelo, a coming city, distant near 100 miles.

No other town in the vast area circumscribed as above outlined, has any advantage over Big Spring as developments now stand and while a claim to Big Spring's superiority may be taken by some to be mere city pride, there are many evidences in various ways, to inspire pronouncement by others than citizens that "Big Spring is the best town in West Texas. Big Spring needs only a little shove from outside or an awakening from the inside to step onto higher ground and to realize her potential assets.

An oil boom, decried in some cases as being detrimental is not so in majority of cases and now that the big excitement of new oil fields has subsided, the growth and importance of a new oil town is on more substantial basis. As illustrating, but feebly, the truthfulness of that assertion, there is pointing, first of all to Beaumont, a considerable town when Spindletop startled the world with its great oil gushers. Beaumont is today a leading city of the second class, of Texas. Nearer at hand is Ranger, a thriving little city of permanence from a straggling village before her gushers again set the world crazy. Breckenridge, a sleepy "cow town" with maybe 1,000 inhabitants is now one of the most progressive and best improved little cities in the central west. Mexia, from an old-fashioned country town of some 2000 inhabitants is today a modern little city with permanence in its improvements and its dominating position in East Texas. Cisco, Eastland, Amarillo, Wichita Falls, these and other illustrations in our own neighborhood show that an oil boom, even with the objectionable features of the days when the public scrambled to pour its money into coffers of oil companies and promoters, does not leave a place stranded but on the contrary builds it up in permanence.

Whatever the results of the intensive testing of Howard and adjoining territory tributary to Big Spring may be, as to opening big producing oil fields, our city and countryside is facing a boom, to be measured by the success of oil operators in part and to be guided to a cityhood by the home people, if there be proper reception of the gifts which are being laid at our door. Multiplied thousands of dollars are being handed over to our landowners in country and in town, in lease payments. The lessees are making presents of such moneys. Nothing is asked in return except permission to spend more thousands in drilling for oil discovery of which on a man's land and in his neighborhood brings even more money to the land owner and in fabulous quantities in many instances.

Even this testing, or "wildcatting" for oil in our district, and aside from the lease money or the values of oil discovered, is a boom of moderate dimensions. The mere calling of dry hole calls for employment of high priced men; it calls for men to

man trucks and cars, for garage repairs and gas, for board and lodging, for grocery and other supplies for camps, restaurants and other necessities. The further increase in local business and growth is the coming of outside people, looking for business, real estate or oil investments maybe. They come and rent dwellings and business stands to cater to the increased demand for same. They come to remain, many of them, if they can secure foothold and they all bring some money with them much or little and much if the town responds to the opportunities laid before it.

Yes, there are some objectionable features of an oil boom especially so if oil be discovered and the incipient boom becomes a runaway affair. Undesirable characters congregate, professional oil town fakirs, traders, thieves and rough characters generally come and take command if permitted to do so. Illustrating that the "if permitted to do so" Breckenridge is cited. There Walter Sayle, now chairman of the state penitentiary commission, was mayor. Under his administration the tough element never did get its head very high and Breckenridge even during its high boom days was in some respects a model city and with prompt squelching of the undesirables. There were outbreaks at times, drunkenness to an extent, hi-jacking in the country and bootlegging. The jail was kept full of offenders and the peaceable citizen, going his ways, was not molested nor made to suffer long from undesirable neighbors. The same could be done here with a Walter Sayle mayor and a chief of police to be fired whenever he might lie down on his job.

There is money in it for everybody. Room rents are high, money is freely spent for most anything to afford amusement or to satisfy necessities. Vacant lots are leased at high figures and shacks cover the vacant places. They must all live and the townsman who catches step will have the opportunity of his lifetime to earn a little easy money.

Withal, there are some splendid people to come with an oil boom, men and women of culture and of business attainments. These are leaders in a great work and are representing millions of money. They are high class.

The oil boom need not be feared. Rather, it is to be embraced and directed. Let it come.

DIRECTORY PROPOSITION

C. N. Noble of Midland, was an early week visitor here sounding out the business men with reference to issuance of a city directory. What encouragement he received was not learned.

The city had one directory, published in 1909 or thereabout. It was a creditable publication and perusal of its pages reveals that the town has almost completely changed in its business establishment and professional representatives while many names appear as residents who are now gone to other places or on the "long journey."

CITY IS SUED FOR \$1,000.00

BROKEN ARM IS ALLEGED

The county court was in trial of a damage suit case Thursday afternoon at time of The Herald closing its forms.

The litigation was a damage suit brought by Mrs. W. C. Bird against the City of Big Spring, the allegation being the city's responsibility for a broken arm and a series of complications and troubles resulting from same. The suit was filed sometime last spring and is just now on trial.

HORSE FALLS ON CHESS

ANDERSON, BREAKS LEG

Chess Anderson suffered a broken leg shortly before noon Thursday, when the horse he was riding fell. Mr. Anderson lives on a ranch about fifteen miles south of Big Spring. He was brought to this city where an x-ray was made of his limb, and it was found that both bones in the leg were broken just above the ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones and daughter, Clara Lee, arrived last Friday to spend Christmas and the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wynn. Mr. Jones returned to Fort Worth Sunday morning, but Mrs. Jones and daughter will visit until after New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowen Settles went to Austin last week to get Burrell Lee Settles who is in school at Austin. They returned home in time to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Webster of Sweetwater were here Thursday to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Eunice Greene to Forrest Bailey Birdsong, at high noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Currie of Glasscock County are visiting relatives and friends in Big Spring today.

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MRS. E. A. FATHEREE DIES IN DALLAS HOSPITAL

It was with deep regret that news of the death of Mrs. E. A. Fatheree was received in this city on last Friday. Mrs. Fatheree passed away in Baylor Hospital at Dallas, following an operation for ulcer of the bowels. She has been in ill health for the past two years, but was not seriously ill until only a short time before she was taken to the hospital. Accompanied by Mr. Fatheree, they left for Dallas December 3, and on December 17 she underwent the operation. She passed away about 1:20 o'clock, Friday afternoon, December 24.

Funeral services were held in Dallas Monday afternoon at 3:30, the Order of Eastern Star officiating, and she was laid to rest in the Dallas cemetery.

Deceased was well and favorably known in Big Spring, and her death is sincerely mourned. She had made her home in this city for the past three years, and during this time had made many warm friends. She was a good christian woman, and was a member of the Methodist Church since early life. She was kind in thought, word and deed, and the good influence that she has exerted will live in the lives of those with whom she was associated. Surviving her are the following near relatives: her devoted husband, two sisters Mrs. F. L. Britton of Temple and Mrs. J. B. Stovall of Riverbank, Cal., and two brothers R. L. Davis of Belton and J. B. Davis of Fort Worth, all of whom were in Dallas to attend the funeral services.

Mr. Fatheree who is employed with the Pacific Fruit Express Co. in this city, returned to Big Spring from Dallas Thursday morning. To him, who mourns the loss of a precious wife, and to the other relatives, deep sympathy is extended in their hour of bereavement.

U. M. BOATLER DEAD

U. M. Boatler, aged 81 years, passed away at the home of his daughter Mrs. F. T. Read at Stanton, Texas, about one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22. Funeral services were held at the family home in Stanton at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon and the remains were brought to Big Spring and laid to rest beside his wife in the Mt. Olive cemetery. The Masons were in charge of the services at the graveside.

Deceased was a pioneer settler of this section of the country, having made his home here for about thirty years, moving from Limestone County, Texas, to Big Spring. He was of a kindly nature, whole-souled, and ready to lend a helping hand to his fellowman in times of distress, and was always ready to help spread sunshine along the pathway of life. Many hearts mourn the death of this good man.

Deceased is survived by three children, one son W. C. Boatler of this city and two daughters, Mrs. F. T. Read of Stanton, and Mrs. W. M. Read of Luther, and other near relatives, and to these who grieve the loss of a loved one is extended heartfelt sympathy.

W. D. MOORE JR. DEAD

Funeral services for W. D. Moore Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore of the Knott community were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. D. H. Heard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Big Spring. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Deceased, aged 3 years, 8 months and 22 days, passed away Christmas morning about 10:30 o'clock, following a few days illness.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones in the loss of their loved one.

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"Yes."

"And you stopt smoking for the same reason?"

"I did."

"And it was for her that you gave up dancing, card parties, and billiards?"

"Absolutely."

"Then why didn't you marry her?"

"Well, after all this reforming I realized I could do better."—Ex.

TOTAL RAINFALL 25.25 INCHES

The total rainfall for Big Spring, as officially recorded at the U. S. Experiment Farm, was 25.25 inches for the year 1926.

The average annual rainfall for the past 26 years of records kept has been 18.42 inches.

The ground is well soaked in promise of a good coming year for crops and grass.

SEC. WATSON'S CHRISTMAS

Secretary C. T. Watson, of the Chamber of Commerce, returned Tuesday evening from his Christmas visit to his old home at Miles. Mrs. Watson and the children are extending their stay at Miles and Bronte, with the kinfolks of both members of the household.

CIVIL COUNTY COURT HOLDS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

The county court will be in session Thursday and Friday of this week for consideration of civil cases. On Saturday afternoon the newly elected county and precinct officers will be installed.

The Best Cold Tablets I Have Ever Found—G. E. Higbee of Louisville, Ky., says, "I had a severe cold and took various kinds of cold remedies and nothing done me any good but Laxative Anti-Grippe. They certainly are the best cold tablets I have ever found, and I won't be without them."

J. D. BILES, Druggist

Mrs. M. L. Williams of Coahoma was in Big Spring Friday and a visitor at The Herald office. She reported that Santa Claus had already been to see her, having received gifts from her two daughters in Oklahoma, one daughter in California, and another daughter in Mission, Texas.

C. B. Musgrove and family of Lubbock, O. E. Musgrove and family of the R-Bar community, Henry Musgrove and family of Coahoma, and Mrs. L. Wise and children of this city spent Sunday in this city with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Musgrove.

Mr. Lee Hanson and daughter are visitors in the city, the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers and children spent Christmas with parents at Stanton.

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Dr. E. H. Happel
Dentist
OFFICE OVER WEST TEXAS NATIONAL BANK
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Miss Lellene Rogers and father of Stanton were visitors in Big Spring Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Slebert of Dallas arrived Friday night to spend the holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moskimen, other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McNew and son, Bobbie, returned Monday night from a visit in Dallas, Denton and Fort Worth, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Williamson and daughter, Minnie Belle, arrived the latter part of last week to spend the holidays in this city with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Riley of Lubbock spent the Christmas holidays visiting their children in Coahoma. Mr. Riley was a visitor in Big Spring Wednesday.

Miss Maggie Parr who is a student at Baylor University is home spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Parr at Stanton.

Mrs. William Robinson of Toyah arrived today to spend New Year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Can Powell and other relatives and friends.

Charles Ray Lees who is attending Baylor Medical College at Dallas, spent the Christmas holidays in this city with relatives and friends.

John Leatherwood of Las Vegas, N. M. was here to spend Christmas with his mother, other relatives and friends.

Dr. Oscar Koberg arrived last week from Seymour to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with home-folks.

L. F. Nall arrived Saturday from San Diego, Cal., for a visit in this city with relatives and friends.

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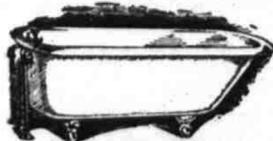
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Big Spring, Texas



NEW YEAR'S resolutions continue to be the inspiration of the folk who write our "funny stuff," and the artists who do the newspaper comic strips, indeed, would be at a loss without them, as they serve as a target for some of their best and most humorous work. We simple folk who "follow the funnies" would feel we had been cheated if the New Year's antics of our favorites did not include a few hundred broken resolutions. But with all the fun that habitually is poked at them, if for no reason other than the existence of these resolutions New Year's is a worth while institution. It is a great thing the knowledge that whatever our mistakes in the past the New Year offers us a fresh beginning. Knowing this, we hold our heads a little higher and life is vested with a new thrill. We straighten our shoulders, so to speak, and go forward with brisker step. There is new encouragement in our hearts and renewed faith in our capabilities. The fact that the custom persists is proof that it is, in some measure, efficacious.

Of all our special days New Year's is one of the oldest and one of the most universally celebrated. Through some forty centuries the celebration has persisted and as far back as 1491 B. C. the Jewish New Year was changed so that the Passover succeeded it. Rome, undoubtedly, observed the New Year from the beginning of that place, but a definite form was given the observance when Numa instituted a feast and dedicated it to Janus, god of the New Year. This was about 713 before Christ. A cake of new meal mixed with incense, salt and wine was offered the pagan deity and on this day craftsmen started some special work and the philosophers began recording their theories. And on this day the consuls assumed office.

It is said that the custom of making New Year's gifts originated with Tullus Marcellus, king of the Sabines.



"Happy New Year to You!" the Cheery Salutation.

One year that king received a present of branches cut in a wood dedicated to Strelna, the goddess of strength. The king was pleased and set his seal of approval upon the idea and forthwith established the custom of making gifts at New Year's and called these gifts, "strenae."

The bestowal of remembrances upon our loved ones and friends on New Year's Day is still a custom observed by many people and a very charming custom, at that. The giving of a potted plant, a favorite book, a graceful basket of fruit or other simple remembrance is a pretty compliment and one sure to please the recipient of the gift.

The old-time custom of making New Year's calls is not now as widely observed as was formerly the case. In some localities however, the New Year's call is still considered an important social obligation. It is a fine custom and one that deserves to be kept alive. It keeps one in touch with one's acquaintances, the ties of friendship are closer drawn and those among us who for one cause or another are inclined to drop out of the old circle, are again drawn within its blessed bonds.

There are many folk who do not follow the custom of bestowing gifts at New Year's nor is a formal call upon friends a pleasure that is convenient for everybody—yet for all of us there remains the cheery salutation of friend to friend on January 1.

What a world of good will is tucked away in these simple, time-honored words! They are the equivalent of saying, "I wish for you health and prosperity and commend you to God's care for twelve long months to come, dear friend!"

Yes, New Year's is a splendid observance from whatever angle we view it, and without doubt this world is a finer, better place because of some of its customs.

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New Year's Day Ancient
From very ancient times the first day of the year has been observed as a holy festival.

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Sunday School Lesson

By REV. F. B. FITZWATER, D.D., (Dean of Day and Evening Schools, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
312 Western Newspaper Union

Lesson for January 2

THE CHRISTIAN A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:16-20, 2:13-17; 1 John 2:6.

GOLDEN TEXT—And said unto him "Follow me," and he arose and followed Him.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Learning from Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Enlisting with Jesus.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What It Means to Follow Jesus.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Receiving Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

I. Jesus Calls Four Men to Follow Him.

1. Who they were (vv. 16, 19). Simon and Andrew, John and James, two pairs of brothers. It is usually wise to engage in the Lord's service in fellowship—in pairs. This is not only necessary for effective testimony, but for needed fellowship on the part of workers and protection of the witnesses.

2. From what they were called (vv. 16, 20).

They were called from positions of definite service. God always chooses His servants from the ranks of the employed.

3. To what they were called (v. 17).

"To become fishers of men." These men no doubt had been successful as fishers. The qualities which made them good fishermen, namely, patience, bravery to face the storm at night and perseverance which led them to toil all night, though no fish were caught, would make them good fishers of men. Winning souls for Christ requires great patience, bravery and perseverance. Becoming fishers of men is the most important business in the world. It is the hardest work in the world to do.

4. The cost of obedience to Christ's call (vv. 18, 20).

Obedience to Christ's call meant sacrifice, painful separation, to give up all business interests and leave their father behind. Regardless of the cost they yielded prompt obedience. They put their trust in Him who called them, believing that He was able to supply all their needs.

5. Their reward (v. 17).

These four men have wielded wondrous influence in the world. Their names have become immortalized. Had they remained at their business they would only have been humble fishermen.

II. Matthew Becomes a Follower of Jesus (Mk. 2:13-17).

Matthew was a despised tax gatherer under the Roman government. For a Jew to fill such a position was to become unpopular. Since they regarded taxes paid to the Roman government as unlawful extortion, a member of their race engaging in the business of tax collection was to be exposed to shame and contempt.

1. Observe the abruptness of this call (v. 14).

While sitting at his place of business he heard the call of Jesus.

2. The definiteness of the call (v. 14).

It was to follow Jesus. To follow Jesus means to learn of Him and to engage in service for Him.

3. His instant decision (v. 14).

Matthew did not stop to reason on the question, but rendered definite and instant obedience. He openly gave up his business and identified himself with the Lord. Happy is the man who has the good judgment to instantly respond to the call of the Lord even though it may be costly. Matthew made a feast and invited many of his publican friends to meet his newly found Saviour. This had a two-fold objective:

(1) An expression of grateful appreciation to the Lord for His saving grace.

(2) To bring his former friends and associates into touch with his newly found Saviour. It is natural for those who have found the Lord to desire to bring their friends into touch with Him.

III. Walking as Jesus Walked. The Supreme Test of Abiding in Him. (1 John 2:6).

Abiding in Christ means to have experienced the life of God in Christ, to have come into contact with Christ's personality and to be consciously living in fellowship with Him. Christ's oneness with the Father and His devotion to His will is the supreme and grand example. Anyone who pretends to abide in Christ, who is not walking as He walked, is not entitled to the claim of Christian. The walk of the Christian implies the whole of his life. The reality of our profession is determined by the consistency of our walk.

"Ye Must Be Born Again"

Wesley, who, it is said, preached three hundred times from the words, "Ye must be born again," was asked, "Wesley, why do you preach so often on 'Ye must be born again'?" Because," said Wesley, "ye must be born again!"—King's Business.

Forgiving

And be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—Paul.

OUR WISH



May Success Crown Every Effort in 1927

Most cherished among memories of 1926, the passing year, is the pleasant relations with those whom we have been privileged to serve.

We enter the New Year with a determination to excel our past efforts to please you, whose friendly business has helped make ours successful.

So it is our wish that you enjoy a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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WOLF HUNTERS HAVE ANNUAL DOG TRIALS

The dog "Rustler," belonging to D. P. Walling of Robert Lee, was the winner over about 150 dogs at the annual hunt of the West Texas Wolf Hunters Association, and was awarded the silver loving cup. In a "bench show" following the hunt, the following winners were named: first male, "Sounder," owned by Lee Riggsfield of Colorado; second male, "Scout," owned by D. P. Wallings of Robert Lee; first place female, "Queen," owned by Albert Payne of Nolan; second place female, "Red Head," owned by W. E. Johnson of Fort Chadbourne.

The hunt, which was held in cooperation with the Nolan County Wolf Hunters Association, ended

Friday night. It was staged on the Maddox ranch in southwest Nolan County, and despite the freezing weather was attended by a big party of hunters from many West Texas points. It was estimated that about 100 men and boys were in attendance at the hunt.

New officers for the West Texas Wolf Hunters Association were elected as follows: W. D. Dulin, Colorado, president; Will Jobs, Sweetwater, secretary. Judges in the trials were J. D. Dulin, Sam Sparks, H. C. Allen, Will Jobe, Jeff Seif and Will Scott.—Nolan County News.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Phillips spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Baird.

Miss Aubrey Phillips of Lubbock is a holiday visitor in our city, guest of relatives and friends. Phillips is a student at the Tech at Lubbock, and will return time to reenter school for the winter term.

Miss Willie Belle Williamson Eastland spent the Christmas days in this city visiting relatives and friends.

Dr. W. J. Lloyd, wife and daughter of Plainview were here in the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Emma Tucker of Fort Worth was here to spend the Christmas days with homefolks.

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Myrtle and Mildred Rhulen of Pecos visited Mrs. E. H. Happel and relatives here last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Holmes returned Wednesday from Allamore where they had been to spend Christmas with Brent Melton and family.

Miss Lindner spent the holidays in Waco with her

R. F. Harris Jr. was here to spend the holidays with his

The 1927 Program



The Watch Night
By FRANK L. STANTON
in Atlanta Constitution

A HAPPY time 'twas round about
With peace and joy to win,
We watched the Old Year goin' out,
The New Year comin' in.

A glad experience meetin'
A hallelujah throng,
Angelin' grace was in the place,
The shingles shook with song!

We saw the Old Year goin',
And gave it heart and hand,
And told the old, sweet story
Of home and Promised Land.

The troubles and the trials—
That tried us through the year,
'Twas good to tell 'em over
And about the victory there!

To meet, and know each other
There with the lifted load;
To feel that friend and brother
Traveled the self-same road.

We told it in the singin'
And in the joyful word,
And as the song went ringin'
I know the angels heard.

Oh, there the New Year found us—
We heard his glad bells toll,
But the light that shone around us
Was the light of soul to soul!

There was Land of Promise:
We heard the New Year say:
'Tisn't far to heaven
To hearts that know the way!"

A New Year's
Resolution
by
H. Lucius Cook

I DIDN'T recognize the dapper young man whose pleasant voice offered me a holiday greeting. I thanked him, admitting ignorance of his identity. By way of answer he offered me a new ten-dollar note. "Your help at a critical time saved my life and has made it possible for this year to be a very happy one for me," he said. Then after some difficulty I remembered. For it was indeed difficult to believe that the well-groomed young man before me was the unkempt, dirty, callow and not a little repulsive beggar who had told me the year before of his pitiable condition. It was something in the dark, honest eyes and a tone in the musical voice that had prompted me to listen in spite of my aversion for heeding beggars. He had been ill—a friend had given him medicine which had brought the boon of sleep. He had not known that the sleep-giving tablets had contained morphine until it was too late. The drug habit had fastened its hold on him, until he had lost position, friends, self-respect. Then when he saw the full horror of the depths to which he had sunk he had determined to climb back. The wan, drawn face had told the agony of that struggle. He was then penniless and nearly starving, but firm. I gave him ten dollars which was more than I could easily spare at the time. I recalled that he promised to repay me at the first opportunity, but had almost forgotten the incident.

"Your timely loan," he said now, "rid me over from death to life. For a day or two later I landed the position I was hoping to get, and I am on my feet once more with every good prospect for the New Year, thanks to you, sir."

As he wished me a heartfelt happy New Year upon leaving me I could not help pondering over the significance of what sometimes seem the most simple acts.



THE last day of the old year was always so solemn. It was such a solemn thing to tear off the very last page of every calendar and know that the calendars were no longer of any use.

There was such a solemnity about feeling that this year would never return again—that it would retire to the land of memories where all the old years retired.

But as soon as the New Year came, and there was a new calendar to look at, and you wrote the first date of a new year upon a letter, there was a feeling of newness and pleasure and freshness and youth about it all.

So it was that Daisy felt every year since she had been very young.

But Daisy, in spite of her youthful, out-of-door, summery kind of name, was no longer so very young.

She wished she had a different name. Somehow a person, she thought, should have a name that would not sound a little out of keeping as one grew older.

For years now she had been working. It had been almost a joke in the office when she had taken the chair. She was so much, much older than any of the other girls.

In fact there were too many gray hairs in her head now to suffer to pull them out. It would be too endless.

Yes, she knew they had laughed, even if not unkindly when they gave her that chair in the office. It had been occupied by four different girls within the past four years. Each of them had been married before the year was up. They had called it the "lucky chair."

Each girl wanted to work at that desk because it was such a lucky chair, but they offered it to Daisy.

After all that had been unselfish on their part. They had all more or less wanted it.

And then that New Year's Day, after she had been sitting in the office chair only for the past two months, there came news of a friend of hers who had gone away to sea when Daisy had been a young girl. Daisy had been full of romance about him in those days, but she had heard since that he had been married, and now she wanted to be married, too. The romance of her life had gone, she felt. But she wanted, along with the daily arrival of additional gray hairs, a house, rather than a room of her own.

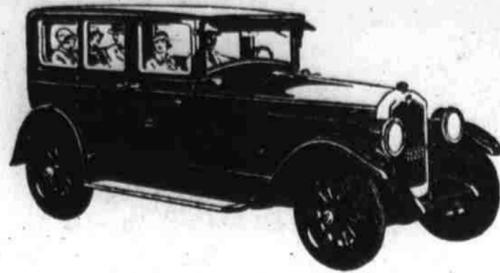
But that New Year's Day she heard from him. He had never been married. He was coming back to her. He had traveled everywhere and he still thought of her. He supposed she didn't look quite as she had, but then, he explained, neither did he. Oh, that was comforting and understanding.

Daisy felt young, young and like the new, New Year.

That blessed, blessed "lucky chair" had been to her base!

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As We Reflect

we think of the many blessings of Peace and Good-Will that have been ours during the past year, and these glad remembrances revive within our hearts the spirit of sincere gratitude.

We enter upon the New Year with new hope; may good fortune and prosperity be yours through the coming year.

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Hayden Griffith has been promoted to the position of manager of the furniture department of the Rix Furniture and Undertaking Company, succeeding M. E. Carper, who was called to Cleburne.

Mrs. Shine Phillips and daughter, have both been ill the past week.

Miss Chloë Stripling who is teaching school in Wichita Falls, was home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fox Stripling and other relatives. She returned to Wichita Falls Monday.

Mrs. Alta Angle of Dallas is visiting relatives and friends in Big



The Old Year Dies
Happy New Year

1927

May it be for you a year of success and happiness! May it prove for you a year in which you will realize in a full measure the Widening of Friendships, the Strengthening of Ties, the Growing Richness of Life! We thank you for favors shown us in 1926, and we invite your patronage in 1927.

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Our Best Wishes
For A Year of Bounty

This is a messenger of good will to thank old friends and new for the pleasant relations with us during 1926. May we merit the same during the coming year. A year blessed with happiness and prosperity is our sincerest wish for you in 1927.

J. D. BILES

DRUGGIST



May Prosperity
Pursue You in 1927

We are prompted at this time to call to mind the pleasant relations we have had with you during the past year, and it brings to us a deeper appreciation of old associates and new friends. We thank you for your good-will and past favors, and extend to you heartiest wishes for a

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"THE SEA BEAST"

"The Sea Beast" will be shown at the R. & R. Lyric theater Monday and Tuesday, January 3-4, and justified in every way all the glowing heaps of golden adjectives that have been piled up about this supreme effort of the Warner Brothers.

John Barrymore is the star, but even with Barrymore, the one actor who brings to the screen of that indefinable quality called genius, the drama of "The Sea Beast" is the thing. For "The Sea Beast," in its suggestive power, in its overtones of surging life, is more than a photoplay; it is an epic of the heroic lives of the American whalers when, in their swift clipper ships, they carried their whale hunts through the seven seas. It is a picture of rich, colorful beauty; of heart-searing pathos; of poetry that sings in action of courageous deeds; of emotions as violent and eternal as the terrific storms that sweep through the picture.

The sea dominates, and, even Barrymore, superb actor that he is, is less, as any human would be less, than the epic that flashes tumultuously across the screen; the epic of the American sailors of 1840.

Nevertheless, the picture gives Barrymore the opportunity for the biggest and most impressive characterization that he has given to the screen. As the New England harpooner on the hunt for the great white whale, Moby Dick, he is so breathlessly fine that he makes even his own stirring performances in such pictures as "Beau Brummel" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" fade from memory, insignificantly.

The beauty of the scenes in Java, the magic way in which the atmosphere of the East has been captured, the never-equalled thrill of the surging storms at sea, the anguished suspense of the battle with the whale, are some of the things that stand out most vividly.

But it is in the massing of detail that "The Sea Beast" achieves its total effect. Such things as the titles, by Rupert Hughes, the photography by Byron Haskins, the scenario by Bess Meredith, are exceptionally fine; and, dominating all, the magnificent direction of Millard Webb. The cast is long and perfectly chosen, the outstanding performances, in addition to Barrymore's, being those of Dolores Costello and George O'Hara.

"The Sea Beast" is founded upon Herman Melville's novel, "Moby Dick."

CHAPTER TWENTY

Mexican Mission Building Fund
"Take this offering that we bring Thee,

Give it something sweet to do;
May it help some one to love Thee,
May it make us love Thee too."
Amen.

W. A. Tunstall (Fort Worth) \$100.00, R. C. Sanderson \$15, Mrs. Joe Weaver (Eastland) \$5, Thos. Nelson and sons, \$5, Miss Emma Dickens (Miss.) \$2, Miss Emily Bradley \$1, Miss Lillian Clayton \$1, Lester Fisher \$1, Mrs. Huddleston \$1, Mrs. Dehlinger \$1.

Total this week.....\$132.00
Total to last report.....\$928.75
Total to date.....\$1,060.75

How silently, how silently
The wondrous Gift was given;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven,
No ear can hear His coming,
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him
still

The dear Christ enters in."
Mrs. S. H. Morrison, Mission Tr.

CENTER-POINT PLEASURES

WITH STAGE PRODUCTION

Center Point school gave its play of "The Old-Fashioned Mother" in Big Spring courthouse Wednesday night of last week, before a good sized audience which was well pleased with the production by home talent. The school, which is the beneficiary of the production, realized \$59.50 at Big Spring and on the succeeding night the play was given at Combs, but with what financial benefits is not known.

The Center Point people are up and awake to the school's needs and through that medium a splendid community spirit is being built up, to extend to other interests and helps in making the country about a more desirable place in which to have homes.

Herbert Whitney and Robert Lee Pike went to Sweetwater Monday night to attend the big dance there. The A. & M. Campus Serenaders furnished the music for this delightful affair, and the Sweetwater folks were so well pleased with their music that they engaged them to play for them at a dance on Wednesday night

Jack Hendricks of Ackerly was here to spend

HAIL!
The New Year



Let 1927 Bring
You Achievement

At this season of joy and gladness when the hearts of men turn instinctively to the more tender and ennobling things of life, we greet you in the spirit of mutual cooperation and helpfulness. With unspeakable gratitude in our hearts, we wish for you a New Year filled abundantly with Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

West Texas National Bank
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Big Spring Lodge I. O. O. F. in regular session on motion adopted resolution of sympathy for Brother W. P. Moore and family, in the loss, by death, of their three year old son, Willie D. Moore, the resolution was as follows:

Whereas, deep sorrow has entered the family of our brother, W. P. Moore, in the untimely death of his beloved son, Willie D., aged three years

Be it resolved that this lodge expresses its deep sympathy for the bereaved ones and trusts that they may find comfort in the faith that the parting is not eternal and that in a Better Land the baby will be waiting to greet the reunited family.

L. E. Crenshaw
Sam Lamar
Ben Miller
Committee.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Big Spring, Texas
Wishes you a
Happy and Prosperous
NEW YEAR

and
Cordially Invites You
to attend

The New Year Service
Sunday, January 2, 11:00 A. M.
A Father and Son Service
Everybody Invited
R. L. OWEN, Pastor

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The Presbyterian Church will conduct a Church School of Missions beginning next Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, 1927. All departments will be taught. Enroll now. This is a new feature in our work and every member is invited to be in these meetings also any others who might desire to do this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Lamar and baby of Amarillo who spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Midland, visited relatives and friends in Big Spring the forepart of the week.

The condition of Miss Martha Harding, sister of J. B. Harding, who has been very ill the past ten days remains unimproved at this time, according to reports.

Mrs. Wm. Fahrenkamp and daughter Billie May, returned Monday morning from Roswell, N. M., where they spent Christmas with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree of Ballinger were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Phillips during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. W. B. Moore of San Angelo arrived Monday morning to visit her

We Wish for All a Full
Measure of

Happiness, Health
and Prosperity

During the Coming Year



To Say
Happy New Year

We have enjoyed our pleasant relations with friends and customers during 1926, and hope to have a continuance of your patronage during 1927. We will do our best to merit your trade.

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Mr. and Mrs. Less Thomas and children of Colorado were here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Towler, other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McDonald and baby arrived Monday from McCamey for a visit in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Flowers.

John Hatch who is attending Baylor University at Waco is here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. C. Hatch and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gerritt and son of Lubbock were here to spend

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brown and Earl Steel returned Friday night from a several months visit through points of interest in Arizona and New Mexico.

Arthur Schubert of St. Louis arrived last week to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. Schubert and other relatives and friends.

Wilbur Matthews who was here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Matthews, Tuesday evening for San Antonio.

Miss Velma Wasson arrived Monday morning from Dallas to spend

MIDNIGHT SUN

By LAURIDS BRUUN
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CHAPTER XIII

The Grand Duke Sergius and the banker, Ivan Kusmin, are bitter rivals for the love of Olga Balashova, who spurns them both. Alexei, lieutenant of the Imperial Guard, wrongly suspects Olga of infidelity and renounces her and demands to join the revolutionists. Olga promises Kusmin to be his wife if he will save Alexei from the Duke, whom she has searching for him on the soldiers' ground. Kusmin deceives Olga about his yacht by telling her that Alexei is on board. She goes to the yacht before the Duke's arrival. She discovers his ruse too late and desperately fights his advances. As the yacht steams out to sea Alexei is captured and condemned to die.

"Alexei Okuneff," the heavy voice pronounced. "It is the decision of this court that you shall pay with your life for your desertion from the army. As a former lieutenant in the personal Guard of His Imperial Highness, the Grand Duke Sergius, and a prisoner of the Imperial Russian Government, we recommend your execution by rifle fire to take place in the Fort of St. George tomorrow morning at sunrise.

"The selection of a commander for the firing squad is left in the hands of General Nelidov, the Commandant of the Imperial Military Academy. Colonel Ilesky of His Highness, the Grand Duke Sergius' personal guard, has been requested to draft twelve men to perform the execution.

"May Almighty God have mercy upon your soul."

When Olga Balashova left the house upon the morning that she had received news from Ivan Kusmin that her beloved Alexei was alive and in safety on board the banker's yacht, Anisya, her faithful old maid, could not rid herself of the thoughts of doubt and suspicion which entered her mind. It was true that Kusmin had sent Olga a letter, telling of the discovery of Alexei's whereabouts, and also stating that the young man had desired to bid Olga a last farewell before his departure from Russia. Upon the receipt of this

Grand Duke himself, that she was finally ushered into his library.

As she entered, Sergius rose, and with ill concealed anger asked why she had not entrusted her message to his aid. "I am busy," he shouted. "I have other things to do than to listen to pleas from persons I do not know."

"I must," Sergius echoed. "Is that so? Since when am I to take orders from you?"

But when the old woman had told him of the letter from Kusmin, of Olga's visit to the banker, who had promised to unite her with Alexei before his leave, of her own call at Kusmin's house, which had but verified and emphasized her fears, and finally the news she had gathered that Alexei was far from being in safety on board the banker's yacht—when the Grand Duke had listened to these sensational statements, he underwent a perceptible change. Decision and force shone in his eyes, and his voice was determined, as he answered:

"My good woman, I thank you for letting me know this. Please be not alarmed. I assure you that nothing shall harm Olga. Kusmin's yacht cannot be far out, and I shall immediately have the boat pursued. Never shall I allow a coward like him go unpunished. Kusmin shall yet answer to me for this dastardly action. But wait," he added, "when did Olga visit Kusmin this morning?"

"About ten o'clock, Anisya answered.

"And when did you go to his house?"

"Around noon time."

"Fine," exclaimed Sergius. "Then we are handicapped by but two hours. The old woman retreated to the door, and took her leave with many ceremonious courtesies and assurances that the Grand Duke's kindness would be rewarded a thousandfold. Sergius smiled and nodded. "Good-bye, Anisya," he said. "Do not despair. You shall soon see your mistress again."

ready in half an hour? Thank you, Admiral."

Mikhael handed Sergius a slip of paper. "Number 14," he repeated. "Pier 37. That was good of old Bruvetski."

"Splendid," the Grand Duke rubbed his hands in glee. "Now let us be off. I am anxious to see who has the fastest boat, we or Kusmin."

The Grand Duke's elegant automobile sped at a reckless pace through the streets, its horn continually emitting warning signals to the pedestrians, who scurried to safety in frantic jumps and looked after the disappearing car with curses and the shaking of fists.

Admiral Bruvetski's order had apparently been heeded by everybody in the Navy Yard. At the approach of the Grand Duke's automobile, the immense gates swung open without causing the car a minute's delay. As he descended, Sergius commanded his chauffeur to return late in the evening, to bring him back to the palace.

At Pier 37 the Grand Duke immediately noticed the graceful hull of a destroyer, bearing the figure 14 on the bow, and saw with pleasure that its funnels were emitting black clouds of smoke. Closely followed by Mikhael, he hastened to the gang plank.

The Commander of the ship, who met him on deck, assured him that everything was in order and that he would proceed immediately, should Sergius so desire. The Grand Duke saluted the sailors who stood at smart attention at the rail, and gave a brief order to the commander. Soon the destroyer was plowing the waves in white cascades, with its engines throbbing under full pressure.

In the salon on nether deck, Sergius outlined briefly the object of the excursion. It was decided to steam out of the bay at full speed, keeping a close watch on any private yacht which might look like Kusmin's, and, with the identity once established, bring it to a stop at any cost.

Sergius and Mikhael joined the commander on the bridge, scanning the horizon and the passing ships through their field glasses. An hour went by with no sign of Snow-White's elegant hull. A westerly wind pressed in from the bay, and the destroyer reeled and swung, dipping and rising in the troubled sea. Foam sprayed in pearly cascades over the decks and the thick smoke from the funnels lay like a streak of soot over the waves.

Presently the commander cried out. "Your Highness, I think we've found her." He pointed at a white boat far out in the turbulent bay, and through his glasses Sergius saw a certain resemblance to Kusmin's yacht. The boats were, however, too far from each other to determine with accuracy whether the commander was right or not, but half an hour later it became apparent that they had discovered their prey. It soon became apparent that the smoke from the yacht's funnels thickened, which the commander took to be a sign of Kusmin's having detected that he was pursued. Nearer and nearer the destroyer pounded through the frothy waves on its untiring chase. But Kusmin was not willing to give up. The yacht increased its speed and soon the destroyer was forced to add steam pressure in order to gain on its enemy.

"If she won't stop," Sergius cried, "fire on her."

The bay widened into the Baltic Sea. On each side, the shore line grew dim and the passing ships were reduced to a few trawlers with rust-brown sails and an occasional steamer.

The commander of the warship was forced to add every spare ounce of power in order to drive the boat through the waves at a speed which would mean the eventual overtaking of Kusmin's yacht. The banker, Sergius thought, must have built his ship with an eventual quick get-away in view. Although the destroyer was gaining on its enemy, it was by no means an easy task, and another hour slipped by without having brought the two boats side by side.

The Grand Duke and his aid followed the chase through their powerful glasses with breathless anxiety, and finally Sergius ordered the Commander to fire a shot over the rigging of Kusmin's yacht in order to bring it to a stop. This order was relayed to the gunner in the steel turret below the bridge, and soon a fire leapt out, closely followed by a rumbling thunder. On the opposite side of the yacht, the water arose in a white fan, and after another shell had been discharged, Kusmin seemed to realize that it was best to abandon the fight. The day was now well spent, and the sun was already dipping into the sea, as the sailors lowered a steam launch which was to take the Grand Duke, his aid and some officers over to the yacht.

(To be continued)



While Olga denounces Kusmin for his treachery the Grand Duke's destroyer races to her rescue. Scene from "The Midnight Sun."

information, the young girl had hastened to the banker's house, where he and Olga were to meet before they together proceeded to Kusmin's yacht.

To the old woman, however, the banker's story did not have every aspect of a true statement, and fear and worry filled her heart.

Her uneasiness increased during the morning, and when Olga had not yet returned a couple of hours later, Anisya paid a personal visit to Kusmin's house. She was shocked and grieved when she learned that the banker had, in the company of a young woman, departed for the yacht, and that his exact return could not be stated.

When she again reached Olga's apartment, a violent dread beset her, which was only increased by the stunning information she gathered from a talkative neighbor, that Alexei Okuneff had been captured by the government agents the preceding night, and had just been court-martialed and sentenced to death.

In desperation her mind sought feverishly a plan to save her beloved mistress, but she realized instinctively her own impotence and the strength and cunning of Kusmin.

At last her troubled thoughts dwell upon the Grand Duke. Here was a man who had ardently wooed Olga and untringly sought her favors, whose influence was even greater than Kusmin's and who would go to extreme trouble and pain to liberate her from the clutches of his rival.

Relentlessly driven by her fear and anxiety she had no sooner conceived this idea than she converted it into action.

She arrived at Sergius' apartments at the palace but a few minutes later and refused so steadfastly and determinedly to tell the reason for her call to anybody but the

When Anisya had left, Sergius remained immobile. His blue eyes were fixed with absorbed concentration upon an unseen object, and his lips whispered: "Tomorrow at sunrise, Alexei goes to his death. Today, I shall conquer Kusmin. And then Olga is mine. Mine."

Presently he stirred and impatiently rang a silver bell at his side. Mikhael, his aid, appeared at the door.

"Come here," Sergius called. "We must act quickly. A difficult task lies ahead of us. Every minute is precious. Listen to me."

He outlined in brief words Olga's predicament and voiced enthusiastically his hatred against Kusmin and his determination to overpower him. He had long looked forward to an opportunity by which he could take revenge for the relentless methods of a Shylock employed by Kusmin in the extraction of a debt which was due him from Sergius.

Mikhael listened intently, and soon he and the Grand Duke had their plan of attack outlined.

While Sergius, smoking innumerable cigarettes, restlessly paced the large room, Mikhael could be seen at the telephone, establishing a connection with the Navy Department. Presently he spoke:

"Please let me talk to Admiral Bruvetski.—Is this you, Admiral?—His Highness, the Grand Duke Sergius, desires the use of a fast destroyer for an enterprise, the nature of which I cannot divulge over the telephone. It is, however, of the greatest importance that he is accommodated immediately and that orders are sent along the Department to everybody concerned, so that no delay is possible. No, it would mean a day's trip only. Yes, but it must be the fastest boat in the Navy Yard. What was that?—Destroyer 14.—Pier 37.—And you will be good enough to order it

Morris Williams who is attending State University at Austin arrived last Wednesday night to spend the holidays in this city with relatives and friends.

Wayne Cook who is a student at McMurray College at Abilene arrived the latter part of last week to spend the holidays in Big Spring with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins and children of Abilene are here spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Collins.

Miss Elma Hinds who is attending McMurray College at Abilene, arrived the latter part of last week to spend the holidays in this city with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hinds.

and Mrs. Chas. Deats of Childs were here to spend the Christmasholidays with his mother, Mrs. Deats, other relatives and

and Mrs. Eula Payne and baby were here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Payne, other relatives and



We Greet The New Year

Another year has swung through its twelve months span, and during this time Big Spring has matured, worked, built and prospered. Now, we are entering another year, 1927, and we welcome it. It is our hope that this, too, will be a year of achievement and prosperity. May it be a year of success and happiness for you.

It gives us great pleasure to extend to each and everyone our choicest greetings and best wishes for 1927.

We thank our friends, old and new, for the favors during the past, and trust that we may enjoy your good business during the coming year.

We Sell It For Less!

The Grand Leader

Victor Mellinger, Prop.

JUDGE DEBENPORT BACK ON JOB WITH SMILE AND HOPE

County Judge Debenport is holding court this week and anyone can readily see that his course of hot water baths at Marlin did him good. He shows it and he radiates it. Aside from appearances on the outside, the Judge has inside information, he says, that he derived much benefit from the treatment. "I couldn't eat a thing while at Marlin," he declared. "Even the bringing in of the tray of tempting dishes would turn me sick. I was a nervous wreck. Now, since coming home the benefits are becoming apparent, just like the doctor said to expect. The big evidence of having started uphill is that I have a saw-mill appetite and have to choke myself off at every meal before I get all the stomach calls for. I'm on the up-grade and hope to continue so," he further explained. In this visible and invisible improvement the many friends of the Judge rejoice.

Marvin Frost and Robert Stripling who were here to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks, left Monday morning for Lubbock. Marvin is attending the Tech, and Robert is employed by the Wooten Grocery company at that place.

Edwin Prichard who is a student at T. C. U. at Fort Worth arrived last week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Prichard and other relatives and friends in this city.

Miss Elizabeth Barton who is attending Simmons University at Abilene arrived the latter part of last week to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

Bob Heims who is drilling a well 20 miles west of San Angelo spent the Christmas holidays in this city.

Indigestion bad spells relieved

"NOTHING can take the place of Thedford's Black-Draught with us because we have never found anything at once so mild and so effective," says Mrs. Hugh Nichols, R. F. D. 4, Princeton, Ky. "When the children have spells of indigestion and upset stomachs, I always straighten them out with a dose or two of Black-Draught. Several times I have suffered with bad spells of indigestion myself and found I would soon get relief if I took a course of Black-Draught. I was troubled with a bad accumulation of gas and severe pains across my stomach and lower bowels. Now when I feel a spell of this kind coming on, I head it off by taking Black-Draught—a dose every night for a few nights will prevent the trouble and save me much pain and suffering. My whole family uses Black-Draught for biliousness and constipation. It is a splendid medicine. Sold everywhere. 25 cents.



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martin returned Monday from San Angelo, where they had been to spend Christmas with relatives.

Belton Winslow of Childress was here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Winslow, other relatives and friends.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon R. A. Harbin 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 32nd Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Big Spring, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 29th day of December A. D. 1926 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1971, wherein E. P. Harbin is Plaintiff, and R. A. Harbin is Defendant, and said petition alleging Excesses and cruel treatment and outrages on the part of defendant so as to render the further living together of plaintiff and defendant as insupportable and praying for divorce.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, 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 Big Spring this 29th day of December A. D. 1926. (S)

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk.

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

Frank Hefley was here Sunday from Sterling City to visit relatives and friends.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE

THEM—An English White Leghorn NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY cockerel or "Aristocrat" Barred Plymouth cockerel or trio. You can't beat them. Leesdale Farm or Lawrence Simpson, Herald office.

FOR SALE—I will sell my place in the west part of town. Reasonable. 9-room house, modern, 8 lots. Mrs. R. J. Hart. 15-11

FOR SALE—Household goods: consisting of electric cook stove, coal heater, iron bed, porch chairs, dining room suite, dining room rug, hall clock, office desk and chair, fern stand and rockers. Mrs. M. A. Wooster at 507 Main street will be glad to show you and price them to you. 15-11

FOR SALE—A six room house in 300 block Gollad street. Terms reasonable. See Sath Pike or call at 505 Gollad street. 15-1f

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—40-acre and 50-acre tract of famous Clyde fruit land, unimproved, \$75 per acre. Water only about 20 feet. One and one-half miles from Clyde. Also nice Abilene residence for sale at \$15,000. Write W. Homer Shanks, Clyde, Texas. 8-1f

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished room for rent. Call 511 W. Fourth street. Near the R. R. shops. 11pd

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call at 211 East Third St. or phone 598. 11

FOR RENT—Two and three rooms nicely furnished for light housekeeping. All modern conveniences, close in, very desirable. Also one bedroom for rent. Phone 312. 11pd

FOR RENT—Two nice bed rooms.

Phone 247 or call at 307 Gollad St. J. M. Barley. 15-1f

FOR RENT—One or two two-room apartments. Phone Mrs. J. P. Davis at 695, or call at 1301 Scurry St. 11

WANTED

WANTED—Old rags. Bring them to Jones & Whitaker Filling Station. We will pay you for them. Wanted at once. 11

WANTED—A woman to wash and iron for family of three. Mrs. W. H. Smith, 200 Gollad St. 11pd

WANTED—To do general housework or practical nursing. If you need me, phone 699. 11pd

CHICKENS AND TURKEYS—Carmack will pay highest market prices. Bring them in to me. Building at rear of West Texas National Bank building. Phone 78. 8-1f

MISCELLANEOUS

PASTURAGE—I have pasturage for 125 cattle. Philip Thompson, Sterling City, Texas. 11pd

HEMSTITCHING—If it's Hemstitching you want done, see Lola Curtis at W. R. Purser & Sons. All work guaranteed. Phone 421. 461f

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A reward will be paid for the return of a key ring, with two car keys and a number plate thereon. Lost somewhere on the streets, Friday. Finder returned Herald office and receive reward. 11-

LOST—A black hand bag containing ladies and childrens wearing apparel was lost Monday. Finder please return to Biles Drug Store. 1p

LOST—Bunch of keys in Big Spring. Reward for return to Williams Dry Goods store. 11



MISS EUNICE GREEN AND F. B. BIRDSONG MARRY

Characterized by simplicity and loveliness, there was performed at high noon, Thursday, Dec. 30, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Chas. Eberley, the wedding ceremony which united in marriage Miss Eunice Greene and Forrest Bailey Birdsong, Rev. W. C. Hinds officiating, in the presence of only relatives and a few friends.

Mistletoe and holly gave adornment to the reception rooms of the home, and under an improvised archway of holly and other greenery, the happy couple met and at the noon hour, Reverend Hinds read the beautiful ring ceremony, which united them in marriage.

Preceding the ceremony, Misses Louise and Lillian Shive sweetly sang "I Love You Truly," with Mrs. Chas. Morris accompanist, who also played the Mendelssohn Wedding March for the entrance of the wedding party, and "The Flower Song," during the ceremony. Escorted by his best man, Mr. Yarborough of Sweetwater, the bridegroom was the first to enter and take his place under the archway. Little Miss Joyce Terry, daintily dressed in a frock of orchid taffeta, descended the stairs, carrying the ring on a satin pillow. The bride, beautifully attired in a traveling ensemble of cherry, with accessories to match entered with her maid-of-honor, Miss Bernice Waggoner, who wore an attractive frock of cut velvet. Both carried beautiful arm bouquets of pink and white carnations.

Following the ceremony, a buffet luncheon was served. Lovely decorations, beautiful linens and silver were used, and the menu was served in an attractive way. Mrs. Eberley was assisted in the service by Mrs. F. G. Oxshear and Mrs. John Baggett.

The happy couple left immediately following the luncheon for a bridal trip, and upon their return will make their home in Plainview.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Greene of Sweetwater. She has made her home in this city with her sister Mrs. Chas. Eberley for the past year, where she has been in the employ of the Albert M. Fisher Co. She has made many warm friends during her short residence here, and is loved and esteemed by all who know her.

The groom is held in high esteem by all who know him, and he is said to be a dependable, trustworthy and industrious young business man.

Felicitations are extended to the happy young couple by their host of friends in Big Spring.

ENTERTAINS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MONDAY AFTERNOON

The pupils of the Sunday school class of the Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Shine Phillips is teacher, were entertained on Monday afternoon with a delightful party at the home of Mrs. A. M. Rippa.

After the guests had assembled various kinds of games were played, and informal conversation was enjoyed.

At the tea hour dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

AN ENJOYED CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Stutes entertained a number of friends and relatives at their home on Christmas day. A four course dinner was served, the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Shank, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Masters, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Masters, Mrs. A. J. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hoseny and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shank and son of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shank, Miss Adaline Rousseau and Miss Ross Hill.

SILVER TEA TO BE GIVEN ON MONDAY AFTERNOON

The ladies auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will be hostesses to friends at a Silver Tea Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. F. H. Stedman at 505 Runnels.

A cordial invitation is extended all members and interested friends to attend the tea.

SAD STORY

Diner—"Walter, there's a button in my soup."
Walter (ex-printer)—"Typographical error, sir; it should be mutton."
—Utica Gas & Electric News.

Mrs. A. E. Pegues returned Thursday from Austin, where she had been to spend the holidays with her two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilke and daughter, Mary Alice will leave Saturday on a business trip to San Antonio.



May Joy Be Yours and Prosperity, Too

A New Year dawns. We hope it is full of good things for you and that throughout its three hundred and sixty five days you will live a happy, prosperous life. We see in it for ourselves a new opportunity to serve you better and to prove ourselves worthy of your friendship. Again

Happy New Year

Albert M. Fisher Co.

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Big Spring, Texas

WEST TEXAS ELECTRIC CO. NOW TEXAS EL. SERVICE CO.

L. J. Geer, vice president and manager of the West Texas Electric Co., announced today that the property of the West Texas Electric Co. has been purchased by the Texas Electric Service Co. Mr. Geer said that he will continue as vice president and manager in charge of the operation of these properties in the future, just as he has in the past, and also said that there will be no changes whatever in the personnel of the operating organization as it now exists.

Mr. Geer further stated that the ice property, heretofore owned by the Sweetwater Ice & Cold Storage Co., has been purchased by the Crystal Ice & Cold Storage Co. stating also that he will be in charge of the operation of this property, just as he has in the past.

The officers and directors of the Texas Electric Service Co. are all Texas men, several of whom are leading business men of West Texas. R. K. McAdams of Sweetwater, and P. C. Coleman of Colorado, are members of the board of directors. J. E. Lewis of Eastland, is also a member of the board of directors. J. A. Kemp Frank Kell and P. A. Rogers, of Wichita Falls, W. B. Head, C. E. Clader, John W. Carpenter and J. C. Thompson of Dallas are directors also. Mr. Geer stated that he, also, is a member of the board of directors

HERALD FORCE RECEIVES NEW YEAR'S PRESENT

Our good friend, T. F. Nabors, brought us a New Year's present today just as we are going to press. Two pounds of fresh country pork sausage. It looks good, smells good, and we know that it is going to taste good with chow-chow and hot biscuits. Many thanks, Mr. Nabors.

Mr. Nabors butchered four hogs this week, and has been busy as a cranberry merchant making sausage, curing meat, etc. From these four hogs he obtained about 60 gallons of lard.

M. E. Carper returned Thursday from Cleburne where he had been called on business.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE

My household goods are for sale. As good as new. Must dispose of them at once. Prices reasonable. See me, M. E. Carper, or call at 409 Gregg street. 11

Miss Cora Martin of Lamesa spent Christmas in this city with homefolks

Eaf Garvin and son returned to their home in Silvertown last Friday

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shank of Ranger spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Big Spring.

W. G. Hayden and W. W. Crenshaw made a business trip to Sweetwater Thursday.

John Schram returned Thursday morning from a several weeks visit in Baird.

Mrs. E. W. Wombie after a visit in this city with her father, Gus Thomas, other relatives and friends returned to her home in Hereford Friday.

Praise

Praise is contentment rippling over the gladness, like the music of the brook.—Mark Guy Pearce.

How Jesus Saw Men

Jesus divided men into two classes and no more; either on the narrow or on the broad way; either a good tree or a bad tree; either a wise or a foolish builder; in a word, either for Christ or against Him.—Plummer.

Service

The quality of the service is the measure of the result. It is not length of service, but intensity, sincerity, enthusiasm that tells.—R. J. Campbell.

Keeping the Mouth Closed

If a man can keep his mouth closed it is a sure sign that he could say something if he opened it.—King's Business.

Fewer Words

The more you say, the less people will remember. The fewer the words, the greater the profit.—Fenelon.

Keep an Eye on the One

Keep your eye on the One gone up.—Echols.

"LADIES AT PLAY" COMING TO LYRIC, IS ROLLICKING TALE

Doris Kenyon, Lloyd Hughes, and Louise Fazenda, at their very best, in a rollicking First National comedy drama, "Ladies at Play," will head the bill at the R. & R. Lyric theater, Midnight Matinee, Friday, Dec. 31.

Philo McCollough, Virginia Lee Corbin, Hallam Cooley, John Patrick, Ethel Wales and Tom Ricketts will be in support.

The story, directed by Alfred E. Green under the production management of B. P. Fineman, is said to be packed with contrasting comedy, pathos, thrills and surprises from the first title to the happy and satisfactory ending.

It deals with the inheritance of six million dollars by the heroine, who must marry a man that meets with the favor of her disinherited relatives before she gets the money. She shows great ingenuity in devising ways of forcing their decision in favor of the man she loves—but gets herself into hot water through her efforts, right up to the climax, where she gives up the six million to get the man!

AN ECONOMY HINT

For pies, puddings, sherbets and drinks use crushed pineapple. It is better for the purpose than sliced pineapple and cheaper. It is made of portions of the pineapple, next to the skin, and is sweetened with pure granulated sugar. Many delicious and refreshing drinks may be made with crushed pineapple and not fruit punch is complete without it.

G. E. McNew returned Wednesday night from Fort Worth, where he had been to spend Christmas with his wife and daughter.

Herald want ads gets good results. Use more of them.

"BEAT COLORADO" IS AGAIN BIG SPRING'S AMBITION

Colorado nosed out on the football team in recent contest but she is going to have a harder tussle in beating the First Methodist Sunday school in attendance record through the coming three months period.

Final arrangements for an attendance contest was arranged Tuesday of this week when Rev. and Mrs. Hinds and Mrs. Charles Morris went to Colorado and with the officials of the Methodist Church and Sunday school there agreed upon the conditions of the contest which is to be decided upon four points, namely:

Attendance, number contributing, number remaining for preaching service and number of new pupils enrolled.

The contest starts next Sunday, January 2. Further details will be made known as the contest progresses. One feature of it is that the records of each Sunday school will be communicated forth and back before dismissals and the standing of both will be known without delays.

FOR HOME AND STABLE

The extraordinary Borosone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infectious germs with liquid Borosone, and the Borosone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 80c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by CUNNINGHAM & PHILIP'S

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

New Year's Day, Saturday, is to be observed as a general holiday by Postoffice, banks and business institutions generally, as per usual custom.

The suggestion is given to lay in supplies to last through from Friday until Monday.

HATHCOCK GROCERY STORE SOLD TO NALL & LAMAR

The Nall & Lamar firm, in the general feed and fuel business, has purchased the grocery stock of S. A. Hathcock, in the Hathcock building at corner of 2nd and Runnels streets.

Possession is to be given January 1. The purchasers of the business will continue same and will operate their feed store in connection therewith. The fuel business will not be involved in the new arrangements and will be continued at the present stand.

It is understood that the grocery and feed lines will be under charge of sons of Mr. Nall and Mr. Lamar, experienced young men who propose to operate a cash system with prompt service to bring and hold a good share of the business of city and surrounding country.

PINEAPPLE FRITTERS

Pineapple and lamb chops is celebrated among those who would reduce. But those who don't have to watch the scales may enjoy it as well and in a more delicious form. Grilled pineapple is even more delightful than uncooked. Season a little flour with salt and pepper. Dip six slices of pineapple into the flour and cover both sides. Brown in a little shortening and serve with chops.

WHEN WIFEY TAKES WHEEL

Doctor (to patient who claims to be a nervous wreck).—What are your symptoms?

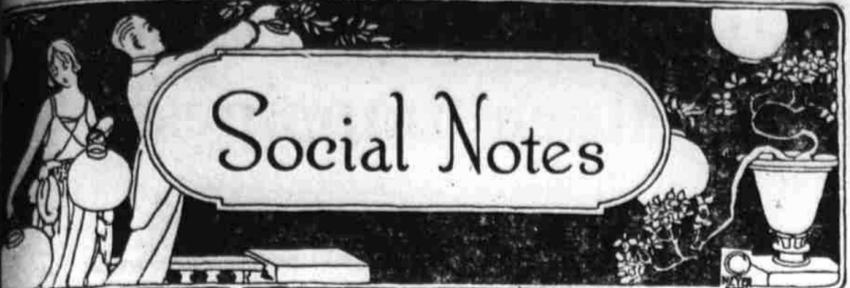
Patient.—"I jump when I hear a telephone, the door-bell sends me into hysterics. Any stranger coming to the house frightens me out of my life, and I'm afraid to pick up my newspaper. Do you know what's wrong with me?"

Doctor.—"Yes. My wife drives a car, too!"—Ex.

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Social Notes

COCHRAN OF COAHOMA WEDS D. BUSHSONG
The presence of relatives and friends, there was performed ceremony, marked by simplicity at the home of the bride's parents in Coahoma at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Miss Lila Coahoma and Dewey Childress, Reverend Church of Coahoma, and the bride, officiated. An improvised archway of white and cream myrtle, the couple stood and were made a pink and white scheme was sounded in the decorations, with beautiful chrysanthemums and pink sweet peas used in through the rooms of the wedding their grace and beauty pretty affair. Following the ceremony breakfast was served at the Cochran home. The dining table was the white cake, banked in a wreath of sweet peas and tall pink tapers were placed at each end of the cast a pretty glow over the wedding cake was cut. Mrs. J. P. Davis went the ring, Miss Brown the dime, and Cochran the button. Following cutting of the cake, the were served a delectable four courses, consisting of cocktail, cream of wheat, fried chicken, gravy, hot jelly, fruit cake and coffee. The bride is the sweet and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cochran, and during her residence in Coahoma, has made many friends. She is admired for her amiability and gracious, and is considered one of the choicest maidens. Her groom comes from a prominent family in Childress, and has recommended to us as a young man of admirable qualities. At present in employment of the U. S. service in Childress and it is that the happy couple will their home. The bride left overland for a bridal tour to Houston and other points on before going to Childress and their home. Mrs. A. B. Thompson of were out of town guests at the wedding. Mrs. Thompson congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds by their friends throughout the county.

BRADLEY MARRIES K. C. STRATTON
A quiet home wedding in the presence of only relatives and a few friends of the family there performed Tuesday evening at the wedding ceremony which to marry Miss Essie Bradley, K. C. Stratton of Dallas. W. C. Hinds, pastor of the Methodist Church officiated; at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. J. W. Bradley. Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Stratton left for Dallas and Crystal City. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradley and has always made her home in Big Spring. She is truly a Howard County girl, having been born, reared and grown to young womanhood in Big Spring. After graduation from the Big Spring high school she accepted a position in Dallas, and has continued to work to the time of her marriage. Her friends, church and social circles, of her free-hearted, accomplished and lovable disposition and her friends extend to her best wishes and happiness through life. Her groom is said to be a comely young man, and is held in high regard by all who know him. He is present travelling for the Cen-

tral Power and Light Company, with headquarters in Dallas, and works all of the southwestern territory. The Herald joins a host of friends in extending best wishes and happiness.

MISS HELEN WOLCOTT ENTERTAINS WITH BRIDGE PARTY
A lovely party was given by Miss Helen Wolcott on Monday evening, when she delightfully entertained the members of the Idlewild Bridge Club and a few invited guests. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas wreaths and flowers of all kinds. Everyone had a delightful time, and found much interest in the series of bridge games played. At counting time, when scores were compared, Miss Mary Hazel Hathcock was declared the winner of high score among the young ladies and Miss Essie Duvall made second high score. J. T. Scott made high score among the men, and Charlie Stovall made second high.

The Christmas motif was further carried out in the refreshment plate. Tiny Santa Claus' centered each plate, which held fruit salad, tea biscuits, olives, potato chips, angel food cake with apricot whip and coffee.

Those attending this pleasant affair with Miss Wolcott were: Misses Audrey Phillips of Lubbock, Rachel Woods, Essie Duvall, Clara Jones, Mary Hazel Hathcock, Wanda True, Olive Ruth Bird, Mrs. Ralph Rix, Mrs. Robert Currie, and J. T. Scott of Dallas, Blake Anderson, Charlie Stovall, Oscar Koberg of Seymour, Lee Rogers, Robert Currie, Ralph Rix, Hayden Griffith, Robert Lawrence and Monroe Johnson.

A. G. HALL ENTERTAINS WITH DINNER PARTY
A. G. Hall, who is home from Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind., to spend the holidays with homefolks proved himself the perfect host on Monday evening when he delightfully entertained friends with a dinner party. About 7:30 o'clock the guests assembled at the Busy Bee Cafe where a beautifully laid banquet table had been arranged. A miniature Christmas tree centered the table and places for the guests were marked by attractive Christmas place cards.

The menu in three courses consisting of fruit cocktail, baked chicken, dressing, creamed potatoes, peas, olives, celery, cranberry jelly and cherry pie with whipped cream, was served to: Misses Mary and Margaret Happel, Billie Faucett, Dorris Greaves, Elizabeth Northington, Lillian Shick and Wayne Parrish, Thomas Neal, Pert Pritchard, Arlo Forrest, Sydney House, A. G. Hall and Dr. G. T. Hall.

Following the dinner the guests were invited to the Lyric theater where they enjoyed Richard Dix in "The Quarterback," and from there went to the Chocolate Shoppe, where more refreshments were enjoyed.

DEMOLAYS HAVE BANQUET HONORING LADY FRIENDS
In compliment to their young lady friends, the members of the order of Demolay chapter entertained with a banquet on Tuesday evening in the Masonic Hall. About sixty-four guests were seated at the banquet table, where talks and round-table discussions were enjoyed with the delectable menu served. Lewis Rix was toastmaster of the occasion, and he kept the guests entertained by witticisms and clever remarks. Several impromptu talks were made by the college boys.

Around a bountifully laid table the following menu was served: Grapefruit cocktail, baked turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, olives, celery, cranberry jelly, hot rolls, and ice cream and individual squares.

Following the banquet, some of the guests went to the Lyric theater to see Richard Dix in "The Quarterback," while others attended the A. & M. dance, given in the hall over J. & W. Fisher's store.

A. & M. SERENADERS PLAY FOR DANCE, TUESDAY NIGHT
A gay event of the week, and well attended by the members of the younger social set, was the dance sponsored by the A. & M. Howard County Club, in the hall over the J. & W. Fisher store on Tuesday evening. The A. & M. Campus Serenaders furnished the music, and their splendid music added much to the enjoyment of dancing. The orchestra is composed of seven pieces, and members of same are: H. E. Belsler, manager, saxophone and clarinet; Dusty Schultz, banjo; S. D. Camp, drums; Norman Petzing, piano; J. B. Callaghan, trumpet; G. P. Box, trombone, and R. C. Buchan, bass. These artists broadcast over the radio station WTAW and are favorites of many radio fans.

The hall wore a holiday appearance with pennants and banners adorning it, and streamers of maroon and white were draped overhead. Many out of town couples were here to attend this happy event, coming from Colorado, Sterling, Lamesa, Stanton, Midland and Sweetwater.

Howard County boys attending A. & M. this year are: Louie Pistole, Tyree Hardy, Cherry Lawrence, Herbert Whitney, Robert Lee Pike, Wendell Leatherwood, Walton Morrison and Preston Sanders.

The A. & M. Campus Serenaders also played for a dance given at the Elks Hall Wednesday evening. All report a delightful time.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY TO BE GIVEN AT LYRIC THEATER
The midnight hour on Friday, Dec. 31, will be a gay one at the R & R Lyric theater, where a big New Year's party is going to be featured. Many surprises are in store for those present at 12 o'clock Friday night. A splendid picture, "Ladies at Play" has been secured for this feature entertainment, together with the other things for amusement of the guests. The doors for this midnight jollify will open promptly at 11:30, and all are urged to come early and avoid a jam at the ticket window, the last few minutes before the beginning of the party. A record breaking crowd is expected to be in attendance, even greater than at the midnight showing of "The Bat."

Doris Kenyon, Lloyd Hughes and Louise Fazenda are featured in "Ladies at Play," which is the story of a girl who will inherit six million dollars provided she finds a husband within a certain length of time who will qualify in the eyes of two very Puritanical spinster aunts. The aunts make it hard for the heroine but through her own resources she captures the eligible man.

Only one showing of this picture and this will be at midnight matinee at the New Year's party, Friday, Dec. 31. Everybody invited.

W. M. U. HAS INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF CHINA
The Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church met in regular session Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. Reagan. "China" was the topic of discussion and unusually interesting and delightful was the program given at this time. Mrs. F. H. Stedman was a special guest on this occasion, and she brought with her a collection of Chinese curios. These were sent to her directly from China by her sister who is doing missionary work at a hospital in one of the stricken Chinese villages. This favor was greatly appreciated by the members and as Mrs. Stedman displayed the different articles she told many interesting things of China and her customs. Many of the articles were hand made work done by Chinese girls who were forced to make their living in this way. The articles are sent back to the United States and are sold here.

At the tea hour Mrs. Reagan served delicious refreshments to about twenty-four guests.

Herald want ads got results.

WORTHWHILE GIRLS HAVE DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT
Mrs. B. Reagan in her usual gracious manner, was hostess to the Worthwhile members of the First Baptist Church, entertaining them last Friday night with a Christmas party.

Artistic decorations, suggestive of the Yuletide were used throughout the rooms, and beneath softly shaded lights, a fitting Christmas atmosphere was created. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree completed the scene.

Music and various kinds of games were the diversion of the evening, until Santa Claus arrived. Then, he began the distribution of the gifts which were arranged on the tree. Mrs. Reagan received a handsome serving tray from the members of her Sunday school class.

At the refreshment hour, a plate luncheon consisting of stuffed tomato salad, sandwiches, hot chocolate, cakes and mints was served to: Mrs. Reagan, Misses Helen Reagan, Dona and Connie Wright, Abbey Nell Rhoton, Vera Robinson, Maurine Leatherwood, Hazel Sellers, Laura O'Brien, Nell and Maude Estes, Mary Kavanaugh, Irma Lee Gary, Lois and Jewel Creighton, Fannie Ruth Anderson, Mildred Patterson, Opal Creighton, Lillie Opal Fitzgerald, Reba and Mamie Leach, Stella McClain, Frances Crawford, Pearl Earley, Clara Fisher, Nell Brown, Lillian Bean, Mrs. Tom Cantrell and Mrs. Maxine Estes.

PRETTY HOLIDAY PARTY GIVEN AT GARDEN CITY
The first of the festive holiday events was given last week in Garden City when Mrs. Jim Ratliff, Mrs. Henry Neal, Mrs. Phineas Cox, Mrs. S. Martin, Mrs. Stephen Currie and Mrs. Henry Currie entertained with a delightful Christmas party at the beautiful home of Mrs. Jim Ratliff. The boys and girls of the intermediate department of the Garden City schools were the honorees at this happily planned party, where several hours of merriment were spent.

The home was lovely with Christmas decorations of red and green. The color note was also effectively used on the dining room table, where mounds of lovely red and green flowers carried out the pretty motif, and from these were streamers of the chosen colors, reaching out to the artistic place cards in pastel shades.

Various kinds of cakes, candies, fruits and hot chocolate were served to the guests.

At the hour of departure, the children lingeringly voted the hostesses ideal ones. Reported.

G. D. T. H. CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS TREE AT PIKE HOME
On last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Dorothy Pike a Christmas tree in honor of the G. D. T. H. Club was given.

Many games were enjoyed, among the most important was the receiving of the gifts. At midnight, fire crackers and various kinds of fireworks were shot off.

Those partaking of this merriment were: Jealous Rollins, Nettie and Agnes Arnold, John Smart, Blanche and Pauline Griffin, Clifford Haynes, Mildred King, Howard Sneed, Claribel Young, Walker Reed, Doris Barley, Roy King, Dorothy Pike, and Mrs. Pike. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Payne of Slaton. Everyone reported a delightful time.

Reported.

MCDANIEL FAMILY HAS REUNION HERE ON CHRISTMAS DAY
The Christmas dinner and day were especially enjoyed in the C. E. McDaniel home. All the members of the family, nineteen in all, were gathered under the home roof and until parting time came the enjoyments were such as may come only to a family all together and at the blessed Christmas time.

Those of the children and grandchildren present were: Mr. and Mrs. Otis McDaniel and son from Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson and three children from Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McDaniel and son from Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Ollie McDaniel and three children and their unmarried son, Hank McDaniel of Big Spring.

Miss Opal Wood of Lamesa visited friends in Big Spring Wednesday. Miss Wood is a graduate of C. I. A. and at present is home demonstration agent at Plainview.

MARY ALICE WILKE GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY
Christmas feasts, wreaths, holly and Christmas bells gave adornment to the rooms of the Wilke home on last Tuesday evening, when Miss Mary Alice Wilke entertained a group of friends with a Christmas party. A beautiful decorated Christmas tree, aglow with brilliantly colored lights further carried out the Christmas motif.

A jolly time followed after the assemblage of the guests, and various kinds of games and contests were enjoyed. The arrival of Santa Claus with his pack brought more merriment, and each one of the guests received a package from him. Party favors were balloons.

Delicious refreshments were served after the play hour to: Misses Cora Ahlby, Zillah Mae Ford, Mary Gene Dubberley, Mary Vance Koneaster, Vera Debenport, Reta Debenport, Edith Stedman, Betty Stedman, Edith Shive, Lucille LaBeff, Elizabeth Vick, Marie Vick, Anita Davis, and Frank and Ed Morgan, Frank Stedman, Gordon Kelley, Carlton Coburn, Stephen D. Ford and Hudson Henley.

PIONEERS ENTERTAINED BY MRS. R. H. McNEW
Thoroughly delightful was this week's meeting of the Pioneer Bridge Club which met at the home of Mrs. R. H. McNew Wednesday afternoon. Besides the club members, Mrs. G. L. Wilke, and Mrs. Lee Hanson of Lamesa were guests.

Around three daintily appointed tables the guests enjoyed a series of bridge games and in the interesting contest Mrs. W. W. Inkman made club high score, Mrs. A. M. Fisher made second high score and Mrs. G. L. Wilke made visitor's top score.

At refreshment time a delectable two course buffet luncheon was served the twelve guests.

BLUE MELODY BOYS PLAY FOR HOLIDAY DANCES
Playing for eight dances in six days is the record made by the Blue Melody boys of Big Spring during the holidays and proves that their good dance music is appreciated and in demand. Besides playing for six dances at night, they have played for two morning dances, and have driven many miles to get to their next engagement. They have played for dances in Big Spring, also in Sterling, Colorado, Odessa and other places.

They will furnish the music for the two New Year's dances to be given in Big Spring.

GAY CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SAM TURNER HOME
A very happy event of the past week in the Lees community, south of Big Spring was the Christmas party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner on Christmas evening. Neighbors and friends of the countryside assembled at this hospitable home early in the evening, and old and young spent a jolly evening playing games, and enjoying other kinds of amusements. A large crowd was present, and each one reported a royal good time.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and hostess at refreshment time.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
An even half-dozen couples chose the Christmas days in which to start a double harness system of living this life. The permits to wed as issued to Tuesday forenoon and covering the week previous were: Felisiano Gonzales and Petra Viga. Claude Majors and Cora Oliver, Denver Hollis Yates and Clara Ola Franklin. Wesley Owens and Meda Turner. Alejandro Galvan and Aurora Yanex. C. E. Taylor and Corra Oliver.

1922 BRIDGE CLUB GUESTS OF MRS. MARTIN
Two tables of players were delightfully entertained at this week's meeting of the 1922 Bridge Club, which met at the home of Mrs. Edgar Martin on Wednesday afternoon. Dainty bridge accessories were used for the play, and to Mrs. Clyde Fox went high score in the afternoon games.

At the tea hour Mrs. Martin served a tempting plate luncheon in a dainty manner to the eight guests.

Misses Tommie and Willie Preston of Midland visited friends in this city the forepart of the week.

REPORT OF SEALS
The annual Christmas seal health seals has just closed in Howard County with about fifty dollars over our quota of \$300, set for us by the Texas Public Health Association. This is a very encouraging report, considering the financial condition of Howard County, and proves that the people here are not forgetting others who are even less fortunate.

Over a third of the quota was given by the business men on the first day of the sale, when Miss Jena Jordan and Miss Nell Hatch very capably canvassed the downtown section.

Almost ninety dollars was turned in by the Big Spring school children, who helped with the sale in a fine way. South Ward, under the splendid leadership of Miss Rogers, sold over thirty dollars worth of health seals, winning first place among all of the schools of the county. Junior High with Mr. D. W. Stalworth as chairman, came second selling about twenty-five dollars worth of seals. Mr. A. J. Sparks at Central Ward, Miss Ruthe Miller at North Ward, and Miss Clara Cox at Senior High turned in favorable reports. Special credit is due Miss Cox who not only directed the girls pep squad in selling at the high school and in the downtown district, but also spent each Saturday afternoon in the post office booth.

In spite of very discouraging conditions in Coahoma, Mrs. Dave Mims deserves credit for turning in a good report.

Each chairman of the residence districts practically completed her quota and their cooperation is certainly appreciated. Mrs. A. M. Rippas was chairman of north side, Mrs. C. W. Cunningham for south side, and Mrs. Ralph Rix had charge of the sale for east side.

On Saturdays several of the stores as well as the post office, very generously gave room for health seal booths. Those helping in these booths and on the streets deserve credit for helping make the sale successful.

The Big Spring Herald has been very liberal in the publicity work, without which the campaign could not have been a success.

The different organizations and churches contributed liberally in putting over this campaign. A list of those having a part in this great work will appear in next week's issue of the paper, as several have not completed their reports at this time. The school children's honor roll is also not complete and will appear next week.

To everyone who has had even a small part in the campaign, I wish to express my sincere appreciation. You have made it possible for us to go over our quota.

Mrs. D. L. Barnes,
Chairman of Howard County.

DR. GEO. W. TRUETT COMING
Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist of Dallas, will be in Big Spring Sunday, Jan. 30th and will preach at the First Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m., according to a statement made by the local pastor, Rev. D. H. Heard who added the announcement is of interest to the public generally since Dr. Truett is a world-famous preacher. He holds the honor of being the most distinguished minister in the South. His coming to Big Spring will attract wide interest and the problem will be in finding some way for the hundreds of people who will be anxious to see and hear him.

Plans for the services will be published at a later date by the local pastor.

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL OPENS
The new Green Valley school building, erected through funds obtained by a bond issue, opened its doors for a spring session last Monday. E. J. Belsler is the teacher in charge.

The building is on modern plans and it is a splendid monument to the progressive community which it serves.

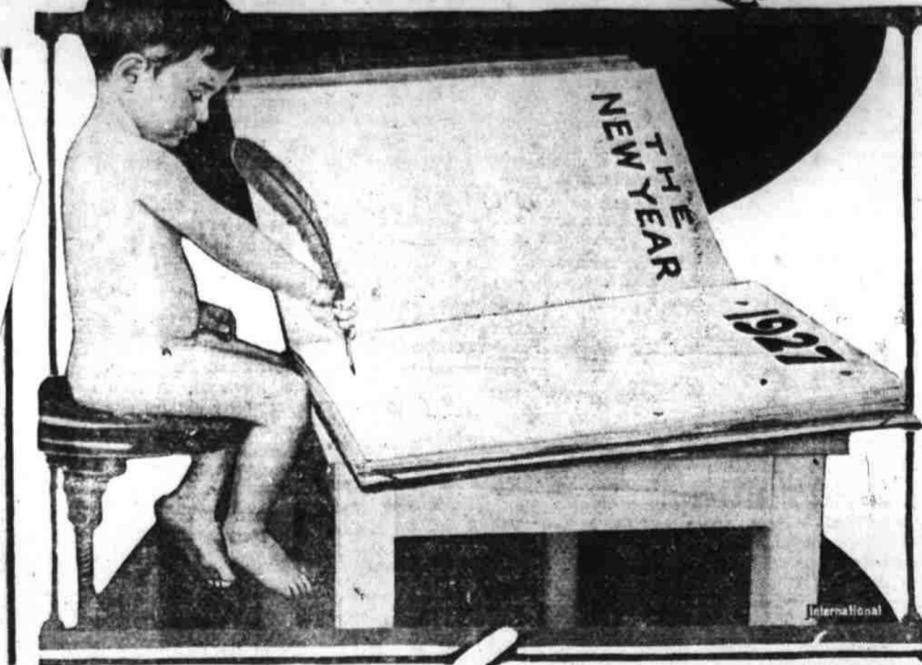
REPORT NOT CONFIRMED
A floating story of a tourist being held up on the highway near Big Spring and relieved of his wallet not confirmed in the court domiciles of the county would undoubtedly have been confirmed if the case was as reported in rumor.

Mrs. W. L. Barton and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Abilene, are visiting friends in the city this week.

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By T. E. Jordan

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Time to Think
by Florence Harris Wells

WELL, Sis, I suppose you put in a gay night last night with your bayberry candle. Bob Stevens dropped into a comfortable chair before the open fireplace toward midday of the first day of the year.

"A bayberry candle," you know, "burned to the socket" on New Year's Eve, "brings health to the body, joy to the heart, and gold to the pocket." Isn't that what you quoted to me as I was leaving for the dance? Score one for my fine memory! But I expected to find you capering joyously about with your cold all gone and here you sit all choked up same as ever. If it's any comfort, everybody missed you at the party—asked me to tell you how sorry they were you couldn't come and—oh, you know all the rest of the bunk. I didn't tell them you were seeking consolation in a bayberry candle.

"Well, if you've run down, Bob, I'll begin. That bayberry candle act wasn't so bad after all. You remember what grandmother said when she went upstairs just before you left?"

"Something about not taking the verse too literally. But one couldn't help but get something out of watching a candle burn to the socket. Yes, I remember now. At the time I wondered what she was getting at but promptly forgot it again.

"That's just it exactly, Bob. We rush from one thing to another so fast, we forget everything that's worth while. We don't take time to think. That's what I learned watching that candle for an hour and that's what grandmother meant. She didn't know, though, that a good deal of my thinking would be about her. She is gracious and gentle and sheds a sort of restfulness over us. Don't we like mother's dinner parties best when she uses candles? Don't we now?"

"We sure do," Bob acquiesced.

"There you are. We're sort of harsh and glaring like the electric lights and we'll always be that way if we don't stop ourselves from running from one thing to another. We need the electric lights, but the glare must be softened with shades and made more like the candle's light; just so we must tone down our lives somewhat. I don't want to be noisy and harsh when I'm old, neither do I want to snap out quick like an electric bulb. I'm going to take time to think."

Bob looked soberly into the fire:

"To say you got something out of that bayberry candle, Sis; guess I'd better try the thinking stunt a little this year, too."

THE NEW YEAR

By KATHERINE EDELMAN

ANOTHER year has passed into the great sea of time. Twelve short months ago it was mine to do with as I chose—to mold into the kind of a structure that I would make—but today it is gone from me, and the thing that I have made of it shall remain for aye. I cannot even change one word of the writing that I have stamped on its pages; I cannot win back even one moment of it for my own.

But though the old year is past and gone, though its mistakes and its weakness are no longer mine to rectify, there is today another year opening before me, a new and shining year that is all my own. Every page of it gleams snowy white, there is not a blot or stain anywhere, it is all mine to do with as I will. All through its hours there will be opportunity for me to do deeds of loving service, to speak words of cheer and kindness, to knit more closely the ties of love and friendship that are now mine. There will be opportunity, too, to forge a little bit ahead in life's race, to do my allotted tasks a little better than I did them last year, to keep my eyes and ears open for anything that would lead to my happiness and benefit.

I know that I will pass by many of these opportunities and aids for happiness if my heart is filled with ceaseless repinings for the mistakes of the past, with continued murmurings on what the present is giving me or with dread and fear of what the future might hold. These things, would surely dull my vision so that I would be unable to see or hear many of the good things that might be awaiting me; they would close my heart so tightly that all the host of pleasures that love and friendship bring would be denied to me.

Therefore, I shall go into this year as if it were indeed a new life. I shall leave behind me all that keeps me fretful and complaining, all that keeps me dissatisfied and unhappy. I shall believe and know that this New Year holds many precious gifts for me and that I shall surely find them if I keep my heart and mind open for their reception.

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Thoughtful Ephraim
by Christopher G. Hazard

EPHRAIM DUSTIN was certainly a thoughtful man. The meals in his house were eaten in thoughtful silence, while he fed his brains, also, upon papers and books. He couldn't get through the pantry until he had read the newspapers that covered the shelves. When the spring cleaning freshet struck the home and he was given the task of dusting the library, he was found in the midst of a heap of books, sitting on the floor, and finishing a perfect afternoon of meditative reflection. Ephraim also would gaze out of the window in the evening and get so lost in watching the automobile lights that dashed



about the view like fireflies that he would forget his supper. On New Year's Eve the evening star seemed to rest upon a tree twig like a candle light, and this involved verse for the village paper, beginning thus:

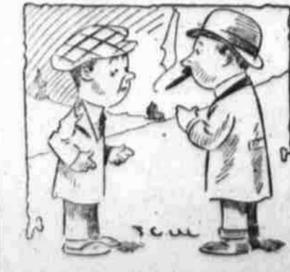
Far, fair light, in the heavens so bright,
and ending no matter where. In every family exigency, whether of sickness or financial complexion, Ephraim would give himself to thought. He had nearly thought himself to death. Mrs. Almira Dustin was different. She was not exactly thoughtless, but she was different. It became helpfully apparent to her poorer half that something had been taking place in her mind, also; and that she was determined to have a change New Year's whether happy or not; as she not only imparted a piece of her mind, but also set certain measures in motion. She provided enough conversation to make the mealtimes lively, turned all the pantry papers up-



side down, cleaned the library herself, invented enough errands to occupy her spare time, bustled meditations into attention; began to look after household and business matters with interference and advice, until the miserable man was fairly goaded into practicality. When they wished him a happy New Year, he had expected to have it, but he failed to get it. It could not be denied, however, that at its end he felt that it had been the most useful and prosperous year of his experience. The neighbors had been observing and had accounted for things by saying that a shiftless dreamer and useless theorist had been cured by a sensible wife. After a year or two more Ephraim thought so himself.

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Time Flies



Well, the New Year will soon be on his airplane this trip, I guess. Sure—time flies.

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR

May the New Year bring You
Much Happiness

Let us at the advent of 1927 convey to each and everyone our sincerest wishes of the season, and present our earnest hope that all of us will share in the prosperous conditions that are, and that will come during the New Year. We want to thank our friends and patrons for the favors shown us during 1926, and trust that we may enjoy the same pleasant relations during 1927.

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STATE OF TEXAS
County of Howard

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Nolan County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1926, in favor of M. D. Willis Plaintiff, and against F. B. Jones, W. W. Rix, M. C. Fairchilds, S. M. Merrick and L. B. Minor, Defendants, in cause No. 2237, on the docket of said Court, I did on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1926 at 10 o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in the County of Howard, State of Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All of Northeast Quarter (N.E. 1-4) and the South one-half (S.1-2) of the Northwest Quarter (N.W. 1-4) of Section Thirty-six (36) in Block Thirty-two (32) Township 1 North, Cert. 2-102, Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. survey, Howard County, Texas.

AND on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1927, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day at the Court House door of said County, I will offer for sale at public auction for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said F. B. Jones, W. W. Rix, M. C. Fairchilds, S. M. Merrick and L. B. Minor, Defendants, in and to said property.

DATED at Big Spring, this the 24th day of December, A. D. 1926, 15-3t.

FRANK HOUSE,
Sheriff, Howard County, Texas.

SENIOR ENDEAVOR PROGRAM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 1927

Topic: Being True to Our Covenant to Christ.

Leader—George Owen.
Song.
Scripture, Heb. 8:10-12—Evelyn
Song.
Prayer—Helen Creath.
Questions—Ruth Dodson.
Talk—Do You Believe in Making Covenants or Pledges? Why? or Why Not?—Toppie Haller.
Talk—What is the Value of a Covenant with Christ?—B. Reagan.
Talk—Can We Have a Christian Endeavor Society Without a Christian Endeavor Pledge?—Mrs. Chas. Dunn.
Song.
Benediction.

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Miss Gladys Lloyd returned last Friday night from Denton, where she has been attending the College of Industrial Arts. She completed her work for a degree this term, and will return to Denton in June to receive her degree with the graduating class.

Loyce Walker of Gainesville who has been home spending the holidays with his parents at Knott, returned to Gainesville Tuesday.

A Happy
NEW YEAR
and
A Prosperous
one
is our wish for all our
GOOD FRIENDS

MAY THE PLEASANT
RELATIONS CONTINUE
THROUGH 1927

CLYDE FOX
JEWELER AND DRUGGIST

NEW YEAR
Greetings

and hopes that 1927
will bring
Happiness and Prosperity
to one and all.

WE APPRECIATE
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TO SERVE YOU

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Miss Maysie Dee Morris who is attending John Tarleton College at Stephenville is here spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Morris. She will return to school January 2.

Kin Barnett who was here to spend Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnett has returned to Fort Stockton, where he is employed with the Roxana Oil Co.

Mrs. Ralph Kirby arrived Saturday morning from Dallas to spend the holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilcox, other relatives and friends.

Here's
Wishing
— ALL OF YOU —

A Happy and
A Prosperous
NEW YEAR

You've Been Good to Me
I've Been Good to You
All the Way Along.
Thank You, and May We
continue to be

Good Friends
During 1927

And On and On.

**Beard's
CAFE**

Thanks
For the Splendid
Patronage

given us
During the Past Year

It shall be our
endeavor to even
BETTER SERVE YOU
DURING THE
COMING YEAR.

Yours For Good Eats

**WIGWAM
RESTAURANT**

Earl Ezzell who is attending Northwestern University in Chicago arrived this week to spend the days with his mother, Mrs. Ezzell, and other relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledford Board baby, and her mother, Mrs. Board, left Thursday morning to spend New Year's with relatives at Enroute they will visit relatives Sweetwater.

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BIG SPRING'S CHRISTMAS

Lacking the "White Christmas" effects which come from snow on the ground and which much of the state enjoyed, Big Spring and Hard County nevertheless glowed of snow and enjoyed bright, shiny weather just right for the affections of children and the "out" of the elders.

The preceding days was also one of finest weather offerings and Christmas trade in the stores was overrun of customers who bought liberally, especially in children's gifts and with a good sprinkling of dealings in more expensive articles for grown-ups. The turn in gifts for "Mother" largely took the form of household equipment and turn-of-measure good luck was that the weather was miserably unpleasant, bottled up the people from the county and other communities who could not get to town for their Christmas purchases.

In way of Christmas trees the Sunday schools had their usual good times. No general tree, for those who might otherwise be unprovided for, was had this year but there was distribution of good cheer in more quiet way.

Taken all in all, the Christmas of 1926 was what might in mildest terms be called "a success" and there is entering into the New Year of light hearts in happy homes.

CHARTER OFF TO AUSTIN

Transcript of the new city charter, adopted by vote of the people of Big Spring on the seventh of December, is sent to Austin this week, to the secretary of state, for his approval. If found to be legally drawn and legally adopted, the state's approval will be given and with that there is no further procedure except installation of the commissioners elected and their organization into working body. This may be expected to be accomplished soon, probably the coming week.

The next step and before there can be full realizing on the benefits of the new form of city government, will be the selection of a City Manager. This may take time but the delay need not interfere with many duties which the commission may perform as legislative body and under direction of the mayor, to be selected from the commission members elected.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR ENDEAVOR, JAN. 2

Topic—What Can I Do to Make This a Better Year?

Leader—Elizabeth Vick.
Scripture, Romans 12:1-2; 17:21; Phillipians 3—Mary Alice Wilke.

Song.
Sentence Prayers.

Song.
Questions—Eddie Ray Lees.

Piano Solo—Nora Pearl Marchbanks.

Roll Call.
Solo—Margaret Wade.

Benediction.
An entertainment will follow dismissal.

December 26, we had ten present at Junior Endeavor with a good program on "Christmas for Orphans." Everyone is urged to be present at 4:00 o'clock Sunday, Jan. 2, and start off a better year.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 2, 1927.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.

Epworth league 7 p. m.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

The pastor will fill the pulpit at the morning hour and Presiding Elder G. S. Hardy will preach in the evening.

Bleeding Gums

The sight of sore gums is sickening. Reliable dentists report the successful use of Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy on their very worst cases. If you will get a bottle and use as directed druggists will return money if it fails. ALL BIG SPRING DRUGGISTS.—advertisement.

Mrs. W. A. Morris and children Maybelle Dee and Bowie spent the week-end with her husband and their father, W. A. Morris at McCamey. They also visited Mrs. Ethel Smith while in McCamey. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Martin of Big Spring accompanied them home.

Mrs. Alice Taylor and two sons spent the Christmas holidays in Waco visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Frank and daughter Miss Clara Pool, left Monday night for a few days visit in Dallas.

Miss Eleanor Antley returned Thursday from a visit with friends at Baird.

Harold and His Theory

"Harold and His Theory" is a story of a young man who has a theory about love. He has known her twenty-six and love really consoled to know as "glance." In two years his junior, twenty-fold chance to meet Florence in the solar plexus which "knocked him for the count." It was bewildering, he who had always been right in everything since he could remember was forced to realize that in his "no love at first sight" theory he had been, as Homer would put it, "away off." He met Florence at a dinner party and the very first minute he set eyes upon her he felt his previous convictions regarding love leaving him "like needles shaken from out the gusty pine." He was in love—and at first sight!

Not only was he surprised at the condition in which he suddenly found himself but a little more surprised, if anything, to find that he didn't care a hang if his pet theory had gone to smash.

Bert Mansfield was present upon the occasion of the debacle of Harold's adolescent omniscience and comprehended the situation with a mallicious and unholy glee. Moreover he had one of those "pesky" dispositions which cause their possessors to delight in rubbing it in when they "have one" on a friend. "Well, old top," began Bert when he met Harold next morning on the street, "from what I saw last night I imagine that your 'no love at first sight' theory has gone glimmering. Now, perhaps, you'll believe what I have been telling you."

"Bert," replied Harold, justifiably nettled, "are you going to Palm Beach this winter as usual?" Harold knew that Bert was just aching for a season at Palm Beach but had not money enough to make it; while he, Harold, went there every winter. It was a nasty job at Bert's poverty—no well-bred man would have made it, but a well-bred boy—well, boys are different. But Bert only laughed and said: "I was intending to take a run down but find I have to go to Iceland to play the Reikjavik tennis champion. So long, old man."

The courtship of Harold and Florence went on apace and at a rather rapid pace. Their parents were agreeable to the match. Florence was as much in love with Harold as he was with her, and in three months they were engaged and plans begun for the wedding. One night, as they walked beneath the moon-lit, shimmering Florida palms, Harold became reminiscent and began going over that long and eventful twenty-four years of his. Anyone not in love with the young man would have been excessively bored; but Florence was in love with him and the recital was of absorbing interest to her.

Among other exciting statements he related how he remembered that once, when he was about eight years old, he had spent a month with a great-uncle at Eastport, Maine. "Why, that is singular," said Florence; "we used to live in Eastport. We moved away when I was about six. I don't remember much about it, of course; but I have heard father and mother talk about the place and of a lawsuit father had with an old Miss Olfant who lived next door to us."

"Miss Olfant?" cried Harold, "why that was my great-uncle's name! Can it be possible that you are the little girl I had the fight with over a go-cart?"

"I shouldn't wonder a bit," replied Florence. "So we have known each other all these years. Isn't it wonderful?"

"It is fate; it is destiny; it is love," answered Harold grandiloquently. "I remember you scratched my face frightfully. Florence, we were made for each other—nothing could have kept us asunder."

On his return to New York Harold ran across Bert Mansfield. "Well, well," cried Bert, "glad to see you back, old top. See that your engagement to the fair Florence has been announced. What's become of that theory of yours that there was no such thing as love at first sight? What do you think about it now—hey?"

"Just what I always thought," replied Harold gravely. "You are evidently laboring under a false impression. Miss Barstow and I first met sixteen years ago; and at our first meeting we were—er—(humical to each other.)"

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BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Mike Michopolus of San Angelo was greeting old time friends in Big Spring Thursday.

Misses Agnes Currie, Lillian, Dorothy and Louise Jordan visited friends in Midland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ferguson of Colorado visited relatives and friends in Big Spring Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Castle and son of Abilene are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Castle at Knott.

Mrs. James Currie has been quite ill the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. DeShazo of Clyde are the guests of Miss Susie Brown at Coahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Tod Crain of San Angelo were here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nail.

Mrs. James Campbell and two children are at Knott to spend the New Year holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Castle.

NOTE FROM SALEM
Christmas has
brought me and Shile in
into the happy glow of
away precious ones and took
The Death Angel visited our
only last week on Tuesday.
and took from our home
a woman, Mrs. Bunk Bishop
now her death
had let
something. She was falling.
mother's side, but life was
gone.

Mrs. Duncan professed her hope in Christ at the age of 13, uniting with the Methodist Church. After which she lived a devoted Christian life until the time of her death. She lived to be past 70 years of age. Funeral services were held in the Salem church, Rev. J. M. Cochran of Coahoma officiating, and she was laid to rest in the Salem cemetery. Those who survive her are: Her husband, M. L. Duncan, one son Charles Duncan of Coahoma, three daughters, Mrs. Bunk Bishop of Salem, Mrs. Mary Massey of Sudan, and Mrs. Willie Beavers of Mission, Texas. All were here to attend the funeral services but Mrs. Beavers, who was unable to come.

The pall bearers were: W. C. Rogers, S. L. Hull, Earl Hull, Clarence Fryar, W. H. Robinson, Sam Buchanan and Mr. Coats.

The holidays are past, and diphtheria pretty well under control, so the school opened Monday morning with a fair attendance.

Miss Louise Rogers was a pleasant visitor at the R-Bar school Monday.

Elmer Hull and family of Courtney were pleasant holiday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hull and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh and children of Midway and Oley Robinson and family of Coahoma had Christmas dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson.

Uncle Jack and Aunt Fannie Wilson took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers Sunday. Other visitors were Mrs. McIntosh and family.

S. L. Hull and family, Elmer Hull and family, Uncle Jack and Aunt Fannie Wilson spent Monday with their grandson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fryar.

W. J. Rogers of Fairview was a visitor on Christmas day, the guest of F. D. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Massie of Sudan left Sunday for their home after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. Bunk Bishop.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Bible study 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
Communion service 12 m.
Services were fine last Lord's day, both morning and evening.

Next Lord's day is the first Sunday in the month, and the first Sunday in the New Year, so we will be expecting a big audience to start the New Year off right. We urge each and every member and all to begin the year right.

Ladies Bible study every Monday at 2:30 p. m. Let us all begin attending this class regularly throughout the New Year.

Mid-week Bible study every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Every one invited to attend all of these services.

The Christmas tree and program last Friday evening were in every way successful and delightful features for the old folks as well as for the children.

H. H. HANNA RECEIVES \$1,500

H. H. Hanna of the Postal Telegraph Co., on Christmas day received \$1,500.00 from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in compensation for injuries received by Hanna in September, when he was struck by a telephone pole being moved by a crew of workmen for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Hanna was walking along East Second street, near the Rix Furniture store, when he was struck by the pole suffering a broken arm and other injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ward of Dallas arrived Wednesday morning for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Clyde Fox, and other relatives and friends in this city.

Howard Nail is expected to arrive this week from San Diego, Cal., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Nail and other relatives.

CHURCHES

CHURCH OF GOD
Meeting each Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Sunday school 10 p. m.
Corner 10th and Main Streets
Y. D. meeting at 7:30 p. m.
Everyone is invited and welcome to be with us.
G. B. WALTERS, Pastor
Residence, Corner Main and 10th.
Phone 682-J.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
TABERNACLE
J. D. Boren, Minister
Res. 211 West Fourth Street
Phone 692
Bible School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
Monday, 2:30 p. m., Ladies Bible Study.
Mid-week Bible Study.
Services extra-ordinary awaits you.

First Baptist Church
D. H. Heard, Pastor
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
Mid-week service Wed. 8 p. m.
Women meet each Monday, 3:30.
Strangers especially invited.

First Methodist Church
W. C. Hinds, Pastor
Residence 404 Scurry Street
Res. 1411 Scurry Street
Phones: Res. 493; church 460
Services Each Sunday
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Sunday services:
Epworth league, 7 p. m.
Services are held in the Methodist church at the corner of Scurry and West Fourth streets.

Presbyterian Church
Corner Main and Fifth Street
R. L. Owen, Pastor
Phone 369
Services each Sabbath, except the third.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 11 o'clock.
Evening worship 7:15 o'clock.
Mid-week service, 7:15 p. m. Wed.
A glad-hand welcomes YOU.

First Christian Church
5th and Scurry Streets
Bible school 9:45 a. m.
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Episcopal Church
St. Mary's Church
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FRANK H. STEDMAN, Rector
Church School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Prayer 11 a. m.

Catholic Church
Main Street on North Side
REV. KISTNER, Pastor
Mass every second and fourth Sunday at 10 a. m.
Strangers especially invited.

Assembly of God Church
Sunday school.....10:00 a. m.
Morning worship.....11:00 a. m.
Young people meeting...6:30 p. m.
Evening service.....7:30 p. m.
Bible study, Tuesday....7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Friday...7:30 p. m.
You have cordial invitation to worship with us.
T. R. Gatbright, Pastor.

Presbyterian Aux. Notes
The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Bible study. The lesson will be the Second Corinthians, first eight chapters. Mrs. C. W. Cunningham and Mrs. Leslie Dahme will be leaders.
All of the members are urged to be present.

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Mrs. Temp S. Currie and daughter Agnes, and son Temp Jr., and Miss Mary Stevenson of Poynette, Wis., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Currie at their ranch home in Glasscock County Wednesday.

Mrs. Lawrence Deason and two children of San Antonio arrived the latter part of last week to spend the holidays in this city with relatives and friends.

Wesley Line of San Saba arrived Friday morning to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with relatives and friends.



May 1927 be
Your Happiest

Happy New Year

With the arrival of a New Year, we wish to extend greetings to our friends and customers for their loyalty during the past year. We express our appreciation to you, that you will be satisfied with our business with us during 1927. Best wishes to all for a New Year full of health, happiness and prosperity.

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THE NEW YEAR

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Best Wishes for a
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and Prosperous
New Year

For 365 Days
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May your fondest hopes be realized, and may 1927 be one of plenty for you is our cordial wish.

We have enjoyed our relations with you in the past, and will be pleased to serve you during the coming year.

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